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HYPERTENSION, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE,  
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS:

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| OPD   | Outpatient department                                     |
| DEXA  | Dual energy X-ray absorptiometry                          |
| ECG   | Electrocardiogram   |
| ISA   | International Society of Andrology                        |
| ISSAM | The International Society for the Study of the Aging Male |
| EAU   | European Association of Urology                           |
| SHBG  | Sex hormone binding globulin                              |
| ISSM  | International Society for Sexual Medicine                 |
| LOH   | Late Onset Hypogonadism                                   |
| HIM   | hypogonadism in males                                     |
| TT    | Total testosterone  |
| GNRH  | Gonadotropin releasing hormone                            |
| HPT   | Hypothalamus-pituitary-testis (HPT) axis                  |
| LH    | Luteinizing hormone                                       |
| BMI   | Body Mass Index   |
| AMS   | Aging Males' Symptoms                                     |
| ADAM  | Androgen Deficiency in the Aging Male                     |
| MMAS  | The Massachusetts Male Aging Study                        |
| NERI  | New England Research Institute                            |
| AMS   | The Aging Males' Symptoms (AMS)                           |
| EMAS  | European Male Aging Study                                 |
| AUA   | American Urological Association                           |
| PSA   | Prostate specific antigen                                 |
| TRT   | Testosterone replacement therapy                          |
| TSH   | Thyroid stimulating hormone                               |
| IM    | Intramuscular   |
| SC    | subcutaneous  |
| DHT   | Dihydrotestosterone                                       |
| RCT   | Randomized Controlled Trials                              |
| LUTs  | Lower urinary tract symptoms                              |
| KNDY  | kisspeptin/neurokinin B/dynorphin neurons                 |
| CVD   | Cardiovascular disease                                    |
| CRP   | C-reactive protein  |
| VCAM  | Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule                           |
| LM    | total lean body mass                                      |
| ASLT  | appendicular lean soft tissue mass                        |

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|---------|--|
| BMD     | Bone Mineral Density                                   |
| FSH     | Follicle stimulating hormone                           |
| GELDING | Gut Endotoxin Leading to a Decline IN Gonadal function |
| IRB     | Institutional Review Board                             |
| BPH     | benign prostate hyperplasia                            |
| IQR     | interquartile range                                    |
| SPSS    | Statistical Package for Social Services                |
| SGLT-2  | sodium-glucose cotransporter-2                         |
| DPP     | Dipeptidyl-peptidase                                   |
| ACE     | Angiotensin converting enzyme                          |
| ARB     | Angiotensin receptor blocker                           |
| CI      | Confidence Interval                                    |
| OR      | Odds Ratio   |

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## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **AIM**

To find the prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly males attending Geriatrics OPD and to look for association of hypogonadism with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, obesity and frailty.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Primary objective: To identify the prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly men attending geriatric OPD

Secondary objective: To estimate the association of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity with hypogonadism.



## INTRODUCTION

With the newer advances in health care, the life expectancy of people has been steadily increasing over the years. According to the latest WHO data published, life expectancy in India among males is 69 yrs and among females is 72 yrs . However, this means there is also a steady increase in diseases associated with aging. Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity are known to be higher in elderly. Hypogonadism also seems to be higher in elderly males.

Hypogonadism is diagnosed by a low testosterone concentration in serum and symptoms of decreased energy and libido. Hypogonadism in elderly males is usually overlooked. The prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly males was found to vary from 10.8% to 53% among different studies. The role of ethnicity, geographical region, lifestyle or comorbidities on the level of testosterone in elderly males is not clearly established. Many studies show that hypogonadism is associated with increase in mortality and morbidity. Various studies done has shown higher prevalence of diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, obesity and frailty in males with hypogonadism. It is still not known whether hypogonadism is a risk factor or an outcome of these comorbidities. While it is a well-known fact that women attain menopause , it is still not known whether males have a particular age after which they become testosterone deficient. It is well established that oestrogen has a protective effect against metabolic syndromes, however there is still no consensus on whether testosterone has a protective or a detrimental association with metabolic syndromes. Upcoming studies , however indicate a protective association. This study aims to find the prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly males attending geriatric OPD for any indication. This study also aims to compare the two groups, namely, men with hypogonadism and those without hypogonadism on their association with diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, obesity, frailty and osteoporosis.

## **ABSTRACT**

**Background :** Male hypogonadism is common in the elderly. Studies have shown a prevalence varying from 10.3%-53%. It is associated with higher prevalence of cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, osteoporosis, obesity and frailty. Since these are associated with high morbidity and mortality, identification of any new risk factor and its prevalence will be useful in taking steps for prevention of these diseases.

**Aim :** The aim of this study was to find the prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly males attending geriatrics OPD and to look for association of hypogonadism with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, obesity and frailty.

**Setting and design :** This cross sectional observational study was conducted in the Geriatric medicine OPD at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

**Method:** The blood samples of patients who present to geriatrics OPD for any indication was taken to assess for total testosterone levels till the sample size was obtained. Free and total testosterone levels were assessed in all the individuals. History of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular diseases were noted. ADAM questionnaire was asked and short physical performance battery was performed. Blood pressure, weight and height were also assessed. Fasting and post prandial glucose levels, ECG changes suggestive of ischemic heart diseases, DEXA scan were obtained from the investigations report of the patient. The prevalence of hypogonadism and the association of hypogonadism with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, obesity and frailty were assessed. Analyses was done using Statistical Package for Social Services (SPSS) software Version 21.0 (Armonk, NY: IBM Corp) and R

**Results :** The criteria for hypogonadism in our study was a combination of symptoms of hypogonadism with a total testosterone <300ng/dL. The prevalence of hypogonadism in our study was 47%(n - 74). Total testosterone< 300ng/dL was found in 58% of the participants. When free testosterone <5 ng/dL was considered, the prevalence was even higher at 61%.

Age had a significant association with hypogonadism and free testosterone. However total testosterone, though it showed a downward trend, did not have a significant association with age.

Diabetes had a significant association with hypogonadism and total testosterone both on univariate and multivariate analysis, but was not significantly associated with free testosterone level. There was a significant association between BMI and total testosterone and hypogonadism . BMI was not associated with free testosterone. Frailty was significantly associated with free testosterone but not with total testosterone or hypogonadism. Cardiovascular disease did not have any significant association with hypogonadism, as well as total or free testosterone. On multivariate analysis, however cardiovascular disease had a significant association with free testosterone. We found that the prevalence of osteoporosis was low in those with low testosterone. This contradictory result was thought to be due to the effect BMI had on osteoporosis and total testosterone. Multivariate analysis done however showed osteoporosis had no association with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone. Hypertension also did not have any significant association with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone.

Adams questionnaire had a sensitivity of 79.57% and specificity of 18.18 % to detect total testosterone less than 300 ng/dl. Its sensitivity and specificity to detect free testosterone < 5 ng/dl was slightly higher at 80.41% and 19.35% respectively.

**Conclusion:** The prevalence of hypogonadism(Men with symptoms of hypogonadism along with total testosterone < 300 ng/dl) in our study was 47%(n - 74). 58% had Total testosterone < 300ng/dl

and 61% had free testosterone <5 ng/dl. Age, diabetes, obesity and dyslipidaemia had a significant association with hypogonadism(symptoms + testosterone < 300 ng/dl ) while diabetes mellitus , BMI and dyslipidaemia had a significant inverse association with total testosterone. Free testosterone had a significant association with age, cardiovascular disease, ischemic heart disease and frailty.

# REVIEW OF LITERATURE

## HISTORY

The functions of the testes have been known since ancient times. The active agent responsible for virility or manhood, that is testosterone, has only been identified later. Nevertheless, it was always assumed that the testes contain the ingredients required for manhood. Organotherapy with animal testis and even testis transplantation have been used over many years in different medical cultures for treatment of symptoms of hypogonadism. Many anecdotes in historical literature suggest that surgeons were transplanting testes of humans and animals to patients with features of hypogonadism (1).

The search for the hormone responsible for male virility intensified in the early 1900s and in 1935, Ernst Laqueur's team isolated testosterone from bull testes in Amsterdam. In the same year, testosterone was chemically synthesized independently by Adolf Butenandt's team in Göttingen and Leopold Ruzicka's team in Basel(2). Since then, testosterone has been available in various forms, including oral, intramuscular, and transdermal preparations, and it has been applied in health care.

## DEFINITION

Hypogonadism is a condition characterized by diminished levels of sexual hormones in circulation.

Hypogonadism in males is characterized by diminished levels of male sexual hormone, testosterone, in circulation.

Late onset hypogonadism is considered a clinical and biochemical syndrome, characterized by low levels of testosterone in the serum and symptoms of testosterone deficiency(3). This is in

consistency with the ISA, ISSAM and EAU recommendations on the definition of hypogonadism(4).

The clinical symptoms of hypogonadism include(5):

- (1) Reduced or diminished libido or sexual desire with decreased erectile quality. Nocturnal erections are particularly diminished.
- (2) Changes in mood, concomitant decreases in intellectual activity, cognitive functions, spatial orientation ability and fatigue. Depressed mood and irritability are common.
- (3) Sleep disturbances in the form of insomnia and in some cases, excessive sleep.
- (4) Sarcopenia or decrease in lean body mass with associated diminution in muscle volume and strength
- (5) Increase in visceral fat
- (6) Decrease in body hair and skin alterations
- (7) Decreased bone mineral density resulting in osteopenia, osteoporosis and increased risk of bone fractures.

The following biochemical investigations are also required(3) :

Between 07.00 and 11.00 hours , A serum sample for total testosterone determination and sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG) should be obtained. This time period is ideal as testosterone has diurnal variation . The parameters necessary for establishment of hypogonadism are serum total testosterone and serum free testosterone. Serum free testosterone is calculated from total testosterone and SHBG .

There are no generally accepted lower limits for normal testosterone. It is not clear whether geography and ethnicity play a role in the level of testosterone. Different societies and different studies have different cut off value for testosterone. Total testosterone below 300 ng/dl is considered

as cut off by the endocrine society (6) and the American urological association (7). They advise repeated morning testing of testosterone in the morning time before confirming the diagnosis. ISSAM (International Society for the Study of the Aging Male) (8) and ISSM (International Society for Sexual Medicine) (9) consider total testosterone levels of 12 nmol/L (346 ng/dl) or free testosterone levels of 250 pmol/L (72 pg/ml) as a cut off. Endocrine society and the American Urological Association consider a total testosterone less than 300 ng/dl as deficient (6). Based on studies in younger men, there is also a general consensus that serum total testosterone levels below 8 nmol/L (231 ng/dl) or free testosterone below 180 pmol/L (52 pg/ml) require substitution. Salivary testosterone has been found to be a reliable substitute for free testosterone measurements. However, it cannot be recommended at this time as the methodology has not been standardized and adult male ranges are not available in most hospital or reference laboratories.

## **EPIDEMIOLOGY**

With latest advances in medical field, the life expectancy of our population is steadily increasing. The prevalence of late onset hypogonadism or hypogonadism that is seen in elderly males are also increasing day by day. The main challenge for identifying the prevalence of late onset hypogonadism is the absence of a proper diagnostic criteria. There is still no clear guidelines on cut off for testosterone to diagnose hypogonadism.

The largest study done on hypogonadism prevalence is the European ageing male study. The criteria used by this study for diagnosis of late onset hypogonadism was presence of three sexual symptoms (decreased sexual interest and morning erections and erectile dysfunction) in combination with total T below 11 nmol/litre (317 ng/dl) and free T below 220 pmol/litre. Men aged 40-79 was included in this study. The prevalence of late onset hypogonadism was 2.1% (63 of 2966) according to this study. (10) In a national survey conducted in China, Free Testosterone level

of <210 pmol/L with the presence of at least three sexual symptoms were considered as the criteria to define late onset hypogonadism. Based on this criterion, the prevalence of LOH was 7.8% (395 of 5078 subjects)(11) . The HIM(hypogonadism in males ) study considered a TT level less than 300 ng/dl or previously diagnosed hypogonadal and receiving androgen treatment as criteria for hypogonadism. It included men >45 years of age. It showed a prevalence of 38.7% (12). The prevalence of symptomatic androgen deficiency in men study included men between ages of 30 and 79 . Symptomatic androgen deficiency was defined as low total (<300 ng/dl) and free (<5 ng/dl) testosterone along with presence of low libido, erectile dysfunction, osteoporosis or fracture, or two or more of following symptoms: sleep disturbance, depressed mood, lethargy, or diminished physical performance. The prevalence was found to be 5.8 % according to this study(13) . There were only few studies in India that looks at prevalence of LOH . A study conducted by Yadav Et al. in India showed a prevalence of 28.99%(14). The varying percentages of prevalence of LOH in different parts of the world could be due to the different criteria used for diagnosis. The possibility of ethnicity and other environmental factors affecting the testosterone levels is another possibility to consider. A uniform definition and comparative studies and metanalysis need to be done to probe further into these . Whether a different cut off of testosterone is needed for different population needs to be reviewed .

Most of the studies uniformly found that as age increases, hypogonadism increases. Liu et al found that the prevalence of hypogonadism was 0.9% for men 40 years–44 years of age, 3.2% for those 50 years–54 years, 11.2% for those 60 years–64 years and 24.0% for those 75 years–79 years (11). Araujo et al found prevalence was low in men less than 70 yrs. (3.1–7.0%) and increased markedly with age to 18.4% among 70 yr. olds(13).



More than total testosterone, the free testosterone level was found to be steadily decreasing as age increases (11). However the free testosterone level was found to be not very useful if total testosterone was less than 8 nmol per litre(15).

The prevalence of late-onset hypogonadism also was showed a rising trend with an increase in the body-mass index and an increasing number of other coexisting illnesses.

## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Testosterone production is regulated by hypothalamus, pituitary and the testes in male body. The hypothalamus secretes GNRH down the hypothalamo-hypophyseal portal system to the anterior pituitary, which secretes luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH). LH and FSH are two gonadotropic hormones that travel through the blood circulation and act on receptors in the gonads. LH, in particular, acts on the Leydig cells in the testis to increase testosterone production. Production of testosterone is limited by a negative feedback. High levels of testosterone are detected by receptors in the hypothalamus and pituitary, thereby reducing the levels of GNRH and gonadotrophins respectively. (16)

The majority of testosterone produced is bound to plasma proteins such as sex-hormone-binding-globulin and albumin. This testosterone that is protein-bound, acts as a surplus supply of testosterone hormone for the body. The free testosterone, which is a very small amount is the active testosterone in male body.

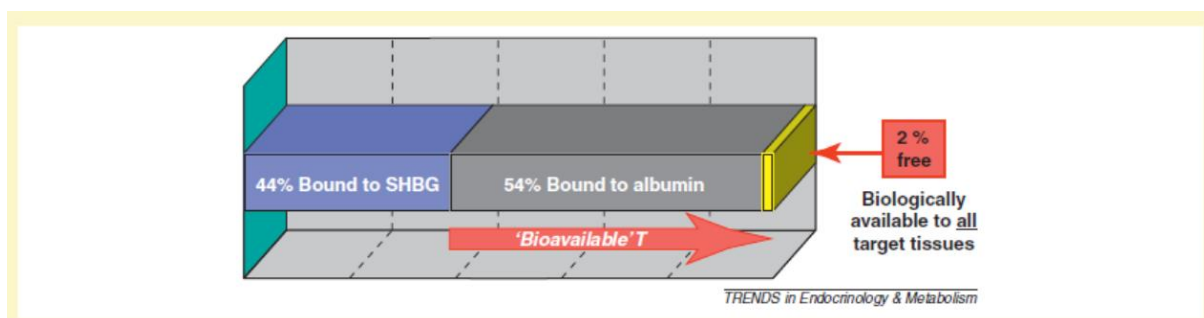


FIGURE 1. BOUND AND FREE TESTOSTERONE IN THE PLASMA (17)

Hypogonadism is a condition in which there is diminished levels of sexual hormones in the body.

Male hypogonadism is characterised by low levels of male sexual hormone, testosterone in circulation .

Classically , male hypogonadism is classified as :

Primary(hypergonadotropic hypogonadism)) and

Secondary (hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism)

Primary hypogonadism is due to a testicular failure to produce Testosterone. In primary hypogonadism , due to feedback mechanism , the gonadotrophins are high . Hence the term hypergonadotropic hypogonadism.

Secondary hypogonadism is due to reduced levels of gonadotrophins which will result in low level of testosterone. There is a dysfunction of the hypothalamus-pituitary-testis (HPT) axis.

Late-onset hypogonadism (LOH) cannot be classified into either of the above . It has components of both primary and secondary hypogonadism .

Three main phenomena are described as the cause of late onset hypogonadism . They are :

- 1) A decline in testicular function
- 2) A decline in hypothalamic–pituitary function
- 3) A rise in the levels of sex-hormone-binding globulin

As age advances, testicular function declines slowly. However , purely age-related change is usually small and probably of the same magnitude as that of other organs of the body. This is in clear contrast to what happens to ovary in females , which undergoes a fast functional involution at menopause. Hence , we can't form any parallels on the functional decline of testis from what is seen

in ovary of the females . Sufficient spermatogenesis remains upon ageing to maintain a man's fertility throughout his entire post-pubertal life. Testicular volume is a clear reflection of the quantity of sperm production, and it decreases by about 15% between the ages of 25 and 80–90 years.

Other changes seen are also seen with ageing . There is decrease in vascular supply to the testis with age and less responsiveness of the Leydig cells to luteinizing hormone . There is decrease in the production of seminal fluid . Sperm become less motile and their structure deteriorates. However, the sperm concentration in semen remains quite constant. As the age of the male partner increases, the time of unprotected intercourse needed to achieve fertilization, after correction for the woman's age, becomes longer and longer . The testis also undergoes morphological changes upon ageing including degeneration of the germinal epithelium and increased proportion of connective tissue. Also, the total number of Sertoli and Leydig cells in the testis decreases to around half of that of the young testis.(17)

The serum concentration of testosterone reaches its maximum at about 25–30 years of age and starts a slow steady decline thereafter at a rate of about 1% per year (18), (19). Another study found that , between 55 and 68 years of age , serum total testosterone decreases by 1.4% per year, free testosterone by 2.7%, while SHBG increases by 2.7%.(20). There is a great inter individual variability in the aging-related decline of Testosterone. About 20% on men over 60 years have a serum testosterone in the upper normal range for young men, and about 20% being below the reference range. The bioavailable testosterone is in the subnormal range in a very large proportion of older men.

About half of circulating testosterone is bound to SHBG and another half to albumin. Protein bound testosterone is not biologically active. Only 0.5%–3% of testosterone remains in free,

non-protein-bound form and it is the only biologically active fraction(21). With ageing , the concentration of SHBG increases , which means more testosterone is bound to SHBG and lesser amount of testosterone is in the free biologically active form . This, in effect will cause a larger increase of free testosterone , by about 2%–3% per year even though the decline in total testosterone is not so much . Even with the age related decline in free testosterone, average free testosterone level still remains within the normal range in most men . In this situation , there is a reciprocal increase in luteinizing hormone (LH) secretion(22), (23).

The hypothalamo-pituitary function also shows a decline with age . The pulse frequency as well as the amplitude of secretion of gonadotrophins is reduced. This results in a lower level of stimulation of the testes to produce testosterone. Another complexity to the age-related changes in Testosterone is levels is caused by the associated weight gain and deterioration of general health due to chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac, hepatic or renal failure, chronic obstructive lung disease and arthritis. The medications associated with these disorders, which include opiates and glucocorticoids, also contribute to the decreased Testosterone through actions on LH secretory dynamics. Testosterone production in a man can be considered a good indicator of his general health, which decreases in response to a variety of stressors. High body mass index (BMI) has a great suppressive effect on testosterone production and its effect is much greater than that of chronological age . There is almost a 30 % reduction in testosterone levels in a man with obesity(BMI > 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>) when compared to a man with a BMI < 25 at any age. This is more than the purely age-dependent decrease between 40 and 80 years. The exact mechanism by which this happens is unknown, but it is thought to be linked to the increased negative feedback inhibition of gonadotropin secretion by adipose tissue-derived oestrogens, leptin and cytokines/adipokines(24), (25),(26). There is a similar decrease in testosterone associated with chronic illnesses. In men with

obesity and chronic illnesses, there is no increase in gonadotrophins. This points towards a secondary hypogonadism pathology in these cases.

Figure 2 shows a decrease in total testosterone and free testosterone with age and increase in LH and SHBG as age increases. (17)

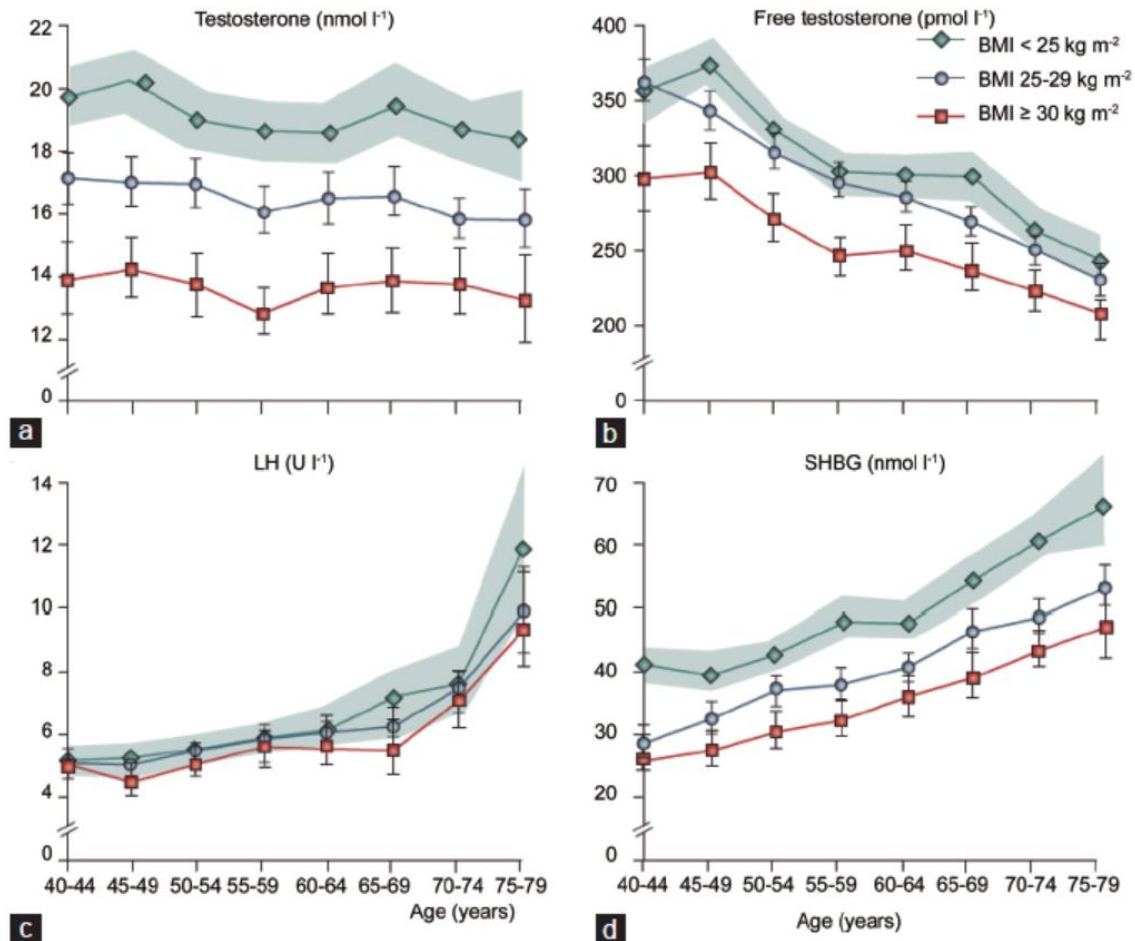


FIGURE 2: TESTOSTERONE, FREE TESTOSTERONE, LH AND SHBG LEVELS IN DIFFERENT AGES AND FOR DIFFERENT BMI(23)

## DIAGNOSIS OF LATE ONSET HYPOGONADISM

Diagnosis of late onset hypogonadism is challenging and many cases go unrecognised. The symptoms of testosterone deficiency is insidious in onset and presents very subtly. Most of the times, patients and clinicians view it as an inevitable part of ageing.

Declining testosterone presents with multiple symptoms. It includes a gradual change in body composition, diminished energy and muscle strength, reduced sexual function with erectile dysfunction and reduced sexual interests, increased osteoporosis risk, anaemia, and changes in mood and cognitive ability (27), (28).

An understanding of the multiple functions of testosterone in a normal male is necessary to appreciate the effects that can be produced by the lack of testosterone. The table below shows the normal functions of testosterone:

**TABLE 1: BIOLOGICAL ACTIONS OF TESTOSTERONE(29)**

|   |
|---|
| Stimulates synthesis of erythropoietin from kidneys for haematopoiesis                                    |
| Maintaining normal muscle mass and metabolism by retaining nitrogen                                       |
| Inhibits osteoclastic activity and enhances osteoblastic activity thereby stimulating bone mineralisation |
| Inhibits autoimmune rheumatic disease by inhibiting inflammatory response                                 |
| Liver protein formation stimulation   |
| Stabilise mood, reduces depression , irritability and improves self esteem                                |
| Enhances various cognitive parameters   |
| Maintains frequency of nocturnal erections and at a lesser degree, volitional erections                   |
| Libido enhancement  |

## **SYMPTOMS**

Symptoms that lead patients to clinic include: erectile dysfunction ,reduced libido or impotence, a reduction in muscle mass and strength or fatigue and lack of energy, a change in body composition in the form of an increase in visceral fat, osteoporotic changes, and change in mood and cognitive function. Other subtle and comparatively less frequently reported symptoms that can also be characteristic of LOH are: irritable feeling, anxiety, forgetfulness, disturbance in sleep, sweats and hot flushes, a decreased feeling of well-being, anaemia, hypertension, and regression in secondary sexual characteristics like a reduction in body hair and signs of atrophy of skin and ageing. As these

symptoms can be seen in other pathologies also, clinicians need to rule out other aetiologies before attributing the symptoms to hypogonadism.

Table 2 gives the key symptoms identified by ISSAM(International society for the study of the ageing male) in the ageing male that should alert suspicion of late onset hypogonadism.

**TABLE 2: KEY SYMPTOMS THAT SHOULD RAISE SUSPICION OF LATE ONSET HYPOGONADISM(ISSAM) (28)**

|   |
|---|
| Diminished sexual desire and quality of erection, especially nocturnal erections  |
| Mood changes associated with decrease in intellectual activity, ability for spatial orientation, depression, irritability and fatigue |
| Reduction in lean body mass with concomitant reduction in muscle mass and strength  |
| Reduction in body hair and alteration in skin   |
| Decreased mineralisation of bone hence causing osteopenia and osteoporosis  |
| Increased visceral fat  |

The European association of urology suggests the following symptoms are associated with low testosterone.

**TABLE 3: SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH LOW TESTOSTERONE (30)**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Clinical symptoms and signs suggestive for androgen deficiency:</b>    |
| Reduced testis volume   |
| Male-factor infertility   |
| Decreased body hair   |
| Gynaecomastia   |
| Visceral obesity  |
| Decrease in lean body mass and muscle strength                            |
| Metabolic syndrome  |
| Insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes mellitus                           |
| Decrease in bone mineral density (osteoporosis) with low trauma fractures |
| Mild anaemia  |
| <b>Sexual symptoms:</b>   |
| Reduced sexual desire and sexual activity                                 |
| Erectile dysfunction  |
| Fewer and diminished nocturnal erections                                  |

|  |
|--|
| <b>Cognitive and psycho-vegetative symptoms:</b> |
| Hot flushes                                      |
| Changes in mood, fatigue and anger               |
| Sleep disturbances                               |
| Depression                                       |
| Diminished cognitive function                    |

Studies have shown that various levels of testosterone in patients with late onset hypogonadism may be associated with different symptoms. Loss of libido and vigour may occur at testosterone levels below 15 nmol/L (433 ng/dl). Abdominal obesity is prevalent when testosterone levels are below 12 nmol/L(346 ng/dl) . Depressed mood, sleep disturbance, lack of concentration and diabetes mellitus type 2 are common when testosterone levels are below 10 nmol/L(288 ng/dl). Decreased frequency of sexual thoughts , hot flushes and erectile dysfunction were associated with testosterone levels below 8 nmol/L(231 ng /dl) (31). Three main sexual symptoms that is, decreased sexual thoughts, erectile dysfunction and weakened morning erections was the strongest predictor for hypogonadism in this age group (30). The strongest predictor of hypogonadism is a serum total testosterone level of < 8 nmol/L or serum testosterone in the range of 8-11 nmol/L and free testosterone < 220 pmol/L.(30)

## **PATIENT ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES**

Various screening tools have been validated for patients with suspected hypogonadism.

### **The Aging Males' Symptoms (AMS) scale**

The ageing male symptoms scale in Europe, which was developed in 1999 captures symptoms that could suggest late onset hypogonadism.



**TABLE 4: THE AGING MALES' SYMPTOMS (AMS) SCALE**

**– A VALIDATED QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ASSESSING THE SEVERITY AND IMPACT OF SYMPTOMS IN LATE-ONSET HYPOGONADISM(32)**

|    | Symptoms   | Score |   |   |   |   |
|----|--|-------|---|---|---|---|
|    |  | 1     | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1  | Decline in your feeling of general well-being (general state of health, subjective feeling)  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 2  | Joint pain and muscular ache (lower back pain, joint pain, pain in a limb, general back ache)  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 3  | Excessive sweating (unexpected/sudden episodes of sweating, hot flushes independent of strain)   |       |   |   |   |   |
| 4  | Sleep problems (difficulty in falling asleep, difficulty in sleeping through, waking up early and feeling tired, poor sleep, sleeplessness)                                |       |   |   |   |   |
| 5  | Increased need for sleep, often feeling tired  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 6  | Irritability (feeling aggressive, easily upset about little things, moody)   |       |   |   |   |   |
| 7  | Nervousness (inner tension, restlessness)  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 8  | Anxiety (feeling panicky)  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 9  | Physical exhaustion/lacking vitality (general decrease in performance, reduced activity, feeling of getting less done, of having to force oneself to undertake activities) |       |   |   |   |   |
| 10 | Decrease in muscular strength (feeling weak)   |       |   |   |   |   |
| 11 | Depressive mood (feeling down, sad, on the verge of tears, mood swings)  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 12 | Feeling that you have passed your peak   |       |   |   |   |   |
| 13 | Feeling burnt out, having hit rock-bottom  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 14 | Decrease in beard growth   |       |   |   |   |   |
| 15 | Decrease in the number of morning erections  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 16 | Decrease in ability/frequency to perform sexually  |       |   |   |   |   |
| 17 | Decrease in sexual desire/libido (lacking pleasure in sex, lacking desire for intercourse)   |       |   |   |   |   |

The text is preceded by ‘‘Which of the following symptoms apply to you at this time? Please mark the appropriate box for each symptom. For symptoms that do not apply, please mark ‘none’. 1 = none, 2 = mild, 3 = moderate, 4 = severe, 5 = extremely severe. Thank you very much for your cooperation.’’(33)

This screening tool is validated and it can reasonably measure quality of life, changes following treatment, and the wide range of symptoms and their severity seen in LOH. It has 17 items and it allows for a 5 point ordinal rating scale. It also allows to categorize patients as :

- 1) Little or no complaints (total score <26)

2) Mild complaints(score 27–36)

3) Moderate complaints (score 37–49)

4) Severe complaints (score >50).

Serial documentation of this screening tool will also be helpful in assessing progression of disease and treatment response. (32). It was not initially developed as a screening tool for diagnosis of hypogonadism . However studies later have shown that it has a sensitivity of 83–96% which suggests that it is good screening tool for diagnosis of late onset hypogonadism (34). Specificity of the AMS score was however only 39% and hence it needs to be followed up by a biochemical test to confirm the diagnosis of hypogonadism.

The other patient questionnaires used and validated in the USA are the ADAM and MMAS Questionnaires. These questionnaires also assess how ageing affects a person's sexuality, erectile function, physical strength, and feelings of well-being .

### **ADAM questionnaire**

The ADAM questionnaire was developed in 2000.

