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## **PARTICIPATION OF BIOMARKERS FABP4, ENDOCAN, PAI-1 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION IN PREDIABETES CONDITION**

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### **Abstract**

**Introduction.** The search of tools for the early detection of conditions associated with both carbohydrate metabolism disorders and the early development of endothelial dysfunction (ED), which subsequently leads to the development of cardiovascular events, continues currently. There are a large number of it for assessing these conditions, we settled on the most sensitive, reliable, economically low-cost methods: studying the biomarkers of endothelial dysfunction Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 and ultrasound determination of intima media thickness in patients with prediabetes, risk of T2DM.

**Aim.** the participation and contribution of biomarkers: FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1 to study on the development of ED in patients with prediabetes.

**Search strategy.** This review primarily includes data from original studies, literature reviews found in Scopus, Web of Science, and Pubmed (Medline) databases, using appropriate keywords. The depth of the search was twenty years, due to the limited number of studies conducted on this topic and the relatively recent and growing interest of researchers in this field.

**Results.** All three biomarkers (FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1) appear in the early stages of endothelial dysfunction, when the development of cardiovascular events is reversible, which is the interest for the further research. Moreover, these biomarkers are responsible for different pathogenetic mechanisms of the development of endothelial dysfunction, and their combination allows one to immediately evaluate lipid metabolism disorders (FABP4), endothelial damage (Endocan), and increased thrombus formation (PAI-1). Thus, it is more accurate to establish the appearance of endothelial dysfunction in the early stages of carbohydrate metabolism disorder and prediabetes. It is worth noting that studies assessing the level of endothelial dysfunction biomarkers in patients with prediabetes and the risk T2DM have been poorly studied. And also their simultaneous association in conjunction with the study of intima media thickness in patients with prediabetes and the risk of T2DM has not been carried out at all.

**Conclusions.** It is scientific interest to study these markers of endothelial dysfunction at the prenosological stage, in the absence of vascular accidents manifested by diabetic micro - and macroangiopathies. Studying this issue will identify successful tools for future early detection and prevention of vascular injury and CVE.

**Keywords:** endothelial dysfunction, biomarkers, prediabetes, cardiovascular events.

### **Резюме**

## **УЧАСТИЕ БИОМАРКЕРОВ FABP4, ENDOCAN, PAI-1 В РАЗВИТИИ ЭНДОТЕЛИАЛЬНОЙ ДИСФУНКЦИИ В УСЛОВИЯХ ПРЕДИАБЕТА**

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**Введение.** В настоящее время продолжается поиск инструментов для раннего выявления состояний, связанных как с нарушениями углеводного обмена, так и с ранним развитием эндотелиальной дисфункции (ЭД), приводящей в последующем к развитию кардиоваскулярных событий (КВС). Для оценки этих состояний существует большое количество методик, мы остановились на наиболее чувствительных, надежных, экономически недорогих методах: оценка биомаркеров эндотелиальной дисфункции Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 и ультразвуковое определение толщины интимы-медиа у пациентов с предиабетом, риском развития СД2.

**Цель.** Изучить участие и вклад биомаркеров: FABP4, Эндокан, PAI-1 в развитие эндотелиальной дисфункции у пациентов с предиабетом.

**Стратегия поиска.** В этот обзор в первую очередь включены данные оригинальных исследований, обзоров литературы, найденных в базах данных Scopus, Web of Science и Pubmed (Medline), с использованием соответствующих ключевых слов. Глубина поиска составила двадцатилетие из-за ограниченного количества исследований, проведенных по этой теме, а также относительно недавнего и растущего интереса исследователей в этой области.

**Результаты.** Все три биомаркера (FABP4, Эндокан, PAI-1) появляются на ранних стадиях ЭД, когда развитие КВС обратимо, что представляет интерес для дальнейших исследований и ранней диагностики эндотелиальных проблем и сосудистых катастроф. Более того, эти биомаркеры ответственны за разные патогенетические

механизмы развития эндотелиальной дисфункции, а их сочетание позволяет сразу оценить нарушения липидного обмена (FABP4), повреждение эндотелия (Endocan) и повышенное тромбообразование (PAI-1) и таким образом, точнее установить появление ЭД на ранних стадиях нарушения углеводного обмена и предиабета. Следует отметить, что исследования по оценке уровня биомаркеров эндотелиальной дисфункции у пациентов с предиабетом и риском СД2 не многочисленны. Более того, одновременная оценка их взаимосвязи в комплексе с исследованием толщины интимы-медиа у пациентов с предиабетом и риском развития СД2 вообще не проводилась.

