

Circulating Osteocalcin is Associated with Time in range and other Metrics Assessed by Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Type 2 Diabetes

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Abstract

Background:

Osteocalcin is a sort of protein secreted by osteoblast exclusively and new observations have verified that glucose balance can be modulated by it in some ways. TIR has attracted more and more attention as an emerging blood glucose evaluation index. In this study, the association between TIR and the level of circulating osteocalcin was investigated in type 2 diabetes.

METHODS

376 patients with type 2 diabetes were enrolled in our trial, all of them performed three consecutive days of monitoring. And they were divided into four groups on account of the quartile of osteocalcin. TIR, Time below range (TBR), Time above range (TAR) and measures of glycemic variability (GV) were assessed for analysing. After a 100g standard steamed bread meal, blood glucose (Glu0h, Glu0.5h, Glu1h, Glu2h, Glu3h), C-peptide (Cp0h, Cp0.5h, Cp1h, Cp2h, Cp3h), serum insulin (INS0h, INS0.5h, INS1h, INS2h, INS3h) concentrations at different time points were obtained. HOMA-IS, HOMA- β was calculated to evaluate insulin sensitivity and insulin secreting of the participants.

RESULTS

TIR increased significantly as the osteocalcin level increased between groups ($p < 0.05$). No significant differences were found in gender composition, age, weight, BMI, diabetes duration, K⁺, Ca⁺, Creatinine, blood pressure among groups (respectively, $p > 0.05$). Osteocalcin had positive correlation with TIR ($r = 0.227$, $P < 0.001$), while a negative correlation was presented in osteocalcin and TAR (-0.229 , $P < 0.001$). Likewise, osteocalcin was negatively correlated with INS0h, INS0.5h, fasting blood glucose and postprandial blood glucose at any time point after intaking of a standard meal.

Meanwhile, osteocalcin had a negative correlation with the majority of GV indexes including standard deviation (SD), mean blood glucose (MBG), mean of daily differences (MODD), average daily danger range (ADDR). Multiple stepwise regression analysis demonstrated that osteocalcin was an independent contributor of TIR, TAR, and HOMA-IS.

CONCLUSIONS

Circulating osteocalcin has a positive correlation with TIR, and is an protective factor of TIR and insulin sensitivity in type 2 diabetic patients.

1. Background

In the past decades, the quantity of diabetic patients increased from 151 million to an estimated 463 million in 2020[1], and diabetes has been the ninth dominating cause of death in the global area[2]. Identifying type 2 diabetic patients who could profit from enhanced glycemic control was important for

improving clinical outcome. In addition, the individual uniqueness of the patient was also emphasized in current guidelines of treating for diabetes. HbA1c was deemed to a credible and common biomarker which reflects an average glycemic control condition in the past 2 to 3 months[3, 29], and a lines of studies have proved that HbA1c efficiency in diabetes care and clinical application[24, 30]. However, the biggest limitation of HbA1c is that it can not grab short-term glucose fluctuation and seize hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia events daily [4]. Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) measures glucose concentration in the interstitial fluid during a few days and transmits a more general glucose control condition to user than HbA1c. In 2017, a standardized CGM reporting was recommended by the international in Diabetes Care [5]. TIR, TBR, TAR, and GV were parameters offered by CGM[6], and TIR has been testified to keep a high consistency with HbA1c in many studies[8]. In 2019, the ATTD Congress supported TIR as one of the target metrics in glucose controlling, and recommended a glucose control target of TIR >70%, TBR <4% and TBR <1% for the majority of diabetes [7]. In 2020, TIR was further adopted by The ADA to be one of the target indexes of blood glucose control in diabetic patients [9]. In 2021, TIR was also included in the Chinese guidelines for the prevention and treatment of type 2 diabetes, and the target of TIR was recommended to be $\geq 70\%$, but highly individualized.

