Melanocortin Receptor Agonist (Corticotrophin) in Treatment of Refractory Diabetic nephropathy

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Abstract
The points of this examination are To evaluate the reaction and adequacy of melanocortin receptor agonist (ACTH) as a treatment for patients with stubborn diabetic nephropathy . This examination was performed on 50 diabetic patients who went to inner medication division at banha college emergency clinic. Patients with diabetic nephropathy gave proteinuria more than 1gm/24-hour pee assortment and who are not reacting to against proteinuric measures for at any rate one month of treatment rewarded with engineered ACTH permitting a 6 months development. Result. The essential endpoint was the level of patients accomplishing a total reduction (<300mg/24 hours) inside 6months. Exploratory endpoints incorporated the level of fractional (half decrease) abatements, changes in Cr, eGFR. Results. After 6months of ACTH treatment, 29 patients (58%) had accomplished a total abatement and nine patients had accomplished fractional reduction (18%).Conclusion. ACTH gel balances out renal capacity and decreases urinary protein.

Keywords: ACTH, Diabetic nephropathy, proteinuric nephropathy.

1. Introduction
Diabetes mellitus is a main scourge of the current world. It is viewed as the main source of death among ESRD patients. Kidney infection can be a staggering intricacy, as it is connected with noteworthy decreases in both length and personal satisfaction. . (1) DN or DKD is a disorder described by the nearness of obsessive amounts of pee egg whites discharge, diabetic glomerular sores, and decrease of glomerular filtration rate (GFR) in diabetics. (2) The overproduction of ROS is one of the signs of diabetic kidney. ROS overproduction is the primary driver of DN. Hyperglycemia initiates nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) oxidase compound action and is liable for ROS overproduction. (3) Excess ROS intercedes podocyte apoptosis and adjustment in the cut stomach podium protein, increments intracellular oxidative pressure, mitochondrial injury, adenosine triphosphate (ATP) exhaustion, endothelial injury, renin angiotensin framework (RAS) enactment and expanded epithelial-mesenchyme change (EMT) with resulting fibrosis. (4) Transmembrane protein nephrin capacities not just as the center part of the extracellular SD filtration organize yet additionally as a flagging framework by means of connections at its short intracellular district. (5) The various investigations of kidney biopsies in patients with DN uncovered the diminished glomerular articulation of nephrin and the interrelation of these progressions with the turmoil of podocytes FP. (6)

Central deformities of the SD due to nephrin separation from podocytes actin cytoskeleton with following nephrin partition and its discharge into pee (nephrinuria), are a portion of the instruments of proteinuria (PU) in different nephropathies. Nephrinuria as a marker of podocytes harm was found in DM. (7 ) ACTH is a tropic hormone delivered by the foremost pituitary. The hypothalamic-pituitary pivot controls it. ACTH manages cortisol and androgen creation. (8) The ACTH is blended by the corticotroph cells of the foremost pituitary organ. ACTH, is a 39-amino corrosive peptide, its arrangement being exceptionally rationed in well evolved creatures. The natural movement of the ACTH particle relies upon its initial 24 amino-terminal amino acids. (9) notwithstanding the adrenal impacts of ACTH, that is, its steroidogenic and adrenotropic exercises, ACTH has a multifaceted extra-adrenal activity that is intervened by the diverse MCRs present in the fringe tissues and focal sensory system. ACTH has a lipostatic impact and animates lipolysis. For sure, ACTH insufficiency prompts instinctive weight and makes transformation of earthy colored fat tissue white fat tissue. In addition, ACTH organization to both solid people and patients with dyslipidemia brings down the degrees of plasma lipids, including absolute cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, phospholipids and triglycerides, which proposes a lipid-bringing down impact. Furthermore, organization of the total ACTH particle (ACTH1–39) produces a checked and fast increment in the degrees of plasma insulin, which is steady with an insulin secretagogue impact. This insulinotropic activity is applied by CLIP, otherwise called the ACTH18–39 piece. ACTH likewise has different other fringe endocrine exercises: guideline of skin and hair pigmentation, regulation of sebaceous organ work, calming and immunomodulatory capacities. (10) The ACTH treatment was found to effectively affect glomerular capacity, for example, expanded glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and diminished proteinuria. A few fruitful
investigations followed wherein ACTH has been controlled to steroid-and immunosuppressant-safe patients with glomerular sicknesses influencing the podocytes. (11) Proteinuria decrease bringing about complete or incomplete abatement following ACTH treatment has been appeared in patients with idiopathic membranous nephropathy (IMN), idiopathic central segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), IgA nephropathy (IgAN), negligible change infection (MCD), and diabetic nephropathy (DN). (12)