**Выводы.** Научный интерес представляет изучение этих маркеров ЭД на донозологическом этапе, при отсутствии сосудистых катастроф, проявляющихся диабетическими микро- и макроангиопатиями. Изучение данного вопроса позволит выявить успешные инструменты для будущего раннего выявления и предотвращения повреждения эндотелия сосудов и КВС.

**Ключевые слова:** эндотелиальная дисфункция, биомаркеры, преддиабет, сердечно-сосудистые события.

Түйіндеме

## **ПРЕДИАБЕТ ЖАҒДАЙЫНДА ЭНДОТЕЛИАЛДЫ ДИСФУНКЦИЯ ДАМУЫНА FABP4, ENDOCAN, PAI-1 БИОМЕРКЕРЛЕРІНІҢ ҚАТЫСУЫ**

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**Кіріспе.** Қазіргі уақытта көмірсулар алмасуының бұзылуымен де, кейіннен кардиоваскулярлы оқиғаларының (КВО) дамуына әкелетін эндотелий дисфункциясының (ЭД) ерте дамуымен де байланысты жағдайларды ерте анықтау құралдарын іздеу жалғасуда. Бұл жағдайларды бағалаудың көптеген әдістері бар, біз ең сезімтал, сенімді және экономикалық тұрғыдан арзан әдістерге тоқтадық, олар: эндотелий дисфункциясының биомаркерлерін бағалау Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 және 2 типті қант диабетінің даму қаупі бар, преддиабетпен ауыратын науқастарда интима-медиа қалыңдығын ультрадыбыстық анықтау.

**Мақсаты.** FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1 биомаркерлерінің преддиабетпен ауыратын науқастарда эндотелий дисфункциясының дамуына әсерін зерттеу.

**Іздеу стратегиясы.** Бұл шолуға, ең алдымен, сәйкес негізгі сөздерді пайдалана отырып, Scopus, Web of Science және Pubmed (Medline) дерекқорларында табылған түпнұсқа зерттеулерден, әдебиеттерге шолулардан алынған деректер кіреді. Бұл тақырып бойынша жүргізілген зерттеулердің шектеулі көлеміне және зерттеушілердің осы салаға деген салыстырмалы түрде жақында және өсіп келе жатқан қызығушылығына байланысты іздеу жиырма жыл тереңдікте жүргізілді.

**Нәтижелер.** Барлық үш биомаркер (FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1) эндотелий дисфункциясының ерте кезеңдерінде, кардиоваскулярлы оқиғалардың дамуы қайтымды болған кезде пайда болады, бұл әрі қарай зерттеу және эндотелий проблемалары мен тамырлық апаттарды ерте диагностикалау үшін қызығушылық тудырады. Сонымен қатар, бұл биомаркерлер эндотелий дисфункциясы дамуының әртүрлі патогенетикалық механизмдеріне жауап береді және олардың комбинациясы липидтер алмасуының бұзылуын (FABP4), эндотелийдің зақымдалуын (Endocan) және тромб түзілуінің жоғарылауын (PAI-1) дереу бағалауға мүмкіндік береді. Осылайша, көмірсулар алмасуының бұзылуының және преддиабеттің ерте кезеңдерінде эндотелий дисфункциясының пайда болуын анықтау дәлірек болады. Айта кету керек, преддиабет және 2 типті қант диабеті қаупі бар науқастарда эндотелий дисфункциясының биомаркерлерінің деңгейін бағалайтын зерттеулер аз зерттелген. Сондай-ақ, преддиабетпен ауыратын науқастарда интима-медиа қалыңдығын және 2 типті қант диабетінің даму қаупін зерттеумен бірге олардың бір мезгілде байланысын бағалау мүлде жүргізілмеген.

