

Elevated Vaspin Level S in Diabetic Nephropathy

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ABSTRACT

Background:

Chronic kidney disease “CKD” patients have insulin secretion disorders and resistance to insulin effects, that is responsible for the development of cardiovascular proceedings. Vaspin is an adipocytokine that regulates glucose and lipid metabolism. We aimed to determine the serum vaspin levels and its relationship with insulin resistance in “CKD” patients.

Objective: To assess vaspin levels in diabetic nephropathy and find the possibility of use vaspin in diagnosis (DN).

Patients and Methods: In this study groups, serum vaspin levels, and routine blood tests were measured. Conduct with 120 patients and 60 control. The patients divided into three groups: (n=60) diabetic patients, (n=60) diabetic nephropathy, and number of control (n=60). The serum vaspin levels were tested by the enzyme-linked immune sorbent assay (ELISA).

Result: The results were compared with healthy groups. In this present study, observed that the mean age of patients with diabetic patients was (45.05±13.09 years), with diabetic nephropathy (52.47±11.15 years), and in the control (43.01±12.77 years). The serum vaspin were observed significantly high in the diabetic patient and diabetic nephropathy groups in contrast with the control groups. The female predominance in three groups, female to male ratio was (2:1), where 18 (30.00%) of patients were male and 42 (70.00%) were female in diabetic groups. where 23 (38.30%) of patients were male and 37 (61.70%) were female in diabetic nephropathy groups. The mean of Vaspin in diabetic patient groups and in diabetic nephropathy groups and control groups are 464.10±198.01, 563.98±100.12, and 140.96±33.36 pg/ml. vaspin was increased in patients with diabetic patients. The serum vaspin level was negatively correlated with the fasting plasma glucose without statistical significance.

Conclusion:“Diabetic nephropathy” patients presented a significant increased levels of serum Vaspin when compared to levels to control, serum Vaspin are protective roles. We consider that the rise in the serum vaspin level is a consequence of the reduced renal excretion in the (CKD) and increases in response to insulin resistance.

Keywords: serum vaspin, ,biomarker, diabetic nephropathy.

Introduction:

Diabetic nephropathy (DN) or diabetic glomerular sclerosis pathologically (Yang *et al* .,2015) . One of the most feared chronic microvascular complications is diabetic nephropathy (DN), New terminology refer to kidney illness attributable to diabetes is being recent guidelines (National Kidney Foundation (NKF-KDOQI .,2007). So, the term “diabetic nephropathy” should be exchanged by diabetic kidney disease introduced in (DKD), a long-term highly prevalent main microvascular complication defined as structural, functional, and clinical abnormalities of the kidneys that are produced by diabetes (Mora-Fernandez *et al* .,2014). currently the leading reason of end--stage renal disease (ESRD) in the Western world. Strikingly, 40-45% of patients with type-1 diabetes (T1D) develop DN and reach ESRD or passaway before its onset. Moreover, clinicians face a “30%” prevalence of patients with type-2 diabetes (T2DM) and DN with “45%” of patients currently on dialysis having a primary analysis of diabetes, a population similarly at high hazard of developing cardiovascular disease (Gnudi *et al* .,2016). An primary indication of DN is an increased quantity of urinary protein, manifested by (albuminuria), which associates with, and can predict, the progression of renal damage. Albuminuria arises from defects in the permeability of the glomerular filtration barrier consisting of glomerular endothelial cells {GECs} separated from specialized epithelia, called podocytes, by the glomerular basement membrane (GBM) (Gnudi *et al* .,2016) . Adipose tissue is the biggest source of energy in the body. This energy is stored in the form of triglycerides, which can quickly go through circulation as fatty acids in case of hunger or when needed. Vaspin (visceral adipose tissue-derived serpin) is a novel adipocytokine that regulates glucose and lipid metabolism. (Li Q *et al* .,2008) It is a member of the serine protease inhibitor family and is secreted in Otsuka Long–Evans Tokushima Fatty (OLETF) rats in case of obesity and peak insulin plasma concentrations from the visceral adipose tissue. (Hida K *et al* .,2005) Vaspin is considered a

novel biomarker that is potentially effective against obesity and reduced insulin tolerance, and it is released as an antiprotease factor in visceral adipose tissue; clinically worsening diabetes and weight loss decrease vaspin expression.