2. Material and methods

This examination was performed on 50 diabetic patients who went to inward medication office at banha college emergency clinic. Patients with age over 18 years of age with diabetic nephropathy gave proteinuria more than 1gm/24hour pee assortment and who are not reacting to against proteinuric measures for in any event one month of treatment rewarded with engineered ACTH permitting a 6 months development. All patient were exposed to careful history and clinical assessment with exceptional weight on term of diabetes, the prescriptions utilized by the patients, various Complications of diabetes.

Patients with assessed GFR under 30 mLs/min by the MDRD equation were rejected from the examination. Patients with known essential or optional membranous GN, essential or auxiliary central segmental glomerulosclerosis, or other nondiabetic types of glomerulopathy were likewise avoided. Patients with positive serology tests for hepatitis B or C antibodies, or bilharziasis were rejected.

Examination was performed: Urine investigation, 24 hour urinary protein discharge, Spot pee test for Protein creatinine proportion, Serum egg whites, Lipid profile, Blood Urea - serum creatinine, eGFR by utilizing MDRD, Serum uric corrosive, HbA1c, Complete blood picture.

All patients were educated about the treatment and its impact and symptoms and a composed assent was taken. ACTH utilized is (engineered simple tetracosactide synacthen R,Novartis pharmaceuticals, Basal, Switzerland). ACTH was given as intramuscular infusion at a measurements 1 mg twice week by week.

2.1. Statistical Analysis

The clinical data were recorded on a report form. These data were tabulated and analysed using the computer program SPSS (Statistical package for social science) version 20. In the statistical comparison between the different groups, the significance of difference was tested using one of the following tests after establishing their non-normality by K-S test (One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test) of normality.

1-Student’s t-test and Mann-Whitney test:- Used to compare mean of two groups of quantitative data of parametric and non-parametric respectively.

2-Paired t test and Wilcoxon test: Used to compare mean of variables in different time periods of quantitative data of parametric and non-parametric respectively.

3-ANOVA test (F value) and kruskal-wallis test:- Used to compare mean of more than two groups of quantitative data of parametric and non-parametric respectively.

4-Inter-group comparison of categorical data was performed by using chi square test (X2-value) and fisher exact test (FET).

A P value <0.05 was considered statistically significant (*) while >0.05 statistically insignificant P value <0.01 was considered highly significant (**) in all analyses.

3. Results

The following results are reported in our results:

- There is a highly significant reduction of proteinuria in ACTH treated patients after 2 months, 4months and 6months (p-value <0.001) by both 24hr protein in urine and protein creatinine ratio.

- The mean of proteinuria before treatment was 3.89±1.39 gm/ 24 hr by 24hr protein in urine and 3840.1±1514.3 mg/ ml protein creatinine ratio.

- The mean of proteinuria at 2nd month of therapy was 2.56±1.24gm/ 24hr by 24hr protein in urine and 2442.8±1228.6 mg/ ml protein creatinine ratio.

- The mean of proteinuria at 4th month of therapy was 1.76±1.17gm/ 24hr by 24hr protein in urine and 1637.96±1146.9 mg/ ml protein creatinine ratio.

- The mean of proteinuria at 6th month of therapy was 0.97±1.04gm/ 24hr by 24hr protein in urine and 914.2±1146.9 mg/ ml protein creatinine ratio.

- There is a highly significant reduction of serum cholesterol and serum LDL in ACTH treated patient (p-value < 0.001).

- Mean pretreatment serum total cholesterol was 211.42±52.95 mg/dL, while mean pretreatment serum LDL was 108.5±10.55 mg/dL.

