

Factors associated with systemic arterial hypertension and diabetes mellitus in the population served by the Vozes das Ruas Project in Jundiaí

Fatores associados à hipertensão arterial sistêmica e diabetes *mellitus* na população atendida pelo Projeto Vozes das Ruas em Jundiaí

Factores asociados a la hipertensión arterial sistémica y la diabetes mellitus en la población atendida por el proyecto Vozes das Ruas en Jundiaí

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Abstract

Introduction: Chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) — including diabetes mellitus (DM) and systemic arterial hypertension (SAH) — are responsible for most of the worldwide deaths today, and the identification of associated factors is an essential tool for their prevention and health promotion strategies. **Objective:** To determine the prevalence of SAH and DM in the adult population served by Projeto Vozes das Ruas (PVR) in Jundiaí, SP, Brazil and associated factors. **Methods:** A cross-sectional study was carried out from March to November 2019, with a sample of adults over 18 years of age, participating in PVR's health promotion actions in 2019, which consisted in the application of a sociodemographic and health behavior questionnaire, evaluation of capillary glucose, blood pressure, weight, height and waist circumference and subsequent health counseling. Descriptive analysis of the data was performed to determine the association of the outcomes DM and SAH with independent variables. A chi-square test was carried out and variables with $p < 0.20$ were included in multivariate logistic regression ($p < 0.05$). **Results:** The sample consisted of 50% females with an average age of 48.56 years. The self-reported prevalence of DM was 16.2% and SAH 30.2%, with a relationship between them. The common associated factors were: age group over 39 years and continuous-use medications. Associated with DM were family history of DM, use of basic health unit and smoking history. In relation to SAH the associations were less than eight years of schooling, overweight and obesity and smoking. **Conclusions:** In the population studied, there was a high prevalence of two of the main NCDs, SAH and DM, which presented risk factors of extreme relevance for the planning of health promotion and disease prevention strategies.

Keywords: Hypertension; Diabetes mellitus, Noncommunicable diseases; Epidemiology.

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Resumo

Introdução: As doenças crônicas não transmissíveis (DCNT) — incluindo diabetes (DM) e hipertensão arterial sistêmica (HAS) — são responsáveis por grande parte das mortes mundiais atualmente, sendo a identificação de fatores associados uma ferramenta fundamental para sua prevenção e estratégias de promoção da saúde. **Objetivo:** Determinar a prevalência de HAS e DM na população adulta atendida pelo Projeto Vozes das Ruas (PVR) em Jundiá (SP) e fatores associados. **Métodos:** Os participantes do estudo transversal, conduzido de março a novembro de 2019, foram adultos acima de 18 anos, voluntários das ações de promoção de saúde do PVR em 2019, que consistiram na aplicação de um questionário sociodemográfico e de comportamentos em saúde; na avaliação de glicemia capilar, pressão arterial, peso, altura e circunferência abdominal; e posterior aconselhamento em saúde. Realizou-se análise descritiva dos dados para verificar a associação dos desfechos DM e HAS com variáveis independentes. Utilizaram-se teste χ^2 e regressão logística multivariada para variáveis com $p < 0,20$, adotando-se a significância de 5%. **Resultados:** A amostra foi composta de 580 participantes, 50% do sexo feminino e com idade média de 48,56 anos. A prevalência autodeclarada de DM foi 16,2% e de HAS, 30,2%. Os fatores associados em comum foram: faixa etária acima de 39 anos e uso de medicação contínua. Associados à DM foram: antecedente familiar de DM, uso de unidade básica de saúde, histórico de tabagismo. Em relação à HAS as associações foram: menos de oito anos de estudo, sobrepeso e obesidade. **Conclusões:** Na população estudada houve elevada prevalência de duas das principais DCNT — HAS e DM — que apresentaram fatores associados de extrema relevância para o planejamento de estratégias de promoção da saúde e prevenção de doenças.

Palavras-chave: Hipertensão; Diabetes mellitus; Doenças não transmissíveis; Epidemiologia.

Resumen

Introducción: Las enfermedades crónicas no transmisibles (ENT), incluidas la diabetes (DM) y la hipertensión arterial sistémica (HAS), son responsables de la mayoría de las muertes a nivel mundial en la actualidad, siendo la identificación de los factores asociados una herramienta fundamental para su prevención y estrategias para promover la salud. **Objetivo:** Determinar la prevalencia de HAS y DM en la población adulta atendida por Proyecto Vozes das Ruas (PVR) en Jundiá (SP) y factores asociados. **Métodos:** Se realizó un estudio cuantitativo transversal de marzo a noviembre de 2019. La muestra estuvo conformada por 580 participantes y los datos fueron analizados y correlacionados con variables sociodemográficas, antecedentes clínicos y familiares, conducta de salud, uso de medicamentos, alimentación y actividad física. Se realizó un análisis descriptivo y para verificar la asociación de los resultados de DM y HAS con variables independientes se utilizó Chi-cuadrado y regresión logística multivariante para las variables con $p < 0,20$, adoptando una significancia del 5%. **Resultados:** La muestra estuvo constituida por 50% de mujeres y una edad media de 48,56 años. La prevalencia autonotificada de DM fue del 16,2% y de HAS del 30,2%, con relación entre ellas. Los factores asociados comunes fueron: grupo de edad mayor de 39 años y uso de medicación continua. Asociados a la DM estaban: antecedentes familiares de DM, uso de SBU, antecedentes de tabaquismo. Con relación a la HAS las asociaciones fueron: menos de ocho años de estudio, sobrepeso y obesidad, tabaquismo. **Conclusiones:** En la población estudiada, hubo una alta prevalencia de dos de las principales ENT, HAS y DM, que presentaron factores de riesgo de extrema relevancia para la planificación de estrategias de promoción de la salud y prevención de enfermedades.