Patients and Methods:

This study was carried out during the period from November 2019 until April 2020. One hundred and twenty (120) patients have type 2DM, with, Normoalbuminuria, and albuminuria and this subgroup included patients with microalbuminuria, ACR = 30-300 mg/g creatinine. in AL-Aziziya general hospital in waist seeking for medical help regarding their recently developed symptoms. **Inclusion criteria:** Included studies of adult humans with type 2 diabetes nephropathy Type 2 diabetes mellitus with a hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) greater than or equal to (\geq) 6.5 percent (%). with albumin creatinine ratio.

Exclusion criteria: Polycystic ovary, obesity, osteoarthritis, thyroid disease, acne vulgaris patients, coronary artery disease, liver disease, renal disease that due to other than diabetes.

Seven milliliters (7 ml) blood of venous have been taken from aseptic area of patients and control. Venous blood samples were obtained from all patients following a "12 h" fasting for biochemical analyses separate serum by centrifugation at 4000 rpm for ten min. and splatted into three parts: Aliquot of serum was transported into 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube, this part was used for assay (Total Cholesterol TC, Triglyceride TG, High Density Lipoprotein-Cholesterol HDL-C and blood sugar). Use EDTA for testing HbA1c. blood taken for the serum vaspin level was stored in the tube containing apportioning for ten min and then centrifuged at 4.000 rpm for ten min. The obtained serum was stored at -20°C in the deep freezer. The collected samples were solved in the laboratory environment and analyzed with Human (VASPIN) ELISA Kit Catalog No: MBS2506005 according to the manufacturer's instructions in an ELISA reader HS (Germany). The BMI values of the patients were recorded as kg/m^2 .

serum lipid profile test (Total cholesterol TC, triglyceride TG, High Density Lipoprotein (HDL), Low Density Lipoprotein LDL, Very Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Fasting blood sugar FBS by fully automated. The statistical analysis: case control. (UACR) Mid-stream random spot

urine samples were also collected from study groups diabetic nephropathy(60 patints) into disposable screw cup containers for estimation albumin to creatinine ratio. by fully automated.

Result:The cases were divided into three groups as the control and the diabetic,diabetic nephropathy groups. When the groups were compared in terms of demographic characteristics,FBG ,Hb A1c ,Serum lipid profiles were appearing to be significantly increase all together in both groups of diabetic and diabetic nephropathy patients . apart from the serum HDL-C which found to be decrease serum levels in contrast with control group, revealed a highly significant increase in Vaspin levels in (diabetic ,diabetic nephropathy) group of patients in compare with group control statistically significant difference ($p<0.001$) was found in (Table-I) (Figure-1) show the increase serum Vaspin levels Of the three studied groups.

In (Table-I).the number of female in the group diabetic patients was42(70.00%) and male was 18(30.00%) .the number of female in the group diabetic nephropathypatients was 37(61.70%) and male was 23(38.30%).The number of female in the control group was 40(66.70%) and number of male were 20(33.30%), The observed frequencies in female group was more than the group of male in ratio (2:1) and there is statistically no a significant difference between the frequency Of the patients in male and female groups compared to control group.($P=0.62$).BMI also show no a significant difference($p= 0.30$)between the three groups .in (Table-2)vaspin levels correlation negative with BMI ($r=-0.34$) ($p=0.01$) , vaspin levels no significant correlation positive ($r= 0.97$) ($p=0.00$) with diabetic patient groups in (Table-3) vaspin levels was shown no significant correlation negative with (uACR)($r=-0.30$) ($p=0.01$) in diabetic nephropathy groups.