**Қорытынды.** Диабеттік микро- және макроангиопатиямен көрінетін тамырлық апаттар болмаған кезде эндотелий дисфункциясының осы маркерлерін зерттеу ғылыми қызығушылық тудырады. Бұл мәселені зерттеу болашақта қан тамырларының зақымдануы мен жүрек-қан тамырлары оқиғаларын ерте анықтау және алдын алу үшін табысты құралдарды анықтайды.

**Негізгі сөздер:** эндотелиалды дисфункция, биомаркерлер, преддиабет, жүрек-тамыр жағдайлары.

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## Introduction

The mortality rate from cardiovascular diseases (CVD) exceed 17.9 million in 2019, It was 32% of all mortality around the globe [21,37,78]. In Kazakhstan, this mortality was 25.9% [72,76]. CVD still remain the leading ones. However, an equally significant non-infectious disease is type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) makes an important contribution to the development of endothelial dysfunction. Diabetes is also on the rise from year to year, increasing morbidity and mortality from it. The prevalence of T2DM in the Republic of Kazakhstan increased by 44% from 2004 to 2017, and amounted to 305,160 people in 2015 [4,77]. Beyond diabetes, more than 352.1 million has prediabetes including impaired fasting glucose and impaired glucose tolerance. World health organization and International diabetes federation make prediction of prediabetes grown up to half a billion by 2045 [1,3,40]. This trend is caused by such modifiable risk factors of T2DM as overweight, obesity, unhealthy and junk food and sedentary habits. The global mortality from T2DM In 2016 reached 1.6 million. All carbohydrate metabolism disorders contributed to extra 2.2 million deaths, deteriorating the cardiovascular diseases (CVD) prevalence [2,40].

Prediabetes is a condition preceding T2DM, manifested by impaired carbohydrate metabolism in the form of fasting hyperglycemia, impaired glucose tolerance and euglycemic insulin resistance [9,61,67,71]. Furthermore, these risk factors lead not only to T2DM but also to development and progression of CVD [6,7,15,29,39,41,43,49,58,59,61,66,82]. According to a number of studies, an increase in the risk of cardiovascular complications and mortality from them is shown already at the stage of initial disorders of carbohydrate metabolism.

According to a study conducted by Wilson et al [75], the development of endothelial dysfunction and macrovascular complications in the form of adverse cardiovascular events may occur in the prediabetes stage. In a comparative study conducted by the DECODE Study Group, patients with IGT had a higher risk of death from all causes compared with controls without IGT. It was demonstrated that abnormal postprandial blood glucose levels were more significant than fasting glucose levels, and postprandial blood glucose levels were a predictor of all-cause, cardiovascular, and coronary artery disease mortality [28].

The search of tools for the early detection of conditions associated with both carbohydrate metabolism disorders and the early development of endothelial dysfunction, which subsequently leads to the development of cardiovascular events, continues currently. There are a large number of it for assessing these conditions, we settled on the most

sensitive, reliable, economically low-cost methods: studying the biomarkers of endothelial dysfunction Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 and ultrasound determination of intima media thickness in patients with prediabetes, risk of T2DM.

Such Biomarkers as Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 [50,51,63] are early markers of endothelial dysfunction (ED), which launches insulin resistance (IR), subsequently various disorders of carbohydrate metabolism, including hyperglycemia, IGT. IR and hyperglycemia determined the development of oxidative stress, with the accumulation of reactive oxygen species, manifesting by decreased production of endothelium-relaxing factors. IR leads to increased liver release of FFAs due to lipolysis, leading to changes in the lipid profile with increased levels of triglycerides (TG), Very low density lipoproteins (VLDL) cholesterol, increased lipoprotein remnants, apolipoprotein B synthesis and small dense LDL particles, leading to atherogenic dyslipidemia.

Thus, these markers may reflect endothelial dysfunction in the early stages of the development T2DM, as well as cardiovascular diseases (CVD) reflecting early vascular remodeling, and atherosclerosis.

**Aim.** Is to investigate scientific literature about the impact of FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1 biomarkers on the endothelial dysfunction in patients with prediabetes.

