

Effects of Primary Aldosteronism and Different Therapeutic Modalities on Glucose Metabolism

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The Supplemental data includes Tables S1-S6 and Figure S1.

Table S1. Glucose status in patients with PA without SH and matched controls.

	Matched control (N = 609)	PA without SH (N = 245)	<i>p</i>
Pre-diabetes, N (%)	173 (24.7%)	90 (36.7%)	0.002
DM, N (%)	90 (12.9%)	46 (18.8%)	0.024
Hyperglycemia, N (%)	263 (37.6%)	136 (55.5%)	<0.001

Up to three controls were enrolled per participant with PA. They were individually matched for sex, age (± 1 year), and BMI (± 0.5 kg/m²). The hyperglycemia was defined as DM or pre-diabetes.

Significant results ($p < 0.05$) are indicated in bold.

BMI, body mass index; DM, diabetes mellitus; PA, primary aldosteronism; SH, subclinical hypercortisolism.

Table S2. Glucose status in drug-naïve patients with PA and matched controls.

	Matched control (N = 225)	PA (N = 81)	<i>p</i>	Matched control (N = 205)	PA without SH (N = 73)	<i>p</i>
FPG (mg/dL)	103.5 ± 25.5	102.2 ± 14.9	0.672	103.2 ± 25.8	101.3 ± 14.0	0.560
Insulin (pmol/L)	10.2 ± 5.7	7.3 ± 4.3	<0.001	10.3 ± 5.8	7.3 ± 4.4	<0.001
HOMA-β	108.1 ± 63.9	74.9 ± 52.8	<0.001	109.6 ± 65.5	76.1 ± 54.3	<0.001
HOMA-IR	2.6 ± 1.6	1.9 ± 1.2	<0.001	2.6 ± 1.7	1.9 ± 1.3	<0.001

Up to three controls were enrolled per participant with PA. They were individually matched for sex, age (± 1 year), and BMI (± 0.5 kg/m²).

Significant results ($p < 0.05$) are indicated in bold. Data are expressed as the mean \pm standard deviation.

FPG, fasting plasma glucose; HOMA-β, homeostasis model assessment-β-cell function index; HOMA-IR, homeostasis model assessment-insulin resistance index; PA, primary aldosteronism; SH, subclinical hypercortisolism

Table S3. The association of PRA, PAC, ARR, or PAC after SIT with HOMA-IR and HOMA- β in drug-naïve patients with PA

Variable	HOMA- β (N = 81)				HOMA-IR (N =81)			
	β^*	SE	Beta [†]	<i>p</i>	β	SE	Beta	<i>p</i>
PRA (ng/mL/h)								
Model 1	0.533	7.280	0.008	0.942	0.195	0.167	0.130	0.248
Model 2	-1.506	7.076	-0.023	0.832	0.120	0.154	0.080	0.438
Model 3	-1.668	7.190	-0.026	0.817	0.120	0.157	0.080	0.447
PAC (ng/dL)								
Model 1	-25.980	13.486	-0.212	0.058	-0.760	0.309	-0.267	0.016
Model 2	-23.041	12.885	-0.188	0.078	-0.666	0.278	-0.234	0.019
Model 3	-22.718	13.360	-0.185	0.093	-0.672	0.288	-0.236	0.023
ARR, (ng/dL)/(ng/mL/h)								
Model 1	-5.344	6.005	-0.100	0.376	-0.280	0.136	-0.225	0.044
Model 2	-3.547	5.840	-0.066	0.545	-0.215	0.126	-0.172	0.092
Model 3	-3.207	5.939	-0.060	0.591	-0.211	0.128	-0.169	0.104
PAC after SIT (ng/dL)								
Model 1	-37.039	15.318	-0.281	0.018	-0.436	0.350	-0.149	0.217
Model 2	-47.038	14.584	-0.357	0.002	-0.631	0.333	-0.217	0.063
Model 3	-49.367	15.181	-0.375	0.002	-0.643	0.349	-0.221	0.070

*Non-standardized coefficient. †Standardized coefficient.

The Enter method was applied to this model.

Significant results ($P < 0.05$) are indicated in bold. PRA, PAC, ARR, and PAC after SIT were log-transformed because of their skewed distributions.

Model 1: unadjusted model; Model 2: adjusted for sex, age, and BMI; Model 3: adjusted for current smoking status, alcohol intake (≥ 3 units/day), and regular outdoor exercise (≥ 30 min/day), in addition to the variables included in Model 2.