Palabras-clave: Hipertensión; Diabetes mellitus; Enfermedades no transmisibles; Epidemiología.

INTRODUCTION

A large part of morbidity and mortality in Brazil is due to chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), especially cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus (DM), cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases.¹ These diseases were responsible for 70 and 63% of deaths in Brazil and worldwide in the last decade.^{2,3} In middle- and low-income countries, almost 28 million deaths from these causes occur in people under 70 years of age.^{3,4}

Among the NCDs, systemic arterial hypertension (SAH) is one of the main conditions for care in Family Health Strategy (FHS)⁵ and is widely associated with increased cardiovascular risk, where its prevention and treatment is of utmost importance.³ DM is another NCD with considerable morbidity and mortality rates, being associated with several chronic complications, such as cardiovascular diseases, retinopathy and diabetic nephropathy.⁶

Therefore, the FHS, through comprehensive and intersectoral measures that address the associated factors, is important in promoting health and improving quality of life.⁷ In the current scenario, alcohol abuse,

inadequate diet and sedentary lifestyle are the main factors associated with NCDs,¹ as well as obesity, which has been increasing in recent years and is an aggravating factor in combating these conditions.³

To change these patterns, it is necessary to emphasize early preventive strategies, formulated on the basis of data and studies that relate the main determinants of health and disease,¹ enabling the union between clinical work and health promotion.⁷ Thus, epidemiology works as a support for public health, as it identifies the main needs related to the population and provides improvements in the functioning of the Unified Health System (SUS).⁸

In addition to the mortality due to NCDs, it is also necessary to consider the high costs for the health system. People with these diseases use services twice as often when compared to those who do not have them³ and the FHS is a key tool to reduce, for example, hospitalizations for causes sensitive to Primary Health Care.⁹

Thus, the objective of this study was to identify the prevalence of NCDs and factors associated with SAH and DM in the population served by the Projeto Vozes das Ruas (PVR; “Voice from the Streets Project”).

METHODS

Outline

A cross-sectional quantitative study was carried out with an adult population of Jundiaí (SP, Brazil) that received health care assistance through PVR. This is an extension project of the Jundiaí School of Medicine (FMJ), which since 2010 has been working in the community with non-profit social actions aimed at promoting the population’s quality of life. In it, medical students from the 1st to the 6th year serve the population of Jundiaí and the region through health efforts that take place in schools and other public places such as squares and parks and consist in filling out a questionnaire, carrying out anthropometric measurements, measuring blood pressure (BP), capillary blood glucose and general guidelines, promoting health education, disease prevention, lifestyle changes and encouraging healthy habits.

The study was conducted using the following inclusion criteria:

1. Persons 18 years or older;
2. PVR participating volunteers.

Exclusion criteria:

1. Persons who did not sign an informed consent form;
2. Participants who answered less than half of the questionnaire.

Location

The study was conducted in Jundiaí, a city located in the interior of the state of São Paulo, with a population of 423,006 inhabitants,¹⁰ of which 354,204 live in urban areas and 15,922 in rural areas. The municipality has an area of 431.2 km² and a human development index of 0.834.¹⁰ The population service and data collection were carried out in municipal and state schools in the neighborhoods São Camilo, Almerinda Chaves and Vila Marlene and public squares and public buildings with activities

aimed at the population, namely: City Park, Argos Educational and Cultural Complex, Marechal Floriano Peixoto Square.

Collection of data

Data were collected from March to November 2019, through a specific questionnaire, applied in the form of an interview by FMJ students from 1st to 6th year, PVR volunteers, who received training given by professors from the Public Health and Internal Medicine departments of the FMJ. The questionnaire was applied at different stages in the organization of the PVR extension project.

There was an initial approach to the volunteer explaining about the project and the activities offered, moving on to the collection of sociodemographic data (see sociodemographic characterization). Subsequently, the physical examination was performed: measurement of capillary blood glucose, using a disposable lancet, procedure gloves, cotton, AccuChek Active glucose meter; and BP measurement, following the technique of the 7th Brazilian Guidelines on Arterial Hypertension, of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology,¹¹ using a properly calibrated stethoscope and sphygmomanometer. The volunteer’s weight, height and waist circumference were also determined in the physical examination. After these procedures, there was an interview about clinical and family history, health behavior, medication use, diet and physical activity, as described below.

According to the information collected and in view of the health problems and determinants, the members of the PVR responsible for the final questioning guided the participants about possible changes in lifestyle, with a dialogue aimed at biopsychosocial well-being, the promotion of health and disease prevention.

