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Conclusion: Peripheral precocious puberty wasn't that rare in our series. Variety of causes with congenital adrenal hyperplasia and hypothyroidism were the commonest.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Precocious puberty (pp) is a common problem seen in pediatric endocrinology practice. It is a complex and can be classified into, central precocious puberty, gonadotropin dependent or true PP which results from early maturation of hypothalammopituitary- gonadal (HPG) axis, and peripheral (pseudo) precocious puberty which is also known as gonadotropin independent puberty, is the result of autonomous peripheral secretion of excess sex hormones independent of the HPG axis.(1-5)

The aim of this article was to discuss peripheral precious puberty and its diagnosis and management.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

All patients diagnosed to have peripheral (pseudo) precocious puberty at the pediatric endocrine

series of the King Khalid University Hospital (KKUH), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in the period January 1990 and December 2016, were retrospectively reviewed. Data included age, sex, clinical demographic data, hormonal and radiological investigations. The diagnosis was based on history, clinical examination, hormonal and radiological findings. Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) stimulation testing is considered as the gold standard for diagnosis (6-8). Radiological investigations (Pelvic Ultra Sonography), computed tomography (CT), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) were performed when indicated.

III. Results

During the period under review a total of 19 patients were diagnosed to have peripheral (pseudo) precocious puberty.

Fifteen girls and 4 boys. Their mean age was 3.5 (range; 0.5-7 years). Laboratory investigations revealed elevated Oestradiol level, mean: 110 ng/ ml (normal; up to 35) and testosterone mean: 2.1 nanomol/ L (normal; 0.1-0.4) with suppressed gonadotropin levels on GnRH stimulation test. The etiological diagnosis showed variety of causes (Table).

Congenital adrenal hyperplasia and chronic hypothyroidism were the commonest found in eight and five patients respectively.

Tumors of the adrenal may cause virilization or feminization depending on weather androgens or estrogens are secreted, one estrogen secreting adenoma presented with feminization in a boy and two were due to adrenal carcinoma (figure).

Ovarian cyst and granulosa cell tumor were present in one paticient each. The classic triad of polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, Café/ au/ lait macules of the skin and precocious puberty indicates McCune-Albright syndrome, found in one girl.

IV. DISCUSSION

Precocious puberty is defined as development of secondary sex characteristics before the age of eight years in girls and nine years in boys. Two types of precocious puberty are recognized; central (true) precocious puberty (CPP) and peripheral (pseudo) precocious puberty (PPP). CPP is caused by early activation of the hypothalamic-pituitary axes (HPA), with gonadotropin- releasing hormone (GnRh). Stimulated

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gonadotropin secretion causing gonads maturation. In PPP, serum sex steroids are elevated independent of gonadotropin secretion, and because gonadotropin levels are low the gonads do not undergo maturation. Precocious puberty may be isosexual (involving secondary sex characteristics that are gender matched) or heterosexual (involving sex characteristics of the opposite gender). CPP is always isosexual, whereas PPP may be isosexual or heterosexual.

In Saudi Arabia where the prevalence of consanguinity increased (9,10), congenital adrenal hyperplasia commonly causes virilization without testicular enlargement in boys, and girls will not have enlargement, unless breast secondary central precocious occurred. Approximately 40% of our patients in this series were due to congenital adrenal hyperplasia $(21-\alpha - hydroxy)$ aze or $11-\beta$ hydroxylase deficiency which is a common occurrence in Saudi Arabia and easily diagnosed. The treatment includes glucocorticoids, usually hydrocortisone 12-15 mg/m2/day(11,12). Severe chronic hypothyroidism rarely results in precocious puberty, and unlike other causes, is associated with skeletal and growth delay. The pathophysiology is uncertain, but it may be due to the intrinsic FSH activity if very high TSH levels. The signs of puberty is usually reversible with thyroxine therapy (13,14). Tumors of adrenal glands, ovary, or testes mat cause varilization or feminization depending on whether androgen or estrogen are secreted. These rare neoplasia require surgery or chemotherapy both. Also, Human Chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) secreting tumors can cause precocious puberty in boys by stimulating leydig cells to secrete testosterone. Unlike boys, girls with HCG secreting tumors generally do not develop precocious puberty. Both LH and FSH stimulation are necessary for ovarian activation. Raped varilization suggests the possibility of an endocrine secreting tumor. in adrenal tumors, both testosterone and Dehydroepiandrosterone are usually markedly elevated. A raised serum HCG suggests an hCG secreting tumors. a- fetoprotein and carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) are potentially useful markers of non germinomatous germ cell tumors. Ultrasonography helps in delineating the different causes (15-17) ovarian cysts occur in 2.5% if pre pubertal girls. Imaging studies (ultrasound help in differentiating benign/ malignant legions. Cysts having few internal echoes suggestive of hemorrhages with separation/ calcification is most benign and requires observation with follow up ultrasound in 1 to 2 months. Surgery may be required for large ovarian cyst (>20 ml) because the risk of adnexal torsion. Aromatase inhibiters are used in the management of persistent cyst. Recurrent or persistent ovarian cyst with a solid component in imaging suggest ovarian tumors. Juvenile granulosa cell tumors was the most common ovarian neoplasia to present with precocious puberty (17-22). The McCuneAlbright Syndrome causes precocious puberty, primarily in girls. The classic disorder comprises the triad of dvsplasia, café - au polyestotic fibrous -Lait gonadotropin pigmentation, and independent precocious puberty. The disorder results from an activating somatic mutation in Gs, the protein that transduces the signal of many 7 - transmembrane domain receptors, including gonadotropin receptors. Testolactone and other anti-estrogen like Fudrozole and Tamoxifen are effective in treating girls with McCune-Albright syndrome. Unfortunately, escaping from the effects of treatment may occur after one to three years. After years of exposure to estrogen, many of these girls enter central precocious puberty and require treatment with LHRH analogue (23-26).

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Table 1: Etiology of peripheral, gonadotropin- independent, (pseudo) precocious puberty in 19 patients

Diagnosis	Male	Female
 congenital adrenal hyperplasia 		
-21-α hydroxylase deficiency	-	3
-11 B – hydroxylase deficiency	2	3
Hypothyroidism	1	4
adrenal tumors		
-oestrogen- secreting adreno-cortical	1	-
adinoma		
-adreno- carcinoma	-	2
• ovarion cyst	-	1
 Granulosa cell tumor 	-	1
 Mc Cune-Albright syndrome 	-	1
Total	4	15



Figure 1: Computed tomography (CT) scan of abdomen reveals right adrenal mass which proved to be estrogen secreting abdomen.



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I. INTRODUCTION

Onjunctival concretions are of common occurrence and appear as minute hard yellow or white spots in the palpebral conjunctiva. They represent the inspissated degenerative products of leucocytes that wandered from epithelium and of cast off epithelial cells. Usually they cause no symptoms., however, they give rise to irritation and a foreign body sensation in eye. In ayurvedic texts there is immense description regarding various lid disorders of eye under the vartamagata roga in susruta uttar tantra.

Vartma Sharkara is among Vartmagata Roga (disorders in eyelids) that is explained among the twenty one types of Vartma Rogas described in Susruta Samhitha¹.All the three Doshas are involved in this disease (Sannipataja)² and is curable by Lekhana Karma (scraping procedures). Vartma Sharkara is characterized by a hard large Pidaka³ (eruption) with surrounding small densely arranged number of Pidakas inside the eyelid. As per Vagbhata⁴, Vartma Sharkara is described as Sikata Vartma. He described Sikata Vartma as Pidaka (eruptions) which are hard, rough, dry and resembling sand appearing inside the lids. Thus it can be said that it is a kind of small, hard, whitish or vellowish brown (resembling sand-Sikata eruptions in the posterior surface of the eyelids without any discharge. artificial tears during day time and lubricating eye ointments at bedtime are prescribed. Whereas if it gives symptoms like foreign body sensation, irritation it

Author α σ ρ: Phd scholar, Asso. Proff & Head, NIA, Jaipur. e-mail: dr.pratibha5685@gmail.com should be removed by hypodermic needle under topical anaesthesia. This concretion removal by hypodermal needle almost all the time causes conjunctival damage and bleeding. Thus this study was planned to overcome this problem and to evolve a sustainable treatment modality to treat conjunctival concretions ^{5,6,7,8,9}.

a) Aim of the study

To develop a successful, safe and sustainable line of treatment in the management of conjunctival concretion according to the principles of Ayurveda.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

A Male patient having age 60yrs attended to eye OPD in the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, Rajasthan, with conjunctival concretion were selected as per the inclusion and exclusion criterias.

a) Inclusion Criteria

Patient with conjunctival concretions who complained of eye discomfort or eye irritation, lacrimation and foreign body sensation and who was willing to participate was selected for the present study irrespective of their age, race, religion, sex, caste and socio-economic status.

b) Exclusion Criteria

Patients having asymptomatic conjunctival concretion was excluded.

c) Diagnosis Criteria

Patients were diagnosed by using diffuse torch light and findings were further verified by the slit lamp examination.

d) Assessment Criteria

The assessment was done before treatment and after treatment. Also the follow up was done after one month after the treatment. The signs and symptoms were assessed by self-designed scoring system, described in the table No.1

	Symptom	Scoring System					
	eyp.e	1. Absent	2. Mild	3. Moderate	4. Severe		
1.	Foreign body sensation of the eye	No foreign body sensation	Occasionally present and not disturbing daily routine	Frequently present and disturbing daily routine	Present continuously disturbing daily routine		
2.	Eye discomfort or irritation	No discomfort or irritation	or Occasionally present and not disturbing daily routine Frequently present		Present throughout the day and disturbing daily routine		
3.	Excessive lacrimation	No excessive lacrimation	Occasionally present, no need to wipe with handkerchief	Frequently present, needs to wipe with handkerchief and not disturbing daily routine	Present throughout the day, needs to wipe with handkerchief disturbing daily routine		

Treatments: Thriphalādi Netra Parisheka contains equal quantity of powder of *Terminalia berelica* (Vibhitaka), *Terminalia chebula* (Haritaki), *Phyllanthus embilica* (Āmla), *Glycyrrhiza glabra* (Yashtimadhu) and

Symplocos racemosa (Lodhra) which is a commonly used formula in eye OPD of the National Institute of Ayurveda.

e) Data analyzing and Statistical methods

All the data was analyzed by Microsoft Excel-2007 and presented as percentages.

Table No.3: Pharmacological properties of Thriphaladi Parisheka^{10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,.}

Name of the drug	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Vipaka	Dosha karma
Terminalia chebula (Haritaki)	Pancha rasa	Laghu Ruksha	Ushna	Madhura	Chakshushya, Rasayana
Terminalia berelica (Vibhitaka)	Kashaya	Laghu Ruksha	Ushna	Madhura	Chakshushya , Kapha-pitta Nashaka
Phyllanthus embilica (Āmla)	Pancha rasa	Laghu Ruksha	Sita	Madhura	Chakshushya, Rasayana Thridoshajit
Glycyrrhiza glabra (Yashtimadhu)	Madhura	Guru Snigdha	Sita	Madhura	Chakshushya , Balya Vata-pittajit
Symplocos racemosa (Lodhra)	Kashaya	Laghu	Sita	Katu	Chakshushya Kapha-pitta nashaka, Grahi

It is responsible for the purification action and pacifying of Kapaha Dosha. Maximum of them have Madhura Vipaka which is important for pacifying Pitta Dosha¹⁹. All of the ingredients contain Chakshushya property and Kashaya rasa.

III. Discussion

According to the signs and symptoms mentioned in Ayurvedic classics Vartma Sharkara or Sikara Varma can be correlated with conjunctival concretion which is a degenerative condition of the conjunctiva. Old age and anterior segment chronic inflammations are the main causative factors of concretion. The present study also confirmed those factors and another etiological factors also i.e. exposure to heat or sunlight frequently and long term exposure to near work which are the causative factors of eye diseases mentioned in Ayurvedic authentic texts. Concretions are more common in upper lids and present study also confirmed it.

Treatments are not essential if it is asymptomatic. However if it is present with symptoms should be removed by hypodermic needle under topical anaesthesia. The concretion removal by hypodermal needle almost all the time causes conjunctival damages with bleeding and most of the time it may be a cause for following conjunctival inflammations unless treated with a topical antibiotic. Ayurveda also advised to perform Lekhana Karma or remove by scraping. Triphaladi Netra Parisheka with lukewarm decoction was performed to better purification of the eye. It was also helpful for the eliminating the irritation or foreign body sensation. Also it increases blood circulation inside the lids which increases drug absorption. Further Triphaladi Netra Parisheka consists with Chakshushya properties which are beneficial for the healthy maintenance of eye and has anti inflammatory and antimicrobial properties too.

IV. CONCLUSION

Hence it can be concluded that the above mentioned line of treatment is ideal remedy for the management of Varma Sharkara or conjunctival concretion because it completely cure almost all the signs and symptoms without any adverse effects. It was further proved that the treatment had a sustained effect even after one month of follow up period. This study can be evaluated on a large sample size to effectively access the treatment.

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olorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death in Spain and up to 20% is diagnosed in an advanced stage, normally with hepatic or lung metastasis. Brain metastases are an uncommon complication of colorectal cancer (1.8-5% of all BM), even more unusual in the beginning (<1%). Overall survival(OS) after diagnosis of BM is 2.6 to 7.4 months. However, we try to perform metastesectomies whenever possible.

We submit a rare case whith unique frontal brain metastases of rectal adenocarcinoma without affecting other organs. Emphasize on a multidisciplinary approach to achieve a prolonged survival.

II. Case Presentation

A 61 year-old woman, with no personal previous history who debut with dizziness, gait disturbance and

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memory loss. Performance Status 1. Occasional bleeding tools. No fever.