**A search strategy** has been developed to conduct a literature review of participation of biomarkers FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1 to the development of endothelial dysfunction in prediabetes condition. Thus, this review primarily includes data from original studies, literature reviews found in Scopus, Web of Science, and Pubmed (Medline) databases, using appropriate keywords. The depth of the search was twenty years, 2001-2022 due to the limited number of studies conducted on this topic and the relatively recent and growing interest of researchers in this field. It was decided to expand the depth of the search due to the presence of earlier articles devoted to the level and location of biomarker formation under experimental conditions, which was basic knowledge that could not be ignored. These studies were experimental, have not lost their validity, and were carried out as closely as possible in accordance with modern standards of scientific research. These articles served as the basis for understanding the beginning of the synthesis of ED biomarkers. *Inclusion criteria:* data from randomized cohort studies conducted on large populations of subjects, meta-analyses, systematic reviews and full-length articles describing original studies were used. *Exclusion criteria:* articles describing isolated cases, conference abstracts, personal communications, and newspaper publications were excluded.

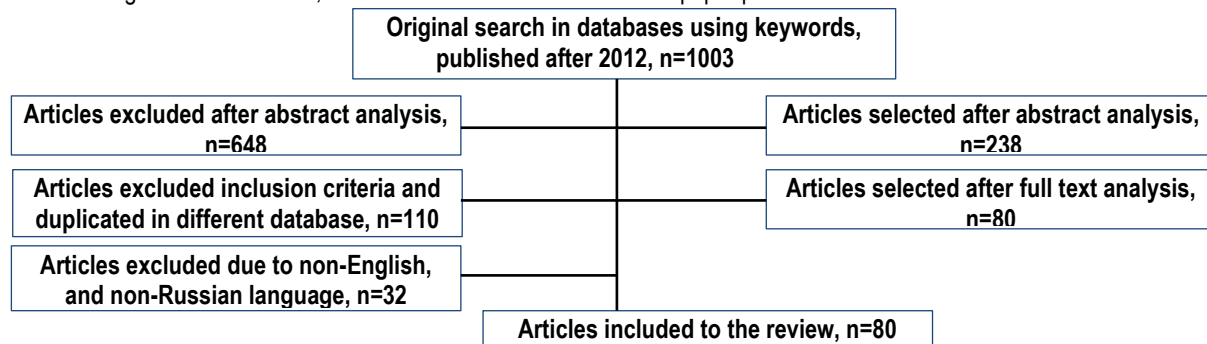


Figure 1. Search algorithm.

**Endothelial dysfunction biomarkers in a different carbohydrate metabolism disorder.****Fatty acid binding protein 4 (FABP4)**

Plasma fatty acid binding proteins (FABPs) belong to a family of proteins with a tissue-specific distribution. Its biological role is in the cellular uptake and transport of fatty acids, along with the organization of metabolic and inflammatory pathways and the regulation of gene expression [38].

FABP4 mainly produced by adipose tissue and macrophages; huge amount of it is synthesized in mature adipocytes [54] and has been detected by standard plasma immune assay [79,80]. Investigation of FABP4 expression provides controversial results. Drolet R. et al. revealed that FABP4 is produced in a various types of adipose tissue [30]. Fisher RM et al. found that FABP4 is more produced by subcutaneous adipose tissue than visceral, regardless of the presence or absence of the obesity [35]. However, Clemente-Postigo M. and et. did not identify significant differences in FABP4 concentrations in subcutaneous and visceral adipose tissue [25].

Despite that role of FABP4 is not completely investigated, researchers have found its link with insulin sensitivity, participation in lipid metabolism and inflammation [14]. Nowadays, researchers test the hypothesis of FABP4 as a main signaling biochemical mediator of interaction between adipocytes and macrophages in adipose tissue. In the experimental study on mice strains with neutralized FABP4 proteins, researchers revealed reducing obesity-induced IR, IGT and atherosclerosis, moreover, mice's adipocytes performed reduced efficiency of lipolysis [55]. A decrease in plasma concentrations of FABP4 and apolipoprotein E in experimental mice showed a slowdown in the development of atherosclerotic plaque [55]. Numerous studies found association between FABP4 plasma concentration and metabolic syndrome, diabetes, familial combined hyperlipidemia and CVD [12,17,18,19,20,26]. The strong correlation between FABP4 and obesity, metabolic syndrome and high cardiovascular risk were illustrated by the study conducted by Koh J.H et al. [46]. It can be argued that FABP4 is a powerful and early biomarker of metabolic risk in individuals with metabolic syndrome and T2DM in other prospective studies [70,73]. Accordingly, the role of FABP4 can be scaled to estimation of CVD. 51.

