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Atherogenic index among over nourished adolescents attending National schools in Jaffna zonal division

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The prevalence of childhood obesity is increasing rapidly. Obesity increases the risk of heart disease because of its negative effect on lipid profile. Atherogenic Index of Plasma (AIP) is a strong marker to predict the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Our aim of the study was to determine Atherogenic Index among over-nourished Adolescents Attending National Schools (n=4) in Jaffna Zonal division. A descriptive cross sectional study was used. Anthropometric measurements and lipid profile were obtained. AIP was calculated based on the formula given by $AIP = \text{Log}[\text{TAG}/\text{HDL-C}]$. A total of 2457 students [57% (n=1393) boys] were selected. The Mean BMI (\pm SD) of total population was $18.6 \pm 3.6 \text{ kg/m}^2$. Among them (n=2457) the prevalence of over-nourished and under-nourished adolescents were 9.5 and 13 % for females and 13.4% and 23% for males respectively. Among the over-nourished (Overweight and obese) (n=120 students), 45 students (37.5%) have responded. The Mean value of BMI, Waist circumference of over nourished students (n=45) was $26.5 \pm 3.27 \text{ kg/m}^2$ and $89.90 \pm 8.02 \text{ cm}$ respectively. The mean (\pm SD) value of Triacylglycerol was $90.35 (\pm 43.09) \text{ mg/dL}$. In this study, 48.9% (n=22) had high AIP (> 0.312). The mean value of AIP was higher in females [$0.33 (\pm 0.24)$] than males [$0.24 (\pm 0.23)$]. The risk on waist circumference was high among over-nourished and it was significantly correlated with AIP and BMI ($p < 0.05$). The Study revealed that, the AIP was high among over-nourished adolescents. The risk of developing cardiovascular diseases was increasing with waist circumference and BMI. Also females showed higher risk for cardiovascular disease than that of males.

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