



A Study of Prevalence of Non Diabetic Renal Disease in Patients with Diabetic Nephropathy

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Introduction

Diabetic nephropathy is one of the leading cause of ESRD .It is also one of the most significant long term complications in terms of morbidity and mortality in patients with diabetes. Furthermore, prognosis in such patients is very poor compared with patients with ESRD due to other renal diseases. Diabetic nephropathy (DN) is suspected based on the presence of proteinuria, decline in GFR and elevation of blood pressure. Renal biopsy is not routinely performed in diabetic nephropathy patients. Recently, attention has been drawn to atypical presentation of diabetic and non diabetic glomerular diseases. Renal biopsy in proteinuric patients with diabetes mellitus is to confirm/exclude non-diabetic renal disease (NDRD). There are no standardized criteria for renal biopsy in DN, therefore doing a renal biopsy for patients with DN is the based on decision of the the treating nephrologist.

The prevalence of Non-diabetic renal diseases (NDRD) from various studies ranged from 23-54% in type 2 DM patients. Identification of Non-diabetic renal diseases is important as diabetic

nephropathy is difficult to reverse in comparsion to NDRD which when treated adequately can be reversed. Therefore, kidney biopsy may become a useful diagnostic option among proteinuric patients with diabetes mellitus.

In 2010 Research Committee of the Renal Pathology Society (RPS) developed a consensus classification combining type1 and type 2 diabetic nephropathies by Tervaert et al in this classification, diabetic nephropathy is divided in to four hierarchical glomerular lesions with separate evaluation for interstitial and vascular lesions. However the clinical utility of this pathological classification for predicting outcomes is not established. This study aimed to evaluate the relationship between histological changes and clinical parameters in diabetic patients with renal dysfunction.

Materials and Methods

Aim of the study

- To study the prevalence of non diabetic renal disease in patients with diabetic nephropathy.

- To study histopathological correlation of diabetic nephropathy with clinical parameters.

Inclusion criteria

- All diabetic patients with renal dysfunction admitted in the wards of Nephrology Gandhi hospital, who underwent renal biopsy during December 2013 to December 2015 were included.

Exclusion criteria

- Acute precipitating event for renal dysfunction
- Patients with bilateral contracted kidneys.
- Patients with contraindications for renal biopsy
- Patients unwilling for renal biopsy

The prospective study was carried out from December 2013 to December 2015 in the Department of Nephrology, Gandhi Hospital.

Of 139 diabetic patients with presumed diabetic kidney disease admitted, 43 patients have contracted kidneys, 8 patients have acute precipitating event and 26 patients who were not willing for biopsy were excluded from the study. 62 patients were biopsied and their histopathology studied.

Informed consent was obtained from each patient before biopsy. Diagnosis of diabetes was made using ADA criteria for diagnosis of Diabetes ⁶. Detailed history with regards to type of diabetes, duration, treatment for diabetes, details of renal symptoms, micro and macro vascular complications and clinical examination was done. Fundus examination was performed by single ophthalmologist. Further evaluation viz, renal profile (blood urea, serum creatinine, serum electrolytes, complete urine examination, 24hr urinary protein) was done. eGFR was calculated by the MDRD formula in adults and Schwartz formula for children. RBS, FBS, PLBS, complete hemogram, liver function tests, CT, BT, PT, INR, and appropriate imaging and radiological investigations were done. Ultrasonographic examination was done to assess the renal size. Renal

biopsy was performed in 62 patients after stabilization under ultrasound guidance with a biopsy gun (BARD gun 18 G, 22 mm, cutting edge). 2 samples were collected in all, samples were analyzed under light microscope and immunofluorescence by a single pathologist. All universal precautions were executed during the biopsy. Processed tissue was stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H & E), PAS, silver methenamine, and Masson trichrome for light microscopy. Tissue for IF was stained with fluorescent labeled antisera to IgG, IgM, IgA, C3, C1q, and Fibrinogen. The intensity was semiquantitatively scored, as 0 for negative, 1+ for present, 2+ for definite and 3+ for strongly positive. Vital parameters were monitored in the immediate post biopsy period. Renal lesions in diabetic nephropathy were classified according to "Pathologic Classification of Diabetic Nephropathy" by - Thijs W. Cohen Tervaer et al, Renal pathology society. This classification scheme is based on glomerular lesions.

