

metformin led to a significant regression 15% HbA1 - "diabetes mirror" and 17% BM1 (p <0.05). At the same time the correction of the previously mentioned risk factors of arterial hypertension resulted in more significant decrease of arterial blood pressure level and doses of the base-line preparations in the main group.

Thus, it is expedient to prescribe small doses of metformin, which improves glucose tolerance, helps to normalize body weight and optimizes standard antihypertensive therapy to the patients with arterial hypertension against a background of latent and mild diabetes mellitus and increased body weight.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: THE ROLE OF HEMOSTASIS SYSTEM

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Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are common pathological conditions that occur combined in 25-60% of cases. Patients with GERD often have lung «masks» – cough, nocturnal dyspnea, bronchial hyperreactivity, bronchospasm and laryngospasm. Symptoms of GERD in 4-10% of the population are observed every day, in 20-30% every week and in 50% every month. In COPD, due to hypoxia, accumulation of free radicals in the systemic circulation that promote the release of biologically active substances, an increase of overall blood coagulation capacity is observed, which is compensated by an increased activity of non-enzymatic fibrinolytic activity (NEFA). Objective of the investigation was to find the probable mechanisms of progression of GERD on the background of COPD by studying the various stages of blood coagulation. To achieve this aim the study involved 32 patients with COPD, the group B, (GOLD 2), including: 8 – without comorbidity (1st group), 8 – with accompanying endoscopically positive non-erosive (EPN) GERD (3rd group), 8 – with accompanying endoscopically positive erosive (EPE) GERD (4th group). The control group consisted of 10 practically healthy persons (PHP) of the corresponding age and sex.

The analysis of results of studying the 2nd phase of coagulation hemostasis showed that PTT was significantly reduced in all observation groups. The maximum similar decline in the indices was observed in patients of groups 3 and 4 - by 39.5% compared to the index in the PHP (p < 0.05) in the absence of intergroup differences; in patients of group 1 PTT decreased by 19.5% compared with those in PHP; and in patients of group 2 there was a decrease of PTT by 30.9% (p <0.05). Studying the 3rd phase of coagulation hemostasis considering the content of fibringen in the blood suggests that in patients of all observation groups this figure was significantly reduced: in patients of the 1st group – by 11.0%, group 2 – by 17.5%, groups 3 and 4 – by 26.6% ( $r_{1-1} \le 0.05$ ). While analyzing the blood anticoagulant potential we found a reduction in TT in all groups of patients with the highest percentage of decline in the patients of group 4 by 37.6% (p <0.05) compared with group of PHP, but in the patients of group 1 TT decreased reliably by 21.8% too, in group 2 by 28.2% and in the 3rd group by 31.2% (r1-4 < 0.05) with the reliable difference between groups 1, 2, 3 and group 4. AT III activity in the patients of group 4 was reduced relative to the standards by 27.1%, that is, it had the minimum value, while the patients of group 1 showed a decrease in the activity of AT III by 16.4%, group 2 – by 22.3% and group 3 by 24.9% (r1-4 <0.05) with the absence of intergroup differences. Analysis of the blood fibrinolytic activity showed that the TFA of plasma in patients of all groups is reliably lower than the benchmarks: in group 1 by 13.5%, group 2 by12.4%, group 3 by17 6% and in the 4th group by 19.4% (r1-4 <0.05) with the presence of reliable intergroup difference (p <0.05). The findings of the study of coagulation hemostatic factors, anticoagulant and fibrinolytic systems in patients with COPD accompanied by GERD indicate the development of hypercoagulation syndrome, which deepens with increasing severity of GERD. Thus, reliable factors of occurrence and progression of endoscopically positive GERD in patients with COPD are reduced activity of antithrombin III below 70%; reduced enzyme fibrinolytic activity by more than 45% from the proper ones; reduced activity of Hageman dependent fibrinolysis by more than 55% from the proper ones. Plasma hypercoagulation (activation of the 2nd and 3rd phases), reduced anticoagulant potential of blood (of antithrombin III, XIII factor) inhibition of total fibrinolytic activity of plasma due to inhibition of enzymatic, Hagemann-dependent fibrinolysis, a compensatory increase in the activity of non-enzymatic fibrinolysis, the growth of proteolytic activity of plasma that deepens with increasing severity of bronchial obstruction syndrome (FEV<sub>1</sub>), promote the development of positive endoscopic erosive GERD.

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## CHOLINERGIC DISBALANCE IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AND CHRONIC ACALCULOUS CHOLECYSTITIS

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Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is one of the most spread diseases affecting people of all ages. Combination of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with gastro-intestinal pathology is one of the most frequent polymorbidity. There are different evidences indicating a combined course of COPD with gastro-intestinal diseases in 8-50% of cases. The combination of chronic cholecystitis, chronic bronchitis and other bronchial obstructive diseases appears to be found in more than 20-25% of individuals.