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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

SL.No	ABBREVIATIONS	EXPANSION OF THE ABBREVIATIONS
1	<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
2	<b>OHA</b>	Oral Hypoglycemic Agents
3	<b>T2DM</b>	Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
4	<b>T3</b>	Triiodothyronine
5	<b>T4</b>	Thyroxine
6	<b>TSH</b>	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
7	<b>WHR</b>	Waist to Hip Ratio
8	<b>WC</b>	Waist Circumference
9	<b>FBS</b>	Fasting Blood Glucose
10	<b>PPBS</b>	Post Prandial Blood Glucose
11	<b>BP</b>	Blood Pressure
12	<b>ADA</b>	American Diabetes Association
13	<b>AITD</b>	Auto Immune Thyroid Disorders
14	<b>DIO2</b>	Deiodinase type 2gene
15	<b>TRH</b>	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone
16	<i>Anti-TPO</i>	Anti-thyroid peroxidase
17	<b>PUC</b>	Pre University College
18	<b>SES</b>	Socio Economic Status
19	<b>CF</b>	Correction factor
20	<b>Cm</b>	Centimeter

21	<b>BMI</b>	Body Mass Index
22	<b>SPSS</b>	Statistical Package for Social Sciences
23	<b>Kg</b>	Kilograms
24	<b>mmHg</b>	Millimeters of Mercury
25	<sup>2</sup>	Chi Square
26	<b>Df</b>	Degree of Freedom
27	<b>SD</b>	Standard Deviation
28	<b>HbA1C</b>	Glycated hemoglobin
29	<b>DM</b>	Diabetes Mellitus
30	<b>SCH</b>	Sub Clinical Hypothyroidism
31	<b>UHC</b>	Urban Health Centre
32	<b>JNMC</b>	Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College
33	<b>CLIA</b>	Chemiluminescence Immunoassay
34	<b>HK</b>	Enzyme hexokinase
35	<b>ATP</b>	Adenosine triphosphate
36	<b>G-6-P</b>	Glucose-6-phosphate
37	<b>ADP</b>	Adenosine di phosphate
38	<b>NAD</b>	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
39	<b>NADH</b>	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
40	<b>CI</b>	Confidence interval
41	<b>OR</b>	Odds ratio

<b>42</b>	<b>SBP</b>	Systolic blood pressure
<b>43</b>	<b>DBP</b>	Diastolic Blood pressure
<b>44</b>	<b>HC</b>	Hip circumference
<b>45</b>	<b>JNC</b>	Joint National Committee
<b>46</b>	<b>Mg/dl</b>	Milligram per deciliter
<b>47</b>	<b>NCD</b>	Non Communicable diseases
<b>48</b>	<b>LDL</b>	Low Density Lipoprotein
<b>49</b>	<b>RR</b>	Relative risk
<b>50</b>	<b>NFHS</b>	National Family Health Survey
<b>51</b>	<b>SLE</b>	Systemic Lupus Erythematosis
<b>52</b>	<b>CHD</b>	Coronary Heart Diseases

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Introduction:**

Diabetes is a major disease burden in India and we are home to the second largest number of diabetes cases in the world with currently over 72 million cases of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes mellitus and thyroid disorders are highly prevalent disorders in the community. Both have been shown to mutually influence each other. Recognition of this interdependent relationship between thyroid disease and diabetes is of significance in guiding clinicians towards optimal management of both these conditions. The existing data regarding prevalence of thyroid disorders in patients with diabetes comes mostly from facility based studies.

### **Objective:**

To determine the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients and the risk factors associated with it

### **Methodology:**

Data was collected from type 2 diabetes mellitus patients residing in areas under the Urban Health Centre Ashok Nagar and Rukmini Nagar which are under the field practice area of Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belagavi. Periodic camps were conducted in the study areas to identify the known case of type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. From the identified T2DM patients, study participants were selected based on the selection criteria. After obtaining informed written consent pre designed and pre tested questionnaire was used to collect information about socio-demographic profile, risk behaviors, general physical examination, systemic and thyroid examination. Venous blood samples were collected

to estimate thyroid profile (T3, T4, TSH), FBS and PPBS. Statistical analysis was done using chi square test for categorical variables. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis were used for association between various parameters with thyroid dysfunction and 'P' value less than 0.05 was considered significant.

### **Results:**

Of the 380 study participant, 29.73% were in the age group of 61 - 70 years and 25.52% were in the age group of 51 – 60 years forming the majority of the participants. The average age of the study participant was  $56.25 \pm 11.24$  (mean  $\pm$  S.D.) with a range of 32 to 80 years of age. 60.26% were females forming the major portion and 39.74% were males. Majority of the study participants were home makers (55.79%) and self-employed were 20.26%. 30% of the participants did not have any kind of formal education; 23.42% of them studied up to secondary and 22.63% primary school; Majority of study participants belonged to SES class IV (32.37%); 65.53% of participants were Hindus; most of them were married (88.15%) and 52.37% of the participants were living in a joint family.

The prevalence of thyroid disorders was 21.58%. Sub-clinical hypothyroidism was more common than other conditions which constituted 13.68% of the thyroid dysfunction in the type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. Clinical hypothyroidism was 1.85%; hyperthyroidism was 6.05% [clinical hyperthyroidism (3.94%) and subclinical hyperthyroidism (2.11%)].

Statistically significant association was observed with factors such as gender, physical activity during leisure time, waist hip ratio and glycemic status with p value less than 0.05. Multivariate analysis demonstrated the presence of thyroid disorder

was related with glycemic status of the participants with odds ratio 1.85 (CI, 0.996 – 3.443).

**Conclusion:**

This study shows that a significant proportion of type 2 diabetes patients suffer from thyroid dysfunction and screening for the same should be routinely considered, as it is found to be an additional co-morbidity

**Key words:** Type 2 Diabetes mellitus, Thyroid dysfunction, Prevalence, Hypothyroidism

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Diabetes is a major disease burden in India and we are home to the second largest number of diabetes cases in the world. In 2017, there were over 72 million cases of diabetes in India.<sup>[1]</sup> The reported global prevalence of thyroid disorders in general population varies from 6.6% to 13.4%, whereas in diabetic population, the prevalence is still higher, ranging from 10% to 24%.<sup>[2]</sup> Thyroid dysfunction manifests either as hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism which is estimated by the circulating levels of TSH and might affect glucose homeostasis<sup>[3]</sup>.

Diabetes mellitus and thyroid dysfunctions are metabolic disorders that affect the carbohydrates, proteins and lipids metabolism.<sup>[4]</sup> Thyroid hormones are insulin antagonists, both insulin and thyroid hormones are involved in cellular metabolism and excess and deficit of any can result in functional derangement of the other.<sup>[5]</sup> Thyroid hormones influence glucose metabolism by a stimulation of glucose absorption, glycogenolysis and hepatic glucose production as well as enhanced insulin resistance. Insulin resistance in hyperthyroidism is strongly associated with enhanced hepatic gluconeogenesis. Hypothyroidism decreases hepatic glucose output by decreasing the absorption of glucose which reduces insulin synthesis which explains the decrease in peripheral glucose utilisation and insulin resistance. Conversely, poorly controlled diabetes mellitus may affect thyroid metabolism as uncontrolled hyperglycemia alters plasma triiodothyronin (T3) and in part thyroxine (T4) levels.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

Considering the strong association, American Diabetes Association (ADA) had proposed that people with diabetes must be checked periodically for thyroid

dysfunction. Thyroid disease should be screened annually in diabetic patients to detect subclinical thyroid dysfunction.<sup>[8]</sup>

Recognition of this interdependent relationship between thyroid disease and diabetes is of significance in guiding clinicians towards optimal management of both these conditions. Although many such studies have been conducted, to the best of our knowledge no community-based studies have been organised to estimate prevalence of thyroid dysfunctions in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) in this part of Karnataka.

Hence this study has been planned to know the magnitude of thyroid dysfunction in diabetes population and its associated risk factors.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To estimate the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in urban areas of Belagavi
2. To determine the risk factors associated with thyroid dysfunction among them

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Diabetes is a heterogeneous group of diseases characterized by chronic hyperglycaemia resulting from defect in insulin secretion as well as insulin action or both. Occasionally other metabolic disorders like abnormal thyroid hormone level are seen in diabetes. Diabetes and thyroid disorders have been shown to mutually influence each other.

Thyroid gland is a butterfly-shaped endocrine gland that is normally located in the lower front of the neck. Major hormones secreted by thyroid gland are T3 and T4, which are secreted into the blood and then carried to every tissue in the body. Thyroid hormone helps the body use energy, stay warm and keep the brain, heart, muscles, and other organs working as they should. Hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism are the two primary pathological conditions that involve the thyroid gland.<sup>[9]</sup> In the general population, risk factors associated with thyroid dysfunction include age, gender, BMI, family history of thyroid disease, smoking, and pregnancy. Incidence of hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism increases with age and it has been confirmed that it is 10–20 times more higher in female gender than in males.<sup>[8]</sup> The relationship between thyroid dysfunction and diabetes mellitus is characterized by a complex interaction of interdependence.

### **Genetics**

Epidemiological evidence advocates a common genetic background for both thyroid disease and diabetes mellitus. Among human autoimmune conditions, the strongest association is seen between T1DM and AITD. Genetics links are well less characterized for the association of thyroid disorders and type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Polymorphism of the deiodinase type 2 (DIO2) gene, Thr92Ala, suggest that homozygosity for this polymorphism is associated with an increased risk of T2DM<sup>[10]</sup>.

### **Effects of Thyroid Hormones on Glucose Metabolism**

Excess thyroid hormones is associated with enhanced glucose absorption in the gastrointestinal tract, increased hepatic glucose output, high free fatty acid levels and increased peripheral glucose transport and metabolism. Thyroid hormones produce an increase in the hepatocyte plasma membrane concentrations of GLUT2 which contribute to the increased hepatic glucose output. The increased hepatic glucose output constitutes a major factor in the induction of hyperinsulinaemia, induction of glucose intolerance and the development of peripheral insulin resistance. Hypothyroidism, on the other hand, is characterized by impaired glucose absorption from the gastrointestinal tract and delayed peripheral glucose assimilation and gluconeogenesis, decreased or normal hepatic glucose output and decreased peripheral tissue glucose disposal leading to decreased peripheral glucose utilization and peripheral insulin resistance.<sup>[11][12]</sup>

### **Effect of diabetes mellitus on thyroid hormones**

Diabetes mellitus influences thyroid function by acting at the level of hypothalamus impairing the response of TSH to TRH and also by impairing the peripheral conversion of T4 to T3. Hyperglycaemia induces a reduction in the hepatic concentration of T4-T5 deiodinase, low serum concentration of T3, raised, normal or low T4<sup>[11][13]</sup>.

An observational hospital based cross sectional study conducted to know the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in patients with diabetes mellitus at Hospital

Universitario Pedro Ernesto, Brazil. 386 patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus and type 2 diabetes mellitus that regularly attended the outpatient clinic of the diabetes unit, underwent clinical and laboratory evaluation (Fasting plasma glucose, Post prandial plasma glucose, glycosylated haemoglobin, anti-thyroperoxidase antibody, Free thyroxine and thyroid stimulating hormone). The study showed 14.7% prevalence of thyroid disorders in all diabetic patients. The most prevalent thyroid disorder was subclinical hypothyroidism, 13% in Type 1 diabetes mellitus patients and 12% in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients.<sup>[2]</sup>

A hospital based cross sectional study was conducted to study the prevalence of subclinical hypothyroidism among diabetes mellitus patients at Kalafong Hospital, Pretoria, South Africa in which 565 patients (type 1 diabetes mellitus, type 2 diabetes mellitus patients and diabetes of unknown type) who were following up at Kalafong Hospital Diabetes Clinic underwent TSH testing as part of annual investigations. Any patient with an abnormally elevated TSH level underwent further evaluation with T4 levels to exclude the presence of primary hypothyroidism. The study showed 0.9% of subclinical hypothyroidism out of 563 patients that met the inclusion criteria for this study and 1.6% in the subgroup of type 2 diabetes mellitus patients.<sup>[14]</sup>

A hospital based cross sectional study was conducted to determine the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among Greek type 2 diabetes mellitus in which 1092 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus attending the diabetes outpatient clinic were selected and complete medical history were obtained. Patients who reported in taking thyroxine, triiodothyronine, carbimazole, methimazole or propylthiouracil and those with history of thyroidectomy, radioactive iodine treatment were identified as having thyroid dysfunction. The study concluded that the prevalence of thyroid

dysfunction among Greek diabetic patients is 12.3% and diabetic women (78.4%) were more frequently affected than men (21.6%).<sup>[15]</sup>

A screening program for thyroid dysfunction was conducted among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients attending diabetes clinic at the Hospital General de Segovia, Spain from 2003 to 2005 to assess the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in patients with type 2 diabetes. Total 318 patients attended the diabetes clinic. The number of patients with thyroid dysfunction and their respective prevalence were: overt hyperthyroidism (3.5%); subclinical hyperthyroidism (3.1%); overt hypothyroidism (15.1%), and subclinical hypothyroidism (10.7 %). The screening program detected the following cases of newly diagnosed thyroid dysfunction: subclinical hyperthyroidism (1.6%); overt hypothyroidism (1.9 %), and subclinical hypothyroidism (6.3%). The prevalence of thyroid dysfunction was 32.4 %, and newly diagnosed thyroid dysfunction was 9.7 %.<sup>[16]</sup>

A cross sectional study was carried out to know the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetic patients at the diabetes clinic, National Hospital of Sri Lanka. This study included 393 type 2 diabetes mellitus subjects selected by simple random sampling method and data was collected using an interviewer administered data collection form. Fasting plasma glucose, total cholesterol and Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) were measured and when required free T4 and free T3 were measured. The study showed 21.1% prevalence of thyroid disorders among the study population of which subclinical hypothyroidism (9.4%), overt hypothyroidism (6 %), Subclinical hyperthyroidism (5.1%) and overt hyperthyroidism (0.5%).<sup>[17]</sup>

A cross-sectional study was conducted in Endocrine and Diabetes Polyclinic, Department of Internal Medicine, CiptoMangunkusumo Hospital from July to September 2015 to find the proportion and characteristics of thyroid dysfunction in Indonesian type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. The study enrolled 364 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients, age 18 year-old, willing to undergo thyroid laboratory testing. 273 subjects (90.1%) were euthyroid, 7 subjects (2.31%) were hyperthyroid, and 23 subjects (7.59%) were hypothyroid. Majority of the patients had subclinical hypothyroidism (56.5%), while 42.9% and 71.4% subjects had clinical hyperthyroidism based on clinical appearance and FT4 laboratory result respectively.<sup>[18]</sup>

A cross sectional study was conducted to know the inter-relationship of glycemic control and thyroid status in type 2 diabetes mellitus in Bangalore which screened 81 confirmed cases of type 2 diabetes mellitus ages between 18-70 years of either sex for FBS, PPBS and thyroid profile. The study showed 37% prevalence of thyroid dysfunction out of which hypothyroidism - 30% and hyperthyroidism – 7%. The study also subcategorised the cases based on glycaemic control and thyroid status.<sup>[3]</sup>

A hospital based cross sectional study was conducted from Sub Himalayan region to know the association between thyroid disorders and type 2 diabetes mellitus in which 100 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus attending outpatient clinic and admitted at a tertiary care hospital were investigated for fasting blood sugar, glycosylated haemoglobin, thyroid stimulating hormone, free triiodothyroxine, free thyroxine, antithyropoxidase and antithyroglobulin levels to find the association of thyroid disorders and type 2 diabetes mellitus. The study showed 24% prevalence of

thyroid dysfunction. Hypothyroidism was found to be the most common thyroid disorder (19%) of which 11% of them had overt hypothyroidism and 8% had subclinical hypothyroidism. Anti-TPO antibodies were found in 9 (47.36%) cases of hypothyroidism while anti-Tg antibodies were found in 3 (15.78%) cases of hypothyroidism.<sup>[19]</sup>

A cross-sectional hospital-based study is conducted to find out the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction. 713 type 2 diabetes mellitus subjects were investigated for fasting blood sugar, glycosylated haemoglobin, total triiodothyronine, total thyroxine, and thyroid-stimulating hormone. The study showed that the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus was 16.2% and was found to be higher among females, higher age groups, poor glycaemic control and duration of diabetes.<sup>[13]</sup>

A study was conducted on 200 patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus aged between 40 – 70 years to find out the prevalence of thyroid disorders in patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus. All the patients were evaluated for thyroid dysfunction by testing thyroid profile test. The study reported that the prevalence of thyroid disorders in patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus was 16%. Subclinical hypothyroidism was commonly found about 7.5% which was further found to be more in females, elderly patients, and patients with uncontrolled diabetes, i.e., HbA1C values  $\geq 7$  or patients on insulin and patients with BMI  $> 30$ .<sup>[20]</sup>

A cross sectional study was conducted from June 2015 to June 2016 in Medicine Department of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Warangal. 108 patients with known Type 2 DM or newly detected cases were included in the study and were evaluated for thyroid dysfunction by testing thyroid profile. The prevalence of thyroid disorder was correlated with gender distribution, age distribution, HbA1C,

duration of diabetes, hypertension, and family history of diabetes, body mass index, usage of oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin, and dyslipidemia. The study reported that 13% of the patients with Type 2 DM had abnormal thyroid profile and the most common abnormality was subclinical hypothyroidism (64.2%) followed by subclinical hyperthyroidism (21.4%) followed by overt hypothyroidism. The prevalence of thyroid abnormality was more common in females than in males and showed a significant correlation between abnormal thyroid profile and family history of diabetes and serum lipid profile.<sup>[21]</sup>

A cross sectional observational descriptive study was conducted to determine the prevalence of subclinical thyroid disorders in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and to analyse the clinical and metabolic profile of patients with this dual endocrine disorder. 100 consecutive type 2 diabetic patients without clinical manifestations of thyroid disorders were screened for subclinical hypothyroidism and subclinical hyperthyroidism using serum free T3, free T4 and thyroid stimulating hormone levels. Individuals of subclinical thyroid disease were further screened for thyroperoxidase antibodies. Subclinical hypothyroidism was detected in 13% of type 2 diabetic patients and none had subclinical hyperthyroidism. Subclinical hypothyroidism was common among females with type 2 diabetes (84.6%) and had elevated thyroperoxidase antibody levels in 84.6%. Diabetic retinopathy among SCH patients showed significant association with higher serum TSH levels. Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction was present in 30.8% of SCH patients.<sup>[22]</sup>

A study was conducted on 300 patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus above 30 years of age attending an outpatient department and medical wards of Hamdard institute of medical sciences and research institute New Delhi to determine the

prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. All the patients were evaluated for thyroid dysfunction by testing thyroid profile. The correlation of prevalence of thyroid dysfunction with gender, age and hbA1c was carried out. The study observed that prevalence of thyroid dysfunction was 17.3% in diabetic patients, most common was subclinical hypothyroidism (9%). Thyroid dysfunction was found to be more in females 73.1% as compared to males 26.9%. There was significant association between prevalence of thyroid dysfunction with HbA1c.<sup>[23]</sup>

A hospital based study was conducted to investigate the prevalence of hypothyroidism among hospitalized patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and its related factors, and to assess the prevalence of macrovascular and microvascular diseases among type 2 diabetes mellitus inpatients with hypothyroidism and euthyroidism. A total of 1662 type 2 diabetes mellitus inpatients hospitalized at the Metabolic Diseases Hospital, Tianjin Medical University from 1 January 2008 to 1 March 2013 were included in this study. Using medical records information on demographic and anthropometric factors and additional variables related to hypothyroidism were collected. The prevalence of hypothyroidism among type 2 diabetes mellitus inpatients was found to be 6.8%, and 77.0% of the patients with hypothyroidism had subclinical hypothyroidism. The prevalence of hypothyroidism increased with age, and was higher in women than in men. Older age, female gender, and positive thyroid peroxidase antibody were associated with higher risk for hypothyroidism among type 2 diabetes mellitus inpatients. The type 2 diabetes mellitus inpatients with hypothyroidism had higher prevalence of cerebrovascular diseases than those with euthyroidism.<sup>[24]</sup>

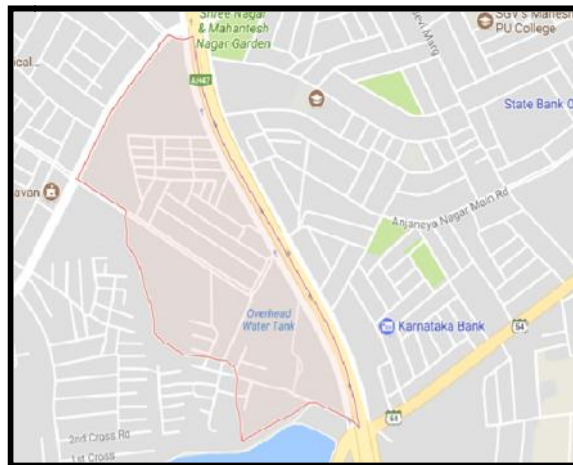
A cross sectional study was conducted with the aim at determining the incidence and prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in relation to age, sex, metabolic syndrome and other co-morbid conditions. 250 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients were enrolled aged between 40 and 75 years. All the patients were evaluated for thyroid dysfunction by testing thyroid profile and were also investigated for fasting blood sugar, post prandial glucose, glycosylated haemoglobin, serum cholesterol, serum triglycerides, high density lipoprotein, low density lipoprotein, very low density lipoprotein, blood urea, serum creatinine and presence of other co-morbid conditions. The study reported a high prevalence of thyroid dysfunction (28%) was observed in type 2 diabetic patients with subclinical hypothyroidism (18.8%) as the commonest thyroid disorder. Thyroid dysfunction was more prevalent in females, with presence of dyslipidemia, retinopathy, poor glycemic state (HbA1c  $\geq 7$ ) and longer duration of diabetes as significant contributing factors.<sup>[25]</sup>

To establish a relation between thyroid dysfunctions and type 2 DM, a cross sectional study was carried out in Govt. Medical College and attached group of hospitals, Kota, Rajasthan. The study period was from January 2016 to June 2016. A total of 124 Diabetic patients (type 2) were included in the study and TSH was estimated. Among the 124 cases of type 2 DM, 1 overt hyperthyroid ( $< 0.05\text{mU/L}$ ), 7 subclinical hyperthyroid ( $0.05\text{-}0.3\text{mU/L}$ ), 4 overt hypothyroid ( $>10\text{mU/L}$ ), 10 subclinical hypothyroid ( $4.5\text{-}10\text{mU/L}$ ) and 102 euthyroid patients ( $0.3\text{-}4.5\text{mU/L}$ ) were found. The study reported the prevalence of various types of thyroid disorders as 17.74% among type 2 diabetes mellitus.<sup>[5]</sup>

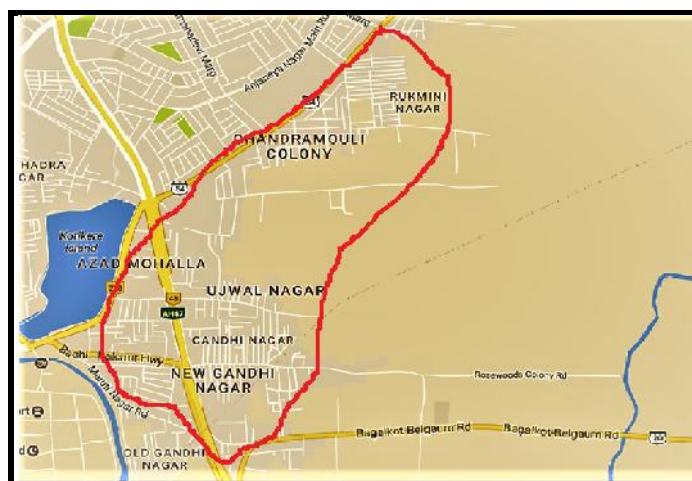
## MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted in Ashok Nagar Urban Health Centre (UHC) and Rukmini Nagar UHC, which are the urban field practice area under Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), KAHER, Belagavi.

