

# Informative value of metabolic risk hormonal markers in individuals with various body mass

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**Abstract.** The objective of the work is to perform comprehensive evaluation of correlations between fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin levels in the residents of Kharkiv, as representatives of Ukrainian population, related to their body mass index, adipose tissue contents, fat accumulation degree and topography, blood insulin level, HOMA insulin resistance index. **Materials and Methods.** 250 residents of Kharkiv were examined (mean age  $65.48 \pm 11.86$  year). Body mass index was calculated, waist and hip circumferences were measured in the observed patients; bioimpedance technique was used to determine adipose, relative adipose and active body cell masses; fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin, omentin and insulin circulatory levels were determined with immunoassay technique; HOMA insulin resistance index was calculated. **Results.** Obese patients demonstrated reliably ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher levels of blood fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin, and lower contents of omentin compared to those with normal and excess body mass. Statistically significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) correlations of the examined peptides, anthropometric features, parameters of body composition, insulin and HOMA index were obtained. It was revealed that insulin resistant Ukrainian population representatives showed average fractalkine blood contents at the level of  $(937.20 \pm 87.08)$  ng/mL; clusterin —  $(126.16 \pm 16.59)$  ng/mL; vaspin —  $(671.39 \pm 135.54)$  ng/mL, and omentin  $(385.47 \pm 70.08)$  ng/mL. Clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin and omentin blood levels regression equations related to anthropometric parameters and HOMA index were calculated. **Conclusions.** Correlation between the increasing body mass (first of all due to adipose mass) and insulin and peptides blood contents which are markers of adipose tissue local inflammation, systemic low-intense inflammation in the body and development of cardiac pathology was proved for the representatives of Ukrainian population.

**Keywords:** excess body mass, obesity, adipose mass, fractalkine, clusterin, omentin, vaspin, insulin.

Progressive spread of obesity (OB) and severe comorbidity which cause life quality impairment, early working capacity loss and untimely mortality in the population determines

the urgent need to optimize diagnosis and treatment approaches to the patients with excess body weight. It is grounded scientifically by the necessity to determine diagnostic criteria for OB progressing and its complications related to the hormonal and metabolic features of the body [1-3].

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The last mentioned characteristics depend mostly on endocrine function of adipose tissue which determines special features of hemodynamics, hemostasis, endothelial function, lipid and glucose metabolism, degree of tissue insulin sensitivity, plays an important role in atherosclerotic plaque formation, its stability [4-8].

Adipose tissue excessive accumulation in obesity causes inflammation which changes significantly its secretory function [3], that favors development and progressing of metabolic disorders [9].

Local inflammation in adipose tissue provokes the development of low-intensity systemic inflammation in the body which is one of the important constituents of atherogenesis [5].

The above mentioned processes taken into consideration will favor optimizing the present diagnostic medical approaches to rendering aid to the patients with excess weight. The latter dictates necessity to determine markers of metabolic risk, which may allow to make it possible to provide comprehensive description of the degree of adipose tissue inflammation, systemic body inflammation, insulin resistance and risk of cardiovascular morbidity development.

According to the up-to-date scientific research findings, chemokines which characterize intensity of adipose tissue infiltration by lymphocytes and macrophages, are considered to be the markers of adipose tissue inflammation activity [5]. Fractalkine may be referred to such markers. Fractalkine has an important capacity to express as a transmembrane protein, that allows, in contrast to the other chemokines, to determine its level in blood circulation [10-13]. The results of the research concerning fractalkine are ambiguous [14-21]. Determination of fractalkine level in representatives of Ukrainian population with various body mass in respect to its correlations with the markers of systemic inflammation, adipose tissue deposition degree and increased risk of comorbidity development has not been done at all, that determines topicality of the research aiming at it.

Glycoprotein clusterin (apolipoprotein J) which is secreted by human hepatocytes is considered to be one of the markers of systemic inflammation. It is supposed that any inflammation, including that of adipose tissue in OB, may cause clusterin increased secretion [22, 23].

Several research concerning correlations between the clusterin serum level and metabolic syndrome components (including body mass index (BMI), visceral OB degree, blood glucose degree) have been performed in the world [24]. But their results are contradictory [25], that may be explained by considerable differences in cohorts of patients, who were examined [26]. In Ukraine such works have not been performed up to date.