First of all, brain CT showed a single lesion in left frontal lobe, so she was admitted to complete the study. To better qualify the lesion, brain MRI showed the same nodule, suggesting a metastasic disease (figure 1). As digestive disorders were recent too, colonoscopy was the third test: mass occupying lesión 100% of the circumference and medium rectum location. PA: lowgrade colorectal adenocarcinoma. (figure 2)

CT chest-abdom-pelvis: no further disease. Pelvis MRI: 7cm tumor from anal margin.

Clinical statage: cT3N1M1 (single brain metastasis). According to give a treatment with a curative intention, Tumor Committee decided brain surgery followed by short course rectal RT and low anterior resection (LAR).

III. DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Approaching to a brain lesion discovered with no previous recent trauma, bleeding or halo images suggesting infection or abscess; first possibilities are malignancies and the most frequent ones are lymphoma, metastasis and astrocytoma / glioblastoma multiforme. Less common are ependymoma, tumors of the pineal gland or choroid plexus.

In primary malignancies with brain metastases such as melanoma, lung, kidney or thyroid, brain lesions bleeding would be usual and MRI should be hyperintense on T2 lesion if bleeding was within 6 hours or hypointense on T2 if bleeding was after 24 hours.

Central view for MRI is hyperintense with abscess, while in the tumor is hypointense.

Definitive diagnosis is based on histology, and when the lesion is technically resectable, surgery resection must be performed with intraoperative confirmation.

IV. TREATMENT

Digestive Tumor Committee decided neurosurgery because it was an unique and resectable lesion (10.09.2013). Performance Status 1.

Definitive Histological diagnosis was a 3.1 x 2.2 x 2 cm metastasis of colorectal adenocarcinoma (CK20 +, CK7 - and CEA +) with extensive tumor necrosis. Microscopical surgical margin affected.

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RT of primary tumor including pelvis and rectum in short course 5 sessions of 5Gy and subsequent LAR was accomplished on 25/11/13.

Definitive Histological diagnosis: rectum adenocarcinoma ypT4b N2a (4/39) L0V1 R1 (radial margin) Wild KRAS type and mutated NRAS.

Because of surgery infection, no possible "adjuvant" chemo. As brain margin affected and no chance of chemo, radiosurgery treatment in Central Nervous System (total dose of 35 Gy) was completed from 02/05/14 to 02/17/14.

PET-CT reassessment at 2 months (figure 3): liver metastatic spread in both lobes (Sg II 6 mm, 19 mm Sg III, VIII 7 mm Sg, Sg V 20 mm) without other evidence of disease.

Not seen in previous CT, probably present.

Performance Status 1. Chemotherapy treatment mFOLFOX6 + Bevacizumab schedule (25/02/14) was proposed due the new metastatic liver lesions. CEA normalization achieved after 5 cycles and CT showed stable disease and resectable liver metastases. Limited hepatic resection (06.18.14) in those segments with lateral ileostomy closure. Definitive Histologic Diagnoses was liver metastases sg II, III, V and VIII with 0.2 cm of clear margin.

Adjuvant treatment was mFOLFOX6 + Bevacizumab x 3 cycles and final toxicity was diarrhea and neuropathy. CT showed no signs of tumor recurrence at the end of treatment on 24/09/14. Actually Performance Status 0 and no neurologic symptoms.

Outcome and Follow-Up

More than 26 months of DFS and more than 36 months of OS.

V. DISCUSSION

Initial presentation as cerebral involvement is unusual, being 1-4% the incidence of brain metastases associated to colorectal cancer. According to Ko Chu Fang, 3773 patients with colorectal cancer were reviewed, which 37 (1.03%) developed metastases between 1970 and 1996. 55% had a solitary lesion while 45% were multiple. Regarding location, 62% were in temporoparietal lobes, 13% in cerebellum, 13% cerebellum and cerebrum, 8% frontal lobe and 4% in posterior fossa brain. Rectal origin occurs in 56.4%. [1]

This case is unusual in rectal cancer disease because of the synchronous diagnosis and absence of metastatic disease in other organs (liver and lung as usual). In Kye series, 39 patients presented with colorectal brain metastases, 79.5% presented with pulmonary metastases and only 1% as an exclusive involvement in brain. [2] In E Magni serie of 41 patients, 4.9% did not involve other extracranial metastatic locations [3] Diagnosis of brain metastases appear after a mean of 36 +/- 19 months and diagnosis of colorectal cancer in 77% of reported cases, with just a remaining 23% present in the beginning. In E Magni serie, 17.1% was synchronous too.

According to the treatment, a literature review only describes very few cases treated with radiosurgery, being this indication increasing in those patients with multiple lesions <35 mm, minimum mass effect and affected margins.

Results in NCCTG N0574 (Alliance) demonstrated better OS and quality of life with radiosurgery + RT [4]. Recently, a literature review of 80 patients with brain metastasis reported OS of 6 months in patients who received gamma knife radiosurgery (22 patients), 3 months in whole radiotherapy and 13 months in 10 patients on gamma knife + whole radiotherapy. [5]

Among a serie of 41 patients (E Magni) OS after diagnosis of brain metastases was 5 months: 4.2 months in patients treated with radiotherapy (29.3%), 11. 9 months in those with radio and chemotherapy (21.9 %),and 21.4 months in those with surgery +/- radio or chemotherapy (29.3%).

We emphassyze our case with OS 24 months, never published.

Also, prognostic factors in colorectal cancer has been studied to determine the best therapeutic approach. KRAS mutated patients use to present more common pulmonary and CNS involvement (62 and 56.5%), and liver metastasis are less common. [6].

Regarding primary tumor treatment, Shin et al published the results of RT short course schedule (5 days x 5 Gy) and it seems to be effective in local control and "down-staging" with 85% R0 resections. [7,8]

However, when hepatic progression is demonstrated, chemo is the preferred treatment. Adam showed a survival benefit after surgery in liver tumors in response, however this benefit was lower in progression disease. In the case, we decided initially neoadjuvant CT (ESMO Guidelines) with Bevacizumab (KRAS mutated) (Cairo-2, ARTIST): 45-55% RR, PFS 9-12 months. [9,10,11]. As a partial response was achieved after chemo and liver resection was feasible too, liver surgery was performed because of the impact on survival. [12]

And our last point: chemo maintenance? OPTIMOX trial showed no difference in survival compared to maintenance treatment until progression, so both options are a good idea and depends on the tolerability and performance status of each patient[13]

Learning Points/Take Home Messages

- ✓ Debut of rectal cancer with synchronous single and unique frontal brain metastasis is unusual.
- ✓ Overall survival in brain metastases from colorectal cancer is less than 6 months; achieving with

radiosurgery + radiotherapy up to 11 months in literature and in our case >24 months.

- ✓ Differential diagnosis of single brain lesion by image is inconclusive. Definitive diagnosis can be achieved with surgery.
- Radical surgery treatment of metastatic brain lesion improves prognosis and quality of life. Thinking in isolated brain metastasis as oligometastasic disease.
- ✓ In this case we demostrate liver progression with PET-CT. This technique is useful for surgical decisions.
- ✓ Overall survival > 2 years from the debut despite poor prognostic factors (KRAS mutated, brain and liver metastases).
- ✓ Benefit of multidisciplinary approach.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS



Figure 1: Unique frontal brain metastases



Figure 2: Low-grade colorectal adenocarcinoma



Figure 3: Liver metastatic spread in both lobes (Sg II 6 mm, 19 mm Sg III, VIII 7 mm Sg, Sg V 20 mm)



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Patients and Methods: The current research involved 10 Iraqi Hemophilia A carrier, and 5 healthy sampling to act as the control. This study had utilized medicine and science school labs, with the inclusion of AL Karama Teaching Hospital over a time period from November, 2016 up to January, 2017. The aforementioned respective carriers have a previous history of diagnosed case history and DNA testing.

Results: During the whole of the screening duration for Inv22 (intron twenty two inversions) amongst the Hemophilia A carriers, the outcomes indicated that 4 out of the 10 carriers (40%) suffer from these mutations.

Discussion: The research findings highlights on the significance of the Inv22 analysis and their relationship with positive hereditary case history within the Hemophilia A carriers, in addition to our ongoing pursuit of seeking for Inv1 mutations.

Conclusions: The outcomes defines the detrimental influence of a diagnosed positive family case history and the proximal affinity lineage in marriage. There is a dire necessity

for Hemophilia A carriers to be given specialized and dedicated obstetrical attention with close contact with the haemophilia centre, in addition the management processes concerning the case should be available ought and identified.

The outcome manifests the pathway towards a genetic guideline. Having the information pertaining the gender of the foetus gender is significantly crucial to assist in the supervision of labor, in addition to diagnostic processes.

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I. INTRODUCTION

ereditary haemorrhage afflictions are specifically challenging and impacts on the majority of ladies and young females due to the monthly discharge of menses, thus impacting on the wellbeing of the reproductive system(1). On another note, males globally are susceptible to be sufferers of Hemophilia A (HA) due to the hereditary X-chromosome related to haemorrhage afflictions, in the majority part is related to Factor VIII gene mutations, which leads to the inadequacy of clotting Factor VIII (FVIII) which plays a significant role in hemostatic system (2). This condition inflicts one per 5,000 males globally. The natality incidences worldwide is homologous regardless of ethnicity, perhaps due to the great impetuous degree of mutation in F8 and its presence situated on the X chromo-some(3). Hemophilia A (HA) is manifested in a limited diverse range of clinical acuteness, with the respective diversity which are parallel to the type and locus of the induced genetic flaw (4:5). Hence, Hemophilia A is the result of a heterogeneous range of flaws that occur at the molecular level in Factor VIII alongside the elisions, huge intron inversions, nonsense mutations, ins/del-frame shifts, splice variants, in addition to an extensive scope of missense point mutations. The aforementioned elements have the possibility to result in flaws within the expression, secretion, and/or half-life of Factor 8 in the flow (6).

The identification of the carrier and symptomatic process might be delivered straight through the evaluation on the diverse ascertained mutations or evasively according to case (lineage) history through analyzing the relationship (7).

The remnant functioning of plasmatic Factor 8 in heterozygous carrier females of severe F8 mutations is identified as a non-dominant X-linked disorder, which is typically found at fifty percent of a person who is not a carrier. Although extremely uncommon, homozy-

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gous females who were offsprings of afflicted paternal parent, in cases of marriages with close next-of-kin have a higher potential to be inflicted with blood disorder (Hemophilia) in a likewise situation to hemizygous male patients, and alternatively in Turner Syndrome cases $(45,X^{)}$ (8). Nevertheless, typical hemophilia (blood disorder) cases of expression in females are caused by the presence of biased Lyonization (biased X chromosome inactivation), in addition to the heterozygous carrier situation (Morris syndrome, 46, XY) (9).

A majority of female are commonly asymptomatic, nonetheless, females have the possibility to be symptomatic (10). According to Haldane's formula (Haldane, 1935) it is anticipated that one-sixth of hemophilia genes are dominant in each generation. Hemophilia A, hence, manifest an extremely great level of mutational heterogeneity which conceals the carrier and prenatal diagnoses which are essential for genetic advisory (11).

The Factor VIII gene embed the code plasma protein VIII, a huge plasma glycoprotein that operates in the clotting cascade, being a cofactor for the factor IXadependent that activates the factor X(12). The Factor 8 gene consists of 26 exons, that has a wide diversity from 69 to 3,106 base pairs (bp), with 25 introns encompassing the range of 186-kb genomic DNA, which are plotted to the remote end of X-chromosome (Xq28) long arm. Intron arrangement order is 177.9 kb, and are separated from the initial transcript product through the entire splicing towards the generation of a mature Factor VIII mRNA of approximately 9 kilobytes in length which exhibits a precursor protein containing 2,351 amino acids.

From the more extensive intron arrangement orders, there is an inclination to discover six which is more extensive than fourteen kilobyte (introns-1, 6, 13, 14, 22 and 25), having intron 22 being largest at 32.8 kilobyte in terms of length (13), with Intron twenty two inversion (Inv22) entailing the typical public type in approximately forty to forty-five percent of acute hemophiliacs, in addition from two up to five percent of acute Hemophilia A incidences are full of Intron one inversion (Inv1) (14:15).

According to the work by Rossiteret al. (1994), they discovered that Inv22 stemmed largely and significantly from the male germ cells. They conjectured the existence of another X chromo-some in female meiosis could inhibit the intrachromosomal non-allelic pair-ing required for Intron twenty two inversion (16). Every individual inversions is the resultant from the nonallelic meiotic intrachromosomal recombination among the int22h-1 region within the Factor VIII site, with either int22h-2 or int22h-3, within the male germ cells (16). Int22h-1 recombines with the ultimate telomeric duplicate which is normally is mutually inclined to int22h-1, and commonly it entails int22h-3. The aforementioned int22h-1/int22h-3 recombination results in the inv22 sort I. Furthermore, a minority of incidences, the inversion was disclosed to be caused by the two recombination The beginning stage involved occurences. а recombination between the arms of the palindrome inv22h-2/ inv22h-3, which was identified as a public nondeleterious inversion polymorphism. The event altered the locations and inclinations of int22h-2 and located it at the optimal telomeric and inverse location to inv22h-1. The next recombination between inv22h-1 and inv22h-2 terminates in inv22 sort II (17). Moreover, the recombination among the int22h-1 with the equally leaning duplicate of either int22h, int22h-2 or int22h-3 is anticipated to be the cause for huge harmful deletions (Del22), in addition to the possible non-deleterious duplications (Dup22), in contrast with the typical inversions (18). The inversions that occur in individuals with two distal or two proximal estrogenic duplicates are known as type3 inversions (19).