Osteocalcin is a bone γ - carboxyglutamic acid (Gla) protein encoded by human osteocalcin gene-BGLAP, produced primarily by osteoblasts [10, 37], and it was conceived to take effects in skeleton cells exclusively when it was isolated in 1976s for the first time [11]. In bone metabolism, carboxylated osteocalcin is transmitted by vesicles in cells for secreting into the bone micro-environment, thus takes part in the mineralization of the bone, and participates in the bone formation directly [14]. In 2007, a new function of osteocalcin about regulating energy metabolism by acting as a hormone was discovered by Lee in *Ocn*^{-/-} mice [12]. Mathieu showed osteocalcin can regulate the production of insulin by increasing the insulin genes-*Ins1* and *Ins2* expression, meanwhile β -cell proliferation was promoted on account of the expression of *Cyclin D2* and *Cdk4* induced by osteocalcin[23]. A series of studies have shown that osteocalcin could be one of the ways that bone metabolism affects glucose metabolism [35, 36], maybe it's a reason why defective bone formation and repairment were commonly seen in humans and animals with diabetes [38]. Therefore, the issue about whether a link between bone metabolism and glucose metabolism was existed deserves to be explored in diabetes. However, to the best of our knowledge, the correlation between osteocalcin and the progress of diabetes and insulin resistance remains unclear. The purpose of our study is to explore the interaction between serum osteocalcin and emerging glucose metrics including TIR.

2. Research Design And Methods

2.1 Study Population

There were 376 patients recruited from people who were diagnosed with T2DM according to the diagnostic criteria published by the WHO in 1999 in total[13], and hospitalized at the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism of the Nan Fang Medical University Affiliated Jinling Hospital from March 2015 to April 2021. Patients who met the requirements about age ≥ 18 years old, having a stable glucose-

lowering treatment in the last three months were included in this trial. Subjects suffered from a hyperglycemic hyperosmolar state or severe hypoglycemic events within the previous 3 months; diabetic ketoacidosis; a history of cancer and mental diseases; severe kidney or liver dysfunction; combine with thyroid or parathyroid disease; diagnosed osteoporosis; therapy with drugs which can effect bone and calcium metabolism, such as vitamin D, calcitonin, bisphosphonate or oestrogen were excluded. The local ethics committees approved this research in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki.

2.2 Anthropometric and Biochemical Assessments

The basic characteristics including age composition, gender, duration of diabetes, height, weight were collected. Systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) were measured with a precise sphygmomanometers, and BMI was obtained according to the international calculation formula. Following an all-night fasting, a venous blood sample of participants was drawn by professional in the day before performing the CGM. HbA1c was detected with high performance liquid chromatography (HLC-723G8 Automatic glycosylated hemoglobin Analyzer, TOSOH, Japan). Biochemical indexes were measured by an automatic biochemical analyser (Model 7600 Series Automatic Analyzer, Hitachi, Japan). Circulating osteocalcin levels, Insulin and C-peptide concentrations were obtained by electricity Chemiluminescent immunoassay (IMMULITE 2000 XPI, Siemens, Germany). HOMA-IS and Homa- β were calculated according to the standard calculation formula {HOMA- β =20×fasting insulin (FINS mIU/L)/[fasting serum glucose(FPG mmol/L)-3.5], HOMA-IS = 22.5 / [FPG (mmol/L)×FINS(mIU/L)]}.

2.3 CGM Parameters

Patients were underwent CGM (Meiqi Corporation) for 3 consecutive days. Everyone was educated to avoid any strenuous activities that might affect blood glucose. All data was recorded completely, and EasyGV Version 9.0R2 from Oxford University was applied to assess the glucose control indicators. TIR was defined as the percentage of time that blood glucose levels remained between 3.9-10 mmol/L throughout the day, TBR represented the percentage of time that blood glucose < 3.9 mmol/L during 24 hours, time spent above 10.0 mmol/L in one day was TAR[5]. Glycemic variability like standard deviation (SD), glucose coefficient of variation (CV), low blood glucose index (LBGI), high blood glucose index (HBGI), mean amplitude of glucose excursions (MAGE), average daily danger range (ADDR), mean of daily differences (MODD) were calculated either.

2.4 Statistical Analyses

Patients were grouped into G1, G2, G3 and G4 on the account of the quartile of osteocalcin. We presented data with the mean±SD, median[25% 75%] depends on data types. Categorical variables were examined with a chi-squared test. The trends of the groups about the continuous and normally distributed variables were assessed with One-way ANOVA, while Kruskal-Wallis H test for abnormal. We carried out Spearman's rank correlation to assess the connection between osteocalcin and other variables. Multivariate linear regression analysis was coming into service to examine the independent associations of osteocalcin with

CGM parameters after adjusting for age, diabetes duration, sex, BMI, SBP, DBP, TG, TC and other metrics. We considered $P < 0.05$ as statistically significant. SPSS 25.0 software was employed to analysis.