Table (1): The biomarkers levels.and biochemical variables among the three studies groups.

Parameter	Control (n=60) mean±SE	Diabetic nephropathy with normo albumin urea group (n=60) mean±SE	Diabetic nephropathy with albumin uria(micro, macro albumin urea) patients group (n=60) mean±SE	ANO VA P value
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Age (years)	43.01±12.77 ^a	45.05±13.09 ^a	52.47±11.15 ^b	0.001
Gender	20(33.30%) 40(66.70%)	18(30.00%) 42(70.00%)	23(38.30%) 37(61.70%)	0.62
Weight (kg)	59.42±3.14 ^a	59.42±3.14 ^a	60.00±2.87 ^a	0.49
BMI (Kg/m ²)	21.74±3.21 ^a	22.12±1.41 ^a	22.34±1.31 ^a	0.30
FPG (mg/dl)	91.16±12.58 ^a	254.67±85.25 ^b	214.91±47.87 ^c	0.001
HbA1c (%)	5.17±0.62 ^a	7.53±1.20 ^b	7.36±0.98 ^b	0.001
S. TC (mg/dl)	165.55±10.07 ^a	212.83±42.55 ^b	214.27±48.61 ^b	0.001
S. TG (mg/dl)	131.28±11.01 ^a	201.62±40.18 ^b	198.64±42.97 ^b	0.001
LDL-C (mg/dl)	78.67±10.98 ^a	137.41±43.30 ^b	138.50±48.19 ^b	0.001
HDL-C (mg/dl)	54.18±4.60 ^a	36.65±5.37 ^b	36.03±6.20 ^b	0.001
VLDL-C (mg/dl)	33.03±2.17 ^a	40.32±8.03 ^b	39.72±8.59 ^b	0.001
ACR (mg/mmol)	—	—	247.15±55.01	—
S. Vaspin (pg/mL)	140.96±33.36 ^a	464.10±198.01 ^b	563.98±100.12 ^b	0.001

Different small letters denote significant differences.

Similar small letters denote non-significant differences.

Table 2. The person correlation analysis of diabetic nephropathy with normo albumin urea patients group.

	Age (years)	Weight (kg)	BMI (Kg/m ²)	FBG (mg/dl)	HbA1c (%)	TC (mg/dl)	TG (mg/dl)	LDL-C (mg/dl)	HDL-C (mg/dl)	VLDL-C (mg/dl)	S. Vaspin (ng/ml)	GFR(ml/min/1.73.m ²)	ACR (mg/mmol)
Age (years)	r=1	0.18 0.16	- 0.01 0.90	0.15 0.25	0.28 0.03	0.14 0.28	- 0.05 0.65	0.12 0.34	- 0.18 0.15	- 0.05 0.65	0.00 0.99	- .47 2 .00 0	- .050 .709
Weight (kg)	r=0.18 P=0.16	1	0.35 0.01	- 0.00 0.99	- 0.07 0.56	0.10 0.41	- 0.18 0.15	0.15 0.24	- 0.06 0.63	- 0.18 0.15	0.02 0.84	- .02 6 .84 5	.086 .515
BMI (Kg/m ²)	r=-0.01 P=0.90	0.35 0.01	1	0.07 0.55	- 0.02 0.87	0.02 0.84	- 0.04 0.73	0.04 0.73	0.06 0.61	- 0.04 0.73	- .34 0.01	.20 0 .12 9	- .107 .420
FBG (mg/dl)	r=0.15 P=0.25	-0.00 0.99	0.07 0.55	1	.45 0.00	.55 0.00	.42 0.00	.47 0.00	- 0.13 0.31	.42 0.00	- 0.10 0.44	.01 3 .92 5	.091 .494
HbA1c (%)	r=0.28 P=0.03	-0.07 0.56	- 0.02 0.87	0.45 0.00	1	0.19 0.13	0.15 0.25	0.17 0.19	- 0.17 0.17	0.15 0.25	- 0.08 0.53	- .19 3 14 4	- .023 .863
TC (mg/dl)	r=0.14 P=0.28	0.10 0.41	0.02 0.84	0.55 0.00	0.19 0.13	1	0.34 0.01	0.95 0.00	- 0.31	0.34 0.01	- 0.09	- .03 7	- .095 .476