- Mean post treatment serum total cholesterol was 182.72±37.08 mg/dL, while mean post treatment serum LDL was 98.26±8.36 mg/dL.
There is a highly significant improvement in serum albumin in ACTH treated patients (p-value < 0.001).

Mean pretreatment serum albumin was 2.96±0.41 gm/dl, while post treatment serum albumin was 3.6±0.35 gm/dl.

There is an insignificant reduction of serum creatinine in ACTH treated patients (p-value >0.05).

Mean pretreatment serum creatinine was 1.0 (0.85-1.25) mg/dL, while mean post treatment serum creatinine was 1.0 (0.9-1.1) mg/dL.

There was a significant reduction in serum uric acid in ACTH treated patients (p-value < 0.012).

Mean pretreatment serum uric acid was 6.47±1.02 mg/dL, while mean post treatment serum uric acid was 6.29±1.0 mg/dL.

There was an insignificant improvement in hemoglobin concentration, white blood cell count, platelet count in ACTH treated patients (p-value >0.05).

Mean pretreatment hemoglobin concentration was 10.24±0.71 gm/dl, while mean white blood cell count mean was 7.34±1.8 x 10^9 / l, while mean platelet count was 224.88±47.59 x 10^9 / l.

There was an insignificant improvement in HBA1c in ACTH treated patients (p-value >0.05).

Mean pretreatment HBA1c was 7.15±0.19 %, while mean post treatment HBA1c was 7.20±0.22%.

Adverse events associated with ACTH therapy were relatively minor and included pigmentation in hands and legs, hyperglycemia and hypokalemia.

Table (1): The demographic and clinical characteristic of the outcome of ACTH therapy in patients with refractory diabetic nephropathy:

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I-Complete remission:
29 patient (12 male and 17 female) achieved complete remission with age ranged from 36 to 56 year.
27 had edema lower limb, while 11 had pleural effusion and only 8 patients had ascites. 7 patients were hypertensive.
5 had hyperpigmentation.

II-partial remission:
9 patients (6 male and 3 female) achieved partial remission with age range from 33 to 53 year.
All of the patients were edematous, while 6 patients had pleural effusion, and only two patients had ascites. Only 1 patients was hypertensive.
Only 1 patient had hyperpigmentation.

III-limited response:
12 patients developed limited response (4 male and 8 female) with age ranged from 34 to 59 year.
11 patient were edematous, 7 patients had effusion, and only 3 had ascites. 1 patient was hypertensive.
Only one patient had hyperpigmentation.
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**I-Complete remission:**

Albuminuria ranged from ++ to ++++. Serum cholesterol before therapy ranged 124-370 mg/dL and mean 205.83±56.73 mg/dL, but after therapy ranged 119-301 mg/dL and mean 177.83±39.34 mg/dL.

There is a highly significant improvement of serum albumin in ACTH treated patients (p-value <0.001).

There is an insignificant reduction of serum creatinine in ACTH treated patients (p-value >0.05).

There is an insignificant improvement in e GFR in ACTH treated patients (p-value >0.05).

2 of the patients had hypokalemia, 2 had impaired blood glucose control.

**II-partial remission:**

Albuminuria ranged from ++ to ++++. Serum cholesterol before therapy ranged 178-279 mg/dL and mean 237.33±30.79, but after therapy ranged 160-250 mg/dL and mean 200.56±23.29 mg/dL.

Serum albumin before therapy ranged 2.1-3.4 g/dL and mean 2.83±0.4 g/dL, but after therapy serum albumin ranged 2.6-4.2 g/dL and mean 3.75±0.29 g/dL.

**III-limited response:**

Albuminuria ranged from +++ to ++++. Serum cholesterol ranged 122-321 mg/dL and mean 205.5±54.2, but after therapy ranged 124-259 mg/dL and mean 181.17±38.29 mg/dL.

Serum albumin before therapy ranged 2.5-3.6 g/dL and mean 3.02±0.43 g/dL, but after therapy serum albumin ranged 2.9-3.9 g/dL and mean 3.33±0.34 g/dL.