In a study was conducted by Laryushina et al. was investigated link between high concentration of FABP4 and risks of T2DM and cardiovascular events [51].

The main mechanism of endothelial damage when studying the FABP4 biomarker is atherogenic dyslipidemia, launch development of atherosclerosis, endothelial dysfunction and adverse cardiovascular events [16]. Yeung D.C.Y et al. [81] found direct link between of increasing FABP4 concentration and thickness of carotid intima-media.

As a result, the studies hold promise for using plasma FABP4 as marker of inflammation in adipose tissue that mediate the development of insulin resistance, T2DM, and atherosclerosis. In addition, this FABP4 biomarker may become a potential target for the treatment of metabolic disorders and both metabolic and cardiovascular diseases caused by them [36].

**Endocan (endothelin-1 molecule)**

The Endocan biomarker is also involved in the development of endothelial dysfunction, and may be a new potential marker of immunoinflammatory processes associated with cardiometabolic risk. Endocan (endothelin-1 molecule) is an endothelial cell-specific molecule, a vasopressor agent, whose structure is a proteoglycan secreted by the endothelium. With the help of glycan domains, it can bind to hepatocyte growth factor and increase mitogenic activity in the lumen of the vessels, in the organs most specific for this marker, such as the lungs and kidneys [68].

A genetic study on the expression of the Endocan mRNA marker [68] revealed that its work is regulated by the following cytokines: TNF $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$  and IFN $\gamma$ . Endocan has been shown to contribute to the inhibition of spontaneous leukocyte adhesion to the endothelium or the random migration of leukocytes into the blood through the vessel wall, and thus participates in critical tissue-specific, leukocyte-endothelial cell interactions.

Prospective studies have revealed a relationship between increased Endocan concentrations and CVD, including arterial hypertension, coronary heart disease, and episodes of acute myocardial infarction [11,47,48,65]. A positive association has been established between the level of this biomarker of endothelial dysfunction and intima-media thickness and subclinical atherosclerosis [53]. These studies indicate the presence of endothelial dysfunction in this category of patients, which is reflected by a high concentration of it.

The results of scientific work on the relationship between metabolic disorders, risks of T2DM and Endocan levels are few. An increase in the level of the Endocan biomarker was detected in patients with verified T2DM, in a patients with control hyperglucemia [8], and in individuals with T2DM in uncontrolled hyperglycemia conditions [24]. An increase concentration of the Endocan biomarker was recorded predominantly in patients with T2DM, in a pilot study non-alcoholic fatty liver disease [27]. However, the results of these studies only allowed us to establish a fait accompli of ED, and indicate a predictable result in the form of an increase in the Endocan biomarker and the presence of ED as a result of diabetes. No relationship has been established regarding the appearance of the Endocan biomarker as a manifestation of early ED in patients at the stage of prediabetes.

**Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1)**

The Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) is a coronary artery disease biomarker whose significance is in a fast-acting inhibition of fibrinolysis [10]. In the number of studies, PAI-1 is believed as one of the risk factors initiates atherosclerotic process [32,74].

It is known that PAI-1 is not only secreted by endothelial and smooth muscle cells, but also produces in adipose tissue cells, including preadipocytes, mature adipocytes, and macrophages that was proved in several studies [13,62]. There is literature evidence that hyperglycemia can affect PAI-1 levels. Chen Y-Q et al [23], demonstrated that hyperglycemia may activate PAI-1 gene promoter in vascular smooth muscle cells in a mice strains. It can be assumed that PAI-1 has similar atherothrombotic effect in prediabetic patients. In experiments on mice, the lowering

of PAI-1 was identified under diet control and hypoglycemic agents, that led to normalization of insulin sensitivity.

In parallel with atherogenesis PAI-1 may serve as a predictor of the development of T2DM [33,34,69, 50]. In a study was conducted by *Laryushina Ye.M. et al.* was investigated interrelations between high PAI-1 concentrations and adverse cardiovascular events development among prediabetic patients [50]. *Andreas Festa A. et al.* in a prospective study revealed the role of PAI-1 as a biomarker of IR along with such standard risk factors as BMI, waist circumference, gender, age, and smoking. In this study, T2DM was found in 16.6% of participants after a 5-year follow-up period [33].