The serial arrangement order of the human X chromosome manifests the int22h-2 and int22h-1 to have an exact positioning, meanwhile the int22h-3 is located at the opposite position to them; where int22h-2 and int22h-3 are part of defective palindrome possessing a central single loop of 67,3 kilobytes, with arms of 50,5 kb (20). The recombination involving the int1h-1 and int1h-2 copies from sister chromatids or homologous chromatids with the chromosomes, would result in dicentric chromosomes and acentric portions. Thus, it would not result in potential embryos. The inv1 and inv22 inhibited the construction of a complete length of the Factor VIII messenger RNA (mRNA), and terminates in the inadequate Factor VIII proteins causing acute HA)(21:14).

Based on the latest to proof, intron22 segregates the exons 22 and 23 (IVS22) consisting of the incidences of a bidirectional (CpG island) which initiates the transcription of a duo of expressed genes (nested genes, F8A and F8B). It is a part of an extensive GC sequence of 9.5 kilobytes (int22h-1) which recur at two locations oriented at the the Xqtelomere (int22h-2 and int22h-3)(20). According to the the opinion of Youssoufian et al. (1986), the statements showed that CpG dinucleotides areal areas of mutation. It was conjectured that methylated cytosines is equally critical areas for mutations caused by 5-methylcytosine will spontaneously deaminize to thymine, resulting in a C-to-T transition in DNA (22). This CpG island was associated to a 1.8 kilobyte transcript elevated to A gene (F8A). The nested Factor VIII associated A gene was positioned in an opposite orientation to that of Factor VIII, comprising of non-intervening arrangements (23;24). From the work by Freije and Schlessinger (1992), the subsequently indicated that the X-chromosome comprises three replications of Factor 8A and its adjacent areas, one in intron 22 and two telomeric and approximately five hundred kilobyte up the F8 gene transcription initiation site(25).

Meanwhile the F8B transcription of 2.5 kb originates from identical F8 intron22 CpG island, due to the F8A and transcribes in the same orientation as F8. The CpG island functions to encourage bidirectional acts for the F8A and F8B genes, which are jointly manifested universally all over in diverse tissues.

The varying F8A and F8B transcripts initiates from within the 122 bases of each starting point(24).

The codification of a forty kD huntingtin-linked protein was indicated to originate from the F8A gene, known as HAP40 and is assumed to be related inside the abnormal nuclear local positioning of the hunting-tin protein in Huntington ailment(26). From the study by Lakich et al. (1993), they disclosed the rare occurrence of intron 22 in many ways. Comprising 32.8 kb, it is the most expansive intron in the Factor VIII gene. The two mutations that resulted in diseases and neutral polymorphisms appear renewed in each new generation. In the case of a world population of 7 •10 9 people and a mean mutation frequency of 10-8 for each base pair and generation. It is obvious that

entire transformations associated with life will undergo mutation recurrence once(27).

The mutation (intron 22 inversion) happen approximately 4×10^{-6} for each gene, for each gamete, and for each generation (15,28). (29). Inv22-positive patients manifest heightened potential towards the hazard of raising the inhibitors in comparison with patients resonating alternative acute mutations (30).

II. The Aims of Study

The objective of the current study is to identify the presence of intron 22 mutations in the non-coding FVIII gene of 10 gender-associated afflictions (hemophilic) Iraqi carrier kinship group by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) through Multigene Optimax (Thermo Cycler) device, in addition to and direct sequencing in analyzing inversion. Intron 22 primer with 1916 base pairs generations indicated in figures no.(1),(2),(3) through the utilization of various differing programs for the mutations analysis that consist of NTI vector Pro., Clustal W technique of MEGA4 pro., NCBI/ BIAST program, Chromos Pro, Mutation Surveyor.



Figure 1: PCR products of FVIII gene on 2% agarose gel at 70 voltages for one hour. Intron22.

Lane 1T: Lane-M-standard molecular weights: Lane 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, C, 11: Lane 12T. Gel was stained with Ethidium bromide staining. *C for carriers; T for control

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Figure 2: PCR products of FVIII gene on 2% agarose gel at 70 voltages for one hour. Intron22. Lane-M-standard molecular weights: Lane 1T: Lane 2, 3, C. Gel was stained with Ethidium bromide staining. *C for carriers; T for control



Figure 3: PCR products of FVIII gene on 2% agarose gel at 70 voltages for one hour.

Intron22 - Lane-M-standard molecular weights: Lane 1T: Lane 2, 3, C. Gel was stained with SYBER Green staining. *C for carriers; T for control.

Collection of samples

This study has enclosed ten Iraqi carriers with classical hemophilia (hemophilia A) from unrelated families and five healthy members as control, were collected from Al-Karama teaching hospital, in Wasit province- kut-city. The age of carriers were ranged from twenty four to sixty four year.

III. METHODS

All samples study of hemophilia A completed in medicine, science college and of AL-Karama Teaching

Hospital laboratories .These carriers formerly identified based on family history, DNA testing. and a few information like age, sex, relative state. After checking the extracted DNA for its purity and concentration, its being subjected to amplification to choose area of F VIII, which has intron 22 then Sequencing has being Conducted for intron22 for all carriers and control for molecular analysis that detection of mutation of commonest segment of FVIII gene. Figure (4) shown PCR product of intron 22 for carrier sand control.



Figure 4: PCR products of FVIII gene on 2% agarose gel at 70 voltages for one hour.Intron22

Lane 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 C: Lane-M-standard molecular weights: Lane 6, 7, 8, 9 T. Gel was stained with Ethidiumbromide staining. *C for carriers; T for control.

IV. CARRIER DETECTION

Approximately 10 percent of females with one F8 pathogenic variant and one normal allele have a factor VIII clotting activity under than thirty percent a bleeding disorder; mild bleeding can take place in carriers with low-normal coagulation factor 8activity (38).

In this study all carrier females are asymptotic because of the lyonization phenomenon and FVIII activity is over fifty percent that genetic defects are known by family history assess men (39; 40).

Carrier testing by molecular genetic testing is feasible for utmost at-risk females if the pathogenic variant has been known within the family. Factor VIII clotting activity, or its ratio to von Willebr and factor level, isn't a reliable check for determinant carrier status: it will solely be suggestive if low, because factor VIII coagulation activity in plasma is augmented with pregnancy, aerobics exercise, oral contraceptive use, and chronic inflammation. factor VIII coagulation activity in plasma is just about twenty five percent lower in people of blood group O than in people of blood groups A,B, or AB and therefore the majority of obligate carriers, even of severe hemophilia A, have normal factor VIII clotting activities.

V. Results

a) DNA Isolation

The genomic DNA extracted from blood of Hemophilia A patients showed good single band when fractionated by gel electrophoresis as show in figure no. (5) then checked for their purity and by using spectrophotometer device.



Figure 5: Chromosomal DNA electrophoresis showing bands on 2 % agarose gel at 70 volt/ cm2 for 1 hour.

Lane (1) –C,Lane 2 C, Lane 3 C, Lane 4 ¬ ¬C, Lane 5 C, Lane 6 C, Lane 7 C, Lane 8 C, Lane 9 C, Lane 10 C, Lane 11T, Lane 12 T, Lane 13 T. Gel was stained with Ethidium bromide staining and using loading dye. **C* for carriers: *T* for control

b) DNA sequence analysis

Sequencing has being run for all the exons and intron 22 for all patients and control for process of determining the exact order of nucleotides within a DNA molecule. It includes any method or technology that is used to determine the order of the four bases (adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine) in a strand of DNA. The analysis of nucleotide sequencing was done by using NCBI/Blast computer program, Nucleotide sequences were translated into amino acid sequences also by using the Blast program. Each DNA sequence obtained was aligned with reference F VIII gene sequence that means reference Genomic DNA for intron22 then, same sequence being aligned with Mutation Surveyor software to check the normal variation and checking amino acid change.

The study was done for 10 hemophiliac carriers (mothers), and 5 control samples, to detect intron 22 inversion which responsible for hemophilia disease. All control samples were obtained from female gender. We found Inv22 mutations in 4 from 10 carriers. During the screening for Inv22 mutations among the HA carriers and controls, , we did not found this mutation or gene abnormality in all controls. family history and consanguinity state of haemophilia was recorded in some carriers. Percentage of Hemophiliac carriers group data is depicted in (Table1).

Carriers sample no.	Mutation segment	Mutation	Genome	Mutation type	Family history		Consanguinity state	
1	Intron 22	nill		-	negative		positive	
2	Intron 22	nill		-	negative		negative	
3	Intron 22	Inth22		Inversion	negative		negative	
4	Intron 22	Inth	า22	Inversion	positive		negative	
5	Intron 22	Inth	า22	Inversion	pos	sitive	negative	
6	Intron 22	n	ill		positive		positive	
7	Intron 22	Inth	า22	Inversion	positive		positive	
8	Intron 22	nill		-	negative		negative	
9	Intron 22	nill		-	positive		positive	
10	Intron 22	n	ill	-	positive		nega	ative
Total		Yes	No		Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
		4	6		60%	40%	40%	60%
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Table 1: Percentage of Hemophiliac Carriers Group Data

Mutations screening conducted throughout the study shows that most common mutations and located in, intron 22.Carrier no.3 appears in this study aligned was regarded as first carrier detect with intron 22 inversion of the FVIII gene reveal with no family history and consanguinity state as showed in figures no(6,7).



Figure 7: DNA sequencing (reverse) for carrier no. 3 detect with Inv22.

Carrier no.7 appears in this study aligned was regarded as first carrier detect with intron 22 inversion of the FVIII gene reveal with positive family history and consanguinity state as showed in figures no(8,9).


Figure 9: DNA sequencing (reverse) for carrier no. 7 detect with Inv22.

Becker et al. (1996) assessed the male: female ratio of mutation recurrence (k) to be 3.6. By use of the percentages of mutation origin in maternal grandfather to patients' mother or to maternal grandmother, k values were directly estimated as 15 and 7.5, respectively. As each mutation type separately which an inversion of the gene presented a 10-fold-higher mutation rate in male germ cells(31).Although intron 22 segment in the noncoding regions of FVIII gene, intron 22 mutations intermittent the F8 mRNA between exon 22 and23 with large inversion and translocation of nucleotides between these two exons(32).

Inversion of intron 22 (inv22) originates 50% of cases of severe HA and is a major risk factor for inhibitor development and The non-significant risk for developing

inhibitors among inv22-positive patients agrees with the variety of genetic and non-genetic factors involved in such a complication (30).Other normal changes in genomes (normal variants) not indicated in all carriers VIII gene which all intron 22 involved have been aligned and compared the all possible variants.

VI. DISCUSSION

The current study examined different properties of mutations carrying F8 haplotypes. This information was used to infer whether same mutations. Carrier females have a 50% chance of transmitting the F8 pathogenic variant in each pregnancy: sons who inherit the pathogenic variant will be affected; daughters who inherit the pathogenic variant are carriers. Affected males transmit the pathogenic variant to all of their daughters and none of their sons.

Intron 22 Mutations Frequency Percentage

In this study, four from ten Iraqi carrier females from ten unrelated families were had intron 22 mutationas showed in figure (10).



Figure 10: The percentage of intron 22 mutations frequency in hemophiliac carriers (mothers).

The mutation is forecast to impair attachment to the factor VIII (FVIII) carrier protein, von Willebrand factor, and thus increased clearance of FVIII from plasma. Clinical and molecular characterization of these carriers is essential to raise follow-up, genetic counseling and treatment of the disease (33).Increased risk are probable if the F8 pathogenic variant has been identified in a family member or if informative (family history) intragenic linked markers have been recognized which genetic counseling deals with genetic risk valuation and the use of family history and genetic testing to explain genetic status for family members. In this study six from ten carriers are with a hemophilia history (60%) which 3 from four carriers have (Inv22) mutations with positive family history represents a major factor for genetic predisposition lead to defective FVIII gene. Carrier no.3 appears in this study aligned was regarded as first carrier detect intron 22 inversion of the FVIII gene reveal with no family history and consanguinity state .There are several clarifications for a hemophilic carrier being identify with inv22 when there is no history of hemophilia in the family which about 30 per cent of these cases arise from aspontaneous mutation.

- 1. The mother is a carrier of a new disease-causing mutation that occurred in one of the following ways:
 - As a "germ line mutation" (i.e., in the egg or sperm at the time of her conception so the mother is then the first person in the family to transmit hemophilia. Her children might be influenced either as carriers or as hemophiliacs (34). And thus show in every cell of her body and noticeable in her DNA). Ninety-eight percent of mothers of a simple case with an intron 22 inversion are

carriers because most of these mutations arise in spermatogenesis.

- As a somatic mutation (i.e., a alteration that arisen very early in embryogenesis, subsequent in somatic mosaics in which the pathogenic variant is current in some but not all cells and may or may not be obvious in DNA).
- As germ line mosaics (in which some germ cells have the pathogenic variant and some do not, and in which the pathogenic variant is not evident in DNA from her leukocytes).
- 2. The mother is a carrier and has inherited the pathogenic variant either from her mother who has a new disease-producing variant or from her asymptomatic father who is mosaic for the pathogenic variant.
- 3. The mother is a carrier of a pathogenic variant that rose in a previous generation and has been send on through the family without manifesting symptoms in female carriers due to the lionization which hemophilia does certainly run in the family but there is no indication of it because no hemophiliac boys have been born (35:36)

General, the mother has an roughly 80% chance of being a carrier when her son is the first influenced individual in the family; however, the mother of a severely affected male with an intron 22 inversion has a 98% chance of being a carrier (37) and about 40% of carriers (four) under study with consanguinity marriage that one from four carriers have (Inv22) mutations with positive consanguinity marriage result in concentrated the bad gene copy. Figure no. (12) showed DNA sequencing for carrier no.7 detect with intron 22 mutation in factor 8 gene and represent

positive family history and consanguinity state and Figure no.(11) below showed alignment of hemophilic carrier no.7 detect with intron 22 mutation and control of

selected intron 22 sequence with the genomic DNA reference in deep details and represent positive family history and consanguinity state.