3. Results

3.1 The comparison of clinical characteristics between groups

376 patients, including 235 men and 141 women, were grouped into four groups on the basis of the quartile of osteocalcin (Table 1). The concentrations of osteocalcin were 8.73(7.50 9.82)ng/ml, 12.38(11.43 13.19)ng/ml, 15.10(14.51 16.00)ng/ml, 21.20(18.70 26.27)ng/ml, from group 1 to 4 respectively. The differences of TIR between groups, divided according to the quartile of osteocalcin, were demonstrated in Figure 1. There were no statistically significant differences in gender composition, age, weight, BMI, diabetes duration, blood pressure between groups (respectively, $p > 0.05$). Likely, no significant differences were discovered in biochemical measurements such as TC, TG, serum K⁺, serum Ca⁺, Creatinine and total Vitamin D (Table 1).

3.2 The correlation between serum osteocalcin and glucose metrics

Compared with G1, patients in G3 and G4 tend to possess a lower level of TAR and HbA1C, as well as MBG, SD, CV, HBGI, ADDR and MODD ($p < 0.05$), on the contrary, TIR and LBGI were lower in G1. No significant differences were found in MAGE between groups ($P > 0.05$). Osteocalcin was positively correlated with TIR and HOMA-IS ($r = 0.227, 0.192$ $P < 0.001$), and a negative correlation was found between osteocalcin and TAR, HbA1C, whereas the relationship between osteocalcin and HOMA- β was insignificant ($P = 0.801$). Likewise, INS0h, INS0.5h, blood glucose at all time points were inversely correlated with osteocalcin in circulation (Table 2). As for the index of glycemic variability, MBG, SD, HBGI, MODD, ADDR, CV and MAGE were all decreasing with the increase of serum osteocalcin level, and LBGI was positively correlated with osteocalcin ($r = 0.133$, $p = 0.01$).

3.3 Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of TIR, TAR, HOMA- β and HOMA-IS

Multiple stepwise regression analysis was applied to investigate the influencing factors of TIR, TBR, TAR, the result demonstrated that Glu0h, Cp3h, duration, eGFR, osteocalcin, TG, age, ALT, HbA1C were independent contributors to TIR (Table 3). Meanwhile, Glu0h, Cp3h, duration, eGFR, osteocalcin, TG, age, ALT, HbA1C were also independent factors of TAR (Table 4). Osteocalcin was found to be one of the influencing factors of HOMA-IS ($\beta = 0.188$, $p < 0.001$) (Table 6), but failed in HOMA- β (Table 7).

4. Discussion

Bone metabolism is one of the critical components of body metabolism. In recent years, more and more evidence has accumulated that the skeleton can act as an organ of endocrine via secreting osteocalcin, and exert influence on energy metabolism by exerting a profound effect on glucose homeostasis, insulin sensitivity and fat metabolism [33, 34]. Zhou et al. have demonstrated that osteocalcin was negatively

correlated with blood glucose in diabetes, and osteocalcin level in diabetics was significantly lower than non-diabetics [45]. Among a population of 1867 aging males (75.3 ± 3.2 yrs) in the MrOS Sweden study, plasma osteocalcin was identified to be an independent negative predictor of plasma glucose ($p < 0.001$) [16]. In addition, even in patients who suffered from varying degrees of glucose tolerance (the number of subjects with normal glucose tolerance, impaired glucose tolerance and T2DM were 46, 52, 62, respectively), osteocalcin was suggested to be negatively correlated with glucose concentrations as usual [20]. The discoveries of this study are in keeping with trials performed previously. In our study, we grouped participants into four groups according to the quartile of osteocalcin. An inverse association was found between osteocalcin and patients' fasting and postprandial blood glucose after a standard meal. A higher osteocalcin level is accompanied by higher TIR, LBG1 and lower HbA1C, TAR, HBGI. After adjusting for variables like age, sex, BMI, height, weight, diabetic duration, and eGFR, osteocalcin was found to be one of the independent factors of TIR and TAR. Spearman analysis found a positive correlation in serum osteocalcin level and TIR, LBG1, while other metrics including TAR, HbA1C, INS0h, INS0.5h, MBG, SD, MAGE, ADDR, MODD were negatively correlated with the circulation concentration of osteocalcin ($P < 0.05$). Multiple stepwise regression presented that osteocalcin was a positive independent factor of HOMA-IS. Overall, the outcome indicated that high osteocalcin level was an advantageous contributor for glycemic stability in type 2 diabetes.

