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Japan (cardio-ankle vascular index) method. Blood samples were taken for ELISA assays. Analysis was completed with SPSS software

**Results:** Forty patients were evaluated in this preliminary project (29 male/11 female, mean age  $70.7 \pm 11.99$ ), with four experiencing a further event during the six month follow up (10%).

All biomarkers and both measurements for arterial stiffness had a higher mean value in patients with a further event (hsCRP 3.89 vs 1.42,  $P = 0.08$ ; EPO 9.06 vs 9.01,  $P = 0.85$ ; sRANKL 0.05 vs 0.03,  $P = 0.31$ ; PRDX1 6.27 vs 6.21,  $P = 0.95$ ; CAVI 11.13 vs 9.69,  $P = 0.15$ ; cfPWV 10.82 vs 10.2,  $P = 0.55$ ), however none were statistically significant.

Levels of PRDX1 were elevated acutely post-event before falling significantly ( $R = -0.475$ ,  $P = 0.002$ ), while hsCRP and EPO continued to be elevated at  $>10$  days post-event.

In addition, CAVI correlated closely with hsCRP ( $R = 0.28$ ,  $P = 0.09$ ) and EPO ( $R = 0.29$ ,  $P = 0.08$ ), but cfPWV was not closely related to any of the biomarkers.

**Conclusions:** This preliminary data suggests that biomarkers, particularly EPO and hsCRP, are more closely related to CAVI than cfPWV. hsCRP was the most relevant as an independent predictive factor for further vascular events.

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##### ARTERIAL STIFFNESS AND PROGRESSION OF CEREBRAL WHITE MATTER LESIONS IN ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES AND MATCHED CONTROLS: A 5-YEAR COHORT STUDY

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**Aim:** Stroke is a frequent and feared complication in patients with type 2 diabetes. Arterial stiffness may improve current suboptimal risk prediction of stroke. However, studies in diabetes populations are lacking. We investigated the association between arterial stiffness progression (carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity [PWV]) and the progression of cerebral white matter lesions (WML), a marker of stroke risk, in patients with type 2 diabetes and matched controls.

**Methods:** In a 5-year follow-up study, data from 49 patients and 58 controls were available for analysis. At baseline, participants had a mean ( $\pm$ SD) age of  $59 \pm 10$  years and patients had a median (range) diabetes duration of 1.8 (1.0–3.2) years. Fifty-two (49%) were males. At both baseline and follow-up, PWV was obtained by tonometry and WML by cerebral T2-FLAIR MRI. WML was assessed by Breteler score, and progression was defined as an upward change in category during follow-up.

**Results:** Patients with type 2 diabetes had a higher PWV than controls at both baseline ( $9.2 \pm 2.2$  vs.  $7.9 \pm 1.4$  m/s,  $p < 0.01$ ) and follow-up ( $9.8 \pm 2.4$  vs.  $8.6 \pm 1.9$  m/s,  $p = 0.01$ ). Breteler scores and WML progression were similar in the two groups ( $p > 0.05$ ). PWV progression was associated with WML progression in the total cohort (adjusted for age, sex, diabetes, baseline PWV and systolic blood pressure progression: OR 1.58 [95%CI: 1.09–2.28],  $p = 0.02$ ). We found no interaction between diabetes and PWV progression on WML progression.

**Conclusions:** PWV progression is associated with WML progression in patients with type 2 diabetes and healthy controls. PWV candidates as a new risk marker for stroke.

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##### CENTRAL PULSE PRESSURE IS ASSOCIATED WITH AORTIC-BRACHIAL STIFFNESS MISMATCH IN PATIENTS WITH ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION AND DIABETES MELLITUS

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**Background:** Central pulse pressure (PP) is a surrogate measure of arterial stiffness (AS) and a predictor of cardiovascular events in type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). AS gradient reflects the vascular ageing.