**Study population:** Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients residing in areas belonging to Ashok Nagar Urban Health Centre [UHC] and Rukmini Nagar Urban Health Centre in Belagavi, Karnataka.



**Image1: Field practice area of Urban Health Centre Ashok Nagar, Belagavi. Area enclosed by red line.**



**Image2: Field practice area of Rukmini Nagar Urban Health Centre, Belagavi. Area enclosed by red line.**

**Study design:** A community based cross sectional study

**Study period:** January 2017 to December 2017

**Sample size:** The sample size was calculated assuming that the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type II diabetes mellitus patients is 37% <sup>[6]</sup> and that the true prevalence is expected to fall within  $\pm 5\%$  (i.e. between 32% and 42%) with a confidence level of 95%. The following formula was used to calculate the sample size

Sample size was calculated by using the formula

$$n = 4pq / d^2$$

Where, n = sample size

$$p = 37\%$$

$$q = (100 - p) = (100 - 37) = 63$$

$$d = 5 \text{ (absolute error)}$$

$$n = (4 \times 37 \times 63) / 25$$

$$= 372.96 \quad 380$$

**Sampling method:** Convenient sampling

#### **METHOD OF COLLECTION OF DATA:**

**Selection criteria:**

**Inclusion criteria:**

1. Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients residing in the study area.

**Exclusion criteria:**

1. Type 1 diabetes mellitus
2. Patient on drugs affecting the thyroid status (ex: Amiodarone, Lithium, anti-thyroid drugs, thyroxine)

3. Patients with previous history of thyroid surgeries (Total/subtotal thyroidectomy)
4. Patients on radioactive iodine treatment
5. Patients with history of Grave's disease and thyroid malignancies
6. Patients with known case of thyroid dysfunction diagnosed prior to type 2 diabetes mellitus
7. Pregnant and lactating women
8. Drug induced diabetes (ex: Steroids, Anti-depressants – Amitriptyline, Tacrolimus)

**Materials:**

1. **Measuring tape** – Used to measure waist and hip ratio
2. **Mercury sphygmomanometer with standard adult cuff** – Used to measure blood pressure
3. **Stethoscope** – Used to do systemic examination and to measure blood pressure
4. **Weighing scale** – Used to measure weight
5. **Stadiometer**– Used to measure height
6. **Blood collection kit (Disposable syringe, Cotton, Spirit, Adhesive tape)** – Used for collecting blood samples
7. **Vacutainer blood tubes (Red top)** – Clot activator and gel for serum separation, used to collect blood for serum thyroid function test
8. **Vacutainer blood tubes (Grey top)** – Contains glycolytic inhibitors like sodium fluoride, used to collect blood for Fasting Plasma Glucose (FBS) and Post Prandial Plasma Glucose (PPBS)

**Ethical Clearance:**

The study was approved from Institutional Ethics Committee for Human Subject's Research, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KAHER; Belagavi with the reference number MDC/DOME/25 dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 (Annexure I)

**Data Collection:**

Periodic non communicable disease camps were conducted within the study areas to identify the known case of type 2 diabetes mellitus patients (T2DM). From the identified T2DM patients, study participants were selected based on the selection criteria. The selected patients were given appointment for reporting at the nearest Urban Health Centre which was convenient to the participants. Since fasting samples were to be collected, the participants were advised in writing about the instructions regarding overnight fasting and the time in early morning to assemble at the centres. After obtaining written informed consent data was collected using a pre designed and pre tested questionnaire by personal interview method from the participants (Annexure II & III). General physical examination and systemic examination was done. A total of 4 ml of venous blood from antecubital vein was collected after overnight fasting. Two ml of blood collected in sodium fluoride containing blood collection tube for estimation of fasting plasma glucose and 2 ml in clot activator tube for thyroid hormone estimation (T3, T4, and TSH). Another 2 ml of venous blood was collected again in sodium fluoride containing tube 2 hours after the patient had taken his regular meal for estimation of post prandial plasma glucose level. Blood samples were sent to an authenticated standard diagnostic laboratory where plasma glucose was estimated by Hexokinase method and thyroid hormone estimated using chemiluminescence method. Informed consent was taken prior to data collection.

### **Statistical analysis**

Data was entered in Excel sheet after coding. Analysis of the numerical variable outcomes was summarized by computing the mean and standard deviations (SD). Categorical data were summarized using rates (percentages). Chi-square test was done for categorical variables. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis was used for association between various parameters with thyroid dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. Significance level was kept at 0.05 level of probability. Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 20.0 and Microsoft data excel sheet was used to analyze the data.

### **Questionnaire:**

The questionnaire was designed according to the needs of the present study. It includes questions regarding socio-demographic profile, history of clinical symptoms of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism, duration of diabetes, presence of other comorbid conditions, current anti-diabetic medications and other risk factors.

### **Definition of profoma variables:**

1. **Age:** Age of the participant in completed years as on their last birthday.
2. **Sex:** Either male or female was mentioned.
3. **Religion:** Participants religion was classified as Hindu, Muslim, Christian or others as stated by them.
4. **Education:** Every study subject was asked about their educational status. It was classified as:
  - **Illiterate:** A person who could not read and write any language.

- **Primary school:** A person who had studied from first to seventh standard.
  - **Secondary school:** A person who had studied eighth to tenth standard.
  - **Pre-university II:** The person who had studied up to Pre-University College second year.
  - **Graduate:** A person who had a degree in a diploma or under-graduation course.
5. **Occupation**<sup>[26]</sup>: Every study subject was asked about their occupation. It was classified as:
- **Government employee:** An individual who is hired by a government office or agency and paid a salary. This includes employees of: Central, State or Municipal government and the agencies that are owned by the government.
  - **Non-government employee:** An individual who is hired to work and is paid a salary or wages. This includes any employees not working for the government.
  - **Self-employed:** An individual who produces goods for sale or earns an income through provision of services to different people and/or who spends significant amount of time working for family business, farming or other similar activity.
  - **Student:** An individual whose primary activity is engaging in studies at, pre-university or university schools.
  - **Homemaker:** An individual whose primary activity is in carrying out household tasks without being paid.

- **Retired:** An individual who has earned income during some period in the workforce or as an employer and who is no longer working due to age.
  - **Unemployed:** An individual who could work but does not currently have a job or business (excluding homemaker)
5. **Marital Status:** Marital status was classified as “Married”, “Unmarried” and “Widow or Divorced”
6. **Family:**<sup>[27]</sup>
- **Nuclear Family:** The family consisting of married couple along with their dependent children.
  - **Joint Family:** It consists of number of married couples and their children who live in the same household.
  - **Broken Family:** A family where the parents have separated, or where death has occurred of one or both the parents.
  - **Three generation Family:** A family where of representatives of three generations related to each other by direct descent live together.
  - **Problem Family:** Those families which lag behind the rest of the community. Standards of life are generally far below the accepted minimum and home life is utterly unsatisfactory.
7. **Socioeconomic status:** Information regarding per capita income (in Rupees/month) was collected and socio-economic status was classified using Modified B. G. Prasad’s classification for the study period of 2017.

$$\text{Monthly Per Capita Income} = \frac{\text{Total monthly income of family}}{\text{Total members of family}}$$

Modification was done with the aid of Correction factor (CF), which was obtained as below:

As the study period was from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the mean consumer price index for the period was considered.

Average consumer price index for year 2017 was 274.<sup>[28]</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CF} &= \frac{\text{Value of consumer price index average (2017)} \times 4.93 \times 4.63}{100} \\ &= \frac{274 \times 4.93 \times 4.63}{100} = 62.61 \end{aligned}$$

**Modified B. G. Prasad's** = Per capita family monthly income of 1961 (B.G. Prasad) x CF

<b>Socio-Economic Class</b>	<b>Prasad's classification 1961 (per capita income in Rupees/month)</b>	<b>Modified Prasad's classification 2017 (per capita income in Rupees/month)</b>
I	100 and above	6254 and above
II	50-99	3127-6253
III	30-49	1876-3126
IV	15-29	938-1875
V	<15	938 and below

8. **Sign and symptoms of thyroid disorder:** History of presence of common signs and symptoms of both hypo and hyperthyroidism was noted.

Signs of symptoms of thyroid disorder included in the questionnaire are

HYPOTHYROIDISM	HYPERTHYROIDISM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fatigue/sluggish</li><li>• Inability to exercise</li><li>• Difficult in tolerating cold</li><li>• Swelling at the front of the neck</li><li>• Difficulty/Infrequent bowel movements (Constipation)</li><li>• Dry skin</li><li>• Dry hair</li><li>• Thick brittle nails</li><li>• Facial puffiness</li><li>• Swelling at the extremities</li><li>• Muscles cramps</li><li>• Excessive sleepiness (Daytime)</li><li>• Weight gain</li><li>• Hair loss</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Palpitations</li><li>• Increased appetite</li><li>• Weight loss</li><li>• Difficulty falling asleep/Insomnia</li><li>• Abnormal protrusion of eyeball</li><li>• Hand tremor</li><li>• Warm skin</li><li>• Difficult in tolerating heat</li><li>• Increased sweating</li></ul>

9. History of miscarriage (if any) and menstrual history was asked for, in women.

10. The details regarding duration of diabetes and patients' past history of any major medical illness were noted.

11. **Family History:** Family history of thyroid disorders was assessed among parents of the participants.

12. Patients' personal habits such as alcohol consumption and tobacco consumption were asked.

13. Mode of treatment based on the current pharmacological therapy being used to control diabetic status was noted. Habits such as alcohol consumption was considered if the
14. **Alcohol consumption:**For the assessment of history of alcohol consumption period of recall was considered for the past one year.
- **Alcoholics:** Subjects who had consumed any drink containing alcohol either in the past or at present were categorized as “alcoholics”.
  - **Non Alcoholics:** Subjects who had never consumed alcohol
15. **Tobacco consumption:** For the assessment of history of use of tobacco in any form (smoking or smokeless) period of recall was considered for the past one year and was based on WHO guidelines for tobacco use surveillance.
- **Tobacco Consumers:** Subjects those who had used either smoke or smokeless form of tobacco in the past or at present were considered as “tobacco consumers”.
  - **Non tobacco consumers Smokers:** Subjects who had never used any form of tobacco (smoke / smokeless) were considered as “non-tobacco consumers”.
16. **Physical activity:** Regular physical activity or exercise (walking, running, yoga) and the duration of the exercise were asked
17. **Diet:**Dietary assessment included type of diet, type of salt intake, common goitrogens intake and its frequency of intake per week
- **Non Vegetarian:** Subjects those who consume both non vegetarian and vegetarian food were considered as “Non Vegetarians”

- **Vegetarian:** Subjects those who consume only vegetarian food were considered as “Vegetarians”
- **Extra salt consumption:** Extra Salt consumption was assessed by habit of taking extra salt in the plate other than which has been already added in the food. Salt added during cooking and invisible salt in food and vegetable was not taken into consideration.<sup>[29]</sup>

18. **General physical examination:** Includes looking for pallor, icterus, cyanosis, clubbing, edema, palpable lymph nodes, calculation of waist – hip ratio and calculation of Body Mass Index based on height and weight.

- **Height:** The subject was asked to stand straight without footwear, with heels, buttocks and back straight and arms hanging by side. The height was measured from head to heel. The coinciding reading was measured to the nearest 0.1 cm using a metallic measuring tape.<sup>[26]</sup>
- **Weight:** Body weight was measured without any foot wear and with minimal clothing to the nearest 0.1 kilogram using a standard portable adult weighing machine, which was standardized periodically during the study. The scale was adjusted to zero before each session and weight was recorded in kilograms.<sup>[26]</sup>
- **Calculation of Body Mass Index (BMI in Kg/m<sup>2</sup>):** Calculation of Body Mass Index (BMI in kg/m<sup>2</sup>):  $\text{Weight in kg} / (\text{Height in m})^2 \times 100$  BMI calculated was categorized as per the WHO criteria for Asian population.<sup>[30]</sup>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Body Mass Index</b>
Underweight	<18.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Normal	18.5 – 22.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Overweight	23.0 – 27.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Obese	>28 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

- **Waist circumference (WC):** The measurement was made at the approximate midpoint between the lower margin of the last palpable rib and the top of the iliac crest and the subject stands with arms at the sides, feet positioned close together, and weight evenly distributed across the feet.<sup>[26]</sup> Waist circumference > 80 centimeter for females and > 90 centimeter for males was considered to have abdominal obesity.<sup>[31]</sup>
  
- **Hip Circumference (HC):**It is the maximum circumference in the horizontal plane measured over the buttocks at the level of greater tubercle.<sup>[26]</sup>
  
- **Waist hip ratio (WHR):**The ratio of waist circumference to the hip circumference less than 0.85 in females and less than 0.95 in male was considered normal.<sup>[31]</sup>

19. Patients' vitals were checked, which included pulse, respiratory rate, blood pressure and temperature.

- **Blood Pressure:** Blood pressure was recorded in the sitting position and then classified according to updated JNC-7 guidelines recommendations.<sup>[32]</sup>

Category	Systolic Blood Pressure (mm of Hg)		Diastolic Blood Pressure (mm of Hg)
Normal	<120	and	<80
Pre-hypertensive	120 – 139	Or	80 – 89
Hypertension Stage I	140 – 159	Or	90 – 99
Hypertension Stage II	160	Or	100

20. **Local Examination:** Examination of the thyroid gland was done by inspection, palpation, auscultation and percussion.

21. **Systemic Examination:** Systemic examination was done to check cardiovascular system, respiratory system, central nervous system and gastrointestinal system by inspection, auscultation and percussion for the completeness.

22. **Laboratory investigations:**

- a) **Thyroid function test:** To assess thyroid disorders, thyroid function test (T3, T4, TSH) was done using Chemiluminescence Immunoassay (CLIA) kit.

The TSH (Human) CLIA kit test utilizes a unique monoclonal antibody directed against a distinct antigenic determinant on the intact TSH molecule. Mouse monoclonal anti-TSH antibody is used for solid phase (microtiter wells) immobilization and a goat anti-TSH antibody is in the

antibody-enzyme (horseradish peroxidase) conjugate solution. The test sample is allowed to react simultaneously with the two antibodies, resulting in the TSH molecules being sandwiched between the solid phase and enzyme-linked antibodies. After a 60 minutes incubation at room temperature, the wells are washed 5 times by wash solution to remove unbound anti-TSH conjugate. A solution of chemiluminescent substrate is then added and read relative light units (RLU) in a Luminometers. The intensity of the emitting light is proportional to the amount of enzyme present and is directly related to the amount of TSH in the sample. By reference to a series of TSH standards assayed in the same way, the concentration of TSH in the unknown sample is quantified.<sup>[33]</sup>

- Classification of the results will be based on the use of the following as normal reference range:

TSH: 0.5-4.7mcIU/ml

T3: 0.59-1.8 ng/mL

T4: 4.5 – 10.87 mcg/dl<sup>[34]</sup>

- **Hypothyroidism** – when T3, T4 were less and TSH greater than the reference ranges
- **Hyperthyroidism** – when T3, T4 were greater and TSH less than the reference ranges
- **Subclinical hypothyroidism** – when T3, T4 were within normal range and TSH greater than the reference ranges

- **Subclinical hyperthyroidism** – when T3, T4 were within normal range and TSH less than the reference ranges.
- b) **Glycaemic control:** The glycaemic control was assessed by their fasting (FBS) and postprandial glucose levels (PPBS) using hexokinase method.

Enzyme hexokinase (HK) catalyzes the reaction between glucose and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) to form glucose-6-phosphate (G-6-P) and adenosine di phosphate (ADP). In the presence of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), G-6-P is oxidized by the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-6-PD) to 6-phosphogluconate and reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH). The increase in NADH concentration is directly proportional to the glucose concentration and can be measured spectrophotometrically at 340 nm<sup>[35]</sup>

The glycaemic control was graded as

- Euglycemic if FBS 126 mg/dl and PPBS is 200 mg/dl
- Hyperglycemic if FBS is >126 mg/dl or PPBS is >200mg/dl <sup>[36]</sup>

## **RESULTS**

The present study was conducted in urban areas of Ashok Nagar and Rukmini Nagar, which are the field practice areas of Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KAHER, Belagavi on 380 with type 2 diabetes mellitus patients during the period of January 2017 to December 2017.

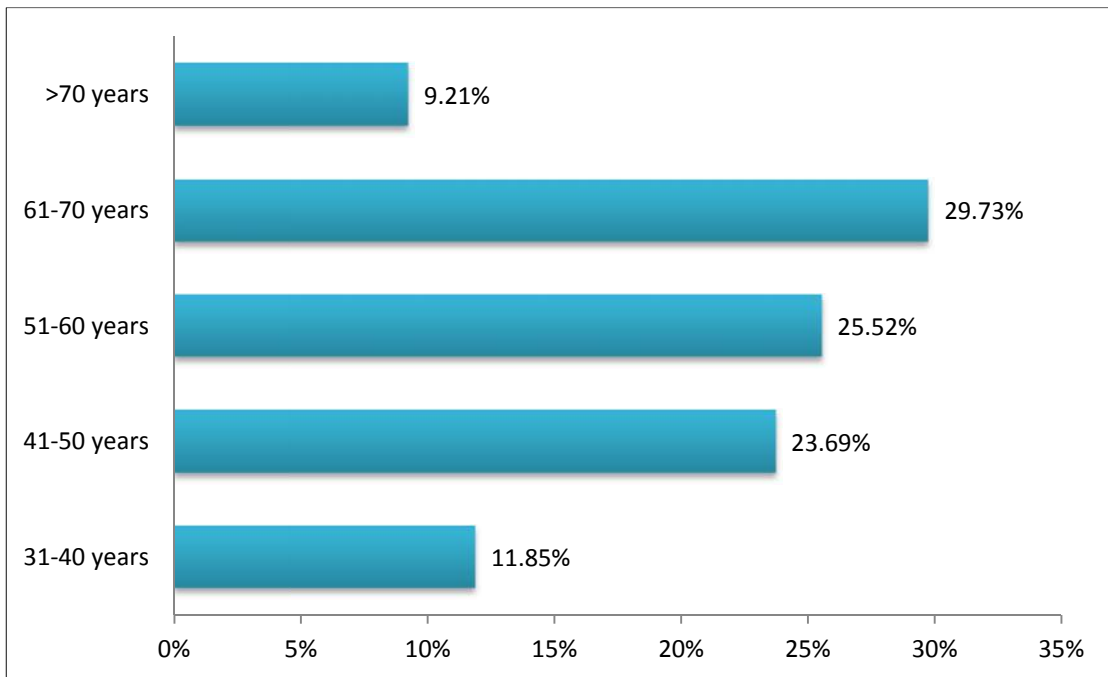
The data of the study participant was tabulated and analyzed under following headings as below:

- I. Sociodemographic profile**
- II. Distribution of participants based on clinical symptoms related to thyroid disorders**
- III. Prevalence of associated co-morbidities and risk factors**
- IV. Prevalence of thyroid disorders**
- V. Association of thyroid disorders with sociodemographic variables and risk factors**
- VI. Multivariate Logistic regression Analysis: The Association Between Various Parameters With Thyroid Dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients**

**I. Sociodemographic profile****Table1. Distribution of study participants according to age (n = 380)**

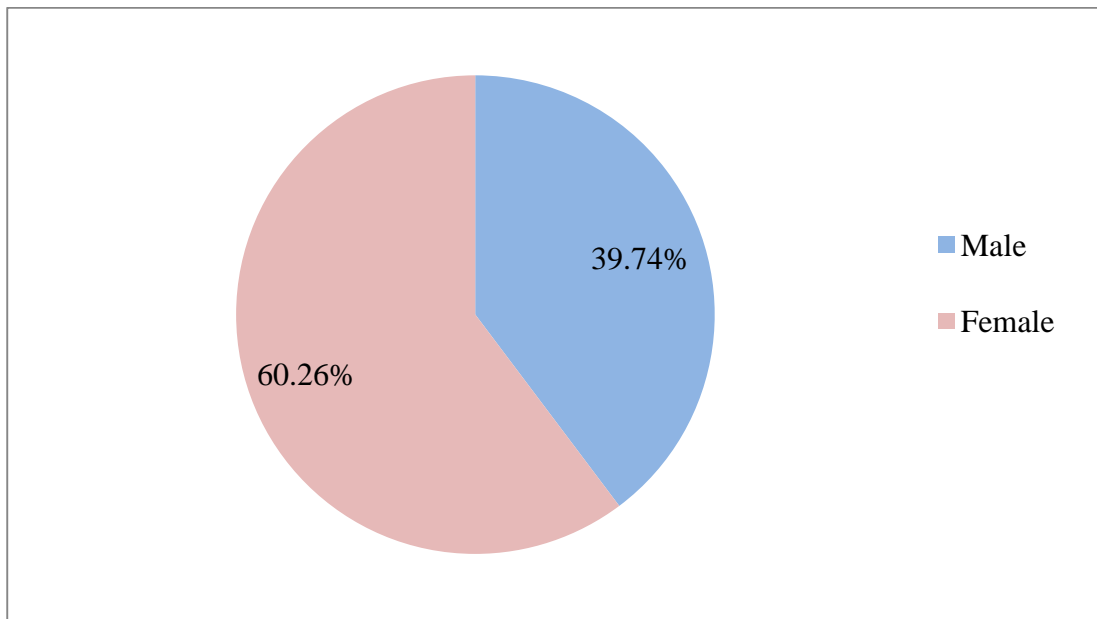
<b>Age (years)</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
30 – 40	45	11.85
41 – 50	90	23.69
51-60	97	25.52
61-70	113	29.73
>70	35	9.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Of the 380 study participants, 45(11.85%) were between the age group of 30 to 40 years, 90(23.69%) were in the age group of 41 to 50 years, 97(25.52%) were in the age group of 51 to 60 years, 113(29.73%) were in the age group of 61 to 70 years and 35(9.21%) were above the age of 70 years. The average age of the study participant was  $56.25 \pm 11.24$ (mean  $\pm$  S.D.) with a range of 32 to 80 years.

**Graph 1: Distribution of study participants according to age (n = 380)****Table 2: Distribution of the study participants according to sex (n = 380)**

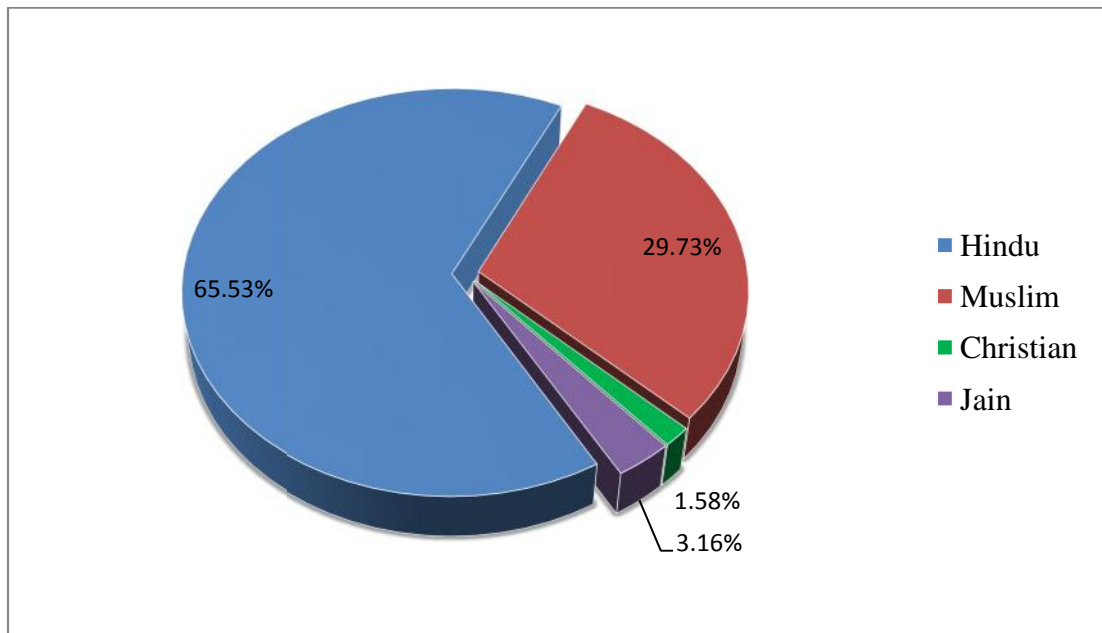
Sex	Number	Percentage (%)
Male	151	39.74
Female	229	60.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Out of the total 380 participants, 229 (60.26%) were females and 151 (39.74%) were males.