Glucose variability is getting more attention in recent years, since a significant relationship between glycemic changing and vascular complications, both micro- and macro-vascular, was observed in type 2 diabetes [46-48], and controlling blood glucose in target level strictly has been supposed to be one of the most important means to reduce the danger of both diabetic complications. HbA1C was reported first by Rahbar in 1968, and was broadly used to estimate the fitness of diabetes treatment at the beginning [27]. Studies have proved that HbA1C was closely relevant to complications of diabetes, both micro-vascular and cardiovascular, over the decades. The symbolic clinical trials including ACCORD, ADVANCE, and VADT had proved that better HbA1c levels was a protective factor to some micro-vascular complications in type 2 diabetes [50-52], while higher HbA1c levels was a more risky one. Until now, HbA1c is totally a gold criterion for appraising long-term glycemic control. However, the accuracy of HbA1C measurement was impacted by many factors, including anemia, iron deficiency [5], ethnic groups and others [19]. Furthermore, HbA1c can not reflect short period of blood glucose results and glucose excursions timely [49]. Therefore, much effort has been dedicated to trying to find a glycemic indicator other than HbA1C as an alternative for optimal glycemic control assessment.

TIR was a key metric offered by CGM to analyse the quality of glucose controlling in recent years [5, 7]. A large amount of studies has established that TIR is an indicator describing not only short- but also long-term glycemic control [39, 40]. In addition, TIR was identified to relate to the threats of developing diabetes complications. A study conducted in 3262 diabetic patients has confirmed that an HbA1c-independent association existed between TIR and the prevalence of Diabetic Retinopathy at all stages [26]. Utilizing the DCCT data set, Beck and colleagues have found TIR correlates with the hazard ratio for diabetes complications, per 10% decrease in TIR, followed a 40% and 64% increased risk of retinopathy and microalbuminuria, separately [25]. More and more international organizations and guidelines have

supported the application of TIR in clinical work, and TIR has already become a target index of glucose control in recent years.

In the present study, our result is consistent with the previous reports. And there are three possible mechanisms involved in the pathological process. First, osteocalcin stimulates the release of adiponectin, which can prevent beta-cell apoptosis [31, 32], and promote the regeneration of beta-cell through inducing the convey of HNF4A gene [41]. In adipose tissue, osteocalcin mediates the production of regulators which can regulate cell-cycle, such as Cyclin D1, D2, and Cdk4, which can affect insulin and proliferation of β -cells in human body [12, 23]. Moreover, under-carboxylated osteocalcin can also motivate the release of glucagon-like peptide-1 (Glp-1), through interplay with the G protein-coupled receptor Gprc6a [21]. Hwang had demonstrated that higher serum uncarboxylated osteocalcin is associated with improved beta-cell function and lower HOMA-IR(the representative of insulin resistance) in 199 participants [18]. Second, osteocalcin was capable of alleviating endo- plasmic reticulum stress and restoring insulin sensitivity via PI3K/ Akt / NF-kB signaling pathway [43], increasing the generation of antioxidant system materials, including catalase, SOD-1, nuclear factor -E2 -related factor-2 and GPx-1[44]. Third, by means of interacting with adipose tissue, osteocalcin can significantly increase the convey of Ucp1, Pgc1 α [22], and decrease the secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines in adipose tissues [42]. Chin et al. suggested that osteocalcin is concerned with indicators of adiposity and high-density lipoprotein level in humans [17]. In our research, serum osteocalcin level was positively proportional to insulin sensitivity indicator- HOMA-IS. Multiple stepwise regression further proved that osteocalcin was an protective factor of HOMA-IS, indicated that the advantageous effect of osteocalcin on diabetes mellitus is partly realized by improving insulin sensitivity.

Several limitations existed in our study. Firstly, patients in the current study were performed the CGM for 3 days, instead of 10-14 days, which was recommended by the international common [5, 28]. Secondly, osteocalcin comes in two forms, carboxylated and under-carboxylated osteocalcin [15], but we can only described total serum osteocalcin in this work. Finally, our study is an observational study, and the sample size is relatively small, a multi-center, larger scale and prospective study is needed to be carried out for further investigation.