**TABLE 5: ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE(35)**

|  |   |     |    |
|--|---|-----|----|
| 1  | Do you have a decrease in libido (sex drive)?                           | Yes | No |
| 2  | Do you have a lack of energy?   | Yes | No |
| 3  | Do you have a decrease in strength and/or endurance?                    | Yes | No |
| 4  | Have you lost height?   | Yes | No |
| 5  | Have you noticed a decreased "enjoyment of life"                        | Yes | No |
| 6  | Are you sad and/or grumpy?  | Yes | No |
| 7  | Are your erections less strong?   | Yes | No |
| 8  | Have you noticed a recent deterioration in your ability to play sports? | Yes | No |
| 9  | Are you falling asleep after dinner?                                    | Yes | No |
| 10   | Has there been a recent deterioration in your work performance?         | Yes | No |
| If you Answer Yes to number 1 or 7 or if you answer Yes to more than 3 questions, you may have low Testosterone. |   |     |    |

ADAM questionnaire consists of 10 questions which are related to androgen deficiency which needs to be answered with “yes” or “no.” It was initially published by Morley et al. They showed a sensitivity of 88%(35). Various other studies have been done following this to validate this screening tool and it was found that it had a sensitivity as high as 97% also. Even though its sensitivity is high, its specificity is only 24–60%(36) , (37). It is hence considered a very good screening tool. However its use beyond screening is limited. A biochemical analysis needs to follow through after screening patients with this tool. In a prospective study, the association between the ADAM questionnaire and serum hormone values was evaluated , and it found that free testosterone and dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate (DHEA-S) are lower in men with a positive result on the ADAM questionnaire(3 out of 10 symptoms). (37).

There was however no relationship found between ADAM score and total testosterone values in any of these studies. It was also not a good tool for assessing the symptom improvement after treatment of the patients with hypogonadism. A modified ADAM scale, the q ADAM scale was proposed by Mohamed et al. Which makes each of the questions in ADAM scale more objective by asking the patient to rate each of their answers from 1-5 (1(terrible) 2(poor) 3(average) 4(good) 5(excellent)). (38) q ADAM has a better correlation with serum total testosterone level. It can also be used for assessing the symptoms over time.

### **The Massachusetts Male Aging Study questionnaire**

The Massachusetts Male Aging Study questionnaire is another tool for screening . It was developed in 2000. It has 8 items in it and it is a self-administered questionnaire.

**TABLE 6: MASSACHUSETTS MALE AGING STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE (39)**

|  |  |  |  |                                 |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Age 60 or older  | 2 points   |  |                                 |
| 2  | Receiving treatment for diabetes   | 3 points   |  |                                 |
| 3  | Receiving treatment for asthma   | 1 point  |  |                                 |
| 4  | Hours of sleep, less than 5 hours  | 1 point  |  |                                 |
| 5  | Smoke cigarettes, curretly or formerly   | 2 points   |  |                                 |
| 6  | Bothered by headaches  | 2 points   |  |                                 |
| 7  | Does not like directing other people's work  | 1 point  |  |                                 |
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The sensitivity of MMAS 76% and its specificity is 49%. (39). Later studies have shown a sensitivity of 60 % also for MMAS questionnaire. (34). The advantage of this screening tool is that it is a self-administered screening questionnaire. However its sensitivity and specificity is poor.

There aren't any studies that has looked into the independent association between serum testosterone values and MMAS questions individually, or total overall score.

## The New England Research Institute (NERI) Hypogonadism Questionnaire

The New England Research Institute (NERI) Hypogonadism Questionnaire (40) was developed in 2009. It was developed specifically to screen for hypogonadism. It initially consisted of 67 items. It was later modified to contain 25 items. However, till date there is no study done to look into its sensitivity and specificity and hence it is not used in clinical practice yet.

A.M. Bernie et al. did a comparison of the different screening questionnaires for screening hypogonadism. The results of the same are summarised in the table below.

**TABLE 7: COMPARISON OF QUESTIONNAIRES USED FOR SCREENING FOR HYPOGONADISM (41)**

|                                 | Year of development | Number of questions | Sensitivity | Specificity | Advantages  | Disadvantages  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---|--|
| ADAM and qADAM                  | 2000                | 10                  | 83.3–97%    | 19.7–36.6%  | High sensitivity makes it ideal for screening test                                      | Not all studies have shown a direct correlation with the ADAM and decreased serum androgen levels                                    |
| AMS Rating Scale                | 1999                | 17                  | 83–96%      | 24–39%      | Also has a high sensitivity, making it a reasonable choice as a screening questionnaire | Not developed as a screening tool for LOH. It's more of a quality-of-life scale for aging men and not related to testosterone levels |
| MMAS questionnaire              | 2000                | 8                   | 59.9–76%    | 42.9–59%    | Shortest of the screening questionnaires for LOH  | Clinical data suggest that it is not the most accurate assessment tool   |
| NERI Hypogonadism Questionnaire | 2009                | 25                  | N/A         | N/A         | Has good test-retest reliability and internal consistency as well as validity           | There has yet to be a study looking at the questionnaires' sensitivity, and thus its ability to act as a screening tool              |

Screening tools are useful as it takes very less time to be filled and many times it can be filled by the patient themselves. It can be filled when patients are in the waiting area to meet clinicians. Whether further exploration and evaluation of hypogonadism is needed or not can be decided based on screening tools. It is useful in places where patients are culturally inhibited to talk about symptoms of hypogonadism. In these cases, screening tools help bring out symptoms that otherwise would have been missed.

## **TESTOSTERONE CUT OFF FOR DIAGNOSIS OF HYPOGONADISM**

The symptoms of late onset hypogonadism presents differently in different individuals. It is very subtle in some while very obvious in others. Therefore the diagnosis of hypogonadism cannot be made just based on clinical symptoms. Biochemical evaluation with serum total and free testosterone needs to be done in order to make a diagnosis of hypogonadism.

There is however no universally agreed definition for the cut-off point of testosterone at which a diagnosis of LOH can be made. This is mainly because the symptoms are varied even with same testosterone levels in different individuals.

(European Male Aging Study, EMAS, was one of the biggest studies conducted to recognise symptoms and signs of testosterone deficiency in elderly men. They found three main sexual symptoms (decreased morning erection and sexual thoughts and erectile dysfunction) were almost always associated with a late onset hypogonadism. They suggested that the presence of at least these three sexual symptoms with a total testosterone level of less than 11 nmol/L and free T < 225 pmol/L is needed to diagnose late onset hypogonadism.(42)

According to endocrine society guidelines, a total testosterone less than 300 ng/dl is considered deficient(6). The American Urological Association also considers 300 ng/dl as cut off for hypogonadism (7) . The ISSAM and the ISSM however uses the cut off value of TT <12 nmol/L or 350 ng/dl.

**TABLE 8: SOCIETY GUIDELINES ON TOTAL AND FREE TESTOSTERONE CUT OFF FOR HYPOGONADISM**

| <b>Expert opinion</b> | <b>Cut-off Values Total T (TT) or free T</b>    | <b>Year of Release</b> |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Endocrine Society     | TT < 300 ng/dl or free T < 5 ng/dl              | 2018                   |
| AUA                   | TT < 300 ng/dl                                  | 2018                   |
| ISSAM                 | TT < 350 ng/dl (12 nmol/L) or free T < 65 pg/ml | 2015                   |
| ISSM                  | TT < 350 ng/dl (12 nmol/L)                      | 2015                   |
| EUA                   | TT <11 nmol/L and free T < 225 pmol/L           | 2015                   |

The best time for sampling blood for testosterone assay is in the morning between 07.00 and 11.00 h(43). At least 2 samples needs to be ideally taken to allow for hormonal variation in different individuals at different point of time(28). This diurnal variation is not very well seen in older men. In a study conducted by Crawford et al. Testosterone values remained mostly the same from 6am to 2 pm and even after that dropped by only 13 %. (44) The total testosterone levels, if low indicates low gonadal function.

The number of symptoms of hypogonadism increases as testosterone levels reduces. A study done by Zitzmann et al. showed that symptoms like loss of libido and vigour occurred with testosterone levels below 15 nmol/litre itself. Symptoms of depression and type 2 diabetes mellitus were higher in men with total testosterone levels below 10 nmol/litre. Erectile dysfunction due to low testosterone was found in men with testosterone concentrations below 8 nmol/litre. However erectile dysfunction could be due to multiple aetiologies including metabolic risk factors, smoking, and depression. (45)

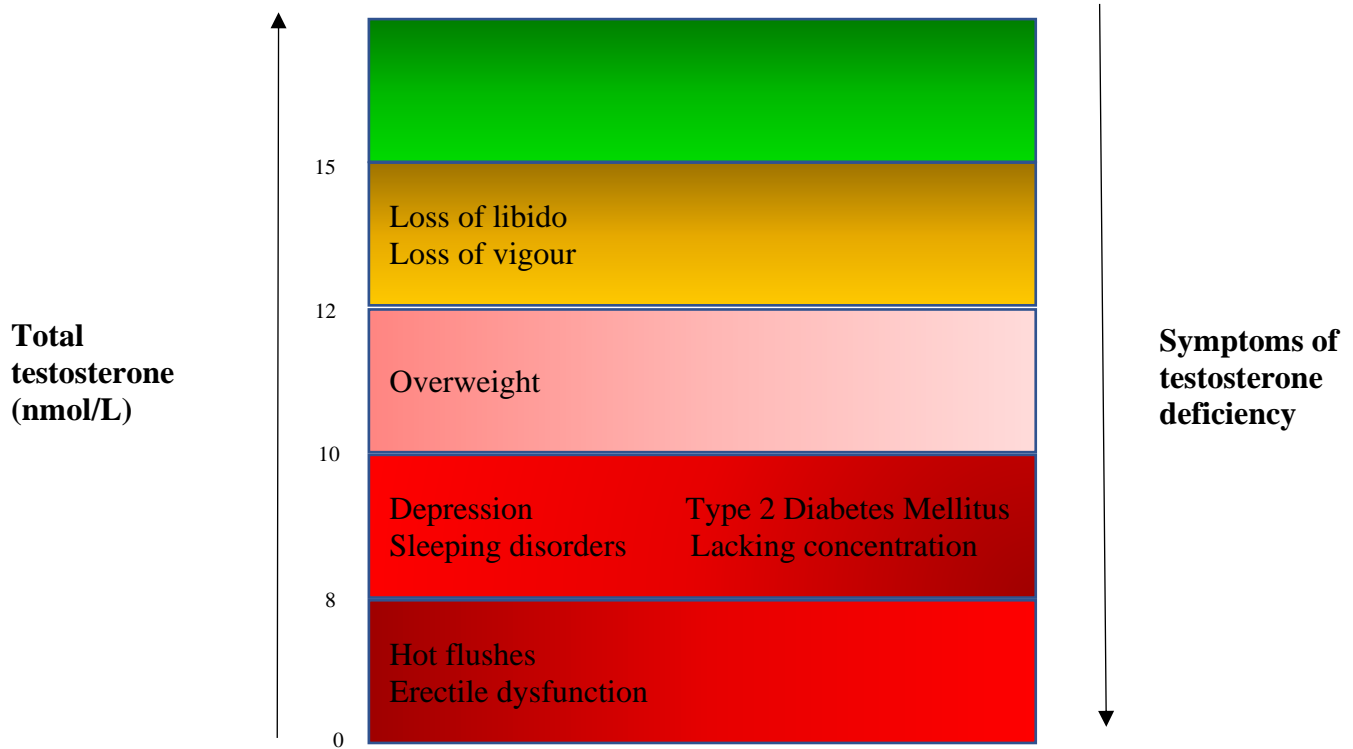


FIGURE 3: TESTOSTERONE LEVELS AND SYMPTOMS(45)

If the clinical picture does not correspond with the testosterone levels obtained, free or bioavailable Testosterone should be considered. This is because variations in SHBG concentrations can influence the total testosterone values. Free or bioavailable testosterone should especially be considered in obese men as they are known to have low levels of SHBG. The gold standard for measurement of free T is Equilibrium dialysis, but it may not be available routinely or may be very costly. Free Testosterone assays which are based on analog displacement immunoassays are available widely and they have been used with good success. However, its reliability is questionable. Another alternative is to measure serum SHBG and serum total testosterone in a reliable lab and to calculate the free testosterone using an equation. (46).

Measurement of LH will help in differentiating between primary and secondary hypogonadism. If LH is elevated and total testosterone is low, it indicates testicular failure. On the other hand, if LH is low in hypogonadal men, central causes of hypogonadism should be looked into (47).



The difference in symptoms between men with same level of testosterone or free testosterone in the body is also thought to be contributed by the level of sensitivity of androgen receptors in various individuals. The mechanism by which androgen receptors act is by direct regulation of gene transcription. AR gene has 8 exons. Exon one of this gene has a polymorphic sequence of CAG repeat. The number of CAG repeats is negatively associated with the transcriptional activity of androgen receptor. (48). This difference among individuals can cause difficulty in having a single cut off value for hypogonadism. It can also have implications on the dose of testosterone therapy and the effect of therapy in various individuals.

The parameters that need to be evaluated in a person with suspected hypogonadism include LH, TSH, SHBG, prolactin and vitamin D.

## **TREATMENT WITH TESTOSTERONE IN OLDER MEN WITH AGE-RELATED DECLINE IN TESTOSTERONE CONCENTRATION**

Whether to treat age related decline in testosterone is still controversial. The endocrine society guidelines suggest against routine treatment of older men(65 years or older) with low testosterone in the serum. It is suggested that clinicians can offer therapy in men who are >65 years if there is significant symptoms or conditions that suggest testosterone deficiency and if they have consistently and unequivocally low morning testosterone . It should be on an individualised basis and the potentials risks and benefits of therapy should be extensively discussed with the patient before starting therapy. (6)

The European association of urology suggests treating adult men with low serum testosterone and consistent and if possible multiple symptoms and signs of hypogonadism following unsuccessful treatment of obesity and other comorbidities(30).

Prior to offering testosterone therapy, haemoglobin and haematocrit should be measured and it should be withheld if haematocrit exceeds 50%. Haemoglobin should also be measured at 3, 6 and 12 months after starting testosterone replacement therapy. While on TRT, haematocrit over 54% requires intervention in the form of dose reduction or temporary discontinuation. Patients should be informed about the risk of polycythaemia prior to therapy with testosterone. In men aged 40 and above, PSA should also be measured prior to testosterone therapy. This is to prevent giving testosterone to patients with occult prostate cancer. (7)

The goal of testosterone replacement therapy is to achieve a total testosterone level in the middle tertile of the normal physiologic range which is 450–600 ng/dl(6). The treating physician and patient should discuss and decide on the choice of testosterone formulation. Short acting preparations are preferred for initial treatment as it will be easier to discontinue it in case of adverse effects. It is preferable to prescribe Commercially manufactured testosterone rather than compounded testosterone, when possible. More frequent monitoring and dose adjustment is needed in case of prescribing compounded testosterone.

A list of all the dosing formulations of testosterone available are given in table 9

**TABLE 9: DOSING FORMULATIONS OF TESTOSTERONE AVAILABLE(6)**

| Formulation                          | Typical Starting Doses   | Pharmacokinetic Profile  | Advantages   | Disadvantages  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| T enanthate or cypionate             | 150–200 mg IM every 2 wk or 75–100 mg/wk   | Serum testosterone rise into the supraphysiological range after a single injection, then decline slowly to hypogonadal range by the end of the dosing interval | Relatively less expensive and administered by self, dosing is flexible                     | IM injections are needed<br>Peak value and low value of serum testosterone may be associated with fluctuation in symptoms  |
| T transdermal gels: 1%, 1.62%, or 2% | 50–100 mg of 1% transdermal gel;<br>20.25–81 mg of 1.62% gel or 40–70 mg of 2% transdermal gel applied to skin | Restore testosterone to normal physiological range, has less fluctuation   | Dosing flexibility, can be applied easily, has good skin tolerability; less erythrocytosis | Potential of transfer to other members of the family, occasional skin irritation, high DHT concentrations(unknown significance), testosterone concentration may vary with each application |
| T Axillary Solution                  | 60 mg of Testosterone  | Restores testosterone to normal range  | Good skin tolerability   | Potential of transfer to other members of the family, occasional skin irritation, high   |

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|   | solution applied in the axillae   |   |   | DHT concentrations(unknown significance), testosterone concentration may vary with each application   |
| Transdermal T patch                         | One or two patches, designed to nominally deliver 2–4 mg of T for 24 h, to be applied daily on non-pressure areas | Restores serum T, DHT, and E2 concentrations to the physiological male range  | Can be easily applied                           | Skin irritation is possible; patients with very low testosterone may need two patches per day   |
| Buccal, bio-adhesive T tablets              | 30-mg controlled release, bio-adhesive tablets twice daily  | Restores serum T, DHT, and E2 concentrations to the physiological male range; absorption from the buccal mucosa         | Convenient and discreet                         | Adverse effects related to gum  |
| T pellets                                   | Pellets containing 600–1200 mg T implanted SC   | Serum T peaks at 1 month and then is sustained in normal range for 3–6 months, depending on formulation                 | Less frequent administration                    | Requires surgical incision for each insertions; pellets may get extruded spontaneously; local reaction, hematoma and infection may occur rarely |
| Injectable long-acting T undecanoate in oil | 750 mg IM, followed by 750 mg at 4 wk., and 750 mg every 10 wk.   | When administered at a dose of 750 mg IM, serum T concentrations are maintained in the normal range in most treated men | Less frequent administration                    | Requires IM injection ; coughing in a small number of men immediately after administration;   |
| Nasal T gel                                 | 11 mg two or three times daily  | Serum T concentrations are maintained in the normal range in most treated men   | Rapid absorption; first pass metabolism avoided | Multiple daily intranasal dosing needed; local side effects in the nose, not appropriate for those with nasal disorders                         |

## EFFICACY

Few studies are only present looking at the efficacy of testosterone therapy.

Sexual function: Studies suggest that testosterone therapy is associated with Significant improvements in sexual desire , spontaneous erections and sexual motivation(49). However it does not improve ejaculatory function(50).

Well-being and depressive symptoms: Testosterone therapy improves mood. It improves the positive parameters of mood and reduces the negative parameters of mood(51). However the

changes in mood are seen in the early replacement periods and further increase in testosterone did not result in improvement in mood.

Bone mineral density : Testosterone therapy improves the bone mineral density, bone strength. The effect is more in the trabecular than peripheral bone and more in the spine than hip. However there are no studies on the effect testosterone has on fracture risk (52). However testosterone monotherapy is not recommended for men with osteoporosis.

Body composition, muscle strength, and physical function: Testosterone therapy in men with hypogonadism increases lean body mass and muscle strength . Testosterone administration reduces fat in the body as well. However, studies have not shown improvements in gait speed or measures of disability consistently(53)

Cognitive function: Studies done till date has not shown any major improvement in cognitive function with testosterone therapy(54)

## **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Testosterone therapy has some side effects. Most common drug-related adverse events are oiliness of skin , acne and breast tenderness. Some conditions are associated with high risk of adverse events and it is preferable to not give it in these men. Other side effects include:

- Erythrocytosis : testosterone therapy is associated with a dose and testosterone concentration related increase in haematocrit(> 54%). Therapy with testosterone should be withheld if haematocrit increases. (87)

- Cardiovascular : there are no large RCTs or meta-analysis to conclusively say whether testosterone therapy will cause significant cardiovascular risks. Some studies suggest that cardiovascular risk is higher If testosterone concentration in the body is low. (90)
- Venous thromboembolism: Few case control studies and epidemiological studies have shown a mild increase in venous thromboembolism. However the results are inconclusive. There are no RCTs or meta-analysis on the same.
- Prostate: The relationship between prostate cancer and testosterone therapy is also not very well understood. Meta analysis on epidemiological studies have not shown any significant association between development of prostate cancer and testosterone therapy. Prostate and breast cancers are hormone dependent cancers. Hence it's not advisable to give testosterone in patients with either of these diseases. Prostate evaluation and PSA needs to be done prior to testosterone therapy. Patients with high PSA should not be given testosterone therapy. Some men have small cluster of prostate cancer cells that is not clinically evident. Whether testosterone therapy causes these to progress to overt cancer is not known yet.
- Lower urinary tract symptoms.: Testosterone therapy does not worsen LUTs in men who did not have severe LUTs to begin with.<sup>124</sup> Whether it will worsen LUTs significantly in those who has severe LUTs at baseline is not well studied.
- Fertility : Therapy with testosterone suppresses spermatogenesis and is not ideal in treatment of men who desire fertility in the next 6-12 months. This is especially not indicated if they have hypogonadotropic hypogonadism
- Miscellaneous: It can cause retention of fluid and oedema and can theoretically worsen heart failure.

Few conditions are associated with very high risk of serious outcomes with testosterone therapy.

Very high risk of serious adverse outcomes: Metastatic prostate cancer and breast cancer are associated with increased risk.

Moderate to high risk of adverse outcomes: Testosterone therapy in men with unevaluated prostate nodule or induration, unevaluated PSA > 4 ng/ml , haematocrit >48% , severe LUTS associated with benign prostatic hypertrophy, uncontrolled or poorly controlled congestive heart failure are associated with high risk of adverse outcomes. It is hence not recommended to give testosterone on these patients. (6)

## **HYPOGONADISM AND TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS**

The prevalence of diabetes mellitus is increasing day by day. With increasing life expectancy , the number of patients with diabetes mellitus is increasing even more. It causes increased morbidity and mortality due to its microvascular and macrovascular complications.

Insulin resistance is an important feature of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus . Many recent studies are suggesting a relation between insulin sensitivity and testosterone levels in the body . There seems to be an inverse relationship between testosterone and insulin resistance (55),(56). Few studies suggests that low testosterone levels may predict insulin resistance and the future development of type 2 diabetes. (57). Studies also show low testosterone levels in diabetic men when compared with nondiabetic men. (58). There seems to be a bidirectional relationship between testosterone levels and diabetes mellitus . However, the effect poorly controlled diabetes mellitus has on testosterone levels seems to be higher than the effect low testosterone levels have on promoting diabetes. (59)

Twenty-one percent of diabetic men compared with 13% of nondiabetic men had hypogonadism according to a study in a southern California population. In a study conducted in Asian Indian men ,

15 % of men who had diabetes were found to have hypogonadism . 73 % of them had hypogonadotropic hypogonadism and the rest 27 % had hypergonadotropic hypogonadism. The prevalence of hypogonadism in the control group was only 10 % . (60) . In another study, 43 % of all men (n - 249) with type 2 diabetes mellitus had low TT levels (<10 nmol/litre)(61). A study done by Agarwal et al. in 10 centres in India found 20.7% prevalence of hypogonadism in men with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus(62)

Various mechanisms play a role in causing hypogonadism in patients with diabetes mellitus. In diabetic men , the SHBG levels are low. This does not however mean that the free testosterone levels are high . Diabetes have a low total testosterone and a low free testosterone even though they have low SHBG(63). In spite of the low testosterone in these patients , there is no increase in gonadotropins noticed (58). So , there is a central gonadal axis suppression also that contributes to hypogonadism in diabetics. This mainly occurs at the hypothalamus level . Impaired insulin signalling in the CNS cause hypothalamic suppression, at least in part via effects on KNDY (kisspeptin/neurokinin B/dynorphin) neurons in the arcuate nucleus of the hypothalamus(58), (64). Hypothalamic inflammation is proposed to cause hypogonadism in diabetics . In a recent experimental study in adult men, it was found that infusing the pro-inflammatory cytokine interleukin- 2 (IL-2) at a relatively low dose reduced LH stimulated testosterone secretion and augmented testosterone-mediated negative LH feedback(65). A role for genetic susceptibility, and auto-immunity are also proposed as mechanism of hypogonadism in diabetics , however there isn't as much evidence for the same . Insulin also has a direct role in promoting GNRH secretion in a hypothalamic GNRH neuronal cell line , gonadotropin secretion from pituitary cell cultures , and testosterone secretion from cultured Leydig cells. Low testosterone causes an alteration in Leydig cell function, the molecular mechanism for which is still unknown (66).

Studies also provide evidence on mechanisms by which low testosterone causes diabetes mellitus . Testosterone reduces pro-inflammatory cytokines in vitro and in vivo, causing increase in insulin sensitivity in both muscle and adipose tissue(61). Androgenic signalling augments glucose-stimulated insulin secretion in beta cells via amplifying the incretin effect of glucagon-like peptide 1 . Aromatization of testosterone to oestradiol is also required to improve glucose metabolism . Hence low level of testosterone or aromatase enzyme, that causes low oestradiol is also one of the mechanisms leading to diabetes mellitus. Among men with late onset hypogonadism , only those with testosterone of <8 nmol/L had an increased prevalence of insulin resistance (67).

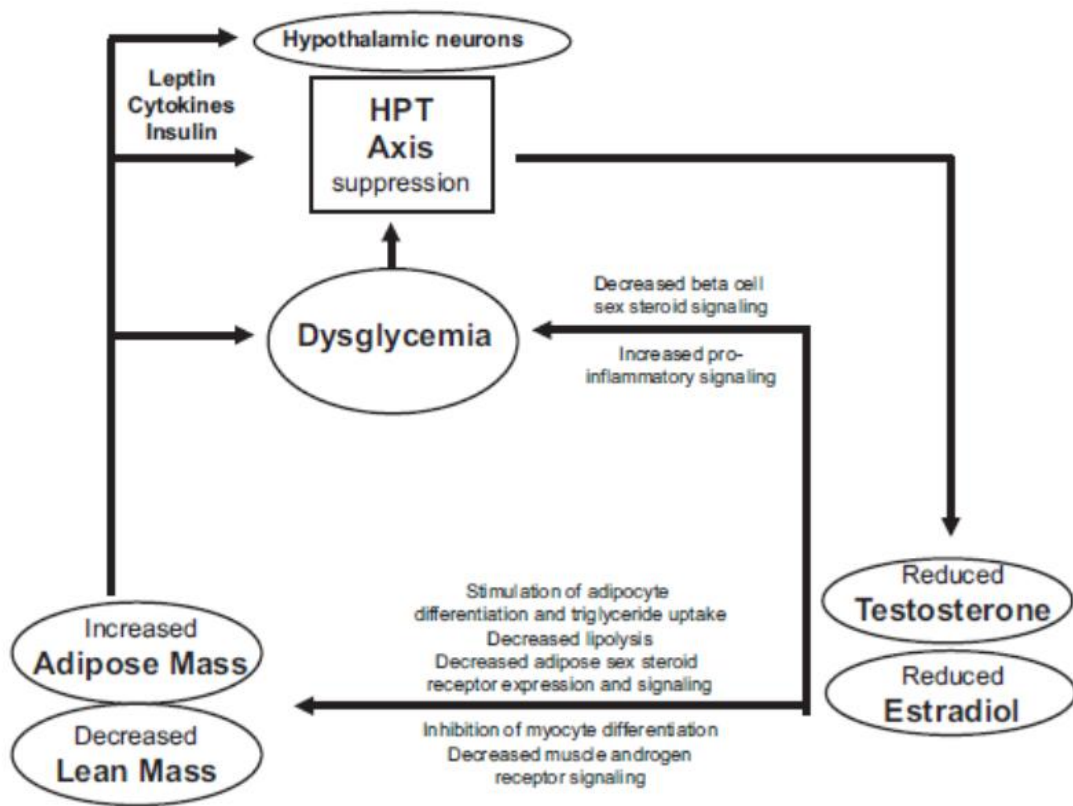


FIGURE 4: THE BIDIRECTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TESTOSTERONE AND DIABETES MELLITUS(68).

In most but not all studies testosterone treatment improves insulin resistance to a modest degree, but effects on glycaemic control remain inconsistent(61). Current recommendations therefore does not recommend testosterone testing or replacement therapy as a routine in patients with diabetes mellitus.



## **HYPOGONADISM AND HYPERTENSION**

Hypertension is another major adverse health factor in the aging population. Some studies also show an association of hypertension and hypogonadism. However, there are only very few studies pertaining to the same.

One study done showed that , in those with hypertension, the prevalence rate of hypogonadism was 42.4%. The same study also showed that in patients with hypertension, the relative risk of hypogonadism was 1.84(69) The European male ageing study also showed that men with a history of hypertension have a higher crude prevalence of hypogonadism than men without a history of hypertension. Among hypogonadal men with hypertension, there was also a statistically significant decrease in ability/frequency to perform sexually . Men with history of arterial hypertension had 3.68-fold higher odds of developing hypogonadism compared to men without hypogonadism. Regardless of other comorbidities and men's age, hypertension decreased the level of both total and free testosterone by 0.47 and 2.52 units, respectively. In this study, they however noticed that among patients with hypogonadism, systolic blood pressure was statistically significantly increased, but diastolic did not change(70). In Massachusetts Male Aging study done in the USA, it was demonstrated that in patients with hypogonadism, both systolic and diastolic blood pressure was higher than in patients with a normal testosterone level(71). So, the relationship between hypertension and hypogonadism seem to be bidirectional. Further studies are however needed on the relationship between hypogonadism and hypertension . The pathophysiology of the same is also yet to be studied. Whether, routine testosterone testing and treatment for hypogonadism will be beneficial or not in men presenting with hypertension need to be studied further.

## **HYPOGONADISM AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the world's leading killer disease(72). Men seems to have a greater mortality risk due to cardiovascular disease when compared to women . It was hence initially

thought that oestrogen is protective while testosterone increases the risk for cardiovascular disease. However, cross sectional studies and meta- analysis suggest that, low testosterone can increase the risk of cardiovascular mortality (73), (74). The European Prospective Investigation into cancer Norfolk study found that everyone standard deviation increase in baseline testosterone was associated with a 14% risk reduction in mortality over 6-10 years due to cardiovascular mortality.

A meta-analysis done showed that the association between testosterone and cardiovascular mortality is significant in elderly men while it is not so significant in middle aged men. 11 prospective studies showed a statistically significant inverse association between endogenous testosterone and cardiovascular disease/mortality in elderly men. Different viewpoints are postulated for this difference seen. Low testosterone might have a distinctly different effect between middle-aged and elderly men with respect to the adaptive response of adipose tissue which might in turn cause obesity in elderly which might result in high CVD risk.(75)

Different pathophysiology are described for the cause of the association between hypogonadism and cardiovascular disease. They are :

Increase risk of other risk factors of cardiovascular disease: Low testosterone is associated with an increased risk and prevalence of dyslipidaemia, obesity, hypertension and diabetes mellitus which are all well known risk factors of cardiovascular disease(76).

Inflammation - Inflammation is a key component of atherosclerosis as it has a role in the early development of the atherosclerotic plaque. Various small studies suggest that testosterone has a role in immune modulation and in decreasing the inflammatory component in atherosclerosis (77).

Various studies have shown that testosterone replacement in men decreases the levels of

endogenous inflammatory cytokines like TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, and IL- $\beta$  which are implicated in atherosclerosis(78). C-reactive protein (CRP) ,which is a marker of general inflammation is also used as a marker of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. An inverse correlation have been found between CRP and testosterone levels (79). Studies does not however show any correlation between testosterone therapy and CRP. Conclusive evidence on the association of inflammation and hypogonadism is still lacking.

Atherosclerosis Mediating Molecules: Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule (VCAM) is one of the molecules that is a major contributor to the formation of the fatty streak, the initial lesion in atherosclerosis as it permits the migration of macrophages into the vascular wall. VCAM levels inversely correlated with testosterone levels in a study on patients with cardiovascular disease(80). However, testosterone replacement in hypogonadal men was not shown to affect serum levels of VCAM . Further research with higher dose and longer duration of treatment are however needed

Endothelial Function and Vascular Health :Endothelial dysfunction is one important risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Cross-sectional studies showed that low testosterone level was associated with endothelial dysfunction (81). Prospective studies on testosterone-treated men with CAD suggested that testosterone was able to improve their endothelial function . Yet, the effect of testosterone replacement of hypogonadal men on endothelial function has yielded controversial results, which varied by the dosage form of testosterone. Other studies assessed the effect of testosterone levels on arterial stiffness, which is also an important risk factor of coronary artery disease . Epidemiological studies showed an inverse correlation between testosterone levels with arterial stiffness (82), and testosterone. Replacement decreased arterial stiffness .

Myocardial Health: It has been suggested that testosterone probably has direct effects on ventricular repolarization of the myocardium . Evidence suggests that testosterone protects from myocardial

ischemia. Small randomized trials have shown improved exercise capacity and increased time to ST depression as well as decreased frequency of anginal attacks with testosterone therapy (83). Testosterone therapy also has been shown to increase cardiac output in patients with heart failure (84).

Though evidence on the association of cardiovascular disease and hypogonadism is becoming increasingly apparent, whether testosterone replacement therapy will be beneficial in those with hypogonadism is yet to be well studied. The two main concerns of testosterone therapy is that, it might promote coronary heart disease and acute coronary syndromes and that it might promote prostate cancer (85). Other adverse effects include increase in haemoglobin and haematocrit, and a small decrease in HDL cholesterol. Evidence is still limited on it and the ideal dose is yet to be determined (76).