Patients with severe renal insufficiency were supported with either intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD) or hemodialysis (HD). IPD was done using rigid catheter and using 1.7% PD solution with an exchange volume of 30-50ml/kg for children and 1.5-2 liter for adults. HD was performed using 1.2 square meter hollow fibre for the duration of 4 hours with either femoral or jugular catheter of appropriate size as vascular access.

In all cases renal histopathology was analyzed in correlation with age, sex, duration of DM, Proteinuria, Fundus examination, RFT/eGFR, associated hypertension, glycemic control and need for renal replacement therapy. Fundus examination was done by single ophthalmologist by direct ophthalmoscopy in all cases and 78D/90D Slit lamp biomicroscopy where ever indicated.

Statistical analysis was performed by utilizing SPSS software. Initially frequency tables were made to estimate the frequency & percentage of each parameter analyzed. Descriptive statistics

were expressed in terms of minimum, maximum, mean & standard deviation. Logistic regression was used for the prediction of occurrence of an event. The probability of association between two discrete attributes was made by chi square test.

Means of the various parameters were compared by using student t- test (for 2 groups) or by ANOVA (for more than 2 groups). $P < 0.05$ was considered significant.

Proforma

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Occupation _____
 IPNo _____ DOA _____ DOD _____

Type of diabetes:

Duration of diabetes:

Complaints & Duration

H/O Present illness

- H/o oliguria
- H/o polyuria, nocturia
- H/o hematuria/pyuria /gravelluria/ dysuria/frequency /urgency
- H/o obstructive symptoms
- H/o pedal odema/ SOB/
- H/o Azotemia
- H/o blurring of vision/retinal surgeries/laser photocoagulation
- H/o parasthesias
- H/o recent GE/ precipitaing factors
- H/o usage of nephrotoxic drugs/herbal medicine intake

Past History

– HTN/CKD/CAD/TB/asthma/epilepsy

Family History

-DM/HTN/CKD/

Menstrual & Obstretic H/O

Drug H/O- ?OHA/ ?INSULIN

General Examination

– Pallor/Icterus/Cyanosis/Clubbing/Lymphadenopathy/Edema

-Height _____ cms Weight _____ kgs BMI _____

Vital data

Temp _____ Pulse _____ RR _____ BP _____

Systemic examination

P/A-

Fundus

Provisional diagnosis

Investigations

CBP : Hb% _____ CUE: Pr: _____ RBC: _____

24 hr Urinary prot _____ /day Sug: _____

RBS : _____ mg/dl FBS: mg/dl _____ PLBS : _____ mg/dl

HbA1C: _____

Bl. Urea: _____ mg/dl Sr Creat : _____ mg/dl

Sr Na⁺ : meq/LK⁺: meq/L

Sr proteins: Total- G/dl

Sr albumin : G/dl

Sr Ca⁺⁺ : mg/dl

Sr Bilirubin-: mg/dl

CT, BT:

USG abdomen: Rt kidney

Lt Kidney

Renal biopsy

- LM
- IF

Diagnosis

Observations

This prospective study was carried out from Dec 2013 to Dec 2015 in Department of Nephrology, Gandhi hospital. Of 139 diabetic patients with renal dysfunction admitted, 77 patients i.e those patients with contracted kidneys (43), acute precipitating event (8) and patients who are unwilling for biopsy(26) were excluded from the study. A total of 62 diabetic patients with renal dysfunction who underwent renal biopsy were studied. Type1 Diabetes was present in 2 cases and 60 cases had type 2 Diabetes.

Of 62 patients studied 45 patients had Diabetic nephropathy and 17 patients had Non diabetic renal disease.

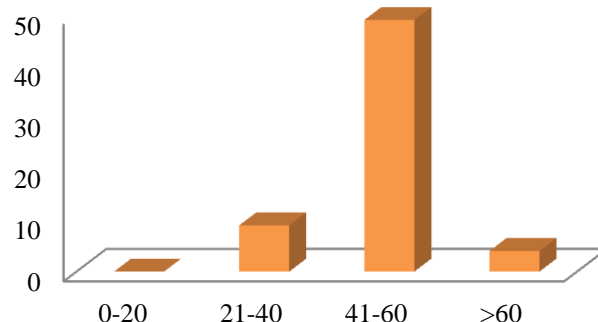
Age Distribution

Average age of study population was 49.96±8.06 years with youngest patient being 30

Yrs of age and eldest being 70 yrs of age.70% of sample are between 41-60 yrs of age.