Figure 11: Alignment of hemophilic carrier and control of selected intron 22 sequence with the reference in deep details.

Figure no. (7) Below represents another alignment of hemophilic carrier shown mutations.



Figure 12: Alignment of hemophilic carrier of selected intron 22 sequence with the reference showing mutations in deep details.

VII. Conclusion

Hence present study indicated that detection of Intron 22 mutations in F8 gene is important in identifying female with genetic defects that leads to the birth sons affected with hemophilia A disease and females almost as carriers. This result represents a step for helpfully guide the direction of molecular study in genetic counseling and subsequent for facilitate management in labour and for prenatal diagnosis also for prevention of the inhibitor development which inversion of intron 22 (inv22) is a major risk factor involved in such a complication. This knowledge represents a step .Most of cases are with a family history (60%) represent a major factor for genetic predisposition lead to defective FVIII gene and about 40% of carriers under study with consanguinity marriage result in concentrated the bad gene copy so this is highly suggestive that hemophilia disease is not uncommon. There is an obvious public ignorance about the role of heredity in many disorders in Wasit province.

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They are not comparable groups as the most important difference is that those with more advanced (N2 disease) are in group A (92.8% cT3-T4 or N2) versus Group B (32% cT3N0).

Conclusions:

- The Profile of our patients in the group of non-induction have more comorbidities and the earliest stages. Recurrence rates are similar in both groups, with a higher relapse and metastatic disease in the induction group (group A) because of more advanced tumors.
- We have to study new strategies for improving tolerance induction chemotherapy with cetuximab or nab-paclitaxel, and selecting best ones should receive concomitant cetuximab + RT.

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I. INTRODUCTION

ead and neck tumors represent in the United States an incidence of 52,610 cases and 60% are diagnosed at locally advanced stage.

Despite treatment aimed at eradicating the disease, the cure rates are still modest, especially in tumors not associated with human papillomavirus (HPV). Chemoradiotherapy (CRT) with Cisplatin 100 mg/m2 each 3 weeks showed an improvement in overall

survival (OS) compared to radiotherapy (RT) [1]. Actually the controversy is between CRT vs induction chemotherapy (TPF= docetaxel 75 mg/m2, cisplatin 75 mg/m2, 5FU 750 mg/m2 by continuous infusion days 1-5) prior to CRT because it seems to **reduce distant recurrence without improving overall survival.** [2,3,4,5]

Our objectives are to describe what happens at the University Hospital of Fuenlabrada with 53 patients undergoing induction chemotherapy + CRT vs CRT alone, reflecting tolerability, organ preservation, recurrence rates, overall survival (OS) and disease free survival (DFS).

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

We present a group of **53 patients**: 28 with induction treatment (cisplatin, 5-fluoracil, docetaxel) + CRT (group A) and 25 CRT or bioRT (group B: B1 cisplatin 100 mg/m2+ RT, B2 cetuximab 250 mg/m2+RT).

We performed a **descriptive retrospective study** and we analyzed tumor stage and nodes, gender, age, comorbidities, rates of relapses/ persistence disease, tolerability to treatment, organ preservation and survival (progression free survival and overall survival). We used SPSS statistic programme for the analyses.

Also **comparing our data** with published studies of induction chemotherapy: TTCC group, PARADIGM, DECIDE and GCTCC.

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III.	Results
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Variables	Induction chemo + CRT (group A) N=28	CRT or bioRT (group B) N=25
Treatment		
Induction Chemo	Cisplatin+Taxolx3:14 %	
CRT	Cisplatin: 90% Cetuximab: 10%	Cisplatin: 60% Cetuximab: 40%
Radiotherapy Doses		
66-70 Gy	69%	84%
Unknown	21%	8%
	10%	070
lumor stage	7 10/	109/
	3.6%	12%
T3N2M0	21.4%	16%
T4NOMO	10.7%	16%
T4N1M0	10.7%	
T4N2M0	42.9%	16%
Age(years)	56.9 (range 43-73)	62.2 (range 35-79)
Location		
Oropharynx	16%	46.4%
Larynx	50%	30%
Popurranaa	(05%)	(20%)
	14.2%	(2078) 4%
\rightarrow Local and metastasis	7%	
→Local	3.5%	16%
Persistence	35%	20%
Second primary tumours	7%	8%
Not relapsing	33%	48%
Median Survival		
Lime to local recurrence	55	21.5
(ITIUTIUTS) Disease free survival (DES)	31 /	20
(months)	51.4	20
Overall survival(OS) (months)	46.8	32

Figure 1: Comparing analysed variables in induction chemotherapy + CRT vs CRT

a) Treatment

In group A; 86% (24/28) received 3 cycles of TPF, while 14% (4/28) were treated with a doublet (platin + taxol) because of bad tolerance to treatment. After induction, all of them received cisplatin + RT. However even having finished induction chemo, **only 50% completed** CRT without dosis delays.

In group B, the treatment could be cetuximab + RT or cisplatin + RT. **80% receive all doses without delays,** while 20% (5/25) could not finish it, relapsing 80% (4/5) of them.

According to the treatment received, in group B 40% (10/25) were treated with cetuximab, while 60% was cisplatin. The election of cetuximab was in those patients older, with comorbidities or renal impairment who we thought that they are not supporting chemo. In

this group, treatment was even not finished in 3/10, with no relapsing in 2/10 and relapsing/persistence in 5/10.

According to RT, up to 10% could not complete treatment in both groups because of progression or bad tolerance. In group A: doses between 66-70Gy in 69%, 21% missing dates, 10% did not finish treatment or <30 Gy. In group B, 63-70 Gy in 84%, 8% missing dates and 8% 50 Gy.

b) Gender/age

Most of the patients in both groups are males, being younger in group A (media 56.9 years) than group B (media 62.2 years) with a similar age range in the two groups.

c) Toxic Habits/Comorbidities

More than 90% have smoking and drinking habit in both groups, with cardiovascular risk factors in 28.6% (group A) and 44% (group B). According to comorbidities (Charlson index), at least one factor was present in 25% of group A vs 44% in group B, being Charlson Index >5 points in most of them because of the tumour which sums 2 points.

d) Location

In group A, the first location is larynx (16% vs 56%), although in group B oropharynx is the most frequent organ affected (46.4% vs 36%)

e) Tumor stage

Firstly, the most important difference is that those with more advanced stage (N2 lymph node involvement) are in group A (92.8% cT3-T4 or N2) vs Group B (32% cT3N0).

f) Tumor recurrence

According to high percentage of advanced stage tumor in group A, it is easily to relapse as metastasic disease (14.2%=4/28 vs 4%=1/25 in group B). Detailing the 4 cases of metastasic relapse, we analysed another factors which could also influence. Initially 100% of them where T4N2, receiving 75% (3/4) of them 70 Gy, with unknown doses the other one (1/4). Persistence tumours are also T4N2-N0, with unknown doses of RT in 10% and less than 70% receive 70Gy, not receiving complete chemoradiotherapy in 20% of them.

In group B, **all of the relapses/persistent tumours** are T3-T4 N0-N2, with unknown RT doses in 10% of them, 50Gy in another 20%, comorbidities, synchronous tumour and older age in most of them.

g) Response by image

We have similar response rates (88%) in both groups, however we have more TC thant PET in group A because many patients are previosly to 2010 and PET/CT was not available in our Hospital. Another important date is that in the beginning we were not used to identify areas of inflammation with this technique, knowing nowadays that we have to wait for 12 weeks to be more exact and decide if what we see is tumor or not.

h) Survival

We have no enough patients to conclude, but it seems that our data in group A show a higher rate of metastatic, time to local recurrence (55 months vs 21.5 months), DFS (31.4 months vs 20 months) and OS (46.8 months vs 32 months).

i) Rescue surgery and organ preservation

Unable to perform organ preservation is only in 12.5% of cases. Rescue surgery is not need in 60% (A) and 72% (B); with surgery in both cases because of suspection of tumor persistence. In group A, 25% had neck dissection because of persistence tumour in PET that was not confirmed with histology. In group B, 20 % had neck dissection without malignancy histology.

We assume that this date is because in the beginning of "PET times", we were not used to identify areas of inflammation, knowing nowadays that we have to wait for 12 weeks to be more exact.

j) Tolerability

In group A and B mucositis grade II was achieved in all the patients, improving with dosis relays and topical treatment. In group a neutropenia was avoided with prophylactic G-CSF. As we previously reported, only 50% in group A could finish without doses reduction, while it was 80% in group B.

IV. DISCUSSION

Comparing our results with literature it is well known that neoadjuvant chemotherapy (docetaxel + cisplatin + fluorouracil) (DCF) has achieved a reduction in the rate of distant recurrence [3,4,5], but it seems to not increase overall survival or progression-free survival.

Some important studies on induction QT are the TTCC group (Hitt et al), Boston (Haddad: PARADIGM study), Chicago (Cohen: DECIDE study) and GCTCC (Ghi), where the benefit in overall survival can only be achieved in the last one. [6,7,8,9]

Therefore no scheme is the same. If detailing the recent meta-analysis published in JCO and comparing with ours: [4]

- ✓ Complete response in TPF group (33%) vs 14% in PF. In our study, we have many patients valued by TC. In PET we have 10% complete response, adding 32.1% partial response also by PET and 46.4% partial or complete by TC.
- ✓ Median survival of 43 months. The dose is kept to 91% of ciplatino, being almost 100% 5FU and paclitaxel. In ours: 46.8 months and dose kept in 86%.
- ✓ Published DFS is 12.5 months. Our data is 31.4 months.
- ✓ Locoregional control 60.9%. In our study, 33% do not relapse, 7% develop second primary tumours, with 35% persistent tumours (mostly rescued with ganglionar dissection) and only 25% of relapses.

So the question is how to select patients for induction chemotherapy. Data suggest that it would be more useful in those patients who need better locoregional control and have high risk of distant recurrence. As we have described, we have selected for induction chemotherapy those with less comorbities and advanced disease, **achieving good results** but with only 50% of complete treatment and no dosis delay.

Adding to these results, a recent meta-analysis has also described **that organ preservation** is greater in induction arm [9]. In our study, the percentages are similar between groups, needing surgery because of suspection of tumor persistance, however in most of surgerys in group a malignancy is not conffirmed.

Finally, we look for what can we do to improve tolerability. Some studies have developed to discern whether cetuximab + RT could be substituted for cisplatin + RT, with no conclusive results: phase II studies (Pignon and Bonner) highlight HR 0.74 and modest effect on disease control in the distance first (Cisplatin) but not in the second. [1,10] A recent metaanalysis gives better results at 2 years on the arm of cisplatin + RT vs cetuximab + RT (OS 71% vs 60.7%, DFS 61.7% vs 43.1% and locoregional recurrence of 19.6% vs. 32.3%).[10,11]

Studies designed to improve induction tolerability with cetuximab (E1308 study: cetuximab + cisplatin + paclitaxel for 3 cycles) or nab paclitaxel (F II with cetuximab, nab paclitaxel, cisplatin and 5FU) are awaiting for results[12].

V. CONCLUSIONS

The profile of our patients in group B present more comorbidities and earlier stages than induction group. The recurrences rates is similar in both groups, with a higher relapse as metastatic disease in induction group (group A) because of more advanced tumors. Induction group overall survival is also better, however treatment tolerability with dosis delays is worse.

Persistence/Relapsing tumours happen in those patients with advanced stages, comorbidities, older age and not finishing RT (<60 Gy).

In the beginning, we perform neck dissection because of suspection of persistence tumour in PET/CT (initially not always performed after 12 weeks, which is now the standar to better discern inflammation vs tumor persistence), without conffirming malignancy with histology.

Induction chemotherapy has improved distance recurrence rates and organ preservation, with no differences in overall survival. However, in our opinion we must better target the profile of patients who would benefit of this treatment.

It is being studied new strategies for improving tolerance induction chemotherapy with cetuximab or nab-paclitaxel, and selecting better which ones must receive cetuximab + RT concomitant. It is a difficult issue to analyze, because we usually employ cetuximab in more fragile patients, being itself a negative prognostic factor.

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Author α σ ρ Ω: Department of Nursing, College of Health sciences, Mekelle University, Tigray, North Ethiopia. e-mails: kalushaibex@yahoo.com, haftuber@yahoo.com, aidhbk@gmail.com, Alex aregay@yahoo.com was significant association between prescribed medication adherence condition and monthly income[P=0.015, AOR (95% Cl) = 2.761(1.106-6.892)].