However, there is a research gap in the knowledge of atherosclerotic plaque formation under the influence of elevated PAI-1 concentration.

*Jung R.G et al.* in the meta-analysis taken from 38 relevant articles [45] have identified relationships between PAI-1 and adverse cardiovascular events. Increasing of PAI-1 level was associated with myocardial infarction and stroke among 11557 patients included in meta-analysis PAI-1. However, the prediction model which was used in meta-analysis did not take into account the parameters of carbohydrate metabolism disorder. The prediction model estimating the impact of PAI-1 adverse cardiovascular events in prediabetic patients might be the future scientific interest.

As a result, the future is needed to evaluate the common impact of biomarkers Endocan, FABP4, PAI-1 and ED and further risk of averse cardiovascular events in patients with prediabetes.

#### **Intima Media Thickness and biomarkers (FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1).**

An increase of intima media thickness (IMT) to be considered as a preclinical stage of atherosclerosis base on ultrasound investigation [42,44,60]. There are few studies that have found that IMT is influenced by glucose levels [31], glycemic variability in patients with type 1 diabetes [22], and glycemic fluctuations in patients with type 2 diabetes [52, 63].

A weak but statistically significant relationship was found between IMT and the level of postprandial glycemia, according to a meta-analysis [31]. Both parameters were associated with a cardiovascular event [58]; the higher the glycemia (from normoglycemic patients with IGT to patients with diabetes), the higher the odds of cardiovascular events [83].

However, studies assessing the level of the FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1 biomarkers and its effect on IMT in patients with prediabetes, risk of T2DM have not been conducted.

#### **Endothelial dysfunction and it biomarkers (FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1) in insulin resistance conditions and prediabetes.**

The pathogenesis of endothelial dysfunction has a similar mechanism in patients with prediabetes as same as T2DM. Obesity develops in conditions where the supply of nutrients exceeds the body's expenditure, under certain conditions, as a result of an increased intake of foods containing easily digestible carbohydrates.

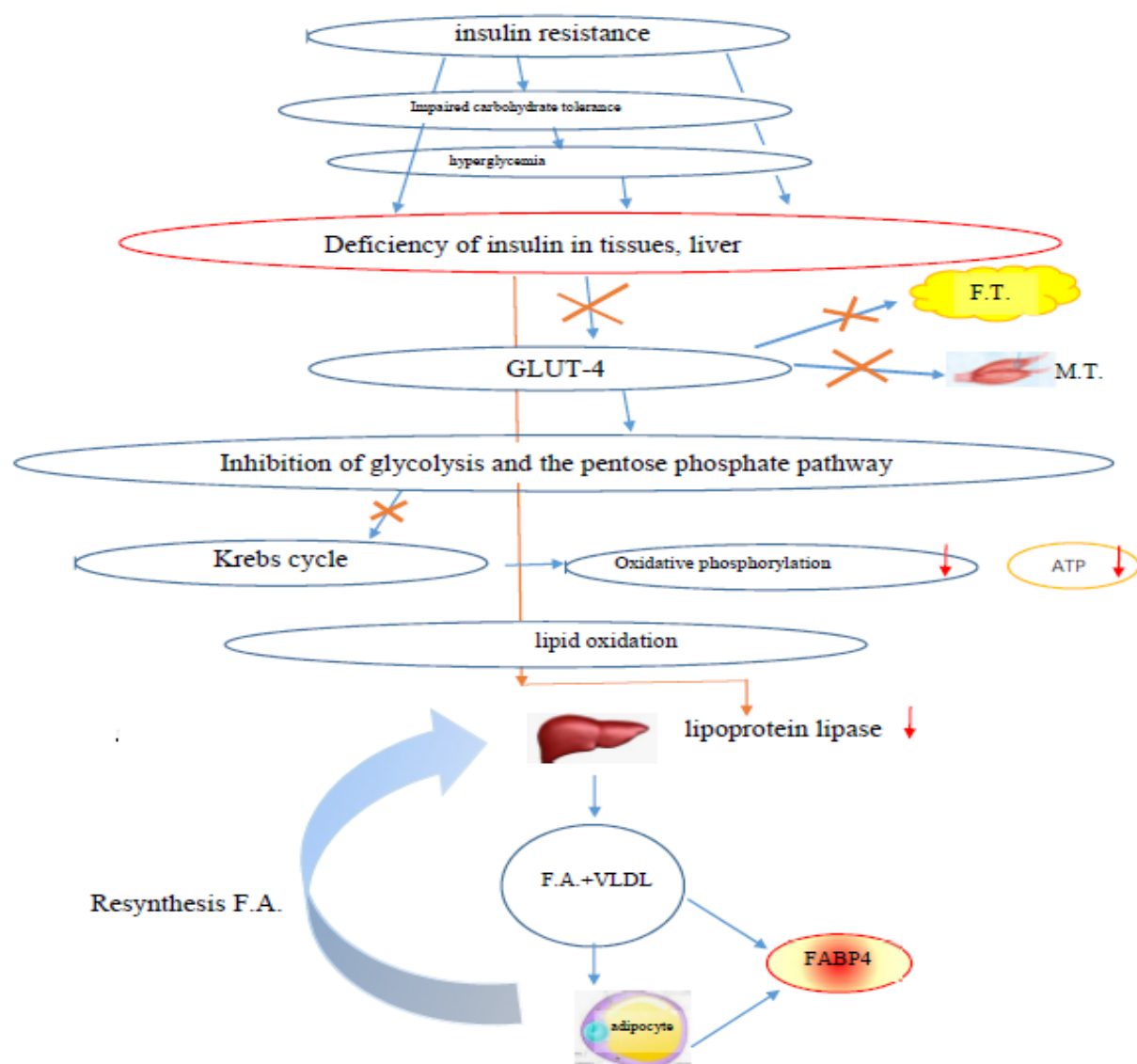
An important role in this pathogenesis is played by a hereditary factor, which ultimately leads to insulin resistance (IR) and impaired tolerance to carbohydrates. Glucose utilization decreases by peripheral tissues, which in turn increases glucose production by the liver, under IR conditions.