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TG (mg/d l)	r=- 0.05 P=0.6 5	-0.18 0.15	- 0.04 0.73	0.42 0.00	0.15 0.25	0.34 0.01	1	0.24 0.06	- 0.17 0.18	1.00 0.00	- 0.22 0.08	- .11 5 .38 4	- .233 .076
LDL- C (mg/d l)	r=0.1 2 P=0.3 4	0.15 0.24	0.04 0.73	0.47 0.00	0.17 0.19	0.95 0.00	0.24 0.06	1	- 0.39 0.00	0.24 0.06	- 0.08 0.53	- .01 7 .90 1	- .045 .735
HDL- C (mg/d l)	r=- 0.18 P=0.1 5	-0.06 0.63	0.06 0.61	- 0.13 0.31	- 0.17 0.17	- 0.31 0.01	- 0.17 0.18	-0.39 0.00	1	- 0.17 0.18	0.12 0.36	- .10 9 .41 2	.044 .741
VLD L-C (mg/d l)	r=- 0.05 P=0.6 5	-0.18 0.15	- 0.04 0.73	0.42 0.00	0.15 0.25	0.34 0.01	1.00 0.00	0.24 0.06	- 0.17 0.18	1	- 0.22 .008	- .11 5 .38 4	- .233 .076
S.Vas pin (pg/m L)	r=0.0 0 P=0.9 9	0.02 0.84	- 0.34 0.01	- 0.10 0.44	- 0.08 0.53	- 0.09 0.47	- 0.22 0.08	-0.08 0.53	0.12 0.36	- 0.22 0.08	1	.02 2 .86 8	.051 .703
GFR ml/mi n/1.73 m2	r=- 472 P=.00 0	-026 845	.200 .129	.013 .925	- .193 .144	- .037 .782	- .115 .384	-.017 .901	- .109 .412	- .115 .384	.022 .868	1	.213 .105
ACR (mg/ mmol)	r=- 050 P=709	.086 .515	- .107 .420	.091 .494	- .023 .863	- .095 .476	- .233 .076	-.045 .735	.044 .741	- .233 .076	.051 .703	.21 3 .10 5	1

Table -3.The person correlation analysis of diabetic nephropathy with albumin urea micro and macro albumin urea patients group.