3 patient had impaired blood glucose control.
### Table (3) The proteinuria outcome of ACTH therapy in patients with refractory diabetic nephropathy:

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<td>Initial</td>
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<td>2 months</td>
<td>2.06±1.07 0.8-4</td>
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<td>4 months</td>
<td>1.17±0.87 0.32-3.7</td>
<td>2.33±1.1 0.97-4.4</td>
<td>2.73±0.99 1.0-3.9</td>
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<td>6 months</td>
<td>0.37±0.68 0.11-3.0</td>
<td>1.3±0.90 0.37-2.8</td>
<td>2.17±0.70 0.95-2.9</td>
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Comparison between complete, partial remission and limited response there is a significant reduction of proteinuria in ACTH treated patients after 2 months (p-value=0.002), and highly significant reduction of proteinuria after 4 months and 6 months (p-value <0.001) by both 24hr protein in urine and protein creatinine ratio.

### Fig (1):

The serum cholesterol and serum LDL outcome of ACTH therapy in patients with refractory diabetic nephropathy:

Figure showed that there was reduction of the mean of serum cholesterol and serum LDL in complete remission, partial remission and limited response.
Fig (2): The eGFR and serum uric acid outcome of ACTH therapy in patients with refractory diabetic nephropathy:
Figure showed that there was insignificant improvement of eGFR among the 3 groups (complete, partial remission and limited response).

Fig (3): The proteinuria outcome of ACTH therapy in patients with refractory diabetic nephropathy by 24hr protein in urine:
Figure showed that there was insignificant reduction of serum uric acid among the 3 groups (complete, partial remission and limited response).

4. Discussion
Diabetic nephropathy is portrayed by extension of mesangial grid, thickening of the cellar films, and advancement of sclerosis in territories of decreased podocyte thickness. The dynamic loss of podocyte work is progressively being perceived as a focal pathogenic occasion in diabetic nephropathy. (13)

The systems adding to dynamic loss of podocytes incorporate hyperglycemia, angiotensin II and aldosterone instigated oxidant injury, and expanded creation of TGFβ. (14)

Clinical examinations have inspected the utility of ACTH in the treatment of the nephrotic disorder from a wide range of glomerulopathies (15).
Proteinuria decrease bringing about complete or halfway reduction following ACTH treatment has been appeared in patients
with iMN, idiopathic FSGS, IgA nephropathy, MCD, and DN (16). Potential instruments of activity of ACTH incorporate steroid-free impacts through the melanocortin framework and steroid-related impacts. (17)

ACTH flags through five generally conveyed melanocortin receptors that have as of late been shown in glomerular podocytes. The perception that melanocortin receptors are available in podocytes raises the likelihood that ACTH adjusts glomerular penetrability by altering podocyte work. The melanocortin receptor 1 have been appeared in podocytes, glomerular endothelial cells, and mesangial cells, and a MC1R agonist brought about fundamentally diminished proteinuria in the aloof Heymann nephritis creature model. (18)

The way that melanocortin receptor 1 (MC1R) was seen as the most rich ACTH receptor in the glomeruli, in mix with it being the main MCR that is increased in nephrotic disorder , affirm its job just like the receptor liable for the valuable impacts of ACTH found in patients with nephrotic syndrome.previous examines demonstrated that MC1R flagging is positive for podocyte work and when presented to PAN in culture, podocytes upregulated MC1R at both the mRNA and protein level. (19)

MC1R might be a promising restorative objective in the treatment of nephrotic patients and in this way kill the undesirable reactions of ACTH, which acts by means of the MC2R. (20)

We led a clinical planned investigation assessing the impact of treatment with melanocortin receptor agonis in 50 patients with headstrong diabetic nephropathy directed in Benha University Hospital.

Treatment with angiotensin-changing over protein inhibitors or angiotensin-receptor blockers stayed unmodified. All patients had gotten ACTH manufactured structure at a portion of 1 mg intramuscularly two times every week for a half year.

In our examination we found that ACTH instigated a total or halfway reduction of proteinuria in 76% of patients. 29 patients (58%) had accomplished a total abatement and nine patients had accomplished incomplete reduction (18%).