From the total respondents 74.0% were reported adhered to physical activity that meet the recommended guidelines and those who were emplyment and age had statistically significant association with their adherence condition to physical activity [P=0.001, AOR(95% CI)= 4.349(1.191-15.884) and [P=0.453, AOR(95%Cl)= 0.375 (0.150-0.940)] respectively. Of all respondents 51.3% were adhered to the recommended diabetic foot care practices and Education, marital status and monthly income were found to have statistically significant association with adherence to diabetic foot care practices [P=<0.001,AOR (95% CI) =10.525 (1.256-3.297)] and [P=<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) =2.101 (1.060-4.165)] respectively. Over all Self-care management were reported adhered in 51.0% respondents. Education level, Marital status and diabetes complication were found to have statistically significant association with adherence level to overall diabetes self-care management [P<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) = 4.194 (1.213- 14.510), [P<0.001, AOR (95%CI) = 0.343(0.162-0.726)] and [P=<0.004, AOR (95% Cl) = 2.860 (1.109-7.375)]

Conclusion: Generally adherence to self-care management was suboptimal among type 2 diabetic patients in Ayder referral hospital endocrinology and Mekelle hospital chronic care unit.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes is a general term for a group of metabolic disorders that affect the body's ability to process and use sugar (glucose) for energy. The three most common forms of diabetes are type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, and gestational diabetes. Type 2 diabetes mellitus comprises an array of dysfunctions resulting from the combination of resistance to insulin action and inadequate insulin secretion. It is characterized by hyperglycemia and associated with micro vascular (i.e., retinal, renal, possibly neuropathic), macro vascular (i.e., coronary, peripheral vascular), and neuropathic (i.e., autonomic, peripheral) complications (1, 2).

The prevalence of diabetes has reached epidemic proportions. World Health Organization predicts that developing countries will bear the brunt of this epidemic in the 21st century. According to IDF diabetes Atlas, 5th edition 2012 report, currently, more than 80% of people with diabetes live in Low and Middle Income Countries, An estimated 366 million people were living with diabetes in 2011. The number is expected to grow to 552 million by 2030 and the largest age group currently affected by diabetes is between 40-59 years. By 2030 this "record" is expected to move to the 60-79 age groups with some 196 million cases. While the global prevalence of diabetes is 8.3%, the prevalence varies from 10% in the Western Pacific to 4% in the African region. However, the African region is expected to experience the highest increase in coming years with estimated increase in prevalence rates of 98% for sub-Saharan Africa, and 94% for North Africa and the Middle East (1,3,4).

The IDF Atlas 5th edition 2012 report (ARF) revealed that in 2011, 14.7 million adults in the Africa Region are estimated to have diabetes, with a regional prevalence of 3.8%. The top six countries with the highest number of people with diabetes make up just over half of the total number in the region. This would rise to 28 million by 2030 with prevalence of 4.3%, an increase of 80%, as such exceeding the predicted worldwide increase of 55%. Type 2 diabetes is responsible for 85-95% of all diabetes in high-income countries but Type 2 diabetes accounts for well over 90% of diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa even in other low- and middle-income countries and population prevalence proportions ranged from 1% in rural Uganda to 12% in urban Kenya. Based on the IDF Atlas 5th edition, 2012 report number of cases of diabetes in Ethiopia to be estimated about 1.4 million in 2011. The greatest weapon in the fight against diabetes mellitus is knowledge. Information can help people assess their risk of diabetes, motivate them to seek proper treatment and care, and inspire them to take charge of their disease for their lifetime. In view of the increasingly high incidence of complications in diabetic patients, it would be valid to assess the perception of the primary healthcare patient of his or her actual disease state and the problems that may arise. Proper management requires life style changes and adequate Diabetes Knowledge of which is considered a key component of diabetes management. Differences in knowledge level have been described depending on level of education, gender and social classes (5,6,7,8).

When it is not prevented and properly managed diabetes is one of the major causes of premature illness and death worldwide. Non- communicable diseases including diabetes account for 60% of all deaths worldwide and more than 80% of diabetes deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries According to IDF Atlas 5th edition 2012 report Diabetes caused 4.6 million deaths in 2011 globally. World Health Organization projects that diabetes deaths will double between 2005 and 2030 (9).

Statistics for medical complications from diabetes are also concerning. Proportions of patients with diabetic complications in sub Saharan region ranged from 7-63% for retinopathy, 27-66% for neuropathy, and 10-83% for nephropathy. Diabetes is likely to increase the risk of several important infections in the region, including tuberculosis, pneumonia and sepsis.

Assessment of the level self-care management among persons with diabetes can assist in targeting public health efforts to reduce complications. and Selfcare practices are believed to play an important role in diabetes management this is because ,there is a significant link between blood glucose control using selfcare practices and the later development of diabetes complications and with improved glycemic control the patient could decrease the risk of these complications (5) So the aim of this study was to assess diabetes selfcare management and the influence of demographic characteristics and clinical status on their self-care management in patients with type 2 diabetes attending in Mekelle Hospital and Ayder referral hospital diabetes clinic, Mekelle City.

Today's nurse is faced with challenges of providing high quality evidence-based care to clients/ patients in traditional as well as new innovative health care settings for both acute and chronic illnesses. Diabetes being a chronic illness requires continues self care practices by sufferers so that they can contribute meaningfully in the management of their lives. An essential ingredient that has been missing from the health care delivery system in Ethiopia is the lack of diabetes self care knowledge by the diabetic patients. Diabetes self care knowledge is considered an essential part of clinical management: simply prescribing the correct amount of insulin and oral agents and drawing up meal plan is not always enough to meet blood glucose targets. Poor patient understanding of diabetes is believed to impede appropriate self-care management, thus accelerating cardiovascular complications, stroke, and kidney failure.

A situation where diabetes patients visit clinics regularly and their blood glucose levels still remain high despite the treatment they receive is a problem that calls for attention. This is a very common observation in many diabetes patients. Sometimes, slight symptoms that these patients could take care of at home bring them back to the hospitals for medical checks. A good number of them, however, report to the hospital with severe complications, like gangrene that may lead to amputation and possible premature death, this might be because of lack of appropriate self care practices, as cited by Okolie, V. Uchenna and Ehiemere, O. Ijeoma et al. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System for North Carolina revealed that 83% of respondents with type 2 diabetes mellitus performed blood glucose monitoring and more than 93% had visited a health care provider for diabetes care in the past year. Other researchers have suggested that self-care activities vary extensively according to the nature of the activity itself, with taking of medication often occurring as recommended and exercise frequently falling below recommended levels. For example, results from one study showed that 97% of respondents with diabetes always or usually took their medication, whereas only 41% always or usually exercised, as cited by Nancy E. Schoenberg (10,11).

Because of the importance of self-care activities to achieve and maintain desirable blood glucose levels or glycemic control, researchers increasingly have begun to investigate correlates of perceived barriers to type 2 diabetes self-care behaviors. For example study found that the following personal characteristics were associated with problems in type 2 diabetes mellitus self-care: lower education and socioeconomic status, higher level of depression, male gender, being unmarried and younger age (30-49 years old). However, although it is useful to identify general characteristics that relate to poor self-care behaviors, it may be of greater utility from a public health perspective to identify and understand inconsistent self care practices and associated factors of diabetes patients, as cited by Nancy E. Schoenberg (11).

Furthermore, although the studies cited above have begun to illuminate our understanding of some of the predictors of differences in diabetes self-care, we currently lack an in-depth understanding or information of level and associated factors of type 2 diabetes patients to ward diabetes self-care practices especially this is more obviously true in Ethiopia, Mekelle Hospital and Ayder referral hospital. To promote optimal self-care practices, it is important to understand the level to which adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus integrate self-care recommendations into their lives as well as its associated factors and their knowledge status. The major problematic condition about diabetes self care practices and their knowledge status is that there are limited research findings on patients who are found in sub Saharan Africa especially in Ethiopia, even there is no enough published material and little research is done. To address these deficits, this research explores patients' diabetes self-care management status and its associated factors in Mekelle Hospital and Ayder referral hospital diabetes clinic, Mekelle City.

II. METHODOLOGY

a) Study area and period

Mekelle, the capital city of Tigray Region and the largest city in northern Ethiopia.lt is located approximately 780 km from the capital, Addis Ababa. It has two governmental and three privet hospitals. Ayder referral hospital is the only University Hospital in Mekelle, Tigray region which was established in 2000 E.C with 500 beds. The hospital is one of the major referral & teaching hospital found in the region and the serves gives for patients from every corner of the region, some area of Afar & Amara regions with total annual flow of 32,000 patients. The second one is Mekelle Hospital, a Regional hospital for the area, that serve as a referral and teaching hospital, which was established in 1954E.C with 162 beds and the total annual flow of 4276 patient. The two governmental hospitals are chosen to the study because the patient flow is significant and both serve to the region as referral and teaching hospital beside to this those hospitals are hospitals with a facility or clinic that serve as follow up clinic for all diabetes patients came from every corner of the region including from neighboring Afar and Amara regions. The study period will be from Sep. 2012 to July 2013.

b) Study design

The study design was institutional based cross-sectional study design.

c) Source population

The source population was all patients who visit the diabetes clinic of the hospitals during the study period (April 1st week to May 2nd week, 2013).

d) Study population

The study population was all Type 2 diabetic patients who visit the hospitals' diabetes clinic at the time of data collection period and fulfilling the inclusion criteria.

e) Inclusion criteria

Study subjects included in this study were those who full fill the following inclusion criteria

- 1. Age greater than 18 years.
- 2. Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and made follow up for at least one months and consented.

f) Exclusion criteria

Study subjects excluded from this study were those who full fill the following exclusion criteria, they are those who

- 1. Were unable to answer the questions because of altered mental state or mentally unstable
- 2. Diagnosed as type 1 and gestational diabetics.

g) Sample size determination

The sample size for the study was determined using the following assumptions and single population

proportion formula: where Z^2 . Standard normal score at 95% confidence interval = 1.96, d = degree of accuracy or margin of error 0.02 to get maximum sample size., n_o - Sample size desired (initial), n_f -Final sample size, N = Estimated annual patients flow of type II diabetes in the two hospitals: 750, P = 5.0%, which is population proportion prevalence of diabetic in Ethiopia(urban), So initial sample size was calculated as follow. $n_o = (1.96)^2 * 0.05* 0.95/(0.02)^2 = 456$. Since the total population was less than 10,000, correction formula was used to determine The final sample size, as a result the final sample size was 285, Thus by adding 10 % for possible non-response rate, a total sample size of 310 was obtained. Proportion allocation was employed to allocate the sample size among the two hospitals.

h) Sampling procedure

Systematic random sampling technique was utilized for this study. K value was calculated as K= nf/N, where nf = final sample size = 310 and N = total Number of type 2 diabetes patients who are attending the units per week=25. Xo total number of days use for data collection = 48, Ko= nf/Xo 310/48 = 6 and K = N/ko 12/6 = 2. So using the K value, patients was selected using patient registration number in every 2 number intervals and the first study subject was selected by lottery method and averagely 26 study subjects was interviewed weekly.

i) Data collection procedure

Data was collected using standardized structured questionnaire and three diploma completed Nurses with previous experience of data collection and multi lingual ability were recruited. Continuous follow up and supervision were made by the supervisors and principal investigators throughout the data collection period. Data collection was accomplished within twelve weeks duration (April. 1st week to July, 2013).

j) Data collection Tool

Interviewer administered structured questionnaire data collection tool was used, it contains three parts, Part I was used to collect socio demographic data, part II was used to collect clinical status data of the study subjects, part III is the original SDSCA, which was used to measure five areas or domains of diabetes self-care practices: diet, exercise, medication, and self-blood glucose monitoring. Beside to this the revised SDSCA also it contain items on foot care and smoking. SDSCA questionnaires will be adopted contextually(48).

k) Study variables

i. Independent variables

Socio-demographic characteristics: Age, Religion, Marital status, education level, Sex, monthly income, ethnicity, and occupation.

Clinical or disease state: Age of diabetes onset, Duration of the disease, Family history of diabetes, Complications of diabetes, Treatment intensity

ii. Dependent Variable

The outcome variables of the study was selfcare managements (Self glucose monitoring, physical exercise, diet management, foot care and overall diabetes self-care management)

I) Pre-test

The questionnaire was pre-tested prior to the actual data collection on 10 respondents outside study area and the respondents were excluded from the actual study.

m) Data quality assurance

To assure data quality, training and orientation was given for the data collectors by the principal investigators. The questionnaire was initially prepared in English and then translated in to Tigrigna version. The Tigrigna version was again translated back to English to check for consistency of meaning. However since the dominant ethnic group is Tigrian with Tigrigna language then the study subjects was interviewed with Tigrigna version questionnaire. Moreover questionnaire was pretested and necessary corrections and amendment was considered. The collected data was reviewed and checked for completeness and consistency by principal investigators on daily bases at the spot during the data collection time.

n) Data entry and analysis

The data was recorded, cleaned and analyzed using SPSS version 16 software statistical packages. Frequencies and proportions were used to describe the study population in relation to relevant variables. Logistic regression was computed to assess statistical association via Odds ratio, and significance of statistical association was assured or tested using 95% confidence interval and P-value (<0.05). Bivariate and Multivariate analysis were employed to examine the relationship or statistical association between the outcome variable and selected independent variables. Results were presented using tables, figures and texts.

o) Ethical consideration

Ethical clearance was secured from the Mekelle University, college of health science IRB (research committee). Official letter of permissions was obtained from Tigray regional health Bureau, Ayder referral Hospital and Mekelle hospital medical director office and respondents ware well informed about the purpose of the study, then information was collected after written consent from each participant obtained. Respondents were allowed to refuse or discontinue participation at any time they want. Information was recorded anonymously and confidentiality and beneficence were assured throughout the study period.

p) Operational definitions

- 1. Self-care management: is defined as activities that individuals initiate and perform on their own behalf in maintaining life, health, and wellbeing.
- 2. Adherence with Physical activity regimen: was determined as 30 minutes moderate activity for at least 3 days per week or total score of \geq 50%
- 3. Foot Care: was determined as proper care of the foot, including nail and skin care, and the selection of appropriate footwear daily(for 3 days and above per week) or total score of \geq 50%
- 4. Adherence with dietary regimen: was recorded when the patient strictly followed the prescribed dietary regimen for 3 days or more days per week or total score of \geq 50%.
- 5. Adherence with anti-diabetic drugs: was recorded when diabetic patient took all medications, done all self-management in accordance with prescription or total score of \geq 80%.
- Adherence with Self measurement of blood glucose: was recorded when the patient practice for 3 or more days per week or total score of > 50%
- The total score of each item of the questionnaire was calculated out of 100. Considering to the total score, the level of self-care practice was classified into: Not adhered (<49%), adhered (50% and above) .this scoring method is adopted from previously done researches (25, 49)

q) Dissemination of the results

The result of this study will be disseminated to ENA, EDA, Ayder referral hospital and Mekelle hospital medical director and nursing service offices and TRHB research unit. Moreover, efforts will be made to publish the paper in scientific journals.

