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Descriptive data on cardiovascular and metabolic risk factors in ambulatory and non-ambulatory adults with cerebral palsy

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Abstract

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1. Data, experimental design, materials and methods

1.1 Data

In the present data, we highlight the prevalence of cardiovascular and metabolic risk in adults with cerebral palsy (CP) who are either ambulatory or non-ambulatory. We provide cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factor information that is consistent with predictors from the Framingham Heart Study [2]. We also present individuals who are at elevated risk for CVD based on obesity, and lipid and glucose levels.

1.2 Subjects

Study participants’ characteristics are described elsewhere [1].

1.3 Methods

Measurements of supine brachial artery systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, and mean arterial pressure were obtained using an automated sphygmomanometer (Dinamap Pro 100, Critikon LCC, Tampa, Fla, USA) in all 42 participants. Hypertension was defined as per the Eighth Joint National Committee [3].

Supine height without shoes was measured to the nearest 0.5 cm using an anthropometric tape measure. Body mass was measured to the nearest 0.1 kg using a digital wheelchair scale (Detecto Scales, FHD Series, Webb City, Missouri, USA). Body mass index (BMI) was determined by dividing the participant’s weight (kg) by their height squared (m^2). Waist circumference was measured while in a supine position using an adapted technique as per the National Institutes of Health (NIH) [4]. All anthropometric measures were collected in all 42 participants.

Participants provided a 12 h fasting venous blood sample for serum analysis. Thirty-three of the 42 participants provided a venous blood sample. Blood draws were not acquired on one ambulatory and
eight non-ambulatory participants due to contractures, spasticity, or insufficient vein size. The samples were analyzed for lipids; total cholesterol (TC), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), TC/HDL-C, and triglycerides. Participant labeled Eppendorf tubes were sent to Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program – McMaster Medical Centre Campus for analysis of the previously identified lipid markers. Glucose was examined using the Glucose Hexokinase Reagent Set (Pointe Scientific, Inc. Canton, MI, USA). All coefficients of variation between duplicates were < 10% for each metabolic marker.

Descriptive results of lifestyle-related and metabolic risk factors are shown in Table 1. Clinical cholesterol levels for CVD risk were < 5.20 mmol/L for TC; < 1.04 mmol/L for HDL-C; > 3.40 mmol/L for LDL-C; > 6.0 for TC/HDL-C as per Canadian Cardiovascular Society guidelines [5]. Central obesity was defined as having a waist circumference ≥ 102 cm for men or ≥ 88 cm for women as per the NIH [4]. A BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² was defined as being obese as per the NIH [4]. Hyperglycemia was defined as ≥ 100 mg/dL as per American Diabetes Association [6].

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Appendix A. Supplementary material

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