Chronic endocrine and cardiovascular comorbidity is the main negative consequence of the metabolic disorders developed in OB patients. Vaspin is one of adipokines which play an important role in cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus formation and progressing in the patients with excess weight [27-30]. It was revealed that vaspin level is a predictive marker of the development of cardiac failure in the patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus [8], OB at post-infarction atherosclerosis [31], metabolic syndrome in males, coronary atherosclerosis in females [32]. Vaspin mRNA increased expression is registered in the patients with OB, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes mellitus [33].

Omentin, which is a secretory protein expressed by visceral fatty tissue, is one more of up-to-date prospective candidates for the part of markers of adipose tissue function and increased risk of cardiovascular comorbidity development in the patients with excess weight [6, 34]. Omentin expression changes under conditions of inflammation including those at OB which are accompanied by low-grade systemic inflammation [35].

Modulation of insulin peripheral effects is considered to be the physiological meaning of this adipokine [36]. But the value of omentin in OB pathogenesis has not been definitely determined yet. Some authors mention increase of its level in OB and insulin resistance [37]. The others associate growth of OB grade and insulin resistance with decreased omentin level due to negative impact of hyperglycemia and hyperinsulinemia on omentin mRNA expression [38-40]. According to the findings given by [6], the patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and present excess body mass (excBM) or OB, with different degree of vascular complications, demonstrate no significant alterations in omentin blood serum concentration.

Role of omentin in the development of OB comorbidity, first of all, in cardiovascular sys-

tem and type 2 diabetes mellitus, is a topical issue. Nowadays, single researches have proved compensatory character of omentin influence on vascular complications in type 2 diabetes mellitus [41]. The role of omentin in chronic cardiac failure development and progressing in the patients with post-infarction atherosclerosis and accompanying type 2 diabetes mellitus is proven: it is considered a new predictor for risk stratification of heart failure development in the patients of such cohort [8].

At the same time, correlations of circulatory omentin and vaspin levels related to the markers of adipose tissue inflammation and systemic body inflammation, parameters of metabolic syndrome in representatives of Ukrainian population were not studied at all.

**The objective of this work** is to perform comprehensive evaluation of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin levels correlation in Kharkiv City inhabitants, as representatives of Ukrainian population, related to the body mass index, adipose tissue contents, degree and topography of its deposition, blood insulin level, HOMA insulin resistance index.

## Material and Methods

250 patients (mean age  $65.48 \pm 11.86$  year) were examined. All the observed individuals were measured for their body mass, and their body mass index (BMI) was calculated; waist (WC) and hip circumferences (HC) (cm) were measured.

According to the BMI value, 4 groups of the examined patients were formed:

- group 1 – patients with excess body mass (exc BM) – (n=62 patients; m/f=46/16);
- group 2 – patients with OB, grade 1 – (n=59 patients; m/f=39/20);
- group 3 – patients with OB, grade 2 – (n=45 patients; m/f=23/22);
- group 4 – patients with OB, grade 3 – (n = 40 patients; m/f=17/23).

Control group included 44 practically healthy individuals with normal body mass (nBM) (m/f=18/26).

The following body composition parameters as adipose tissue mass (AM) and active body cell mass (ACM) (mass of all cells with subtracted fatty mass, where metabolic processes are

in progress) were determined by bioimpedance method with software-hardware complex «Diamant-AIST-IRGT» (Diamant, CJSC) [42]. Relative adipose mass (% AM) was calculated by the formula: (adipose mass / body mass (AM/BM)\* 100%).

Fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin circulatory levels were determined by immunoassay technique with Human Fractalkine ELISA Kit; Human / Mouse / Rat Vaspin Enzyme Immunoassay Kit («RayBio®», Georgia) and commercial test-systems Human Clusterin ELISA, Human Omentin-1 ELISA («BioVendor», Check Republic), respectively. Insulin concentration was determined by immunoassay technique with commercial test-system INSULIN ELISA KIT produced by «Monobind» (USA). The research was performed at the Biochemistry department of Central scientific research laboratory of Kharkiv National Medical University, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, using immunoassay analyzer «Lab Line-90» (Austria).

Insulin resistance index (HOMA-IR), determined in the patients, was calculated in accordance with the formula:

$HOMA-IR = (\text{glycemia on an empty stomach (mmol/L)} * \text{insulin on an empty stomach (mc-Unit/L)}) / 22.5$ .