III. Results

a) Socio-demographic characteristics of the respondents

A total of 310 male and female adult type 2 diabetes patients were interviewed using standardized structured questionnaire and included in the analysis. Questioners of ten respondents were excluded from the analysis for gross incompleteness and inconsistency of responses, made a response rate of 96.8 %. Of all respondents 173(57.7%) and 127(42.3%) were Male and Female respectively. The majority of the study participants 207(69%) were in the age group of 40 to 69 years. Mean age of patients was 50.02±12.01 years [(95% CI) (38.01-62.03)] with minimum of 30 and maximum of 78 years of age. Majority of respondents 264(88%) were orthodox Christian by religion and Tigrian 286 (95.3%) by ethnicity. A significant number 140 (46.7%) of the respondents did attend formal education. Two hundred twenty (73.3%) of respondents were married at the time of study period. From the total respondents one hundred three (34.3%) were unemployed and majority of the study participants 171(57%) were had very low monthly income (Table 1).

Table 1: Socio demographic data of the respondent	

Sr. No	Variable	Ostanoni	Frequency		
01.140	variable	Category	N <u>O</u>	%	
1	Gender	Female	127	42.3	
		Male	173	57.7	
2	Ageª	25-39 years	75	25.0	
	1.3	40-54 years	110	36.7	
		55-69 years	97	32.3	
		70-84 years	18	6.0	
3	Monthly income ^b	Very low	171	57.0	
	2	Low	66	22.0	
		Average	41	13.7	
		Above average	22	7.3	
4	Ethnicity	Tigrian	286	95.3	
		Amara	14	4.7	
5	Educational Level	Illiterate	140	46.7	
		Elementary	80	26.7	
		High school	37	12.3	
		College university	43	14.3	
6	Marital Status	Married	220	73.3	
		Divorced	10	3.3	
		Widowed	7	2.3	
		Single/never married	63	21.0	
7	Occupation	Employed	87	29.0	
	22.47.1929-0.09.2 • - Addin 1940-014	un employed	103	34.3	
		Merchant	14	4.7	
		House servant	70	23.3	
		Daily laborer	26	8.7	
8	Religion	OrthodoxChristian	264	88.0	
		Muslim	36	12.0	

a Age category was adopted from research article (study done in Africa)

b Monthly income category: Very Low <445 Birr, Low=446-1200Birr, Average=1201-2500Birr,

Above Average = 2501-3500Birr and High > 3501Birr (Based on the Ethiopian Civil service monthly salary for civil servants)

b) Health status data of the respondents

The mean age in which diabetic disease occurred was 44.53 ± 11.07 years [(95% Cl) (33.46—55.60)] with minimum age of 27 and maximum age of 69. The mean duration of diabetes was 5.63 ± 7.6 years with minimum of 1 year and maximum of 33 years. More than half respondents 176 (58.7%) had multiple injection

treatment (two injections per day). Of all respondents 124(41.3%) had oral hypoglycemic agent. Two hundred thirty two (77.3%) of the respondents did not have family history of diabetes and only 44 (14.7%) respondents had glucometre at home. Of all respondents only 38 (12.7%) had long term diabetic complication confirmed medically. (Table2).

Table 2: Health status data of respondents research done in Ayder referral hospital and Mekelle hospital EndocrineUnit, Ethiopia, 2012/13 (N=300)

Sr. No	Variable	Category	Frequency		
			N <u>O</u>	%	
1	Age in which DM start		114	38.0	
	-	40-54 years	122	40.7	
		55-69 years	64	21.3	
2	Duration of DM	less than 5 years	207	69.0	
		6-10 years	59	19.7	
		11 and above years	34	11.3	
3	Family History of DM	No	232	77.3	
		Yes	68	22.7	
4	Treatment intensity	Oral hypoglycemic agent	124	41.3	
		Insulin therapy	176	58.7	
5	Currently do you have glucometry at	No	256	85.3	
	home	Yes	44	14.7	
6	Diabetes Complication	No	262	87.3	
		Yes	38	12.7	

c) All Self-care management Domains Adherence Condition of respondents

Respondents' self-care management were, the majority 258 (86.0%) respondents were not adhered to SMBG practice. A total of 251(83.7%) respondents were adhered to anti-diabetic medication. The majority 208 (69.3%) respondents were not adhered to recommended diet management practices. From the total respondents two hundred twenty two (74.0%) were reported adhered to physical activity that meet the recommended guidelines. Of all study participants, 154 (51.3%)respondents were adhered to the recommended diabetic foot care practices. Overall selfcare practices (SDSCA) were reported as adhered in 153(51.0%) participants. Of all respondents 311(97%) were adhered to prescribed anti-diabetic medications. (Fig1 show the detail).



Figure 1: A Bar graph showing Self-care management adherence level of type 2 diabetes Patients in Ayder referral hospital and Mekelle hospital Endocrine Unit, Ethiopia, 2012/13 (N=300)

d) Adherence to Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose (SMBG) Practice

The majority 258(86.0%) of the study participants were not adhered to Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose which means, monitored less than 1-2 times per week, even almost all participants said that they did SMBG practices when they had symptoms of hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia or at the time of health care visit and only 42(14.0%) were adhered which means monitored at least 2 times a week. Presence of glucometer at home, and Monthly income was found to have statistically significant association with adherence to SMBG practice. Those who have glucometer at home were eleven times less risk not to be adhered to the practice when compared with those who didn't have [P<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) = 10.722 (4.095-28.075)] and those who are with monthly income of above average were adhered nigh times more than counterpart [P < 0.001, AOR (95% Cl) = 9.036(1.742-46.879)]. Table 5 shows the details of Logistic regression analysis result of SMBG practice and health status data and demographic characteristics.

Table 3: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to SMBG practice and Socio demographic & clinical data among Type 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012 (N=300)

Factor	SMBG Pr	actices	COR	CI of 95 %	AOR	CI of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered				
—	No. (%)	No. (%)	-			
Monthly income P-Value=<0.001						
Very low Low Average Above average Total	159(53.0) 57(19.0) 30(10.0) 12(4.0) 258(86.0)	12(4.0) 9(3.0) 11(3.7) 10(3.3) 42(14.0)	1.00 2.092 4.858 11.042	(0.837-5.227) (1.963-12.026)* (3.966-30.743)*	1.00 1.964 2.919 9.036	(0.637-6.049) (0.643-13.260) (1.742-46.879)**
Level of education P-value=0.001						
Illiterate Elementary High school College university Total Occupation: P-Value=0.012	129(43.0) 67(22.3) 31(10.3) 31(10.3) 258(86.0)	11(3.7) 13(4.3) 6(2.0) 12(4.0) 42(14.0)	1.00 2.275 2.270 4.540	(0.967-5.353) (0.779-6.612) (1.832-11.246)*	1.00 2.133 0.918 0.296	(0.711-6.403) (0.187-4.513) (0.055-1.600)
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un employed Merchant House servant Daily laborer Total	92(30.7) 10(3.3) 65(21.7) 24(8.0) 258(86.0)	$ \begin{array}{c} 11(3.7) \\ 4(1.3) \\ 5(1.7) \\ 2(0.7) \\ 42(14.0) \end{array} $	0.401 1.340 0.258 0.279	(0.180-0.892)* (0.379-4.736) (0.091-0.727)* (0.061-1.285)*	0.799 0.679 0.460 0.755	(0.235-2.719) (0.149-3.100) (0.115-1.840) (0.107-5.327)
Age in which diabetes started P-Va	lue=0.269	()				
25-39 years	98(32.7)	16(5.3)	2.449	(0.782-7.671)	1.00	
40-54 years 55-69 years Total	100(33.3) 60(20.0) 258(86.0)	22(7.3) 4(1.3) 42(14.0)	3.300 1.00	(1.085-10.037)*	1.283 0.335	(0.514-3.200) (0.082-1.364)
		07(0,0)	1 00			
Yes Total	203(08.3) 53(17.7) 258(86.0)	15(5.0) 42(14.0)	2.149	(1.067-4.326)*	0.978	(0.390-2.455)
Diabetes Complication P-value=0.	401		4 405			
No Yes Total	227(75.7) 31(10.3) 258(86.0)	35(11.7) 7(2.3) 42(14.0)	1.465 1.00	(0.599-3.581)		
Diabetes knowledge level P-value=	=0.130		4.00			
NO Yes Total Presence of Glucometre, et homo I	149(49.7) 109(36.3) 258(86.0) 2-Value = < 0.001	19(6.3) 23(7.7) 42(14.0)	1.00 0.604	(0.314-1.164)		
	235(78 3)	21(7 0)	1 00			
Yes Total	23(7.7) 258(86.0)	21(7.0) 42(14.0)	10.217	(4.870-21.438)*	10.722	(4.095-28.075)**

NB: P-Value is, Value of COR analysis result

** Statistically associated Variable

*Variable were showed Statistical Association in COR but lost during AOR Analysis,

P=<0.05

e) Adherence to diet management of the respondents

The majority 208 (69%) of the study participants were not adhered to recommended diet management practices which means, apply the recommended diet management practices for about less than 1-2 times per week, and only 92(30.7%) study participants were Adhered which means follow the recommended diet management practices at least 3-4 times a week. Variables like education level and marital status were showed statistically significant association with adherence to diet management practices. Respondents

with high level of education (college or university graduates) and who are single were about four and two times more likely to be engaged in diet management practices when compared with their counter parts [P<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) = 4.481 (1.166-17.222)] and [P=0.002, AOR (95% Cl) = 2.416(1.157-5.044)] respectively. Table6 shows the details of Logistic regression analysis result of diet management practice adherence condition and health status data and demographic characteristics.

 Table 4: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to diet management and Socio demographic & clinical data Among Type 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012 (N=300)

Factor	Diet mana	gement	COR	CI of 95 %	AOR	CI of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered	_			
-	No. (%)	No. (%)	-			
Gender P-Value=0.012						
Female	98(32.7)	29(9.7)	1.00		1.00	
Male	110(36.7)	63(21.0)	1.935	(1.154-3.247)*	1.422	(0.750-2.697)
Total	208(69.3)	92(30.7)				
Age P-value=0.08						
25-39 years	45(15.0)	30(10.0)	3.333	(0.888-12.514)		
40-54 years	74(24.7)	36(12.0)	2.432	(0.662-8.943)		
55-69 years	74(24.7)	23(7.7)	1.554	(0.413-5.846)		
70-84 years	15(5.0)	3(1.0)	1.00			
Total	208(69.3)	92(30.7)				
Monthly income P-Value=0.061		10(15.0)	4.00		4.00	
Very low	125(41.7)	46(15.3)	1.00		1.00	
Low	43(14.3)	23(7.7)	1.453	(0.791-2.672)	0.956	(0.431-2.122)
Average	29(9.7)	12(4.0)	1.124	(0.530-2.387)	0.252	(0.075-0.845)
Above average	11(3.7)	11(3.7)	2.717	(1.103-6.694)*	0.945	(0.235-3.796)
I OTAI	208(69.3)	92(30.7)				
Level of Education P-value=<0.			1 00		1 00	
IIIIerale	113(37.7)	27(9.0)	1.00		1.00	
Elementary	56(18.7)	24(8.0)	1.794	(0.949-3.389	1.564	(0.721-3.394)
High school	18(6.0)	19(6.3)	4.418	(2.047-9.535)	4.195	(1.516-11.604)**
College university	21(7.0)	22(7.3)	4.384	(2.112-9.104)*	4.481	(1.166-17.222)**
Total	208(69.3)	92(30.7)				
Marital status P-Value=0.002						
Married	162(54.0)	58(19.3)	1.00		1.00	
Divorced	8(2.7)	20(.7)	0.698	(0.144-3.384)	0.840	(0.168-4.202)
Widowed	5(1.7)	2(0.7)	1.117	(0.211-5.917)	1.224	(0.193-7.764)
Single/never married	33(11.0)	30(10.0)	2.539	(1.424-4.527)*	2.416	(1.157-5.044)**
Potal	208(69.3)	92(30.7)				
Cocupation P-value=0.037	47(157)	40(10.0)	1 00		1 00	
Employed	47(15.7)	40(13.3)	0.257	(0 100 0 665)*	0.470	(0 100 1 101)
Merehent	/9(∠0.3) 11(2.7)	24(8.0)	0.337	$(0.192 - 0.000)^{**}$	0.479	(0.192-1.191)
	F 1 (0.7)	3(1.0)	0.320	(0.064-1.229)	0.237	(0.040-1.171)
Daily laborer	17(5.7)	D(3.3)	0.340	(0.17 3-0.701) (0.250-1.547)	0.400	(0.101-1.200)
Total	208(69.3)	9(30.7)	0.022	(0.200-1.047)	0.049	(0.200-2.000)
Age in which Diabetes started P.	-Value-0.006	92(00.7)				
25-39 years	70(23.3)	44(147)	2 724	(1.310-5.665)*	1 00	
40-54 years	86(28.7)	36(12.0)	1 814	(0.867-3.796)	1.588	(0 773-3 262)
55-69 years	52(17.3)	12(4.0)	1 00	(0.007 0.700)	1 158	(0 457-2 932)
Total	208(69.3)	92(30.7)	1.00		1.100	(0.107 2.002)
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** Statistically associated Variable

