



TITLE: Relationship between Plasma Adiponectin Level and Corrected QT Interval in Smoker and Non-smoker Adult Male Subjects

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ABSTRACT

Objective. This study determined the relationship between plasma adiponectin level and corrected QT interval (QTc) in smokers and non-smokers.

Methodology. This cross-sectional analytical study was undertaken in 30 smokers and 30 non-smokers. Plasma adiponectin level was determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). The QT interval was measured by routine 12-lead ECG with Lead II rhythm and QTc was calculated.

Results. Mean plasma adiponectin level was significantly lower in smokers (27.89±15 µg/ml) than that of non-smokers (52.13±21.57µg/ml) (p<0.001). Mean QTc interval was significantly longer in smokers than that of non-smokers (415.37±29.9 versus 395.63±26.13 ms, p<0.01). Higher risk of low adiponectin level (odds ratio [OR], 8.1; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.61-40.77) and QTc interval prolongation (OR, 6; 95% CI, 1.17-30.73) were observed in smokers.

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There was weak significant negative correlation between plasma adiponectin level and QTc interval in the study population (n=60, r=-0.407, p=0.001). Moreover, low plasma adiponectin level was significantly associated with prolonged QTc interval in the study population (n=60, Fisher's exact p value<0.05). Risk of QTc interval prolongation was 4.3 times higher in subjects with low plasma adiponectin level (OR, 4.27; 95% CI, 1.05-17.46).

Conclusion. Smokers have greater risk for low plasma adiponectin level and prolonged QTc interval. There is a relationship between plasma adiponectin level and QTc interval.

BIOGRAPHY

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