## **HYPOGONADISM AND FRAILTY**

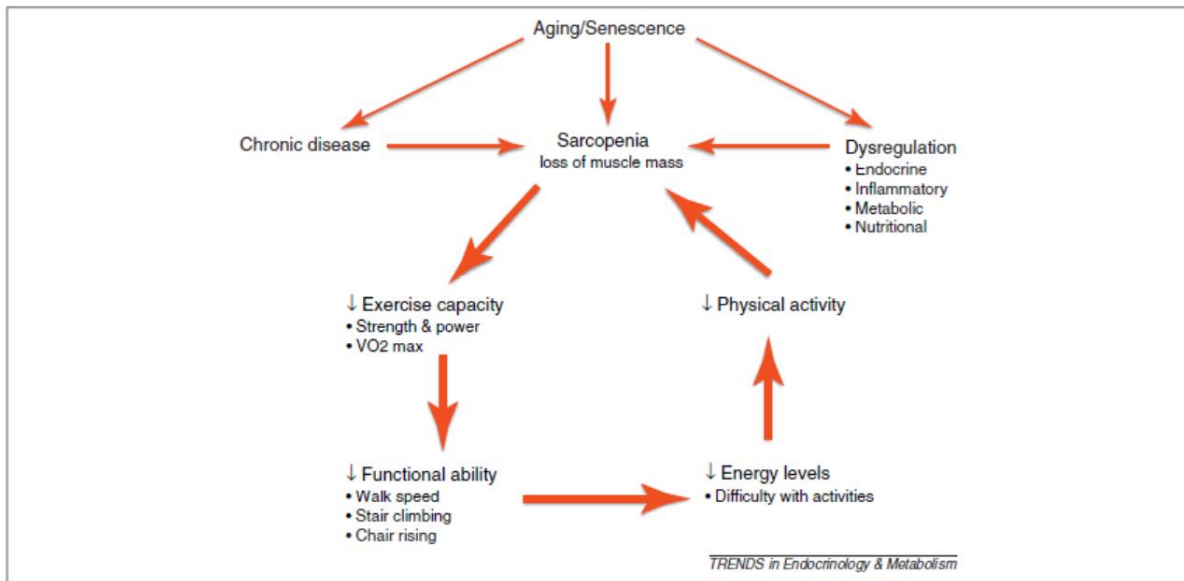
Frailty is a physical condition in which people are in a vulnerable health status and is in high chance of developing overt disability. (86) Frailty increases adverse outcomes such as disability, hospitalisation and mortality. The definition of frailty as per the FRIED Frailty tool is as in Table 10

**TABLE 10: FRIED FRAILTY TOOL**

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| Weight loss ( $\geq 5$ percent of body weight in last year)  |
| Exhaustion (using the CES – D depression scale)  |
| Weakness (decreased grip strength)   |
| Slow walking speed (gait speed) ( $> 6$ to $7$ seconds to walk 15 feet)                                  |
| Decreased physical activity (kcal spent per week: males expending $< 383$ kcal and females $< 270$ kcal) |
| FRAIL: Three or more out of the five criteria<br>PRE-FRAIL: One or two out of the five criteria          |

*Frailty phenotype (FRIED Frailty Tool) (86)*

Multiple inter-related dysregulation across many physiological systems play a role in frailty. It's a declining cycle of events with one factor leading to the other. Initially, there is a decline in energy and reserve, which leads to decline in muscle mass and strength which in turn lead to poorer walking speed and energy levels, which results in reduced levels of physical activity, and finally it again serve to further accelerate physical decline. This mutually exacerbating declining cycle is called frailty cycle.



**FIGURE 5: FRAILTY CYCLE(87)**

The core feature of frailty is loss of muscle mass. As age advances, all human beings experience a significant loss of muscle mass and strength that in turn increases the risk of falls, fractures and disability. Decline in function and increased dependence in older individuals place a large burden on healthcare services and also incur incalculable losses in the quality of life of the person involved and his/her family. Studies show that frailty in older men is associated with poorer health and increased risk of mortality(88). Muscle strength and muscle mass is closely related to anabolic steroids in the body. Testosterone, being an anabolic steroid has been extensively studied in relation to frailty.

In one large study in the Netherlands, low levels of sex hormones were associated with impaired mobility and low muscle strength in men, but there was no significant correlation in women(89). Studies also show an association between reduced physical performance and low testosterone levels in men. Falls are common in older individuals. Risk of fall was higher in men with lower bioavailable testosterone levels( free testosterone). This association of testosterone level and fall was independent of lower physical performance. This suggests that the effect of testosterone on risk of fall may be mediated by other actions of the androgen also (90). One study showed that free testosterone, but not total testosterone was directly related to arm and leg strength(91). In Massachusetts male ageing study, a significant correlation was observed between SHBG and frailty(92)

While the correlation between muscle strength and testosterone levels seem to be modest, the association between muscle mass and testosterone levels seems to be even more stronger(86). Sarcopenia or the reduction of muscle mass and/or function is an important component of frailty. It occurs due to a reduction in synthesis of protein along with an increase in muscle protein degradation as you age. There is a preferential loss of type II skeletal muscle fibres in age related loss of muscle mass(93). Testosterone therapy is theoretically thought to have a therapeutic effect on frailty and ageing. Lots of studies are underway to find out about the same. Androgens promote differentiation of mesenchymal multipotent cells into the myogenic lineage thereby increasing the muscle mass and also inhibit their differentiation to adipocytes. Studies have also shown that the skeletal muscle of geriatric men are as responsive to the effects of testosterone as those of young men(94). Thus age does not limit the beneficial effects of testosterone.

Though many studies show an association of frailty and testosterone levels, the relationship between the two is modest and not very consistent. Frailty is not due to a decline in a single system.

Multiple factors play a role in it. The decline in testosterone with ageing is also not very consistent. Low testosterone, hence cannot be considered as a cause of frailty, but it is very possibly one of the risk factors for frailty. This is consistent with the understanding that testosterone is not the only anabolic hormone in the body. Also, frailty is a multisystem abnormality and other factors like inflammatory, metabolic, cardiovascular and nutritional dysregulation play a role in its pathophysiology, in addition to endocrinological dysregulation.

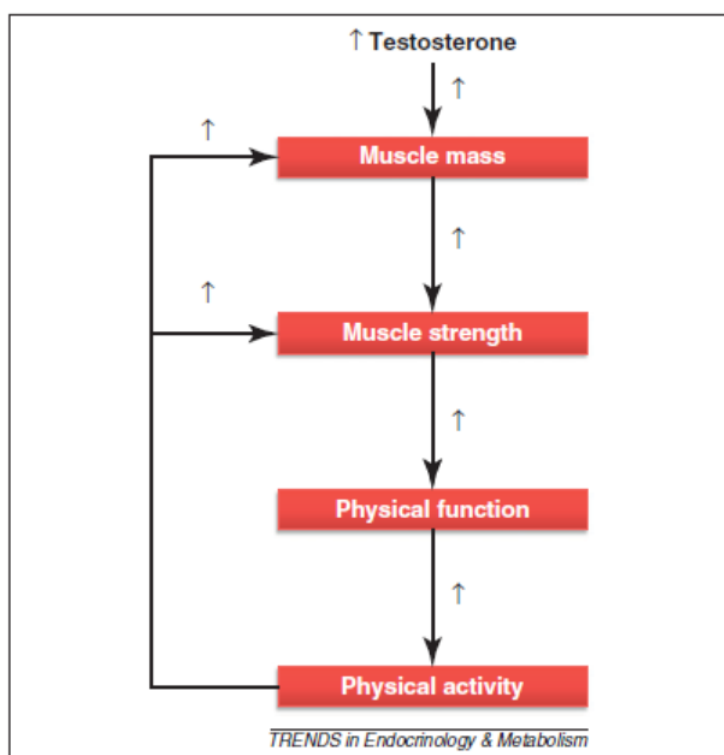


FIGURE 6: HYPOTHETICAL MECHANISM BY WHICH TESTOSTERONE CAN IMPROVE FRAILITY(87).

Figure 6 shows the hypothetical mechanism by which testosterone treatment can improve frailty. As testosterone levels increase, muscle mass and strength increase which leads to increased physical function and activity which in turn has a positive impact on muscle mass and strength.

Many studies are being done to look at the use of testosterone treatment in frail men. In a meta-analysis of testosterone or dihydrotestosterone replacement therapy in healthy men aged 65 and

older, 11 randomised trials were reviewed and it revealed that androgen therapy produced a moderate increase in muscle strength in men . There seems to be a larger effect on the lower limb muscle strength when compared to upper limb muscle strength in a subgroup analysis done in the same meta-analysis (95). In a randomised double blind study done by Shankar et al. Testosterone therapy for 6 months may prevent age-associated loss of lower limb muscle strength and improve body composition, quality of life, and physical function in intermediate-frail and frail elderly men with low to borderline-low testosterone. In another randomised double blind study done by Kenny et al, older, frail men when given testosterone replacement had increased testosterone levels and had favourable changes in body composition and modest changes in axial bone mineral density. However there was no substantial changes in physical function. A randomised study done by Trivison et al. also showed that while there was improvement in muscle strength with testosterone therapy, the improvement in physical performance were not as apparent (96). Leg press strength, chest press strength, chest press power, total lean body mass (LM) and appendicular lean soft tissue mass(ASLT) showed a clear association with testosterone therapy , but grip strength, stair climb and gait speed were not as clearly associated. This might be due the fact that physical function is not just strength dependent . Better results might be obtained if therapy is combined with strength training.

Whether the results obtained during therapy will sustain once the therapy is stopped is also not known . Safety concerns are another major limitation for the use of testosterone therapy. The main concerns are related to cardiovascular mortality and prostate malignancy. It also causes erythrocytosis and increase in haematocrit. Currently, testosterone therapy is not advised for treatment of frailty as its efficacy and safety profile is still not clear. Further larger and longer studies on frail men are warranted to extend the results of the studies already done.



## **HYPOGONADISM AND OSTEOPOROSIS**

Although osteoporosis is predominantly an illness of the postmenopausal females, male osteoporosis and osteopenia and its consequences are significant. Men tend to attain osteoporotic fractures at least 10 years later in life when compared to women. However the morbidity and mortality associated with male osteoporotic fractures are quite significant and it might even be more than that in females. The prevalence of osteoporosis is very low in males below the age of 70 years. However, above 90 years of age, the prevalence is about 22.6 % (97).

Androgens have a close association with bone health. Bone growth and maintenance are affected by the level of testosterone in the body. Androgens helps in formation of bone in young men and in preventing bone loss in elderly men .

The skeletal system integrity in human beings is maintained by an intricate process named remodelling which is governed by the interplay of 3 major bone cells:

Bone-forming osteoblasts

Bone-resorbing osteoclasts

Mechanosensor/mediator osteocytes.

These cells are sensitive to sex hormones and any dysregulation in the function of these cells affect the bone health. In case of osteoporosis, there is increased bone resorption when compared to bone formation. Testosterone has different effect on these cells.

### Osteoblasts

Osteoblasts are bone cells that are specialised for bone formation and has essential role in production of bone matrix proteins and bone mineralization. Androgen receptors are present on osteoblasts. Androgen receptors are upregulated in the presence of androgens(98). Studies shows

that both testosterone and 5 $\alpha$ -dihydrotestosterone stimulates proliferation of cultured osteoblast precursors in distinctive species(99). Androgens are also found to have a role in reducing the apoptosis of osteoblasts(100). In essence, evidence suggests that androgens seems to have a positive impact on osteoblasts and thereby on bone formation(101).

### Osteoclasts

Osteoclasts are mainly involved in bone resorption. It originates from the colony-forming unit-granulocyte macrophage hematopoietic cell lineage inside the bone marrow. Immature osteoblast release receptor activator of nuclear factor  $\kappa$ -B ligand(RANK ligand) which binds to RANK on osteoclasts. This stimulates differentiation of osteoclast precursor cells(102). Osteoblast precursor also secretes osteoprotegerin which also regulates the effect of RANKL on osteoclasts(103).

Studies shows that osteoclasts proliferate after orchidectomy and is thought to be due to androgen deficiency. The effect of androgens on osteoclasts is indirectly through osteoblast precursors.

Androgen deficiency cause increase in osteoblast precursors which secrete RANKL that causes increase in osteoclasts(104). Androgens also cause decrease in osteoprotegerin levels and thereby reduces the osteoclast formation . In effect, androgen deficiency causes increase in osteoclastic activity(103).

### Osteocytes

During bone formation, a section of osteoblasts undergoes terminal separation and entombment by mineralized osteoid and they subsequently transforms to osteocytes. Osteocytes are encased in liquid-filled holes (lacunae) inside the mineralized bone and are found in plenty. It represents 90%–95% of the total bone cells. It possess long dendrite-like processes that interact with other osteocytes inside the mineralized bone and interact with osteoblasts on the bone surface. Osteocytes play an integral role in bone remodelling by responding to mechanical stimuli to prevent accumulation of bone microdamage.(105), (106). Studies shows that oestradiol prevent osteocyte

apoptosis and enhance the production of transforming growth factor-alpha which inhibits osteoclastic bone resorption(107). Though testosterone does not have a direct role on osteocytes, the oestrogens synthesised from testosterone in males may have a role.

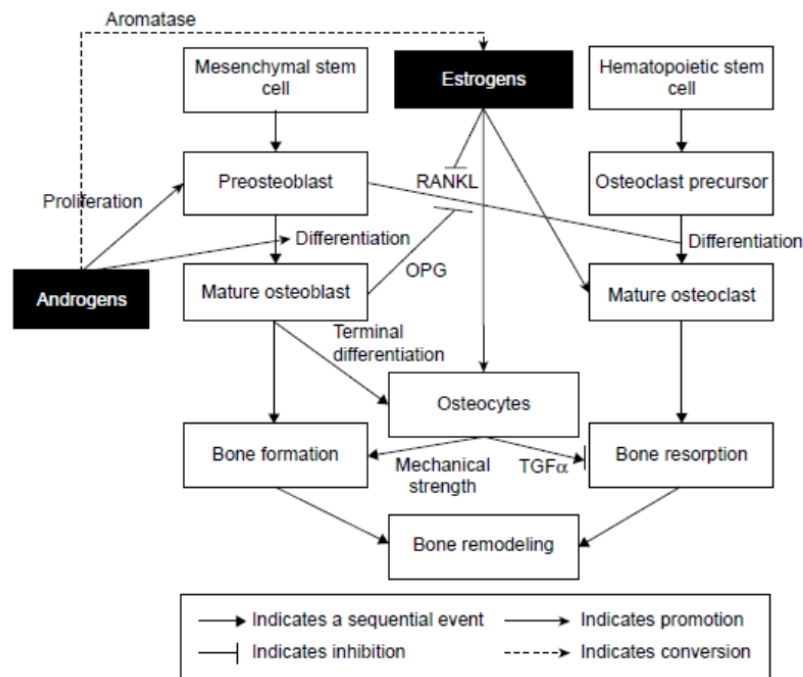


FIGURE 7: THE EFFECT OF ANDROGENS ON BONE CELL(106).

Bone health can be measured with fracture risk and bone mineral density. Studies have shown an association between bone mineral density and testosterone. In a case control study, hypogonadism was present in 58 % of subjects who had an osteoporotic fracture when compared to 18 % in controls(108). In a cross sectional study conducted in 6 centres in US, 2447 participants were included and the prevalence of osteoporosis in men with deficient testosterone was 12.3 % and it was 6 % in those with normal testosterone. Conversely , among men with osteoporosis , prevalence of testosterone deficiency was 6.9 5 compared to 3.2 % among men with normal bone mineral density. Thus there seems to be a bidirectional relationship between osteoporosis and hypogonadism(109). A meta-analysis done on 5 case control studies however showed no significant relation between osteoporosis and testosterone(110). One of the largest is the osteoporotic fractures in men study (MROS), followed thousands of men over the age of 65 in Sweden, the United States, and Hong Kong for an average of 4.5 years. Initial results of the study indicated that free

testosterone levels had a positive correlation with bone mineral density in the hip, femur, and arm but not the lumbar spine. Lower levels of free testosterone were also associated with increased risk of fracture. However, on doing further analysis of data using multivariate analysis in the same cohort, it was found that only bioavailable oestrogen (bioe2) and SHBG, not testosterone were independently associated with fracture risk(111).

There is hence conflicting evidence on the relationship between testosterone and bone mineral density . However studies have shown an association between E2 and bone mineral density . High E2 was associated with high bone mineral density . In men, 85 % of the serum E2 is derived by conversion of testosterone to E2 by aromatase. Therefore , low testosterone can potentially cause a low bone mineral density.

The association between testosterone and bone fracture has also been studied. Testosterone deficiency is associated with increased fracture risk according to some studies(109),(111). Some studies however does not show any association (112) . The effect of testosterone on fracture risk may however be not associated with just its effect on osteoporosis. Testosterone has an effect on muscle mass, muscle strength and physical activity which also contributes to reduction in falls and fracture risk.

Overall, low bioe2 and high SHBG, which correlates with a low bioavailable testosterone, contributes to low bone mineral density in men. Increased fracture risk is associated with low bioe2, low free testosterone, and high SHBG .

Testosterone therapy for the treatment of osteoporosis is being studied. Studies have mainly looked at the beneficial effects of testosterone therapy on bone mineral density. Testosterone therapy has

positive effects on bone mineral density. Hoppéa et al. Looked at 14 randomised trials and it concluded that testosterone therapy had a benefit in increasing at least the lumbar spine bone mineral density(113). Permpongkosol et al. , in an observational study showed significant bone mineral density increase with testosterone therapy. This study also showed that lumbar spine had a significant change noticed before femoral neck showed an increase in bone mineral density(114). An RCT done by Wang et al also showed a similar benefit of testosterone therapy on bone mineral density(115). However, the effect of testosterone therapy on fracture risk is not well studied(116). The endocrine society recommends testosterone treatment to enhance BMD only if they have truly symptomatic hypogonadism even though the ability of testosterone to improve BMD in hypogonadal males is known (116). This is due to the potential risks associated with testosterone therapy.

## **HYPOGONADISM AND OBESITY**

Obesity, which is defined as a BMI more than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> is a major issue in the world now. The global burden of obesity is increasing day by day. The revolutions in food industry, modern fast foods and the increasingly sedentary quality of work are all factors that contributed to the rising number of obese individuals in the world. According to world health organisation, in 2016, 39% of adults aged 18 years and over were overweight , and 13% were obese. (117). Obesity is an independent risk factor for several medical conditions and increases morbidity and mortality. A bidirectional relationship between obesity and hypogonadism exists. Obesity is one of the biggest risk factor for development of hypogonadism.

Studies shows that as BMI increases the prevalence of hypogonadism also increases. Studies show a prevalence range of hypogonadism ranging between 45 % and 57.5 % in those with obesity(118), (119),(120)

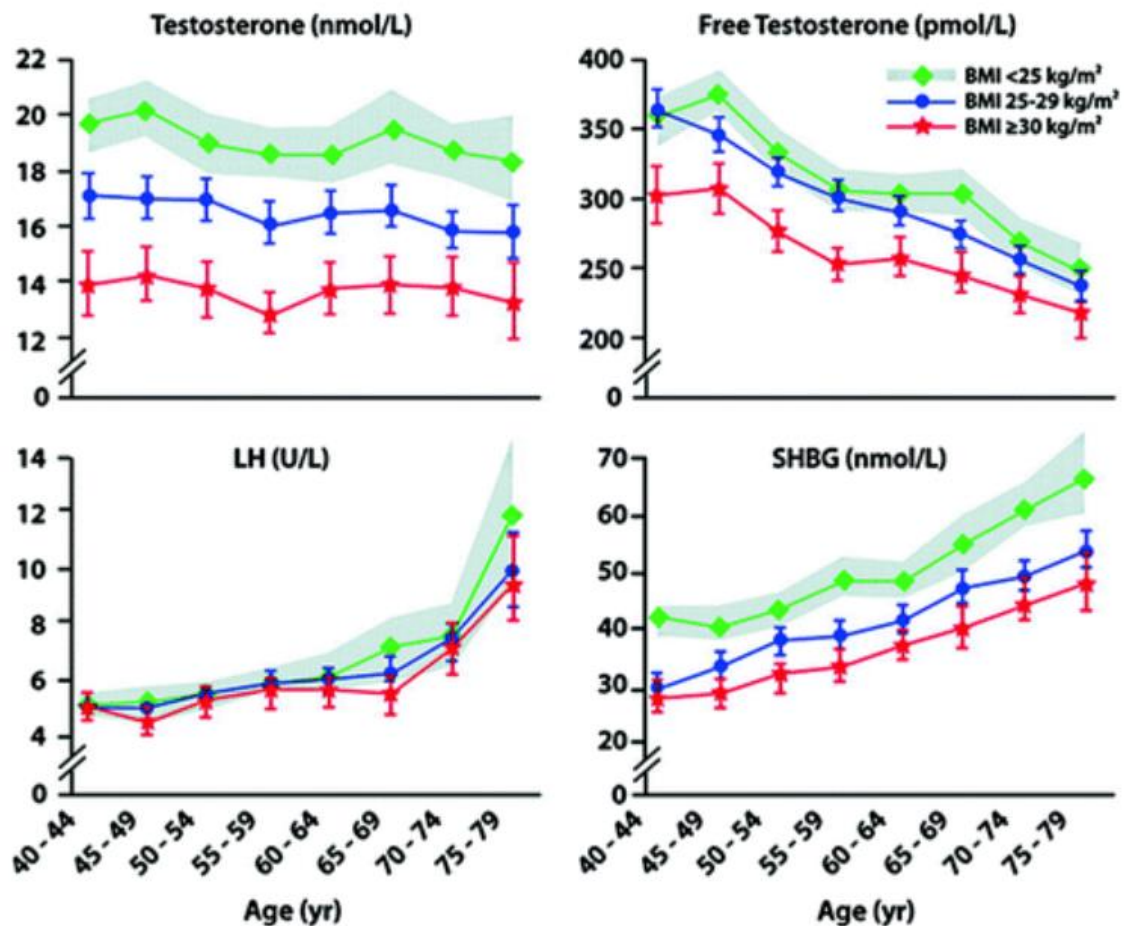


FIGURE 8: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGE, BODY MASS INDEX AND HORMONES(121).

Obese men had a low testosterone value independent of their age. In obese men, the mean testosterone and the mean free testosterone levels were at least about 5 nmol/L and 55 pmol/L lower, respectively when compared to non-obese men of the same age (121). At least, 15 year age stratified difference was found between obese and non-obese men.

Testosterone deficiency increases obesity also. Rapid weight gain is observed in men following androgen deprivation therapy or surgical castration. This itself shows that testosterone deficiency causes increase in adipogenesis and visceral obesity(122). Testosterone deficiency is associated with visceral fat dysfunction which subsequently causes chronic inflammation, insulin resistance and low sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG) levels (123).

The exact mechanism for the interaction between hypogonadism and obesity is still being studied. Multiple studies are still underway to find the mechanism of this interaction. Various mechanisms have been proposed so far:

#### Hypogonadal–obesity hypothesis

Individuals with obesity and hypogonadism had a normal luteinising hormone (LH) and Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) response when exposed to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH). This suggested that the pituitary was normal and that there might be a hypothalamic defect in these individuals(124).

#### Hypogonadal–obesity–adipocytokine hypothesis:

Hypogonadism and obesity have a vicious cycle. Cohen's theory explains why the body cannot produce compensatory testosterone even after production of increased gonadotrophins which stimulate Leydig cells. In obese individuals, the adipose tissue produces large amounts of aromatase enzyme which causes conversion of testosterone to oestradiol and in effect reduces the testosterone levels in the body. The resultant testosterone deficiency further facilitates adipocyte differentiation, adipocyte inflammation and insulin resistance. This results in an increase in oestrogen, leptin, insulin and inflammatory cytokines which in effect causes hypothalamo–pituitary–testicular (HPT) axis suppression.

#### Testosterone-oestradiol shunt:

Obesity increases the expression of aromatase enzyme (CYP19A1) in the adipocytes. This enhances the conversion of androstenedione and testosterone to oestrone (E1) and oestradiol (E2) respectively in the body. The effective low testosterone in the body causes further increase in adipocytes which

again causes testosterone deficiency. The increased oestrogen in the body can also cause a negative feedback in the hypothalamo – pituitary level which can also cause further reduce testosterone.

### Adipocyte hypertrophy and dysfunction

Adipocyte surface has lipoprotein lipase enzyme in abundance which hydrolyses circulating triglyceride-rich lipoproteins to free fatty acids. These free fatty acids are taken up by adipocytes and then esterified back to triglycerides which is then stored. Testosterone reduces the lipoprotein lipase activity in adipose tissue and therefore reduces triglyceride storage which subsequently results in reduced body fat. (125)

Catecholamines which act via adrenoreceptors are one of the major hormones controlling lipolysis in adipose tissue. Testosterone increases the beta-adrenoreceptor number. It also activates adenylyl cyclase to produce cyclic adenosine monophosphate which, stimulates hormone-sensitive lipase that can accelerate lipolysis. The resultant effect is a decrease in total body fat mass(125).

There is also a direct androgen receptor mediated mechanism by which testosterone reduces adipogenesis. Pluripotent stem cells, when incubated with testosterone, developed to cells of myogenic lineage rather than adipogenic lineage. This explains the decrease in fat mass and increase in lean mass observed after testosterone therapy(126).

### Proinflammatory cytokines

Testosterone improves sensitivity to insulin and reduces the production of c-reactive protein from the liver. (127). Testosterone deficiency is a proinflammatory state in which the increased fat mass leads to adipocyte dysfunction, resulting in a decrease in adiponectin . An increase in adipokines such as leptin, IL-1, IL-6, and TNF-  $\alpha$  secreted from both adipocytes and activated macrophages which are proinflammatory is also seen in men with testosterone deficiency(128). These adipokines



can also cause systemic insulin resistance(129). Furthermore, adipokines like TNF -  $\alpha$  also cause hypogonadism by impairing kisspeptin signalling which reduces GNRH secretion(130).

### Insulin resistance

Multiple factors interplay to produce insulin resistance. The body composition, including increased adipocyte differentiation (visceral obesity) and decreased myocyte differentiation (sarcopenia) play a major role. Other factors such as increased inflammation (TNF-  $\alpha$  , IL-1 and IL-6), decreased adiponectin and reduced mitochondrial function also contribute to insulin resistance in men with obesity(131). The resultant hyperinsulinemia due to insulin resistance acts on the kisspeptin neurons in the hypothalamus to decrease kisspeptin signalling, which, further acts on the GNRH neurons to decrease GNRH release. This will result in decreased LH secretion and thereby decreased testosterone secretion(132).

### Leptin resistance

In normal human beings, low leptin levels increase release of GNRH and affect its pulsatility. High leptin levels inhibits its release. It acts through kisspeptin neurons. Testosterone usually reduces leptin production. In Obese men, there is increased release of leptins from adipocytes which unfortunately however cause central leptin resistance at the hypothalamo-pituitary level. This will in turn cause a reduction in GNRH secretion which subsequently will result in reduced LH secretion and thereby reduced testosterone secretion. (133) Increasing concentration of leptin also has an inhibitory effect on the Leydig cells in producing testosterone(134).

### Final common pathway of GNRH regulation

In human brain, Kisspeptin neurons are located in the infundibular nucleus whereas GNRH neurons are situated in the preoptic area of the hypothalamus. Kisspeptin has receptor on GNRH neurons

through which it regulates the HPT-axis. GNRH neurons has kisspeptin receptors (KISS1R). They, however do not express receptors for leptin and insulin. Kisspeptin neurons, on the other hand have receptors for leptin, insulin and oestrogen. Kisspeptin neurons hence play a major role in the regulation of testosterone synthesis in the body. Leptin and insulin resistance which occurs due to obesity causes downregulation of kisspeptin neurons and this will cause reduction in production of kisspeptins. This will downregulate the GNRH secretion and causes suppression of hypothalamo-pituitary-testicular axis. Final effect is reduced testosterone synthesis.(135)

### Metabolic endotoxemia

The human gut is home to more than 100 trillion bacteria and approximately 70% of these are gram negative, containing lipopolysaccharide. They produce endotoxins which is normally prevented from entering circulation by the intestinal mucosal barrier. The GELDING (Gut Endotoxin Leading to a Decline IN Gonadal function) theory, which was recently proposed suggests that high-calorie, high-fat diet can break down the integrity of the mucosal barrier and can result in metabolic endotoxemia, which is a pro-inflammatory state. This proinflammatory state can also result in hypogonadism. (136)

### Obesity and sex hormone binding globulin

SHBG is a carbohydrate-rich beta-globulin protein which is produced by hepatocytes in the liver. It has high affinity to bind to testosterone and prolong the metabolic clearance of testosterone. A low SHBG level is seen in those with obesity. It is probably due to low synthesis of SHBG due to high lipid content of the liver and high pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF-a and IL-1)(137). In addition to transporting sex steroids, SHBG has other actions including anti-inflammatory action and suppression of fat content in macrophages(138).

Hypogonadism that occurs as a result of obesity is potentially reversible. It can be managed with weight loss. A meta-analysis done by Corona et al shows that body weight loss is associated with a significant increase in gonadotropins and in bound and unbound testosterone. A decline in the oestrogen level in the body was also noticed. Increase in androgen is greater in patients who lose more weight(139).

Testosterone therapy caused a statistically significant reduction in fat mass (3.5 kg,  $p=0.03$ ), increase in lean body mass (2.9 kg,  $p=0.03$ ) and glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) improvement (9 mmol/mol,  $p=0.03$ ), associated with 52% improvement in beta-cell function(140). Testosterone therapy was also associated with an improvement in BMI waist circumference, lipid profile, blood pressure, lipoprotein, haemoglobin, fasting glucose, insulin resistance and leptin resistance(141). It was also observed that weight loss achieved with testosterone therapy was mainly due to loss of fat mass rather than lean body mass. On the other hand, the weight loss achieved with dieting is due to loss of both fat mass and lean body mass (142). However due to conflicting evidence relating testosterone therapy and cardiovascular disease, treatment with testosterone therapy is still controversial.

## **RATIONALE FOR OUR STUDY**

With the latest developments in medicine, our world population is ageing. In women, the issues with post-menopausal state, the benefits and risk factors associated with hormonal therapy etc are all well-known and studied. However, there is limited data in literature on the hormonal status and its effects in elderly men. This study will help in estimating the hormonal status in men and also its association with the common health issues in elderly men. Male hypogonadism is associated with higher prevalence of cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, osteoporosis, obesity

and frailty. Since these diseases are associated with high morbidity and mortality, identification of any new risk factor and its prevalence will be useful in taking steps for prevention of these diseases.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### **STUDY SETTING**

The study was conducted in Christian Medical College, Vellore, a 2500 bedded academic, tertiary hospital in South India. It caters to patients who come from all over India and from various socioeconomic strata. Eligible subjects were recruited from the Geriatric out-patient clinic, which is a dedicated outpatient service for older persons. On an average, around four hundred and fifty patients attend this clinic per day.

### **STUDY DESIGN**

Cross sectional observational study.

The study design and methods were approved by the Institutional Review Board of Christian Medical College Vellore (IRB Number: 11704)

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Elderly men (aged 60 years or over) attending the geriatric out patient department for any complaint between January 2021 and November 2021 were recruited if they satisfied the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

### **INCLUSION CRITERIA**

Men aged >60 years attending geriatric OPD for any indication who have given informed consent for the study

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

1. Patients who do not give consent for the study
2. Men with history of hypopituitarism
3. Patients with renal failure, liver cirrhosis, malignancy, autonomic neuropathy
4. Patients already on testosterone replacement therapy or hormonal therapy
5. Patients on anti-androgen agents, antifungal agents, or steroidal agents
6. Patients who had undergone surgical or medical therapy for benign prostate hyperplasia (BPH)

## SAMPLE SIZE

The primary objective of the study was to find the prevalence of hypogonadism in elderly attending geriatric OPD. For the sample size calculation, the statistical input was taken from the following reference article “Prevalence of hypogonadism in males aged at least 45 years the HIM study” which showed a prevalence of 38.7%. The sample size was calculated using n master version 2.0.