P=<0.05

*Variable were showed Statistical Association in COR but lost during AOR Analysis,

NB: P-Value is, Value of COR analysis result

f) Adherence to Prescribed medication

A total of 251(83.7%) study participants were adhered with prescribed anti-diabetic drugs but out of the total study subjects 49(16.3%) were non-adhered. Of the total adhered respondents 147(49.0%) and 104 (34.7%) were Male and Female respectively and out of all not adhered respondents 26(8.7%) and 23(7.7%) were male and female respectively. Treatment intensity of the study participants were oral hypoglycemic agent 124(41.3%) and insulin therapy 176(58.7%). Multinomial logistic regression analysis result showed that there was significant association between prescribed medication adherence condition and monthly income, those who had higher income were three times adhered than those who had very low monthly income[P=0.015,AOR (95% CI) = 2.761(1.106-6.892)]. But no association were shown to other health status data and socio demographic characteristics.Table7 shows the details of Logistic regression analysis result of adherence to Antidiabetes medication and health status data and demographic characteristics. Table 5: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to Medication and Socio demographic& clinical data Among Type 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012 (N=300)

Factor	Medication	Adherence	COR	CI of 95 %	AOR	CI of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered				
-	No. (%)	No. (%)	_			
Monthly income P-Value=0.015						
Very low	37(12.3)	134(44.7)	1.00		1.00	
Low	6(2.0)	60(20.0)	2.761	(1.106-6.892)*	2.761	(1.106-6.892)**
Average	4(1.3)	37(12.3)	2.554	(0.855-7.627)	2.554	(0.855-7.627)
Above average	2(0.7)	20(6.7)	2.761	(0.617-12.355)	2.761	(0.617-12.355)
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				
Level of education P-value=0.019						
Illiterate	28(9.3)	112(37.3)	1.00			
Elementary	15(5.0)	65(21.7)	1.083	(0.539-2.176)		
High school	3(1.0)	34(11.3)	2.833	(0.811-9.899)		
College university	3(1.0)	40(13.3)	3.333	(0.961-11.567)		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				
Occupation: P-Value=0.123						
Employed	10(3.3)	77(25.7)	2.310	(0.750-7.118)		
un employed	17(5.7)	86(28.7)	1.518	(0.531-4.338)		
Merchant	3(1.0)	11(3.7)	1.100	(0.229-5.282)		
House servant	13(4.3)	57(19.0)	1.315	(0.441-3.925)		
Daily laborer	6(2.0)	20(6.7)	1.00			
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				
Marital status P-Value=0.040						
Married	31(10.3)	189(63.0)	1.905	(0.953-3.810)		
Divorced	0(0.0)	10(3.3)	5.048	(0.000 -).		
Widowed	3(1.0)	4(1.3)	0.417	(0.084-2.075)		
Single/never married	15(5.0)	48(16.0)	1.00	()		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				
Family History of Diabetes P-Value	=0.608	()				
No	37(12.3)	195(65.0)	1.00			
ves	12(4.0)	56(18.7)	0.885	(0.433-1.811)		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Diabetes Complication P-Value=0.	.335	()				
No	43(14.3)	219(73.0)	0.955	(0.376-2.423)		
ves	6(2.0)	32(10.7)	1.00	,		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				
Diabetes knowledge level P-Value	=0.923	()				
Poor	28(9.3)	140(46.7)	1.00			
Good	21(7.0)	111(37.0)	1.057	(0.570-1.962)		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)		```		
Presence of Glucometre at home F	P-Value=<0.001	· · ·				
No	44(14.7)	212(70.7)	1.00			
Yes	5(1.7)	39(13.0)	1.619	(0.604-4.339		
Total	49(16.3)	251(83.7)				

** Statistically associated Variable

P=<0.05

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NB: P-Value is, Value of COR analysis result

Adherence to Physical g) respondents

From the total respondents two hundred twenty two (74.0%) were reported adhered to physical activity that meet the recommended guidelines and 78 (26.0%) were not adhered. Respondents who were in the age group of 40-54 years and those who were employed had statistically significant association with their adherence condition to physical activity and those who are in the age group of 40-54 years were about four times more likely to be engaged in physical activity when compared with those who are in the age group of 25-39 years [P=0.001, AOR(95% CI)=4.349(1.191-15.884) and those who are employed were 70 % likely to protected from the risk or be engaged in physical activity as compared to unemployed one [P=0.453, AOR(95%Cl) = 0.375(0.150-0.940)]. Table8 shows the details of Logistic regression analysis result of physical Activities regimen adherence condition and health status data and demographic characteristics.

 Table 6: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to Physical activity and Socio demographic & clinical data

 Among Type 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012/13 (N=300)

Factor	Physical	Activity	COR	CI of 95 %	AOR	CI of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered				
-	No. (%)	No. (%)	_			
Age P-Value=0.001						
25-39 years	18(6.0)	57(19.0)	3.958	(1.358-11.541)*	1.00	
40-54 years	14(4.7)	96(32.0)	8.571	(2.894-25.384)*	4.349	(1.191-15.884)**
55-69 years	36(12.0)	61(20.3)	2.118	(0.766-5.855)	1.478	(0.349-6.256)
70-84 years	10(3.3)	8(2.7)	1.00		1.074	(0.165-6.994)
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Level of education P-value=0.003	3					
Illiterate	47(15.7)	93(31.0)	1.00		1.00	
Elementary	19(6.3)	61(20.3)	1.623	(0.870 -3.025)	1.650	(0.800-3.404)
High school	6(2.0)	31(10.3)	2.611	(1.018-6.697)*	2.515	(0.805-7.859)
College university	6(2.0)	37(12.3)	3.116	(1.228-7.908)*	1.963	(0.532-7.247)
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Occupation: P-Value=0.453						
Employed	12(4.0)	75(25.0)	0.815	(0.212-3.140)	1.00	
un employed	44(14.7)	59(19.7)	0.175	(0.049-0.620)*	0.375	(0.150-0.940)**
Merchant	5(1.7)	9(3.0)	0.235	(0.046-1.193)	0.294	(0.079-1.095)
House servant	14(4.7)	56(18.7)	0.522	(0.137-1.989)	1.149	(0.407-3.239)
Daily laborer	3(1.0)	23(7.7)	1.00		2.701	(0.559-13.039)
lotal	78(26.0)	222(74.0)				
Age in which diabetes started P-V	alue=0.003					
25-39 years	22(7.3)	92(30.7)	2.861	(1.447-5.659)*	1.00	
40-54 years	30(10.0)	92(30.7)	2.098	(1.099-4.007)*	0.758	(0.211-2.720)
55-69 years	26(8.7)	38(12.7)	1.00		0.927	(0.217-3.964)
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Family History of Diabetes P-Value	e=0.030					
No	65(21.7)	167(55.7)	1.00			
yes	13(4.3)	55(18.3)	1.647	(0.844-3.215)		
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Diabetes Complication P-Value=0	0.043					
No	63(21.0)	199(66.3)	2.060	(1.013-4.188)*	1.00	
yes	15(5.0)	23(7.7)	1.00		0.569	(0.238-1.358)
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Diabetes knowledge level P-Value	e=0.330					
Poor	40(13.3)	128(42.7)	1.00			
Good	38(12.7)	94(31.3)	0.773	(0.461-1.297)		
Total	78(26.0)	222(74.0				
Gender P-Value=0.290						
Female	37(12.3)	90(30.0)	1.00			
Male	41(13.7)	132(44.0)	1.324	(0.788-2.224)		
Iotal	78(26.0)	222(74.0				

** Statistically associated Variable

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P=<0.05

h) Adherence to Diabetic Foot care of respondents

Among 300 study participants 154(51.3) respondents were adhered to the recommended diabetic foot care practices and 146(48.7%) were not adhered. Education, marital status and monthly income were found to have statistically significant association with adherence to diabetic foot care practices. Respondents who are college graduates and with higher monthly income were about eleven and two times more likely to be engaged in the practices when compared

with the counterpart [P=<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) =10.525 (1.256-3.297)] and [P=<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) =2.101 (1.060-4.165)] respectively. But single respondents were about 70% protected from not to be adhered to diabetes foot care practices, [P=<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) =0.317 (0.146-0.689)]. Table 9 shows the details of Logistic regression analysis result of diabetic foot care practice adherence condition and health status data and demographic characteristics.

 Table 7: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to diabetes foot care and Socio demographic & clinical data Among Type 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012 (N=300)

Factor	Diabetes foot care		COR	Cl of 95 %	AOR	CI of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered				
_	No. (%)	No. (%)				
GenderP-Value=0.328						
Female	66(22.0)	61(20.3)	0.795	(0.502-1.258)		
Male	80(26.7)	93(31.0)	1.00			
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)				
Age P-Vale=0.014						
25-39 years	33(11.0)	42(14.0)	6.364	(1.699-23.840)*	0.441	(0.066-2.931)
40-54 years	48(16.0)	62(20.7)	6.458	(1.768-23.593)*	1.041	(0.202-5.374)
55-69 years	50(16.7)	47(15.7)	4.700	(1.278-17.280)*	2.112	(0.505-8.837)
70-84 years	15(5.0)	3(1.0)	1.00			
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)				
Level of education P-value=<0.00	1					
Illiterate	97(32.3)	43(14.3)	1.00			
Elementary	34(11.3)	46(15.3)	3.052	(1.725-5.399)*	2.394	(1.225-4.680)**
High school	9(3.0)	28(9.3)	7.018	(3.053-16.134)*	4.866	(1.736-13.637)**
College university	6(2.0)	37(12.3)	13.911	(5.465-35.411)*	10.525	(2.861-38.728)**
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)		. ,		. ,
Marital Status P-Value=<0.001						
Married	124(41.3)	96(32.0)	0.286	(0.154-0.530)	0.317	(0.146-0.689)**
Divorced	4((1.3)	6(2.0)	0.554	(0.139-2.208)*	0.574	(0.118-2.794)
Widowed	1(0.3)	6(2.0)	2.217	(0.248-19.791)	3.480	(0.338-35.798)
Single/never married	17(5.7)	46(15.3)	1.00		1.00	· · · · · ·
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)				
Monthly income P-Value=<0.001	()	~ /				
Very low	105(35.0)	66(22.0)	1.00			
Low	25(8.3)	41(13.7)	2.609	(1.454-4.683)*	2.101	(1.060-4.165)**
Average	11(3.7)	30(10.0)	4.339	(2.037-9.244)*	1.294	(0.457-3.665)
Above average	5(1.7)	17(5.7)	5.409	(1.905-15.358)*	1.869	(0.462-7.559)
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)		(()
Age in which diabetes started P-Va	lue=0.002	()				
25-39 years	45(15.0)	69(23.0)	2.733	(1.450-5.152)*	2.605	(0.760-8.921)
40-54 years	60(20.0)	62(20.7)	1 842	(0.989-3.431)	1 566	(0.655-3.748)
55-69 years	41(13 7)	23(7.7	1.00	(0.000 0.101)	1 00	(0.000 0.7 10)
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)				
Diabetes Complication P-Value=0	024	101(01:0)				
No	121(40.3)	141(47.0)	2.241	(1.099-4.571)*	1.861	(0.743-4.664)
Ves	25(8.3)	13(4.3)	1.00	(11000 1107 1)	1 00	
Total	146(48 7)	154(51.3)	1.00		1.00	
Diabetes knowledge level P-Value=	=0.04					
No	94(31.3)	74(24.7)	1.00		1.00	
Ves	52(17.3)	80(26.7)	1.954	(1,230-3 106)*	1 446	(0.831-2.516)
Total	146(48.7)	154(51.3)		(1.200 0.100)	1.110	(0.001 2.010)
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** Statistically associated Variable

P=<0.05

*Variable were showed Statistical Association in COR but lost during AOR Analysis, NB: P-Value is, Value of COR analysis result

i) Adherence to overall self-care management (SDSCA) of respondents

Self-care managements were reported adhered in 153 (51.0%) respondents, and not adhered in 147 (49.0%) respondents. Respondents who are college graduates, Married and diabetes complication were found to have statistically significant association with adherence level to overall diabetes self-care management and about four times more likely to be engaged in overall self-care management when compared with illiterate respondents [P<0.001, AOR (95% Cl) = 4.194 (1.213- 14.510)and marital status showed that significant association but it is protective which means respondents who are married had 70% chance to be engaged in the practice as compared with their counterpart [P<0.001, AOR (95%CI)=0.343(0.162-0.726)]. Similarly those respondents who are without diabetes complication were adhered two times more than the counterpart [P=<0.004, AOR (95% CI) =2.860 (1.109-7.375)]. Table10 shows the details Logistic regression analysis result of overall self-care practice adherence condition and health status data and demographic characteristics.