	Age (years)	Weight (kg)	BMI (Kg/m ²)	FBG (mg/dl)	HbA1c (%)	TC (mg/dl)	TG (mg/dl)	LDL-C (mg/dl)	HDL-C (mg/dl)	VLDL-C (mg/dl)	S. Vaspin (ng/ml)	ACR (mg/mmol)	GFR(ml/min/1.73m ²)
Age (years)	r=1	- 0.15 0.24	0.04 0.74	- 0.18 0.15	-0.13 0.31	- 0.11 0.38	- 0.13 0.31	- 0.12 0.33	0.27 0.03	- 0.13 0.31	0.0 4 0.7 3	0.1 1 0.4 0	.074 .576
Weight (kg)	r=-0.15 P=0.24	1	0.25 0.05	- 0.26 0.04	-0.17 0.18	0.13 0.32	0.15 0.22	0.10 0.41	- 0.04 0.75	0.15 0.22	0.0 0 0.9 9	0.0 5 0.6 9	.058 .660
BMI (Kg/m ²)	r=0.04 P=0.74	0.25 0.05	1	- 0.17 0.19	-0.15 0.23	- 0.01 0.89	- 0.27 0.03	0.02 0.87	0.07 0.57	- 0.27 0.03	- 0.0 3 0.8 0	- 0.0 6 0.6 0	.005 .973
FBG (mg/dl)	r=-0.18 P=0.15	- 0.26 0.04	-0.17 0.19	1	0.68 0.00	0.00 0.99	0.11 0.39	- 0.02 0.88	- 0.00 0.98	0.11 0.39	0.0 1 0.9 1	0.0 5 0.6 7	- .085 .520
HbA1c (%)	r=-0.13 P=0.31	- 0.17 0.18	-0.15 0.23	0.68 0.00	1	- 0.04 0.71	0.14 0.27	- 0.09 0.46	0.17 0.17	0.14 0.27	0.0 0 0.9 8	0.0 6 0.6 5	- .115 .387
TC (mg/dl)	r=-0.11 P=0.38	0.13 0.32	-0.01 0.89	0.00 0.99	-0.04 0.71	1	0.39 0.00	0.98 0.00	- 0.34	0.39 0.00	0.0 1 0.8	- 0.2 5	- .049

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TG (mg/dl)	r=-0.13 P=0.31	0.15 0.22	-0.27 0.03	0.11 0.39	0.14 0.27	0.39 0.00	1	0.25 0.05	- 0.30 0.02	1.00 0.00	0.11 0.39	- 0.25 0.05	-.021 .877
LDL-C (mg/dl)	r=-0.12 P=0.33	0.10 0.41	0.02 0.87	- 0.02 0.88	-0.09 0.46	0.98 0.00	0.25 0.05	1 0.25 0.05	- 0.42 0.00	0.25 0.05	0.0 0.96	- 0.21 0.10	-.044 .741
HDL-C (mg/dl)	r=0.27 P=0.03	- 0.04 0.75	0.07 0.57	- 0.00 0.98	0.17 0.17	- 0.34 0.01	- 0.30 0.02	- 0.42 0.00	1 0.30 0.02	- 0.30 0.02	0.04 0.76	- 0.01 0.93	-.016 .906
VLDL-C (mg/dl)	r=-0.13 P=0.31	0.15 0.22	-0.27 0.03	0.11 0.39	0.14 0.27	0.39 0.00	1.00 0.00	0.25 0.05	- 0.30 0.02	1 0.00	0.11 0.39	- 0.25 0.05	-.021 .877
S.Vaspin (pg/mL)	r=0.04 P=0.73	0.00 0.99	-0.03 0.80	0.01 0.91	0.00 0.98	0.01 0.88	0.11 0.39	- 0.00 0.96	0.04 0.76	0.11 0.39	1	- 0.30 0.01	.060 .649
ACR (mg/mmol)	r=0.11 P=0.40	0.05 0.69	-0.06 0.60	0.05 0.67	0.06 0.65	- 0.25 0.05	- 0.25 0.05	- 0.21 0.10	- 0.01 0.93	- 0.25 0.05	- 0.30 0.01	- 0.03 0.78	1 .9