The normal value for this parameter was considered to be equal up to 2.7. In case when HOMA-IP values were equal to 2.7-4.0, we diagnosed moderate, and over 4.00 – significantly reduced tissue insulin sensitivity.

To confirm correlation between the levels of clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin, omentin and insulin resistance, all the examined individuals were distributed additionally into 2 groups:

- a) individuals with HOMA index ranged in normal values (n=110 patients; m/f=73/37);
- б) individuals with HOMA index more than 2.77 (n=140 patients; m/f=70/70).

We used methods of descriptive statistical analysis to process clinical functional results. Disperse intergroup analysis was used according to the Kruskal–Wallis test by ranks. Formulas for determination of clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin and omentin values were developed considering anthropometric parameters (BMI, WC, HC, % AM, ACM, ACM/MA and HOMA-IR index) by multiple correlation statistical processing «Multiple regression» method based on the analysis

of correlation between independent (anthropometric) variables and non-independent variable (fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin, omentin).

## Results and their discussion

The research established that excBM patients demonstrate no distinctions in fractalkine, clusterin, omentin, vaspin and insulin blood serum levels compared to the figures obtained in the examined nBM subjects, in contrast to the OB (grades 1, 2, 3) patients. The last mentioned patients demonstrated statistically significant ( $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) differences of the values obtained for these parameters compared to the excBM patients ( $p < 0.001$ ) (Table 1).

Statistically significant ( $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) positive correlations at  $r = 0.488$ ;  $r = 0.539$ ,  $r = 0.526$  and  $r = 0.426$  levels, respectively, were registered between BMI and fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and insulin levels. Inverse correlation ( $r = -0.578$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) was registered between circulatory omentin level and BMI.

Evidence of statistically significant correlations between the studied peptides and parameters which characterize topography of adipose tissue deposition — WC and HC was proved (Table 2).

It was determined that levels of all studied peptides correlate with the degree of adipose tissue deposition within anterior abdominal wall

and gluteofemoral adipose depot. The latter does not exclude the role of gluteofemoral fatty tissue in the development of insulin resistance and comorbid pathology.

The research evaluated as well presence and degree of interrelations between the levels of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and insulin (Table 3). It was proved that all of them are correlated at  $p < 0.001$  statistical significance level.

It was determined that vaspin blood level showed positive correlations with insulin, fractalkine and clusterin blood contents.

According to the obtained research evidence, negative correlation between the contents of

**Table 2.** Correlation matrix of fractalkine, clusterin, omentin, vaspin and waist circumference, hip circumference\*

Parameter	Fractalkine	Clusterin	Vaspin	Omentin
Waist circumference	0.451	0.434	0.440	-0.393
Hip circumference	0.497	0.487	0.512	-0.527

Note: \* —  $P$  — correlation significance at  $p < 0.001$ .

**Table 3.** Correlation matrix of fractalkine, clusterin, omentin, vaspin, insulin\*

	Fractalkine	Clusterin	Vaspin	Omentin	Insulin
Fractalkine	1.000	0.779	0.938	-0.863	0.780
Clusterin	0.779	1.000	0.871	-0.852	0.744
Vaspin	0.938	0.871	1.000	-0.941	0.796
Omentin	-0.863	-0.852	-0.941	1.000	-0.797
Insulin	0.780	0.744	0.796	-0.797	1.000

Note: \* —  $P$  — correlation significance at  $p < 0.001$  level.

