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**HUMAN PARAOXONASE (PON1) L55M ALLELIC POLYMORPHISM
AND HEMODIALYSIS**

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ABSTRACT

Background: Patients on maintenance hemodialysis (HD) are at high risk of coronary heart disease. Human paraoxonase (PON1, EC 3.1.8.1) is a high-density lipoprotein (HDL) associated enzyme that protects low-density lipoprotein (LDL) from oxidation and also protects against atherosclerosis. PON 1 L55M polymorphism can take a part in the mechanism of development of CHD.

Aim: To map genotype distribution of PON 1 L55M allelic polymorphism in Croatia and to determine the relationship of PON1 L55M polymorphism and hemodialysis treatment.

Methods: HD-patients (N=51, M/F=28/23, age=60±12 years) and control (blood donors) subjects (N=95, M/F=48/47, age=49±17 years) from area of Slavonski Brod, Croatia were included in this study. PON1 L55M polymorphism was detected by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and restriction fragments length polymorphism (RFLP) method.

Results: The distribution of PON1 L55M genotypes in hemodialysis patients (11% MM, 40% LM, and 49% LL) differs from control subjects (12% MM, 48% LM, and 40% LL). The allele frequency for PON1 L55M allelic polymorphism did differ in 5% in hemodialysis patients (69% L allele, 31% M allele) and control subjects (64% L allele, 36% M allele). The most common is L allele for both the HD and CS subjects.

Conclusion: There were approximately 55.5% PON1 L55M polymorphic subjects and 44.5% subjects with no PON1 L55M polymorphism in this study. L allele is the most common allele for PON 1 L55M polymorphism in hemodialysis patients as well as in group of control subjects. The allele frequency for PON1 L55M allelic polymorphism did differ in 5% of hemodialysis patients (69% L allele, 31% M allele) and control subjects (64% L allele, 36% M allele). This study suggested that hemodialysis is associated rather with M allele appearance than with MM genotype for PON 1 L55M allelic polymorphism.

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7 SUMMARY

This research takes part in a complex genotyping for human paraoxonase PON 1 allelic polymorphisms in Croatian population of blood donors. Some results of this thesis are summarised in following paper „Genetic Frequencies of Paraoxonase 1 Gene Polymorphisms in Croatian Population“, authors Marija Grdić, Karmela Barišić, Lada Rumora, Ilza Salamunić, Milena Tadijanović, Tihana Žanić Grubišić, Renata Pšikalová, Zlata Flegar-Meštrić, and Dubravka Juretića; published in *Croatica Chemica Acta*. The hemodialysis patients' genotyping is used in research of comparison of human paraoxonase allelic polymorphism in hemodialysis patients and control subjects in Croatia (not published yet).

I have summarized almost all available information in the field of paraoxonase research in theoretical part of my Master Thesis. Brief characteristics of hemodialysis are presented in theoretical part too. I used Internet, especially database Medline, and Scientific Library in Hradec Králové to collect all information.

I have done genotyping for human paraoxonase PON 1 L55M allelic polymorphism of hemodialysis patients (HD) and control subjects (CS) using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and restriction fragments length polymorphism (RFLP) technique in experimental part of thesis. I tried to determine the relationship of PON1 L55M allelic polymorphism and hemodialysis. I mapped gender and age distribution of studied population and compared it.

There were approximately 55.5% PON1 L55M polymorphic subjects and 44.5% subjects with no PON1 L55M polymorphism. The distribution of PON1 L55M genotypes in HD (11% MM homozygote, 40% LM heterozygote, and 49% LL wild type) did differ from control subjects (12% MM homozygote, 48% LM heterozygote, and 40% LL wild type).

I have determined that L allele is the most common allele for PON 1 L55M polymorphism in hemodialysis patients as well as in group of control subjects. The allele frequency for PON1 L55M allelic polymorphism did differ in 5% of hemodialysis patients (69% L allele, 31% M allele) and control subjects (64% L allele, 36% M allele).

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