**Graph 2: Gender wise distribution of study participants (n = 380)****Table 3: Distribution of the study participants according to religion (n = 380)**

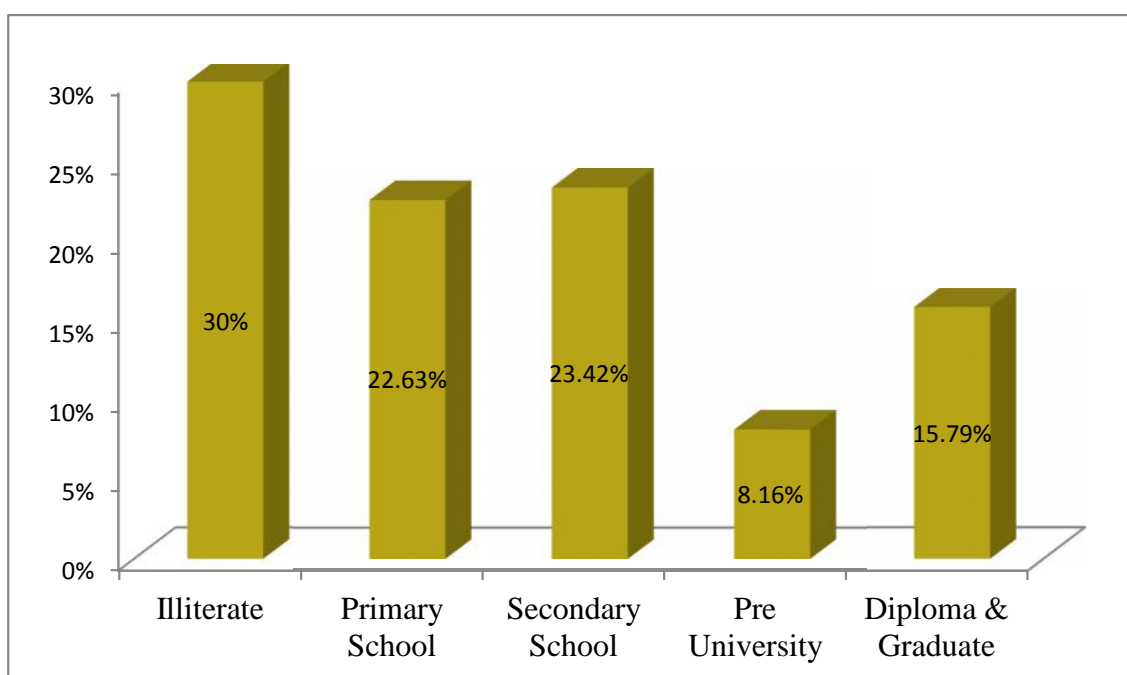
Religion	Number	Percentage (%)
Hindu	249	65.53
Muslim	113	29.73
Christian	6	1.58
Jain	12	3.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Among the study participants, 249 (65.53%) were from Hindu religion, 113 (29.73% Muslims, Christians and Jain constituted 6 (1.58%) and 12 (3.16%) respectively.

**Graph 3: Distribution of the study participants according to religion****Table 4: Distribution of study participants according to literacy status (n = 380)**

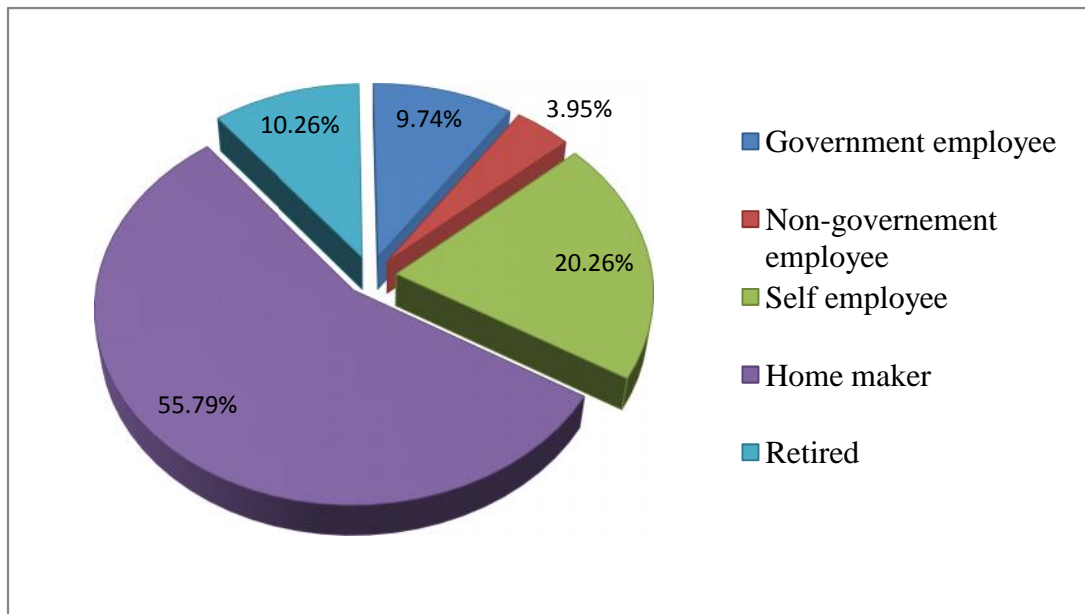
Literacy status	Number	Percentage (%)
Illiterate	114	30.00
Primary School	86	22.63
Secondary School	89	23.42
Pre University	31	8.16
Diploma & Graduate	60	15.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In the present study, 114 (30%) participants were illiterate, 86 (22.63%) had primary school education, 89 (23.42%) had high school education, 31 (8.16%) had pre university education and 60 (15.79%) had either diploma or graduate education.

**Graph 4: Distribution of study participants according to literacy Status****Table 5: Distribution of the study participants according to occupation (n = 380)**

Occupation	Number	Percentage (%)
Government employee	37	9.74
Non - government employee	15	3.95
Self-employee	77	20.26
Home maker	212	55.79
Retired	39	10.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the study 37 (9.74%) of the participants were government employees, 15 (3.94%) were non-government employees, 77 (20.26%) were self-employed, 212 (55.79%) were homemakers, 39 (10.26%) were retired.

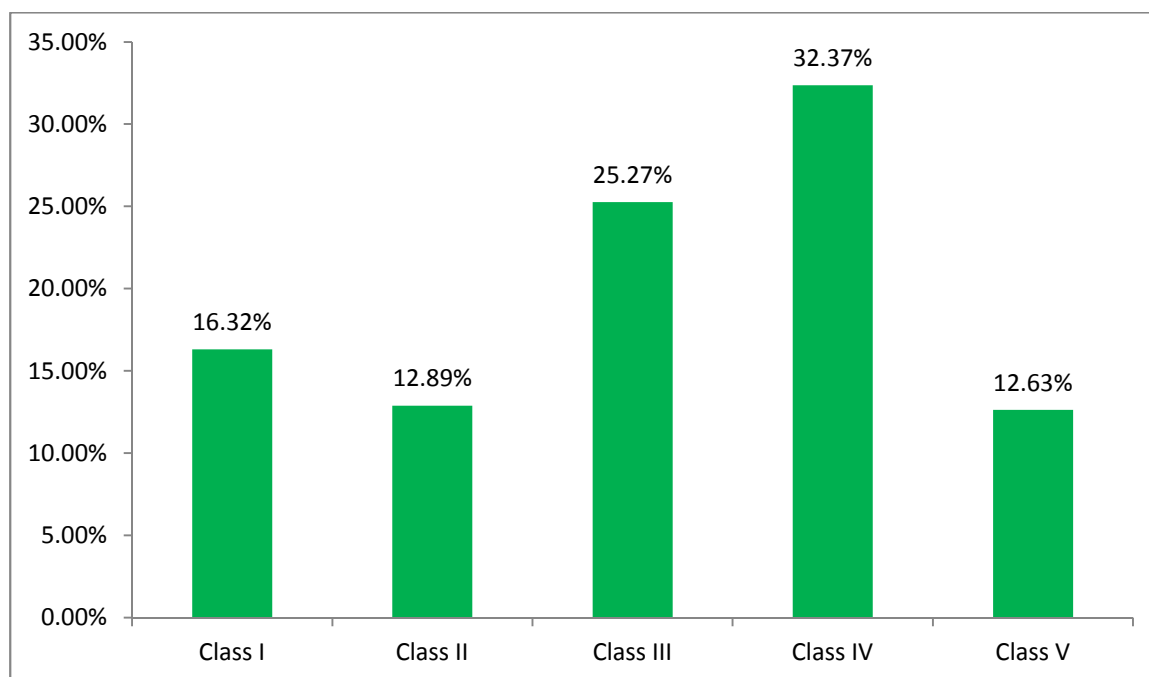
**Graph 5: Distribution of the study participants according to occupation****Table 6: Distribution of the participants according to socioeconomic status**

(n = 380)

Socio-economic status	Number	Percentage (%)
Class I	62	16.32
Class II	49	12.89
Class III	98	25.79
Class IV	123	32.37
Class V	48	12.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100.00</b>

In the present study, majority of study participants, 123 (32.37%) belonged to class IV SES as per modified B.G. Prasad's classification; followed by 98 (25.79%) in class III; 62 (16.32%) in class I, 49 (12.89%) in class II and in class V 48 (12.63%).

**Graph 6: Distribution of the participants according to socio-economic status (n =380)**



**Table 7: Distribution of Study participants according to their marital status (n = 380)**

Marital status	Number	Percentage (%)
Married	335	88.15
Unmarried	2	0.53
Widowed / Divorced	43	11.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the present study, 335 (88.15%) were married, 2 (0.53%) were unmarried and 43 (11.32%) were widowed or divorced

**Table 8: Distribution of Study participants according to the type of family  
(n = 380)**

<b>Type of family</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
<b>Joint</b>	199	52.37
<b>Nuclear</b>	150	39.47
<b>Broken</b>	31	8.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Among the study participants, 199 (52.37%) stayed in joint families, 150 (39.47%) in nuclear families and, 31 (8.16%) were from broken families

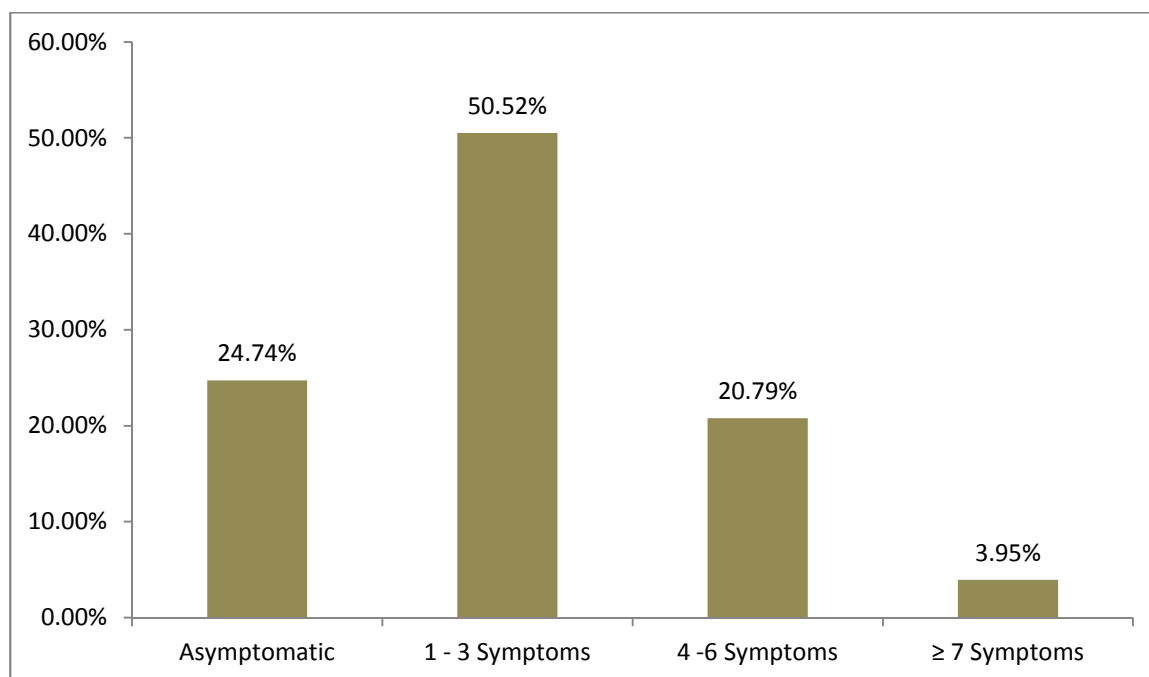
## II. Distribution of participants based on clinical symptoms related to thyroid disorders

**Table 9: Distribution of study participants according to the presence of symptoms related to thyroid disorders (n=380)**

Symptoms	Number	Percentage
Asymptomatic	94	24.74%
1 – 3	192	50.52%
4 – 6	79	20.79%
7 & above	15	3.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

Among 380 participants, history of 22 symptoms related to thyroid disorders was taken. Out of which, 94 (24.74%) of the subjects did not have any symptoms, 192 (50.52%) had 1 to 3 symptoms, 20.79% had 4 to 6 symptoms and 15 (3.95%) had 7 & above symptoms. The most common symptom reported by the participants were fatigue (48.60%), followed by sleep disturbances (31.12%), constipation (23.42%), muscle cramps (23.42%). The least common symptom reported was swelling in the neck (1.74%), difficult in tolerating heat (3.49%), facial puffiness (2.79%).

**Graph 7: Distribution of study participants according to the presence of symptoms related to thyroid disorders (n=380)**



### III. Prevalence of associated co-morbidities and risk factors

**Table 10: Distribution of study participants according to menstrual history**

(n = 229)

Menstrual History	Number	Percentage (%)
Attained menopause	159	64.43
Normal	35	15.28
Abnormal	35	15.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100</b>

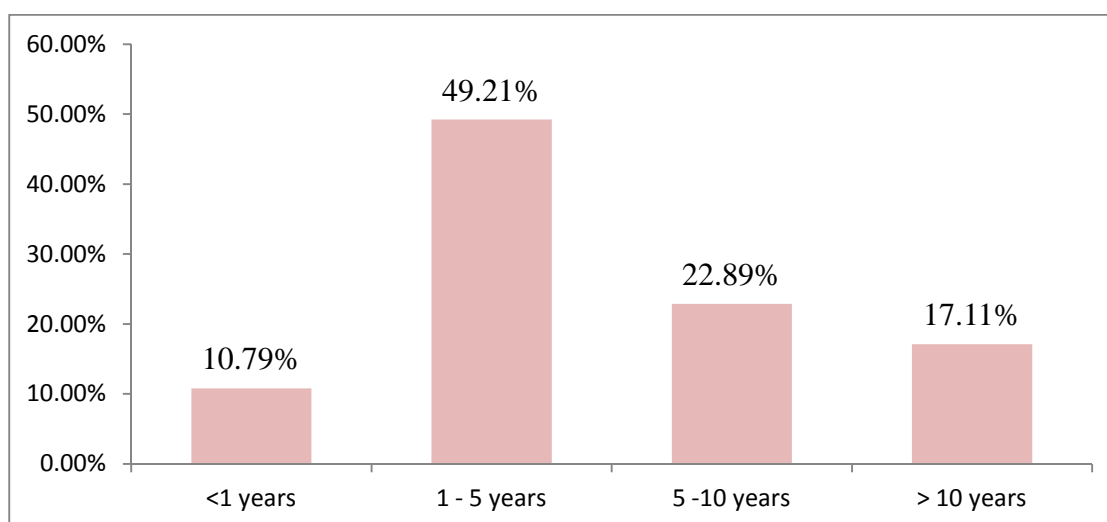
Among 229 female participants 159 (64.43%) had attained menopause; 35 (15.28%) had history of menstrual disturbances (either irregular menstrual cycle or excess or reduced bleeding).

**Table 11: Distribution of the study participants according to duration of diabetes mellitus (n = 380)**

Duration (in Years)	Number	Percentage (%)
<1	41	10.79
1-5	187	49.21
6-10	87	22.89
>10	65	17.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

The duration of diabetes of the study participants varied; 41 (10.79%) had diabetes since less than 1 year. Most of participants, 187 (49.21%) had diabetes from 1-5 years, 87 (22.89%) had diabetes since 6-10 years and 65 (17.11%) were living with diabetes for more than 10 years. The mean duration of illness of the study participants was  $4.61 \pm 5.17$  years with the range between 6 months and 25 years.

**Graph 8: Distribution of the study participant according to duration of diabetes mellitus (n = 380)**



**Table 12: Distribution of the study participant according to relevant past medical history (n = 380)**

Past medical history	Number	Percentage (%)
Hypertension	151	39.74
CHD + Hypertension	9	2.36
SLE + Hypertension	3	0.79
No past history	217	57.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Among the study participants, we found out that 151(39.74%) of the participants had only hypertension, 9 (2.36%) had history of coronary artery disease and hypertension, 3 (0.79%) had SLE and hypertension. 217 (57.11%) had no relevant past illness. The overall self- reported hypertension among the study participants was 42.89%.

**Table 13: Distribution of the study participants according to their family history of thyroid disorders (n = 380)**

Family history of thyroid disorders	Number	Percentage (%)
<b>Present</b>	27	7.11
<b>Absent</b>	353	92.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

353 (92.89%) of the study participant did not have a history of thyroid disorders in the family and 27 (7.11%) had a family history of thyroid disorders. Among them 19 (70.37%) had either of the parent with a positive history. 8 (29.63%) had their siblings with a history of thyroid disorders.

**Table 14: Distribution of the study participants according to the tobacco consumption (n = 380)**

Tobacco Consumption	Numbers	Percentage (%)
Yes	61	16.05
No	319	83.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

Out of the 380 study participants, 61 (16.05%) had the habit of consuming tobacco in one form or the other. Rest of the 319 (83.95%) of the participants did not have habit of tobacco consumption. The mean duration years of tobacco consumption was  $10.75 \pm 4.72$ .

**Table 15: Distribution of the study participant according to the history of use of alcohol consumption (n = 380)**

Alcohol Consumption	Numbers	Percentage (%)
Yes	64	16.84
No	316	83.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

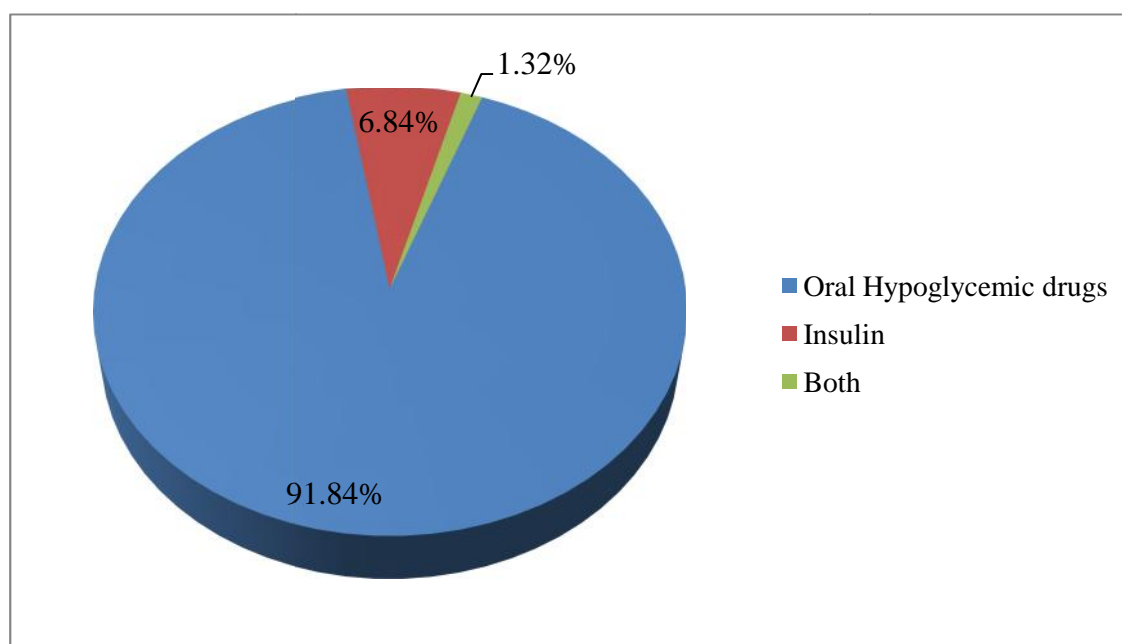
In the present study 64 (16.84%) of the participants had history of use of alcohol and the remaining 316 (83.15%) had no history of use of alcohol. The mean duration years of history of alcohol use was  $9.73 \pm 4.28$ .

**Table 16: Distribution of the study participants according to mode of treatment**

(n = 380)

Mode of treatment	Number	Percentage (%)
Oral Hypoglycemic drugs	349	91.84%
Insulin	26	6.84%
Both	5	1.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

Most of the study participant, 349 (91.84%) were on Oral Hypoglycemic Agents that were provided by the Urban Health Centres. A few of them, 26 (6.84%) were only on insulin. 5 (1.32%) took both Oral Hypoglycemic Agents and Insulin.

**Graph 9: Distribution of the study participants according to mode of treatment**

**Table 17: Distribution of study participants according to type of physical activity practiced during leisure time (n = 380)**

Physical activity during leisure time	Number	Percentage (%)
Walking	238	62.63
Yoga	23	6.05
Gym	3	0.79
No physical activity	116	30.53
Total	380	100

In our present study, 116 (30.53%) study participants did not practice any regular physical activity. 238 (62.63%) did regular walking, 23 (6.05%) practiced yoga and 3 (0.79%) went gym for physical activity during their leisure time. The mean duration of physical activity practiced were  $46.06 \pm 26.90$  minutes

**Table 18: Distribution of study participants according to usage of iodized salt (n = 380)**

Type of Salt	Number	Percentage (%)
Iodized	365	96.05
Non Iodized	15	3.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

Most of our study participants, 365 (96.05%) purchased iodized salt for cooking. Very few of the participants, 15 (3.95%) purchased non iodized salt for cooking.

**Table 19: Distribution of study participants according to extra salt consumption (n = 380)**

<b>Extra salt consumption</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	50	13.58
<b>No</b>	330	86.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

In the present study 50 (13.58%) participants consumed extra salt other than that added to the cooked food.

**Table 20: Distribution of study participants according to frequency of consumption of goitrogens per week (n = 380)**

<b>Goitrogens</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
<b>≤ 2</b>	225	59.21
<b>&gt;2</b>	155	40.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

In our study, 225 (59.21%) of the study participants consumed goitrogens 2 or less than 2 times per week and 155 (40.79%) of them consumed more than two times per week. The mean weekly consumption of goitrogens was  $2.39 \pm 0.8$  times. The common goitrogens consumed were cauliflower and cabbage.

