



## THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PANCREATIC BETA-CELL FUNCTION (HOMA-B) AND METABOLIC SYNDROME AMONG PHYSICIANS AGED 30-50 YEARS OLD

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Metabolic Syndrome (MetS) is a health concern that warrants significant attention within the physician population due to their high-risk work patterns and lifestyles. The assessment of pancreatic beta-cell function using HOMA-B is complex due to a compensatory phase that precedes pancreatic failure, which accounts for the conflicting results in previous studies.

**Objective:** To evaluate the prevalence ratio of HOMA-B  $\leq 94.74\%$  with MetS in a physician population aged 30-50 years.

**Methods:** This was a cross-sectional study involving 184 physicians who underwent medical check-ups at the Clinical Pathology Laboratory of FK-KMK UGM in May 2023. Consecutive sampling was applied to subjects meeting the inclusion and exclusion criteria. MetS was defined using the Harmonized criteria, and the HOMA-B index was categorized into  $\leq 94.74\%$  and  $>94.74\%$ . Data were analyzed using the chi-square test and multivariable regression. A 95% confidence interval (CI) was used, and a p-value  $<0.05$  was considered statistically significant.

**Results:** The median age of the subjects was 32 (30–49) years, comprising 83 males (45%) and 101 females (55%). The median HOMA-B in the MetS group was 116.75% (24.00–749.60%), which was significantly higher than the non-MetS group at 91.93% (21.60–340.36%);  $p < 0.001$ . The prevalence ratio of MetS in the HOMA-B  $\leq 94.74\%$  group was 0.65 times lower compared to the HOMA-B  $>94.74\%$  group (95% CI: 0.41–1.03;  $p = 0.066$ ). After adjusting for age, BMI, shift work system, years of employment, working hours, sleep quantity, sleep quality, physical activity, dietary fiber, and smoking status, the adjusted prevalence ratio was 0.94 (95% CI: 0.58–1.52;  $p = 0.795$ ).

**Conclusion:** The prevalence ratio of MetS in the HOMA-B  $\leq 94.74\%$  group was not significantly different from the HOMA-B  $>94.74\%$  group (aPR = 0.94) after adjusting for age, BMI, shift work system, years of employment, working hours, sleep quantity, sleep quality, physical activity, dietary fiber, and smoking status.

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