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Prevalence of Metabolic Syndrome Among Rural Women in a Village, Iran



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Abstract

The prevalence of metabolic syndrome (MS) differs among populations. The aim of this study was to identify the prevalence of MS and its risk factors among rural women in the Saeidabad village, East Azarbaijan on province, Iran. This cross-sectional study was done on the rural women aged 30-49 years in the primary health care of Saeidabad village, 2019. The National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III was applied to identify MS. Totally 258 rural women participated in our study. Prevalence of metabolic syndrome was 41.8% among rural women. So, our study demonstrated that the prevalence of MS was high among rural women and increased with increasing age. The most prevalent factor of MS was high waist circumference.

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Abbreviations: MS: Metabolic Syndrome; HDL: High-Density Lipoprotein; ATP: Adult Treatment Panel; BP: Blood Pressure

Introduction

The metabolic syndrome (MS) is a group of associated MS risk factors that are identified by abdominal obesity, high blood pressure, high fasting blood glucose level, raised triglycerides, and decreased high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol [1]. There are different descriptions for the identifying of MS now [2]. The National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel (ATP) III describes MS as having three or more of the coming criteria: an HDL of <40 mg/dl in men and <50 mg/dl in women, a systolic/diastolic blood pressure (BP) of ≥130/85 mm Hg, a triglyceride level at least 150 mg/dl, an FBG level of ≥100 mg/ dl, and a waist circumference (WC) >102 cm in men and >88 cm in women [3]. The prevalence of MS is elevated throughout the world. In the United States, prevalence of MS was 34% among young adults [4]. A report of the results of other studies done on healthy people from some of European countries demonstrated that the prevalence of MS was15.7% in men and 14.2% in women [5]. The prevalence of MS was between 10% and 20% in the Asia [6]. There are some investigations demonstrated the prevalence of MS in Iran between 8% and 35% [7] but, the most of these investigations do not indicate the actual prevalence of MS among the Iranian population. This may be because of applying of different ways containing study design, participants and description of MS in the investigations. Several studies have identified risk factors

for MS and cardiovascular disease in general population [8]. However, few studies indicate this issue among rural women. Accordingly, the aim of this study was to identify the prevalence of MS and its risk factors among rural women in the Saeidabad village, East Azarbaijan on province, Iran.

This cross-sectional study was done on the rural women aged 30-49 years in Saeidabad, East Azarbayjan, Iran. The study conducted from January to June 2019 in the primary health center. Participants consisted of 258 women, who were chosen applying Krejcie and Morgan's table. Blood sample for measuring fasting blood glucose, lipid profile was obtained. Simultaneously, the health providers measured their blood pressure in mm Hg and waist circumference in cm. The MS was identified based on the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III. Data analysis was done applying chi-square test with a P<0.05 by SPSS software (version 16). This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Tabriz University of Medical Sciences with an ethical approval number of IR.TBZMED.REC.1398.068.

More than half of participants had high waist circumference (51.4%). The mean age (SD) of women was 45.7(2.2) years. More than 40 % of rural women had MS (41.8%). Associations among nominal and categorical variables with MS were shown in table1.

Variables	Metabolic Syndrome N (%)	No Metabolic Syndrome N (%)	P value
Age group			
30-34	23(21.2)	42(28)	
35-39	25 (23.1)	36(24)	0.18
40-44	29(27)	49(32.6)	
45-49	31(28.7)	23(15.4)	
Marital status			
Married	101(93.5)	147(98)	0.06
Single	7(6.5)	3(2)	
Smoking			
Yes	5(4.6)	6(4)	0.32
No	103(95.4)	144(96)	
Physical activity			
Yes	25(23.1)	49(32.6)	0.001
No	83(76.9)	101(67.4)	

Table 1: Association of variables and metabolic syndrome among 258 rural women, using Chi-square test.

Conclusion

our study demonstrated that the prevalence of MS was high among rural women and increased with increasing age. The factor of MS that was most prevalent in the rural women included high waist circumference.

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