**Table 1.** Results of examination of the patients with various body mass\*

Parameter	Statistical parameter	Study group					P
		nMT (n=44)	excBM (n=62)	OB, grade 1 (n=59)	OB, grade 2 (n=45)	OB, grade 3 (n=40)	
Fractalkine, ng/mL	Mean (SD)	738.78 (183.72)	776.18 (153.91)	906.55 (85.88)	926.06 (96.33)	956.02 (106.42)	$P^* < 0.001$
	Median	729.86	738.16	878.52	854.32	985.09	
	[Q1-Q3]	[680.23-934.33]	[709.86-937.17]	[820.51-987.34]	[839.16-1007.41]	[857.31-1028.28]	
Clusterin, ng/mL	Mean (SD)	109.56 (11.57)	112.99 (6.17)	120.31 (12.53)	128.01 (18.31)	137.25 (21.67)	$P^* = 0.031$
	Median	110.38	111.56	116.34	114.93	145.99	
	[Q1-Q3]	[107.96-114.68]	[109.34-117.51]	[109.62-126.93]	[111.97-140.29]	[115.02-156.30]	
Omentin, ng/mL	Mean (SD)	488.37 (57.74)	485.14 (53.07)	387.77 (71.31)	374.36 (76.15)	359.37 (81.64)	$P^* = 0.712$
	Median	515.90	511.26	445.37	440.00	302.16	
	[Q1-Q3]	[428.16-530.37]	[421.16-528.19]	[317.13-453.38]	[297.24-448.26]	[281.52-443.34]	
Vaspin, ng/mL	Mean (SD)	444.95 (171.97)	479.28 (129.46)	659.82 (151.58)	672.62 (151.83)	710.17 (160.66)	$P^* = 0.712$
	Median	433.72	447.42	539.74	546.29	829.90	
	[Q1-Q3]	[378.89-611.37]	[401.54-611.54]	[511.51-810.16]	[530.83-829.52]	[545.54-849.84]	
Insulin, mIU/mL	Mean (SD)	12.82 (6.64)	12.55 (6.38)	16.80 (6.47)	20.31 (7.55)	21.75 (9.43)	$P^* = 0.788$
	Median	8.99	9.17	14.69	17.93	18.64	
	[Q1-Q3]	[7.92-19.82]	[8.16-18.67]	[11.04-23.68]	[15.38-27.34]	[39.34-43.32]	

Note: \* —  $P$  — mean differences in patients with excess body mass compared to the patients with normal body mass; \*\* —  $P$  — mean differences in patients with excess body mass compared to the patients with OB, grades 1, 2, 3; \*\*\* —  $P$  — all mean differences compared to the individuals with normal body mass.

## Оригінальні дослідження

vaspin and omentin was registered that proves the increased risk of cardiovascular morbidity development in the patients with omentin reduced level which can modulate peripheral effects of insulin. All this proves once again that cardiovascular comorbidity development is associated with the degree of adipose tissue local inflammation, systemic low-intensity body inflammation, insulin blood level and tissue insulin sensitivity.

It was revealed that parameters of body composition – adipose mass (AM), relative adipose mass (% AM) and ACM correlate with metabolic characteristics of the organism [42].

The carried research established that the patients with excBM, OB (grades 1, 2, 3) demonstrate the 1.3, 2.1, 2.7 and 3.5-fold, respectively, bigger AM values compared to the patients with nBM ( $p<0.001$ ) (**Table 4**). In these groups, % AM showed 1, 1.4, 1.8 and 1.9-fold differences, respectively; at the same time, 1.2, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4-fold increased ACM absolute values were registered. But, while BMI increase, the ACM/AM ratio was revealed to be decreased from 2.4 to 2.0, 1.4, 1.1 and 0.9 (1.2, 1.7, 2.1 and 2.7 – fold differences, respectively).

Along with increasing AM, % AM and ACM, an increase of fractalkine, clusterin and vaspin blood levels were registered as well: between them and AM and ACM we revealed positive statistically significant ( $p<0.001$ ) correlation, but the correlation degrees were in some way different (**Table 5**).

It was revealed that AM and % AM corresponded more closely with these parameters rather than with ACM, that indicates the principal role exactly of adipose tissue accumulation in the development of cardiovascular OB comorbidities.

**Table 5.** Correlation matrix of fractalkine, clusterin, omentin, vaspin and parameters of the body composition\*

	Fractalkine	Clusterin	Omentin	Vaspin
AM	0.524	0.559	-0.613	0.553
% AM	0.556	0.520	-0.645	0.572
ACM	0.317	0.394	-0.332	0.358
ACM/AM	-0.502	-0.355	0.516	-0.456

Note: \* —  $P$  — correlation significance at  $p<0.001$  level.

The research proved that between % AM, ACM and omentin blood level there is an inverse statistically significant ( $p<0.001$ ) correlation at the level of  $r = -0.645$  and  $r = -0.332$ , respectively, and positive correlation with ACM/AM ratio ( $r = 0.516$ ,  $p<0.001$ ). It proves correlation of metabolic disorders in OB, related to the changes in tissue insulin sensitivity, primarily, with % AM.