AGE IN YEARS	STUDY SAMPLE
0-20	0
21-40	9
41-60	49
>60	4
TOTAL	62

Age Distribution

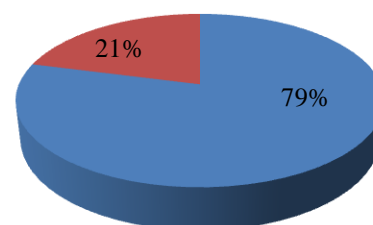


Gender Distribution

Of the 62 cases 49 were male and 13 were females with a male:female ratio is 3.7:1

Gender Distribution

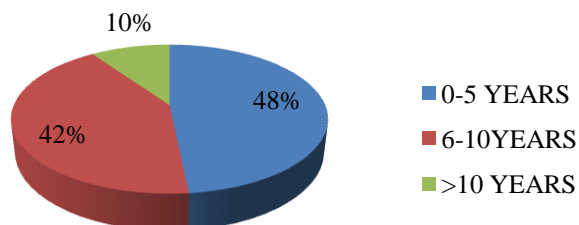
■ MALES ■ FEMALES



Duration Of Diabetes

In the present study mean duration of diabetes was 6.95 ± 4.36 years in DN cases and 5.69 ± 4.25 years in NDRD cases.

Duration In Years	No Of Cases	Percentage
0-5 Years	30	48%
6-10years	26	42%
>10 Years	6	10%
Total	62	100%

Duration Of Diabetes

Histopathology

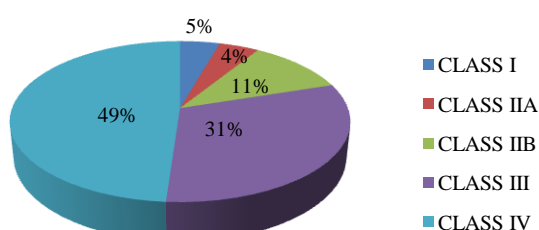
Of 62 cases studied **45(72.5%) cases had Diabetic nephropathy -DN**, **17(27.4%) cases had nondiabetic renal disease-NDRD** on histopathology.

Pathological Classification of DN

CLASS I	2	4%
CLASS IIa	2	4%
CLASS IIb	5	11%
CLASS III	14	31%
CLASS IV	22	49%
TOTAL	45	100%

Histopathological Classification of diabetic renal disease

Of the 45 cases with diabetic nephropathy on histopathology, most common Class of DN was Class IV observed in 22(49%) cases, followed by Class III DN observed in 14(31%) cases, followed by Class IIa(4%) and Class IIb (11%), followed by Class I DN observed in 2(4%) cases

Diabetic Nephropathy

Non Diabetic Renal Disease

IgA Nephropathy	4
FSGS	3
Membranous N	1
C3GN	1
PIGN	2
HTN Nephropathy	4
CIN	1
ATIN	1
TOTAL	17

In the present study glomerular lesion were seen in 15(88.3%) cases and tubulointerstitial lesions were seen in 2 (11.7%) cases. Most common NDRD in present study was IgA Nephropathy seen 4(23.5%) cases. Crescentic GN was observed in 1 case.

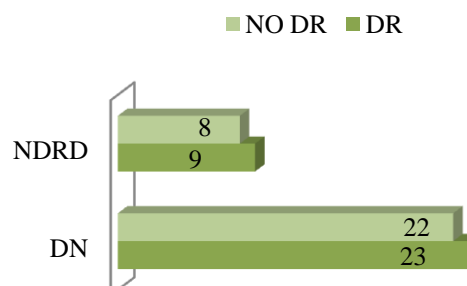
Diabetic Retinopathy

Of the 62 cases, 32 pts (51.6%) had diabetic retinopathy and 30 patients (48.3%) did not have diabetic retinopathy.

Of the 32 cases who had diabetic retinopathy 23 cases (71.8%) had DN, 9cases (28.1%) had NDRD. Of 30 cases who did not have diabetic retinopathy 22 cases (73.3%) had DN on biopsy.