### Formula

$$n = \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 P(1-P)}{d^2}$$

Where,

p : Expected proportion

d : Absolute precision

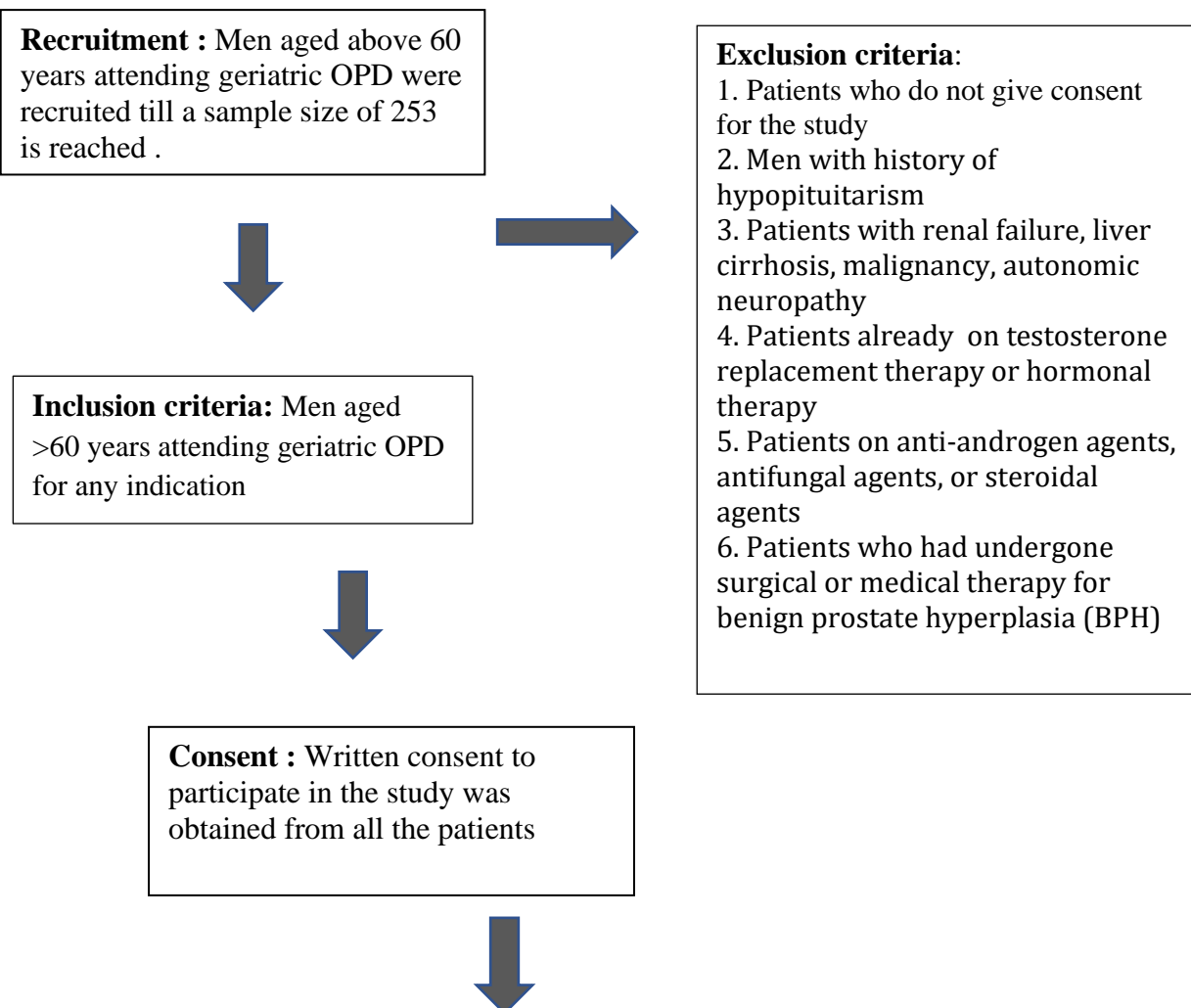
1-  $\alpha/2$  : Desired Confidence level

With the expected proportion of 0.387, 6% precision and 95% confidence level, the calculated sample size was 253.

## SUBJECT ENROLMENT

Patients attending the geriatric OPD during the study period were screened for enrolment. If the patient fulfilled the necessary inclusion and exclusion criteria, they were approached for informed consent. If the patient consented, an interview was conducted according to the investigators proforma, clinical examination including blood pressure and gait speed were done and blood was drawn for the estimation of testosterone (total and free) levels. AC, PC, Hba1c, ECG were done as routine in geriatric OPD and the results of these were followed up. All patients were required to undergo a DEXA scan as well. Patients who spoke English, Hindi or Tamil were included, as the PI was proficient in these languages. The questionnaires were administered by the PI alone.

## METHODOLOGY



-Serum testosterone levels was done on all patients  
-Past history of diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases , duration of these diseases and treatment history of the same were taken.  
-ADAM questionnaire was done for all the participants  
- FRAIL scale was asked to all participants.  
-Short physical performance battery was done.  
-Physical examination including blood pressure, gait speed was done for all the patients  
-Hba1c, AC, PC, ECG, DEXA scan (for osteoporosis) were done if not yet done



The prevalence of hypogonadism was calculated.  
Any association of hypogonadism with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity was assessed.

## **VARIABLES**

### **PRIMARY OUTCOME VARIABLE:**

#### 1. Hypogonadism

Diagnostic criteria for hypogonadism: Men with serum testosterone levels lower than 300 ng/dl with ADAM questionnaire suggestive of signs and symptoms of low testosterone.(143)

### **SECONDARY OUTCOME VARIABLES:**

#### 2. Diabetes mellitus:

-Blood sugar of greater than or equal to 200 mg/dl or

-Fasting blood sugar of greater than or equal to 126 mg/dl or

-hba1c of greater than or equal to 6.5% or

-2 hour blood sugar of greater than or equal to 200 mg/dl or(144)

- Patients who were already diagnosed with diabetes mellitus with the above mentioned criteria

#### 3. Hypertension:

Chronic elevation in bp (systolic  $\geq 140$  mm hg or diastolic  $\geq 90$  mm hg), patient on medication for HTN diagnosed in the past (145)

4. Cardiovascular disease:

ECG changes indicating ischemic heart disease, past history of myocardial infarction, history of CABG performed in the past, past history of stroke.

5. Osteoporosis:

Bone density that falls 2.5 standard deviations (SD) below the mean for young healthy adults of the same sex, also referred to as a T-score less than  $< 2.5$ . (146)

6. Frailty:

Fried Frailty Tool

Presence of any three of the following 5 criteria:

1. Weight loss  $> 5\%$  in the last year
2. Exhaustion
3. Weakness (decreased grip strength)
4. Slow walking speed ( $> 6-7$  seconds to walk 15 feet)
5. Decreased physical activity assessed using a Short physical performance battery.

(147)

FRAIL scale(148):

1. "Have you felt fatigued? Most or all of the time over the past month?"
2. "Do you have difficulty climbing a flight of stairs?"
3. "Do you have difficulty walking one block?"



4. “Do you have any of these illnesses: hypertension, diabetes, cancer (other than a minor skin cancer), chronic lung disease, heart attack, congestive heart failure, angina, asthma, arthritis, stroke, and kidney disease?”) Five or greater = 1, fewer than 5 = 0

5. “Have you lost more than 5 percent of your weight in the past year?”

Frail – scores 3 to 5

Pre-frail - 1 to 2

Robust – 0

7. Obesity(149):

BMI – 30 or above

## **STUDY OUTCOME**

A diagnosis of hypogonadism in elderly men was the primary outcome measure. Hypogonadism in elderly men was defined by the following criteria:

Serum testosterone levels lower than 300 ng/dl with ADAM questionnaire suggestive of signs and symptoms of hypogonadism.

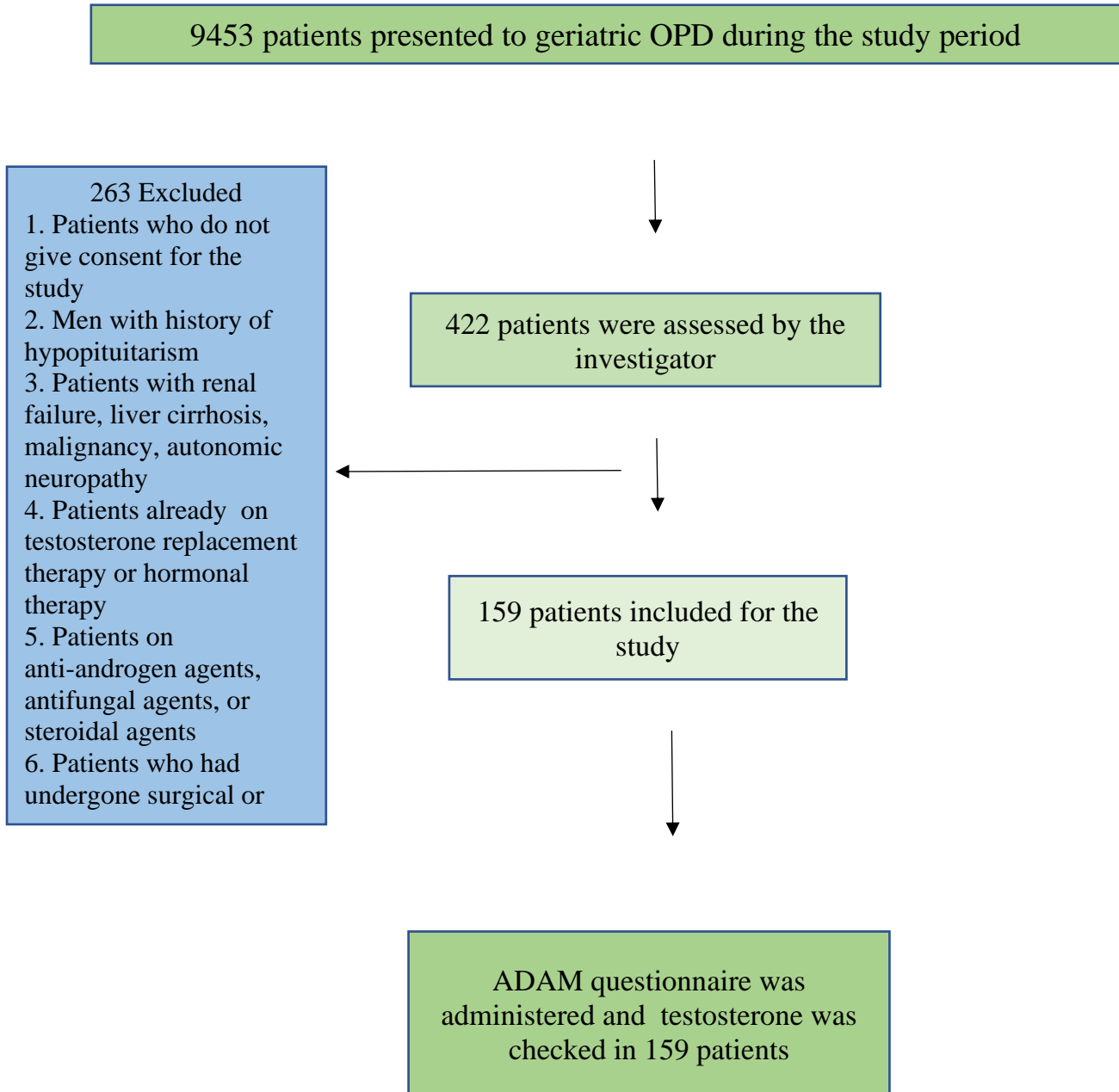
## **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:**

Continuous data such as age were presented with descriptive statistics were presented with n, mean and standard deviation. Non-normally distributed interval data and ordinal data were presented with median (interquartile range [IQR]) . Number of patients and percentage were presented for categorical data.

The Chi-square or Fisher’s exact test were used to find association of hypogonadism with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis and obesity. All tests were two-sided at  $\alpha=0.05$  level of significance. All analyses was done using Statistical Package for Social Services (SPSS) software Version 21.0 (Armonk, NY: IBM Corp) and R v4.0

# RESULTS

## CONSORT DIAGRAM



ADAM -Androgen Deficiency in Aging Male

# DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

## AGE DISTRIBUTION

The mean age of the subjects was 67.71years (SD 5.411). The median age of the subjects was 67years (IQR 64-71).

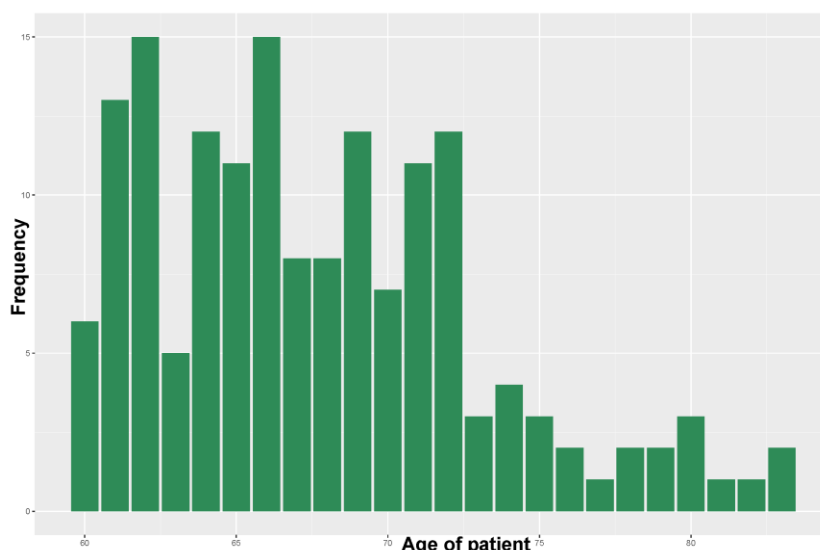


FIGURE 9: AGE DISTRIBUTION

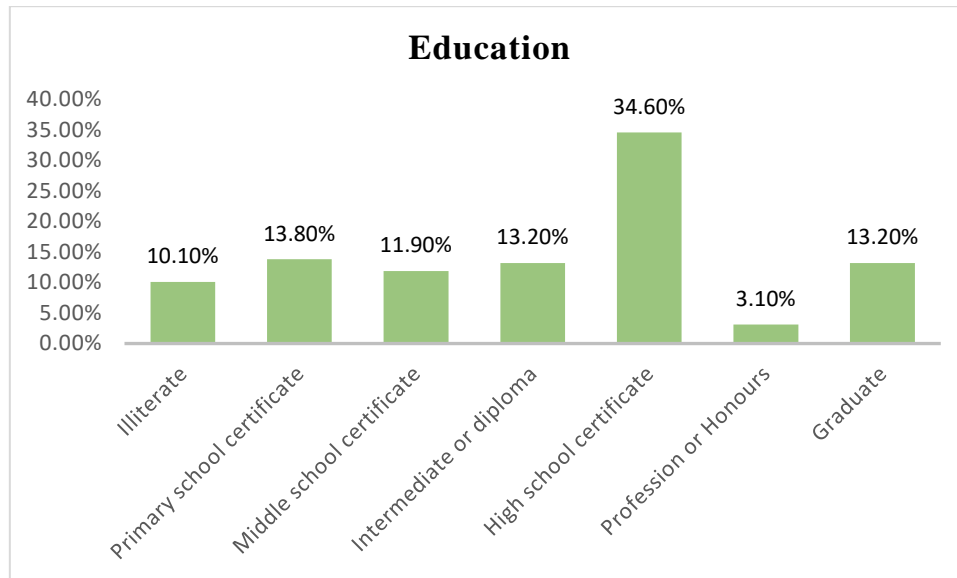
## STATE DISTRIBUTION

Subjects from different states of India were included in the study. Maximum subjects were from Tamil Nadu (56.6%).

TABLE 11: STATE DISTRIBUTION

| State          | Frequency | Percent |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Tamil Nādu     | 91        | 56.6    |
| West Bengal    | 31        | 19.5    |
| Jharkhand      | 15        | 9.4     |
| Andhra Pradesh | 10        | 6.3     |
| Bihar          | 8         | 5       |
| Assam          | 1         | 0.6     |
| Chhattisgarh   | 1         | 0.6     |
| Tripura        | 1         | 0.6     |
| Uttar Pradesh  | 1         | 0.6     |
| Total          | 159       | 100     |

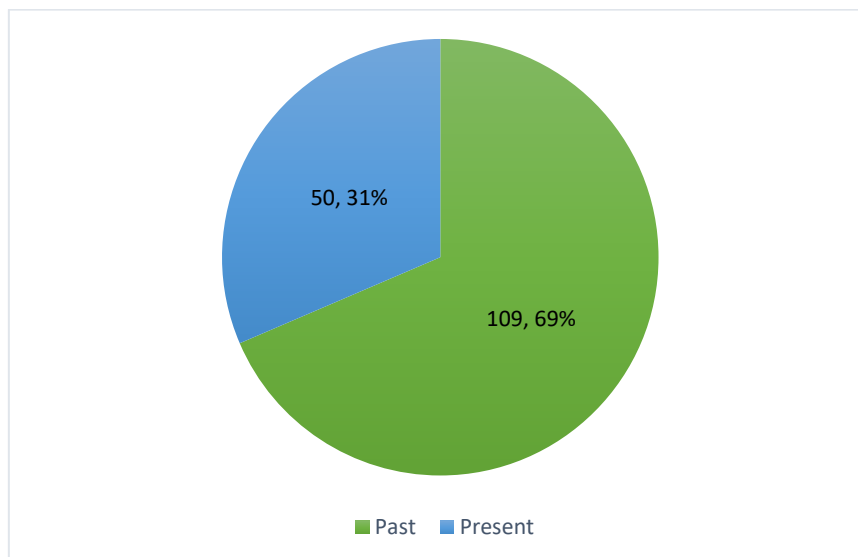
## EDUCATION



*FIGURE 10: EDUCATION OF THE SUBJECTS*

Majority of the study population 89.9% (143 out of 159) were literate. Only 10.1% (16) were illiterate.

## OCCUPATION



*FIGURE 11: OCCUPATION OF THE SUBJECTS*

Of the 159 subjects, 109(64%) were not working. Only a minority, 50(31%) participants were working. Those who had retired were considered as unemployed.

**TABLE 12: OCCUPATION OF SUBJECTS**

| <b>Occupation</b>                               | <b>Frequency</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Unemployed                                      | 109              | 69             |
| Clerks  | 1                | 0.6            |
| Craft & Related Trade Workers                   | 5                | 3.1            |
| Elementary Occupation                           | 19               | 11.9           |
| Plant & Machine Operators and Assemblers        | 2                | 1.2            |
| Professionals                                   | 2                | 1.2            |
| Skilled Agricultural & Fishery Workers          | 2                | 1.2            |
| Skilled Workers and Shop & Market Sales Workers | 15               | 9.4            |
| Technicians and Associate Professionals         | 4                | 2.5            |
| Total   | 159              | 100.0          |

## INCOME PER MONTH

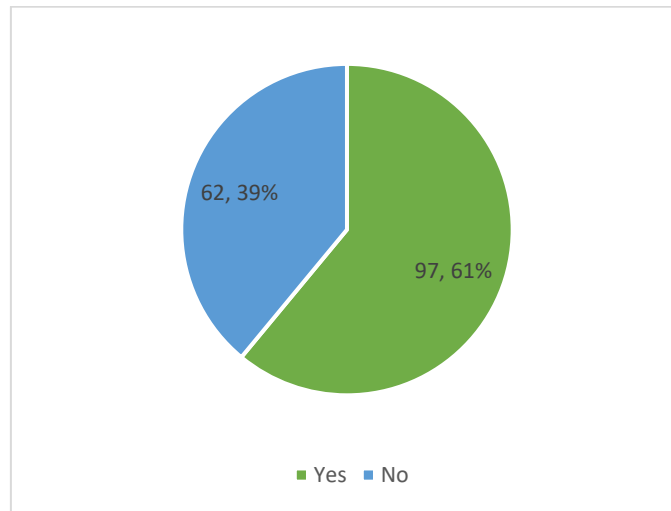
**TABLE 13: INCOME PER MONTH OF THE SUBJECTS**

| <b>Income</b> | <b>Frequency</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| <2640         | 1                | 0.6            |
| 2641-7886     | 31               | 19.5           |
| 7887-13160    | 27               | 17.0           |
| 13161-19758   | 13               | 8.2            |
| 19759-26354   | 22               | 13.8           |
| 26355-52733   | 42               | 26.4           |
| >52734        | 23               | 14.5           |
| Total         | 159              | 100.0          |

The maximum number of subjects, 26.4% (42) were receiving a monthly income between Rs. 26355 and Rs. 52733.

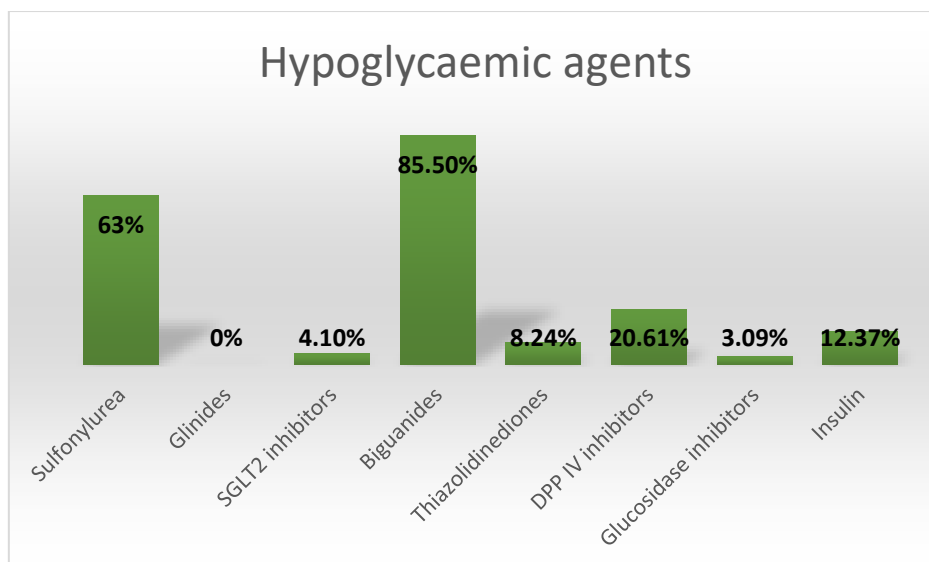
# COMORBIDITIES

## DIABETES MELLITUS



*FIGURE 12: SUBJECTS WITH DIABETES MELLITUS*

61% (97) of the subjects recruited had Type 2 diabetes mellitus. 90% of them were on hypoglycaemic agents. Some were on more than one oral hypoglycaemic agent. Biguanides were the most commonly used hypoglycaemic agents and Metformin was the most common medication used. 12.37% of all patients with diabetes mellitus were on insulin.



*FIGURE 13: HYPOGLYCAEMICS AGENTS*

# SYSTEMIC HYPERTENSION

64 % (100) of the study subjects had systemic hypertension and 56 % of the subjects had hypertension for more than 5 years.

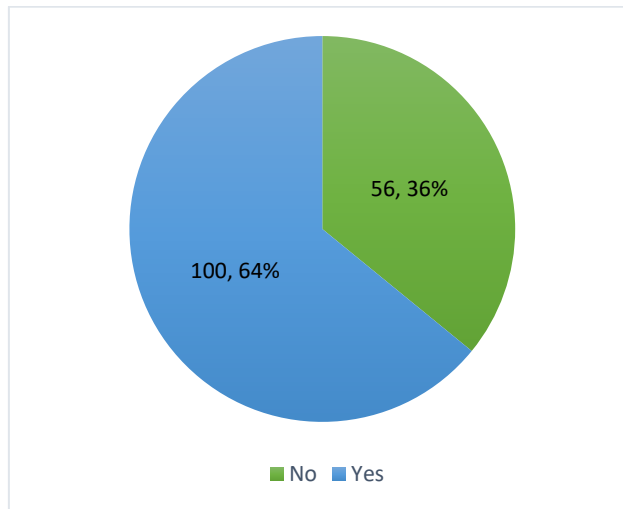


FIGURE 14: SUBJECTS WITH SYSTEMIC HYPERTENSION

All of them were on antihypertensives and many were on more than one antihypertensive agent.

Most commonly used group of antihypertensive agents was calcium channel blockers (69%) followed by angiotensin receptor blockers (42%).

56 % of subjects had hypertension for more than 5 years.

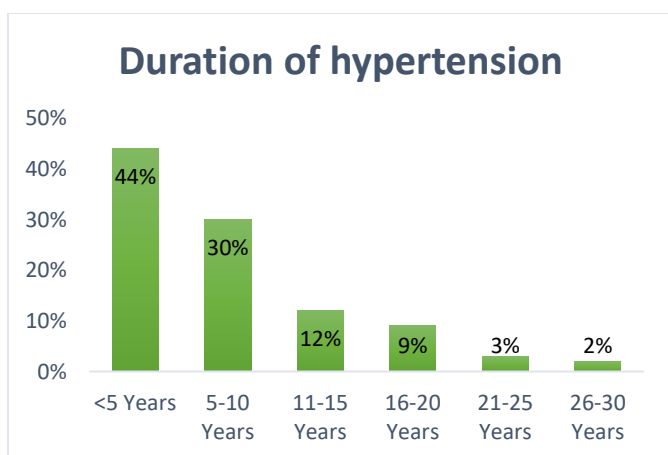


FIGURE 15: DURATION OF HYPERTENSION

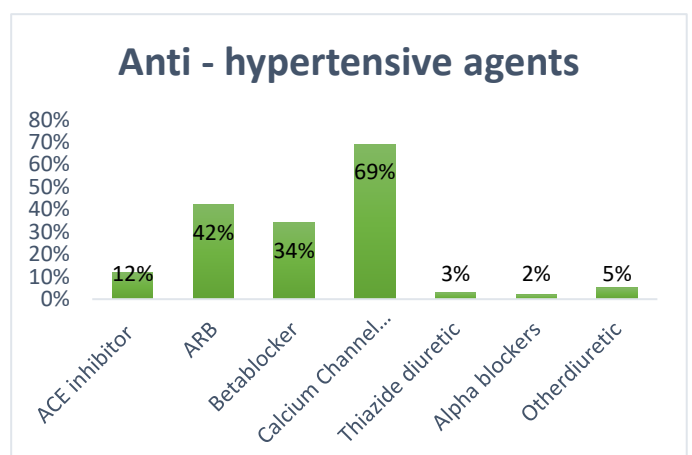


FIGURE 16: ANTIHYPERTENSIVE AGENTS

## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

38 (24%) subjects had cardiovascular diseases either in the form of ECG changes, previous myocardial infarction, previous CABG or cerebrovascular accidents.

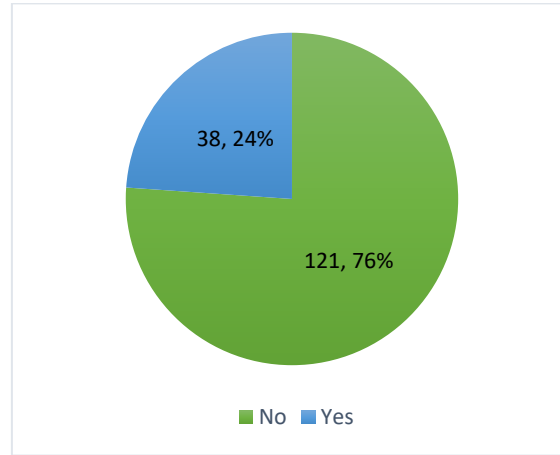


FIGURE 17: SUBJECTS WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

23(39.4%) of them had cerebrovascular accidents and 15(60.6%) of them had cardiac diseases.

## OTHER COMORBIDITIES

46.5% (74) of the patients had dyslipidaemia. The other common comorbidities the subjects had were chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (21.4%, 34) and hypothyroidism (5.7%, 9). A small percentage of patients had Parkinson disease (2.5%, 4).

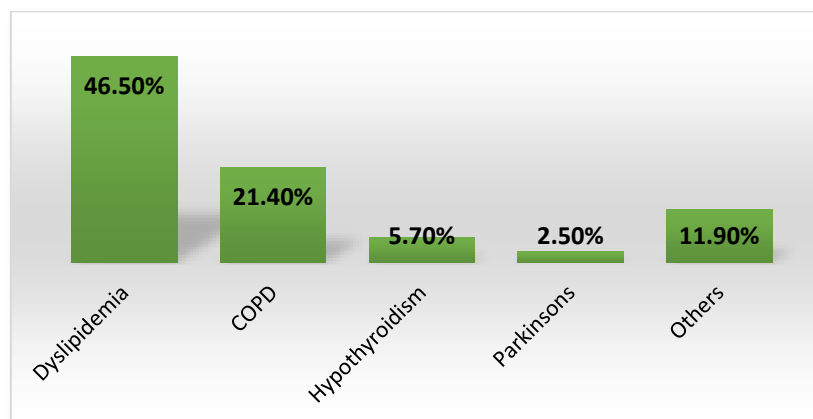


FIGURE 18: OTHER COMORBIDITIES

Other comorbidities the recruited subjects had included atrial fibrillation, osteoarthritis, obstructive sleep apnoea, filariasis, pernicious anaemia, schizophrenia, vitiligo and pernicious anaemia.

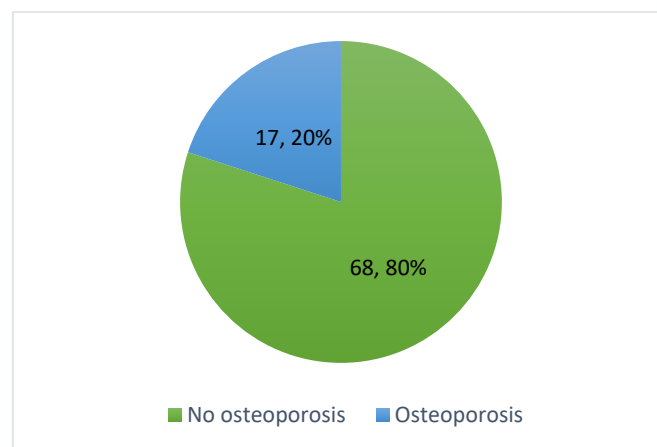


**TABLE 14: OTHER COMORBIDITIES**

| Comorbidity         | Frequency | Percentage |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Atrial fibrillation | 1         | 0.6        |
| Heart Failure       | 1         | 0.6        |
| Filariasis          | 1         | 0.6        |
| OSA                 | 1         | 0.6        |
| Osteoarthritis      | 14        | 8.8        |
| Pernicious anaemia  | 1         | 0.6        |
| Schizophrenia       | 1         | 0.6        |
| Vitiligo            | 1         | 0.6        |

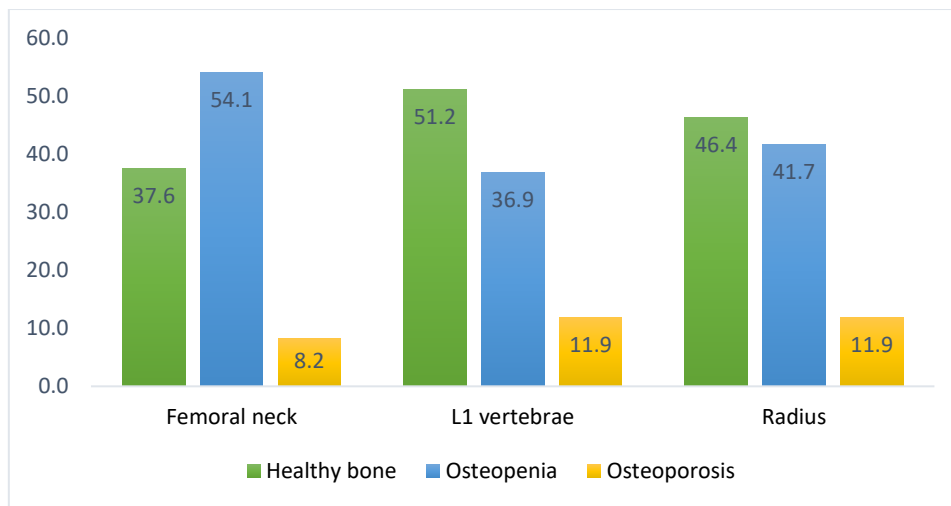
## OSTEOPOROSIS

Only 85 subjects underwent DEXA scan and among them, 20 % had osteoporosis in at least one of the three sites, i.e. Femoral neck, L1 vertebrae or radius.