**Table 21: Distribution of the study participant according to type of diet (n = 380)**

Type of diet	Number	Percentage (%)
Vegetarian	187	49.21
Non – Vegetarian	193	50.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>

It was observed that 193 (50.79%) consumed non-vegetarian food and 187 (49.21%) followed vegetarian diet

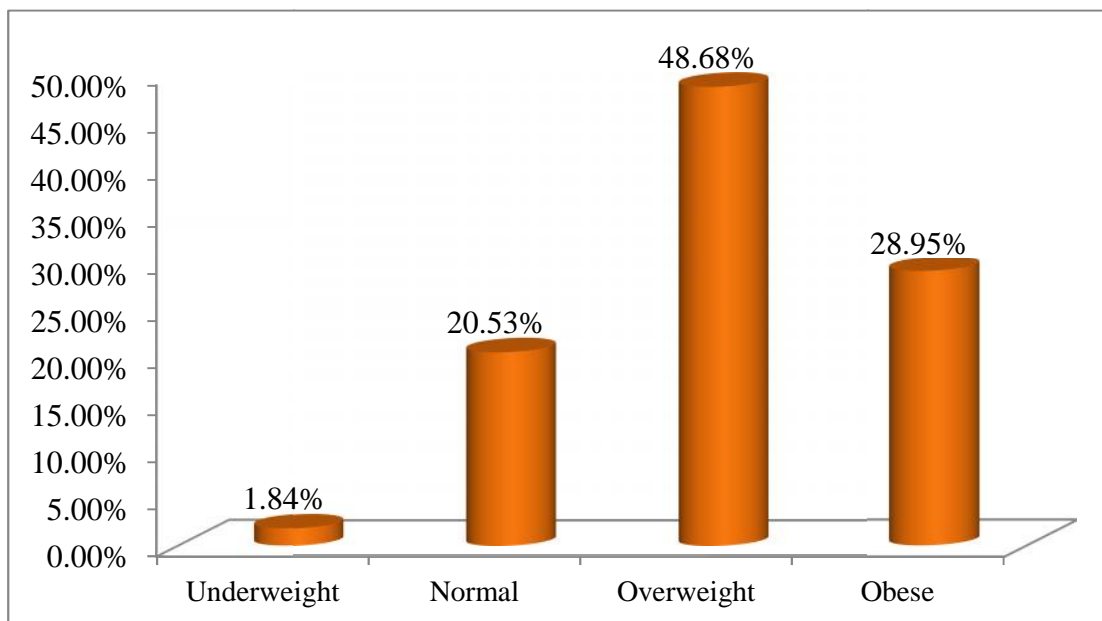
**Table 22: Distribution of the study participant according to Body Mass**

**Index(Kg/m<sup>2</sup>) (n = 380)**

BMI Categories	Number	Percentage (%)
Underweight (< 18.5)	7	1.84
Normal (18.5 – 22.9)	78	20.53
Overweight (23.0 – 27.5)	185	48.68
Obese (> 27.5)	110	28.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the present study, prevalence of overweight and obesity were 48.68% and 28.95% respectively. Few of the participants, 7 (1.84%) had underweight. Only 78 (20.53%) of them were of the normal BMI. The mean BMI of the study participants was  $25.89 \pm 3.86 \text{ kg/m}^2$

**Graph 10: Distribution of the study participant according to Body Mass Index(Kg/m<sup>2</sup>)**

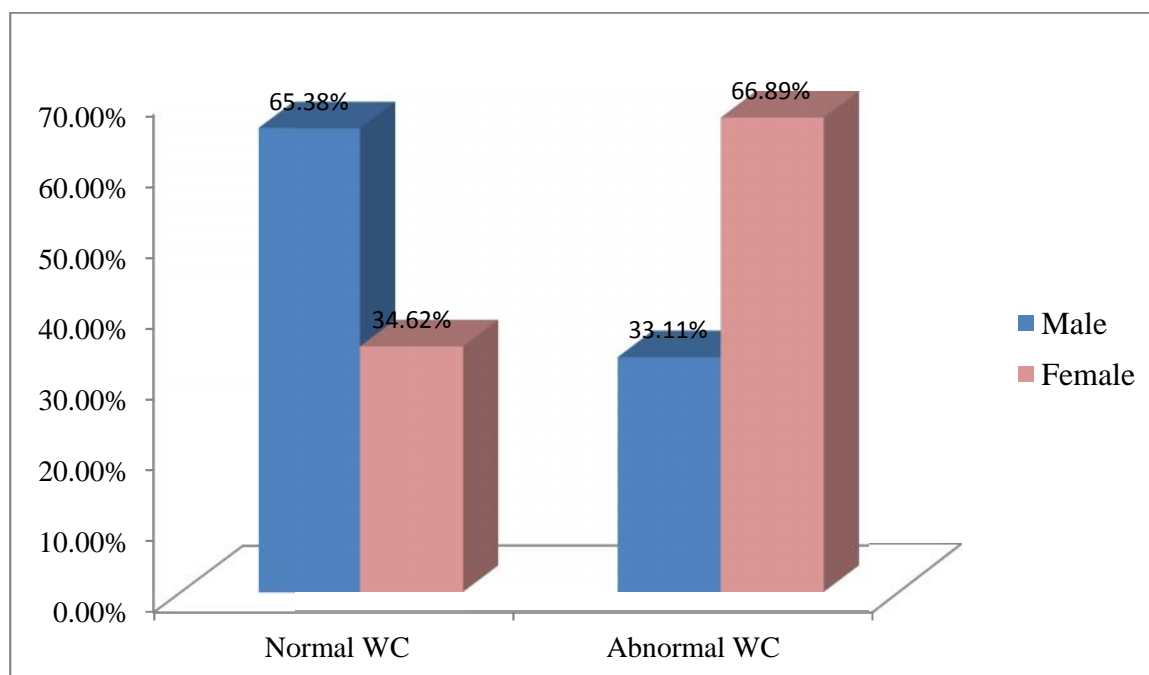


**Table 23: Distribution of the study participants according to waist circumference (WC) (n = 380)**

WC categories	Male (%)	Female (%)	Total (%)
Normal	51 (33.77)	27 (11.79)	78 (20.53)
Abnormal	100 (66.23)	202 (88.20)	302 (79.47)
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 (100)</b>	<b>229 (100)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>

In the present study, the overall prevalence of abdominal obesity based on waist circumference criteria was 79.47%. Among men 100 (66.23%) and among women 202 (88.2%) had abdominal obesity.

**Graph 11: Distribution of the study participants according to waist circumference (WC) (n = 380)**

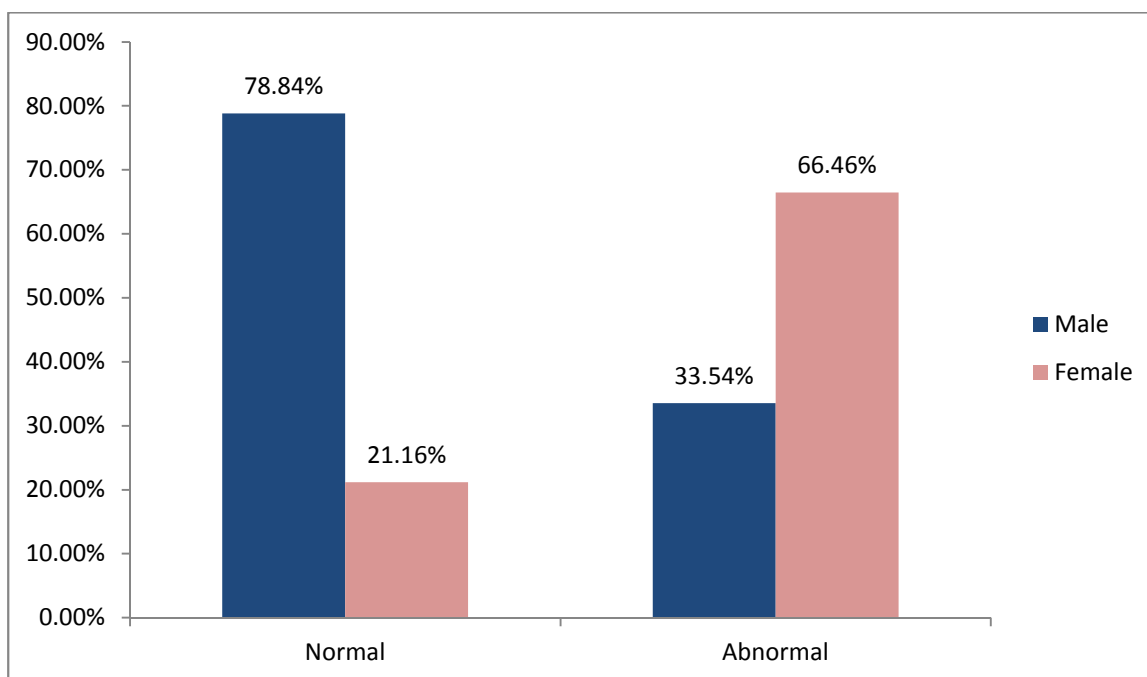


**Table 24: Distribution of the study participants according to waist hip ratio (n = 380)**

Waist hip ratio (WHR)	Male (%)	Female (%)	Total (%)
Normal	41 (27.15)	11 (4.81)	52 (13.68)
Abnormal	110 (71.85)	218 (95.19)	328 (86.32)
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 (100)</b>	<b>229 (100)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>

In the present study, the overall prevalence of abdominal obesity based on waist-hip ratio criteria was 79.47%. The prevalence among women was higher than that of men (95.19% vs. 71.85%).

**Graph 12: Distribution of the study participants according to waist hip ratio  
(n = 380)**

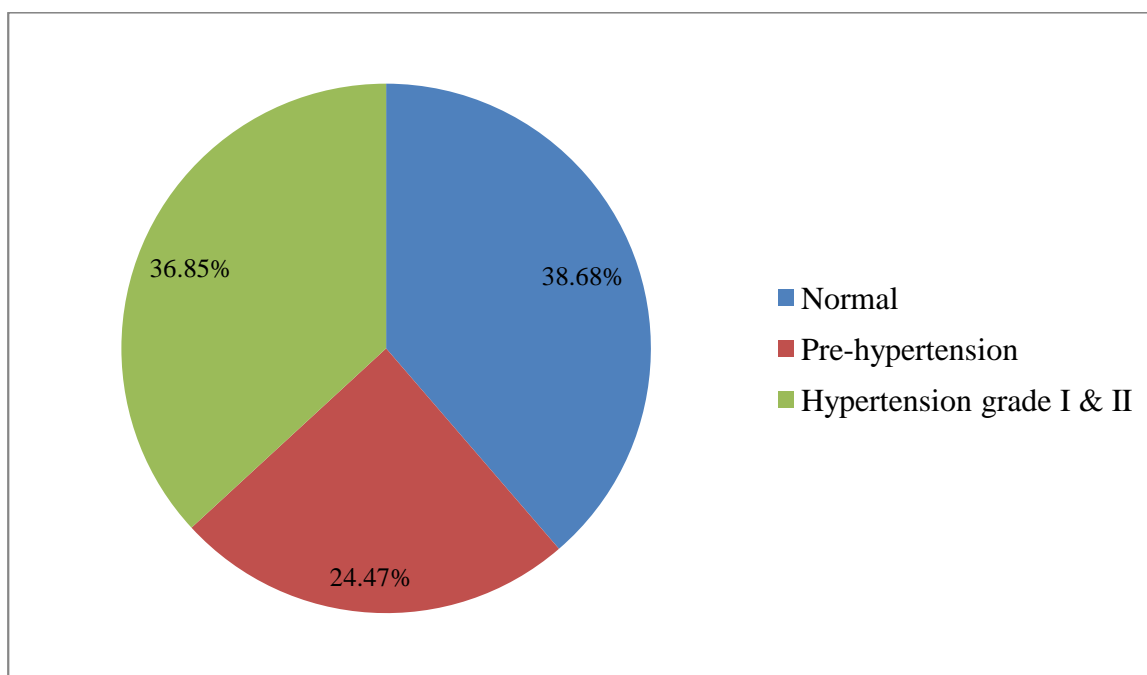


**Table 25: Distribution of the participants according to systolic blood pressure  
(n = 380)**

SBP categories	Numbers	Total (%)
Normal	147	38.68
Pre – hypertension	93	24.47
Hypertension grade I	86	22.63
Hypertension grade II	54	14.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the present study the overall systolic prevalence of hypertension was 36.85%; grade I and grade II being 22.63% and 14.22% respectively. The overall prevalence of pre-hypertension was 24.47%.

**Graph 13: Distribution of the participants according to systolic blood pressure (n = 380)**

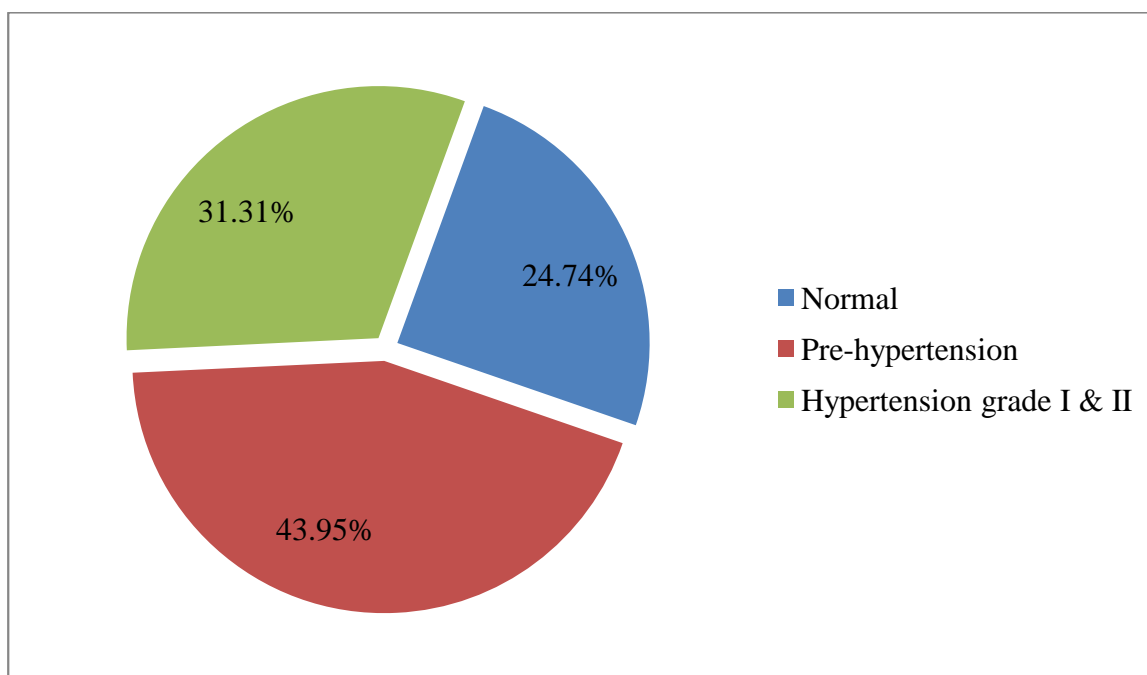


**Table 26: Distribution of the participants according to diastolic blood pressure (n = 380)**

DBP categories	Numbers	Total (%)
Normal	94	24.74
Pre – hypertension	167	43.95
Hypertension grade I	98	25.79
Hypertension grade II	21	5.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the present study the prevalence of hypertension was 31.31%; grade I and grade II being 25.79% and 5.52% respectively. The overall prevalence of pre-hypertension was 43.95%.

**Graph 14: Distribution of the participants according to diastolic blood pressure (n = 380)**

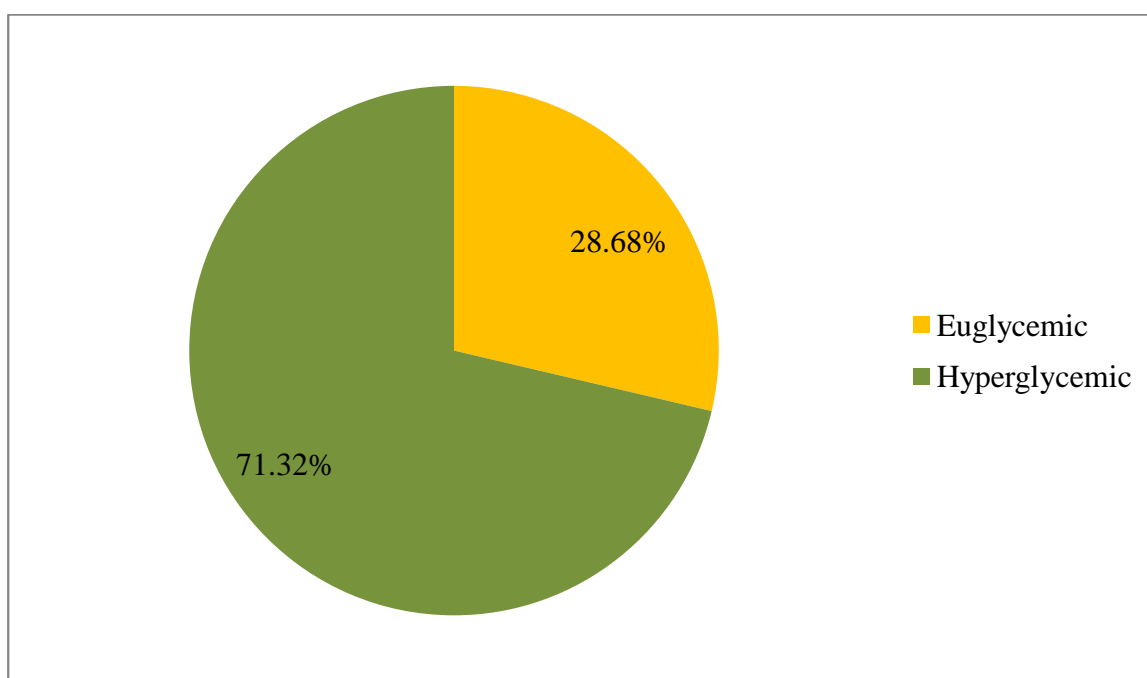


**Table 27: Distribution of the participants according to glycemic status (n = 380)**

Glycemic Status	Numbers	Percentage (%)
Euglycemic	107	28.16
Hyperglycemic	273	71.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100 (%)</b>

In our study, out of 380 participants 107 (28.16%) were euglycemic and 273 (71.84%) were hyperglycemic. The mean serum FBS was  $153.3 \pm 46.25$  and the mean serum PPBS was  $229.18 \pm 75.34$ .

Graph 15: Distribution of participants according to glycemic status



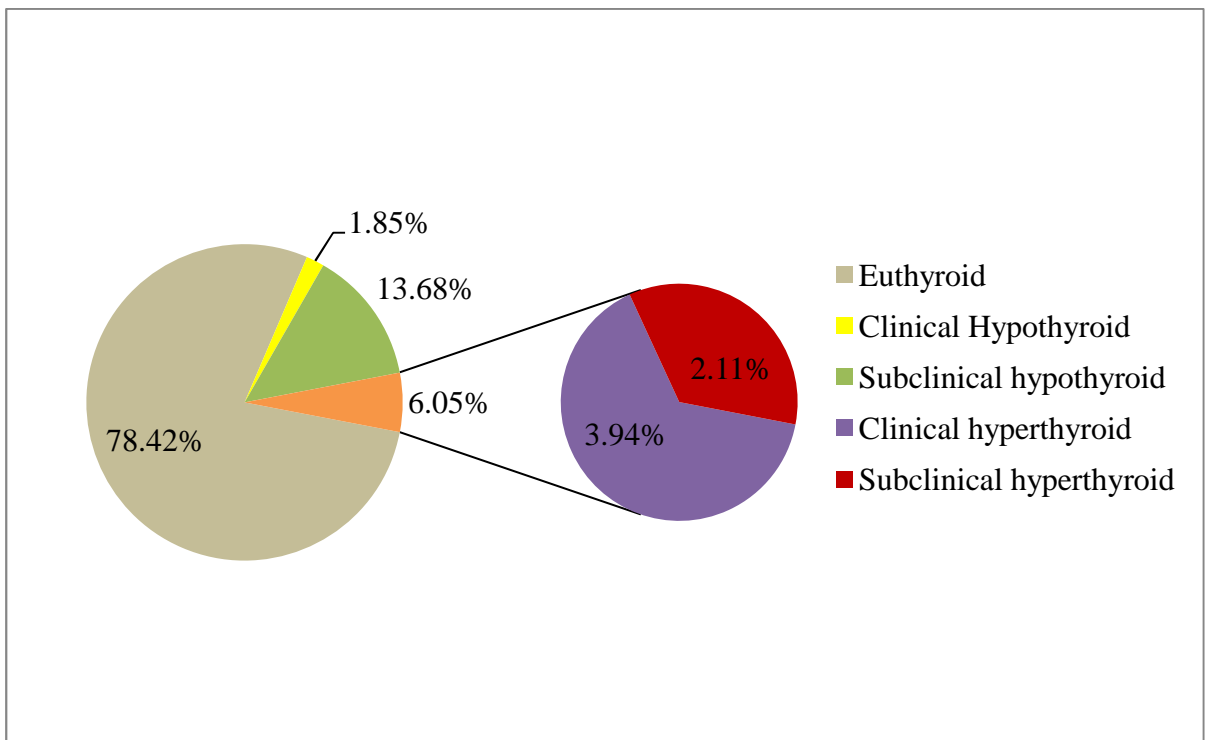
#### IV. Prevalence of thyroid disorders

**Table 28: Distribution of the participants according to thyroid disorders  
(n = 380)**

Thyroid Disorders	Numbers	Percentage (%)
Euthyroid	298	78.42
Clinical Hypothyroid	7	1.85
Subclinical Hypothyroid	52	13.68
Clinical Hyperthyroid	15	3.94
Subclinical Hyperthyroid	8	2.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100</b>

In the present study, the overall prevalence of thyroid disorders among the study participants was 21.58% of which the most common thyroid disorder was subclinical hypothyroid with 13.68%. The overall prevalence of hypothyroid was 15.53 % and hyperthyroid was 6.05%. The mean T3 value was  $1 \pm 0.5$  ng/ml with a range of 0.27 to 4.6ng/ml; mean T4 was  $8.56 \pm 1.48$   $\mu$ g/dl with a range between 3.01 and 16.4  $\mu$ IU /ml. TSH value of the participants ranged between 0.01 and 28.3  $\mu$ IU/ml with a mean value of  $3.03 \pm 2.85$   $\mu$ IU/ml.

**Graph 16: Distribution of the participants according to thyroid disorders**



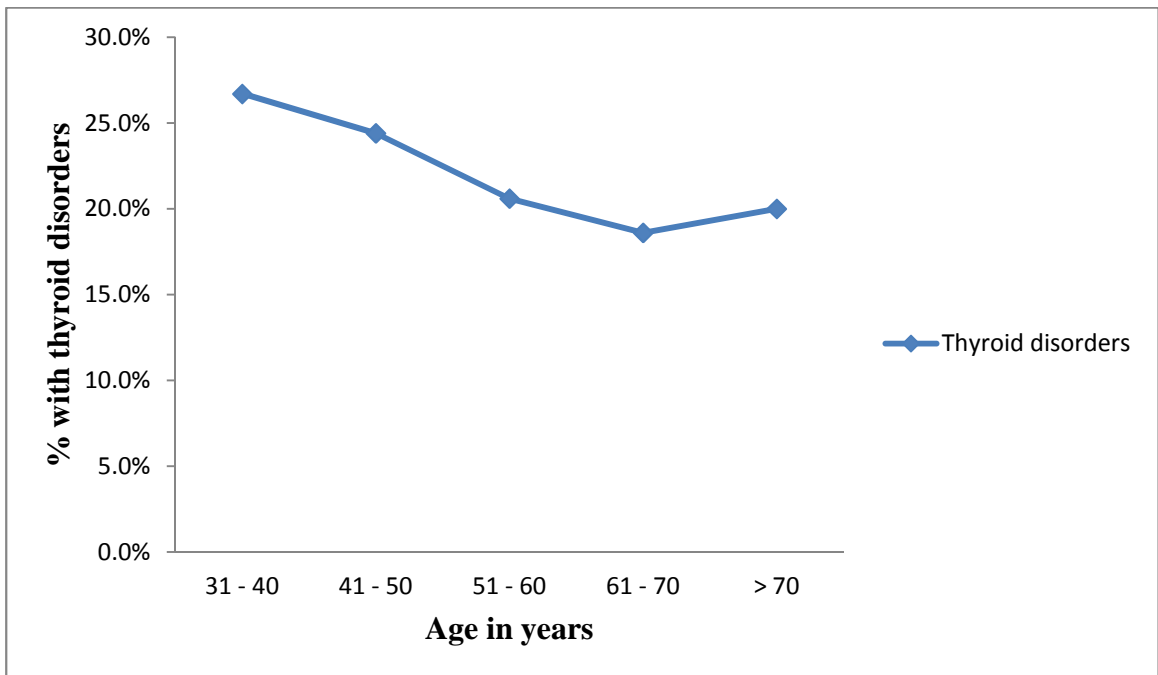
## V. Association of thyroid disorders with socio-demographic variables and risk factors

**Table 29: Association of thyroid disorders with age (n = 380)**

Age (years)	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total
31 – 40	33(73.33)	12(26.67)	45(100)
41 – 50	68(75.56)	22(24.44)	90(100)
51-60	77(79.39)	20(20.61)	97(100)
61-70	92(81.42)	21(18.58)	113(100)
>70	28(80.00)	7(20.00)	35(100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82(21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.828$			$df = 4$
			$p = 0.767$

The thyroid disorders among the study participants showed no age specific trend with maximum numbers of thyroid disorders, 45.05% was found in the age group 41 to 60 years. Hyperthyroid was found almost evenly distributed among all age groups. No statistical association ( $p = 0.76$ ) was found between age and thyroid disorders.