In summary, circulating osteocalcin has a positively correlation with TIR in type 2 diabetes. Higher baseline osteocalcin levels was associated with a lower TAR in patients with T2DM. In our study, osteocalcin was an independent protective contributor to insulin sensitivity. Assessing serum levels of osteocalcin may provide further information for better management and therapy of T2DM.

Abbreviations

T2D: Type 2 diabetes; CGM: Continuous glucose monitoring; BMI: Body mass index; SBP: Systolic blood pressure; DBP: Diastolic blood pressure; TC: Total cholesterol; TG: Triglyceride; HbA1c: Hemoglobin A1c; TIR:time in range; TBR:time below range; TAR:time above range; CV:coefficient variation; SD:standard

deviation; LBG:low blood glucose index; HBG:high blood glucose index;MAGE:mean amplitude of glucose excursions; ADDR:average daily danger range; MODD:mean of daily differences.

Declarations

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Ethics approval and consent to participate

Approval was obtained from the ethics committee of Southern Medical University. The procedures used in this study adhere to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki. Informed consent was obtained from all individual participants included in the study.

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Tables

Table 1. Characteristics of study participants by quartiles of Osteocalcin

Variables	G1	G2	G3	G4	P
number	94	94	94	94	
Male/Female	M 60 F 34	M 62 F 32	M 59 F 35	M 54 F 40	
Osteocalcin (ng/ml)	8.73(7.50 9.82)	12.38(11.43 13.19)	15.10(14.51 16.00)	21.20(18.70 26.27)	<0.001
TBR (%)	0.00(0.00 0.00)	0.00(0.00 0.00)	0.00(0.00 0.04)	0.00(0.00 0.47)	0.71
TIR (%)	53.94(34.01 70.93)	58.43(40.47 76.11)	68.64(34.76 86.93)	72.20(45.55 85.93)	0.001
TAR (%)	45.24(29.07 64.29)	41.57(23.15 59.44)	30.86(13.03 62.84)	26.74(13.32 53.07)	0.001
age(years)	55.68±11.43	56.49±11.13	53.27±3.80	55.30±12.84	0.403
Weight (Kg)	70.41±12.30	70.25±12.20	71.7±12.63	68.15±12.69	0.288
High(m)	1.66±0.08	1.66±0.08	1.68±0.09	1.67±0.09	0.467
BMI (kg/m2)	25.37±3.62	25.03±3.21	25.08±3.27	24.74±3.70	0.669
Creatinine (umol/L)	57.16±16.34	58.02±13.35	56.27±14.87	59.24±17.45	0.615
duration (years)	7.00(2.00 15.00)	8.00(2.75 15.00)	6.00(2.00 12.00)	6.00(1.00 11.00)	0.419
SBP (mmHg)	130.00(127.75 145.00)	130(124.75 140.00)	130(129.50 140.00)	130.00(120.00 138.50)	0.499
DBP (mmHg)	78.00(75.00 86.25)	79.00(75.00 85.25)	79.00(75.00 87.50)	78.00(74.00 82.25)	0.705
K (mmol/L)	3.82±0.37	3.8±0.33	3.86±0.32	3.84±0.29	0.581
Ca (mmol/L)	2.21±0.12	2.24±0.12	2.21±0.10	2.19±0.11	0.053
TC (mmol/L)	4.42±1.14	4.63±1.07	4.56±0.95	4.71±1.04	0.297
TG (mmol/L)	1.53(1.10 2.32)	1.61(1.12 2.28)	1.50(1.10 2.35)	1.44(1.01 1.98)	0.602

HbA1C (%)	9.25±1.73	9.00±1.98	8.62±2.21	8.49±1.94	0.045
Vit D (ng/ml)	24.11±6.84	25.56±6.64	25.15±6.86	23.73±6.27	0.218
MBG (mmol/ L)	10.35±2.02	9.89±2.12	9.53±2.49	9.21±1.79	0.002
SD	2.86±1.01	2.59±0.99	2.35±0.88	2.44±0.97	0.008
CV	0.28±0.08	0.28±0.10	0.24±0.06	0.26±0.08	<0.001
LBGI	0.37#0.00 1.74#	0.50#0.05 1.50#	0.37(0.01 1.03)	0.74(0.21 1.81)	0.043
HBGI	10.26#7.08 14.40#	9.61#6.07 13.82#	7.13(3.61 13.82)	6.74(3.75 12.87)	0.002
MAGE (mmol/ L)	5.30±2.03	4.78±1.76	4.75±1.72	4.89±1.69	0.171
ADDR (mmol/ L)	27.27#20.61 37.24#	25.31#18.53 32.40#	20.84(13.91 32.64)	21.29(13.15 31.86)	0.001
MODD (mmol/ L)	2.44(1.68 3.37)	2.38(1.76 3.52)	2.07(1.35 2.56)	2.05(1.43 3.16)	0.003