*FIGURE 19: SUBJECTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS*

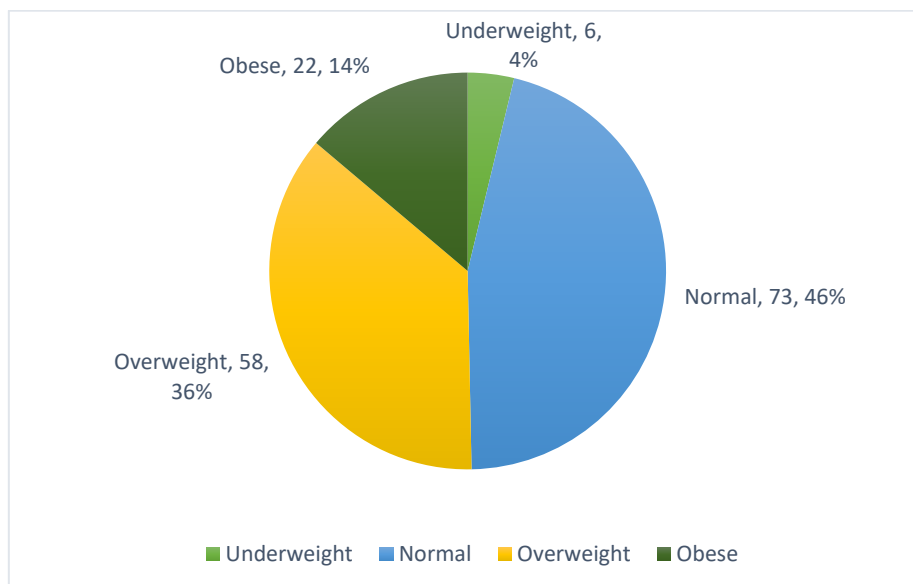
Among those who underwent DEXA scan, 37.6% (32), 51.2% (43) and 46.4% (39%) respectively had healthy bones in the femoral neck, L1 vertebrae and radius. 62.3%, 48.8% and 53.6% respectively had at least osteoporosis or osteopenia in the femoral neck, L1 vertebrae and radius. Though the prevalence of osteoporosis was less, osteopenia was quite prevalent among the subjects.



*FIGURE 20: BONE HEALTH STATUS AT FEMORAL NECK, L1 VERTEBRAE AND RADIUS*

### **BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)**

The mean height of the subjects was 164.78 cm (SD 6.671) and the median height was 165 cm (IQR 160-169). The mean weight of the subjects was 68.05 Kg (SD 13.469) and median weight was 66 Kg (IQR 57.20-76.6). 50% of the subjects were either obese or overweight and 4% were underweight.



*FIGURE 21: BMI CATEGORIES OF THE SUBJECTS*

## FRAILITY

FRAIL scale was used to identify subjects with frailty. Majority, i.e. 71%(112) of the subjects were robust and 29%(47) were either frail or pre-frail.

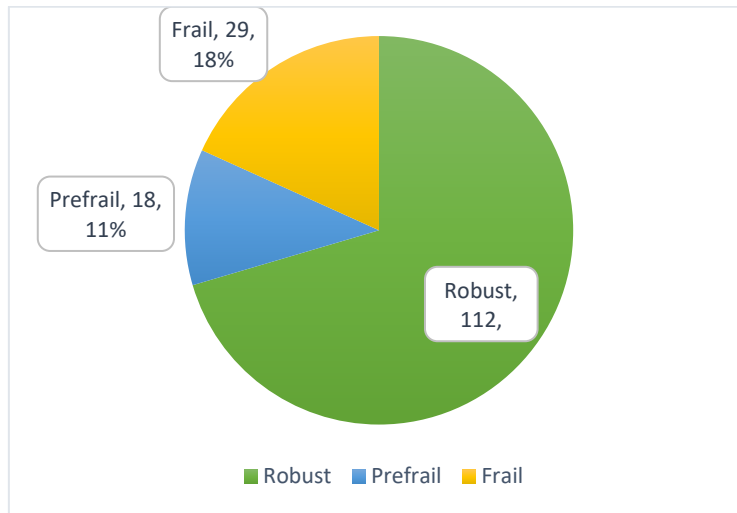


FIGURE 22: FRAIL, PRE - FRAIL AND ROBUST SUBJECTS

## ADDICTIONS

40.3% (64) subjects were smokers. Only 7.5 % was currently smoking. 35.2 % (58) subjects have consumed alcohol and 9.4% were currently consuming alcohol.

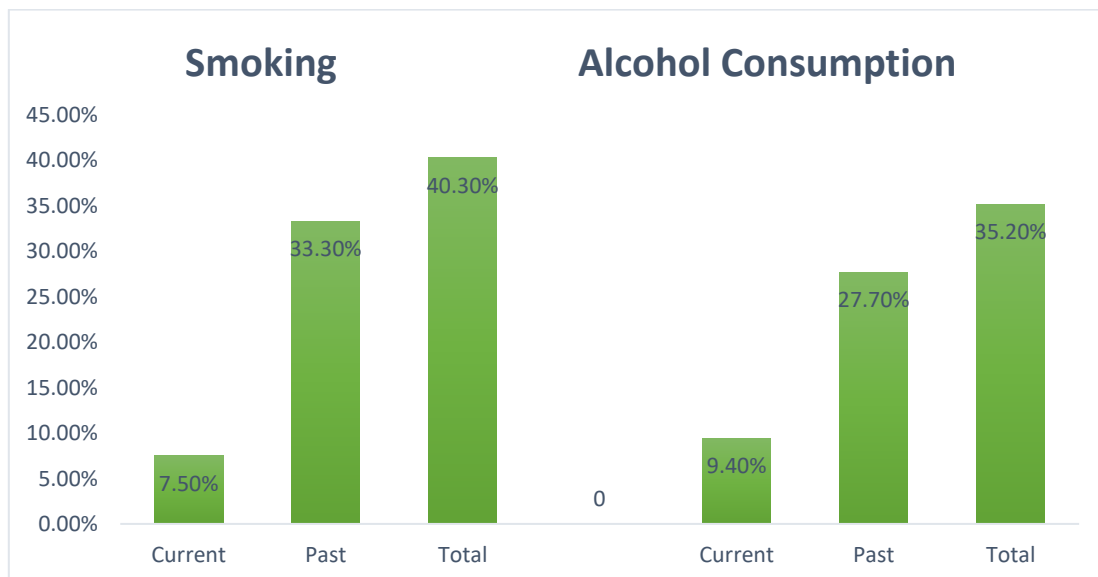


FIGURE 23: FREQUENCY OF SMOKING AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN SUBJECTS

Around 23 % had history of smoking for >40 pack years and 25% had history of alcohol consumption for >30 years.

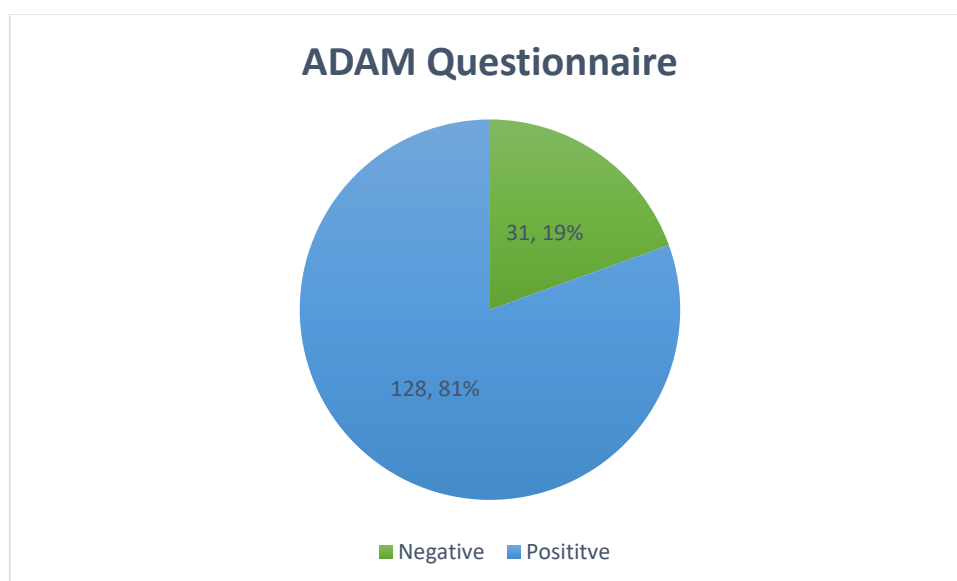
**TABLE 15: DURATION OF SMOKING AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

| Smoking pack years | Frequency | Percent |  | Alcohol duration | Frequency | Percent |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|--|------------------|-----------|---------|
| <10 Years          | 12        | 18.8    |  | <10 Years        | 5         | 8.6     |
| 10-20 Years        | 12        | 18.8    |  | 10-20 Years      | 13        | 22.4    |
| 20-30 Years        | 10        | 15.6    |  | 20-30 Years      | 15        | 25.9    |
| 30-40 Years        | 15        | 23.4    |  | 30-40 Years      | 22        | 37.9    |
| >=40 Years         | 15        | 23.4    |  | >=40 Years       | 3         | 5.2     |

The other common addiction was chewing tobacco (30, 18.9%).

## ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE

The ADAM questionnaire was administered to all the subjects and it was positive in 128(80.5%) subjects.



*FIGURE 24: SUBJECTS WHO GAVE POSITIVE ANSWER TO ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE*

## LABORATORY PARAMETERS

Total testosterone, free testosterone, SHBG, Albumin, Bioavailable testosterone and Free testosterone index were checked in all subjects. The mean total testosterone was 297.616 ng/dL (SD 148.42) and median total testosterone was 262 ng/dL (IQR 200 ng/dl- 377ng/dL).

**TABLE 16: LABORATORY PARAMETERS**

|                |    | <b>Total testosterone (Normal - &gt;300ng/dL)</b> | <b>Free testosterone index (Normal – 30-50)</b> | <b>SHBG (10-57nmol/L)</b> | <b>Free testosterone (&gt;5 ng/dL)</b> | <b>Bioavailable testosterone (40-168ng/dL)</b> |
|----------------|----|---|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| Mean           |    | 297.6168  | 25.086  | 46.5211                   | 4.78243                                | 81.57  |
| Std. Deviation |    | 148.42773   | 19.60774  | 23.37267                  | 2.273662                               | 46.774   |
| Median         |    | 262   | 22.79   | 39.81                     | 4.57                                   | 81   |
| Percentiles    | 25 | 200   | 18.065  | 29.535                    | 3.58                                   | 41   |
|                | 50 | 262   | 22.79   | 39.81                     | 4.57                                   | 81   |
|                | 75 | 377   | 28.275  | 60.955                    | 5.65                                   | 122  |
| Minimum        |    | 20  | 1.66  | 12.04                     | 0.598                                  | 1  |
| Maximum        |    | 1133  | 233   | 194                       | 21.9                                   | 162  |

## PRIMARY OUTCOME

### PREVALENCE OF HYPOGONADISM

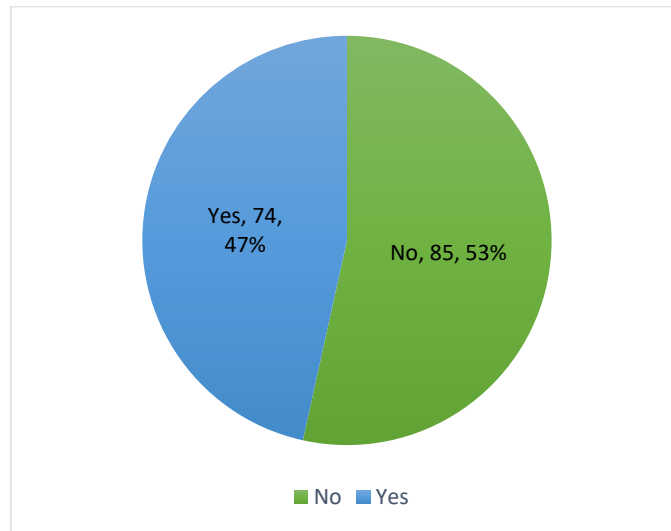


FIGURE 25: PREVALENCE OF HYPOGONADISM

Subjects with symptoms of hypogonadism, i.e. Positive ADAM questionnaire and serum total testosterone <300ng/dl were considered to have hypogonadism. In this study, the prevalence of hypogonadism was 47% (74). The laboratory prevalence of hypogonadism was higher with 58% of the subjects having total testosterone <300 ng/dl. On taking free testosterone cut off of 5 ng/dl, the prevalence of hypogonadism was even higher at 61%.

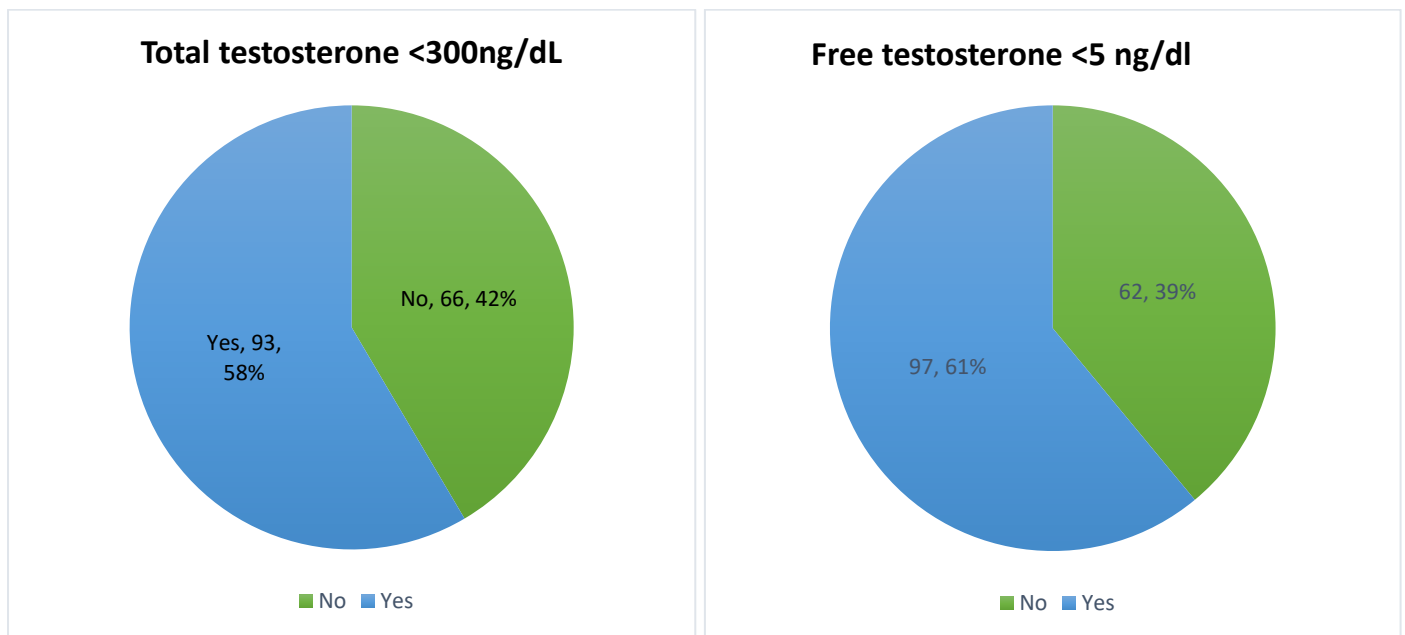
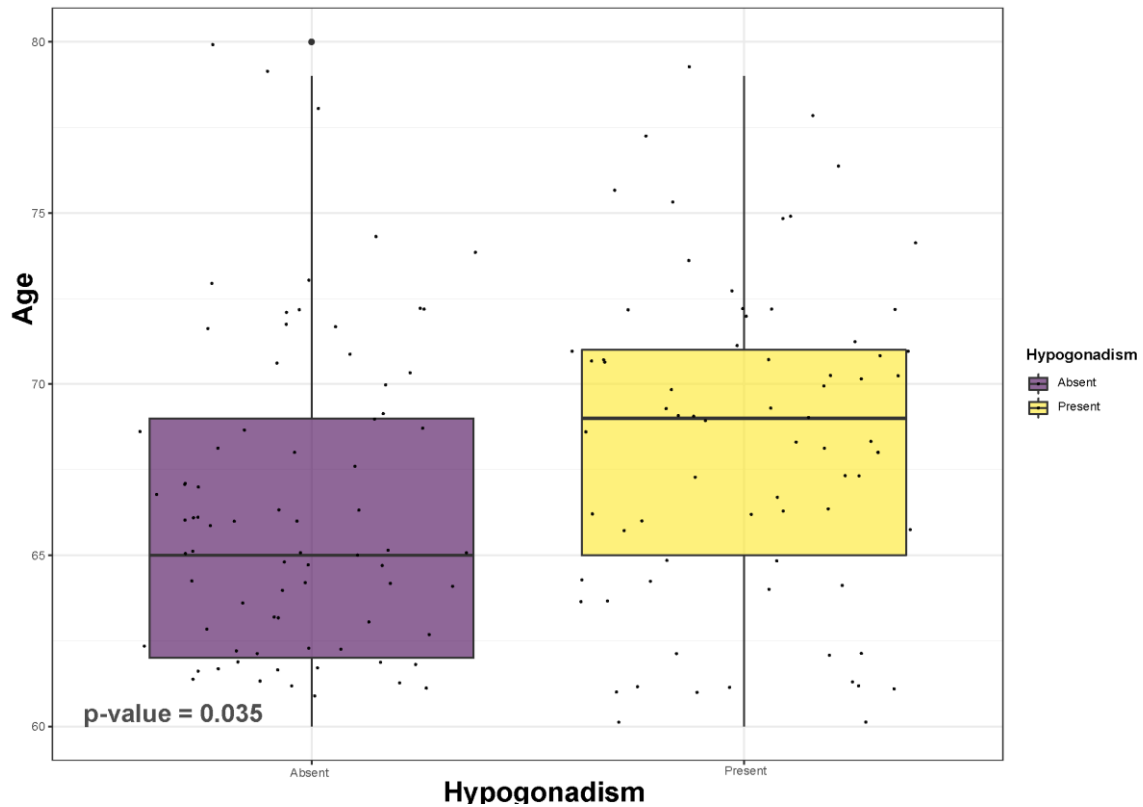


FIGURE 26: TOTAL TESTOSTERONE <300NG/DL    FIGURE 27: FREE TESTOSTERONE <5 NG/DL

## HYPOGONADISM AND AGE

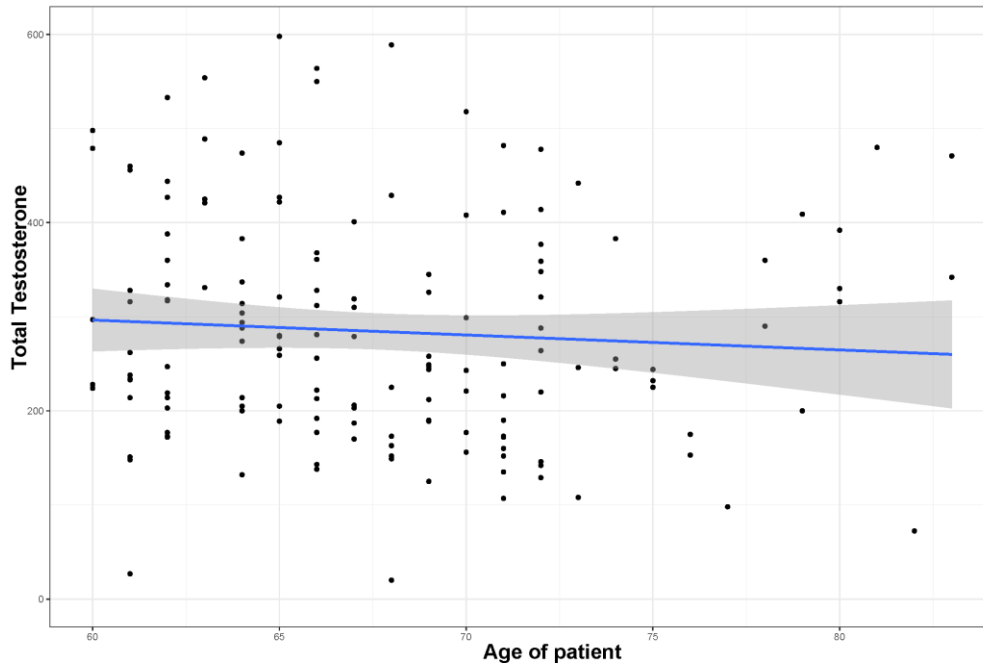
Though there was no statistically significant association between age and total testosterone, when symptoms of hypogonadism were also taken into consideration along with total testosterone, there was a statistically significant association ( p value 0.035).



*FIGURE 28: ASSOCIATION OF AGE WITH HYPOGONADISM*

## TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND AGE

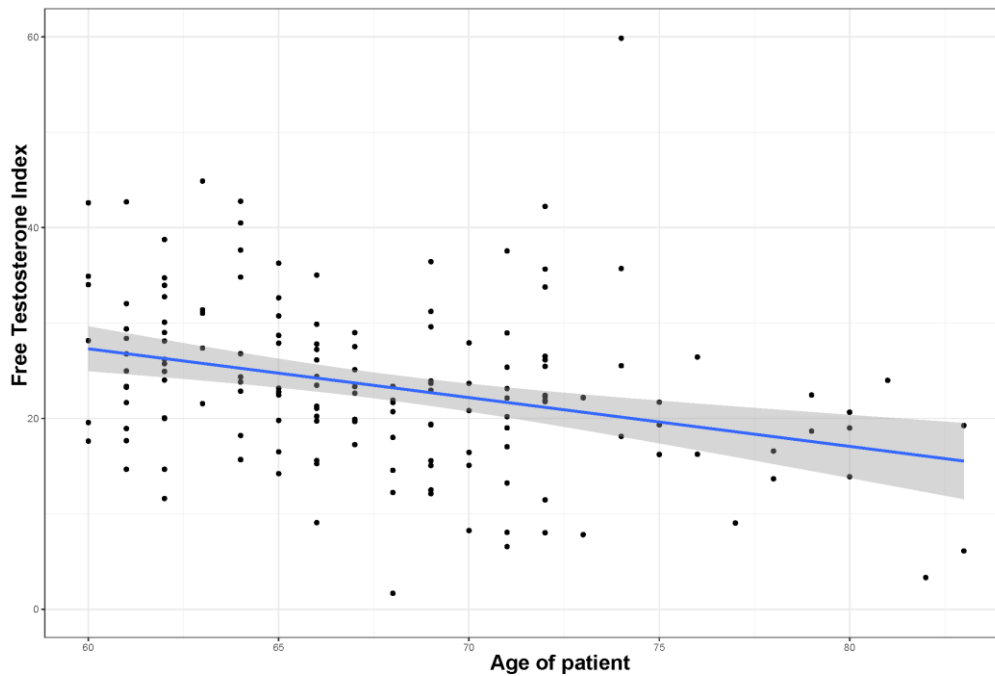
As age increased total testosterone showed a downward trend. However the p value was 0.3742(R squared 0.071)and it was not statistically significant.



*FIGURE 29: ASSOCIATION OF AGE WITH TOTAL TESTOSTERONE*

### **FREE TESTOSTERONE AND AGE**

As age increased, there was a statistically significant reduction in the free testosterone with a p value of 0.0034(r squared – 0.232)

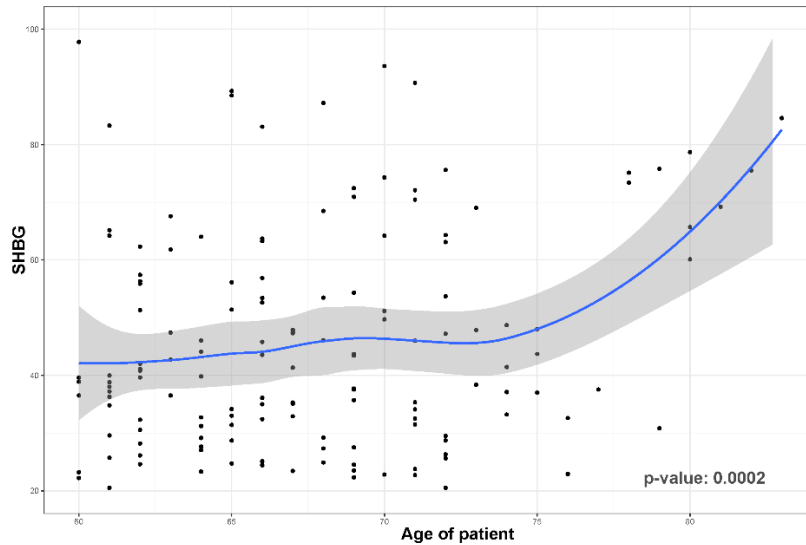


*FIGURE 30: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH AGE*



## SHBG AND AGE

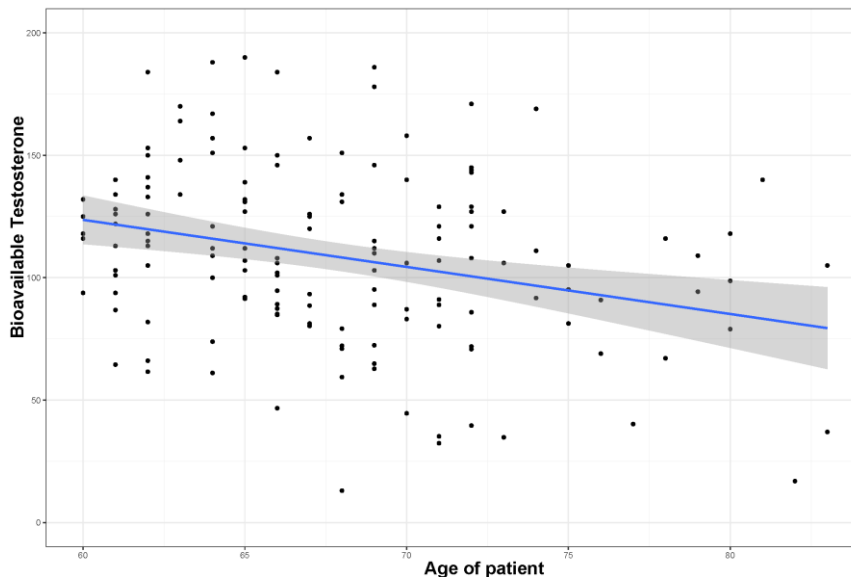
The sex hormone binding globulin increased with age. It was statistically significant with a p value of 0.0002.



*FIGURE 31: ASSOCIATION OF SHBG WITH AGE*

## BIOAVAILABLE TESTOSTERONE AND AGE

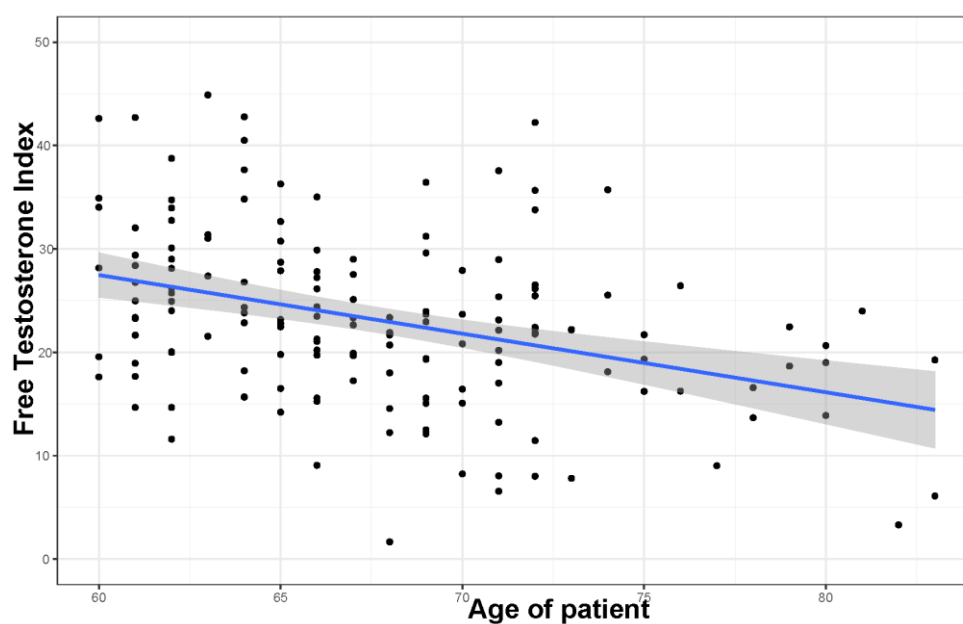
The bioavailable testosterone was found to decrease as age increased. It was statistically significant with a p value of 0.0056



*FIGURE 32: ASSOCIATION OF BIOAVAILABLE TESTOSTERONE WITH AGE*

## FREE TESTOSTERONE INDEX AND AGE

Free testosterone index was found to reduce as the age increased. It was statistically significant with a p value of 0.011



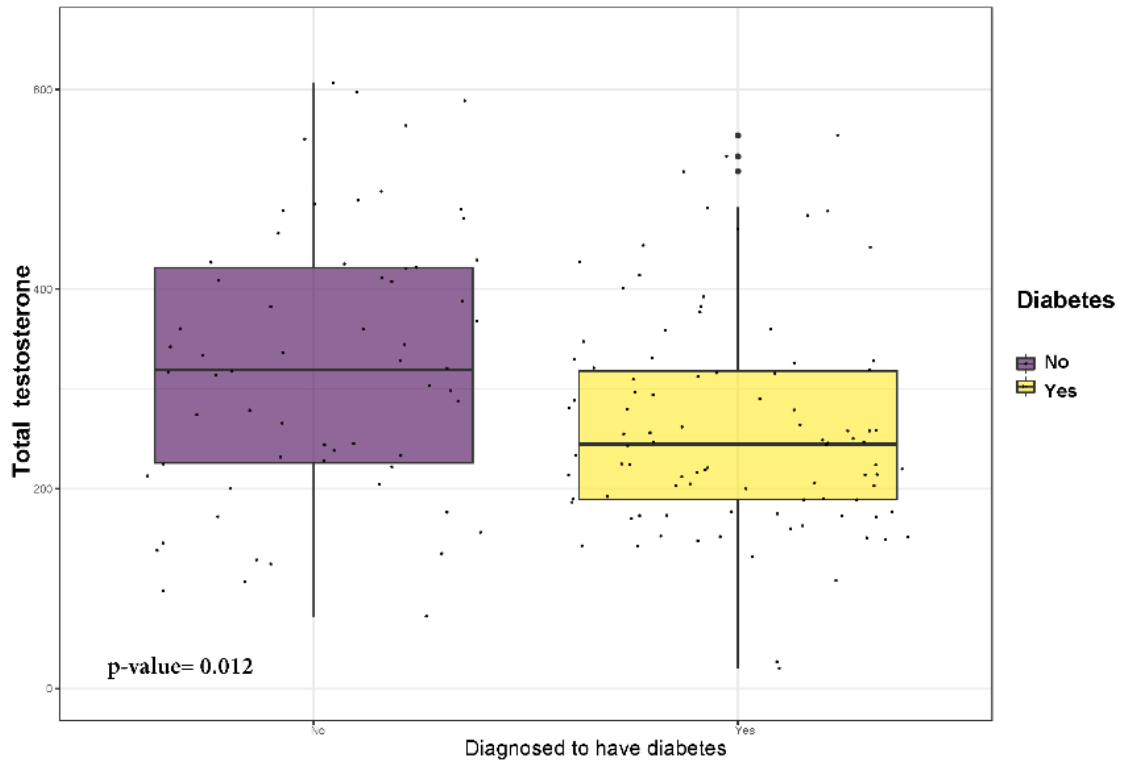
*FIGURE 33: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE INDEX WITH AGE*

## ASSOCIATION OF HYPOGONADISM WITH COMORBIDITIES

Our study also looked into the association of hypogonadism and the comorbidities commonly seen in elderly. Hypogonadism was defined as total testosterone <300 ng/dL along with a positive ADAM score. We also assessed the association of total testosterone <300 ng/dL and free testosterone <5 ng/dL with these comorbidities.