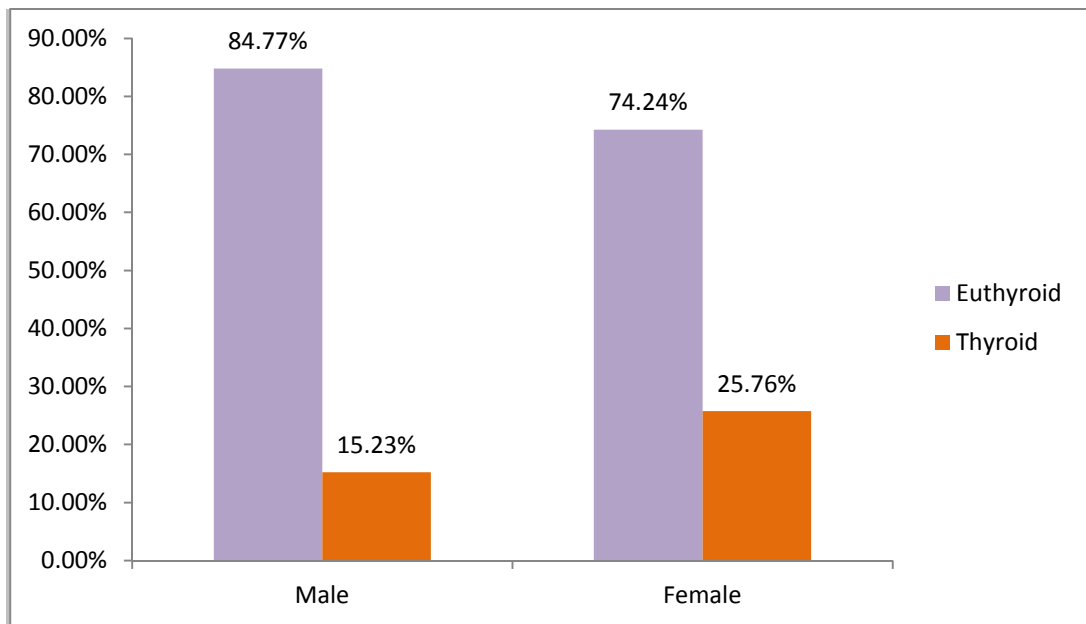
**Graph 17: Association of thyroid disorders with Age of the participants (n = 380)**



**Table 30: Association of thyroid disorders with gender (n = 380)**

Gender	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total (%)
Male	128 (84.77)	23 (15.23)	151(100)
Female	170(74.24)	59(25.76)	229 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>82(21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 4.785</b>		<b>df = 1</b>	<b>p = 0.031</b>

In our study, female study participants showed significantly increased prevalence of thyroid disorders ( $\chi^2 = 4.785$ ;  $p = 0.031$ ) than the male participants. Among 151 males, 23 (15.23%) had thyroid disorders and among 229 females, 59 (25.33%) had thyroid disorders.

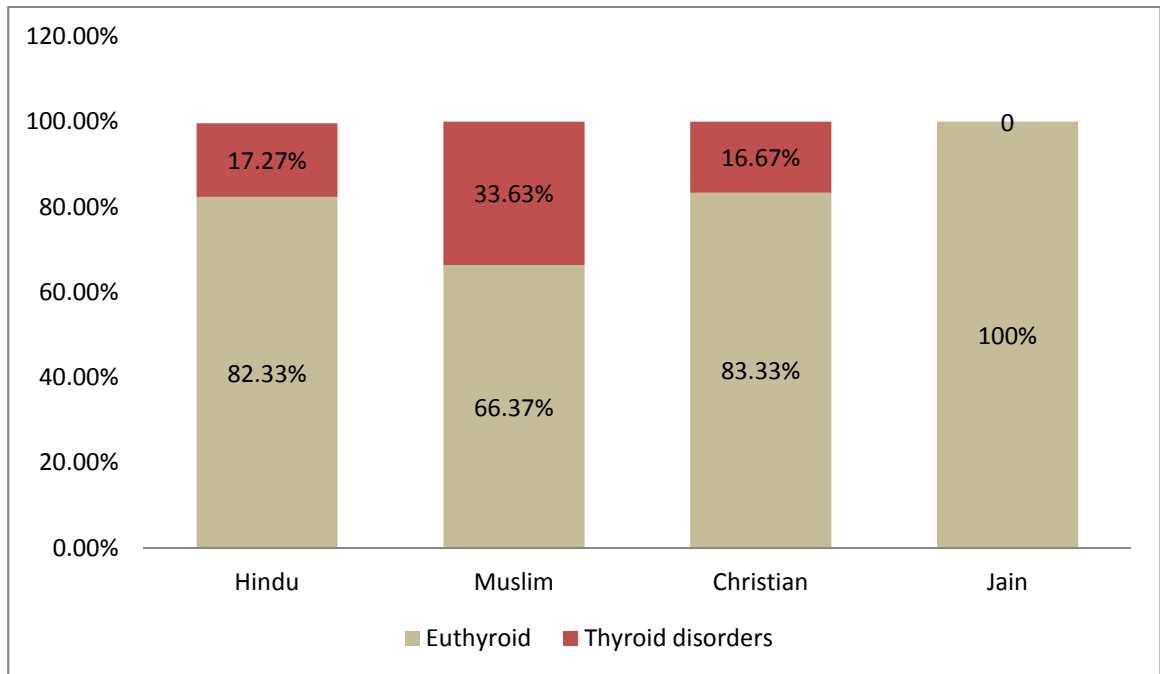
**Graph 18: Association of thyroid disorders with gender (n = 380)****Table 31: Association of thyroid disorders with religion (n = 380)**

Religion	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total (%)
Hindu	206(82.33)	43(17.27)	<b>249(100)</b>
Muslim	75(66.37)	38(33.63)	<b>113(100)</b>
Christian	5(83.33)	1(16.67)	<b>6(100)</b>
Jain	12(100)	0	<b>12(100)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 15.816</b>			<b>df=3</b>
			<b>p = 0.001</b>

In the present study, among 249 Hindu participants, 206 (82.33%) were euthyroid and 43 (17.27%) had thyroid disorders. Similarly, among 113 Muslim participants, 75 (66.37%) were euthyroid and 38 (33.63%) had thyroid disorders and among 6 Christian participants, 1 (16.67%) had thyroid disorders. The proportion of presence of thyroid disorders between different religion groups was found to be

statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 15.816$ ;  $p = 0.001$ ). However, the number of Christian and Jain participants was too low for a comparison

**Graph 19: Association of thyroid disorders with religion (n = 380)**



**Table 32: Association of thyroid disorders with literacy (n = 380)**

<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Illiterate	92(80.71)	22(19.29)	<b>114(100)</b>
Primary school	61(70.93)	25(20.07)	<b>86(100)</b>
Secondary school	68(76.41)	21(23.59)	<b>89(100)</b>
Pre-University II	25(80.65)	6(19.35)	<b>31(100)</b>
Graduate	52(86.67)	8(13.33)	<b>60(100)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 5.917$			$df = 4$
			$p = 0.205$

In the present study, among 114 illiterates, 92 (80.71%) were euthyroids and 22 (19.29%) had thyroid disorders, among 86 participants with primary school education, 61 (70.93%) were euthyroids and 25 (20.07%) had thyroid disorders, among 89 with secondary school education, 68 (76.41%) were euthyroids and 21 (23.59%) had thyroid disorders, among 31 with pre university education, 25 (80.65%) were euthyroids and 6 (19.35%) had thyroid disorders and among 60 who had higher education with a degree or diploma, 52 (86.67%) were euthyroids and 8 (13.33%) had thyroid disorders. There was no statistically significant association between education status and thyroid disorders.

**Table 33: Association of thyroid disorders with occupation (n = 380)**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Government employee	30 (81.08)	7(18.92)	<b>37(100)</b>
Non - government employee	15(100)	0	<b>15(100)</b>
Self-employee	63(81.82)	14(18.18)	<b>77(100)</b>
Home maker	158 (74.53)	54(25.47)	<b>212(100)</b>
Retired	32(82.05)	7(17.95)	<b>39(100)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 6.253$ $df = 4$ $p = 0.181$			

The prevalence of thyroid dysfunction was high among home makers (25.47%) followed by self-employed (18.18%). Non-government employee did not have any thyroid disorders. However this association was not statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 6.253, p = 0.181$ ).

**Table 34: Association of baseline data with socio-economic status (n = 380)**

<b>Socio-economic status</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Class I	49(79.03)	13(20.97)	62( <b>100</b> )
Class II	42(85.71)	7(14.29)	49( <b>100</b> )
Class III	79(80.61)	19(19.39)	98( <b>100</b> )
Class IV	87(70.73)	36(29.27)	123( <b>100</b> )
Class V	41(85.42)	7(14.58)	48( <b>100</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 7.518$ $df = 4$ $p = 0.111$			

The prevalence of thyroid disorder was found the most in the class IV with 36 (29.27%) followed by in class I and class III with 13 (20.97%) and 19 (19.39%). The least number of cases were observed in the class II with 7 (14.29%) and class V with 7 (14.58%). This study showed no statistical significance of association in presence of thyroid disorders and socioeconomic status of the study participant ( $\chi^2 = 7.518$ ;  $p = 0.111\%$ ).

**Table 35: Association of the thyroid disorder with duration of diabetes mellitus****(n = 380)**

<b>Duration (in Years)</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Less than 1	30(73.17)	11(26.83)	41 ( <b>100</b> )
1-5	149(79.68)	38(20.32)	187( <b>100</b> )
5-10	70(80.56)	17(19.54)	87 ( <b>100</b> )
More than 10	49(75.38)	16(24.62)	65 ( <b>100</b> )
Total	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.411$	df = 1	p = 0.702	

In this study the presence of thyroid disorders was most commonly observed when the duration of diabetes was for 1 to 5 years with 38 (46.34%) of study participants with thyroid disorders. The mean duration of diabetes mellitus among the participants with abnormal thyroid dysfunction was 5.89 years and those with normal thyroid was. However there was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 1.411$ ; p = 0.702) noted between the presence of thyroid disorders and increasing duration of diabetes mellitus.

**Table 36: Association of the study participant according to self-reported Hypertension (n = 380)**

<b>Self-reported Hypertension</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Present	136 (83.44)	27 (16.56)	163 ( <b>100</b> )
Absent	162 (74.65)	55 (25.35)	217 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 4.241</b>	<b>df = 1</b>	<b>p = 0.039</b>	

Among 163 study participants with self-reported Hypertension, 27 (16.56%) had thyroid disorders and 136 (83.44%) were euthyroids. Among 217 participants with no history of self-reported hypertension, 55 (25.35%) had thyroid disorders and 162 (74.65%) were euthyroids. There was no positive association observed between thyroid disorders and presence of self-reported hypertension.

**Table 37: Association of the thyroid disorder according to their family history of thyroid disorders (n = 380)**

<b>Family history</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Present</b>	19 (70.37)	8 (29.63)	27 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Absent</b>	279 (79.04)	74(20.96)	353 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.113$	<b>df = 1</b>	<b>p = 0.291</b>	

In our study, among 27 study participants with family history of thyroid disorders 8 (29.63%) had thyroid disorders and 19 (70.37%) had no thyroid disorders. Among 353 study participants without family history of thyroid disorders 279

(79.04%) were euthyroids and 74 (20.96%) had thyroid disorders. However there was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 1.113$ ;  $p = 0.291\%$ ) noted between the presence of thyroid disorders and family history of thyroid disorders.

**Table 38: Association of the thyroid disorder with tobacco consumption (n = 380)**

<b>Tobacco Consumption</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	51 (79.69)	13 (20.31)	64 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>No</b>	247 (78.16)	69 (21.84)	316 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 0.003$ $df = 1$ $p = 0.956$			

In our study, among 61 study participants with history of tobacco consumption 48 (78.69%) had no thyroid disorders and 13 (21.31%) had thyroid disorders. Among 319 study participants without history of tobacco consumption, 250 (78.37%) were euthyroids and 69 (21.63%) had thyroid disorders. However there was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 1.113$ ;  $p = 0.291\%$ ) noted between the presence of thyroid disorders and tobacco consumption



**Table 40: Association of the thyroid disorder with the mode of treatment for diabetes (n = 380)**

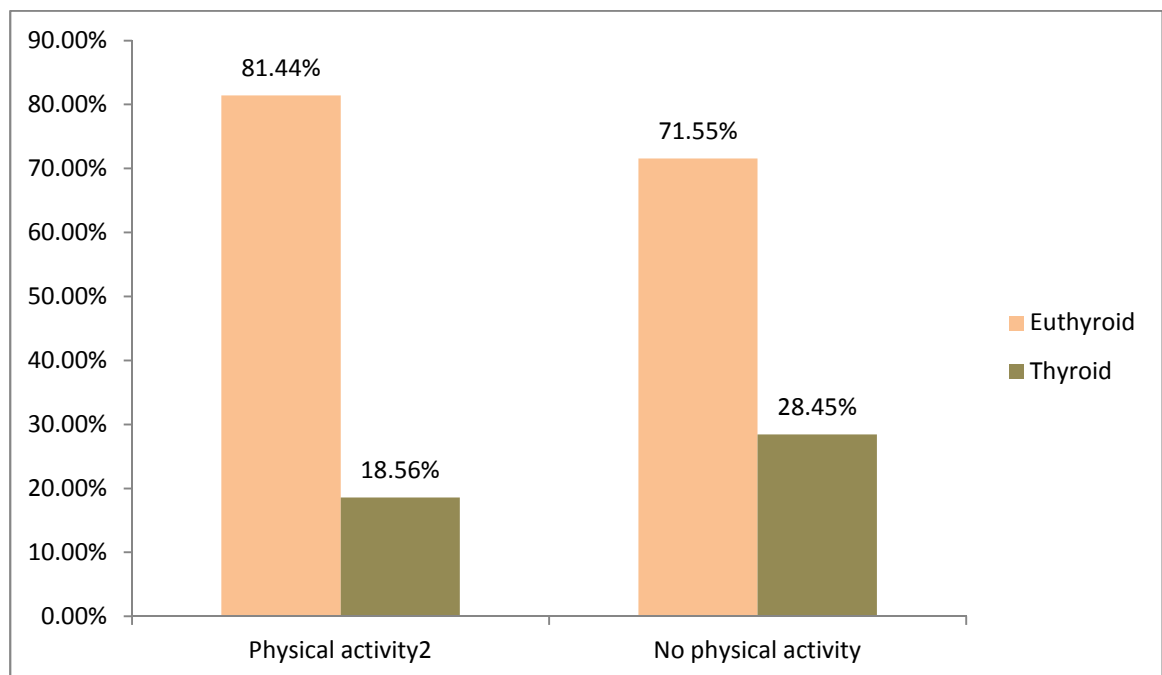
<b>Mode of treatment</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Oral Hypoglycemic drugs	274 (78.51)	75 (21.49)	349 ( <b>100</b> )
Insulin	21 (80.77)	5 (19.23)	26 ( <b>100</b> )
Both	3 (60)	2(40)	5 ( <b>100</b> )
Total	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.089$	df = 2	p = 0.580	

The study showed presence of thyroid disorders among those on oral hypoglycemic agents were 75 (21.49%) and proportionately the thyroid disorders was found more among the participants who are both on OHA and insulin (40%). In this study the mode of treatment adapted by the study participants for diabetes and thyroid disorders was found not statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 1.089$ ; p = 0.580).

**Table 41: Association of the thyroid disorder with physical activity during leisure time (n = 380)**

Physical activity	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total (%)
Yes	215 (81.44)	49 (18.56)	264 (100)
No	83 (71.55)	33 (28.45)	116 (100)
Total	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 3.914</b>		<b>df = 1</b>	<b>p = 0.047</b>

The presence of thyroid disorders was found more among those who did not practice any physical activity during leisure time (28.45%) and among those who practice physical activity the thyroid disorders was found in 18.56%. Statistical significance ( $t^2 = 3.914$ ;  $p = 0.047$ ) noted between the presence of thyroid disorders and physical activity during leisure time.

**Graph 20: Association of the thyroid disorder with physical activity during leisure time (n = 380)**

**Table 42: Association of the thyroid disorder with extra salt consumption  
(n = 380)**

<b>Extra salt consumption</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	41 (82)	9 (18)	50(100)
<b>No</b>	257 (77.88)	73 (22.12)	330 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 0.436$ $df = 1$ $p = 0.584$			

In our present study, among 50 participants who take extra salt in their diet 41 (82%) were euthyroids and 9 (18%) had thyroid disorders. And out of 257 participants who did not take extra salt in their diet, 257 (77.88%) were euthyroids and 73 (22.12%) had thyroid disorders. And no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 0.436$ ;  $p = 0.584$ ) was found on associating thyroid disorders with extra salt consumption.

**Table 43: Association of thyroid disorders with frequency of goitrogens intake  
per week (n = 380)**

<b>Goitrogens intake</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
$\leq 2$	165(73.33)	60(26.67)	225 (100)
More than 2	133(85.81)	22(14.19)	155(100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$t^2 = 8.438$ $df = 1$ $p = 0.003$			

In the present study, out of 225 participants who take goitrogens 2 times per week 60 (26.67%) had thyroid disorders and 165 (73.33%) had no thyroid disorders. Among 155 participants who consumed more than 2 times per week, 22 (14.19%) had thyroid disorders and 133 (85.81%) were euthyroid. No positive association observed between increase in frequency of goitrogens consumption and thyroid disorders.

**Table 44: Association of the thyroid disorder with type of diet (n = 380)**

<b>Type of diet</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Vegetarian</b>	152 (81.28)	35 (18.72)	187 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Non - Vegetarian</b>	146 (75.64)	47 (24.36)	193 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.783$ $df = 1$ $p = 0.181$			

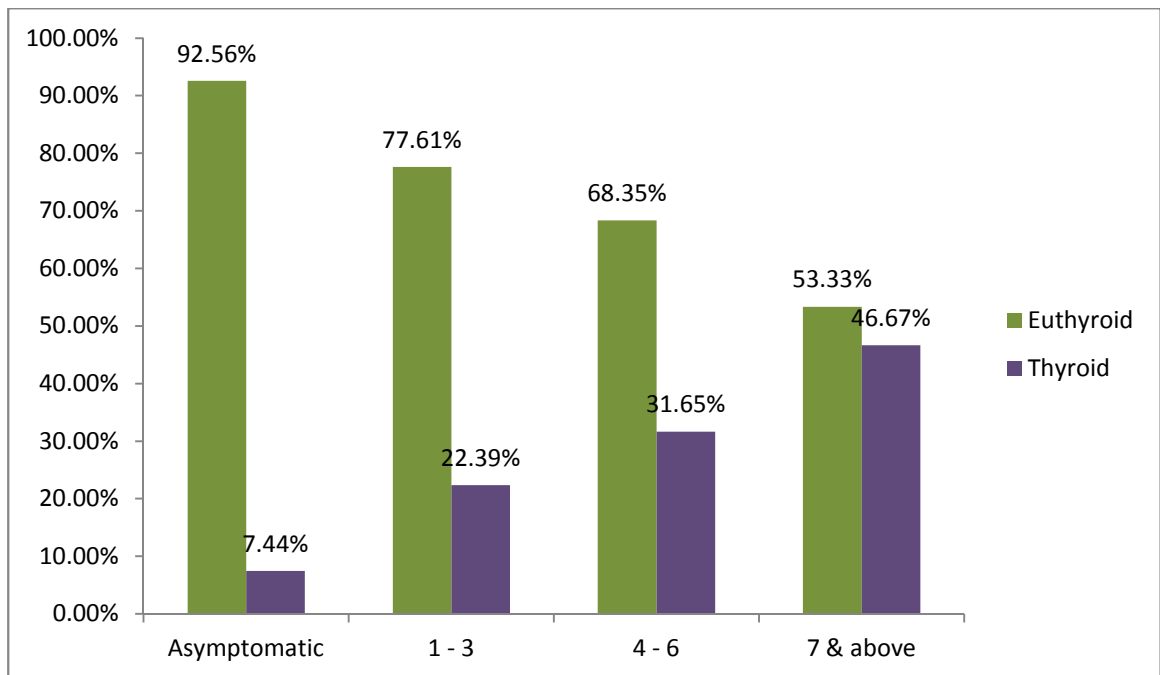
In our present study, among 187 participants who take vegetarian diet 151 (81.28%) were euthyroids and 35 (18.72%) had thyroid disorders. And out of 257 participants who take non vegetarian diet, 146 (75.63%) were euthyroids and 47 (24.36%) had thyroid disorders. No statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 1.783$ ;  $p = 0.181$ ) was found on associating thyroid disorders with the type of diet.

**Table 45: Association of the thyroid disorder with presence of thyroid related symptoms (n = 380)**

Symptoms	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total (%)
Asymptomatic	87(92.56%)	7(7.44%)	94 (100)
1 – 3	149(77.61%)	43(22.39%)	192 (100)
4 – 6	54(68.35%)	25(31.65%)	79 (100)
7 & above	8(53.33%)	7(46.67%)	15(100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 21.479$			$p = 0.0008$
df = 3			

In our study, participants with presence of more than 7 symptoms had high proportion of thyroid disorders (46.67%) followed by the participants with with 4 – 6 symptoms (31.65%) and 1 – 3 symptoms (22.39%). This association between thyroid disorders and presence of increased number of symptoms was statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 21.479$ ,  $p = 0.0008$ ).