ARR, PAC/PRA ratio; BMI, body mass index; HOMA- β , homeostasis model assessment- β -cell function index; HOMA-IR, homeostasis model assessment-insulin resistance index; PA, primary aldosteronism; PAC, plasma aldosterone concentration; PRA, plasma renin activity; SIT, saline infusion test.

Table S4. Baseline characteristics of patients with PA, classified according to therapy.

	ADX (N = 178)	MRA (N = 108)	<i>p</i>
Men, N (%)	84 (47.2%)	61 (56.5%)	0.161
Age (years), mean \pm SD	52.4 \pm 10.5	54.9 \pm 11.5	0.063
BMI (kg/m ²), mean \pm SD	25.5 \pm 3.4	25.7 \pm 4.1	0.680
Current smoker, N (%)	29 (16.3%)	23 (21.3%)	0.365
Alcohol intake \geq 3 U/day, N (%)	26 (14.6%)	23 (21.3%)	0.196
Regular exercise \geq 30 min/day, N (%)	23 (12.9%)	28 (25.9%)	0.009
SBP (mmHg), mean \pm SD	140.3 \pm 18.2	139.3 \pm 19.0	0.653
DBP (mmHg), mean \pm SD	86.9 \pm 12.2	85.1 \pm 11.8	0.221
Hypertension, N (%)	178 (100.0%)	108 (100.0%)	>0.999
K ⁺ (mEq/L), mean \pm SD	3.6 \pm 0.6	4.3 \pm 2.3	0.003
Creatinine (mg/dL), mean \pm SD	0.8 \pm 0.2	0.8 \pm 0.2	0.767
eGFR (mL/min), mean \pm SD	97.1 \pm 30.6	97.4 \pm 29.6	0.944
PRA (ng/mL/h) , mean \pm SD	0.4 \pm 1.0	0.9 \pm 3.3	0.096
PAC (ng/dL), mean \pm SD	38.1 \pm 25.4	25.6 \pm 12.8	<0.001
ARR, (ng/dL)/(ng/mL/h), mean \pm SD	200.6 \pm 200.2	112.3 \pm 198.5	<0.001
PAC after SIT (ng/dL) , mean \pm SD	25.4 \pm 18.4	11.4 \pm 5.2	<0.001

Significant results ($p < 0.05$) are indicated in bold. ADX, adrenalectomy; ARR, PAC/PRA ratio; BMI, body mass index; BP, blood pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; PA, primary aldosteronism; PAC, plasma aldosterone concentration; PRA, plasma renin activity; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SIT, saline infusion test.