	DR	NO DR
DN	23	22
NDRD	9	8
TOTAL	32	30

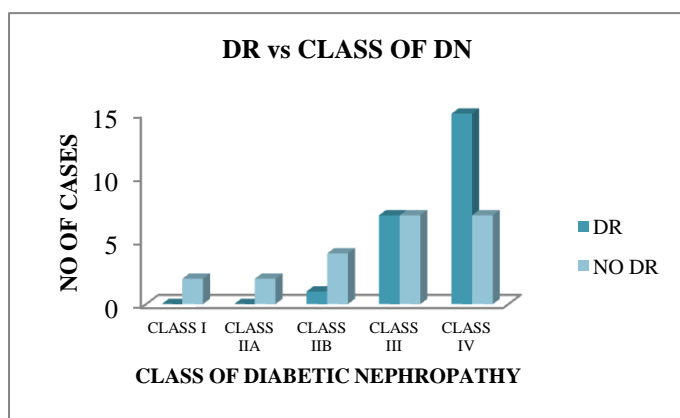
Presence or absence of diabetic retinopathy poorly correlated with presence or absence of DN (p value-0.8)

DN VS DR

Both cases of Class I DN and Class IIa did not have DR,(20%)of cases of Class IIb DN had DR,(50%)of Class III DN had DR and (68.1%) of cases with Class IV DN had DR.

	DR	NO DR
CLASS I	0	2
CLASS IIa	0	2
CLASS IIb	1	4
CLASS III	7	7
CLASS IV	16	6
TOTAL	24	21

Presence of diabetic retinopathy correlated with higher class of diabetic nephropathy (p-0.03)



DN & Hypertension

Of the 62 cases of diabetic patients with renal dysfunction 46 (74.1%) cases had hypertension. 34 (75%) hypertensive cases had diabetic nephropathy and 12 (70.5%) cases have NDRD

NO.OF CASES	HTN	Normotension
DN	34	11
NDRD	12	5
TOTAL	46	16

Presence of hypertension didn't predict the presence or absence of DN (p -0.94)

	NORMOTENSIVE	HYPERTENSIVE
CLASS I	2	0
CLASS IIa	1	1
CLASS IIb	1	4
CLASS III	2	12
CLASS IV	5	17

Presence of Hypertension didn't correlate with class of Diabetic nephropathy (p value-0.1)

DN Class & Duration of Diabetes

Mean duration of diabetes in cases with diabetic nephropathy was 6.9 ± 4.22 yrs, Mean duration of DN in NDRD was 5.64 ± 4.36 yrs.

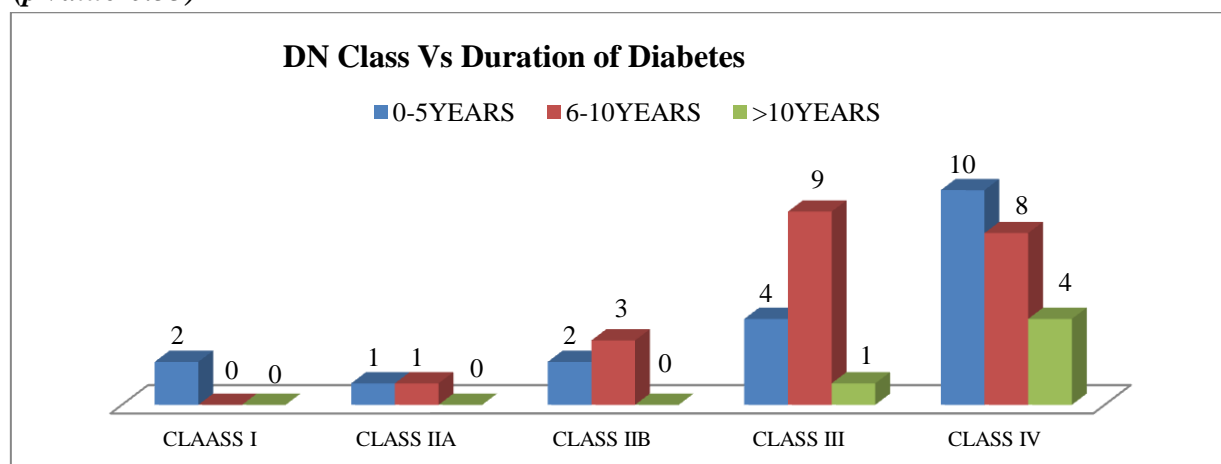
	0-5YEARS	6-10YEARS	>10YEARS
DN	21	19	5
NDRD	9	7	1
TOTAL	30	26	6