Study variables

The questionnaire was designed according to the theoretical conceptual model adapted for the study (Figure 1),^{12,13} which considers the socioeconomic context, demographic characteristics, health history, habits and clinical condition described below.

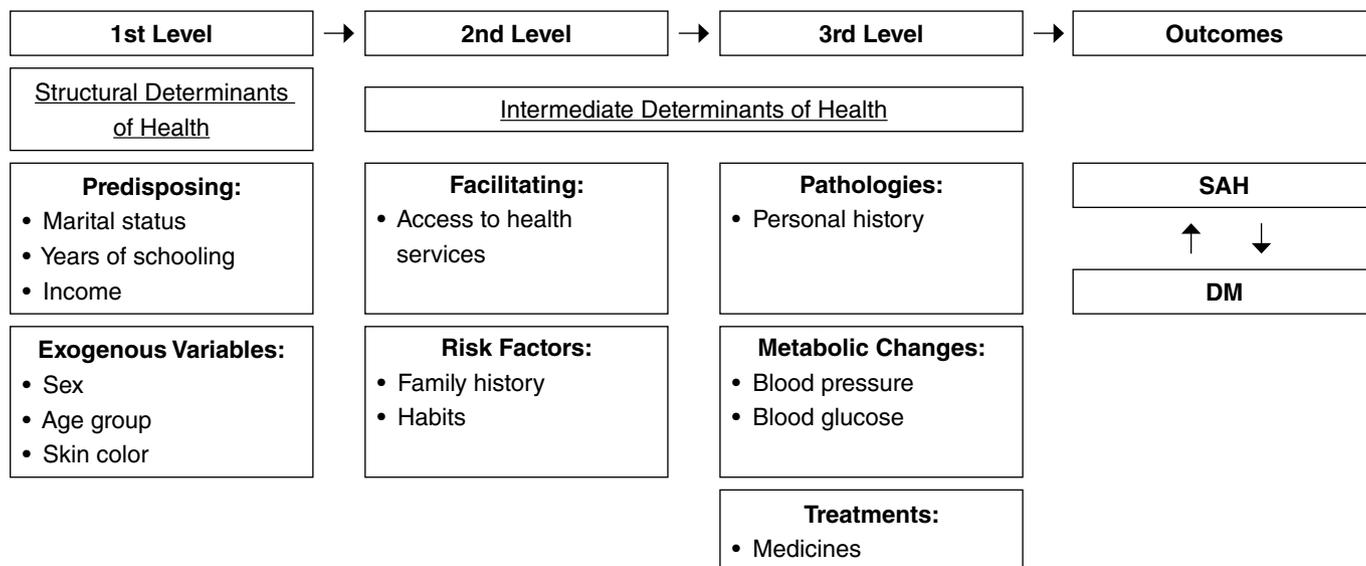


Figure 1. Conceptual theoretical model used in the study, Jundiaí (SP), 2020.

Sociodemographic characterization: age group (between 18 and 39 years old; between 40 and 59, 60 or older), sex (female and male), educational level (up to eight years of study and nine or more years of study), color (white and non-white), marital status (with and without a partner), family income (up to R\$1,995.99, between R\$ 1,996.00 and R\$ 3,991.99 and R\$ 3,992.00 or more), type of health service (exclusive to SUS and private insurance) and whether they use the basic health unit (UBS) in the neighborhood (yes or no).

Physical examination: weight, height, body mass index (BMI, calculated by weight divided by height squared, the normal range being between 18.5 and 24.9 in adults and between 22.0 and 26.9 in the elderly).¹⁴

Capillary blood glucose: blood glucose and time of the last food intake.

Blood pressure: systolic pressure, diastolic pressure.

Self-reported medical history: DM, SAH, stroke, acute myocardial infarction or others.

Family history in 1st degree relatives: DM, SAH, hypercholesterolemia, obesity or others.

Health behavior: smoking (active, ex-smoker, never smoked), alcohol consumption, number of times a week.

Continuous-use medications: yes or no — hypoglycemic drugs, antihypertensives, acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), statins, diuretics. In addition, the number of times a day the drug is used was determined.

Food: number of meals per day (up to two, three or more).

Physical activity: number of times a week physical activity is practiced (none, one to two, three or more), and if practiced, which activity (walking, competitive sport, gymnastics, weight training, dance or other) and number of times a week, or if not, the reason.

Ethics aspects

The study was approved by the Research Ethics Committee (Certificate of Presentation for Ethical Assessment — CAAE:15933519.0.0000.5412), No. 3,634,854. The entire research was carried out in accordance with ethical standards, and the confidentiality of all information was guaranteed to maintain the privacy of the participants.

Analysis of data

The data collected by the questionnaires were tabulated via Microsoft Excel by double typing. Statistical analysis was performed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences software (IBM SPSS Statistics 23, IBM Corporation, Armonk, New York, USA). Descriptive and exploratory analyses were performed on the variables, with calculation of relative frequencies, mean, median, standard deviation and confidence interval. After the descriptive analyses, the independent variables related to the outcome were selected on the basis of the conceptual theoretical model adopted for the study, categorized and dichotomized for comparison with the dependent variables: SAH and DM (NCD).