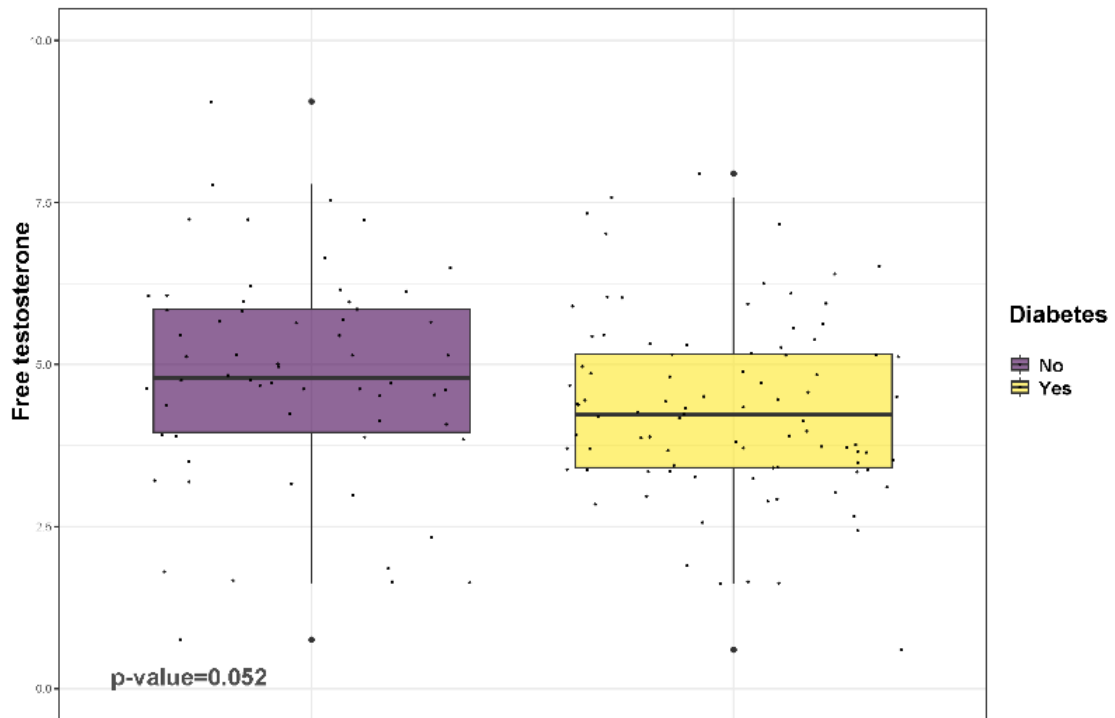
## HYPOGONADISM AND TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

There was a significant association between Diabetes Mellitus and hypogonadism with a p value of 0.025(Odds ratio 2.101, CI 1.091 - 4.047). The total testosterone value was also found to be low when the patient had diabetes mellitus. This association was significant with a p value of 0.012.



*FIGURE 34: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH DIABETES MELLITUS*

Free testosterone however did not show a statistically significant association with diabetes mellitus with a p value of 0.052 even though there was a low free testosterone in subjects with diabetes mellitus.



*FIGURE 35: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH DIABETES MELLITUS*

Duration of diabetes mellitus also did not have a significant association with hypogonadism, serum testosterone or free testosterone as the p values were 0.056, 0.7253 and 0.5698 respectively.

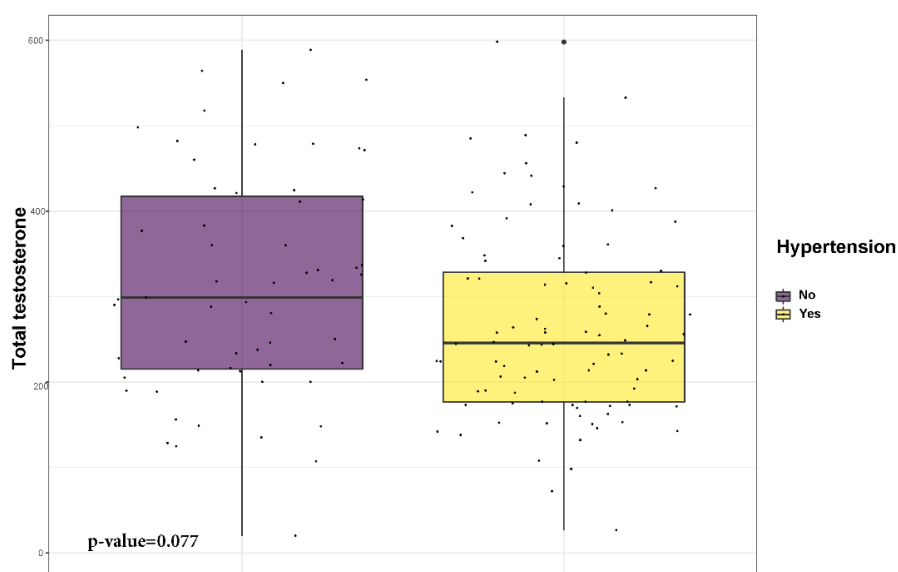
The association of the various drugs used in diabetes with serum testosterone was also looked into and there was no significant association found.

**TABLE 17: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH HYPOGLYCAEMIC AGENTS**

| Hypoglycaemic agents   | Association with total testosterone |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sulphonylureas         | 0.118                               |
| Biguanides             | 0.006                               |
| SGLT 2 Inhibitors      | 0.142                               |
| Thiazolidinediones     | 1                                   |
| DPP IV Inhibitors      | 0.051                               |
| Glucosidase inhibitors | 0.267                               |
| Insulin                | 0.745                               |

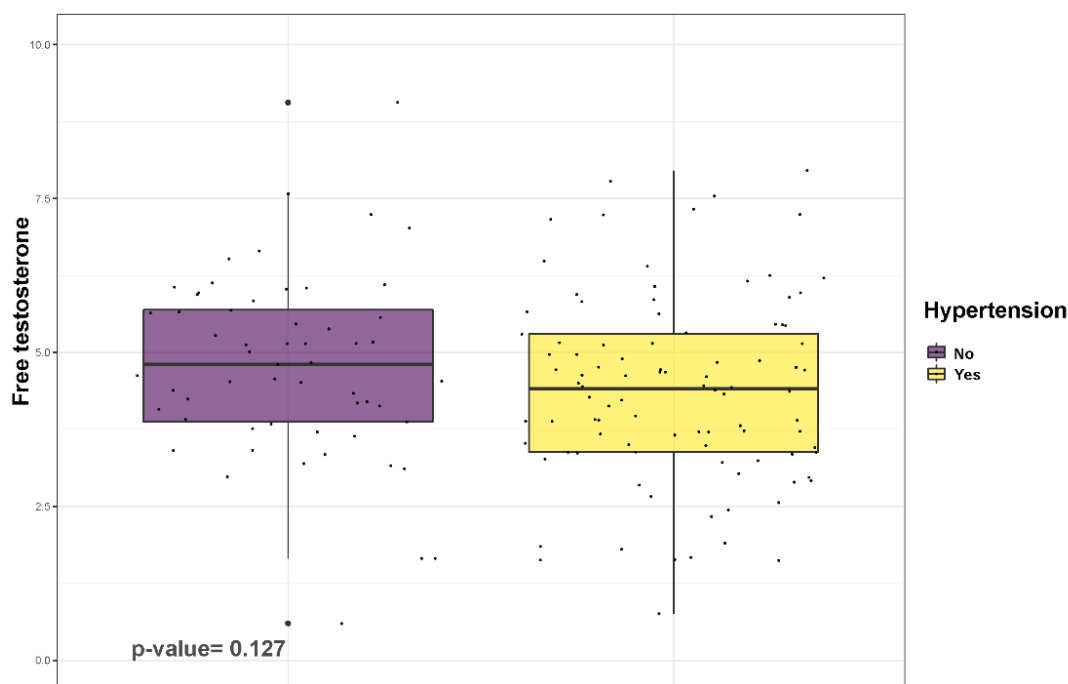
## HYPOGONADISM AND HYPERTENSION

There was no significant association between hypogonadism and hypertension. The p value was 0.461(Odds ratio 1.281, CI 0.663-2.475). Though subjects with hypertension had a low average total testosterone, it was not statistically significant(p value 0.077).



*FIGURE 36: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH HYPERTENSION*

Similarly, free testosterone was also slightly lower in the group with hypertension, but it was also not statistically significant (p value- 0.127).



*FIGURE 37: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH HYPERTENSION*

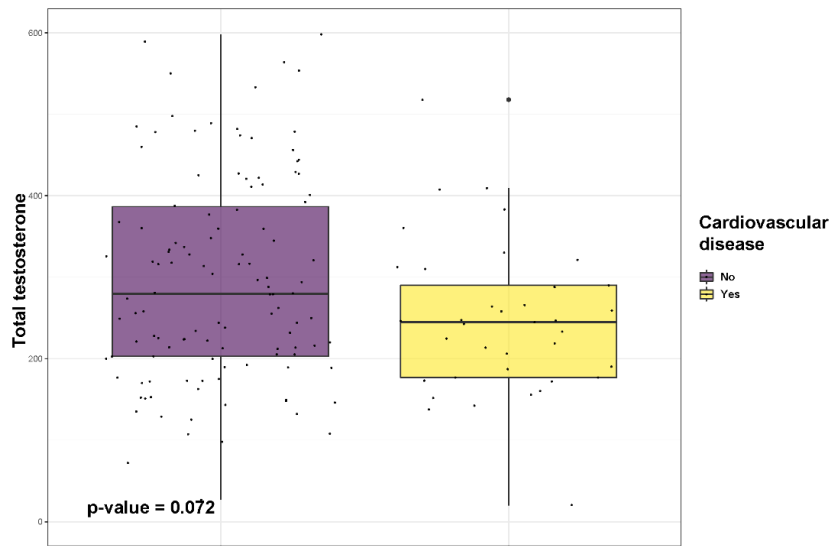
Duration of hypertension was also not associated with hypogonadism (p value – 0.6), total testosterone(p value – 0.325) or free testosterone(p value - 0.816). The antihypertensive drugs including ACE inhibitors, beta blockers and calcium channel blockers were found to have a statistically significant association with total testosterone with p values of 0.015, 0.016 and 0.031 respectively. Association with alpha blockers, thiazide diuretic and other diuretics were not calculated as only a small number of subjects were taking these drugs.

**TABLE 18: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE AGENTS**

| <b>Anti-hypertensives</b> | <b>Association with serum testosterone &lt;300(p value)</b> |
|---------------------------|---|
| ACE Inhibitor             | 0.015   |
| ARBs                      | 0.874   |
| Beta Blocker              | 0.016   |
| Calcium channel blockers  | 0.031   |

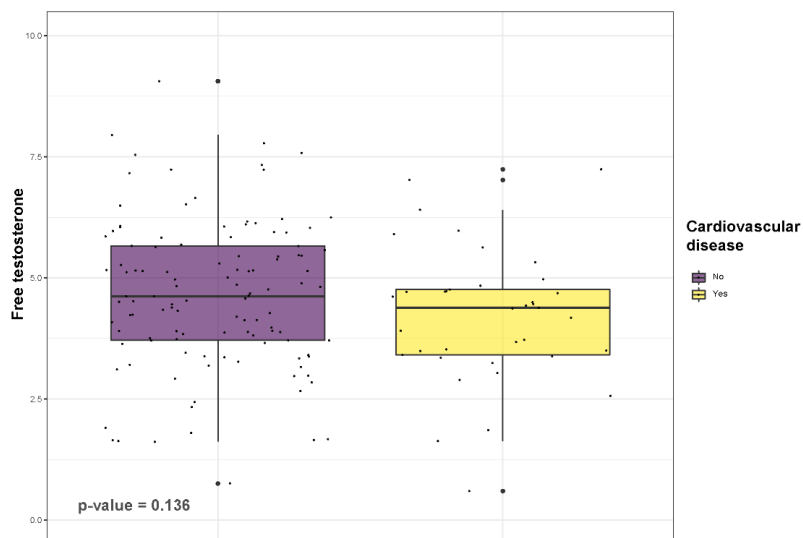
## HYPOGONADISM AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

There was no statistically significant association between hypogonadism and cardiovascular diseases (p value – 0.232, odd ratio 1.562, CI 0.750-3.253). Serum testosterone and hypogonadism was also not statistically significant with a p value of 0.072.



*FIGURE 38: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE*

Free testosterone and cardiovascular disease also did not have any significant association (p value – 0.136).



*FIGURE 39: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE*

There was no statistically significant association between hypogonadism and cardiac diseases(excluding cerebrovascular disease) also with a p value of 0.912(odds ratio 0.958, CI 0.451-2.034). Serum total testosterone and cardiac disease also did not have any significant association(p value- 0.171, OR 1.739, CI 0.784 – 3.858). However, there was a statistically significant association between free testosterone and cardiac diseases (p value of 0.009,OR 3.188, CI 1.295- 7.849). Cerebrovascular accidents were also not associated with hypogonadism (p value- 0.283, OR 1.800, CI 0.609-5.323). Serum testosterone and free testosterone were also not statistically associated with cerebrovascular diseases with p values of 0.518 and 0.318 respectively.

## **HYPOGONADISM AND OTHER COMORBIDITIES**

Among the other comorbidities that the subjects had, dyslipidaemia had a statistically significant association with hypogonadism (P value - 0.016, (OR 2.174, CI 1.151-4.105) and total testosterone (P value 0.005). Dyslipidaemia was however not associated with free testosterone (P value 0.209, (OR 1.511, CI 0.793- 2.879). Other comorbidities including Obstructive airway disease, Hypothyroidism and Parkinson disease did not have any association with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone.

**TABLE 19:ASSOCIATION OF HYPOGONADISM, TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH COMORBIDITIES**

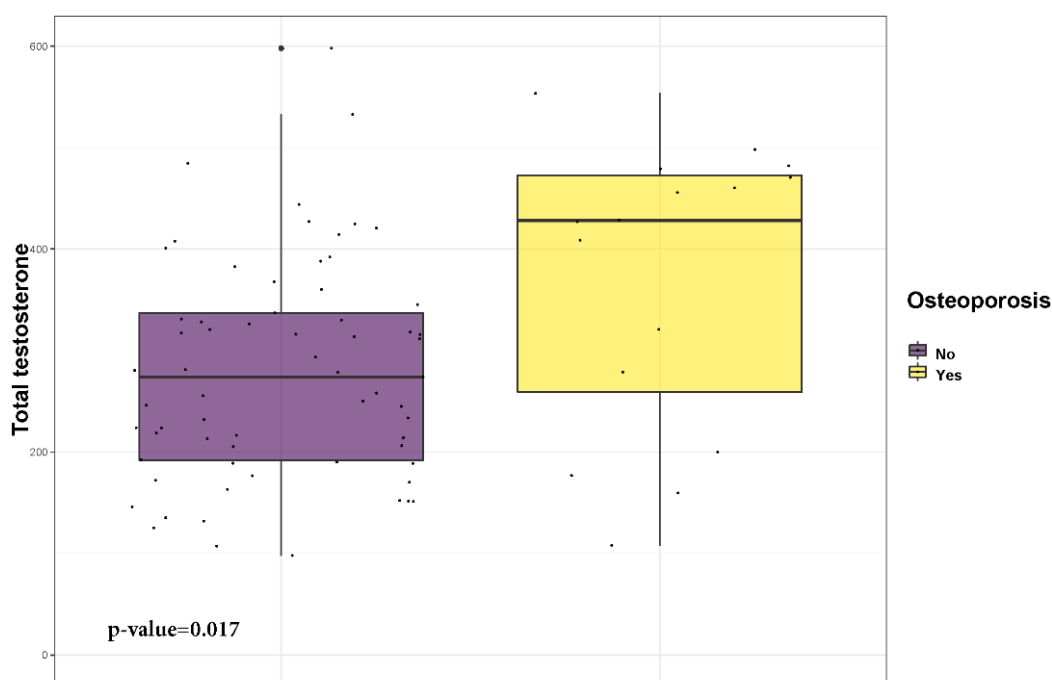
| <b>Comorbidities</b>       | <b>Association with hypogonadism</b>              | <b>Association with total testosterone</b> | <b>Association with free testosterone</b>       |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Dyslipidaemia              | P value - 0.016<br>(OR 2.174,<br>CI 1.151-4.105)  | P value 0.005                              | P value 0.209<br>(OR 1.511,<br>CI 0.793- 2.879) |
| Obstructive airway disease | P value – 0.399<br>(OR 1.386,<br>CI 0.648- 2.964) | P value 0.407                              | P value 0.618<br>(OR 1.22,<br>CI 0.555-2.691)   |
| Hypothyroidism             | P value – 0.577<br>(OR 1.467, CI 0.379-<br>5.680) | P value 0.736                              | P value 0.730<br>(OR 0.788,<br>CI 0.203-3.056)  |

|                   |  |               |   |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Parkinson disease | P value – 0.248<br>(OR 3.549,<br>CI 0.361- 34.879) | P value 0.642 | P value 0.561<br>(OR 1.947,<br>CI 0.198-19.148) |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---|

## HYPOGONADISM AND OSTEOPOROSIS

Subjects were considered to have osteoporosis if they had osteoporosis at either of the three sites checked, i.e. femoral neck, L1 vertebrae or radius. Hypogonadism was not significantly associated with osteoporosis (p value 0.373, OR 0.595, CI 0.189-1.879). Hypogonadism did not have any significant association with either osteopenia or osteoporosis at any site also (p value 0.688, OR 1.238, CI 0.436-3.518).

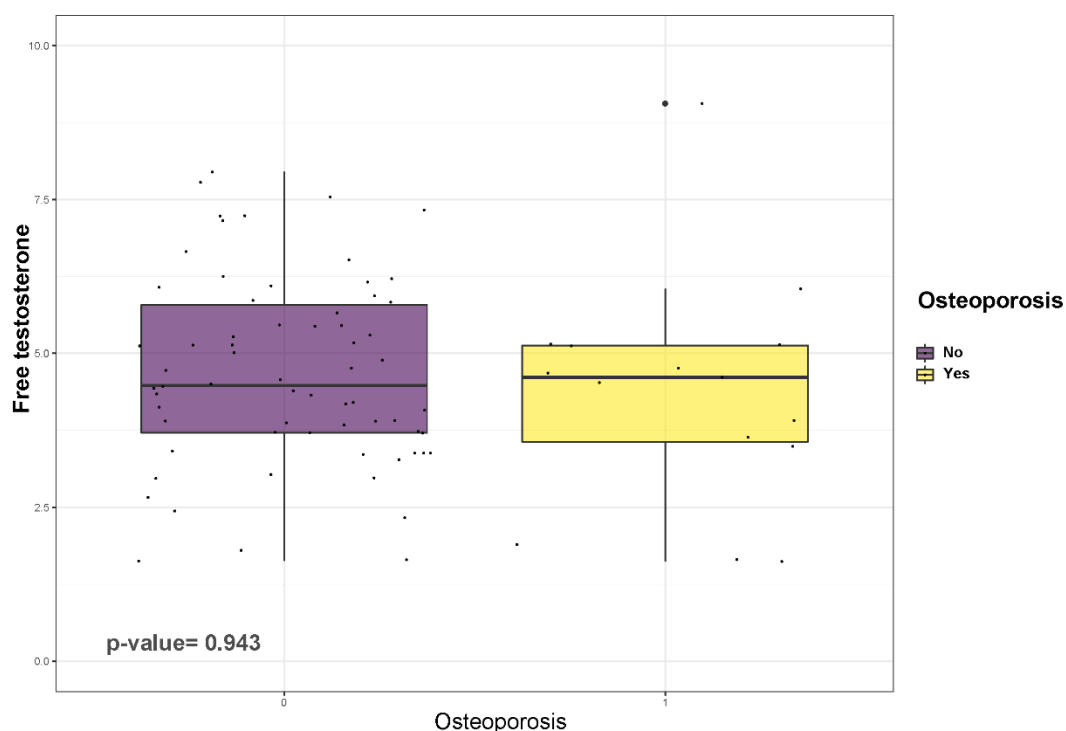
Total testosterone was higher in subjects with osteoporosis and this association was significant with a p value of 0.017. This contradictory result might be due to the high prevalence of obese and overweight subjects with low testosterone. Obese and overweight subjects are less likely to have osteoporosis. On multivariate analysis to assess the effect of BMI on osteoporosis, we found that the results were not significant(p value of 0.077).



*FIGURE 40: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH OSTEOPOROSIS*



Free testosterone however was not associated with osteoporosis (p value 0.943). This was also probably because of the association of free testosterone with obesity. Even though total testosterone is low, free testosterone is not as low in those with obesity.



*FIGURE 41: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH OSTEOPOROSIS*

The association of hypogonadism, total testosterone and free testosterone at different sites where Bone mineral density was checked is given in table 20. There was no significant association found at any site.

**TABLE 20: ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPOROSIS WITH HYPOGONADISM, TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND FREE TESTOSTERONE AT DIFFERENT SITES**

| BMD sites    | Association with Hypogonadism                | Association with Total testosterone          | Association with free testosterone           |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| Femoral Neck | P value 0.561<br>OR 0.606,<br>CI 0.111-3.324 | P value 0.250<br>OR 0.380,<br>CI 0.069-2.078 | P value 0.448<br>OR 0.550,<br>CI 0.115-2.625 |
| L1 Vertebrae | P value 0.183<br>OR 0.347,<br>CI 0.060-1.747 | P value 0.052<br>OR 0.224,<br>CI 0.045-1.128 | P value 0.243<br>OR 0.455,<br>CI 0.118-1.749 |
| Radius       | P value 0.522<br>OR 0.629,<br>CI 0.15 -2.626 | P value 0.205<br>OR 0.406,<br>CI 0.097-1.692 | P value 0.627<br>OR 0.721,<br>CI 0.192-2.706 |

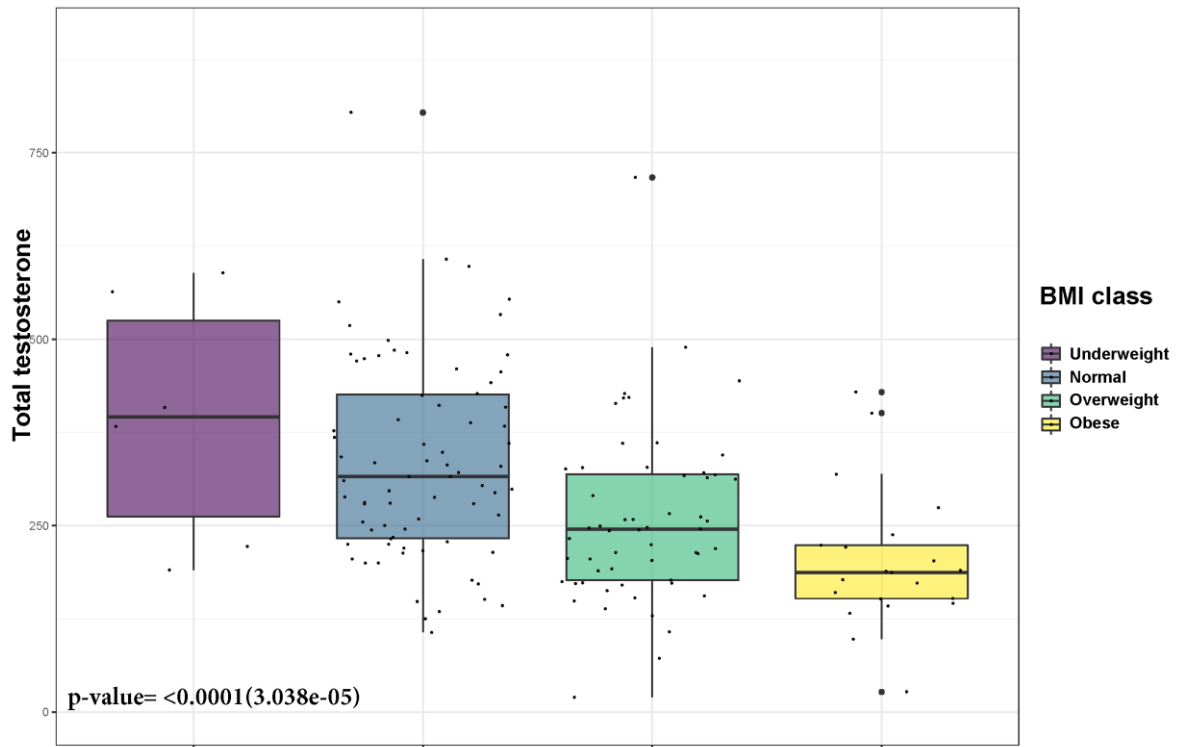
Association of hypogonadism , free testosterone and total testosterone with osteoporosis + osteopenia at femoral neck, L1 vertebrae and radius were also looked into and the results of the same are represented in the following table . There was no significant association found.

**TABLE 21: ASSOCIATION OF HYPOGONADISM , TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH OSTEOPOROSIS + OSTEOPENIA**

| <b>BMD sites</b> | <b>Association with Hypogonadism</b>         | <b>Association with Total testosterone</b>   | <b>Association with free testosterone</b>      |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| Femoral Neck     | P value 0.469<br>OR 0.718,<br>CI 0.293-1.76  | P value 0.327<br>OR 0.644,<br>CI 0.266-1.557 | P value 0.166<br>OR 1.870,<br>CI 0.169-4.550   |
| L1 Vertebrae     | P value 0.346<br>OR 0.655,<br>CI 0.271-1.583 | P value 0.188<br>OR 0.561,<br>CI 0.236-1.332 | P value – 0.801<br>OR 1.118,<br>CI 0.471-2.654 |
| Radius           | P value 0.761<br>OR 0.873,<br>CI 0.363-2.099 | P value 0.988<br>OR 1.007,<br>CI 0.427-2.374 | P value 0.574<br>OR 1.286,<br>CI 0.540-3.060   |

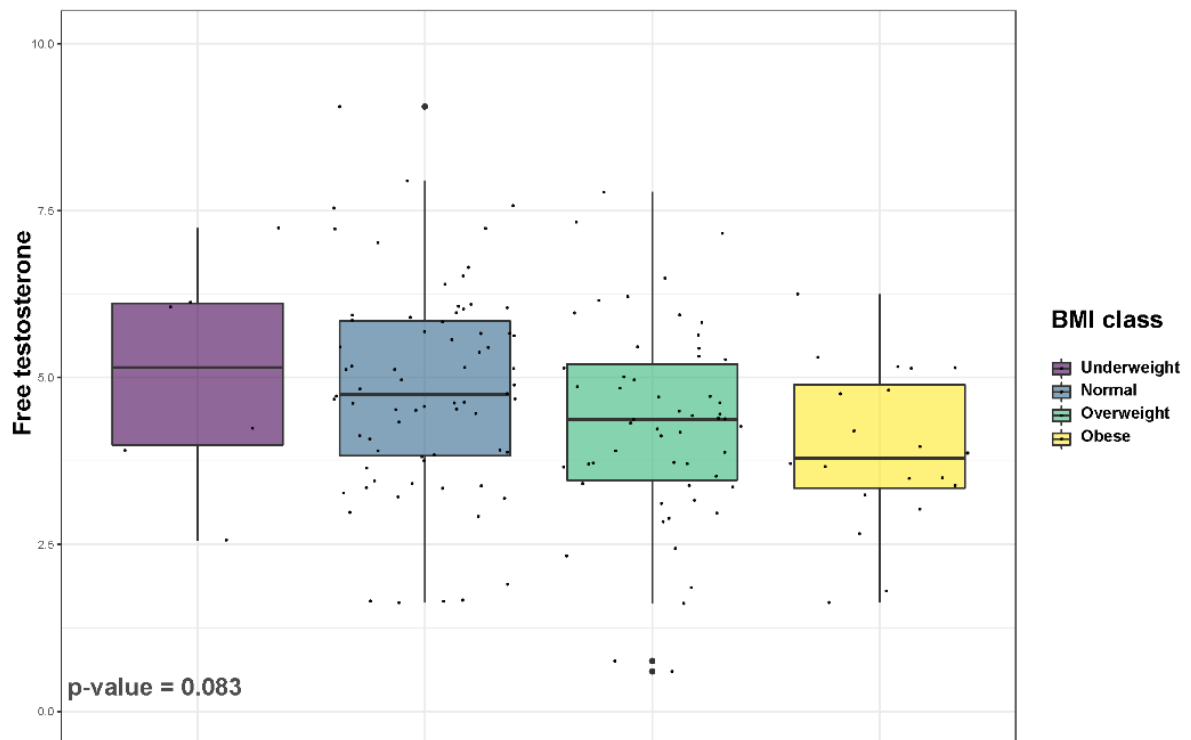
## **HYPOGONADISM AND BODY MASS INDEX**

Body mass index and hypogonadism was not significantly associated with a p value of 0.052. There was significant association of BMI and total testosterone with a p value of <0.0001. It is depicted in the figure below. These results suggest that obese subjects were not very symptomatic for hypogonadism even though their total serum testosterone was low.



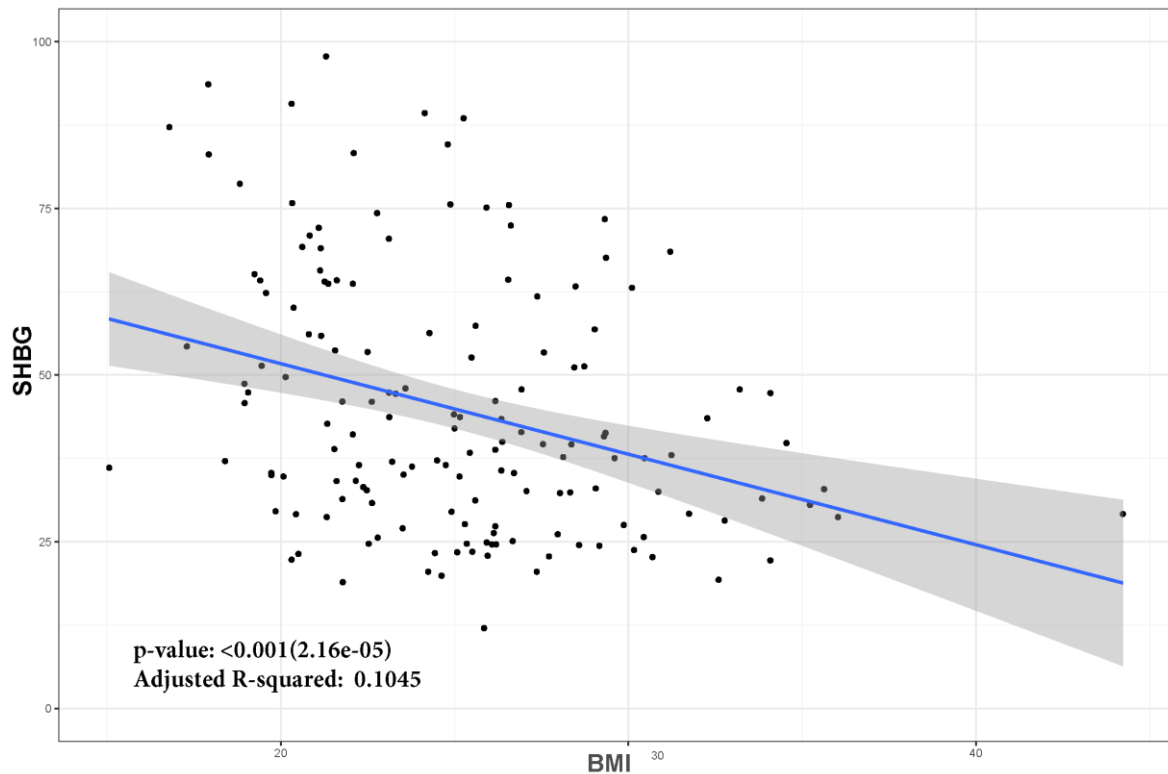
*FIGURE 42: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH BMI*

There was however no significant association between BMI and free testosterone (p value 0.083).



*FIGURE 43: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH BMI*

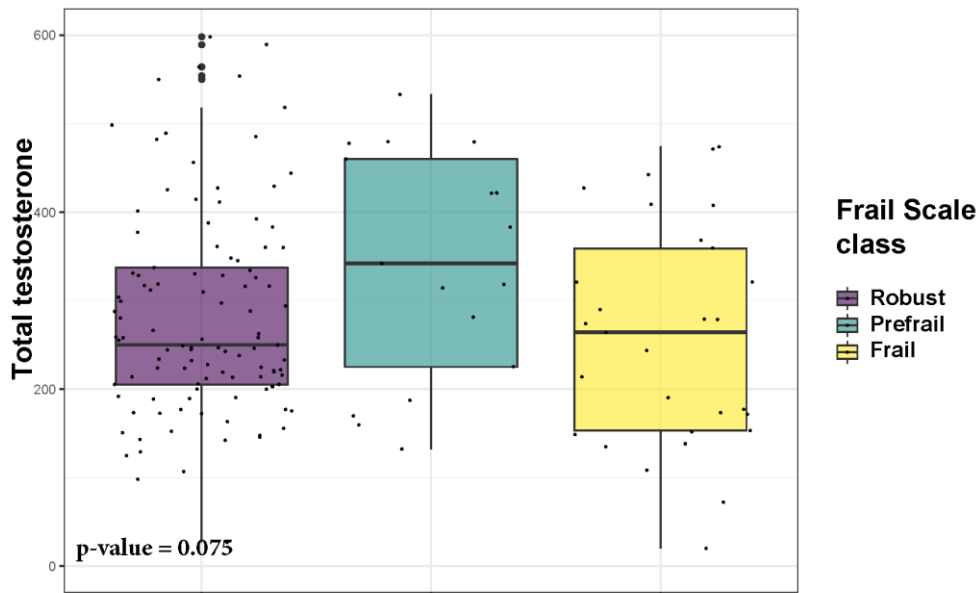
This difference in significance between free and total testosterone with BMI is because of the decrease in SHBG as BMI increases (p value <0.001). Although the total testosterone was very low in subjects with high BMI, since there was a reduction in SHBG also as BMI increased, the free testosterone was not reduced significantly when BMI increased. However free testosterone also showed a down-ward trend as BMI increased even though it was not statistically significant.



