An Epidemiological study on Diabetes mellitus in a slum of Kolkata City in

West Bengal, India

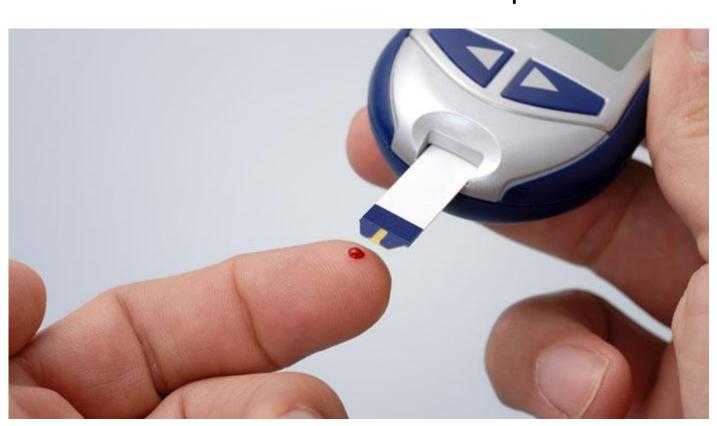
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INTRODUCTION

- Diabetes mellitus is a multisystem disorder and it is a silent killer of the century.
- ❖ Diabetes mellitus is one of the very important risk factor for Cardiovascular, Renal, Ophthalmic and other disorders which are responsible for disability and even death.
- **❖** The Indian sub-continent is the Diabetic Capital of the world. The prevalence of disease in Indian adults was found to be 2.4 percent in rural and 4.0-11.6 percent in urban dwellers.¹

Collection of blood sample



OBJECTIVES

- 1. To estimate the prevalence of diabetes mellitus among ≥ 35 years adult slum dwellers of Kolkata (slum population of Chetla), West Bengal, India.
- 2. To determine the association of the biosocial risk factors with diabetes mellitus among the study population.

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**Study Type * A community-based cross-sectional observational study. * The study was conducted for the period of 6 months (October,2011 to March, 2012) * The study was conducted in the slum area of Chetla, Kolkata, West Bengal, India. * The population aged ≥35 years residing in the urban slum community of Chetla, Kolkata comprise of the study population. * The population aged ≥35 years residing in the urban slum community of Chetla, Kolkata comprise of the study population. * 235 subjects or individuals aged ≥ 35 years had been taken in this study by Simple Random Sampling. * Pre-designed and pre-tested semi-structured schedule with few open ended questions

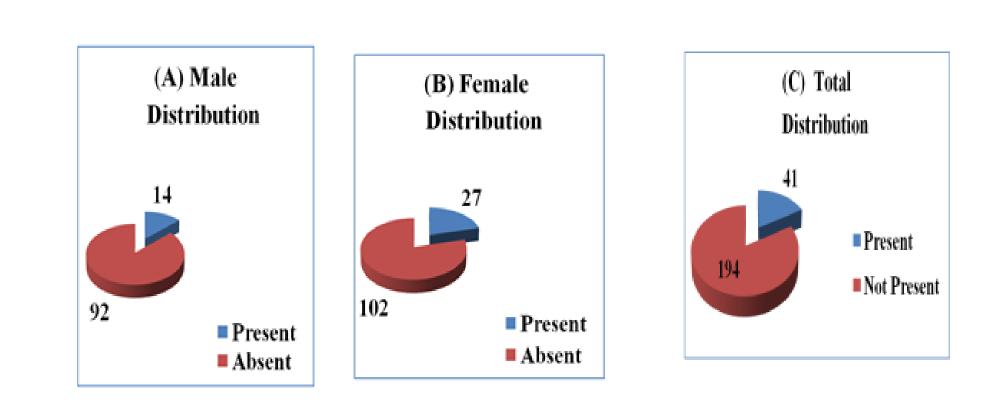
RESULTS

Figure 1: Pie charts (A), (B) and (C) showing distribution of the study subjects according to Age (in years)



RESULTS (CONTD)

Figure 2: Pie charts (A), (B) and (C) showing distribution of the study subjects according to presence of Diabetes mellitus



Out of 235 study participants, Prevalence of diabetes mellitus was found to be **17.45%** with prevalence of 20.93% among the female and 13.21% among the male.

RESULTS (CONTD)

Table 1 : Association of different Bio-social factors with Diabetes mellitus

Serial No.	Different factors	Total number(%)	Statistical Association
1.	Age group (45- 54years)	12 (15.79%)	df=3. Chi square =19.496, p value<0.05
2.	Females	27 (20.93%)	df=1 Chi square=2.421, pvalue>0.05
3.	Illiterate	12 (18.76%)	df=5. Chi square=0.599, p value>0.05
4.	Tobacco use	25 (21.74%)	df=2 Chi square = 9.272, p value < 0.05
5.	Alcohol use	7 (25.93%)	df =2 Chi square=11.533 p value <0.05

Table 1 (Contd)

Serial No.	Different factors	Total number(%)	Statistical Association
6.	No intake of green leafy vegetables	7 (46.67%)	df=1 Chi square 9.5 p value<0.05
7.	No intake of fruits	28 (24.35%)	df=1 Chi square =7.45 p value<0.05
8.	Intake of junk food	7 (41.18%)	df=1 Chi square=7.165 p value<0.05
9.	No physical exercise	22 (39.29%)	df.=1 Chi-Square =24.345 p-value= <0.05

Table 1 (Contd)

Serial No.	Different factors	Total number(%)	Statistical Association
10.	Hypercholesterolemia (blood cholesterol level ≥240 mg/dl)	12 (50%)	df.=1 Chi-Square =19.67 p-value= <0.05.
11.	Family history of Diabetes mellitus	20 (32.26%)	df =1 Chi square = 12.83 p value<0.05
12	Obesity (BMI≥30)	9 (37.5%)	df=1 Chi square =7.45 p value<0.05
13.	Obesity (Increased waist hip ratio)	19 (24.36%)	df=1 Chi square =3.87 p value<0.05
14.	Hypertension (blood pressure≥140 mm of Hg)	22 (31.88%)	d.f.=1 Chi-Square =14.14 p-value= <0.05.

DISCUSSION

- ❖ In the present study, the prevalence of diabetes mellitus was found to be 17.45% (male-13.21% and female-20.93%). The prevalence of diabetes found was similar to the rate reported in Mexico City (8.7%) and greater than the rates found in other cities of Latin America, such as La Paz, Bolivia (5.7%); Santiago, Chile (6.5%); Bogotá, Colombia (7.4%); and Asunción, Paraguay (6.5%).
- Significant statistical association of diabetes mellitus was observed with age, marital status, tobacco use, alcohol use, physical exercise, diet (green vegetables, fruits, junk foods), family history of diabetes mellitus, obesity (BMI, WHR), hypertension, hypercholesterolemia.
- No statistical association of diabetes mellitus was observed with sex, religion caste, education, occupation, per capita income per month.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations were made to adapt life style modification
- To give up the habit of smoking and alcoholism.
- To reduce obesity
- To do regular physical exercise.
- To have healthy diet including green leafy vegetables
- To avoid fatty and junk food.

Food Pyramid of Diabetes mellitus