**Graph 21: Association of the thyroid disorder with presence of thyroid related symptoms (n = 380)**

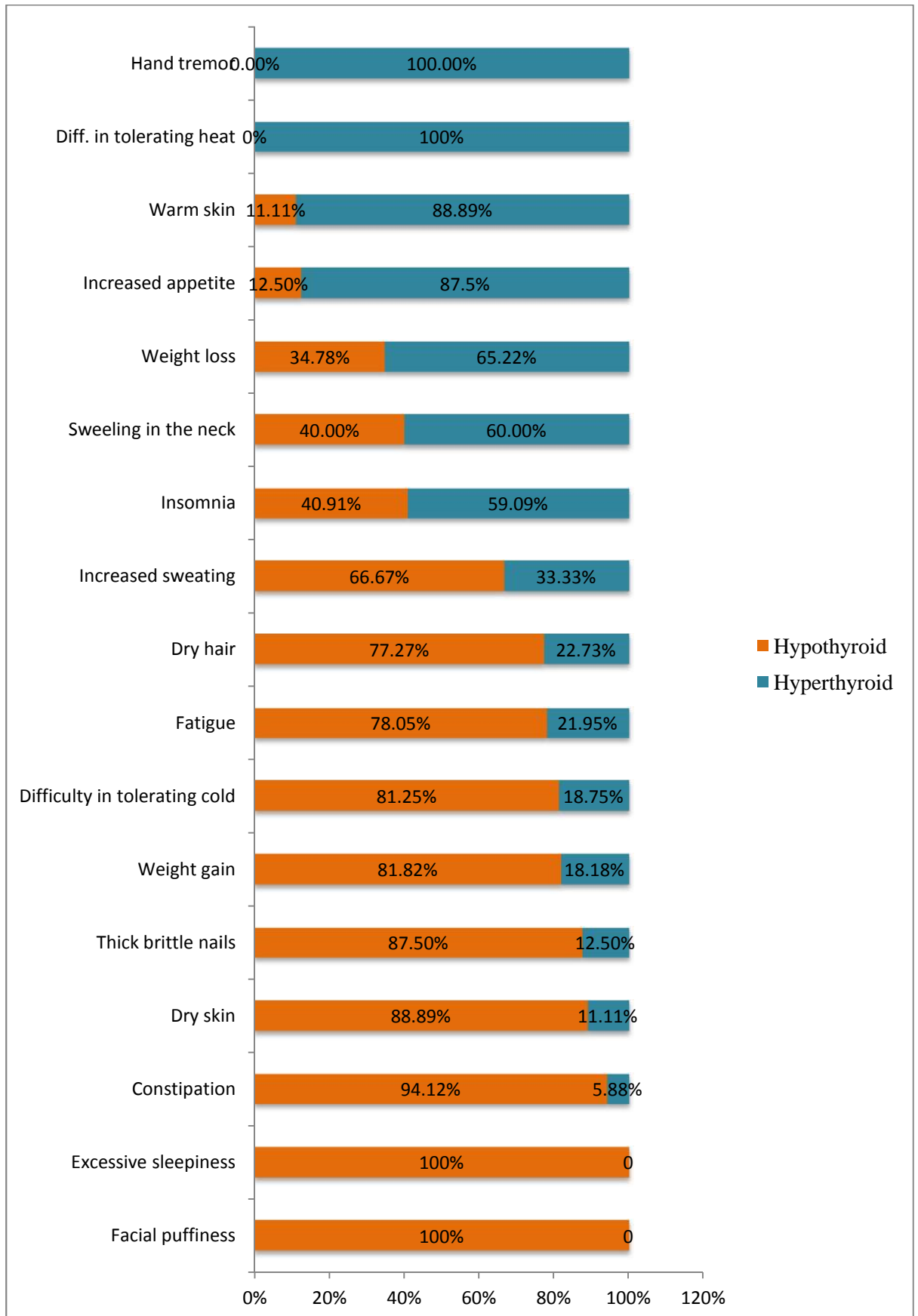


**Table 46: Distribution of study participants with thyroid disorders according to symptoms of thyroid disorder (n = 82)**

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>HYPOTHYROID</b>	<b>HYPERTHYROID</b>
<b>Fatigue</b>	32 (78.05%)	9 (21.95%)
<b>Difficulty in tolerating cold</b>	13 (81.25%)	3 (18.75%)
<b>Swelling in the neck</b>	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
<b>Constipation</b>	16 (94.12%)	1 (5.88%)
<b>Dry Skin</b>	8 (88.89%)	1(11.11%)
<b>Dry Hair / Alopecia</b>	17 (77.27%)	5 (22.73)
<b>Thick brittle nails</b>	7 (87.5%)	1 (12.5%)
<b>Facial puffiness</b>	5 (100%)	0
<b>Excessive sleepiness (Daytime)</b>	6 (100%)	0
<b>Weight gain</b>	9 (81.82%)	2 (18.18%)
<b>Increased appetite</b>	1 (12.5%)	7 (87.5%)
<b>Weight loss</b>	8 (34.78%)	15 (65.22%)
<b>Difficulty falling asleep / Insomnia</b>	9 (40.91%)	13 (59.09%)
<b>Hand tremor</b>	0	7 (100%)
<b>Warm skin</b>	1(11.11%)	8 (88.89%)
<b>Difficulty in tolerating heat</b>	0	7 (100%)
<b>Increased sweating</b>	12 (66.67%)	6 (33.33%)

Among the study participants with thyroid disorders, symptoms which were exclusively found in individuals with hypothyroid were facial puffiness and excessive daytime sleepiness. Symptoms which were exclusively seen among individuals with hyperthyroid were difficulty in tolerating heat, hand tremor. Warm skin, difficulty falling asleep, increased appetite and swelling in the neck were predominantly seen among hyperthyroid individuals where the other symptoms were more commonly seen among participants with hypothyroid.

**Graph 22: Distribution of study participants with thyroid disorders according to symptoms of thyroid disorder**



**Table 47: Association of the thyroid disorder with Body Mass Index (n = 380)**

<b>BMI Categories</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Underweight (&lt; 18.5)</b>	5 (71.43)	2 (28.57)	7 (100)
<b>Normal (18.5 – 22.9)</b>	64 (82.05)	14 (17.95)	78 (100)
<b>Overweight (23.0 – 27.5)</b>	145 (78.37)	40 (21.63)	185 (100)
<b>Obese (&gt; 27.5)</b>	84 (76.36)	26 (23.64)	110 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 1.085$	df = 3	p = 0.78	

The study showed that thyroid disorders were proportionately more among underweight (28.57%) participants, followed by obese (23.64%) and overweight (21.63%). Those with normal body mass index (17.95%) had least thyroid disorders. The mean BMI among those with normal thyroid profile was 25.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and for those with abnormal thyroid profile was 26.01 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. And there was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 1.085$ ; p = 0.780) on associating thyroid disorders with body mass index.

**Table 48: Association of the thyroid disorder with waist circumference (n = 380)**

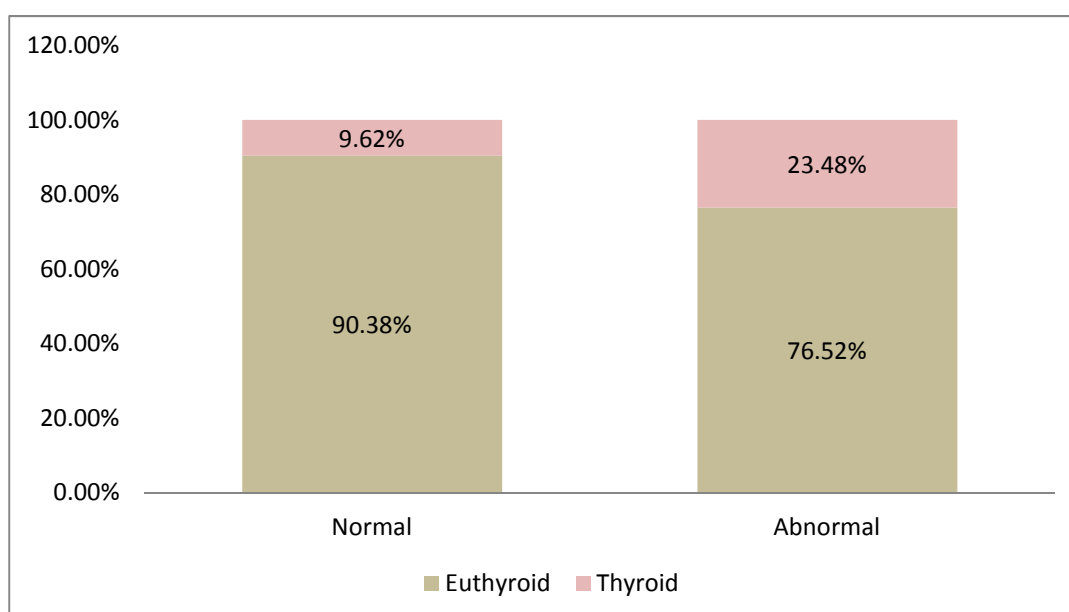
<b>WC categories</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Normal</b>	62 (79.48)	16 (20.52)	78 (100)
<b>Abnormal</b>	236(78.15)	66 (21.85)	302(100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 0.066$ <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><math>df = 1</math></span> <span style="float: right;"><math>p = 0.797</math></span>			

The study showed that thyroid disorders were seen more among participants with abdominal obesity (21.85%) and 236 (78.15%) participants with abdominal obesity had no thyroid disorders. And out of 78 participants with normal waist circumference, 62 (79.48%) were euthyroids and 16 (20.52%) had thyroid disorders. There was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 0.066$ ;  $p = 0.797$ ) on associating thyroid disorders with abdominal obesity based on waist circumference.

**Table 49: Association of thyroid disorders with waist hip ratio(n = 380)**

Waist hip ratio	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid disorders (%)	Total (%)
<b>Normal</b>	47 (90.38)	5 (9.62)	52 (100)
<b>Abnormal</b>	251 (76.52)	77 (23.48)	328(100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 5.095</b>		<b>df = 1</b>	<b>p = 0.023</b>

The study showed that thyroid disorders were seen more among participants with abdominal obesity 77 (23.48%) than those with normal waist hip ratio (9.62%). And there was statistical significance ( $t_2 = 5.095$ ;  $p = 0.023$ ) on associating thyroid disorders with abdominal obesity based on waist hip ratio.

**Graph 23: Association of thyroid disorders with waist hip ratio (n = 380)**

**Table 50: Association of thyroid disorders with systolic blood pressure (n = 380)**

<b>SBP categories</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Normal</b>	40 (64.52)	22 (35.48)	62 (100)
<b>Pre – hypertension</b>	145 (81.46)	33 (18.54)	178 (100)
<b>Hypertension grade I&amp;II</b>	113 (80.71)	27 (19.29)	140 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 8.491</b>	<b>df = 2</b>	<b>p = 0.014</b>	

In our study, among 62 participants with normal systolic blood pressure 22 (35.48%) had thyroid disorders and among 178 pre-hypertensive and 140 participants with hypertension grade I & II, 33 (18.54%) and 27 (19.29%) had thyroid disorders respectively. No positive association was observed between thyroid disorders and increased systolic blood pressure.

**Table 51: Association with thyroid disorders with diastolic blood pressure  
(n = 380)**

<b>DBP categories</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Thyroid disorders (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Normal</b>	72 (76.59)	22(23.41)	94 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Pre – hypertension</b>	132 (79.04)	35 (20.96)	167 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Hypertension grade I&amp; II</b>	94 (78.99)	25 (21.01)	119 ( <b>100</b> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 0.364$	df = 3	p = 0.947	

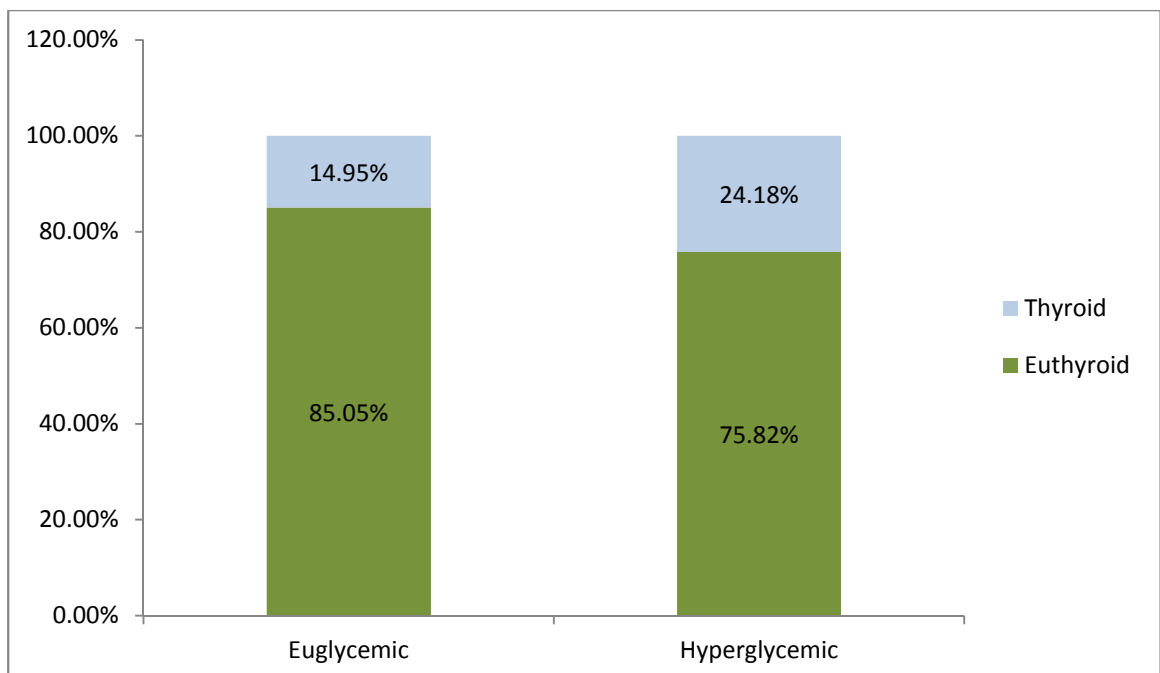
In our study, among 72 participants with normal diastolic blood pressure 22 (23.41%) had thyroid disorders and among 167 pre-hypertensive and 119 participants with hypertension grade I & II, 35 (20.96%) and 25 (21.01%) had thyroid disorders respectively. The association between thyroid disorders and diastolic blood pressure was not statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 0.364$ , p = 0.947)

**Table 52: Association of the thyroid disorder with glycemic status (n = 380)**

Glycemic Status	Euthyroid (%)	Thyroid Disorder (%)	Total (%)
Euglycemic	91 (85.05)	16 (14.95)	107 (100)
Hyperglycemic	207 (75.82)	66 (24.18)	273 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298(78.42)</b>	<b>82 (21.58)</b>	<b>380(100)</b>
<b>t2 = 3.864</b>			<b>df = 1</b>
			<b>p = 0.049</b>

The study showed that the prevalence of thyroid disorders was seen more among the participants with hyperglycemia (24.18%). The prevalence of thyroid disorders with euglycemic participants was 14.95%. The association of thyroid disorders with glycemic status was statistically significant ( $t^2 = 3.864$ ;  $p = 0.049$ ).

**Graph 24: Association of the thyroid disorder with glycemic status (n = 380)**

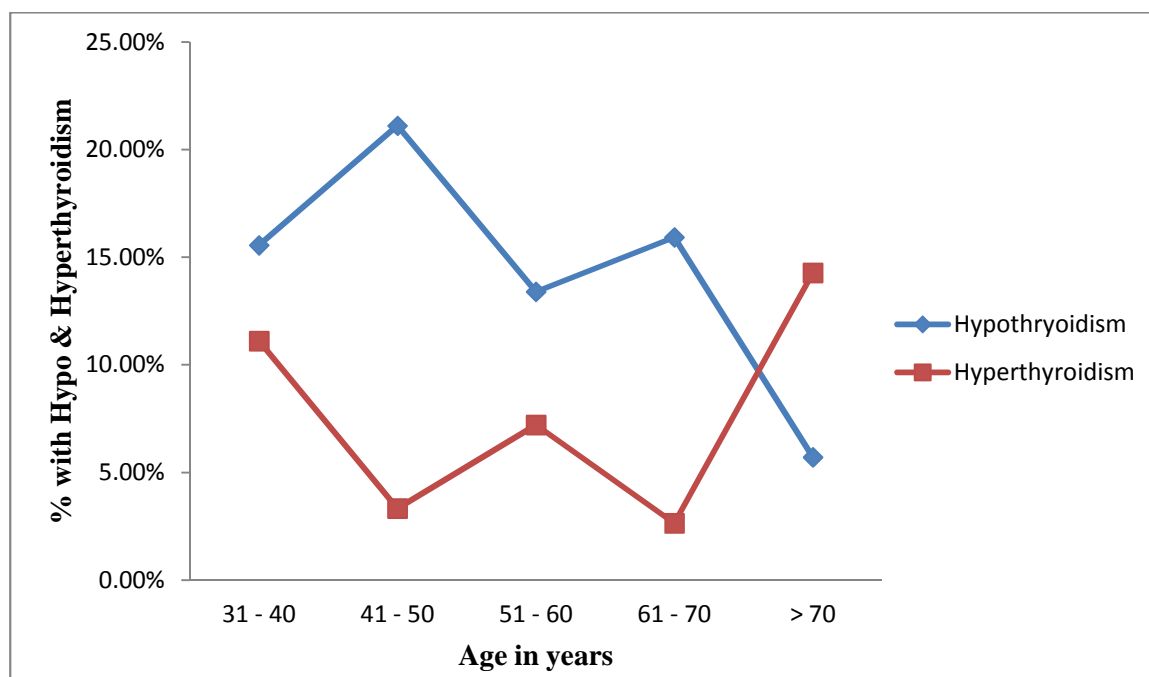


**Table 53: Association of Hypothyroidism and Hyperthyroidism with age****(n = 380)**

Age (years)	Euthyroid (%)	Hypothyroidism (%)	Hyperthyroidism (%)	Total (%)
31 – 40	33 (73.33)	7 (15.56)	5 (11.11)	45 (100)
41 – 50	68 (79.56)	19 (21.11)	3 (3.33)	90 (100)
51 – 60	77 (79.39)	13 (13.40)	7 (7.21)	97 (100)
61 – 70	92 (81.42)	18 (15.93)	3 (2.65)	113 (100)
70 & above	28 (80.00)	2 (5.71)	5 (14.28)	35 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>59 (15.53)</b>	<b>23 (6.05)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 13.961$				
$df = 8$				
$p = 0.082$				

In our study, no age specific trend was observed with maximum number of Hypothyroidism, 21.11% was found in age group 41 to 50, followed by in the age group 61 to 70 (15.93%). Hyperthyroidism was found mostly among the age group 70 & above. No statistical association ( $p = 0.082$ ) was found between age and hypothyroidism & hyperthyroidism

**Graph 25: Association of Hypothyroidism and Hyperthyroidism with age  
(n = 380)**

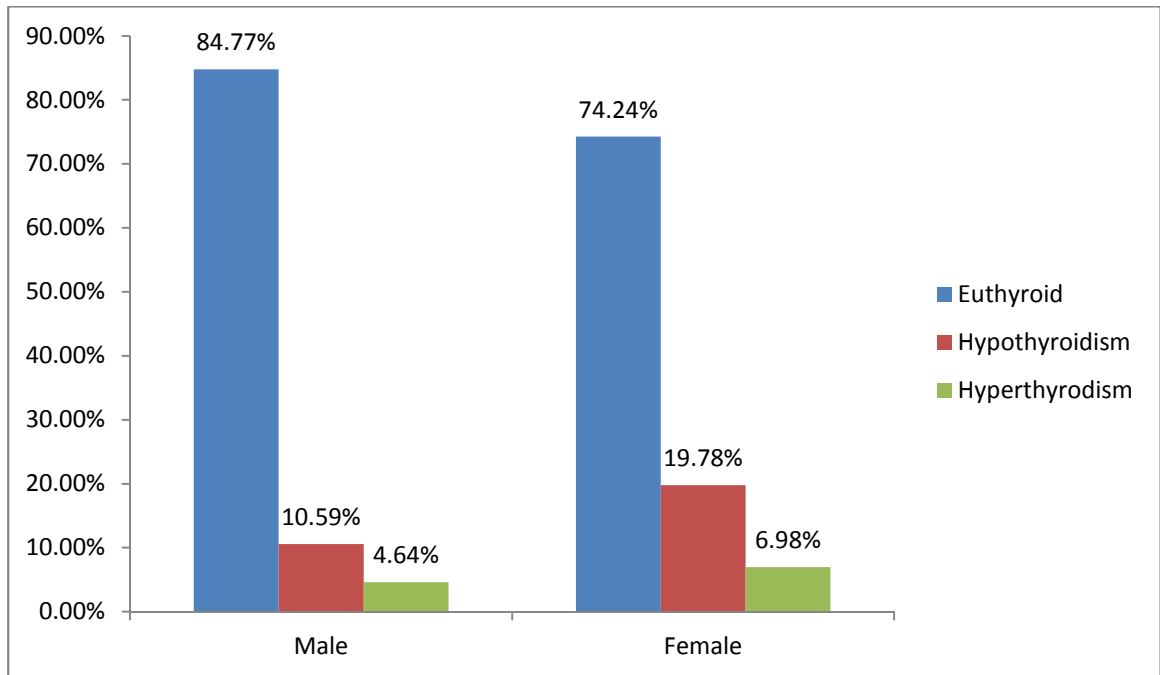


**Table 54: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with gender  
(n = 380)**

Gender	Euthyroid (%)	Hypothyroidism (%)	Hyperthyroidism (%)	Total (%)
Male	128 (84.77)	16 (10.59)	7 (4.64)	151 (100)
Female	170 (74.24)	43(18.78)	16 (6.98)	229 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>59 (15.53)</b>	<b>23 (6.05)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>
<b>t2 = 6.041</b>		<b>df = 2</b>	<b>p = 0.048</b>	

In our study, female study participants showed significantly increased prevalence of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism ( $\chi^2 = 6.041$ ;  $p = 0.048$ ) than the male participants. Among 229 females, 43 (18.78%) were hypothyroid and 16 (6.98%) were hyperthyroid.

**Graph 26: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with gender  
(n = 380)**



**Table 55: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with duration of diabetes mellitus (n = 380)**

<b>Duration (years)</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Hypothyroidism (%)</b>	<b>Hyperthyroidism (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
<b>Less than 1</b>	30 (73.17)	7(17.07)	4(9.76)	41 (100)
<b>1 – 5</b>	149 (79.68)	29(15.51)	9(4.81)	187 (100)
<b>5 - 10</b>	70 (80.46)	11(12.64)	6(6.80)	87 (100)
<b>More than 10</b>	49 (75.38)	12(18.46)	4(6.15)	65 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>59 (15.53)</b>	<b>23 (6.05)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>
<b>t2 = 2.701</b>		<b>df = 1</b>		<b>p = 0.702</b>

In our present study, the presence of hypothyroidism was most commonly seen when the duration of diabetes was more than 10 years (18.46%) followed by less than 1 year duration (17.07%). Hyperthyroidism was found commonly when the duration was less than 1 year (9.76%) and 5 to 10 years (6.80%). There was no statistical significance ( $\chi^2 = 6.041$ ,  $p = 0.84$ ) noted between duration of diabetes mellitus and hypothyroidism & hyperthyroidism.

**Table 56: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with family history of thyroid disorders (n = 380)**

<b>Family history</b>	<b>Euthyroid (%)</b>	<b>Hypothyroidism (%)</b>	<b>Hyperthyroidism (%)</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Present	19 (70.37)	5(18.52)	3(11.11)	<b>27 (100)</b>
Absent	279 (79.04)	54(15.30)	20(5.66)	<b>353(100)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>59 (15.53)</b>	<b>23 (6.05)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>
$\chi^2 = 2.02$		df = 2		p = 0.364

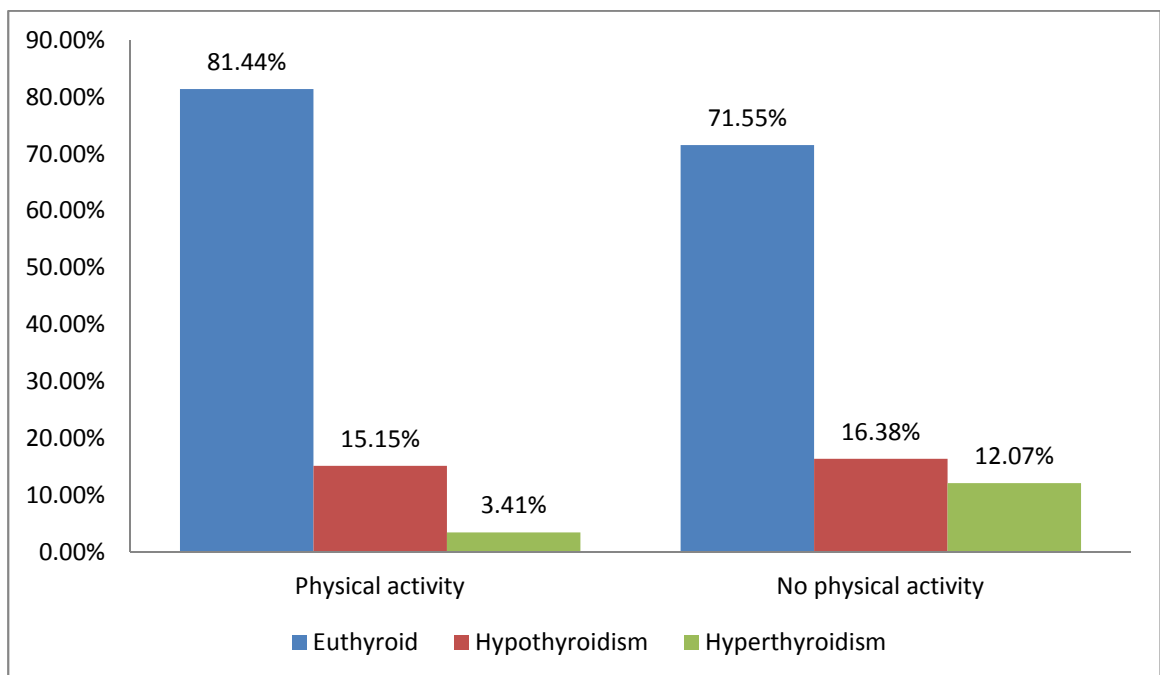
In our study, among 27 study participants with family history of thyroid disorders, 5 (18.52%) were hypothyroid and 3 (11.11%) were hyperthyroid. No statistical significance was noted between them.