Of 45 cases with DN, 21 (46.6%) cases had DM for <6 yrs and 5(11%) cases had DM for >10 yrs. Of 17 cases of NDRD, 9 (52.9%) cases had DM for <6yrs and 1 (5.8%) case had DM for >10 yrs

Duration of diabetes didn't predict presence or absence of DN (p value-0.79)

CLASS OF DN	0-5YEARS	6-10YEARS	>10YEARS
CLASS I	2	0	0
CLASS IIA	1	1	0
CLASS IIB	2	3	0
CLASS III	4	9	1
CLASS IV	10	8	4
TOTAL	19	21	5

Duration of diabetes didn't correlate with class of DN (p value-0.53)



Hematuria and Renal histology

Of the 62 cases, 6 cases had microscopic hematuria. of these cases 3 had Ig A Nephropathy 2 had PIGN 1 had C3GN nephropathy .

Due to small number of cases statistical analysis could not be made.

DN Vs Protienuria

Mean 24 hr urinary protein in patients with DN was 1.98 ± 1.85 g/day and mean 24hr urinary protein in NDRD was 1.8 ± 1.89 g/day

	<3 gms/day	3-5gms/day	>5gms/day
DN	15	24	6
NDRD	10	5	2
TOTAL	25	29	8

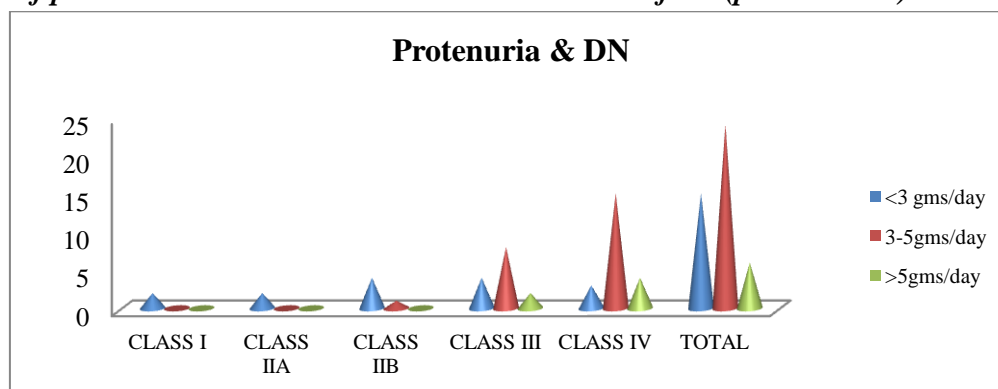
Degree of protenuria didn't differentiate DN from NDRD (p value-0.17)

Of 17 NDRD cases, 10(58%) had subnephrotic range protenuria and 7(41.1%)had nephrotic range

protenuria.80% DN cases had nephrotic range protenuria and 20% had subnephrotic range protenuria.

	<3 gms/day	3-5gms/day	>5gms/day
CLASS I	2	0	0
CLASS IIA	2	0	0
CLASS IIB	4	1	0
CLASS III	4	8	2
CLASS IV	3	15	4
TOTAL	15	24	6

Higher Degree of proteinuria is associated with advanced class of DN(p value-0.03)



DN Vs Glycemic control during admission

13(28.8%) of 45 patients with DN had good glycemic control vs 6(35.2%) of 17 patients with NDRD at the time of admission.

	Good Glycemic Control	Poor Glycemic Control
DN	13	32
NDRD	6	11
TOTAL	19	43

Blood sugars at the time of admission poorly correlated with DN with p value-0.75

	Good Glycemic Control	Poor Glycemic Control
CLASS I	0	2
CLASS IIA	0	2
CLASS IIB	2	3
CLASS III	7	7
CLASS IV	4	18
TOTAL	13	32

Glycemic control poorly correlated with the class of Diabetic nephropathy(p value-0.18)**DN vs. eGFR**

Mean eGFR in DN was 19.69 ± 11.69 ml/min/1.732m² and mean eGFR of cases with NDRD was 18.4 ± 11.98 ml/min/1.732m²