Consequently, this research analyzed in details association of insulin blood level and HOMA insulin resistance index not only with body mass index, but body composition parameters as well (**Figure 1**).

The work determined regression equations according to which insulin level (mIU/mL) correlates closely with:

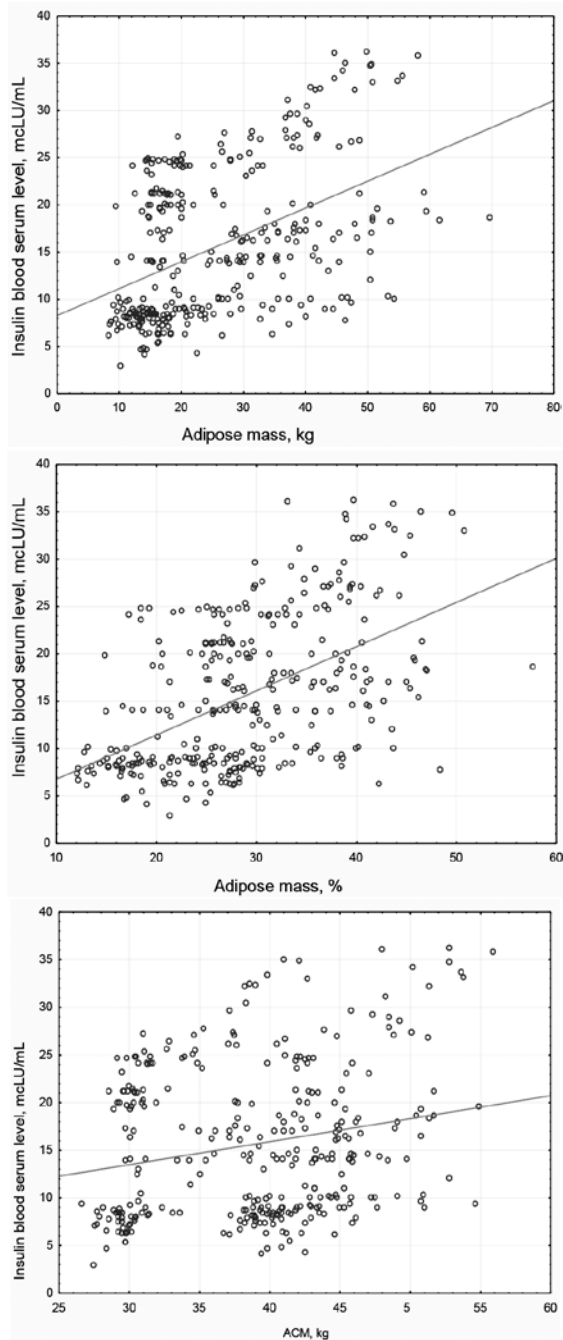
- 1) AM —  $[8.2773 + 0.2848 * AM]$ ,  $r = 0.4651$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ ;
- 2) %AM —  $[2.1133 + 0.4663 * \%AM]$ ,  $r = 0.5173$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ ;
- 3) ACM —  $[6.26 + 0.2414 * ACM]$ ,  $r = 0.2105$ ,  $p = 0.001$ .

So, the performed research of the Ukrainian population representatives confirmed the correlation between the increased body mass (firstly, due to adipose tissue) and insulin and peptides blood contents which are markers of local inflammation of adipose tissue, systemic low-intensity inflammation in the body, insulin resistance and cardiac morbidity development.

**Table 4.** Body composition parameters in the examined patients with different body mass\*

Parameter	Statistical parameter	Study group				
		nBM (n=44)	excBM (n=62)	OB grade 1 (n=44)	OB grade 2 (n=44)	OB grade 3 (n=44)
Adipose mass, kg*	Mean (SD)	14.61 (2.87)	19.27 (3.31)	30.18 (3.48)	38.83 (3.75)	49.77 (5.96)
	Median	14.84	19.49	29.59	38.57	48.66
	[Q1-Q3]	[12.63-16.55]	[17.10-21.30]	[27.36-32.69]	[37.14-40.77]	[45.65-52.08]
% Adipose mass, %**	Mean (SD)	22.50 (6.34)	24.14 (4.66)	31.95 (4.92)	36.69 (4.74)	42.14 (4.94)
	Median	24.15	24.06	31.62	37.47	41.97
	[Q1-Q3]	[17.36-27.33]	[21.31-26.50]	[27.65-35.87]	[32.77-39.65]	[39.69-45.13]
Active body cell mass, kg*	Mean (SD)	33.89 (5.20)	39.13 (4.92)	41.90 (5.43)	42.68 (5.66)	45.84 (5.61)
	Median	30.57	41.35	44.35	44.75	45.21
	[Q1-Q3]	[29.57-39.42]	[33.09-42.78]	[35.42-45.59]	[37.56-47.64]	[40.91-51.30]

