

Inter-Arm Pulse Pressure Difference Superiority and Exercise-Induced Effect on it

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Background and Objective

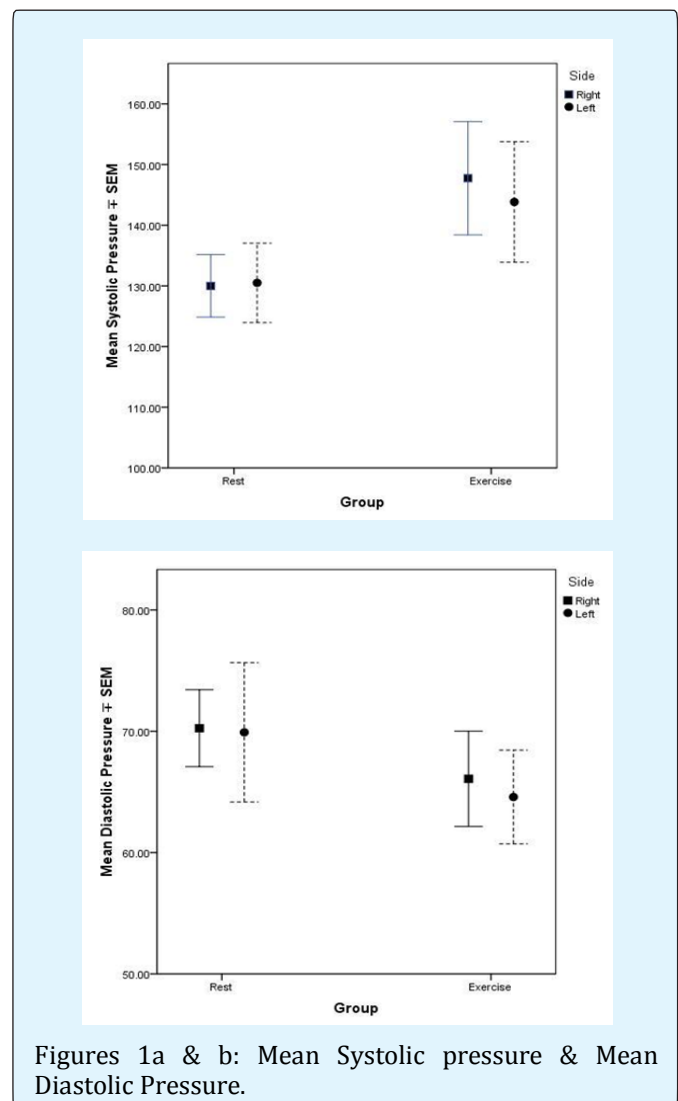
The most popular definition of inter-arm difference (IAD) is more than 10 mmHg variation in systolic or diastolic pressure between two brachial arteries [1]. IAD has been recognized as a risk factor for cardiovascular mortality and was found to be associated with poor prognosis. However, the pulse pressure appears to be superior in predictive value to the systolic or diastolic values alone since pulse pressure is related to both systolic and diastolic pressures; it is an index of traumatic stress of arterial wall and its increased value is known as an independent cardiovascular risk factor. In addition the effect of exercise on IAD is not well documented [2,3]. So the objective of this study is to compare the systolic, diastolic and pulse pressure in right and left sides during rest and exercise and also to investigate the exercise-induced effect.

Material and Methods

The participants were 12 right handed, non-smoker and no obese healthy male collage students (mean age 21.75 ± 0.5 years). Blood pressures were simultaneously measured in both side and in supine position by two well trained persons using a validated oscillometric devise (Omron). Exercise was done by alternative seat-stand commands for 20 times in 2 minutes. Paired sample *T*-test in SPSS 16 was applied for the intended analyses.

Results

The observations were summarized in the following figures:



Figures 1a & b: Mean Systolic pressure & Mean Diastolic Pressure.

Minimum and maximum pulse rate revealed to be 50 and 100 with the mean of 72 pulses per minute. Mean rest systolic pulse pressure in right and left upper limb was measured 130 ± 2.43 and 130.5 ± 2.97 mmHg, respectively. The diastolic pressure was obtained 70.25 ± 1.44 for the right upper limb and 69.92 ± 2.61 for the left one, in rest. After the certain physical activity, the systolic pulse pressure was recorded 147.75 ± 4.23 mmHg for the right and 143.83 ± 4.51 for the left arm; the diastolic measurements were 66.08 ± 1.78 and 64.58 ± 1.78 respectively for the right and left arm. Pulse pressure increased from 60.25 to 77.4 and 60.6 to 81.7 for right and left arm respectively after exercise.

Conclusions

Although there was not any significant difference of blood pressures between two sides, however the trends of systolic pressure increase and diastolic pressure decrease and the pulse pressure rise thereupon can be interpreted in favour of the above hypothesis.

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