GFR ml/min/1.73 m ²	r=.074 p=.576	.058 .660	.005 .973	- .085 .520	-.115 .387	- .049 .711	- .021 .877	- .044 .741	- .016 .906	- .021 .877	.06 0 .64 9	1	- .036 .789
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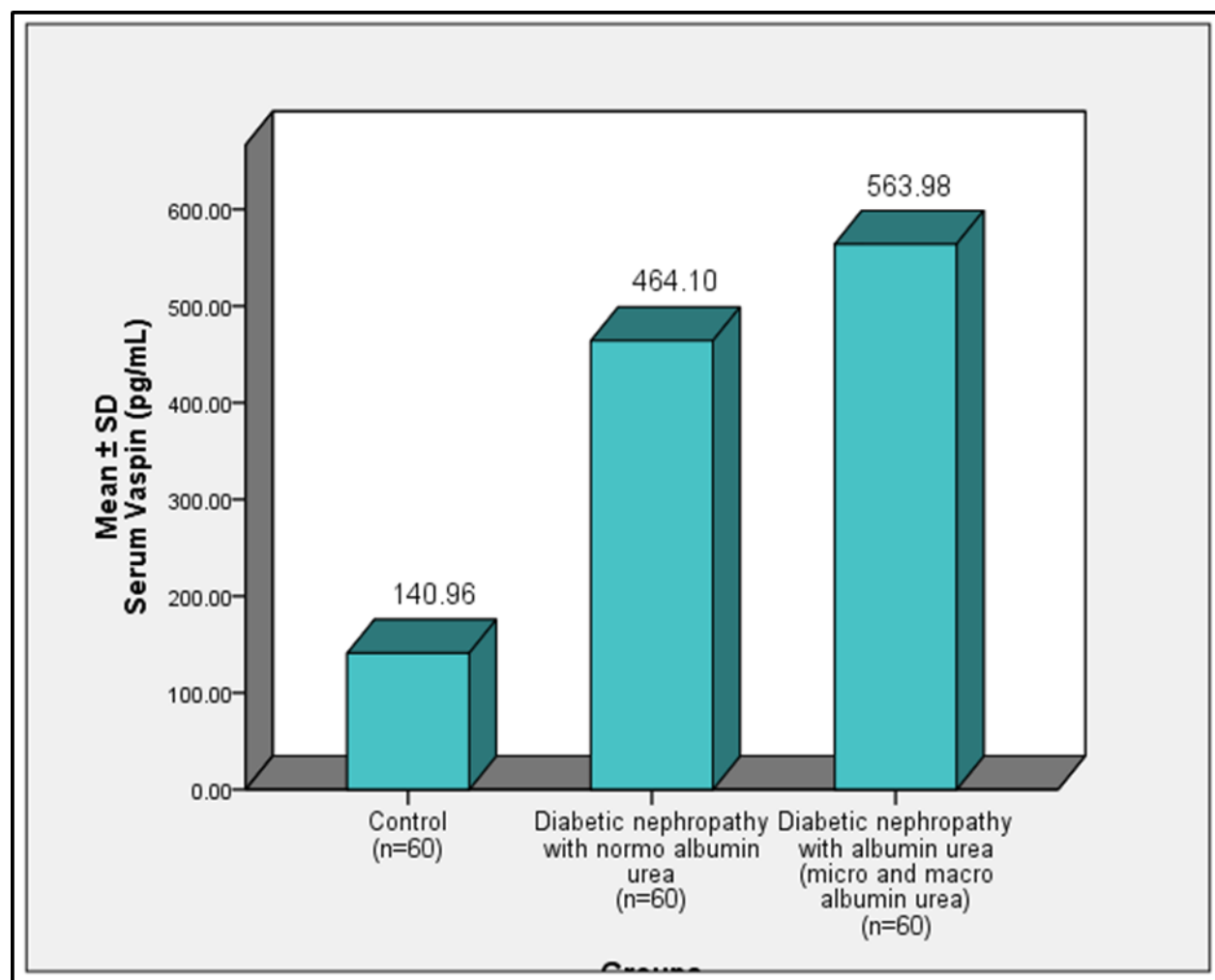


Figure 1. The serum Vaspin levels of the three studied groups.

