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The effect of non-caloric restricted, low-carbohydrate diet in reversing Type 2 diabetes mellitus among active Omani diabetic patients attending North Mawaleh Health Center

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Statement of the problem: There is growing evidence that a low-carbohydrate diet can positively improve the glycaemic index in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (1-5).

Objective: This study examined the effectiveness of a non-caloric restricted, low-carbohydrate diet (NCRLCD) in improving glycaemic control over a 24-week period in active Omani diabetic patients attending primary care setting at North Mawaleh health centre, Muscat.

Methodology: This is a prospective, descriptive study with longitudinal follow-up and pre-test, post-test comparison. Eighty-three patients were recruited. Blood was collected at baseline, 12-week, and 24-week. Each patient was advised to follow a NCRLCD (< 80 grams of carbohydrate per day) and exercise recommendations. The primary outcome was glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c).

Result: Seventy-one patients were able to complete the study. A non-caloric restrictive low-carbohydrate diet showed a significant reduction in glycated haemoglobin in a 24-week period by 11.58%, from 7.12 (SD=1.07) % at week 0 to 6.28(SD = 1.07) % at week 24, p-value < 0.05. This reduction was noticed along with the adjustment of diabetic medications, with more than three-quarters of patients reaching an optimal glycaemic level at the end of the study period. The mean weight had m

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Biography

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