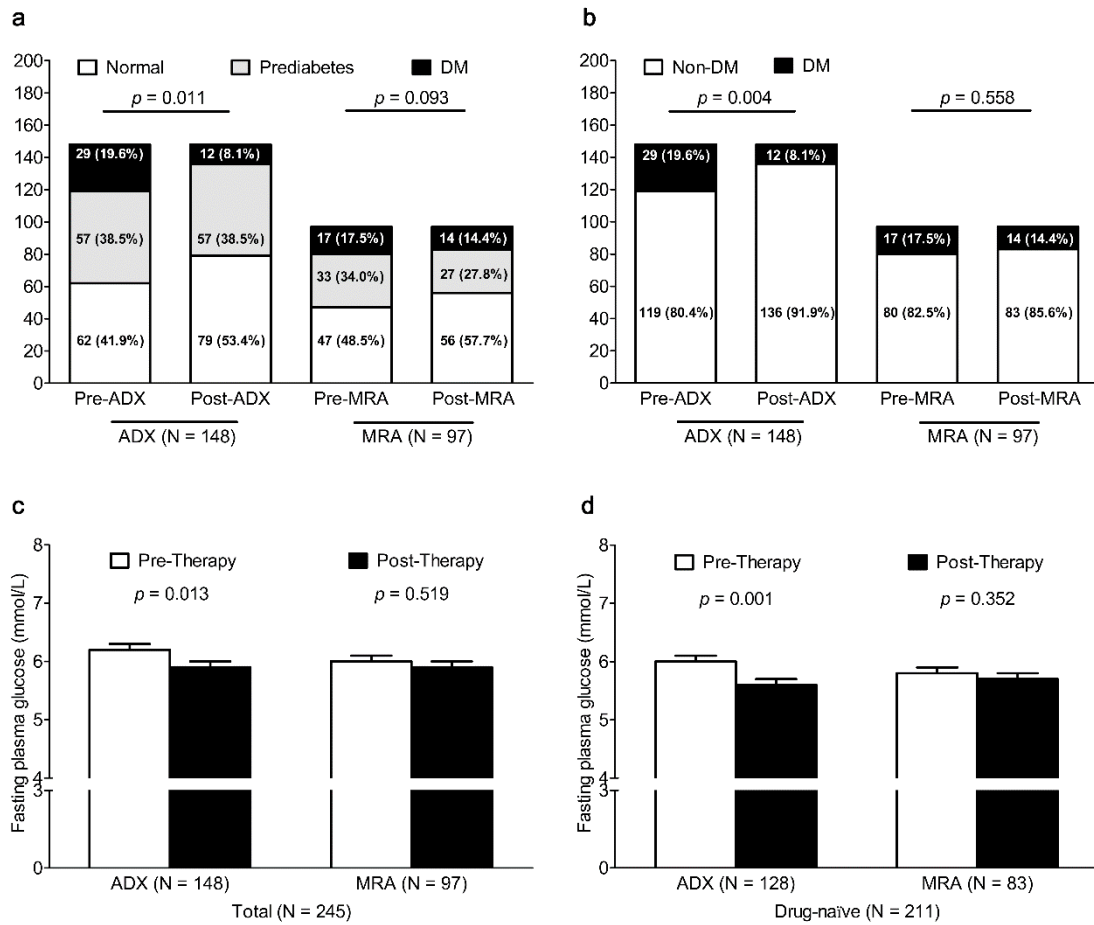


Figure S1. Change in glucose status and FPG in PA patients without SH after ADX or MRA therapy. Change in glucose status (normal, prediabetes, and DM in Figure S1a; non-DM and DM in Figure S1b) in PA patients without SH after ADX or MRA therapy. Change in FPG in PA patients without SH (Figure S1c) and that in anti-diabetic therapy naïve PA patients without SH (Figure S1d) after ADX or MRA therapy. ADX, adrenalectomy; DM, diabetes mellitus; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; SH, subclinical hypercortisolism

Table S5. Likelihood of improvement in glucose status following ADX vs. MRA therapy in PA patients with similar ranges of plasma aldosterone concentration, after an intravenous saline infusion test

	OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Model 1		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	2.11 (1.17–3.82)	0.013
Model 2		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	2.09 (1.14–3.82)	0.017
Model 3		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	2.22 (1.20–4.13)	0.012
Model 5		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	2.23 (1.16–4.27)	0.016

Significant results ($p < 0.05$) are indicated in bold.

Model 1: unadjusted model; Model 2; adjusted for sex, age, and BMI; Model 3: adjusted for current smoking status, alcohol intake (≥ 3 units/day), and regular outdoor exercise (≥ 30 min/day), in addition to the variables included in Model 2; Model 5: adjusted for plasma aldosterone concentration after intravenous saline infusion test, in addition to the variables included in Model 3.

Improvement in glucose status was defined as a change in glucose status from diabetes mellitus to pre-diabetes or normal glucose tolerance, or from pre-diabetes to normal glucose tolerance, or by the reduction of anti-diabetic medication.

ADX; adrenalectomy, BMI; body mass index; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist

Table S6. Likelihood of improvement in glucose status following ADX in unilateral PA patients vs. MRA therapy in bilateral PA patients

	OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Model 1		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	1.81 (1.03–3.18)	0.038
Model 2		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	1.81 (1.02–3.21)	0.043
Model 3		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	1.90 (1.05–3.42)	0.033
Model 5		
MRA therapy	Ref.	
ADX	1.99 (1.01–4.06)	0.049

Significant results ($p < 0.05$) are indicated in bold.

Unilateral PA patients: 148 patients with unilateral APA and 20 patients with UAH

Bilateral PA patients: 66 patients with BAH and 10 patients with bilateral APA

Model 1: unadjusted model; Model 2; adjusted for sex, age, and BMI; Model 3: adjusted for current smoking status, alcohol intake (≥ 3 units/day), and regular outdoor exercise (≥ 30 min/day), in addition to the variables included in Model 2; Model 5: adjusted for plasma aldosterone concentration after intravenous saline infusion test, in addition to the variables included in Model 3.

Improvement in glucose status was defined as a change in glucose status from diabetes mellitus to pre-diabetes or normal glucose tolerance, or from pre-diabetes to normal glucose tolerance, or by the reduction of anti-diabetic medication.

ADX; adrenalectomy, APA, aldosterone-producing adenoma; BAH, bilateral adrenal hyperplasia; BMI; body mass index; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; UAH, unilateral adrenal hyperplasia