Bivariate analyses were performed using the χ^2 test or Fisher's exact test. Univariate logistic regression was used, and variables with $p < 0.20$ were entered for multivariate logistic regression analysis. The measure of association in the present study was the prevalence ratio (PR), since this was a cross-sectional study. The confidence interval (CI) adopted was 95% and the Hosmer and Lemeshow test was used to verify the adherence of the models.

RESULTS

Characterization of sample

Information was collected from 580 people helped by the PVR in the city of Jundiaí, with an average age of 48.56 years. In the present study, 10.6% of patients had DM and SAH (n=56).

Regarding the clinical data collected from the population during the PVR activities, the mean weight was 74.70 kg, the mean height was 1.67 m and the mean BMI was 26.77 kg/m², and 55.5% of the sample were overweight (BMI>24.9). Mean capillary blood glucose was 107.38 mg/dL. Mean systolic BP was 123.27 mmHg and mean diastolic pressure was 79.35 mmHg.

Evaluating the self-reported personal history of the participants cared for in the project, in addition to those already presented in Table 1, 2.4% (n=9) declared that they had a cerebrovascular accident (CVA) and 3.2% (n= 12) said that they had already suffered an acute myocardial infarction (AMI). Regarding family history, 51.0% (n=271) of people reported having family members with DM, 62.4% (n=332) family members diagnosed with SAH and 18.1% (n=96) family members with obesity.

Table 1. Characterization of persons served by Vozes das Ruas Project in Jundiaí, São Paulo.

Characteristics of sample	Absolute frequency	Relative frequency (%)
Demographics		
Sex		
Male	289	50.0
Female	289	50.0
Skin color		
White	338	59.3
Non-white	232	40.7
Age group		
Between 18 and 39 years	166	28.6
Between 40 and 59 years	266	45.9
60 years or older	148	25.5
Socioeconomic		
Marital status		
With partner	333	58.9
Without partner	232	41.1
Years of schooling		
Up to 8 years	213	37.2
9 or more years	359	62.8
Income		
Up to R\$ 1,995.99	204	37.6
Between R\$ 1,996.00 and R\$ 3,991.99	168	30.9
R\$ 3,992.00 or more	171	31.5
Facilitators		
Access		
Exclusive SUS	315	55.1
Private insurance	257	44.9

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Table 1. Continuation.

Characteristics of sample	Absolute frequency	Relative frequency (%)
UBS		
Yes	361	63.1
No	211	36.9
Outcomes		
SAH		
Yes	160	30.2
No	370	69.8
DM		
Yes	86	16.2
No	444	83.8

SUS: United Health System; UBS: basic health unit; SAH: systemic arterial hypertension; DM: diabetes mellitus.

Regarding the use of medications, 59.2% (n=325) of the participants reported being on some continuous-use medications, of which 18.3% (n=71) said they used hypoglycemic agents, 6.7% (n=26) diuretics, 37.2% (n=144) antihypertensives and 6.2% (n=24) ASA.

Analyzing the habits of the population served by the project, 11.5% (n=65) of the people were smokers and 25.7% (n=145) ex-smokers and 56.6% (320) never smoked. Regarding alcohol consumption, 43.6% (n=248) of the population used it, and 8.8% (n=19) drank daily. Of all people, 61.9% (n=354) reported performing physical activities, with 17.7% (n=96) having daily practice. Among those active, the modality most performed was walking, and 38.1% (n=218) of the sample reported being sedentary and not practicing any type of physical exercise. Among sedentary people, the main reasons that prevented them from exercising were lack of time by 41.6% (n=67) and lack of interest by 37.3% (n=60).

Diabetes mellitus

The associations between DM and exogenous characteristics, predisposing health factors, family history, facilitating variables, habits, personal history, continuous-use medications and BMI can be seen in Tables 2 and 3. Hosmer and Lemeshow test: p=0.935.

Table 2. Univariate analysis of diabetes mellitus and study variables.

Variable	Parameters	DM		PR (95%CI)	p-value
		Yes % (n)	No % (n)		
Sex	Female	47.1 (40)	51.0 (226)	1.00	0.504
	Male	52.9 (45)	49.0 (217)	1.17 (0.74–1.86)	
Skin color	White	65.5 (55)	58.9 (257)	1.32 (0.81–2.15)	0.263
	Non-white	34.5 (29)	41.1 (179)	1.00	
Age group	18–39	3.5 (3)	32.0 (142)	1.00	0.000*
	40–59	46.5 (40)	46.2 (205)	9.23 (2.80–30.44)	
	60 or older	50.0 (43)	21.8 (97)	20.98 (6.32–69.56)	

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Table 2. Continuation.