Note: \* —  $P$  — reliably significant all mean differences; \*\* —  $P$  — mean differences in the normal and excess body mass patients compared to those in grades 1, 2, 3 obesity patients.



**Fig. 1.** Correlation of insulin blood level with adipose, relative adipose and active body cell mass of the examined patients.

Presence of correlation between insulin resistance and levels of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin is confirmed with statistical difference at  $p < 0.001$  level of value of these parameters in the groups of insulin resistant patients and those with normal tissue insulin sensitivity (**Table 6**).

It was determined that in insulin resistant patients fractalkine level is registered in average at the level of  $(937.20 \pm 87.08)$  ng/mL; clusterin – at the level of  $(126.16 \pm 16.59)$  ng/mL; vaspin – at

**Table 6.** Blood serum levels of the studied peptides of the examined insulin resistant and non-insulin resistant patients\*

Parameter	Statistic parameter	Non-insulin resistant individuals (n = 110)	Insulin resistant patients (n = 140)	Spearman's coef. with HOMA	Independent insulin resistance U-test	U-test p-level
Clusterin, ng/mL	Mean	107.69	126.16	0.78	2750.5	0.001
	(SD)	(9.21)	(16.59)			
	Median	109.42	120.17			
	[Q1-Q3]	[108.00-111.44]	[113.01-139.20]			
Fractalkine, ng/mL	Mean	692.42	937.20	0.84	1606.1	0.001
	(SD)	(143.28)	(87.08)			
	Median	719.16	948.34			
	[Q1-Q3]	[648.24-759.61]	[854.34-1000.20]			
Vaspin, ng/mL	Mean	404.79	671.39	0.83	1701.2	0.001
	(SD)	(140.11)	(135.54)			
	Median	421.55	631.42			
	[Q1-Q3]	[379.53-464.23]	[543.43-819.32]			
Omentin, ng/mL	Mean	505.05	385.47	-0.82	1807.1	0.001
	(SD)	(47.54)	(70.08)			
	Median	519.38	412.90			
	[Q1-Q3]	[503.57-530.51]	[308.16-443.48]			

**Table 7.** Regression equation for the studied peptides related to anthropometric parameters and HOMA insulin resistance index\*

Parameter	Regression equation	R2	F-test, p	Standard error
Fractalkine, ng/mL	$407.478 + 57.1702 * \text{HOMA-IR} + 2.2580 * \text{WC}$	0.626	$F = 273.85$ $p < 0.0000$	103.85
Clusterin, ng/mL	$78.491 + 5.4932 * \text{HOMA-IR} + 0.2071 * \text{WC}$	0.6011	$F = 245.69$ $p < 0.0000$	10.458
Omentin, ng/mL	$618.3103 - 25.6928 * \text{HOMA-IR} - 2.9962 * \% \text{AM}$	0.676	$F = 339.89$ $p < 0.0000$	48.81
Vaspin, ng/mL	$81.6022 + 61.9746 * \text{HOMA-IR} + 1.8584 * \text{WC} + 2.4729 * \% \text{AM}$	0.651	$F = 202.27$ $p < 0.0000$	113.53

Notes: \* — significance at  $p < 0.001$  level; HOMA-IR — HOMA index; % AM — related adipose mass of the body (%); WC — waist circumference (cm); R2 — determination coefficient; F-test — Fisher's test.

the level of  $(671.39 \pm 135.54)$  ng/mL and omentin — at the level of  $(385.47 \pm 70.08)$  ng/mL, that is, respectively, 1.2, 1.4 and 1.7 — fold higher and 1.3 — fold less than those in non-insulin resistant patients.

As a result of multiple move regression, the regression equations for blood contents of clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin and omentin, related to anthropometric parameters and HOMA-IR index were determined (**Table 7**).