29 patient (12 male and 17 female) accomplished total reduction. serum egg whites before treatment extended 2.1-3.5 g/dL and mean 2.98±0.42 g/dL , however after treatment serum egg whites ran 2.6-4.2 g/dL and mean 3.75±0.29 g/dL, with serum cholesterol before treatment went 124-370mg/dL and mean 205.83±56.73mg/dL , yet after treatment extended 119-301 mg/dL and mean 177.83±39.34 mg/dL.

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We further exhibited that ACTH seems to have positive impacts with supported decreases in proteinuria and stable renal capacity during the examination.

There was additionally profoundly critical decrease in serum cholesterol. What's more, there was profoundly noteworthy improvement in serum egg whites.

There is an irrelevant decrease of serum creatinine in ACTH rewarded patients.

Unfriendly occasions related with ACTH treatment were generally minor and remembered pigmentation for hands and legs, debilitated glucose resistance and hypokalemia.

Our perceptions are concordant with recently distributed reports from (Tumlin et al., 2013) (14) utilizing ACTH gel every day subcutaneous in patients with headstrong nephrotic condition auxiliary to diabetic nephropathy.

Our perceptions are concordant with the outcomes, of the fruitful encounters of (Anna-Lena Berg and Arnadottir 2004) (21) in rewarding nephrotic disorder. two of the 23 cases introduced in their arrangement were nephrotic condition because of diabetic nephropathy. Both created total reduction with supported serum creatinine and improvement of serum egg whites.

We watched an abatement in serum all out cholesterol and serum LDL. Our perceptions are concordant with the consequences of (Arvind Madan et al., 2016)(22) as There was a mean decrease in absolute cholesterol.

The decrease in serum lipids happened not just in dispatching patients. this might be in concurrence with some proof recommending that ACTH may influence serum lipids freely of changes in proteinuria. A potential understanding is that by altering apolipoprotein digestion, ACTH reestablishes levels of certain apolipoproteins, including apolipoprotein E or apolipoprotein J. (10). There was improvement of serum egg whites. Our perceptions are concordant with the outcomes, of the fruitful encounters of (Anna-Lena Berg and Arnadottir

2004) as The middle serum egg whites fixation was 1.9 (1.0–2.3) g/dl before treatment, 3.5 (1.7–4.3) g/l after treatment.(21)

InT2DM and biopsy-determined DN the egg whites level had a huge converse connection with proteinuria, cholesterol, and histopathological harm, including glomerular sores, interstitial irritation, and arteriolar hyalinosis.(23) In our investigation there was decline in serum uric corrosive.

ACTH and cortisone has been appeared to have uricosuric impacts, and the expansion in urinary uric corrosive: creatinine proportion. (24)

SUA levels connected decidedly with urinary egg whites creatinine proportion. (25)

Cross-sectional investigation found that contrasted with microalbuminuria gathering, the degree of SUA was high in macroalbuminuric diabetic patients. (26) An imminent report in Japan announced that while there was no connection among SUA and eGFR, low and high SUA levels were autonomous indicators of movement of albuminuria in diabetic patients. (27)

In our investigation there was unimportant impedance in HBA1c.

The steroidogenic melanocortin peptide ACTH has been marked to possibly produce steroid like reactions and acquire cushingoid indications, including instinctive stoutness, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis. the steroid like reactions or Cushingoid side effects appear to be gentle at the clinical portions of ACTH.(28)

Our perceptions are concordant with recently distributed reports from (Tumlin et al., 2013) The normal 24 hour pee protein discharge was altogether diminished, related with balanced out kidney work and no crumbling of diabetes. Just 2 of 18 patients (11%) required decrease in ACTH portion auxiliary to hyperglycemia, recommending that ACTH treatment, very surprising from glucocorticoid treatment, is alright for patients with diabetes.(14)

ACTH and related peptides can impact B-cell work through initiation of the MC2-R, prompting the enactment of PKA and expanded Ca2+ section through voltage subordinate Ca2+channels. The physiological pertinence of these impacts is well on the way to be in the fine control of - cell work, in a framework where ACTH acts alongside other naturally dynamic peptides that are discharged from peptidergic neurons ending inside the islets of Langerhan. (29)

4. Conclusions

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We further exhibited that ACTH seems to have good impacts with continued decreases in proteinuria and stable renal capacity during the investigation.

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5. References