DN/NDRD	>90	89-60	59-30	29-15	<15
DN	0	1	5	21	18
NDRD	0	1	2	5	9
TOTAL	0	2	7	26	27

Of 62 diabetic cases 2(3%) cases have eGFR>60 ml/min/1.732m² and 27 (43.5%) cases with eGFR<15 ml/min/1.732m² required renal replacement therapy either in the form of hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.

eGFR poorly correlated with DN (p value0.75)**Correlation of baseline eGFR and histology:**

Mean eGFR of cases at after stabilisation of patients (baseline GFR) in DN Class I, IIa, IIb, III

and IV was 24 ± 7.7 , 45.5 ± 12.9 , 25.6 ± 12.6 , 17.6 ± 13.1 , 17.01 ± 11.69 ml/min/1.732m² respectively

Higher class of DN is associated with lower eGFR i.e 50% of CLASS III and 50% of CLASS IV have eGFR<15 ml/min/1. 732m²

	>90	89-60	59-30	29-15	<15
CLASS I	0	0	0	2	0
CLASS IIA	0	1	0	1	0
CLASS IIB	0	0	1	4	0
CLASS III	0	0	1	6	7
CLASS IV	0	0	2	9	11
TOTAL	0	1	4	22	18

Lower the eGFR higher the DN Class. (p value<0.02)

Discussion

The progressive increasing incidence of diabetic nephropathy in present population has significant implication on social and economic resources of the developing nations. Furthermore, prognosis in such patients is very poor compared with patients with ESRD due to other renal diseases. Proteinuria in diabetic patients is usually interpreted as a clinical manifestation of diabetic nephropathy. Although kidney biopsy is the most unbiased method of evaluation it is rarely used in these subjects. The primary aim of kidney biopsy in proteinuric patients with diabetic nephropathy is to confirm/exclude non-diabetic renal disease.

In 2010 Research Committee of the Renal Pathology Society (RPS) developed a consensus classification combining type 1 and type 2 diabetic nephropathies by Tervaert et al in this classification, diabetic nephropathy is divided into four hierarchical glomerular lesions with separate evaluation for interstitial and vascular lesions. However the clinical utility of this pathological classification for predicting outcomes is not established.

This study aimed to evaluate the relationship between histological changes and clinical parameters in diabetic patients with renal dysfunction. There are no standardized criteria for renal biopsy in DN, therefore obtaining a renal biopsy from patients with DN is currently a matter of judgment by the Nephrologist. Currently, renal biopsy is commonly performed in patients with DN who show the following features-

Biopsy should be considered when⁶

- Renal manifestations are seen atypically (<10 years) early in type 1 diabetes
- Dysmorphic erythrocytes/casts are found in urine (nephritic sediment)
- Rapid deterioration of renal function of unknown cause is noted
- Elevated serum creatinine without urine abnormalities
- Macroalbuminuria without retinopathy

Heavy proteinuria (>8 g/day).

Biopsy not indicated when

- Typical evolution of renal disease
- Concomitant retinopathy is present.

Although pathologic classifications exist for several renal diseases, a uniform classification for diabetic nephropathy is lacking. In 2010 Research Committee of the Renal Pathology Society (RPS) developed a consensus classification combining type 1 and type 2 diabetic nephropathies³

The reported incidence of NDRD ranged from 23-54% in proteinuric type 2 DM patients.⁶ Non-diabetic renal diseases often develop in diabetic patients with proteinuria. Therefore, kidney biopsy may become a useful diagnostic option among proteinuric patients with this type of diabetes mellitus³

With this background we analysed 62 cases of diabetes mellitus presenting with renal dysfunction (proteinuria or high serum creatinine) who underwent renal biopsy with or without classical indications of renal biopsy in diabetes and classified cases according to The Renal Pathology Society classification. In the present study of type I and Type II diabetic cases are classified together as suggested in renal pathology society classification and clinicopathological correlation was analysed.

Of the 62 cases 49 were male and 13 were females with a male to female ratio of 3.7: 1, slightly higher in comparison to studies by J Prakash et al⁵ of 1.87: 1 and 2:1 in study by Koji Harada et al.⁷ Mean age of cases in present study was 49.96±8.06 years, similar to observations made by 50.68±11.29yrs in study by Amal Abdel Ghani et al⁸

In the present study mean duration of diabetes was 6.9±4.22yrs. Mean duration of diabetes was 9 ± 6.8 yrs in study by Sonia yaqub¹⁷, 9.33± 3.6yrs in study by Amal Abdel Ghani et al⁴ and 10.1 ± 8.5 years in study by Koji Harada et al⁶⁷.