## Оригінальні дослідження

Analysis of the evidence obtained in the research allowed to perform comprehensive evaluation of interrelation between dynamics of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin blood levels, HOMA index (HOMA-IR) and relative contents of adipose tissue (AM, %) (**Figure 2**).

It was determined that for the inhabitants of Kharkiv in average deposited fatty mass over 25% of total body mass is an ascertained increase in blood levels of fractalkine from 750 ng/mL and higher, clusterin – from 100 ng/mL and higher, vaspin from 460 ng/mL and higher; decrease of circulatory omentin contents to 500 ng/mL and under, and worsening of tissue insulin sensitivity (HOMA index  $>2.77$ ). More than 34% of total body mass accumulation of adipose tissue determines the development of marked insulin resistance (HOMA index  $>4.00$ ), which is accompanied with fractalkine blood level elevation almost to 900 ng/mL and higher, clusterin – from 120 ng/mL and over, vaspin from 650 ng/mL and over; decreased omentin circulatory level of 400 ng/mL and under. It may cause deepening of morbid alterations in modulation of insulin peripheral effects that increases considerably risk of comorbidity development.

As a conclusion to the results of the research, we should emphasize that individuals with OB

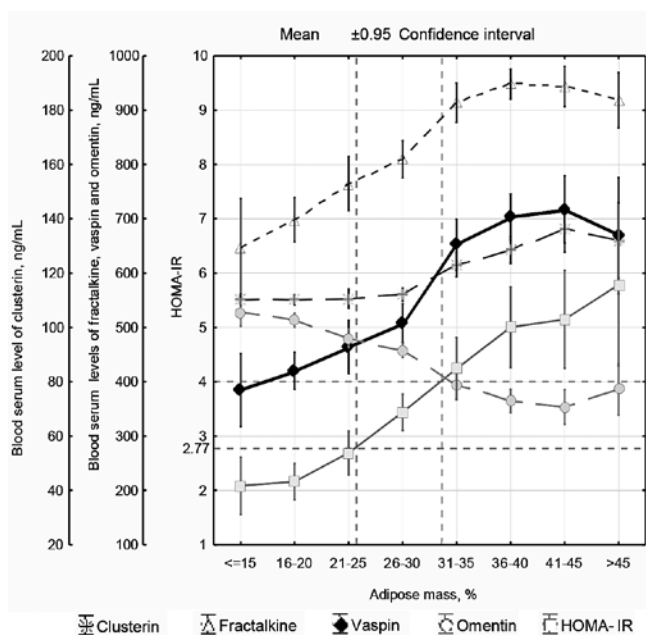
demonstrate higher levels of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin, insulin and lower level of omentin compared to those with nBM and excBM, that proves presence of the more marked inflammation in adipose tissue, systemic low-intensity inflammation in the body, growth of insulin resistance and increased risk of cardiovascular morbidity development.

Markers of these all mentioned morbid conditions correlate significantly between each other and depend on the level of accumulated adipose tissue and body mass index.

Understanding of these processes may construct the basis for optimization of the available diagnostic medical approaches concerning rendering medical aid to the patients with excess weight, development of effective prevention programs for population.

## Conclusions

1. Significant changes of fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin blood serum levels were revealed in obese patients compared to those with normal and excess body mass that proves their developed elevated level of adipose tissue inflammation, low-intensity systemic body inflammation, insulin resistance and cardiovascular comorbidity.
2. 'Relative adipose body mass' parameter is of informational value in respect to the changes in fractalkine, clusterin, vaspin and omentin blood serum levels, as well as 'body mass index' parameter.
3. Visceral adipose tissue and adipose tissue accumulation in gluteofemoral fatty depot influences significantly on the level of inflammation, insulin resistance and cardiovascular comorbidity development in overweight patients.
4. Inhabitants of Kharkiv show significant reduction of tissue insulin sensitivity accompanied with fractalkinemia at level from 900 ng/mL and higher; clusterinemia – from 120 ng/mL and over; vaspinemia – from 650 ng/mL and over, omentinmia – from 400 ng/mL and under.
5. Regression equations concerning contents of clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin and omentin in blood depending on anthropometric parameters and HOMA index are presented.



**Fig. 2.** Levels of HOMA index and circulatory clusterin, fractalkine, vaspin and omentin depending on the relative adipose tissue contents.