DISCUSSION:

Vaspin is an adipocytokine that plays a regulatory role in glucose and lipid metabolism. (Li Q *et al.*, 2008). T2DM is categorized by impaired insulin secretion and variable degrees of insulin resistance. Younet *al.* also found that patients with Obesity Or abnormal insulin sensitivity had raised serum vaspin levels (Younet *al.*, 2008). (Table -1). The average age of patients with diabetic nephropathy. significant increase ($p=0.001$) in at different ages, comparing with control

groups. Which was agreed with **piotie study (2015)**, there was no significant difference of body mass index (BMI) (p value = 0.30) for three groups. This study agreement with study (**Erkan C *et al.*, 2003**). a significant increase ($P < 0.001$) in fasting blood glucose (FBG), HbA1c between diabetic patients and diabetic nephropathy. Many studies were consistent with the results of this study, (**Hintsä *et al.*, 2017**). the mean of parameters of lipid profile (cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL, VLDL) in type 2-DM was significantly higher ($P = 0.001$) than its counterpart in healthy controls. Only serum high density lipoprotein (HDL) showed decrease in level of type 2-DM. This study agreement with previous study (**Samantha *et al.*, 2012**) in the diabetic nephropathy show that there is a significant increase ($p < 0.001$) the mean of parameters of lipid profile and increased breakdown of HDL (**Kawanami *et al.*, 2016**). In table one show which found that serum vaspin was a highly significant ($p = 0.001$) (464.10 ± 198.01 , 563.98 ± 100.12) comparing with control group (140.96 ± 33.36). increase in two studied groups (type 2 DM, DN) this study agreement with **Rai *et al.*, (Rai *et al.*, 2013)**. (**Gulcelik NE *et al.*, 2009**) higher vaspin levels were found in the patients with nephropathy. The mean serum (cholesterol, TG, LDL, VLDL) level was higher significant in diabetic nephropathy as compared with the control ($P < 0.001$). but HDL was low ($p < 0.05$) in diabetic nephropathy as compared with the control. This study agreement with **Tsimihodimoset *al.* (Tsimihodimoset *et al.*, 2011)** The presented study is the first one that explored the correlation of the serum vaspin level and the DNP stages. In this study, the circulating serum vaspin level was found to be significantly negative correlated with body mass index ($r = -0.34$) ($p = 0.01$). However, other study found no correlation between serum vaspin level and body mass index (**Seeger *et al.*, 2008**) (**Austet *et al.*, 2009**). But **Younet *et al.*, 2008** (**Younet *et al.*, 2008**). found the serum vaspin level positively correlated with obesity, and the visceral vaspin positively correlated with body mass index which indicate that the serum vaspin induced by obesity, mainly because the vaspin is an adipocytokine secreted from adipocytes (**Klöting *et al.*, 2006**). a negative correlation between circulating serum vaspin and HbA1c% in all type 2 diabetic patients. Other study reported that lower vaspin level was correlated with HbA1c above 7 (**Seeger *et al.*, 2008**). in this presented study there was a weak positive correlation as found between serum vaspin and HDL but no correlations between serum vaspin and LDL or triglyceride. **Jian *et al.*** showed that the serum vaspin concentration did not correlate with triglyceride in type 2 diabetic patients. So the vaspin may have less effect on lipid metabolism (**Jian *et al.*, 2014**). (Table-3) show negative correlation vaspin with (uACR) in

diabetic nephropathy groups ($r=-0.30$) ($p=0.01$). this study present disagreement with the study of **Inoue et al (Inoue et al.,2012)** .this obtainable study is the first One that explored the correlation Of the serum vaspin level with albumin creatinine ratio in the DNP stages. study of diabetic nephropathy with normo albumin urea by **Gulcelik et al.,(Gulcelik NE et al.,2009)** higher vaspin levels were found in the patients with diabetic nephropathy with albumin urea (micro and macro) relative to the patients with no nephropathy the results of this study could be explained by two factors: in our study, all the patients are diabetic, and there are no hemodialysis patients. Since vaspin is a small protein(50kD), it could be freely filtered by the kidneys.

Conclusion:

Vaspin, an important role in protective effects on “type 2 “DM and diabetic nephropathy and measurement Of Vaspin in patients. with diabetic patients may add in diagnosis and to prevent complication of patients with diabetic nephropathy .

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