In the present study non diabetic renal disease (NDRD) on histopathology was present in 17(27.4%) of cases on par with Parving et al⁴ study which also showed that eight (23%) of 35 type 2 diabetic patients had NDRD. Gambari et al¹⁰

reported that 17 (32.7%) of 52 type 2 diabetic patients had NDRD. A study done by J prakash et al¹ showed an incidence of NDRD in 7(30.4%) of 23 cases of type 2 DM. Variation in incidence could be due to selection bias for indication of biopsy. A meta analysis of data available on prevalence of non-diabetic kidney disease among type 2 diabetic patients done by Zukowska-Szczechowska E et al³, revealed that NDRD was evident on kidney biopsy approximately in 22% of European and 26.7% of Asian patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus similar to the present study and was observed that even after adjusting for differences in methodology among the studies, NDRD may affect a significant percentage of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Therefore, kidney biopsy may become a useful diagnostic option among proteinuric patients of diabetes mellitus.

In the present study glomerular lesions were seen in 15(88.2%) cases and tubulointerstitial lesions were seen in 2 (11.7%) cases. Most common NDRD in present study was IgA nephropathy seen in 4(13.5%) cases. Most common glomerular diseases were Ig A Nephropathy, Crescentic GN observed in 1 (5.8 %) cases each at par with the meta analysis by Zukowska-Szczechowska E et al³, in which IgA nephropathy was consistently the most common type of glomerulonephritis in both Caucasian and nonCaucasian populations accounting for approximately 6-19% of kidney biopsies. In the study by Jianhui Zhou et al¹¹ also Ig A nephropathy was predominant glomerular lesion accounting for 34% of cases.

In the present study mean duration of diabetes in the study population was 6.95

± 4.36 yrs, mean duration of diabetes in cases with biopsy proven diabetic nephropathy was 5.69±4.25 yrs. ***Difference in duration of diabetes in DN and NDRD was not statistically significant with p value-0.79.*** similar observations of no statistically significant difference in duration of DM between DN and NDRD ((p>0.05)-were found in the studies by U. Das et al¹², Parving HH et al⁴ and study by Amal

Abdel Ghani et al⁸. In a study by S. Michael Mauer et al²⁰, research renal biopsies were performed in patients who had Type 1 DM for 2.5-29 yr who were selected using no other criteria there was no strong relationship between either glomerular basement membrane (GBM) thickness or mesangial expansion and duration of Type 1 DM. In the present study mean duration of DM in DN Class I, II a, II b, III and IV was 4±2.3, 5±4.5, 4.6±3.6, 7.7±3.9 and 7.4 ± 4.2 yrs respectively. ***There was no statistically significant difference in duration of diabetes and class of DN with p-0.523.*** Melvin M. Schwartz et al¹³ noted that there was significant difference in duration of diabetes between patients with K-W lesions and mesangial lesions.

Of the 62 cases, 32 pts (51.6%) had diabetic retinopathy, of which 23 cases (71.8%) had DN, 9 cases (28.1%) had NDRD. In study of renal biopsy in patients with presumed diabetic nephropathy by Koji Harada et al⁷ of the 21 cases with DR 18 (85.7%) had DN, J Prakash⁵ reported 9(60%) cases with retinopathy had DN and 40% had NDRD.

Of 30 cases who did not have diabetic retinopathy 22 cases (73.3%) had biopsy proven DN on par with a study done by Perk. Christensen et al of 52 patients with type 2 diabetes without diabetic retinopathy, 35(69%) patients had diabetic nephropathy on biopsy, Serra et al¹⁴ reported that diabetic glomerulosclerosis was diagnosed in 17(74%) of patients without diabetic retinopathy. Schwartz MM et al¹³ noted 7 of 8(87.5%) patients without retinopathy had mesangiosclerosis characteristic of DN, J prakash et al⁵ noted that 4 of 8 (50%) cases without DR had DN. It should be pointed out that absence of retinopathy cannot exclude the presence of diabetic nephropathy.