Data are presented as means ± SD, median (25% and 75%interquartiles), and count (percentages) according to characteristics of distribution. Between-group, comparisons were conducted by One-way ANOVA, Kruskal- Wallis H test and the chi-squared test.

Abbreviation: BMI body mass index, TC total cholesterol, TG triglycerides, SBP systolic blood pressure, DBP diastolic blood pressure, HbA1c hemoglobin A1C, TIR time in range, TBR time below range, TAR time above range, CV coefficient variation, SD standard deviation, LBGI low blood glucose index, HBGI high blood glucose index, MAGE mean amplitude of glucose excursions, ADDR average daily danger range, MODD mean of daily differences.

* Significant difference with group 1(P < 0.05).

Significant difference with group 2(P < 0.05).

* Significant difference with group 3(P < 0.05).

Table 2. Spearman Partial Correlation Among Osteocalcin and Selected CGM Metrics.

Variables	osteocalcin
TIR	r=0.227
	P<0.001
TBR	r=0.068
	P=0.189
TAR	r=-0.229
	P<0.001
HbA1C	r=-0.143
	P=0.006
INS0h	r=-0.169
	P=0.001
INS0.5h	r=-0.115
	P=0.03
INS1h	r=-0.081
	P=0.128
INS2h	r=-0.016
	P=0.762
INS3h	r=-0.027
	P=0.603
Cp0h	r=-0.064
	P=0.219
Cp0.5h	r=-0.039
	P=0.448
Cp1h	r=0.004
	P=0.935
Cp2h	r=0.048
	P=0.351
Cp3h	r=0.045
	P=0.389

GLu0h	r=-0.185
	P<0.001
GLu0.5h	r=-0.252
	P<0.001
GLu1h	r=-0.238
	P<0.001
GLu2h	r=-0.216
	P<0.001
GLu3h	r=-0.185
	P<0.001
HOMA-β	r=-0.013
	P=0.801
HOMA-IS	r=0.192
	P<0.001
MBG	r=-0.21
	P<0.001
SD	r=-0.157
	P=0.002
CV	r=-0.076
	P=0.142
LBGI	r=0.133
	P=0.01
HBGI	r=-0.21
	P<0.001
MODD	r=-0.162
	P=0.002
MAGE	r=-0.092
	P=0.078
ADDR	r=-0.215

P<0.001

Abbreviation: HbA1c hemoglobin A1C, TIR time in range, TBR time below range, TAR time above range, INS insulin, Cp C-peptide, Glu postprandial glucose, CV coefficient variation, SD standard deviation, LBG low blood glucose index, HBGI high blood glucose index, MAGE mean amplitude of glucose excursions, ADDR average daily danger range, MODD mean of daily differences.

Table 3. Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of TIR.

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients			95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	P	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(Constant)	117.31	10.44		11.236	0	96.762	137.859
Glu0h	-2.279	0.381	-0.292	-5.988	0	-3.028	-1.53
Cp3h	1.425	0.346	0.206	4.121	0	0.744	2.105
duration	-0.592	0.16	-0.187	-3.695	0	-0.907	-0.277
eGFR	-0.119	0.035	-0.176	-3.425	0.001	-0.188	-0.051
osteocalcin	0.532	0.197	0.127	2.7	0.007	0.144	0.92
TG	-1.869	0.63	-0.146	-2.968	0.003	-3.109	-0.63
Age	-0.324	0.111	-0.155	-2.913	0.004	-0.542	-0.105
ALT	-0.171	0.074	-0.109	-2.305	0.022	-0.317	-0.025
HbA1C	-0.824	0.388	-0.101	-2.122	0.035	-1.588	-0.06

Dependent Variable: TIR

Table 4. Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of TAR.

