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Osteopontin as a marker of vasculopathy in pediatric patients With type 1 diabetes mellitus: Relation to vascular structure

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ABSTRACT

Background: Type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) is associated with serious micro-vascular and macro-vascular complications. Osteopontin (OPN) has emerged as a strong predictor of incipient diabetic nephropathy and a first-ever cardiovascular event in adults with T1DM. OPN is linked to coronary atherosclerosis in type 2 diabetes. The **aim** of the study was to test the hypothesis that OPN could be a potential marker for micro-vascular complications in children and adolescents with T1DM and we assessed its relation to carotid and aortic intima media thickness (CIMT and AIMT) as non-invasive index for subclinical atherosclerosis.

Methods: Eighty patients with T1DM ≤ 18 years were divided into 2 groups according to the presence of micro-vascular complications and compared with 40 age- and sex-matched healthy controls. Fasting blood glucose, high sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), HbA1c, urinary albumin creatinine ratio (UACR), OPN, CIMT, and AIMT were assessed. **Results:** Both CIMT and AIMT were significantly higher in patients with and without microvascular complications compared with healthy controls ($P < 0.001$). OPN concentrations were significantly elevated in all diabetic patients compared with controls ($P = 0.002$). OPN was also significantly higher in patients with micro-vascular complications than patients without ($P < 0.001$) but levels were comparable among those without complications and controls ($P = 0.322$). Receiver operating characteristic curve analysis revealed that OPN cut-off value 90 ng/mL could differentiate patients with and without micro-vascular complications with 81.7% sensitivity and 95.8% specificity. Significant positive correlations were found between OPN and HbA1c, UACR, CIMT, and AIMT. **Conclusions:** OPN could be considered a marker of vasculopathy and subclinical atherosclerosis in pediatric T1DM.

KEYWORDS aortic/carotid intima media thickness, atherosclerosis, microvascular complications, osteopontin, type 1 diabetes

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