Clearly diabetic nephropathy can occur in absence of retinopathy in Type 2 proteinuric diabetic patients.(p value-0.8)

Type 2 diabetic patients with typical diabetic nephropathy on biopsy did not have diabetic retinopathy in the study by J prakash et al⁵, Parving et al⁴. noted that 40% of proteinuric Type

2 DM patients lacked diabetic retinopathy. Of 20 cases of NDRD 8 (40%) cases had diabetic retinopathy, in study by Prakash J et al.⁷⁵

Management of cases with NDRD grossly differs from that of DN, if biopsy is not done in patients with DR presuming diagnosis of DN significant number of NDRD requiring specific therapy might be missed.

Presence or absence of Diabetic retinopathy poorly correlated with presence or absence of diabetic nephropathy p value -0.8

Thus renal biopsy is necessary for precise diagnosis of diabetic and non-diabetic renal lesions in proteinuric Type 2 diabetic patients even in the presence of diabetic retinopathy.

In the present study both cases of Class I DN, Class IIa did not have DR, 20% of cases of Class IIb DN had DR, 50% of Class III DN had DR and 68.8% of cases with Class IV DN had DR.

Presence of diabetic retinopathy correlated with higher class of diabetic

nephropathy (pvalue-0.03), similar observations were noted by Koji Harada et al¹⁵ patients with both DN and DR showed more severe renal histology than those without DR. Melvin M. Schwatz et al¹³ noted that patient with K-W lesions had correlation with retinopathy but not mesangial sclerosis, similar observations were made in type 1 DM also- by Blanchet. Chavers et al.¹⁶

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Degree of proteinuria correlated with class of DN (p-value-0.03), similar observations were made by Kathryn Elizabeth White¹⁸, RuthoSterby et al¹⁹ where severity of proteinuria correlated with index of structural lesions.

13 (28%) of 45 cases of DN had poor glycemic control. 6 (35%) of 17 cases of NDRD had poor

glycemic control. ***Glycemic control at time of biopsy could not predict DN or NDRD p value -0.75.*** Similar observations were made by parving et al.⁴ with a p value >0.5.

Glycemic control poorly correlated with class of diabetic nephropathy p value -0.18. Melvin M. Schwatz et al¹³ noted that glycemic control correlated poorly with patients with KW lesions and mesangial sclerosis..

Of the 45 cases with DN, 34 (75.5%) cases had hypertension. and 11(24.4%) cases have normotension. Of 17 cases with NDRD 12(70.5%) were hypertensive.

Hypertension did not differentiate between DN and NDRD (p value-0.94). similar observations were made by Amal Abdel Ghani et al⁵, Vincenzo Gambara et al¹⁰, Sonia yaqub et al¹⁷.

77.2% of cases with Class IV DN had HTN. ***Presence of hypertension did not correlate with class of Diabetic nephropathy (p value-0.1)***

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Conclusions

- 1) Non diabetic renal disease constitutes significant percentage of patients with clinical diabetic nephropathy patients and its presence is highly underestimated.

- 2) Ig A is most common histopathological lesions among NDRD patients.
- 3) The most common histopathological lesion was diabetic nephropathy among all diabetic patients with renal dysfunction.
- 4) Majority of patients with diabetic nephropathy are CLASS IV.
- 5) Higher degree of proteinuria , presence of diabetic retinopathy ,low eGFR hypertension correlated with higher classes of diabetic nephropathy .
- 6) Degree of proteinuria ,duration of diabetes, diabetic retinopathy and glycemic control , poorly predicted the occurrence of NDRD.
- 7) Renal biopsy is the unbiased method for precise diagnosis of diabetic and non diabetic renal lesions.

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Abbreviations

DM - Diabetes Mellitis

HTN - Hypertension

PDR- Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

NPDR- Non Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

CSME- Clinically Significant Macular Edema

HEP B-Hepatitis B

HEP C-Hepatitis C

PN-Peripheral Neuropathy

CVA-Cerebro Vascular Accident

CAD-Coronary Artery Disease

eGFR-Estimated Glomerular Filtration Ratio

DN-Diabetic Nephropathy

NDRD-Non Diabetic Renal Disease

C3GN-C3 Glomerulonephritis

ATIN-Acute Tubulointerstitial Nephropathy

CIN-Chronic Interstitial Nephritis

PIGN-POST Infectious Glomerulonephritis