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients			95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	P	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(Constant)	-18.383	10.531		-1.746	0.082	-39.11	2.345
Glu0h	2.317	0.384	0.294	6.036	0	1.562	3.073
Cp3h	-1.381	0.349	-0.198	-3.96	0	-2.068	-0.695
duration	0.57	0.162	0.178	3.525	0	0.252	0.887
eGFR	0.124	0.035	0.18	3.51	0.001	0.054	0.193
osteocalcin	-0.556	0.199	-0.132	-2.794	0.006	-0.947	-0.164
TG	1.915	0.635	0.149	3.013	0.003	0.664	3.165
Age	0.311	0.112	0.148	2.779	0.006	0.091	0.532
ALT	0.172	0.075	0.109	2.291	0.023	0.024	0.319
HbA1C	0.866	0.392	0.105	2.21	0.028	0.095	1.637

Dependent Variable: TAR

Table 5. Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of TBR

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients			95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	P	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(Constant)	-1.836	0.775		-2.369	0.018	-3.361	-0.311
Ca	0.502	0.207	0.138	2.426	0.016	0.095	0.909
Age	0.026	0.011	0.129	2.267	0.024	0.003	0.048

Dependent Variable: TBR

Table 6. Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of HOMA-IS.

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		95.0% Confidence Interval for B		
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
(Constant)	1.861	0.328		5.673	0	1.215	2.506
BMI	-0.026	0.01	-0.157	-2.753	0.006	-0.045	-0.008
osteocalcin	0.018	0.005	0.188	3.54	0	0.008	0.028
TG	-0.046	0.016	-0.156	-2.831	0.005	-0.078	-0.014
ALT	-0.006	0.002	-0.156	-2.777	0.006	-0.01	-0.002
SBP	-0.004	0.002	-0.138	-2.6	0.01	-0.008	-0.001

Dependent Variable: HOMA-IS

Table 7. Multiple stepwise regression analysis of influencing factors of HOMA-β.

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		95.0% Confidence Interval for B		
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	B	Std. Error	
(Constant)	367.381	106.059		3.464	0.001	158.662	576.101
TC	-51.553	21.917	-0.135	-2.352	0.019	-94.685	-8.421

Dependent Variable: HOMA-β

Figures

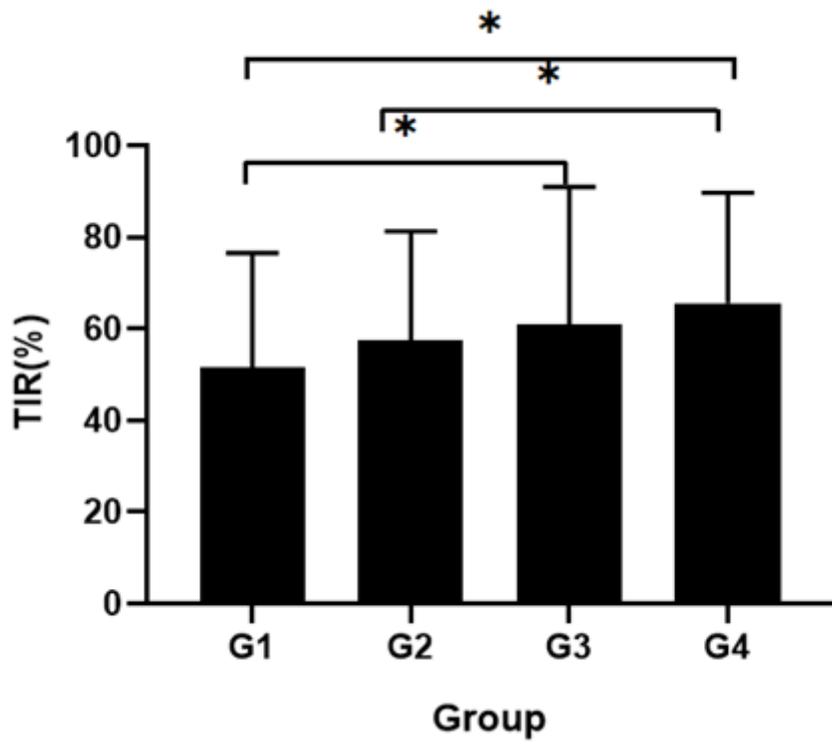


Figure 1

TIR of groups which were divided by quarters(G1-G4) of osteocalcin level. The statistical significance of comparisons between groups indicated as the following: *P=0.001