**Table 57: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with physical activity during leisure time (n = 380)**

Physical activity	Euthyroid (%)	Hypothyroidism (%)	Hyperthyroidism (%)	Total (%)
Yes	215 (81.44)	40 (15.15)	9(3.41)	264 (100)
No	83 (71.55)	19 (16.38)	14 (12.07)	116 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>298 (78.42)</b>	<b>59 (15.53)</b>	<b>23 (6.05)</b>	<b>380 (100)</b>
<b>t2 = 11.068</b>		<b>df = 2</b>		<b>p = 0.003</b>

In our study, hypothyroidism (16.38%) and hyperthyroidism (12.7) were observed more common in participants who do not practice any exercise during leisure time. This association was statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 11.068$ ,  $p = 0.03$ )

**Graph 27: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with physical activity during leisure time (n = 380)**



**Table 58: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with type of diet**  
(n = 380)

Type of diet	Euthyroid (%)	Hypothyroidism (%)	Hyperthyroidism (%)	Total (%)
Vegetarian	152 (81.28)	27 (14.44)	8(4.28)	187 (100)
Non – Vegetarian	146 (75.64)	29 (15.02)	15 (7.78)	193 (100)
Total	298 (78.42)	59 (15.53)	23 (6.05)	380 (100)
$\chi^2 = 2.581$ $df = 2$ $p = 0.275$				

In our present study, we found that both hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism were more among non – vegetarians with 15.02% and 7.78% when compared with vegetarians with 14.44% and 4.28% respectively. However this association between hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism and type of diet was not statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 2.581$   $p = 0.275$ )

**Table 59: Association of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism with Waist hip ratio (n=380)**

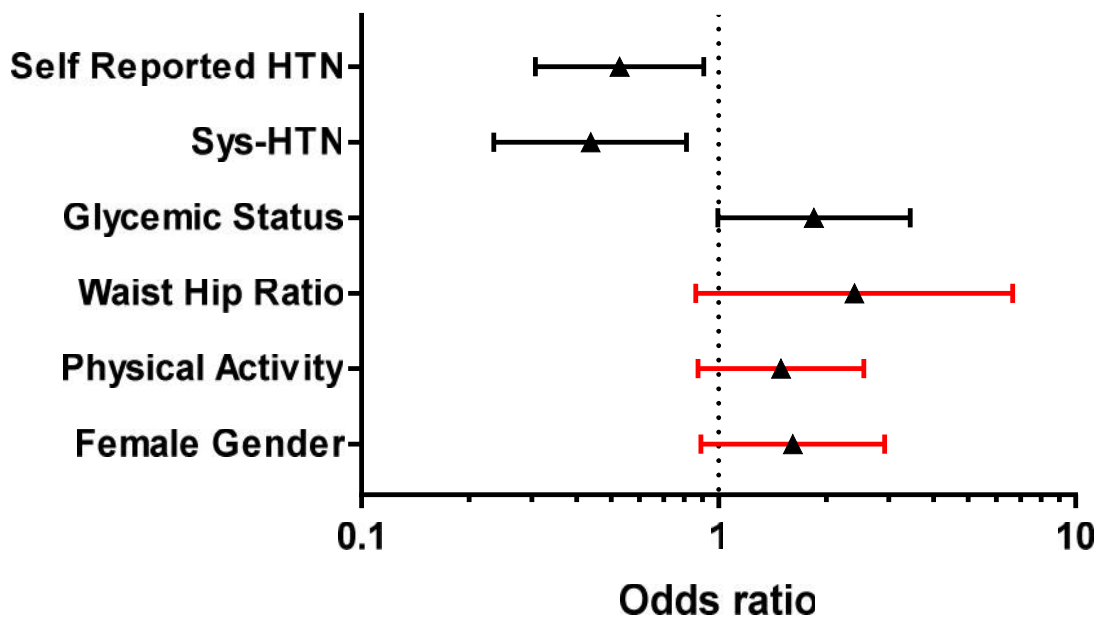
Waist hip ratio	Euthyroid (%)	Hypothyroidism (%)	Hyperthyroidism (%)	Total (%)
Normal	47 (90.38)	4 (7.69)	1 (1.92)	52 (100)
Abnormal	251 (76.52)	55 (16.77)	22 (6.71)	328 (100)
Total	298 (78.42)	59 (15.53)	23 (6.05)	380 (100)
$\chi^2 = 5.178$ $df = 1$ $p = 0.07$				

The studied showed that hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism was found more among those with abdominal obesity 55 (16.77%) and 22 (6.71%) than those with normal waist hip ratio and this association was not statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 5.178$ ,  $p = 0.07$ )



Multivariate analysis demonstrated the odds ratio and 95% CI for different risk factors for thyroid dysfunction, hyperglycemic status was the strongest risk factor with a odds ratio (OR) 1.85 (95% CI, 0.996 – 3.443) with p value 0.05. Waist hip ratio had an odds ratio of 2.40 (95% CI 0.863 – 6.672) with p value 0.093. Female gender had an OR of 1.614 (95% CI 0.893 – 2.915) and p value 0.113. No physical activity during leisure time had an odds ratio of 1.496 (0.876 – 2.553) with p value 0.140. Self-reported hypertension and systolic hypertension had a low odd ratio of 0.528 (0.307–909), and 0.438 (0.235 – 0.814) with p value 0.021 and 0.009 respectively.

**Graph 28: Forest plot of odds ratio of risk factors of thyroid dysfunction among the study participants**



## DISCUSSION

The present study was conducted in the Urban Health Centres of Ashok Nagar and Rukmini Nagar which are the field practice areas of Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KAHER, Belagavi. In total, 380 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients were recruited for the study. The duration of the study period was from January to December 2017.

Prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients become an attention in epidemiological studies in the field of endocrinology in the last decade. This study obtained proportion of hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients.

### **I. Socio-demographic profile of study participants**

The mean age and standard deviation of the study participants was  $56.25 \pm 11.24$ . The distribution of the 380 study participants was such that most of them were between the age group 41 and 60 years 187(49.21%), 45 (11.85%) were up to 40 years, and 35 patients (9.21%) were 71 years or more. This shows that T2DM was more prevalent between 41 and 60 years of age. This observation was similar to WHO report which predicts that, in India and other developing countries the highest increase would occur in the age group of 41-60 year of age group.<sup>[21]</sup>

In a study conducted by Madavaram Sreelatha et al. in Warangal, Karnataka there were 108 participants with type 2 diabetes mellitus patients out of which 14 patients (13%) were up to 40 years, 78 patients (72.2%) were between 41 and 60 years, and 16 patients (14.8%) were 61 years or more which is on par with our studies.<sup>[21]</sup>In another study carried out by Navneet Agrawal et al. most of the patients

were above the age group of 50 years (66%) and mean age of the study population was  $54.63 \pm 8.85$  years.<sup>[37]</sup> (Table 1)

Most of the study participants were females, 229 (60.26%) and the remaining were males 151 (39.74%). Female to male ratio was 1.52:1. This observation was similar to a study conducted by Bilal Wani et al. who reported that prevalence of diabetes among women was higher than in men with female to male ratio of 1.41:1.<sup>[23]</sup> However, Jali et al. reported that diabetes was more prevalent in men (58.48%) than in women (41.51%) with the ratio 1.4:1 (M:F).<sup>[13]</sup> This contrast in observation was because the data collection was carried out during the working hours. (Table 2)

The religious division of the study participants showed that Hindus were the most with 249 (65.53%) and Muslims were 113 (29.73%). The least participants were Jains and Christians. This observation was similar to a study conducted in coastal Karnataka by Chythra R. Rao et al. 85.6% were Hindus, 8.6% were Muslims and 5.7% were Christians.<sup>[38]</sup> (Table 3)

The study participants were mostly illiterate with 114 (30%) participants and 89 (23.42%) had studied up to secondary school. 60 (15.79%) had a graduate degree. Chythra R. Rao et al. showed that, only 6.1% of the study participants were graduated and 18.8% of the study participants did not receive any kind of formal education which is lower than that was observed in our study.<sup>[38]</sup> (Table 4)

In the present study, majority of study participants were home makers (55.79%) and self-employed (20.26%). Only 9.74% of them were government employees. Out of the 1239 respondents in a study by Chythra R. Rao et al. 44% were housewives and 9.9% were unemployed and retired.<sup>[38]</sup> Similarly, another study

conducted by Iman Subekti et al in Indonesia showed that 41.1% were housewives and 32.4% were retired.<sup>[18]</sup> (Table 5)

In the present study, majority of study participants belonged to class IV SES (32.37%) followed by class III (25.79%) and the least belonged to class II (12.89%) and class V (12.63%). According to a study conducted by U. Padmanabha et al. in Mangalore 31.4% belonged to class IV and 29.2% class V socio-economic status.<sup>[39]</sup> (Table 6)

The proportion of married participants were similar in our study and in a study done at Mangalore, Karnataka which was 88.2% vs. 93.4% respectively.<sup>[39]</sup> This can be attributed to the fact that most of the participants in both the studies have mean age in the mid or late fifties and by this age most of the Indian would have been married. (Table 7)

In the present study, most of the study participants stayed either in joint families (52.37%) or nuclear families (39.47%). (Table 8)

Most of the study participants 192 (50.52%) had 1 to 3 symptoms, 20.79% had 4 to 6 symptoms and 15 (3.95%) had more than 7 symptoms. 94 (24.74%) of the subjects were asymptomatic. The most common symptom reported by the participants were fatigue (48.60%), followed by sleep disturbances (31.12%), constipation (23.42%), muscle cramps (23.42%). This observation could be due to overlapping clinical signs and symptoms between thyroid disorder and diabetes mellitus. (Table 9)

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## II. PREVALENCE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE RISK FACTORS

In our study, among 229 female participants 159 (64.43%) had attained menopause; 35 (15.28%) had normal menstrual cycle and 35 (15.28%) had history of menstrual disturbances. The higher proportions of the participants are those who had attained menopause in our study, since most of the study participants are above 50 years old. (Table 10)

Most of the study participants, 187 (49.21%) had 1-5 years of duration of diabetes mellitus. 87 (22.89%) had more than 10 years of duration of diabetes mellitus. Only 41 (10.79%) had the duration less than 1 year duration of diabetes. The majority of people are in the age group between 41 and 60 years and have duration of disease up to 5 years. This observation is on par with a study conducted by Madavaram Sreelatha et al which showed that 70.4% (76/108) of the patients had duration of diabetes up to 5 years, 18.5% (20/108) had duration between 6 and 10 years, and 11.1% (12/108) more than 10 years.<sup>[21]</sup> Maaz Ozair et al. studied 250 diabetics, 67.6% of them had the duration of diabetes up to 5 years, 20.4% had the duration 5-10 years and 12% of the patients the duration of illness were more than 10 years.<sup>[25]</sup> (Table 11)

In present study, overall prevalence of self-reported hypertension was 42.89%. Other illness found among the participants were Coronary Heart Disease [8(2.36%)], Systemic lupus erythematosus [3 (0.79%)]. Among 393 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients studied by Shyaminda Kahandawa et al. in Sri Lanka, the self-reported prevalence of hypertension was 72.63% which was higher than the reported prevalence in our study.<sup>[17]</sup> In a similar study conducted by V. Ueckermann et al. in South Africa the self-reported Hypertension was 78%.<sup>[14]</sup> This discrepancy in the result can be because the above mentioned study was conducted in a hospital setting

while our study was conducted in a community setting. Also the early screening and treatment for hypertension is yet to be well established at the community level. (Table 12)

Among the study participants, 27 participants (7.11%) had a family history of thyroid disorders. Among them 19 (70.37%) had either of the parent with a positive history. 8 (29.63%) had their siblings with a history of thyroid disorders. Family history as noted by Shyaminda Kahandawa et al. showed positive family history in first degree relatives as 6%.<sup>[17]</sup>(Table 13)

Out of the 380 study participants, only 61 (16.05%) of them had the habit of consuming tobacco and 64 (16.84%) had the habit of alcohol consumption. Metab Al-Geffari et al. had reported similar findings of tobacco consumption (17.4%).<sup>[40]</sup> (Table 14 & 15)

Most of the study participant, 349 (91.84%) were on oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin was used by 26 (6.84%) and 5 (1.32%) were on both oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin. Imam Subekti et al. showed that relatively a higher proportion of the patients, 20.7% patients were only on insulin therapy whereas 48.4% patients were on oral hypoglycemic drugs and 30.4% on both insulin and oral hypoglycemic drugs.<sup>[14]</sup> This is because most of the study participants take their regular diabetic medications from the Urban Health Centres where there is no availability of Insulin. (Table 16)

A total of 264 (69.48%) patients practice regular leisure time physical activity out of which 238 (62.63%) did regular walking, 23 (6.05%) practiced yoga and 3 (0.79%) went gym. Others did not practice any regular physical activity. This

observation indicates participant's awareness towards importance of regular exercise in the management of diabetes. (Table 17)

Most of our study participants, 365 (96.05%) purchased iodized salt for cooking. This observation is higher when compared with an editorial article based on National Family Health Survey – 4 (NFHS-4) written by Kumar et al. which reported 86.8% iodised salt usage in Karnataka.<sup>[41]</sup> (Table 18)

Extra salt consumption documented in our study was 13.58% and 86.84% did not take extra salt consumption by the plate. (Table 19)

Most of the study participants consumed goitrogens, 59.21% less than 2 times per week and 40.79% more than two times per week. The common goitrogens consumed were cauliflower and cabbage. (Table 20)

It was observed that 187 (49.21%) consumed vegetarian food and 197 (50.79%) followed non-vegetarian diet. According to Sample Registration System (SRS) survey 79.1% of the population in Karnataka were non-vegetarians which is high when compared to our study.<sup>[42]</sup> (Table 21)

In the present study the overall prevalence of overweight and obesity were 48.68% and 28.95% respectively and the mean BMI of the study participants was 25.89. Study conducted in Warangal reported 59.2% of overweight and obese.<sup>[21]</sup> Similar observation was made in a study conducted by Shyaminda Kahandawa et al reported mean BMI of 26.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.<sup>[17]</sup> (Table 22)

The overall prevalence of central obesity assessed by WC and WHR were 79.53% and 86.32% respectively, in our study. Women had higher values of WC and WHR. Similar findings using WHR showed, higher prevalence of central obesity

among women (97.8%) than among men (72.2%) with overall prevalence of central obesity among diabetic patients was 90.63% in a study done in rural area of Mangalore district of Karnataka.<sup>[39]</sup> “Asian Indian phenotype” is characterized by less of generalized obesity (measured by BMI) and greater central body obesity as shown by greater WC and WHR. This explains the difference in prevalence of obesity using BMI vs WHR and WC in our study. (Tables 23 & 24)

In the present study the prevalence of systolic and diastolic hypertension was 36.85% and 31.31% respectively. A study was done in Warangal which supports our findings of higher proportion of hypertension (50%). Mohammed Salman et al. in Mysore, India reported overall higher prevalence of hypertension (37.1%).<sup>[43]</sup> (Tables 25 & 26)

In our study, 271 (71.32%) participants had hyperglycemia with fasting blood sugar level of > 126 mg/dl or post prandial blood glucose level of > 200 mg/dl. The mean serum FBS was  $153.3 \pm 46.25$  and that of PPBS was  $229.18 \pm 75.34$  mg/dl. Similar high values of FBS and PPBS were observed in a study conducted by Palma CC et al. in Rio de Janerio, Brazil with mean FBS of  $139 \pm 74.9$  and PPBS  $213 \pm 81.5$  mg/dl.<sup>[2]</sup> Another study conducted by Bharat et al. in Manipur, India reported that the participants with FBS > 120 mg/dl were 43.3% with mean value of  $126.17 \pm 37.92$  mg/dl.<sup>[44]</sup> (Table 27)

### **III. PREVALENCE OF THYROID DISORDERS**

Among the 380 study participants, the overall prevalence of thyroid disorders was found to be 21.58% and the most common thyroid disorder was subclinical hypothyroid with 13.68%. Our observations are in consistence with the previous similar studies performed in India and other countries. Jali et al. reported a prevalence

of 16.2%.<sup>[13]</sup> Madavaram Sreelatha et al. reported a prevalence of 13.1% with most common thyroid disorder as subclinical hypothyroidism.<sup>[21]</sup> Bilal Wani et al. reported a prevalence of 17.3% with subclinical hypothyroidism (9%) as the most common disorder, in Delhi.<sup>[23]</sup> A study conducted in Assam by Anuradha Deurieta et al. reported 22.5% with subclinical hypothyroidism (14.1%).<sup>[45]</sup> Higher prevalence was observed in studies conducted by Maaz Ozair et al., in Aligarh (28%), Nidhi Kaely et al., in Uttarkhand (24%) and Navneet Agarwal et al., in Gwalior (27.8%).<sup>[25][19][37]</sup> Another study done by Palma CC et al had reported a prevalence of 14.7% in patients with diabetes.<sup>[2]</sup> Papazafiropalou et al did a similar study in Greek and reported that the overall prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in T2DM patients to be 12.3%.<sup>[15]</sup> (Table 28)

#### **IV. ASSOCIATION OF THYROID DISORDERS WITH RISK FACTORS AND SOCIO – DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES**

Among the patients with abnormal thyroid profile (82), 12 (14.63%) were found to be of age 40 or less, 22 (26.82%) were in between 41 and 50 years age group, 20 (24.39%) were found to be in between 51 and 60 years, and 29 (35.36%) of them were of age group 61 and above. Although there is a difference, when compared between patients with normal and abnormal thyroid profile, it has no statistical significance ( $P = 0.767$ ). Madavaram Sreelatha et al. in their study found that thyroid disorders in diabetes mellitus patients had no significant association with the age of the study participants. This study supports our findings.<sup>[21]</sup> The present study findings contradict with that of Jali et al. who in their study found that age of the study participants had significant association with altered thyroid profile in diabetic patients.<sup>[13]</sup> (Table 29)

Among 229 female study participants, 58 (25.33%) showed presence of thyroid dysfunction. Thyroid disorder in female participants 71.95% (59/82) were more in number when compared with male participants 28.05% (23/82). Compared between patients with normal and abnormal thyroid profile the difference is statistically significant ( $P = 0.014$ ). Jali et al., et al., and Madavaram Sreelatha et al. in their studies found that the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction was significantly higher in the female than in the male diabetic patients.<sup>[13][21]</sup> Furthermore, Metab Al-Geffari et al found a significant correlation between female gender and altered thyroid profile (RR of 1.95 (95% CI, 1.36–2.78) with  $P$  value  $< 0.0001$ ).<sup>[46]</sup> (Table 30)

The study had more number of 249 (65.53%) Hindu participants and followed by 113 (29.73%) Muslim participants. The prevalence of thyroid disorders was found to be highest among the Hindu population with 52.44% (43/82) and the Muslim had 46.34% (38/82). The increased prevalence of thyroid disorders among the Hindu participants can be due to increased number of Hindu participants in our study. (Table 31)

In the present study, no significant relationship was found between presence of thyroid disorders and education level of the participants. (Table 32)

The prevalence of thyroid dysfunction was high among home makers (25%) followed by self-employed (19.48%). High prevalence among home makers can be because of high association of thyroid disorders among female participants found in our study. (Table 33)

The thyroid disorders were found to be the most in class IV with 36 (29.27) followed by in class I and class III with 13 (20.97%) and 19 (19.39%). The least number of cases were observed in the class II with 7 (14.29%) and class V with 7

(14.58%). This study coincides with the statement that non – communicable diseases are a global disease and not linked to a particular social class. (Table 34)

Among the 82 patients with abnormal thyroid profile, 46.34% had duration of diabetes for 1 to 5 years, 17 (20.73%) had duration between 6 and 10 years and 16 (19.5%) more than 10 years. The difference is statistically not significant when compared with normal and abnormal thyroid profile. Similarly, Madavaram Sreelatha et al., Jali et al., Maaz Ozair et al. in their study found that thyroid disorders had no significant association with the duration of diabetes mellitus. (Table 35)

In our study, among 27 study participants with family history of thyroid disorders 29.63% had thyroid disorders and 70.37% had no thyroid disorders whereas among 353 study participants without family history of thyroid disorders 20.96% had thyroid disorders. The association between the family history and thyroid disorders was not significant. In a study conducted by Kahandawa et al. showed significant association with family history of thyroid disorders with 59.09% (13/22) which was contrary to our findings. (Table 37)

In our study, no relationship was seen between abnormal thyroid profile with tobacco and alcohol consumption. A study conducted by Fei Song et al. in China showed a significant association between smoking and thyroid disorders. This difference in observation can be due to the fact the most of the study participants in our study were of female gender. Hardly very few females at this age group have the habit of smoking in India.<sup>[24]</sup> (Table 38 & 39)

Out of 82 patients with thyroid abnormality, 91.46% (75/82) were on OHA, 6.09% (5/82) were on insulin, and 2.44% (2/82) were on both OHA/insulin. Compared with normal thyroid profile group, it has no statistical significance. This

finding was on par with the study conducted by Madavaram Sreelatha et al. (Table 40)

In our study, prevalence of thyroid disorders was found more among those who did not practice any physical activity during leisure time (28.45%). Compared with normal thyroid profile group, it was statistically significant. (Table 41)

No significant association was found between thyroid disorders and extra salt consumption (Table 42)

The prevalence of thyroid disorders was more among the non-vegetarians (24.36%) when compared with vegetarians (18.72%). However, no significant association was found between thyroid disorders and type of diet. (Table 44)

In our study, participants with presence of more than 7 symptoms had high proportion of thyroid disorders (46.67%) followed by the participants with 4 – 6 symptoms (31.65%) and 1 – 3 symptoms (22.39%). This association between thyroid disorders and presence of increased number of symptoms was statistically significant ( $\chi^2 = 21.479$ ,  $p = 0.0008$ ).