*FIGURE 44: ASSOCIATION OF SHBG WITH BMI*

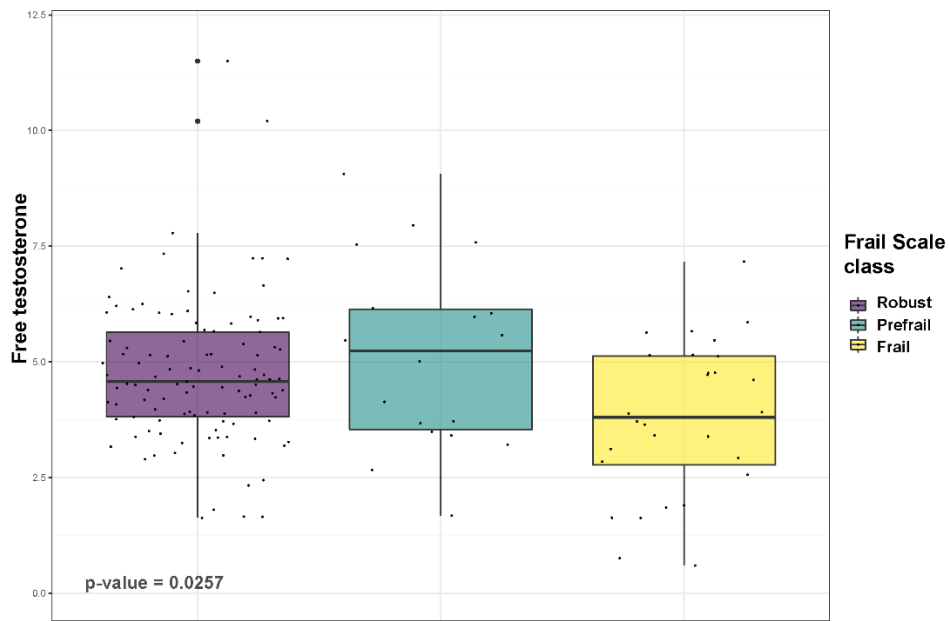
## **HYPOGONADISM AND FRAILTY**

There was no significant association between frailty and hypogonadism (p value 0.055) or total serum testosterone (p value 0.075).



*FIGURE 45: ASSOCIATION OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE WITH FRAILTY*

Free testosterone was however significantly associated with frailty(p value 0.0257).



*FIGURE 46: ASSOCIATION OF FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH FREE TESTOSTERONE*

When subjects were divided into frail/ pre-frail + robust, frailty was significantly associated with hypogonadism. But this significance was not evident when association was checked with free testosterone and total testosterone . When subjects were classified as Robust/frail +pre – frail , there was no significant association found.

**TABLE 22: ASSOCIATION OF HYPOGONADISM , TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND FREE TESTOSTERONE WITH FRAIL + PRE -FRAIL AND ROBUST MEN**

|                   | <b>Hypogonadism</b>                         | <b>Total testosterone</b>                   | <b>Free testosterone</b>                    |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Frail + Pre-frail | P value 0.023<br>(OR 2.591, CI 1.117-6.008) | P value 0.396<br>OR 1.438, CI 0.620-3.333)  | P value 0.331<br>(OR 1.530, CI 0.647-3.618) |
| Robust            | P value 0.276<br>(OR 0.684, CI 0.345-1.356) | P value 0.380<br>(OR 1.360, CI 0.684-2.704) | P value 0.810<br>(OR 1.089, CI 0.543-2.184) |

## HYPOGONADISM AND ADDICTIONS

There was no significant association with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone with smoking, alcohol consumption or tobacco chewing.

**TABLE 23: HYPOGONADISM AND ADDICTIONS**

| Addictions                  | P value | Odds ratio | Confidence interval |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|
| Smoking                     | 0.739   | 1.114      | 0.590-2.105         |
| Current smoking             | 0.851   |            |                     |
| Alcohol consumption         | 0.478   | 1.267      | 0.659-2.435         |
| Current alcohol consumption | 0.657   |            |                     |
| Tobacco                     | 0.602   | 0.805      | 0.356-1.821         |

**TABLE 24: TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND ADDICTIONS**

| Addictions                  | P value | Odds ratio | Confidence interval |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|
| Smoking                     | 0.662   | 1.156      | 0.605-2.208         |
| Current smoking             | 0.785   |            |                     |
| Alcohol                     | 0.420   | 1.316      | 0.675-2.565         |
| Current alcohol consumption | 0.469   |            |                     |
| Tobacco                     | 0.980   | 1.010      | 0.450-2.270         |

**TABLE 25: FREE TESTOSTERONE AND ADDICTIONS**

| Addictions                  | P value | Odds ratio | Confidence interval |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|
| Smoking                     | 0.970   | 1.013      | 0.528-1.941         |
| Current smoking             | 0.962   |            |                     |
| Alcohol consumption         | 0.371   | 1.363      | 0.691-2.689         |
| Current alcohol consumption | 0.354   |            |                     |
| Tobacco                     | 0.442   | 1.391      | 0.598-3.235         |

## MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

On doing multivariate analysis, hypogonadism had a significant association with obesity.

**TABLE 26: MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS - HYPOGONADISM AND VARIOUS FACTORS**

| Hypogonadism           | P value | Odds Ratio | 95% Confidence Interval |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------|
| Diabetes mellitus      | 0.111   | 1.756      | 0.878 - 3.511           |
| Hypertension           | 0.547   | 0.718      | 0.245 - 2.106           |
| Cardiovascular disease | 0.331   | 0.488      | 0.115 - 2.069           |
| Osteoporosis           | 0.394   | 0.593      | 0.178 - 1.973           |
| Obesity                | 0.049   | 4.055      | 1.006 - 16.337          |
| Frailty                | 0.069   | 2.243      | 0.939 - 5.358           |
| Dyslipidaemia          | 0.073   | 1.853      | 0.945 - 3.636           |
| Ischemic heart disease | 0.175   | 0.376      | 0.091 - 1.547           |

Testosterone <300 ng/dL was significantly associated with diabetes and dyslipidaemia.

**TABLE 27: MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS - TOTAL TESTOSTERONE AND VARIOUS FACTORS**

| <b>Testosterone &lt;300ng/dL</b> | <b>P value</b> | <b>Odds Ratio</b> | <b>95% Confidence Interval</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Diabetes Mellitus                | 0.016          | 2.332             | 1.169 - 4.651                  |
| Hypertension                     | 0.712          | 0.815             | 0.276 - 2.406                  |
| Osteoporosis                     | 0.079          | 0.345             | 0.105 - 1.131                  |
| Cardiovascular disease           | 0.967          | 0.972             | 0.246 - 3.834                  |
| Obesity                          | 0.093          | 3.703             | 0.802 - 17.093                 |
| Frailty                          | 0.517          | 1.341             | 0.552 - 3.254                  |
| Dyslipidaemia                    | 0.031          | 2.119             | 1.070 - 4.199                  |
| Ischemic heart disease           | 0.461          | 0.614             | 0.168 - 2.246                  |

Free testosterone <5ng/dL was significantly associated with only cardiovascular disease.

**TABLE 28: MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS -FREE TESTOSTERONE AND VARIOUS FACTORS**

| <b>Free testosterone &lt; 5 ng/dl</b> | <b>P value</b> | <b>Odds Ratio</b> | <b>95% Confidence Interval</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Diabetes                              | 0.233          | 1.524             | 0.763 - 3.044                  |
| Hypertension                          | 0.746          | 0.839             | 0.290 - 2.430                  |
| Osteoporosis                          | 0.840          | 1.122             | 0.511 - 6.682                  |
| Cardiovascular disease                | 0.045          | 5.668             | 1.042 - 30.844                 |
| Obesity                               | 0.350          | 1.982             | 0.473 - 8.304                  |
| Frailty                               | 0.904          | 1.059             | 0.421 - 2.663                  |
| Dyslipidaemia                         | 0.312          | 1.430             | 0.715 - 2.860                  |
| Ischemic heart disease                | 0.626          | 1.376             | 0.381 - 4.961                  |



## ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE

ADAM questionnaire was administered to all subjects. Since there is no gold standard for diagnosing hypogonadism, the sensitivity and specificity of the ADAM questionnaire for diagnosing a total testosterone value < 300 ng/dl and free testosterone <5 ng/dl was evaluated. To detect total testosterone <300 ng/dl, ADAM questionnaire had a sensitivity of 79.57%(CI 69.95% to 87.23%). However its specificity was very low at 18.18%(CI 9.76% to 29.61%).

**TABLE 29: SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF THE ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DIAGNOSING TOTAL TESTOSTERONE VALUE < 300 NG/DL**

| Statistic                 | Value  | 95% CI           |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Sensitivity               | 79.57% | 69.95% to 87.23% |
| Specificity               | 18.18% | 9.76% to 29.61%  |
| Positive likelihood ratio | 0.97%  | 0.83 to 1.13     |
| Negative likelihood ratio | 1.12   | 0.59 to 2.15     |
| Positive predictive value | 57.81% | 54.03% to 61.50% |
| Negative predictive value | 38.71% | 24.79% to 54.75% |

To detect free testosterone < 5 ng/dl also, ADAM questionnaire had a similar sensitivity and specificity pattern with a sensitivity of 80.41%(CI 71.11%-87.78%) and specificity of 19.35%(10.42% to 29.61%).

**TABLE 30: SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF THE ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DIAGNOSING FREE TESTOSTERONE VALUE < 5 NG/DL**

| Statistic                 | Value  | 95% CI           |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Sensitivity               | 80.41% | 71.11% to 87.78% |
| Specificity               | 19.35% | 10.42% to 29.61% |
| Positive likelihood ratio | 1.00   | 0.85 to 1.17     |
| Negative likelihood ratio | 1.01   | 0.53 to 1.94     |
| Positive predictive value | 60.94% | 57.15% to 64.59% |
| Negative predictive value | 56.60% | 48.52% to 64.43% |

This results suggest that ADAM score is moderately useful as a screening test. However, it is not very specific and hence there will be large number of false positives.

The specificity and sensitivity of each question in ADAM score to detect total testosterone <300 ng/dl and free testosterone <5 ng/dl was also done

**TABLE 31: SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF EACH QUESTION OF ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE TO DIAGNOSE TOTAL TESTOSTERONE<300 NG/DL**

**ADAM score and total testosterone <300 ng /dL**

|   | <b>Sensitivity</b>              | <b>Specificity</b>               |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Do you have a decrease in libido(sex drive)?                            | 73.12%<br>(CI 62.93% to 81.79%) | 30.30%<br>(CI 19.59% to 42.85%)  |
| Do you have lack of energy?   | 23.66%<br>(CI 15.46% to 33.60%) | 69.7%<br>(CI 57.15% to 80.41%)   |
| Do you have a decrease in strength and/or endurance?                    | 25.81%<br>(CI 17.29% to 35.92%) | 72.73%<br>(60.36% to 82.97%)     |
| Have you lost height?   | 1.08%<br>(CI 0.03% to 5.85 %)   | 98.48%<br>(CI 91.84% to 99.96%)  |
| Have you noticed a decrease in ‘enjoyment of life’                      | 15.05%<br>(CI 8.48% to 23.97%)  | 72.73%<br>(CI 60.36% to 82.97%)  |
| Are you sad and /or grumpy?   | 16.13%<br>(CI 9.32% to 25.20%)  | 72.73%<br>(CI 60.36% to 82.97%)  |
| Are your erections less strong?   | 75.27%<br>(CI 65.24% to 83.63%) | 21.21%<br>(CI 12.11% to 33.02%)  |
| Have you noticed a recent deterioration in your ability to play sports? | 24.73%<br>(CI 16.37% to 34.76%) | 65.15%<br>(CI 54.42% to 76.47%)  |
| Are you falling asleep after dinner?                                    | 19.35%<br>(CI 11.89% to 28.85%) | 81.82%<br>(CI 70.39% to 90.24%)  |
| Have there been a recent deterioration in your work performance?        | 26.88%<br>(CI 18.21% to 37.08%) | 71.21%<br>(CI 58.75% to 81.70 %) |

To detect total testosterone <300 ng/dl, the most sensitive questions were:

1)Do you have a decrease in libido(sex drive)?

2)Are your erections less strong?

The other questions added to the specificity of the test, but were neither very specific nor very sensitive. The question “Are you falling asleep after dinner?” showed a high specificity(81.82%) , but a low sensitivity(19.35%). The significance of this needs to be evaluated further. The question, “Have you lost height?” showed a high specificity(98.48%), but it was not considered very significant as only 2 subjects gave a positive answer to this question.

**TABLE 32:SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF EACH QUESTION OF ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE TO DIAGNOSE FREE TESTOSTERONE <5 NG/DL**

| ADAM questionnaire and free testosterone<5 ng/dL                        |                                 |                                   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | Sensitivity                     | Specificity                       |
| Do you have a decrease in libido(sex drive)?                            | 75.26%<br>(CI 65.46% to 83.46%) | 33.87%<br>(CI 22.33% to 47.01%)   |
| Do you have lack of energy?   | 24.74%<br>(CI 16.54% to 34.54%) | 70.97%<br>(CI 58.05% to 81.80 %)  |
| Do you have a decrease in strength and/or endurance?                    | 25.77%<br>(CI 17.42% to 35.65%) | 72. 58%<br>(CI 59.77 % to 83.15%) |
| Have you lost height?   | 1.03%<br>(CI 0.03% to 5.61%)    | 98.39%<br>(CI 91.34% to 99.96 %)  |
| Have you noticed a decrease in ‘enjoyment of life’                      | 17.53%<br>(CI 10.55% to 26.57%) | 75.81%<br>(CI 63.26% to 85.78%)   |
| Are you sad and /or grumpy?   | 18.56%<br>(CI 11.38% to 27.73%) | 75.81%<br>(CI 63.26%to 85.78%)    |
| Are your erections less strong?   | 78.35%<br>(CI 68.83% to 86.07%) | 25.81%<br>(CI 15.53% to 38.5 %)   |
| Have you noticed a recent deterioration in your ability to play sports? | 26.80%<br>(CI 18.32% to 36.76%) | 67.74%<br>(CI 54.66% to 79.06%)   |
| Are you falling asleep after dinner?                                    | 14.43%<br>(CI 8.12% to 23.03%)  | 74.19%<br>(CI 61.50% to 84.47%)   |
| Have there been a recent deterioration in your work performance?        | 25.77%<br>(CI 17.42% to 35.65%) | 69.35%<br>(CI 56.35% to 80.44%)   |

Similarly, to detect a free testosterone < 5ng/dl also, the questions that were most sensitive were:

1)Do you have a decrease in libido(sex drive)?

2)Are your erections less strong?

The other questions added to the specificity of the questionnaire but were not individually specific or sensitive. Thus instead of administering the full questionnaire, asking at-least these two questions might be useful in a time constrained setting.

## **DISCUSSION**

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study in India on the prevalence of hypogonadism in those aged 60 and above. Other studies on men above 40 years have been done previously in India.

This study also assessed the association between hypogonadism and diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, obesity, osteoporosis and frailty which are the commonest comorbidities in elderly.

There is no definite diagnosis of hypogonadism in literature yet. Different guidelines suggest different cut offs and different studies across the world have taken different criteria for diagnosis of hypogonadism. The criteria for hypogonadism in our study was a combination of symptoms of hypogonadism with a total testosterone <300ng/dL. The prevalence of hypogonadism in our study was 47%(n - 74). Total testosterone< 300ng/dL was found in 58% of the participants. When free testosterone <5 ng/dL was considered, the prevalence was even higher at 61%. In a study by Yadav et al in a Delhi hospital, prevalence of hypogonadism, in males aged  $\geq 40$  years was 28.99%(14) . Prevalence of men with symptoms of hypogonadism(positive ADAM questionnaire) in the same study was 48.18% while 57.85% had a total testosterone <346ng/dL. A pilot study done by Goel et al. on men in the surgical departments of a hospital in Lucknow found a prevalence of 26.1%(150).

However this study included men between the ages of 40 and 60 only. Besides these were not patients who came to the hospital with any complaints. The HIM study which was conducted on men  $\geq 45$  years visiting the primary care centres in USA showed a prevalence of 38.7% (12). Hypogonadism was defined as those with total testosterone  $< 300$  ng/dL in this study. Large community studies like the European ageing male study which considered hypogonadism as a combination of symptoms along with a total testosterone  $< 317$  ng/dL have showed a prevalence of only 2.1% among men aged between 40 and 79. The prevalence of hypogonadism in our study was higher than in any of these studies. The main factor contributing to this disparity is the higher age group of our study population. The community prevalence of hypogonadism is much lower than the prevalence of hypogonadism in men attending a clinic as is evident from the very low prevalence of hypogonadism in the European ageing male study.

The laboratory prevalence of hypogonadism ( low total testosterone) was higher than when symptoms were also taken into consideration for diagnosis of hypogonadism . This indicates that the symptoms of hypogonadism does not manifest in all men with total testosterone  $< 300$  ng/dL or free testosterone  $< 5$  ng/dL. This suggests that a uniform cut off for hypogonadism is difficult to establish. On the contrary, it is pertinent to note that other diseases such as diabetes mellitus and other comorbidities can also manifest with symptoms similar to hypogonadism. This could explain why a large number of patients had normal testosterone levels even though they had symptoms of hypogonadism. Thus it is prudent to check total testosterone or free testosterone to diagnose hypogonadism only in those with definite symptoms.

Our study suggested that age had a significant association with hypogonadism. However total testosterone, though it showed a downward trend, it did not have a significant association with age. However, free testosterone, declined significantly with age. A study conducted by Liu et al. also

showed similar findings where total testosterone was not associated with age but free testosterone was associated with advancing age(11). Another study done by Araujo et al. on the other hand showed a significant association between both total testosterone and free testosterone and age, however free testosterone was more strongly associated with age(13). This marked decline in free testosterone which is out of proportion to the decline in total testosterone is because testosterone binds to SHBG and SHBG levels increases with aging.(17). Our study showed a steady increase in SHBG as age increased and a dramatic increase in SHBG after the age of 75. Other parameters like bioavailable testosterone and free testosterone index also followed a similar pattern to free testosterone.

ADAM questionnaire was used as a screening tool for symptoms of hypogonadism in our study. We found a sensitivity of 79.57% to detect total testosterone <300ng/dL and 80.41% to detect a free testosterone of <5ng/dL. Various studies conducted globally have found a sensitivity ranging from 83.3–97%(41).The specificity of the questionnaire was 18.18% to detect a total testosterone<300ng/dL and 19.35% to detect a free testosterone <5ng/dL in our study. The specificity of the ADAM questionnaire from studies conducted all over the world also ranges between 19.7–36.6%(41). ADAM questionnaire is widely used as a screening tool for hypogonadism, but while it is moderately sensitive, its specificity is very poor. The questions , ‘ Do you have decreased libido?’ and “Are your erections less strong’ individually had the maximum sensitivity. These 2 questions can be used in a busy clinic setting as an easy screening method for suspecting hypogonadism. However, caution needs to be exercised of false negative answers as the sensitivity is low.

The association of comorbidities commonly seen in elderly patients with hypogonadism was also assessed in our study. Diabetes had a significant association with hypogonadism and total

testosterone both on univariate and multivariate analysis, but was not significantly associated with free testosterone level.. Many studies have shown an inverse bidirectional relationship between diabetes and hypogonadism(61),(60),(58), (62). Studies have shown that SHBG is low in those with diabetes mellitus(151). However, most studies show a decrease in free testosterone as well in diabetic patients.. But the low SHBG in diabetic could explain why in our study there was no significant association between free testosterone and diabetes mellitus.

We found a significant association between BMI and total testosterone in our study. On multivariate analysis, we found BMI had a significant association with hypogonadism ( symptoms + total testosterone <300 ng/dL).. Large community studies like the European male ageing study and the Massachusetts Male Ageing Study have revealed a significantly lower total testosterone and free testosterone in obese men.(118). (120).(119).A decline in SHBG was noticed with increase in BMI in our study. This association was seen in most other studies in different populations(121). This probably explains why free testosterone levels did not correlate with BMI even when total testosterone decreased down significantly with BMI.

Frailty had a significant association with free testosterone but not with total testosterone or hypogonadism in our study. The association between frailty and hypogonadism is moderate in studies done across the world. A study done by Roy et al. showed that muscle strength was significantly associated with free testosterone and not with total testosterone(92). This is consistent with our results also. Another study done by Mohr et al. did not show any significant association of testosterone or free testosterone with frailty, but SHBG had a significant association with frailty(91). It is known that SHBG is high in frail men(152). This explains why free testosterone may be disproportionately lower in frail men when compared to total testosterone.

Cardiovascular disease did not have any significant association with hypogonadism, as well as total or free testosterone. On multivariate analysis, however cardiovascular disease had a significant association with free testosterone. Cardiac disease had a significant association with free testosterone, though not with hypogonadism and total testosterone. Many Indian (153) (154) and global studies(73) done suggested testosterone can be a predictor of severity of coronary artery disease. The diagnosis of cardiovascular disease in our study was limited by the fact that neither angiography was performed nor was brain imaging done to look for cerebrovascular disease in our subjects. Diagnosis of cardiovascular disease was primarily based on ECG findings and previous history of cardiovascular disease.

We found that the prevalence of osteoporosis was low in those with low testosterone in our study. This contradictory result was thought to be due to the effect BMI had on osteoporosis and total testosterone. Osteoporosis was less prevalent and total testosterone as well was lower in obese individuals. Multivariate analysis done however showed osteoporosis had no association with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone. Association between osteoporosis and hypogonadism has been inconsistent in published studies.. A meta-analysis done by Liu et al. did not show any significant association between testosterone levels and osteoporosis(110).

Hypertension was not associated with hypogonadism, total testosterone or free testosterone. Use of ACE inhibitors and calcium channel blockers had a significant association with total testosterone. A study done by Koshida et al showed lisinopril reduced total testosterone in hypertensive men(155) . Various animal studies also have shown a reduction in total testosterone levels by calcium channel blockers(156). Further studies are needed to evaluate the effect of various antihypertensives on testosterone levels.



Our study showed that dyslipidaemia had a significant association with hypogonadism and total testosterone. This association was significant even on multivariate analysis.

Other factors like smoking and alcohol consumption did not have any significant association with hypogonadism , total testosterone or free testosterone.

Table 33 summarises our results ( numbers denote p values)

**TABLE 33: SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

| Comorbidities          | Hypogonadism | Total testosterone | Free testosterone |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Age                    | 0.035        | 0.3742             | 0.0034            |
| Diabetes               | 0.025        | 0.012              | 0.052             |
| Body Mass Index        | 0.052        | <0.001             | 0.083             |
| Frailty                | 0.055        | 0.075              | 0.0257            |
| Dyslipidaemia          | 0.016        | 0.005              | 0.209             |
| Osteoporosis           | 0.373        | 0.017              | 0.943             |
| Ischemic Heart Disease | 0.912        | 0.171              | 0.009             |
| Cardiovascular disease | 0.232        | 0.072              | 0.136             |
| Hypertension           | 0.461        | 0.077              | 0.127             |

## LIMITATIONS

1. We did not reach sample size because of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic.
2. Free testosterone was derived using a calculator with values of SHBG, albumin and total testosterone
3. In this study, we did testosterone only once while the recommendations suggest to do it twice for the diagnosis of hypogonadism.
4. The study was hospital based. Hence, it may not be possible to extrapolate these findings to community dwelling older adults.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The prevalence of hypogonadism(Men with symptoms of hypogonadism along with total testosterone < 300 ng/dl) in our study was 47%(n - 74)

2. Total testosterone < 300ng/dl was prevalent in 58% and free testosterone <5 ng/dl was prevalent in 61%.
3. Age, diabetes, obesity and dyslipidaemia had a significant association with hypogonadism(symptoms + testosterone < 300 ng/dl ) in our study.
4. Diabetes, BMI and dyslipidaemia had a significant inverse association with total testosterone.
5. Free testosterone had a significant association with age, cardiovascular disease, ischemic heart disease and frailty.
6. Adams questionnaire had a sensitivity of 79.57% and specificity of 18.18 % to detect total testosterone less than 300 ng/dl. Its sensitivity and specificity to detect free testosterone < 5 ng/dl was slightly higher at 80.41% and 19.35% respectively.

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

The prevalence of hypogonadism is quite high in men above 60 years. It is also associated with many of the comorbid conditions prevalent in men above 60 years. Clinicians should think of the possibility of underlying hypogonadism in men especially in those with multiple comorbidities. There is still controversy regarding giving testosterone replacement therapy in elderly men with hypogonadism. Further studies are required. Clinicians can however consider testosterone replacement therapy if symptoms are significant and there are no contraindications in these men. The absence of a clear cut off for total testosterone is also a major disadvantage and more community studies are required for more precise estimations of hypogonadism. What testosterone cut off is a significant risk for various comorbidities associated with hypogonadism also needs to be assessed. Large, multicentric studies in different find racial and ethnic differences in testosterone values also needs to be performed.

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# APPENDIX

## 1. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL LETTER



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June 06, 2019

Dr. Raeba Eldhose,  
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Sub: **Fluid Research Grant: New Proposal:**

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Dr. Raeba Eldhose, PG registrar, Department of Geriatric Medicine, Dr. K.G. Gopinath, Department of Geriatric Medicine, Dr. Joseph Dian Bondu, Clinical Biochemistry, Ms. K. Reka, Biostatistics.

Ref: IRB Min. No. 11704 [OBSERVE] dated 05/12/2018

Dear Dr. Raeba Eldhose,

I enclose the following documents:-

1. Institutional Review Board approval 2. Agreement

Could you please sign the agreement and send it to Dr. Biju George, Addl. Vice Principal (Research), so that the grant money can be released.

With best wishes,

  
Dr. Biju George  
Secretary (Ethics Committee)  
Institutional Review Board

**Dr. BIJU GEORGE**  
M.B.B.S., MD., DM.  
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CC: Dr. K.G. Gopinath, Geriatric Medicine, CMC, Vellore

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Dear Dr. Raeba Eldhose,

The Institutional Review Board (Blue, Research and Ethics Committee) of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, reviewed and discussed your project titled "The Prevalence of hypogonadism and its association with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity in elderly men attending geriatric OPD at a tertiary care center in South India." On December 03<sup>rd</sup> 2018,

The Committee reviewed the following documents:

1. IRB application format
2. Patient Information Sheet and Consent Form (English, Tamil, Hindi)
3. Proforma
4. Cvs of Drs. Gopinath, Joseph, Ms. Reka.
5. No. of documents 1- 4

The following Institutional Review Board (Blue, Research & Ethics Committee) members were present at the meeting held on December 03<sup>rd</sup> 2018 in the New IRB Room, Bagayam, Christian Medical College, Vellore 632 004.

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We approve the project to be conducted as presented.

Kindly provide the total number of patients enrolled in your study and the total number of Withdrawals for the study entitled: "The Prevalence of hypogonadism and its association with diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity in elderly men attending geriatric OPD at a tertiary care center in South India" On a monthly basis. Please send copies of this to the Research Office ([research@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:research@cmcvellore.ac.in)).

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Fluid Grant Allocation:

A sum of 1,00,000/- INR (Rupees One Lakh Only) will be granted for 24 Months.

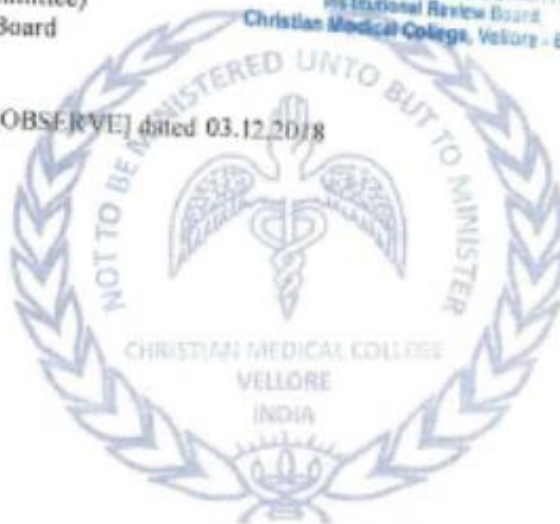
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## 2. PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

### ENGLISH

#### Patient information sheet

**Study title :** The Prevalence of hypogonadism and it's association with diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity in elderly men attending geriatric OPD at a tertiary care center in South India.

#### What is this study about ?

Testosterone is the hormone present in males responsible for characteristic features of male body. Some people have a low level of testosterone in their body from younger age and some develop it later in life. Low level of testosterone in their body is called hypogonadism. We would like to find out the percentage of people who have hypogonadism. We would also like to see whether it is associated with high percentage of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, heart diseases, stroke, obesity or bone mineral density.

#### What will happen if you participate in this study?

If you agree to participate in this study, you will have to attend an interview by a doctor and answer questions pertaining to your comorbidities, previous surgeries, treatment history and sexual history. A detailed physical examination will be done on you which will include your blood pressure examination also. You will be required to give blood samples for tests pertaining to the study along with your routine blood tests. You will also be required to do a DEXA scan, which is similar to an x-ray.

#### Can you withdraw from this study after it starts?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you are also free to decide to withdraw permission to participate in this study. If you do so, this will not affect your usual treatment at this hospital in any way.

#### What will happen if you develop any study related injury?

As this is an observational study which does not involve any new treatment methods or interventions, you are not expected to develop any new treatment related injury. Blood tests will be done along with your routine tests. DEXA scans use a much lower level of radiation than standard X-ray examinations. The amount of radiation used during a DEXA scan is very low and less than two days' exposure to natural background radiation (NBR).

#### Will you have to pay for the tests?

A few blood tests and a DEXA scan will be done for the purpose of the study. All the tests done for the purpose of the study, which are not a part of your routine tests will be free of cost.

#### What happens after the study is over?

When the entire study is completed the findings will be analysed and the results will be published in a scientific journal for other doctors to understand and better help their patients.

#### Will your personal details be kept confidential?

Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Your identity will not be revealed at any point of time to a third party. The results of this study will be published in a medical journal but

you will not be identified by name in any publication or presentation of results. However, your medical notes may be reviewed by people associated with the study, without your additional permission, should you decide to participate in this study.

If you have any further questions, please ask Dr.Raebs Eldhose(9894609152), Dr. K.G. Gopinath (9600915737) or email: [raebaeldhose@gmail.com](mailto:raebaeldhose@gmail.com)

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முதியோர் மருத்துவ பிரிவு

மூன்றாம் நிலை மருத்துவமனை, முதியோர் மருத்துவ பிரிவு  
புறநேரப்பாளிகளின் பிரிவில் Hypogonadism -த்தின் நோய்த்தாக்கம் மற்றும்  
அதனுடன் தொடர்புடைய சர்க்கரை விபாதி, உயர் இரத்த அழுத்தம், இருதய  
சம்பந்தப்பட்ட நோய், எலும்பு தேய்மானம், பலவீனம் மற்றும் உடல் பருமன் கொண்ட  
ஆண் முதியவர்களை பற்றிய ஆய்வு:

ஆய்வு பற்றி:

டெஸ்டோஸ்டிரோன் என்பது ஆண் உடலில் உள்ள ஒரு ஹார்மோன் ஆகும்.  
இந்த ஹார்மோனின் அளவு சில ஆண்களில் உடலில் சிறு வயது முதலே குறைவாக  
இருக்கும். சிலரின் உடலில் வயது ஆக ஆக குறையும். உடலில்  
டெஸ்டோஸ்டிரோன் குறைந்த அளவில் ரிஸ்ப்யூயென்னை அ என்று  
அழைக்கப்படுகிறது. Hypogonadism உள்ள ஆண்களின் சதவீதம் குறிய  
விரும்புகிறோம். Hypogonadism மற்றும் அதனுடன் தொடர்புடைய சர்க்கரை நோய்,  
உயர் இரத்த அழுத்தம், இருதயம் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட நோய், எலும்பு தேய்மானம், பலவீனம்  
மற்றும் உடல் பருமன் போன்ற பிரச்சனைகளை பற்றி குறிய விரும்புகிறோம்.

இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்கேற்பதால் ஏற்படும் விளைவு:-

இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்கேற்பதால், உங்களுக்கு ஒரு நேர்காணல் நடத்தப்படும்.  
உங்களின் முந்தைய மருத்துவ விவரங்கள் மற்றும் அனுபவச்சிகிச்சை தொடர்பான  
கேள்விகளுக்கு விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். பிறகு உங்களுக்கு முழு உடல்  
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இரத்த பரிசோதனைகள் மற்றும் X-Ray செய்ய வேண்டி வரும்.

ஆய்வு தொடங்கிய பிறகு விலக முடியுமா?

இவ்வாய்வு முழுமையும் உங்கள் விருப்பம் சார்ந்தது. இவ்வாய்வின்  
பங்கேற்பிலிருந்து விலகுவதற்கும் உங்களுக்கு உரிமை உண்டு. உங்களின் மறுப்பு  
அல்லது விலகதல் சிகிச்சையின் தரத்தினை பாதிக்காது.

ஆய்வு தொடர்பான காயம் ஏற்பட்டால் என்ன நடக்கும்?

இது கண்காணிப்பு ஆய்வு என்பதாலும், இதில் எந்த புதிய சிகிச்சை முறைகள் உள்ளடக்கவில்லை என்பதாலும், ஆய்வு தொடர்பான காயம் ஏற்பட வாய்ப்பு இல்லை.

நீங்கள் பரிசோதனைகளுக்கு கட்டணம் செலுத்த வேண்டுமா?

உங்களுடைய வழக்கமான பரிசோதனைகளை தவிர இந்த ஆய்விற்கு உட்பட்ட பரிசோதனைகள் உங்களுக்கு இலவசமாக செய்யப்படும்.

ஆய்வு முடிந்த பின்னர் என்ன நடக்கும்?

முழு ஆய்வு முடிந்த பிறகு கண்டுபிடிப்புகள் ஆய்வு செய்யப்பட்டு மற்ற மருத்துவர்கள் புரிந்துகொள்ள மற்றும் தங்கள் நோயாளிகளுக்கு சிறந்த சிகிச்சை கொடுக்க ஆய்வின் முடிவுகள் அறிவியல் புத்திரிக்கையில் வெளியிடப்படும்.

உங்களுடைய சுய விவரங்கள் இரகசியமாக வைக்கப்படுமா?

இந்த ஆய்வின் முடிவுகள் மருத்துவ இதழில் வெளியிடப்படலாம். ஆனால் முடிவுகளினுடைய எந்த வெளியீட்டிலும் அல்லது எடுத்துரைத்தலிலும் உங்கள் பெயர் குறிப்பிடப்பட மாட்டாது. எனினும், உங்கள் மருத்துவ குறிப்புகள் உங்கள் சுடுதல் அனுமதி இல்லாமல், ஆய்வு தொடர்புடைய மக்களால் மதிப்பாய்வு செய்யப்படலாம்.

ஏதேனும் வினாக்கள் இருப்பின் தொடர்பு கொள்ள வேண்டியது நபர்:

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**अध्ययन शीर्षक**

हाइपोगोनाडिज्म (प्रजनन ग्रंथिरस की कमी) का प्रसार तथा इसका वृद्ध पुरुषों में उच्च रक्तचाप, मधुमेह, हृदय रोग, मोटापा तथा आस्टियोपोरोसिस (हड्डियों की कमजोरी) से संबंध जो दक्षिण भारत के एक त्रितकीय अस्पताल में इलाज के लिए बाह्य रोगी विभाग में आते हैं।

**यह अध्ययन किस बारे में है:**

टेस्टोस्टेरोन पुरुषों में एक हार्मोन (ग्रंथिरस) होता है जो कि उनकी विशेष शारीरिक संरचना के लिए आवश्यक होता है। कुछ लोगों में टेस्टोस्टेरोन की कमी बचपन से तथा कुछ लोगों में वृद्धावस्था के कारण हो सकती है। शरीर में टेस्टोस्टेरोन की कमी को हाइपोगोनाडिज्म कहते हैं। इस अध्ययन में हम यह देखेंगे कि क्या हाइपोगोनाडिज्म का संबंध अधिक मात्रा में मधुमेह, उच्च रक्तचाप, लकवा, मोटापा, हृदय रोग, तथा आस्टियोपोरोसिस से है या नहीं।

**आपके इस अध्ययन में भाग लेने से क्या होगा:**

यदि आप इस अध्ययन में भाग लेने की सहमति देते हैं तो आपका एक चिकित्सक द्वारा साक्षात्कार किया जाएगा तथा आपके अन्य रोगों के विषय में, आपकी पहचान की शून्य चिकित्सा तथा आपके यौन जीवन के विषय में प्रश्न किए जाएंगे। आपके रक्तचाप की जांच तथा अन्य रक्त परीक्षण भी किए जाएंगे। आपका डेक्सा स्कैन भी किया जाएगा जो कि एक एक्स रे जैसी प्रक्रिया होती है।

**क्या आपको इस अध्ययन से कोई शारीरिक हानि होगी:**

क्योंकि यह एक अवलोकन अध्ययन है जिसमें किसी भी नई जांच प्रणाली का इस्तेमाल नहीं किया जाएगा, इसलिए इस अध्ययन में आपको कोई शारीरिक हानि नहीं होगी।

**क्या इस अध्ययन में भाग लेने से आपको कोई अतिरिक्त खर्च लगेगा:**

सामान्य रक्त जांच तथा डेक्सा स्कैन इस अध्ययन के लिए किए जाएंगे। इसके अतिरिक्त कोई भी जांच मुफ्त में की जाएगी।

**अध्ययन समाप्त होने के बाद क्या होगा:**

अध्ययन समाप्त होने के बाद इसके परिणामों का विश्लेषण एक वैज्ञानिक पत्रिका में प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।

**क्या आपकी निजी जानकारी गुप्त रखी जाएगी:**

आपकी निजी जानकारी की गोपनीयता का ध्यान रखा जाएगा। जिस वैज्ञानिक पत्रिका में यह प्रकाशित होगा उसमें आपका नाम गुप्त रखा जाएगा। किंतु आपके विकिल्सकीय अभिलेखों को इस अध्ययन से जुड़े लोगों द्वारा देखा जा सकेगा और इसके लिए आपकी अतिरिक्त अनुमति नहीं ली जाएगी।

यदि आपके अन्य प्रश्न हैं तो आप निम्नलिखित दूरभाष क्रमांक अथवा ई मेल पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

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### 3. CONSENT FORMS

#### ENGLISH

1. **Study Title** The Prevalence of hypogonadism and its association with diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, frailty and obesity in elderly men attending geriatric OPD at a tertiary care center in South India

Informed Consent form to participate in a research study

**Study Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subject's Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Hospital Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth / Age:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions. [ ]

(ii) I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected. [ ]

(iii) I understand that the Ethics Committee and the regulatory authorities will not need my permission to look at my health records both in respect of the current study and any further research that may be conducted in relation to it, even if I withdraw from the trial. I agree to this access. However, I understand that my identity will not be revealed in any information released to third parties or published. [ ]

(iv) I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from this study provided such a use is only for scientific purpose(s). [ ]

(v) I agree to take part in the above study. [ ]

Signature (or Thumb impression) of the Subject/Legally Acceptable

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signatory's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ :

Signature of the Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Study Investigator's Name: Dr. Raeba Eldhose

Contact details of the study investigator : 9894609152

Signature or thumb impression of the Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of the Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## TAMIL

### CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE DEPARTMENT OF GERIATRICS

மூன்றாம் நிலை மருத்துவமனை முதியோர் மருத்துவ பிரிவு, புற நோயாளிகளின் பிரிவில் Hypogonadism-த்தின் நோய்தாக்கம் மற்றும் அதனுடன் தொடர்புடைய சிக்கலான விபாதி, உயர் இரத்த அழுத்தம், இருதயம் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட நோய், எலும்பு தேய்மானம், பலவீனம் மற்றும் உடல் பருமன் கொண்ட ஆண் முதியவர்களை பற்றிய ஆய்வு.

ஆய்வு எண் : .....

நோயாளியின் பெயர் : .....

பிறந்த தேதி / வயது : .....

பொருள்:

- 1) நான் மேற்கண்ட ஆய்வுக்காக ..... தேதிபிட்ட தகவல் தான் படித்து புரிந்து கொண்டேன் என்பதை உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறேன். மற்றும் கேள்விகளை கேட்க வாய்ப்பு கிடைத்துள்ளது.
- 2) இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்கேற்பு தன்னார்வமாக உள்ளது. நான் எந்த நேரத்திலும் எந்தவொரு காரணமும் இல்லாமல், எனது மருத்துவ கவனிப்பு அல்லது சட்ட உரிமைகள் பாதிக்கப்படாமல் இந்த ஆய்விலிருந்து விலகலாம் என்பதை நான் புரிந்துகொள்கிறேன்.
- 3) நடப்பு ஆய்வு மற்றும் அதைப்பற்றிக் கலந்துறையாடக்கூடிய எந்தவொரு ஆராய்ச்சிக்கும் பொருத்திய எனது சுகாதார பதிவேடுகளைப் பார்க்க நெறிமுறைக் குழுவும் ஒழுங்குமுறை நான் புரிந்து கொள்கிறேன். சோதனை இந்த அணுகலை நான் ஏற்கிறேன். என்னுடைய மருத்துவ பதிவேடுகள் மூன்றாம் தரப்பினருக்கு வழங்கலோ, எந்த தகவலிலும் வெளியிடலோ முடியாது என்று நான் புரிந்து கொள்கிறேன்.
- 4) என்னுடைய மருத்துவ பதிவேடுகள் மற்றும் ஆய்வின் முடிவுகள் அனைத்தும் விஞ்ஞான நோக்கங்களுக்கு மட்டுமே பயன்படுத்தப்படுகிறது என்பதை புரிந்து கொள்கிறேன்.
- 5) மேலேயுள்ள ஆய்வில் பங்கேற்க நான் ஒப்புக்கொள்கிறேன்.

நோயாளி / சட்டப்பூர்வமாக ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட கையொப்பம் (அல்லது கைவிரல்  
ரேகை)

தேதி : .....

கையொப்பமிட்ட பெயர் : .....

கையொப்பம் : .....

அல்லது

பிரதிநிதி : .....

தேதி : .....

கையொப்பமிட்ட பெயர் : .....

ஆராய்ச்சியாளரின் கையொப்பம் : .....

தேதி : .....

ஆய்வு ஆராய்ச்சியாளரின் பெயர் : .....

சாட்சியின் கையொப்பம் அல்லது கை ரேகை :

.....

தேதி : .....

சாட்சியின் பெயர் மற்றும் முகவரி : .....

# HINDI

## CONSENT FORM

अध्ययन शीर्षक

हाइपोगोनाडिज्म (प्रजनन ग्रंथिरस की कमी) का प्रसार तथा इसका वृद्ध पुरुषों में उच्च रक्तचाप, मधुमेह, हृदय रोग, मोटापा तथा आस्टियोपोरोसिस (हड्डियों की कमजोरी) से संबंध जो दक्षिण भारत के एक त्रितकीय अस्पताल में इलाज के लिए बाह्य रोगी विभाग में आते हैं।

सूचित सहमति पत्र

नाम

जन्म तिथि /उम्र

पता

दूरभाष क्रमांक

अध्ययन संख्या

हास्पिटल क्रमांक

1. मैं इस बात की पुष्टि करता/करती हूँ कि मुझे दिये गये सूचना पत्र को मैंने ध्यान से पढ़ा और समझा है तथा इस पर सवाल पूछने का अवसर भी मुझे मिला है।
2. मैं समझता /समझती हूँ कि मेरा/मेरे रिश्तेदार का इस अभ्यास में भाग लेना स्वैच्छिक है तथा मुझे /मेरे रिश्तेदार को बिना कोई कारण दिए इस अभ्यास से निकलने की आजादी होगी जिसका असर मेरी चिकित्सा अथवा कानूनी अधिकारों पर नहीं पड़ेगा।
3. मैं समझता /समझती हूँ कि आचार समिति तथा नियामक अधिकारी को बिना मेरी /मेरे रिश्तेदार की अतिरिक्त अनुमति के चिकित्सा अभिलेखों को देखने का अधिकार होगा इसके बावजूद कि मैं /मेरे रिश्तेदार इस अध्ययन से अपना नाम वापस ले लेते हैं। हालांकि मेरे /मेरे रिश्तेदार की पहचान किसी तीसरे पक्ष के सामने या किसी प्रकाशन में जारी नहीं की जाएगी।
4. मैं इस बात से सहमत हूँ कि मैं इस अध्ययन के आधार सामग्री अथवा परिणामों के उपयोग को प्रतिबंधित नहीं करूंगा /करूंगी यदि उसका इस्तेमाल वैज्ञानिक उद्देश्य के लिए हो।
5. मैं इस अध्ययन में भाग लेने की सहमति देता /देती हूँ।

हस्ताक्षर /अंगूठे के निशान

तारीख

हस्ताक्षर करने वाले का नाम

मरीज से संबंध

अन्वेषक के हस्ताक्षर

तारीख

अन्वेषक का नाम

साक्षी के हस्ताक्षर /अंगूठे के निशान

तारीख

साक्षी का नाम और पता

#### 4. PROFORMA

|              |          |  |
|--------------|----------|--|
| Name         |          |  |
| Age          |          |  |
| Hospital no. |          |  |
| State        |          |  |
| Phone number |          |  |
| Email id     |          |  |
| Education    |          |  |
|              | <5       |  |
|              | 6-12     |  |
|              | Diploma  |  |
|              | Masters  |  |
| Occupation   | Present  |  |
|              | Previous |  |
| Income       |          |  |
| SES          |          |  |
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| Living in    |          |  |

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| Exclusion criteria   |  |
| Hypopituitarism      |  |
| Renal failure        |  |
| Liver cirrhosis      |  |
| Malignancy           |  |
| Autonomic neuropathy |  |

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| Testosterone replacement therapy |  |
| Hormones                         |  |
| Anti-Androgens                   |  |
| Androgens                        |  |
| Antifungal agents                |  |
| Steroid agents                   |  |
| Prostate surgery                 |  |
| BPH treatment                    |  |

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| Serum testosterone      |                |  |
| Free testosterone index |                |  |
| Diabetes                |                |  |
|                         | Ac             |  |
|                         | Pc             |  |
|                         | Hba1c          |  |
|                         | Random glucose |  |
|                         | Duration       |  |
|                         | Oha            |  |
|                         | Insulin        |  |
| Hypertension            | Bp             |  |
|                         | Duration       |  |
|                         | Medications    |  |
|                         |                |  |
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| Cardiovascular disease | ECG changes        |  |
|                        | Past history of mi |  |
|                        | CABG history       |  |
|                        | Stroke in the past |  |
| Osteoporosis           | T score <2.5       |  |
|                        | Z score <2.5       |  |
| Obesity                | Weight             |  |
|                        | Height             |  |
|                        | BMI                |  |
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| Comorbidities |  |  |
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| Smoking          | Yes      | No |
|                  | Duration |    |
| Alcohol          | Yes      | No |
|                  | Duration |    |
| Other addictions |          |    |
|                  |          |    |

### **ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

| Sl | Questionnaires  | Comments |
|----|---|----------|
| 1  | Do you have a decrease in libido (sex drive)?                           | Yes / No |
| 2  | Do you have a lack of energy?   | Yes / No |
| 3  | Do you have a decrease in strength and/or and endurance?                | Yes / No |
| 4  | Have you lost height?   | Yes / No |
| 5  | Have you noticed a decreased 'enjoyment of life'?                       | Yes / No |
| 6  | Are you sad and/or grumpy?  | Yes / No |
| 7  | Are your erections less strong?   | Yes / No |
| 8  | Have you noticed a recent deterioration in your ability to play sports? | Yes / No |
| 9  | Are you falling asleep after dinner?                                    | Yes / No |
| 10 | Has there been a recent deterioration in your work performance?         | Yes / No |

Test is considered positive if answers are 'Yes' to question 1, question 7, or any 3 other questions.

|  | FRAILTY INDEX  |                  | Score |
|--|--|------------------|-------|
| Weight loss >5% in the last 1 year                                   |  |                  | 1     |
| Exhaustion   |  |                  | 1     |
| Slow walking speed(>6-7 sec to walk 15 feet)                         |  |                  | 1     |
| If 3 are positive / if 3 are negative, do not need to perform next 2 |  |                  |       |
| Weakness (decreased grip strength)                                   |  |                  | 1     |
| Decreased physical activity (Short physical performance battery)     | Stand and sit<br>Time<br>Stop when using hand/finished 5/after 1 minute if not completed 5 | Time             |       |
|  |  | >16.7 sec. - 1   |       |
|  |  | 13.7 – 16.69 - 2 |       |
|  |  | 11.2 – 13.69- 3  |       |
|  |  | <11.19. -4       |       |
|  |  |                  |       |
|  | Standing -10 sec<br>1. Feet together   | Yes -1           |       |
|  |  | No -0            |       |
|  | Semi tandem  | Yes - 1          |       |
|  |  | No -0            |       |
|  | Full tandem  | Yes - 2          |       |

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|--|---------------|-------------------------|--|
|  |               | 3-10 sec - 1            |  |
|  |               | No -0                   |  |
|  | 3 m walk test | >6.52 sec - 1           |  |
|  |               | 4.66 sec – 6.52 sec - 2 |  |
|  |               | 3.62 -4.65 sec -3       |  |
|  |               | <3.62 sec - 4           |  |
|  | Total score   |                         |  |
|  |               | >10                     |  |
|  |               | <10                     |  |

**FRAIL SCALE**

|    |  |        |
|----|--|--------|
| 1. | "Have you felt fatigued? Most or all of the time over the past month?"   | Yes No |
| 2. | "Do you have difficulty walking one block?"  | Yes No |
| 3. | "Do you have difficulty walking one block?"  | Yes No |
| 4. | "Do you have any of these illnesses: hypertension, diabetes, cancer (other than a minor skin cancer), chronic lung disease, heart attack, congestive heart failure, angina, asthma, arthritis, stroke, and kidney disease?") Five or greater = 1 | Yes No |
| 5. | "Have you lost more than 5 percent of your weight in the past year?"   | Yes No |

Frail – scores 3 to 5

Pre-frail - 1 to 2

Robust – 0

## 5. HYPOGONADISM SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE – ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE

| ADAM QUESTIONNAIRE  |   |     |    |
|---|---|-----|----|
| 1   | Do you have a decrease in libido (sex drive)?                           | Yes | No |
| 2   | Do you have a lack of energy?   | Yes | No |
| 3   | Do you have a decrease in strength and/or endurance?                    | Yes | No |
| 4   | Have you lost height?   | Yes | No |
| 5   | Have you noticed a decreased "enjoyment of life"?                       | Yes | No |
| 6   | Are you sad and/or grumpy?  | Yes | No |
| 7   | Are your erections less strong?   | Yes | No |
| 8   | Have you noticed a recent deterioration in your ability to play sports? | Yes | No |
| 9   | Are you falling asleep after dinner?                                    | Yes | No |
| 10  | Has there been a recent deterioration in your work performance?         | Yes | No |
| <p>If you Answer Yes to number 1 or 7 or if you answer Yes to more than 3 questions, you may have low Testosterone.</p> |   |     |    |

## 6. FRAILTY SCREENING TOOL – FRAIL SCALE

| FRAIL SCALE |  |        |
|-------------|--|--------|
| 1.          | "Have you felt fatigued? Most or all of the time over the past month?"   | Yes No |
| 2.          | "Do you have difficulty walking one block?"  | Yes No |
| 3.          | "Do you have difficulty walking one block?"  | Yes No |
| 4.          | “Do you have any of these illnesses: hypertension, diabetes, cancer (other than a minor skin cancer), chronic lung disease, heart attack, congestive heart failure, angina, asthma, arthritis, stroke, and kidney disease?”) Five or greater = 1 | Yes No |
| 5.          | “Have you lost more than 5 percent of your weight in the past year?”   | Yes No |

Frail – scores 3 to 5

Pre-frail - 1 to 2

Robust – 0



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| 0           | 0       | 1          | 16              | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | OSTEART  | 172.00 | 53.00  | 17.92 | -1.00    | 0.00      | 0          | 0         | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 5               | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0      | 1.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 170.00   | 50.00  | 17.30  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 1         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 4               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 161.00   | 61.00  | 23.53  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 35        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 162.00   | 65.10  | 24.81  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 10        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 8               | 1   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0      | 1.00  | 0        | 1          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 1       | CCF       | 161.00   | 52.70  | 20.33  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 80        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 4               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 174.00   | 63.00  | 21.81  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 35        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 164.00   | 51.00  | 18.96  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 25        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 1         | ASTHMA_A | 166.00 | 60.00  | 21.77 | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0          | 0         | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 6               | 0   | 0          | 1   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 1          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 165.00   | 62.00  | 22.77  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 155.00   | 47.40  | 18.73  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 158.00   | 48.66  | 19.49  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 1   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0      | 1.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 52.00  | 20.31  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 50        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 56.90  | 22.23  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 30        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 6   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 163.00   | 53.00  | 19.95  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 15              | 0   | 1          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 158.00   | 52.80  | 21.25  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 10        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 2   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 177.00   | 71.40  | 22.79  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Current sm | 30        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 11  | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 168.00   | 76.00  | 26.93  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 8   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 166.00   | 72.00  | 26.13  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 175.00   | 82.50  | 27.07  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 1   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 169.00   | 72.80  | 25.49  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 1.00  | 1        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 173.00   | 78.40  | 26.20  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 152.00   | 59.90  | 25.93  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Current sm | 30        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 6               | 0   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 168.00   | 71.00  | 25.16  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 10              | 0   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 154.00   | 63.00  | 26.56  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 0          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 161.00   | 67.00  | 25.85  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 6               | 0   | 1          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 1          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 95.00  | 29.32  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 10        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 158.00   | 75.30  | 30.16  | 2.00  | 2.00     | 1         | Current sm | 10        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 1        | 0          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 155.00   | 83.00  | 34.55  | 2.00  | 2.00     | 1         | Current sm | 7         | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 6   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 1          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 158.00   | 84.50  | 33.85  | 2.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Current sm | 7         | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 156.00   | 52.60  | 21.61  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 168.00   | 63.80  | 24.12  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 152.00   | 51.00  | 22.07  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 168.00   | 58.80  | 20.83  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 2               | 0   | 1          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 1.00  | 0        | 0          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 165.00   | 66.10  | 24.28  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Current sm | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 25              | 0   | 1          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 152.00   | 56.00  | 21.24  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 157.00   | 55.40  | 22.48  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 170.00   | 71.90  | 24.88  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 1               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 168.00   | 63.50  | 22.50  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 8         | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 172.00   | 61.00  | 20.62  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 163.00   | 78.00  | 29.36  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 8               | 0   | 1          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 161.00   | 65.00  | 25.08  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 50        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 2               | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 64.00  | 25.00  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 2               | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 163.00   | 68.00  | 25.59  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 10  | 0          | 1   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 170.00   | 73.00  | 26.00  | 1.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 5   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 163.00   | 82.00  | 30.86  | 2.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 12        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 16              | 0   | 1          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 163.00   | 117.50 | 44.22  | 2.00  | 1.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 1          | 2               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 1    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 165.00   | 97.00  | 35.63  | 2.00  | 1.00     | 1         | Past smoke | 25        | 1        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 1               | 2   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 1          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 47.10  | 18.40  | -1.00 | -1.00    | 1         | Past smoke | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 165.00   | 36.20  | 15.07  | -1.00 | -1.00    | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 45.90  | 17.93  | -1.00 | -1.00    | 1         | Current sm | 40        | 0        |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 43.00  | 16.80  | -1.00 | -1.00    | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 160.00   | 54.00  | 20.16  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 162.00   | 56.00  | 21.34  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0         | 0          | 0         |          |            |
| 0           | 0       | 0          | 0               | 0   | 0          | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0      | 0.00  | 0        | 0          | 0    | 0        | 0          | 0      | 0       | 0         | 165.00   | 58.00  | 21.30  | 0.00  | 0.00     | 0</       |            |           |          |            |



| CurrentIn   | DurationIn | TobaccoX | N1Doyouh | N2Doyouh | N3Doyouh | N4Haveyou | N5Haveyou | N6Areyou | N7Areyou | N8Haveyou | N9Areyou | N10Haveyou | ADAMTotal | adam17 | ADAMIn | Weightloss | Exhaustion | Slowwalk | Weakness | Decreases | FRIEDND | FRIEDND | Weakness | Gripstreng | Standards | StandingF  | Standings | Standinof     | N3mwalk        | TobaccoC       | HaveyouF | Doyouhav | walking |   |
|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Past alkohc | 25         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 8         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 13.7-16.6  | 1         | 1          | No-0      | 4.66 sec-4<10 | 1              | 1              | 1        | 1        |         |   |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 7         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 14         | 12.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 3-10 sec-2     | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 0        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 5         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 0       | 4       | 1.00     | 10         | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 5         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 0       | 4       | 1.00     | 10         | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Current alc | 40         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 2       | 1.00     | 11         | 13.7-16.6 | 1          | 1         | No-0          | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Past alkohc | 25         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 8         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 12         | 14.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 3-10 sec-2     | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1        | 1        | 1       | 1 |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 6         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 4       | 1.00     | 16         | 15.0      | 16.7 sec-1 | 0         | No-0          | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 8         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 4       | 1.00     | 9          | 10.0      | 16.7 sec-1 | 0         | No-0          | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 4         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 16         | 16.0      | 16.7 sec-1 | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Past alkohc | 20         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 6         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 24         | 22.0      | 13.7-16.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1        | 1        | 1       | 1 |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 6         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 10         | 13.7-16.6 | 1          | 1         | No-0          | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 5         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 4       | 1.00     | 18         | 18.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1        | 1        | 1       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 20         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 9         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 4       | 1.00     | 10         | 13.7-16.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 4.66 sec-4<10  | 1              | 1        | 1        | 1       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 9         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 3       | 1.00     | 30         | 24.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1        | 1        | 1       | 1 |
| Past alkohc | 15         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 7         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 5       | 1.00     | 20         | 18.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | No-0           | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1        | 1        | 1       | 1 |
| Past alkohc | 40         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 1          | 8         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 0       | 1       | 0.00     | 18         | 22.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1        | 1        | 0       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 15         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 0.00     | 18         | 22.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1        | 1        | 0       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 25         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 4         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 0.00     | 18         | 22.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1        | 1        | 0       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 25         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 3         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 1        | 1        | 1         | 1       | 2       | 0.00     | 18         | 17.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1        | 1        | 0       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 25         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 15         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 5          | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 20         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 4         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 40         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 3         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 11       | 14.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 6         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 20       | 22.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62-4.65<+10  | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 6         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 18       | 15.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 3-10 sec-1    | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 18       | 15.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 5          | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 20       | 20.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 20       | 20.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 15         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 3         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 21       | 12.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 35         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 21       | 12.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 35         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 5         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 1       | 0.00     | 24         | 20.0      | 11.2-13.6  | 1         | 1             | 10 sec-2       | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1        | 1        | 0       | 0 |
| Past alkohc | 35         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 24       | 20.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 4         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 30       | 30.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 30       | 30.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 30         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 30       | 28.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 25         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 30       | 28.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Current alc | 30         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 4         | 0.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 1          | 0        | 1        | 0         | 2       | 0.00    | 24       | 24.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 2         | 1.00   | 1.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 26       | 27.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 10         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 1        | 0          | 0         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.00    | 26       | 27.0       | 11.2-13.6 | 1          | 1         | 10 sec-2      | 3.62 sec-2>+10 | 1              | 1        | 0        | 0       |   |
| Past alkohc | 15         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         |           |          |          |           |          |            |           |        |        |            |            |          |          |           |         |         |          |            |           |            |           |               |                |                |          |          |         |   |

| Doyouhav | Havayevy | Fraiscalc | Fraiscalc | ROBust | Weightloss | Inability | Doyounot | SOF  | SOFIn | Bioavailabi | Uniqukey | RecStaus | FKEY      | GlobalRec  | hypocomb | Osteoneck | NECKostec | NECKporoz | osteol1 | Llostoe | Liporonen | osteoradiu | Radostoe | Radporopi | Propenia | Osteocomi | filter_5 |   |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---|
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 87.1     | 118      | 1         | 034734a+   | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1        |   |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 62.8     | 10       | 1         | 747098f+   | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 0.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 126.0    | 38       | 1         | 9a88142b+  | 1        | 2.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 2.00    | 1.00    | 1.00      | 2.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 105.0    | 6        | 1         | fb428c-0   | 0        | 2.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 0.00       | 2.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 109.0    | 4        | 1         | f17398e-2  | 0        | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 2.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 112.0    | 77       | 1         | 6a57f15f+  | 0        | 2.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 146.0    | 40       | 1         | 8b215729+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 131.0    | 55       | 1         | 6a47a7b0+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 44.6     | 157      | 1         | d934f414+  | 1        | 2.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 116.0    | 97       | 1         | 4c77a27a+  | 1        | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 92.1     | 82       | 1         | 48a466e-4  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 2.00    | 1.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 0.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 32.4     | 56       | 1         | 288168b+   | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 71.9     | 81       | 1         | 9ee9d72-2  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 127.0    | 96       | 1         | fa2682d-4  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 127.0    | 96       | 1         | 9e2929c-4  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 144.0    | 75       | 1         | a63e23f-e  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 2.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 34.8     | 119      | 1         | 1d41308e+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 2.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 171.0    | 22       | 1         | 329208b+   | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 0.00     | 1.00      | 0.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 69.0     | 98       | 1         | 7232982+   | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 46.7     | 74       | 1         | 4e3be2b0+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 115.0    | 41       | 1         | bf65a2eb+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 79.2     | 108      | 1         | 6e6a07d+   | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 156.2    | 70       | 1         | ff074e4-6f | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 16.9     | 132      | 1         | cece8f91+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 13.0     | 138      | 1         | 4975eb5c+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 67.1     | 10       | 1         | fc32a1cb+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 80.2     | 8        | 1         | 0457932c+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 3         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 1        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 112.0    | 76       | 1         | 7293741e+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 4         | 1.00      | 1.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 1        | 1    | 3.00  | 1.00        | 88.9     | 46       | 1         | 61d0b3ca+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 140.0    | 122      | 1         | d5d78282+  | 0        | 2.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 2.00    | 1.00    | 1.00      | 2.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 213.0    | 70       | 1         | 2a10e035f+ | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 1         | 0        | 0    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 87.4     | 21       | 1         | 991d4d5b+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 2         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 186.0    | 85       | 1         | 9a69bb58+  | 0        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 184.0    | 83       | 1         | 0ea1036c+  | 0        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 37.0     | 120      | 1         | 805d5d3b+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 188.0    | 131      | 1         | 803ba63c+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 127.0    | 129      | 1         | 3eed4d56+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 71.0     | 93       | 1         | d74825f2+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 1        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0          | 0         | 1        | 1.00 | 1.00  | 140.0       | 159      | 1        | fc35b3d0+ | 0          | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 1.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1        |   |
| 0        | 0        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0          | 0         | 1        | 1.00 | 1.00  | 134.0       | 48       | 1        | 4c527279+ | 0          | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 1.00       | 0.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1        |   |
| 0        | 1        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 93.3     | 39       | 1         | 4b84f8f-1  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 1.00       | 0.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 126.0    | 130      | 1         | fc5d9383+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 157.0    | 123      | 1         | 461d892b+  | 0        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 2         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 103.0    | 72       | 1         | a0476d0e+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 91.1     | 68       | 1         | 9d8f54b6f+ | 1        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 2.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 2         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 2.00  | 1.00        | 61.1     | 128      | 1         | 956c5233+  | 1        | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00      | 0.00       | 1.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 1         | 0.00      | 0.00   | 0.00       | 0         | 0        | 1    | 1.00  | 0.00        | 80.3     | 89       | 1         | 9f9f6a05+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 0         | -1.00     | 0.00   | 1.00       | 0         | 0        | 0    | 0.00  | 0.00        | 169.0    | 156      | 1         | 929f9994+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 0         | -1.00     | 0.00   | 1.00       | 0         | 0        | 0    | 0.00  | 0.00        | 89.2     | 146      | 1         | 0eebaa7a+  | 1        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 0         | -1.00     | 0.00   | 1.00       | 0         | 0        | 0    | 0.00  | 0.00        | 150.0    | 23       | 1         | dc2297c5+  | 0        | 1.00      | 0.00      | 1.00      | 1.00    | 0.00    | 1.00      | 1.00       | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1.00      | 1.00     | 1 |
| 0        | 0        | 0         | -1.00     | 0.00   | 1          |           |          |      |       |             |          |          |           |            |          |           |           |           |         |         |           |            |          |           |          |           |          |   |