Note: Kruskal-Wallis test index for clusterin, at  $p < 0.001$ ; fractalkine,  $p < 0.001$ ; vaspin,  $p < 0.001$ ; omentin,  $p < 0.001$ ; HOMA-IR,  $p < 0.001$ .

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## Информативность гормональных маркеров риска метаболических нарушений у лиц с различной массой тела

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**Резюме.** С целью комплексной оценки взаимосвязей уровней фракталкина, кластерина, васпина и оментина у представителей украинской популяции в зависимости от индекса массы тела, содержания жировой ткани, степени и топографии ее отложения, уровня инсулина в крови, индекса инсулинорезистентности НОМА обследованы 250 жителей г. Харькова (средний возраст 65,48±11,86 года), сформировавших в зависимости от индекса массы тела 4 группы: 1) лица с избыточной массой тела (n=62); 2) лица с ожирением 1-й степени (n=59); 3) лица с ожирением 2-й степени (n=45); 4) лица с ожирением 3-й степени (n=40). Контрольная группа — здоровые лица с нормальной массой тела (n=44).

**Результаты.** У пациентов с ожирением регистрируются достоверно более высокие уровни в крови фракталкина, кластерина, васпина, более низкие — оментина по сравнению с показателями лиц с нормальной и избыточной массой тела. Установлено наличие статистически значи-

мых (p<0,001) корреляционных связей между исследуемыми пептидами, антропометрическими характеристиками, параметрами состава тела, инсулином и индексом НОМА. Определены средние значения содержания фракталкина, кластерина, васпина и оментина у пациентов с инсулинорезистентностью. Получены уравнения регрессии содержания кластерина, фракталкина, васпина и оментина в крови представителей украинской популяции в зависимости от антропометрических параметров и индекса НОМА. **Выводы.** У представителей украинской популяции доказано наличие связи между увеличением массы тела (в первую очередь за счет жировой массы) и содержанием в крови инсулина и пептидов — маркеров локального воспаления жировой ткани, системного низкоинтенсивного воспаления в организме, инсулинорезистентности и развития кардиальной патологии. Доказана их связь с индексом НОМА и уровнем инсулина в крови.

**Ключевые слова:** избыточная масса тела, ожирение, жировая масса, фракталкин, кластерин, оментин, васпин, инсулин.

## Інформативність гормональних маркерів ризику метаболічних порушень в осіб із різною масою тіла

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**Резюме.** З метою комплексної оцінки взаємозв'язків рівнів фракталкіну, кластерину, васпіну й оментину в представників української популяції залежно від індексу маси тіла, вмісту жирової тканини, ступеня та топографії її відкладення, рівня інсуліну в крові, індексу інсулінорезистентності НОМА обстежено 250 жителів м. Харкова (середній вік 65,48±11,86 року), які залежно від індексу маси тіла сформували 4 групи: 1) особи з надмірною масою тіла (n=62); 2) особи з ОЖ 1-го ступеня (n=59); 3) особи з ОЖ 2-го ступеня (n=45); 4) особи з ОЖ 3-го ступеня (n=40). Контрольна група — здорові особи з нормальною масою тіла (n=44). **Результати.** У пацієнтів з ожирінням реєструються вірогідно вищі рівні в крові фракталкіну, кластерину, васпіну, нижчі — оментину порівняно з показниками осіб із нормальною і надмірною масою тіла. Встановлено наявність статистично значущих (p<0,001) кореляційних зв'язків між досліджуваними пептидами, антропометричними характеристиками, параметрами складу тіла, інсуліном та індексом НОМА. Визначено середні значення вмісту фракталкіну, кластерину, васпіну та оментину в пацієнтів з інсулінорезистентністю. Отримано рівняння регресії вмісту фракталкіну, кластерину, васпіну та оментину в крові представників української популяції залежно від антропометричних параметрів та індексу НОМА. **Висновки.** У представників української популяції доведено наявність зв'язку між збільшенням маси тіла (насамперед за рахунок жирової маси) та вмістом у крові інсуліну та пептидів — маркерів локального запалення жирової тканини, системного низькоінтенсивного запалення в організмі, інсулінорезистентності та розвитку кардіальної патології. Доведено їх зв'язок з індексом НОМА та рівнем інсуліну в крові.

**Ключові слова:** надмірна маса тіла, ожиріння, жирова маса, фракталкін, кластерин, оментин, васпін, інсулін.