The prevalence of thyroid disorders increased with increasing number of symptoms related to thyroid disorders. Symptoms which were seen in higher proportion in hypothyroid disorders participants were facial puffiness, excessive daytime sleepiness, and constipation, difficulty in tolerating cold, fatigue, dry skin and dry hair. Symptoms which were seen in mostly in individuals with hyperthyroid disorders were difficulty in tolerating heat, hand tremor, increased appetite, and swelling in the neck. A study conducted by Manjunath C et al. in Bangalore reported

that the common symptoms seen among subclinical hypothyroid were dry skin, fatigue and poorer memory.<sup>[22]</sup> (Table 45 &46)

Out of 82 patients with abnormal thyroid profile, 48.78% (40/82) had overweight and 31.71% (26/82) were obese. The mean BMI of the patients with altered thyroid profile was 26.01 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> compared to 25.93 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> in patients with normal thyroid profile. However, there was no significant correlation between BMI and abnormal thyroid profile. This observation was similar to the findings of the studies conducted by Madavaram Sreelatha et al. and Maaz Ozair et al.<sup>[21][25]</sup> (Table 47)

In our study, the prevalence of thyroid disorders with abdominal obesity assessed by WC and WHR were 21.85% and 23.48% respectively. No statistical significance was observed between WC abdominal obesity and normal thyroid profile, whereas the association of WHR and abnormal thyroid profile was statistically significant. (Table 48 & 49)

In the present study, no positive association was observed between thyroid disorders and systolic as well as diastolic hypertension. Similar studies, Madavaram Sreelatha et al. and Metab Al-Geffari et al. reported no significant association between systolic and diastolic hypertension.<sup>[21][46]</sup> (Table 50 & 51)

Out of 82 participants with abnormal thyroid profile, 66 (80.49%) of the participants were hyperglycemic and 16 (19.15%) were euglycemic. The mean FBS and PPBS of the participants among the participants with altered thyroid profile were 161.7 and 243.8 mg/dl and were 150.3 and 224.3 mg/dl among normal thyroid profile were respectively. The association between thyroid disorders and hyperglycemic state

was found statistically significant. This findings was on par with the study conducted by Bharat et al., Manipur.<sup>[44]</sup> (Table 52)

In our study, 55.93% (33/59) Hypothyroidism was found in age group of 51 and above and 44.07% (26/59) in the age group of 31 – 40 years. Similarly 65.22% (15/23) hyperthyroidism was found in age group of 51 and above and 34.78% (8/23). No statistically significant age specific trend was observed. (Table 53)

In our study hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus was seen to be significantly associated with the gender of the participants and physical activity during leisure time with p value 0.048 and 0.03 respectively, whereas no association was noted with duration of diabetes (p value = 0.702), family history of thyroid disorders (p value= 0.364), type of diet (p value = 0.275), waist hip ratio (p = 0.07) and with glycemic status (p value =0.139). This observation is consistent with the study conducted by Jali et al. which showed females are at increased risk of developing hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism.<sup>[13]</sup> (Table 54 - 60)

#### **V. Multivariate Logistic regression analysis: Association between various parameters with thyroid dysfunction**

In our study, univariate analysis showed significant association between thyroid disorders and gender, waist hip ratio, hyperglycemic status, and physical activity during leisure time. Multivariate analysis of these variables demonstrated hyperglycemic status with significant association with an odds ratio (OR) of 1.85 (95% CI, 0.996 – 3.443) with p value 0.05. Waist hip ratio had an odds ratio of 2.40 (95% CI 0.863 – 6.672) with p value 0.093. Female gender had an OR of 1.614 (95% CI 0.893 – 2.915) and p value 0.113. No physical activity during leisure time had an odds ratio of 1.496 (0.876 – 2.553) with p value 0.140. Self-reported hypertension and

systolic hypertension had a low odd ratio of 0.528 (0.307–909), and 0.438 (0.235 – 0.814) with p value 0.021 and 0.009 respectively. In a study conducted by Papazafiropoulou et al. multivariate analysis demonstrated, after controlling for BMI, that presence of thyroid dysfunction was related only with gender (OR: 0.220, 95% CI: 0.141 - 0.352) and LDL- cholesterol levels (OR: 0.990, 95% CI: 0.985 - 0.995).<sup>[15]</sup> Another study conducted by Metab Al-Geffari reported positive family history for thyroid diseases the strongest risk factor with a relative risk (RR) of 3.39 (95% CI, 2.47–4.63) with *P* value <0.0001, followed by female gender with RR of 1.95 (95% CI, 1.36–2.78) with *P* value < 0.0001.<sup>[46]</sup> (Table 61)

## CONCLUSION

The present cross sectional study reported a high prevalence of thyroid disorders to be 21.58%. Sub-clinical hypothyroidism was more common than other conditions which constituted 13.68% of the thyroid dysfunction in the type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. Clinical hypothyroidism was (1.85%), hyperthyroidism was 6.05% [clinical hyperthyroidism (3.94%) and subclinical hyperthyroidism (2.11%)].

Thyroid disorders are more in females (25.33%) than males (15.89%). Hypothyroidism (18.78%) and hyperthyroidism (6.98%) in females and in males, hypothyroidism was 10.59% and hyperthyroidism 4.64%.

Though symptoms were overlapping between the hypothyroid and hyperthyroid subjects, symptoms which were predominantly seen among hypothyroid individuals were facial puffiness, excessive daytime sleepiness, constipation, dry skin and thick brittle nails, weight gain, difficulty in tolerating cold and fatigue. Similarly symptoms which were predominantly seen among hyperthyroid individuals were hand tremors and difficulty in tolerating heat.

Our study showed high hyperglycemic individuals (71.84%) based on FBS and PPBS even with regular treatment indicating poor management of type 2 diabetes mellitus in the community. Abnormal thyroid dysfunction with hyperglycemic status (80.49%) showed a significant association. In addition presence of thyroid dysfunction was significantly associated with not involving in any physical activity during leisure time, increased waist hip ratio. Multivariate analysis demonstrated the presence of thyroid disorder was related with glycemic status of the participants with odds ratio 1.85 (CI, 0.996 – 3.443)

Based on the high prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients regular screening and early intervention should be done especially in females with T2DM patients. Strong suspicion of thyroid dysfunction in patients with uncontrolled glycemic levels should be taken into account in the comprehensive management of diabetes mellitus.

## **STRENGTHS**

1. This cross sectional study was conducted in a community based setting and very few such studies have been conducted so far

## **LIMITATIONS**

The limitations of the present study are

1. Associated thyroid autoimmunity was not evaluated due to constraints. Hence, it was not able to refine the spectrum of thyroid dysfunction in Type 2 diabetes mellitus patient.
2. Glycemic status was assessed based on FBS and PPBS but HbA1c which is a better indicator was not done due to financial constraints.
3. Our study was a cross sectional study, follow up was not done for assessment of thyroid dysfunction during the course of diabetes and any possible relation thereof with respect to long term morbidity and mortality.
4. Temporality of the given associations was unclear because of the cross-sectional design.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Prospective cohort studies should be carried out to determine the possible causal relationship between thyroid dysfunction and type 2 diabetes mellitus.
2. Further studies should be carried out to determine the effect of thyroid dysfunction of the diabetic complications.
3. Higher prevalence of thyroid disorders with most common being subclinical hypothyroidism which is more common in females and in those with poor glycemic controls makes it mandatory to regularly screen patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus for thyroid dysfunction so as to guide clinicians on the optimal management of both these conditions.
4. Regular check-up of blood glucose, consultation with doctor and adherence to the line of treatment should be strictly followed.
5. Information, Education and Communication regarding diet, exercise and self-care of diabetes.

## SUMMARY

The present study was a community based cross sectional study undertaken to determine the prevalence of thyroid disorders and its associated risk factors in type 2 diabetes mellitus. The study was conducted in urban field practice area of Ashok Nagar and Rukmini nagar which are the field practice areas of Department of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KAHER, Belagavi on 380 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus during the period of January 2017 to December 2017.

In the present study, 29.73% were in the age group of 61 - 70 years and 25.52% were in the age group of 51 – 60 years forming the majority of the participants. The average age of the study participant was  $56.25 \pm 11.24$  (mean  $\pm$  S.D.) with a range of 32 to 80 years of age. 60.26% were females forming the major portion and 39.74% were males. Majority of the study participants were home makers (55.79%) and self-employed were 20.26%. 30% of the participants did not have any kind of formal education; 23.42% of them studied up to secondary and 22.63% primary school; Majority of study participants belonged to SES class IV (32.37%); 65.53% of participants were Hindus; most of them were married (88.15%) and 52.37% of the participants were living in a joint family.

24.74% of the participants were asymptomatic and 75.26% had presented with symptoms of thyroid related symptoms. 64.43% of the female participants had attained menopause and 15.28% had menstrual disturbances.

The study participants' duration of diabetes varied. 10.79% had diabetes since less than 1 year. Most of them, 49.21% had diabetes from 1-5 years, 22.89% had

diabetes since 5-10 years and 17.11% were living with diabetes for more than 10 years. 91.84% were on Oral Hypoglycemic Agents. 7.11% had family history of thyroid disorders.

The prevalence of tobacco consumption and alcohol consumption was 16.05% and 16.84% respectively. The prevalence of self-reported hypertension was 39.74% and coronary heart disease was 2.36%. 69.47% of the participants practiced regular physical activity during leisure time and 30.53% did not practice any regular physical activity. 96.05% of the participants use iodized cooking salt, 13.58% consumed extra salt other than that added to the cooked food. Mean weekly consumption of goitrogens was  $2.39 \pm 0.8$  times. The common goitrogens consumed were cauliflower and cabbage; Vegetarians were 49.21% and non-vegetarians were 50.79%.

The overall prevalence of overweight and obesity was 48.68% and 28.95% respectively. The mean BMI was  $25.89 \pm 3.86$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Prevalence of central obesity assessed by WC and WHR were 79.47% and 86.32% respectively. This prevalence among women was higher than that of men.

The prevalence of systolic pre-hypertension was (24.47%) and systolic hypertension (36.85%) among the participants. The prevalence diastolic pre-hypertension and hypertension was 43.95% and 31.31% respectively. The mean serum FBS was  $153.3 \pm 46.25$  and the mean serum PPBS was  $229.18 \pm 75.34$ . 71.84% of the participants were hyperglycemic and 28.16% were euglycemic.

The prevalence of thyroid disorders among the participants was 21.58%. Sub-clinical hypothyroidism was more common than other conditions which constituted 13.68% of the thyroid dysfunction in the type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. Clinical

hypothyroidism was 1.85%; hyperthyroidism was 6.05% [clinical hyperthyroidism (3.94%) and subclinical hyperthyroidism (2.11%)]. The mean T3 value was  $1 \pm 0.5$  ng/ml with a range of 0.27 to 4.6ng/ml; mean T4 was  $8.56 \pm 1.48$   $\mu$ IU /ml with a range between 3.01 and 16.4  $\mu$ IU /ml. TSH value of the participants ranged between 0.01 and 28.3  $\mu$ g /dl with a mean value of  $3.03 \pm 2.85$   $\mu$ g/dl

Statistically significant association was observed with factors such as gender, physical activity during leisure time, waist hip ratio and glycemc status with p value less than 0.05. Multivariate analysis demonstrated the presence of thyroid disorder was related with glycemc status of the participants with odds ratio 1.85 (CI, 0.996 – 3.443) with p value 0.05.

Screening for thyroid disease among T2DM patients should be routinely considered, as it is found to be an additional commorbidity

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**ANNEXURE – I – ETHICAL CLEARANCE LETTER**



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To,  
Dr.   
PG student in Community Medicine,  
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Sub: Institutional Ethical Clearance for the study.

With reference to the above, we wish to inform you that your proposed research project titled  
"PREVALENCE OF THYROID DYSFUNCTION AMONG TYPE 2 DIABETES  
MELLITUS PATIENTS IN URBAN AREAS OF BELAGAVI – ONE YEAR  
COMMUNITY BASED CROSS SECTIONAL STUDY", is ethical and justifiable. The  
proposed research project has been cleared by the JNMC Institutional Ethics Committee on  
Human Subjects Research.

  
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## **ANNEXURE-II- INFORMED CONSENT**

### **Prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in urban areas of Belagavi**

**INVESTIGATORS: DR.**

**DR.**

#### **Introduction**

Diabetes mellitus and thyroid dysfunction are the two most common endocrine disorders. Both hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism can affect the course of diabetes. Having diabetes increases a person's risk for heart disease, and many people with diabetes have a heart condition such as coronary heart disease or heart failure. Since hyperthyroidism causes rapid heart rate and increases the risk of abnormal heart rhythm, it may also bring on angina (chest pain), worsen heart failure or interfere with the treatment of heart failure, as well as further increase the risk of other heart problems. The abnormal lipid pattern typical of Type 2 diabetes (low HDL, or "good" cholesterol; high triglycerides; and a high proportion of small, dense LDL particles) is usually worsened by hypothyroidism. These changes further raise the already high risk of cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease and stroke among people with diabetes. Therefore this study is being conducted to find out the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among diabetes mellitus individuals residing in the areas under Ashok Nagar Urban Health Centre and Rukmini Nagar Urban Primary Health Centre, Belagavi and you are invited to participate in this study. Participation in this study is completely voluntary.

### **Explanation of procedures**

In this study you will have to answer a few questions about your general health information, socio-demographic details, nutritional health status and interventional procedure. The entire procedure may take 1 – 2hours.

### **Possible benefits**

The investigator does not promise or guarantee that you will receive direct benefit being in the study. It will benefit the whole community because by this study we will know the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus, and accordingly the preventive and control measures can be taught.

### **Possible risks**

1. Haematoma
2. Swelling, tenderness and inflammation at the site
3. Persistent bleeding
4. Vasovagal response – dizziness, sweating, coldness of skin, numbness and tingling of hands and feet, nausea, vomiting, possible visual disturbance, syncope and injury fall from fainting.
5. Rare adverse effects: Thrombosis of the vein due to trauma and thrombophlebitis due to infection.

### **Confidentiality**

Your identity will not be revealed. All information collected will be collected and coded so that no one will know your identity.

**Withdrawal**

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in this study, you will not lose benefits to which you are entitled.

**Costs of participation**

The cost of the study will be borne by the investigator. There will be no additional cost to you for participating in this study.

**Payment of participation**

There will be no incentives to you for participating in this study.

**Authorization to publish results**

The Investigators may use the information gathered from this study for presentation in scientific journals. However your identity will not be disclosed in such presentation or publication.

**Legal rights**

By signing this consent form, you are not waiving any of your legal rights.

**Questions**

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact DR. \_\_\_\_\_ If you have any questions about your rights as a study participant, you may contact Dr Ganga S. Pilli, Chairman, JNMC Institutional Ethics Committee on human subjects research at 9480275601.

**Consent statement**

“I have been explained all the contents of this consent form in my local language and have understood and clarified all my queries about the study to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore I recognise that I have the complete right to withdraw this consent at any point during the study. I understand that the information given by me will be confidential and will be used for research purpose only, further I am aware that the result of this research will be presented/published without disclosing any personal identification of the participants.

I hereby give my voluntary consent for participation in the study. I do sign the informed consent form in front of an eyewitness whom I recognise.”

Name of the participant: \_\_\_\_\_  Signature/ left thumb impression

Name of the eyewitness: \_\_\_\_\_  Signature/ left thumb impression

Name of the investigator: \_\_\_\_\_  Signature

Signature of the guide:

Date:

**ANNEXURE - III**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Prevalence of thyroid dysfunction among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in  
urban areas of Belagavi**

**PART - I SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

- Name : \_\_\_\_\_
- Age : \_\_\_\_\_ years
- Sex: 1. Male  
2. Female
- Area of residence : \_\_\_\_\_
1. Religion: 1. Hindu  
2. Muslim  
3. Christian  
4. Others (specify). \_\_\_\_\_
2. Education: 1. Illiterate  
2. Primary school  
3. High school  
4. Pre-university I & II  
5. Degree
3. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Marital status: 1. Unmarried  
2. Married  
3. Widowed  
4. Divorced / Separated

5. Type of Family:
1. Joint
  2. Nuclear
  3. Broken family
  4. Problem family
6. a. Monthly income of the family:
- b. Total number of family members:
- c. Monthly per capita income:
7. Socioeconomic status – Modified B.G Prasad classification
1. Class I
  2. Class II
  3. Class III
  4. Class IV
  5. Class V
8. Menstrual History:
1. Last menstrual period?
  2. Irregular/regular
  3. Excessive/Reduced menstrual flow
9. Do you have children?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
- If the answer is yes, do you have any history of miscarriage?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. If yes, how many times?
10. Complaints of/history of:

**HYPOTHYROIDISM:**

- Fatigue/sluggish – Yes/No
- Inability to exercise - Yes/No
- Difficult in tolerating cold – Yes/No
- Swelling at the front of the neck – Yes/No
- Difficulty/Infrequent bowel movements (constipation) – Yes/No
- Dry skin - Yes/No
- Dry hair – Yes/No
- Thick brittle nails – Yes/No
- Facial puffiness - Yes/No
- Swelling at the extremities - Yes/No
- Muscles cramps – Yes/No
- Excessive sleepiness (Daytime) - Yes/No
- Weight gain – Yes/No
- Hair loss on -  Scalp  Face  Genitals /No

**HYPERTHYROIDISM**

- Palpitations – Yes/No
- Increased appetite - Yes/No
- Weight loss – Yes/No
- Difficulty falling asleep/Insomnia - Yes/No
- Abnormal protrusion of eyeball - Yes/No
- Hand tremor - Yes/No
- Warm skin - Yes/No
- Difficult in tolerating heat - Yes/No
- Increased sweating - Yes/No

**PART IV- PAST HISTORY**

11. How long have you been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Any past history of chronic illness/tuberculosis/cardiac disease/liver disease?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. If yes, specify

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**PART V-FAMILY HISTORY**

13. Does anyone in your family have thyroid disorders?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. If yes, specify\_\_\_\_\_

**PART V- PERSONAL HEALTH HABITS**

14. Do you have a history of tobacco use?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. if yes, specify smoke/smokeless and duration\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you consume Alcohol?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. if yes, duration\_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI- DRUG HISTORY**

16. List of prescribed drugs taken regularly?

Drugs	Strength	Frequency

**PART VII- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITIONAL HISTORY**

17. Do you participate in regular physical activity or exercise?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, what kind of physical activity?

- a. Walking
- b. Running
- c. Yoga
- d. Others, specify \_\_\_\_\_

17. How long you do exercise? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you follow a meal plan?

- a. Yes
- b. No

19. How frequent do you eat daily? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What type of salt do you take?

- a. Iodized
- b. Non iodized

21. Do you store iodized salt in a closed container?

- a. Yes
- b. No

22. Do you add salt to the food while cooking?

- a. Yes
- b. No

23. Do you take iodized salt separately by the plate?

- a. Yes
- b. No

24. Do you consume the following? (Goitrogens)

Cabbage Cauliflower Peanuts Radish Sweet potatoes soya

25. How many days in a week you consume them? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Which type of diet you consume?

- a. Vegetarian
- b. Non- Vegetarian
- c. Both Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian

## **PART VIII – CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

### **General Physical Examination**

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Built and nourishment: | Poor / Moderate / Fair |
| 2. Height: _____ cm       | Weight: _____ Kgs.     |
| 3. BMI: _____             |                        |
| 4. Waist/Hip ratio: _____ |                        |
| 5. Pallor:                | Present/Absent         |
| 6. Icterus:               | Present/Absent         |
| 7. Pedal oedema:          | Present/Absent         |
| 8. Lymphadenopathy:       | Present/Absent         |
| 9. Cyanosis:              | Present/Absent         |
| 10. Clubbing:             | Present/Absent         |

### **Vital signs:**

Respiration rate: \_\_\_\_\_/min.      Blood pressure: At supine position –

At standing position -

Pulse rate: \_\_\_\_\_/min.      Temperature: \_\_\_<sup>0</sup> C Febrile / Afebrile

### **Local Examination:**

#### **Thyroid Examination:**

- Inspection-
- Palpation-
- Percussion-
- Auscultation-

**Systemic Examination:**

1. Cardiovascular system:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Respiratory system:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Central Nervous system:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Per abdomen:

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART IX – INVESTIGATION PROFILE**

TEST	Result
Thyroid Function Test	T3- T4- TSH-
Fasting Plasma Glucose	
Post Prandial Plasma Glucose	

## **ANNEXURE IV – KEY TO MASTER CHART**

A. Patient Id

B. Age in years

C. Gender

1. Male
2. Female

D. Religion

1. Hindu
2. Muslim
3. Christian
4. Jain

E. Education

1. Illiterate
2. Primary school
3. Highschool
4. Pre-university I & II
5. Degree

F. Occupation

1. Government employee
2. Non-government employee
3. Self-employee
4. Home maker
5. Retired
6. Unemployed

G. Marital status

1. Married
2. Unmarried
3. Widowed
4. Divorced

H. Type of family

1. Joint
2. Nuclear
3. Broken family
4. Problem family

I. Monthly income of the family

Rs. \_\_\_\_\_

J. Total number of family members \_\_\_\_\_ persons

K. Per capita income \_\_\_\_\_ Rs.

L. Socio economic status

1. Class I
2. Class II
3. Class III
4. Class IV
5. Class V

M. History of miscarriage

0. Not applicable
1. Yes
2. No

N. No. of times of miscarriage \_\_\_\_\_ times

O. History of fatigue

1. Yes

2. No

P. History of inability to exercise

1. Yes

2. No

Q. History of difficulty in tolerating cold

1. Yes

2. No

R. History of Swelling in the front of the neck

1. Yes

2. No

S. History of constipation

1. Yes

2. No

T. History of dry skin

1. Yes

2. No

U. History of dry hair

1. Yes

2. No

V. History of thick brittle nails

1. Yes

2. No

W. History of facial puffiness

1. Yes

2. No

X. History of swelling in the extremities

1. Yes

2. No

Y. History of muscle cramps

1. Yes

2. No

Z. Excessive daytime sleepiness

1. Yes

2. No

AA. Weight gain

1. Yes

2. No

AB. Hair loss

1. Yes

2. No

AC. Palpitations

1. Yes

2. No

AD. Increased appetite

1. Yes

2. No

AE. Weight loss

1. Yes
2. No

AF. Insomnia / difficulty falling asleep

1. Yes
2. No

AG. Abnormal protrusion of eyeball

1. Yes
2. No

AH. Hand tremor

1. Yes
2. No

AI. Warm skin

1. Yes
2. No

AJ. Difficult in tolerating heat

1. Yes
2. No

AK. Increased sweating

1. Yes
2. No

AL. Regularity of menstrual history

0. Not applicable
1. Regular
2. Irregular

AM. Blood flow history of menstrual cycle

1. Not applicable
2. Normal
3. Reduced
4. Excess

AN. Attained Menopause?

1. Not applicable
2. Yes
3. No

AO. Duration of diabetes mellitus \_\_\_\_\_ years

AP. Past history of medical illness

1. Yes
2. No

AQ. If yes, specify

1. Not applicable
2. HTN
3. HTN + CHD
4. HTN + SLE

AR. Duration of past history \_\_\_\_\_ years

AS. Family history of thyroid disorders

1. Yes
2. No

AT. History of tobacco consumption

1. Yes
2. No

AU. History of alcohol consumption?

1. Yes
2. No

AV. Mode of treatment of Diabetes mellitus

1. Oral hypoglycemic agents
2. Insulin

AW. Physical activity during leisure time

1. Yes
2. No

AX. Type of physical activity

1. Walking
2. Yoga
3. Gym

AY. Duration of physical activity \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

AZ. Type of salt

1. Iodized
2. Non Iodized

BA. Extra salt consumption

1. Yes
2. No

BB. How many varieties of Goitrogens consumption \_\_\_\_\_ number of goitrogens

BC. Frequency of goitrogens consumption \_\_\_\_\_ times per week

BD. Type of diet

1. Vegetarian
2. Non – Vegetarian

BE. Height \_\_\_\_\_ cms

BF. Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Kg

BG. BMI \_\_\_\_\_ Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

BH. Waist \_\_\_\_\_ cms

BI. Hip \_\_\_\_\_ cms

BJ. Waist hip ratio \_\_\_\_\_ cms

BK. Systolic Blood pressure \_\_\_\_\_ mmHg

BL. Diastolic Blood pressure \_\_\_\_\_ mmHg

BM. T3 \_\_\_\_\_ ng/ml

BN. T4 \_\_\_\_\_ µg/dl

BO. TSH \_\_\_\_\_ µIU/ml

BP. Interpretation of thyroid values

0. Euthyroid
1. Clinical hypothyroid
2. Sub clinical hypothyroid
3. Clinical hyperthyroid
4. Sub clinical hyperthyroid

BQ. FBS \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dl

BR. PPBS \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dl