**The aim of the study:** To evaluate the associations between 24-h central PP and parameters of AS in patients with arterial hypertension (AH) and T2DM. **Materials and methods:** 90 patients with AH and T2DM were included (39% males, mean age  $63.8 \pm 11.6$ ). Mean office BP was  $146 \pm 23/86 \pm 10$  mmHg. Median duration of DM was 8.5 years. 24-h peripheral and central BP monitoring was performed (BPLab Vasotens). AS parameters were assessed by applanation tonometry (Sphygmocor, AtCor). AS gradient was calculated as cfPWV/crPWV and its elevation  $\geq 1$  was considered as AS mismatch.  $p < 0.05$  was considered significant.

**Results:** Mean central BP was  $132 \pm 18/79 \pm 12$  mmHg, cfPWV  $-10.5 \pm 2.4$  m/s, crPWV  $-8.5 \pm 1.4$  m/s, AS gradient  $-1.2 \pm 0.3$ . 24-h central BP levels were as follows:  $132 \pm 18/79 \pm 12$  mmHg for 24hBP,  $132 \pm 18/81 \pm 13$  mmHg for daytime and  $129 \pm 20/75 \pm 11$  mmHg for nighttime. Mean PP levels were  $53 \pm 14$ ,  $52 \pm 14$  and  $56 \pm 15$  mmHg, respectively. 24-h central PP increase  $> 50$  mmHg was observed in 30% patients. These patients were older ( $67.1 \pm 10.5$  vs  $61.8 \pm 11.9$  years), had higher median duration of DM (10; IQR 7–15 vs 5; IQR 0, 9–12 years), cfPWV ( $11.4 \pm 1.9$  vs  $10.0 \pm 2.6$  m/s) and stiffness gradient ( $1.4 \pm 0.3$  vs  $1.2 \pm 0.2$ ),  $p < 0.05$  for trend. There were significant correlations between 24-h central PP and age ( $r = 0.27$ ) and AS gradient ( $r = 0.32$ ),  $p < 0.05$  for trend. No predictors of PP elevation were found.

**Conclusions:** In diabetic patients with AH increase of central PP is associated with aortic-brachial stiffness mismatch. This finding confirms its importance as a marker of vascular ageing in this patient population.

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##### MICROALBUMINURIA IN NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIABETES MELLITUS: NOT ONLY ABOUT BLOOD PRESSURE OR ARTERIAL STIFFNESS

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**Background:** Diabetes mellitus (DM) and hypertension (EH) are both associated with micro- and macro-vascular damage. Microalbuminuria is a recognized marker of sub-clinical target organ damage in both DM and EH. However, it's determinants in newly diagnosed DM with or without EH remain unclear.

**Methods:** We enrolled consecutive newly diagnosed DM patients, recording history, demographics, renal, lipid and glycemic profile, office and ambulatory blood pressure, macro-(pulse-wave velocity/PWV) and micro-vascular (microalbuminuria in 24-hour urine) damage and subclinical atherosclerosis (intima-media thickness).

**Results:** We studied 65 DM patients (40 male: 25 female, aged  $57 \pm 11$  years), with a median duration from diagnosis of 2 weeks. Their fasting glucose was 121.5 (IR: 36) mg/dl, HbA1c: 7.47 (IR: 2%). Among them, 26 had already been diagnosed with EH (median duration of 8 (IR: 8) years), while 17 were diagnosed with EH at the time of DM diagnosis. No difference was observed between the two groups, except for significantly higher office and ambulatory BP and PWV in the newly diagnosed EH patients. Microalbuminuria was associated with fasting glucose ( $p = 0.04$ ), HbA1c ( $p = 0.002$ ), serum creatinine ( $p = 0.035$ ), glomerular filtration rate (GFR) ( $p = 0.002$ ), office systolic ( $p = 0.009$ ) and diastolic ( $p = 0.026$ ) BP and PWV ( $p = 0.031$ ). In the multivariate analysis, HbA1c (beta = 0.351,  $p = 0.015$ ) was the only determinant of microalbuminuria.

**Conclusions:** Our study indicates that hyperglycaemia has a significant impact on microalbuminuria even in patients with newly diagnosed DM and