Variable	Parameters	DM		PR (95%CI)	p-value	
		Yes % (n)	No % (n)			
Marital status	With partner	63.1 (53)	57.9 (245)	1.29 (0.80–2.10)	0.289	
	Without partner	36.9 (31)	43.2 (186)	1.00		
Years of schooling	Up to 8	56.0 (47)	35.3 (155)	2.33 (1.45–3.74)	0.000*	
	9 or more	44.0 (37)	64.7 (284)	1.00		
Income (R\$)	Up to 1,995.99	38.8 (31)	38.0 (158)	1.00	0.644	
	1,996.00–3,991.99	35.0 (28)	30.0 (125)	1.14 (0.65–2.00)		
Family history	3,992.00 or more	26.3 (21)	32.0 (133)	0.80 (0.44–1.46)	0.478	
	DM	Yes	72.6 (61)	44.3 (194)	3.34 (1.99–5.58)	0.000*
	No	27.4 (23)	55.7 (244)	1.00		
SAH	Yes	69.0 (58)	57.3 (251)	1.66 (1.01–2.74)	0.046*	
	No	31.0 (26)	42.7 (187)	1.00		
Hypercholesterolemia	Yes	32.1 (27)	25.9 (113)	1.36 (0.82–2.25)	0.235	
	No	67.9 (57)	74.1 (324)	1.00		
Obesity	Yes	19.0 (16)	16.2 (71)	1.21 (0.66–2.21)	0.529	
	No	81.0 (68)	83.8 (366)	1.00		
Access	Exclusive SUS	62.4 (53)	54.3 (238)	1.39 (0.86–2.24)	0.175	
	Private insurance	37.6 (32)	45.7 (200)	1.00		
UBS	Yes	82.1 (69)	59.6 (261)	3.12 (1.73–5.63)	0.000*	
	No	17.9 (15)	40.4 (177)	1.00		
PA ^a weekly	Never	43.8 (35)	40.7 (169)	1.00	0.509	
	1 to 2 times	13.8 (11)	16.4 (68)	0.78 (0.37–1.62)		
	3 or more times	42.5 (34)	42.9 (178)	0.92 (0.55–1.54)		
Smoking	Active	6.0 (5)	14.3 (58)	0.55 (0.21–1.47)	0.239	
	Ex-smoker	47.0 (39)	23.6 (96)	2.62 (1.59–4.34)		
Meals per day	Never smoked	47.0 (39)	62.1 (252)	1.00	0.267	
	Up to 2	15.5 (13)	20.8 (91)	1.00		
Personal history	3 or more	84.5 (71)	79.2 (347)	1.43 (0.76–2.70)		
	AMI	Yes	5.8 (5)	1.6 (7)	3.85 (1.19–12.44)	0.031*
	No	94.2 (81)	98.4 (437)	1.00		
SAH	Yes	65.1 (56)	23.4 (104)	6.10 (3.72–10.01)	0.000*	
	No	34.9 (30)	76.6 (340)	1.00		
CVA	Yes	2.3 (2)	1.6 (7)	1.49 (0.30–7.28)	0.644	
	No	97.7 (84)	98.4 (437)	1.00		
Medications	Denied all	Yes	7.1 (6)	44.7 (192)	0.09 (0.04–0.22)	0.000*
		No	92.9 (79)	55.3 (238)	1.00	
Statin	Yes	21.2 (18)	6.5 (28)	3.85 (2.02–7.36)	0.000*	
	No	78.8 (67)	93.5 (402)	1.00		
ASA	Yes	10.6 (9)	3.5 (15)	3.28 (1.38–7.76)	0.007*	
	No	89.4 (76)	96.5 (415)	1.00		
Overweight or obesity	Yes	66.3 (57)	52.4 (231)	1.78 (1.10–2.90)	0.018*	
	No	33.7 (29)	47.6 (210)	1.00		

DM: diabetes mellitus; PR: prevalence ratio; CI: confidence interval; SAH: systemic arterial hypertension; UBS: basic health unit; PA^a: physical activity; AMI: acute myocardial infarction; CVA: cerebrovascular accident; ASA: acetylsalicylic acid. *chi-square test p<0.05; numbers in bold represent significant variables.

Table 3. Univariate and multivariate analysis by logistic regression of diabetes *mellitus* and study variables.

Variable	Parameters	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
		Crude PR	p-value	Adjusted PR	p-value
Age group	18–39	1.00		1.00	
	40–59	9.23 (2.80–30.44)	0.000*	16.43 (2.10–127.89)	0.008*
	60 or older	20.98 (6.32–69.56)	0.000*	14.11 (1.74–114.24)	0.013*
Years of schooling	Up to 8	2.33 (1.45–3.74)	0.000*	1.54 (0.74–3.20)	0.249
	9 or more	1.00		1.00	
Family history					
DM	Yes	3.34 (1.99–5.58)	0.000*	5.00 (2.53–9.88)	0.000*
	No	1.00			
SAH	Yes	1.66 (1.01–2.74)	0.046*	0.73 (0.37–1.44)	0.361
	No	1.00			
UBS	Yes	3.12 (1.73–5.63)	0.000*	2.38 (1.03–5.54)	0.043*
	No	1.00			
Smoking	Active	0.55 (0.21–1.47)	0.239	0.89 (0.28 – 2.79)	0.843
	Ex-smoker	2.62 (1.59–4.34)	0.000*	3.56 (1.78–7.12)	0.000*
	Never smoked	1.00		1.00	
AMI	Yes	3.85 (1.19–12.44)	0.031*	1.14 (0.26–4.97)	0.863
	No	1.00		1.00	
SAH	Yes	6.10 (3.72–10.01)	0.000*	2.40 (1.19–4.83)	0.014*
	No	1.00		1.00	
Continuous-use medications					
Denied all	Yes	0.09 (0.04–0.22)	0.000*	0.17 (0.06–0.49)	0.001*
	No	1.00		1.00	
Statin	Yes	3.85 (2.02–7.36)	0.000*	2.25 (0.98–5.18)	0.057
	No	1.00		1.00	
ASA	Yes	3.28 (1.38–7.76)	0.007*	1.02 (0.35–2.94)	0.972
	No	1.00		1.00	
Overweight or obesity	Yes	1.78 (1.10–2.90)	0.018*	1.40 (0.71–2.75)	0.332
	No	1.00		1.00	

