

Letter

Diabetic retinopathy, also known as diabetic eye complaint (DED), is a medical condition in which damage occurs to the retina due to diabetes mellitus. It's a leading cause of blindness in developed countries. Diabetic retinopathy affects up to 80 percent of those who have had diabetes for 20 years or further. At least 90% of new cases could be reduced with proper treatment and monitoring of the eyes.

The longer a person has diabetes, the advanced his or her chances of developing diabetic retinopathy. Each time in the United States, diabetic retinopathy accounts for 12% of all new cases of blindness. It's also the leading cause of blindness in people aged 20 to 64.

Diabetic retinopathy is the result of damage to the small blood vessels and neurons of the retina [1]. The foremost changes leading to diabetic retinopathy include narrowing of the retinal highways associated with reduced retinal blood flow; dysfunction of the neurons of the inner retina, followed in a later stages by changes in the function of the external retina, associated with subtle changes in visual function; dysfunction of the blood-retinal barrier, which protects the retina from numerous substances in the blood (including poisons and vulnerable cells), leading to the leaking of blood ingredients into the retinal neuropile. Later, the basement membrane of the retinal blood vessels thickens; capillaries deteriorate and lose cells, particularly pericytes and vascular smooth muscle cells [2]. This leads to loss of blood flow and progressive ischemia, and tiny aneurysms which appear as balloon-like structures protruding out from the capillary walls, which retain sediment cells; and advanced dysfunction and degeneration of the neurons and glial cells of the retina. The condition generally develops about 10 - 15 years after entering the opinion of diabetes mellitus.

An experimental study suggests that pericyte death is caused by blood glucose persistently cranking protein kinase C and mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK), which, through a series of interceders, inhibits signaling through platelet-derived growth factor receptors - signaling that supports cellular survival, proliferation, and growth. The performing pullout of this signaling leads to the programmed cell death (apoptosis) of the cells in this experimental model.

In addition, inordinate sorbitol in diabetics is deposited on retina tissue and it's also proposed to play a part in diabetic retinopathy. Small blood vessels - similar as those in the eye - are especially vulnerable to poor blood sugar (blood glucose) control [3]. An over accumulation of glucose damages the tiny blood vessels in the retina. During the original stage, called non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (NPDR), almost people don't notice any change in their vision. Early changes that are reversible and don't affect central vision are occasionally nominated background retinopathy.

A heritable study showed that diabetic retinopathy shares a analogous heritable predilection with situations of glucose, low-viscosity lipoprotein cholesterol, and systolic blood pressure, indicating that glycemic control and cardio metabolic factors may be important in the development of diabetic retinopathy [4].

As the complaint progresses, severe non-proliferative diabetic

retinopathy enters an advanced or proliferative (PDR) stage, where blood vessels gain/ grow. The lack of oxygen in the retina causes conformation of new fragile blood vessels to grow along the retina and