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ABSTRACT

Metabolic Syndrome in adolescent in India is of recent origin due to the better socioeconomic conditions and the growing obesity epidemic. An 11 year old female child presented with features of Metabolic Syndrome and Oppositional Defiant Disorder. Child was treated with antihypertensive medication and put on dietary and exercise regimen. Child was given counselling for the Oppositional Defiant Disorder after being evaluated by Psychiatrist.

Keywords: Metabolic Syndrome, Adolescent, Dietary, Exercise regimen, Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

1. INTRODUCTION :

In adults, the metabolic syndrome is well defined and its incidence is estimated at around 25% in general population. This condition is appearing with increasing frequently in children and adolescents, due to the growing obesity epidemic within this young population [1]. Adolescent with metabolic syndrome are two to three times as likely to have a heart attack or stroke and five times as likely to develop type 2 diabetes compared with people without the syndrome [2].

2. CASE DETAILS :

11 year old girl with a significant family history of hypertension & DM in mother and HTN in father with the death of the father due to MI. Now presented with features suggestive of UTI. Child has a sedentary lifestyle with minimal physical activity and has diet rich in sweets and bakery products. She also has an uncooperative, arguing behaviour towards mother and elder sister with episodes of aggression and threatening, started about one year ago.

On examination found to have BP $>95^{th}$ centile, BMI of 25.56 and waist circumference of 84 cm, which is more than 95^{th} centile/for the age. Physical examination also revealed acanthosis nigrans over the neck and mild suprapubic tenderness.

CBC – WNL S.creatinine – 0.75mg/dl RBS – 91mg/dl PPBS – 143mg/dl HbA1C – 5.7% TFT – WNL

4. LIPID PROFILE :

Cholesterol – 237mg/dl LDL-C – 74mg/dl HDL-C – 32mg/dl Triglycerides-140mg/dl Psychiatry opinion taken and diagnosed to have oppositional defiant disorder. She was started on hypertensive medication and blood pressure came to normal and lifestyle modification. Cystitis was treated with injection ceftriaxone. Currently she is on regular follow-up. Child was given counselling for Oppositional Defiant Disorder after being evaluated by Psychiatrist. Child continued on dietary restrictions and exercise regimen.

5. DISCUSSION :

In 2004, the world health organization (WHO) estimated that approximately 22 million children under the age of five years were overweight or obese. According to a report from the international obesity task force (IOTF), at least 10% of school-aged children between five and 17 years are overweight or obese, representing a total of 155 million children [3]. Each of these children is at increased risk of developing metabolic

3. INVESTIGATIONS :

syndrome and subsequently progressing to type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease in later life [2]. Yet metabolic syndrome is rarely diagnosed in children. Many cases are not correctly framed because of the fact that, until recently, there is no census in defining the metabolic syndrome. Hence no details are available regarding the incidence of metabolic syndrome in children. Each of these children is at increased risk of progressing to type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease in later life. Early identification of children at risk and preventive action are therefore very important. Unless action is taken, diabetes experts agree that this is the first generation where children may die before their parents.

| Variables | IDF definitions age <10 years | IDF definition ages 10-16 years | Cook et al. [4] |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Defining criteria | Cannot be diagnosed | Central obesity plus at least 2out of | WC $>90^{\text{th}}$ |
| | in the age group | 4 criteria | percentile |
| Central obesity | | WC>90 th percentile or adult cut off | BP $>90^{\text{th}}$ |
| | | if lower | percentile |
| Hypertension | | SBP>130mmHG orDBP85>mmHG | TG>110mg/dl |
| | | or treatment with anti-hypertensive | |
| | | medication | |
| Hypertriglyceridemia | | TG>150mg/dl | HDL<40mg/dl |
| Low HDL | | HDL<40mg/dl | FPG>110mg/dl |
| Impaired glucose | | FPG>100mg/dl or known T2DM | |

Table 1: Paediatric definitions of Metabolic Syndrome [4-9]

IDF – International Diabetes Foundation, WC – Waist Circumference, BP – Blood pressure, SBP – Systolic blood pressure, DBP – Diastolic blood pressure, TG – Triglyceride, HDL – High density lipoproteins, FPG – Fasting plasma glucose, T2DM – Type 2 Diabetes mellitus.

6. CONCLUSION :

Early detection and treatment of metabolic syndrome is likely to reduce morbidity and mortality in adulthood and helps to minimize the global burden of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes mellitus in adolescents.

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