PR: prevalence ratio; DM: diabetes mellitus; SAH: systemic arterial hypertension; UBS: basic health unit; AMI: acute myocardial infarction; ASA: acetylsalicylic acid. *chi-square test $p < 0.05$; numbers in bold represent significant variables.

Systemic arterial hypertension

The associations of univariate and multivariate analyses between SAH and exogenous characteristics, predisposing health factors and family history, facilitating variables, habits, personal history, continuous-use medications and BMI can be seen in Tables 4 and 5. Hosmer and Lemeshow test:

DISCUSSION

Among NCDs, DM and SAH are conditions that have been growing in Brazil and worldwide. In the late 1980s, the prevalence of DM was 7.6% in the adult population,¹⁵ reaching 15% in the city of Ribeirão Preto in 2010¹⁶ and 20% in other Brazilian regions.³ These data are similar to those found in the present study, where the prevalence was 16.2%.

Table 4. Univariate analysis of systemic arterial hypertension and study variables.

Variable	Parameters	SAH		PR (95%CI)	p-value
		Yes % (n)	No % (n)		
Sex	Female	49.4 (79)	50.8 (187)	1.00	0.761
	Male	50.6 (81)	49.2 (181)	1.05 (0.73–1.53)	
Skin color	White	61.8 (97)	59.2 (215)	1.11 (0.75–1.63)	0.585
	Non-white	38.2 (60)	40.8 (148)	1.00	
Age group	18–39	8.1 (13)	35.7 (132)	1.00	0.000*
	40–59	42.5 (68)	47.8 (177)	3.90 (2.06–7.36)	
	60 or older	49.4 (79)	16.5 (61)	13.15 (6.79–25.45)	
Marital status	With partner	57.9 (88)	57.9 (210)	1.00 (0.68 – 1.47)	0.993
	Without partner	42.1 (64)	42.1 (153)	1.00	
Years of schooling	Up to 8	58.0 (91)	30.3 (111)	3.16 (2.15–4.66)	0.000*
	9 or more	42.0 (66)	69.7 (255)	1.00	
Income (R\$)	Up to 1.995,99	45.1 (69)	35.0 (120)	1.88 (1.17–3.03)	0.009*
	1,996.00–3,991.99	31.4 (48)	30.6 (105)	1.49 (0.90–2.48)	
	3,992.00 or more	23.5 (36)	34.4 (118)	1.00	
Family history					
DM	Yes	50.3 (79)	48.2 (176)	1.08 (0.74–1.58)	0.660
	No	49.7 (78)	51.8 (189)	1.00	
SAH	Yes	70.7 (111)	54.2 (198)	2.03 (1.36–3.03)	0.000*
	No	29.3 (46)	45.8 (167)	1.00	
Hypercholesterolemia	Yes	25.5 (40)	27.5 (100)	0.90 (0.58–1.38)	0.637
	No	74.5 (117)	72.5 (264)	1.00	
Obesity	Yes	15.9 (25)	17 (62)	0.92 (0.55–1.53)	0.755
	No	84.1 (132)	83.0 (302)	1.00	
Access	SUS	65.0 (102)	51.6 (189)	1.73 (1.18–2.55)	0.005*
	Private insurance	35.0 (55)	48.4 (177)	1.00	
UBS	Yes	77.2 (122)	57.1 (208)	2.54 (1.66–3.89)	0.000*
	No	22.8 (36)	42.9 (156)	1.00	
PA ^a weekly	Never	44.4 (64)	39.9 (140)	1.00	0.473
	1 to 2 times	13.2 (19)	17.1 (60)	0.69 (0.38–1.25)	
	3 or more times	42.4 (61)	43 (151)	0.88 (0.58–1.34)	
Smoking	Active	5.7 (9)	14.8 (54)	0.36 (0.17–0.77)	0.008*
	Ex-smoker	32.4 (48)	25.5 (87)	0.30 (0.14–0.66)	
Meals per day	Never smoked	61.5 (91)	58.7 (200)	1.00	0.872
	Up to 2	19.5 (31)	20.1 (73)	1.00	
Personal history	3 or more	80.5 (128)	79.9 (290)	1.03 (0.65–1.66)	0.872
	AMI	Yes	5.0 (8)	1.1 (4)	
DM	No	95.0 (152)	98.9 (366)	1.00	0.000*
	Yes	35.0 (56)	8.1 (30)	6.10 (3.72–10.01)	
CVA	No	65.0 (104)	91.9 (340)	1.00	0.025*
	Yes	3.8 (6)	0.8 (3)	4.76 (1.17–19.30)	
	No	96.3 (154)	99.2 (367)	1.00	

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Table 4. Continuation.