Table 8: Logistic regression analysis result of Adherence to SDSCA and Socio demographic & clinical data AmongType 2 diabetic study subjects in Mekelle & Ayder Hospitals, Ethiopia 2012 (N=300)

Factor	SD	SCA	COR	CI of 95 %	AOR	Cl of 95%
	Not adhered	Adhered				
	No. (%)	No. (%)				
Gender P-Value=0.041						
Female	71(23.7)	56(18.7)	1.00	(1 000 0 567)*	1.00	(0,700,0,150)
Total	147(49.0)	97 (32.3) 153(51.0)	1.010	(1.020-2.507)*	1.244	(0.720-2.150)
Age P-Vale=0.001	(
25-39 years	31(10.3)	44(14.7)	4.968	(1.493-16.535)*	0.639	(0.108-3.768)
40-54 years	45(15.0)	65(21.7)	5.056	(1.562-16.361)*	1.441	(0.309-6.722)
55-69 years	57(19.0)	40(13.3)	2.456	(0.753-8.013)	1.417	(0.384-5.226)
70-84 years	14(4.7)	4(1.3)	1.00		1.00	
Total	. 147(49.0)	153(51.0)				
Level of education P-value=<0.00	1					
Illiterate	93(31.0)	47(15.7)	1.00	(1.011.4.005)*	1.00	
Ligh school	37(12.3) 11(2.7)	43(14.3)	2.300	(1.311-4.035)*	1.098	(0.808-3.322)
College university	6(2.0)	37(12.3)	12 202	(2.120-10.279)	2.471 4 194	(1 213-14 510)**
Total	147(49.0)	153(51.0)	IL.LUL	(4.000 00.000)	-1.10-1	(1.210 14.010)
Marital Status P-Value=<0.001	()	· · /				
Married	124(41.3)	96(32.0)	0.264	(0.141-0.493)*	0.343	(0.162-0.726)**
Divorced	4(1.3)	6(2.0)	0.511	(0.128-2.043)*	0.669	(0.142-3.151)
Widowed	3(1.0)	4(1.3)	0.454	(0.092-2.250)*	0.657	(0.108-3.987)
Single/never married	16(5.3)	47(15.7)	1.00		1.00	
Total	147(49.0)	153(51.0)				
Monthly income P-Value=<0.001		7. (00.7)	1.00		4.00	
Very low	100(33.3)	71(23.7)	1.00		1.00	(0,602,0,401)
Low	33(TT.U) 10(3 3)	33(11.0)	1.408	(0.796-2.491) (2.012-0.477)*	1.223	(0.023-2.401)
Above average	4(1.3)	18(6.0)	6.338	(2.012-9.477)	2 743	(0.400-0.000)
Total	147(49.0)	153(51.0)	0.000	(2.007 10.020)	2.740	(0.077 11.100)
Age in which diabetes started P-Va	lue=<0.001	()				
25-39 years	43(14.3)	71(23.7)	3.152	(1.662-5.978)*	2.010	(0.606-6.670)
40-54 years	62(20.7)	60(20.0)	1.848	(0.988-3.456)	1.197	(0.499-2.870)
55-69 years	42(14.0)	22(7.3)	1.00		1.00	
Total	147(49.0)	153(51.0)				
Diabetes Complication P-Value=0.	004					
No	120(40.0)	142(47.3)	2.905	(1.383-6.100)*	1.00	
yes Totol	27(9.0)	1 F 2 (5 1 0)	1.00		1.00	(1 100 7 975)**
Presence of Glucometre at home P	-Value=0.002	100(01.0)			2.000	(1.109-7.373)***
No	135(45.0)	121(10.3)	1.00		1 00	
Ves	12(4.0)	32(10.7)	2.975	(1.467-6.036)*	2.324	(0.904-5.977)
Total	147(49.0)	153(51.0)		(

** Statistically associated Variable

P = < 0.05

*Variable were showed Statistical Association in COR but lost during AOR Analysis,

NB: P-Value is, Value of COR analysis result

SDSCA= means summarized diabetes self-care activities (over all the five domain of self-care management)

IV. DISCUSSION

In Ethiopia, there is limited information about the diabetes self-care managements of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Thus this study has tried to assess the diabetes self-care management level and its associated factors among type 2 diabetes patients in Ayeder

referral Hospital endocrinology unit and Mekelle Hospital chronic care unit, Mekelle City, Ethiopia. In this study the majority of subjects 94.0% were found to be in the age group 25 to 69 years and 6.0% of the respondents were in the age group of 70-84 years. Similarly study done in Ethiopia (Tikur Anbesa specialized hospital),Egypt showed that 73%, 66% respondents in the age group of 30-60 years and 28%, 44% of respondents were 61 and above years respectively. The present study showed that 58.7% and 41.3% of the sample were taking insulin injection and oral hypoglycemic agent respectively compared to 35% and 57% in a study done in Egypt and 64% and 32% in a study done in Tikur Anbesa Specialized hospital, Ethiopia. But study carried out in United States revealed that Three-quarters of the patients received hypoglycemic agents (oral or insulin) (19, 26, 30).

Diabetes outcome depends mainly on the patient' sound self-care management that is dependent upon their health-related behavior and care-seeking which are guided and determined by individually and culturally defined beliefs about health, illness and healthcare. As far as we know, this is the first study investigating Self-care management using a validated instrument among diabetes patients who have follow-up in Ayder referral hospital and Mekelle hospital.

Diabetes self-management behaviors such as diet and exercise involve depend on guidance from a health care provider, meal preparation in a family context, exercising with a partner or in a group. Glucose monitoring is a relatively quick and straightforward procedure; diabetes is managed via a regimen of control via self-care management. Health professionals advise adults living with type 2 diabetes to control blood sugar levels by controlling diabetogenic life style like diet management, maintaining regular exercise, and adhered regularly to prescribed medications. The extent to which individuals are able to adhere to such recommendations varies and entirely dependent on various factors like diabetes knowledge level. Despite the increasing prevalence of diabetes, improved understanding of the disease, and a variety of new medications, glycemic control does not appear to be improving. SMBG is one strategy for improving glycemic control; however, patients' adherence is suboptimal and a proper education and follow-up are crucial, cited by Eman M. Mahfouz, and Hala I (19,30).

The finding of this study also showed that only 14% were adhered to SMBG practices. This result is higher than a study done in Ethiopia 5%, India 3% and Nigeria 8% but lower than Pakistan 61%, U.S.A 78% of respondents were check blood glucose regularly. But almost similar with studies done in Ethiopia (TASH) 16%, Malaysia 15%. A study done in Malaysia showed that level of education; family income; duration of diabetes; and treatment regime (insulin) and in Ethiopia (TASH) showed that level of education, monthly income and presence of glucometre at home was significant predictors of SMBG practice. Similarly in this study monthly income and presences of glucometer at home showed that significant association to SMBG practices. Although SMBG is recognized to be useful and effective in achieving diabetes control, this study has found that only a minority of respondents with diabetes were

perform SMBG (Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose) practices this is probably related to a lack of awareness on its importance in the management of diabetes and there are relevant financial barriers to purchase the device and its strips (8,14,16, 17,18,30,42).

In this study only 16.3% were unable to adhere with prescribed medicine. This result was lower from study result of Ethiopia (3%), Egypt (9%), Malaysia (46%) and Nigeria (46%). This study indicated that there was significant association between medication adherence and monthly income. But study done in Ethiopia showed that type of diabetes medication (injection or pills) had significant association and in Nigeria report that lack of finance, drug side effect, and perceived inefficacy of the prescribed medications had significant association with the practice. Concerning adherence to the diet management practices; this study showed that only 30.7% of respondents were adhered. This is higher than a study done in Ethiopia(TASH) 21% but lower than a study done in Egypt 81%, India women 52% and men 32% and Iran 96% male and 100% female were followed the recommended diet instructions. Study done in U.A.E indicated that only 24% respondents were read food labeling. 76% reported being unable to distinguish clearly between low and high carbohvdrate index food items and no one reported counting calorie intake. 46% reported that they had never been seen by dietician since their diagnosis. Their overall risk profile, notably body weight, lipid profile and blood pressure, was very unfavorable; more than half of the study sample had uncontrolled hypertension and uncontrolled lipid profile and the majority was overweight (36%) or obese (45%). Abdominal obesity was particularly common (59%). Only 31% had an HbA1c of less than 7%. As this study indicated that Similar to the SMBG practice adherence condition, adherence to diet management practices were lower than the other studies, this might be because of financial barrier, Poor perception toward the importance of fruits and vegetables, lack of awareness on the importance of the practices and most respondents had not any idea even how to prepare and follow healthy diet plan at all, Sociocultural variation and life style difference (16, 19, 20, 23, 30).

A study in Ethiopia (TSAH) and Egypt showed that there was a statistically significant difference between marital status, education and adherence to dietary management of diabetes, nearly one quarter (26%) of illiterates were not adhered to dietary management of diabetes and also revealed that younger age group and shorter disease duration had a positive impact on dietary management practices adherence condition (19, 30).

Similarly this study also showed that subjects with high level of education and who are single were more adhered to dietary management practices than the counterpart but other socio demographic data, health status data and diabetes knowledge level did not show significant association this might because of small sample size. In this study 74.0% respondents were adhered to physical activity that meets the recommended guidelines. This result is higher than studies done in Ethiopia (TASH) 53.0%, U.A.E only 3%, in India only 9% of the male and 4% of the women adhered to the practices, it is also higher than studies done in Malaysia 46 % and in Iran 66% male and 46% female respondents were active in daily life, in U.S.A 52% of respondents were exercise once a week or more. The result is higher than the other study this might be because of most patients did not live sedentary life, as they have physical exercise daily at least simple walk for half an hour each day. Study in Malaysia indicated that there was significant association between level of education, Age and anti-hyperglycemic medication type and self-care practices. Study in Ethiopia (TSAH) revealed that there was significant association between marital status, level of education, monthly income and diabetic complication and adherence to physical activities. But this study showed that there is significant association between age, occupation and adherence to physical activities (16, 17, 20, 25, 26, 31).

In this study almost half (51.3%) of all respondents were adhered to the recommended diabetic foot care practices. This result is higher than studies done in Nigeria only 10% had adherence to practices of DM foot care. But lower than studies done in, Ethiopia (TASH) 67%, Chandigarh 63.3%, Pakistan 68%, U.S.A 64% of all respondents had adherence to practices. The result of this study showed that level of education, marital status and monthly income showed that significant association but study done in Ethiopia (TASH) showed that male and older participants were less adherent to diabetic foot care practices, while study in Nigeria revealed that illiteracy and low socioeconomic statues were significantly associated with poor practices (27, 28, 29,31,40).

In this study almost half 51.0% respondents were adhered to overall self-care management domains. This result is lower than study done in Ethiopia (TASH) 56%, Iran 74%, Finland 81% respondents were adhered to the overall self-care management domains. The result of this study is lower than the other studies this might be because of financial barrier, lack of awareness on the importance of the practices, Socio-cultural variation and life style difference. A study done in Iran indicated that insulin therapy, high educational status, and duration of diabetes had positive effects on level of self-care practice. This study also revealed that educational level, marital status and diabetes complication were an important variable in improving self-care practice or showed that significant association with the overall selfcare managements (SDSCA). But study done in Ethiopia indicated that only level of education showed that significant association. Another study in Finland

revealed that poor metabolic control, smoking and living alone were associated with neglect of self-care managements but gender, Co-morbidity and diabetic complication increase the risk, but had no significant association with adherence to or neglect of self-care practice. In contrary this study showed that gender, age and diabetic complication had significant association on adherence condition to overall self-care management domains (18, 20, 31).

V. Strengths and Limitations of the Study

- a) Strength
- 1. Use of contextually adopted standardized questionnaire.
- 2. High response rate.
- 3. Since there is no similar study conducted in the area, it can contribute a lot as baseline information for future studies.
- b) Limitations
- 1. Social desirability bias due to sensitive and personal question related to diabetic self care especially about financial issues.
- 2. Limitation of related literatures to compare and discuss some of the findings.
- 3. Because the data are cross-sectional, the direction of causal relationship between variables can't always be determined.

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

a) Conclusion

Despite the important role of self-care practices in management of diabetes were recognized to be useful and effective in achieving diabetes control and preventing its serious complication, findings of this study confirm previous findings concerning self-care managements among people with type 2 diabetes: Prescribed medications adherence practice was accomplished as recommended in majority respondents, but the other aspects of self-care management domains were more problematic. SMBG practice and diet management practices especially warrants. However self-monitoring of blood glucose and diet management practices are said to be the cornerstone of self-care management activities and glycemic control. Generally adherence to self-care management was suboptimal among type 2 diabetic patients in Ayder referral hospital endocrinology and Mekelle hospital chronic care unit.

b) Recommendations

Hence Interventions aiming at improving diabetes control should be multifaceted and should involve more effective measures of awareness creation on the importance of the self-care management and more frequent clinic visits. Family members should be informed about their important roles in encouraging patients to undergo a glycemic control or self-care practice. Increase access to health education through a multidisciplinary approach via IEC programme this could improve the glycemic control in patients with diabetes mellitus. Policy decisions for improving diabetes outcome should target barriers to health care access and utilization and focus on developing programs to help population groups at high-risk of neglecting their self-care practice.

Similarly healthcare personnel must increase patients' awareness toward the importance of all types of self-care practices domains and strongly promote the practice among diabetic patients via strengthening IEC program and providing quality care at all level and the diabetic association, Staff members of the endocrinology and chronic care units and department of internal medicine need to participate in strengthening the overall awareness of the patients toward their selfcare management and providing equitable service to all patients regardless of patients socio-economic status.

As to the adherence to the prescribed diet and SMBG practices, patients should be well informed and the diet regimens are recommended to be simplified. In nursing, we can provide informational and emotional support by planning the care together, listening to the people and respecting their expertise. It is also suggested that nursing research should be carried out to investigate adherence to self-care management in a broader social context and larger sample size. Further studies are needed in order to achieve a deeper understanding about the subjective experience of being chronically ill, but still feeling healthy and doing well.

c) Practice implications of the Study in nursing profession

This study should contribute to the development of effective nursing education strategies to promote health for adults with sub-optimal diabetes self-care practices. This study should also contribute to the nurse researcher as a base line data in order to carried out in a broader social context and larger sample size to investigate adherence to self-care and achieve a deeper understanding about the subjective experience of being chronically ill, but still feeling healthy and doing well. Finally this study should contribute to the development of effective Nursing practices in order to promote health and be adhered to self-care practices.

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