Variable	Parameters	SAH		PR (95%CI)	p-value
		Yes % (n)	No % (n)		
Continuous-use medications					
Denied all	Yes	6.3 (10)	53.0 (188)	0.05 (0.03–0.11)	0.000*
	No	93.8 (150)	47.0 (167)	1.00	
Statin	Yes	15.0 (24)	6.2 (22)	2.67 (1.44–4.92)	0.001*
	No	85.0 (136)	93.8 (333)	1.00	
ASA	Yes	7.5 (12)	3.4 (12)	2.31 (1.01–5.27)	0.040*
	No	92.5 (148)	96.6 (343)	1.00	
Overweight or obesity	Yes	70.4 (112)	47.8 (176)	2.60 (1.74–3.87)	0.000*
	No	29.6 (47)	52.2 (192)	1.00	

SAH: systemic arterial hypertension; PR: prevalence ratio; DM: diabetes mellitus; SUS: United Health System; UBS: basic health unit; PA^a: physical activity; AMI: acute myocardial infarction; CVA: cerebrovascular accident; ASA: acetylsalicylic acid. * chi-square $p < 0,05$; numbers in bold represent significant variables.

Table 5. Univariate and multivariate analysis by logistic regression of systemic arterial hypertension and study variables.

Variable	Parameters	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
		Crude PR	p-value	Adjusted PR	p-value
Age group	18–39	1.00		1.00	
	40–59	3.90 (2.06–7.36)	0.000*	2.64 (1.06–6.55)	0,036*
	60 or older	13.15 (6.79–25.45)	0.000*	7.83 (2.89–21.25)	0,000*
Years of schooling	Up to 8	3.16 (2.15–4.66)	0.000*	2.23 (1.14–4.37)	0,020*
	9 or more	1.00			
Income (R\$)	Up to 1.995,99	1.88 (1.17–3.03)	0.009	0.84 (0.35–1.99)	0,690
	1,996.00–3,991.99	1.49 (0.90–2.48)	0.117	1.17 (0.54–2.55)	
	3,992.00 or more	1.00		1.00	
Family history					
SAH	Yes	2.03 (1.36–3.03)	0.000*	1.55 (0.85–2.81)	0,149
	No	1.00			
Access	SUS	1.73 (1.18–2.55)	0.005*	1.03 (0.49–2.20)	0,932
	Private insurance	1.00		1.00	
UBS	Yes	2.54 (1.66–3.89)	0.000*	1.95 (0.96–3.95)	0,063
	No	1.00		1.00	
Smoking	Active	0.36 (0.17–0.77)	0.008*	0.31 (0.11–0.79)	0,015*
	Ex-smoker	0.30 (0.14–0.66)	0.003*	0.44 (0.22–0.88)	0,021*
Never smoked		1.00			
Personal history					
AMI	Yes	4.81 (1.42 – 16.23)	0.009*	1.40 (0.30–6.55)	0,672
	No	1.00			
DM	Yes	6.10 (3.72 – 10.01)	0.000*	2.13 (1.05–4.31)	0,036*
	No	1.00			
CVA	Yes	4.76 (1.17 – 19.30)	0.025*	5.22 (0.75–47.43)	0,142
	No	1.00			

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Table 5. Continuation.

Variable	Parameters	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
		Crude PR	p-value	Adjusted PR	p-value
Continuous-use medications					
Denied all	Yes	0.05 (0.03–0.11)		0.07 (0.03–0.17)	
	No	1.00	0.000*		0,000*
Statin	Yes	2.67 (1.44–4.92)		0.92 (0.37–2.29)	
	No	1.00	0.001*	1	0,859
ASA	Yes	2.31 (1.01–5.27)		0.44 (0.14–1.40)	
	No	1.00	0.040*	1	0,164
Overweight or obesity	Yes	2.60 (1.74–3.87)		2.57 (1.41–4.70)	
	No	1.00	0.000*		0,002*

PR: prevalence ratio; SAH: systemic arterial hypertension; SUS: United Health System; UBS: basic health unit; AMI: acute myocardial infarction; DM: diabetes mellitus; CVA: cerebrovascular accident; ASA: acetylsalicylic. *chi-square test $p < 0,05$; numbers in bold represent significant variables.

The prevalence of SAH in Brazil reaches 32.5% in adults and more than 60% in the elderly.¹⁷ Regarding our study population, 30.2% reported having hypertension and, in the population over 60 years old, 49.4% were hypertensive.

Considering the impact that DM and SAH have, the present study evaluated the main factors related to these pathologies in the population served by the PVR. There were common associated factors for the two diseases: age and continuous-use medications. In addition, overweight and education were associated with hypertension, and for diabetes, being an ex-smoker and seeking care at a UBS. The identification of these factors makes it possible to define strategies for health promotion and prevention of SAH, DM and their complications. The importance of working on health promotion strategies in the approach of common risk for these conditions is highlighted, as they share the same associated factors.

Regarding the age group, there was an increase in the prevalence of DM in people between 40 and 59 years old (adjusted PR - PRa=16.43; 95%CI 2.10–127.89) and over 60 years old (PRa=14.11; 95%CI 1.74–114.21). Likewise, there was an association between SAH and the age group between 40 and 59 years (PRa=2.64; 95%CI 1.06–6.55) and over 60 years (PRa=7.83; 95%CI 2.89 –21.25). These data corroborate both the Brazilian and international literature.^{11,18,19}

An association between DM and SAH was also observed, a fact already described in the literature.²⁰ Insulin resistance, which marks type 2 DM promotes endothelial changes caused by the formation of glycated products, reduction of nitric oxide and hyperinsulinemia, which have a trophic effect on vascular muscles, increasing peripheral vascular resistance.²¹ In addition, factors such as advanced age and lifestyle may contribute to the genesis of both pathologies.¹⁹

The denial of continuous use of medications was inversely associated with SAH (PRa=0.05; 95%CI 0.03–0.11) and DM (PRa=0.17; 95%CI 0.06–0.49), possibly associated with the lack of diagnosis of other pathologies due to lack of access or information. Another factor was the association of SAH and DM with older age in populations with more polypharmacy.²²

Family history is a determining factor in seeking an early diagnosis of diabetes, as individuals with a family history of the disease in a first-degree relative have two to three times greater risk of developing

it.^{23,24} This result agrees with the present study (PRa= 5.00; 95%CI 2.53–9.88), and the risk in those with a maternal and paternal history of DM is even greater.^{23,24}

Also, in relation to diabetic individuals, there was an association with the use of UBS (PRa=2.38; 95%CI 1.03–5.54), which may be related to the better self-care of these patients and the early diagnosis of asymptomatic patients, corroborating the need for medical follow-up, health monitoring and longitudinality of primary health care.¹⁶

Keeping in mind the influence of self-care in relation to the development and evolution of diseases, it is important to emphasize the role of habits such as smoking. Although active smoking has a high association with type 2 DM²⁵⁻²⁸ because of the mechanisms of increased insulin resistance^{29,30} and increased visceral fat,³¹ we found here an association between being an ex-smoker and a higher prevalence of diabetes (PRa=2.40; 95%CI 1.19–4.83). This result may be a consequence of individuals having stopped smoking and increasing their adipose tissue, contributing to the occurrence of the disease^{31,32}. Smoking cessation is beneficial,³² especially since diabetes is related to several other comorbidities. This was demonstrated by the study by Rzewuska et al.,³³ who stated that among individuals with diabetes, 26.6% reported another comorbidity, 23.2% had two other morbidities and 32.0% had three or more associated comorbidities.

In the analysis between SAH and associated factors, both active smoking (PRa=0.31; 95%CI 0.11–0.79) and previous smoking (PRa=0.44; 95%CI 0.22–0.88) had an inverse association with hypertension, which is in disagreement with the literature.^{17,34-36} This finding can be explained by a possible tendency of change in the behavior of individuals after receiving a diagnosis of SAH or DM, who may be more likely to quit smoking, causing the prevalence of smoking to fall among diabetics and hypertensive patients. However, future studies are needed to confirm this hypothesis.

Another important point was the association between years of schooling and SAH (PRa=2.23; 95%CI 1.14–4.37). In addition to confirming the important role of health determinants, the level of education has an impact on understanding health information and access to it, essential aspects for the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention programs.³⁷

Obesity and overweight were associated with SAH (PRa=2.57; 95%CI 1.41–4.70), which may be related to neurohormonal mechanisms associated with obesity, such as activation of the sympathetic autonomic system, retention of sodium, activation of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system, leptin resistance, and a lifestyle with inadequate nutrition and a sedentary lifestyle.^{19,38,39}

To reduce public health costs and improve the quality of care, studies related to NCDs and their associated factors are needed, enabling the formulation of projects in the area of health with scientific basis.⁴⁰

The results of the present work must be considered, with the exception of their various limitations:

1. The sample represents a convenience selection, addressing a specific population of people served by a voluntary project, and therefore, the results cannot be extrapolated;
2. The data were obtained in a cross-sectional manner, which prevents a causal relation;
3. The information was collected through self-reporting and may have a measurement error due to memory bias.

However, the study analyzed DM and SAH, conditions prevalent in the population, on the basis of a conceptual theoretical model, considering confounding factors that may interfere with outcomes. The results may help the control and combat of these conditions in the scope of primary health care. Future studies should improve the sample design, considering longitudinal approaches, and

investigate interactions that allow expanding knowledge of confounding factors that can interfere with the outcomes studied.

CONCLUSION

In the population studied, there was a high prevalence of two of the main NCDs, SAH and DM. Common associated factors for these two diseases were age over 39 years and continuous-use medications, and they were associated with each other. Having a family history of DM, being a former smoker and going to the UBS for care were factors associated with the development of DM. Fewer years of schooling and being overweight/obese reflected a higher prevalence of SAH. The present study provides extremely relevant data for the planning of health promotion and disease prevention strategies through the identification of associated factors..

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