Hyperglycemia stimulates even greater insulin secretion, causing hyperinsulinemia (HI) [9,66]. This condition causes dysfunction of pancreatic  $\beta$  cells, and high levels of free fatty acids further impair tissue glucose uptake, increasing IR and HI, leading to the phenomenon of lipotoxicity (decreased insulin production in the pancreas, against the background of high levels of free fatty acids) [40]. Thus, this condition leads to insulin deficiency in the tissues and liver. The translocation of GLUT-4, a glucose transport protein, into tissues, in particular muscle and adipose tissue, is disrupted. Next, glycolysis and the pentose phosphate pathway are inhibited, the Krebs cycle is disrupted, oxidative phosphorylation slows down accordingly, and as a result, energy deficiency occurs (NADPH<sub>2</sub>), in the form of the final product of the Krebs cycle - ATP deficiency. Ultimately, hyperglycemia develops. The energy deficit is replenished via an alternative pathway due to lipid oxidation in this category of patients. The enzyme lipoprotein lipase, in the absence of insulin resistance in a normally functioning body, promotes the transfer of fatty acids in very low density lipoproteins (VLDL) from the liver to adipose tissue (adipocytes). And when insulin resistance develops, lipoproteinase activity decreases, which leads to the accumulation of fatty acids and VLDL in the blood, their oversaturation of adipocytes, and their resynthesis in the liver, which ultimately leads to fatty hepatosis. At this stage of excess fatty acids and VLDL in the bloodstream, the activity of the studied biomarker FABP4 increases; a high level of this marker indicates an early phase of endothelial dysfunction and atherosclerosis (Figure 1).

Changes in the conformation of LP occur under conditions of excess and circulation of LDL, VLDL against the background of hyperglycemia, they can glycosylate, aggregate, become peroxidized under the influence of free radicals, and finally become immunogenically active and form complexes with antibodies. As a result of lipid peroxidation, such a modified lipid (LDL, VLDL) is recognized by the macrophage as foreign, captured by it, excess amounts of cholesterol, forcing the latter to absorb excessive amounts of cholesterol, then the macrophages turn into foam cells. Foam cells can invade the subendothelial space causing endothelial damage.

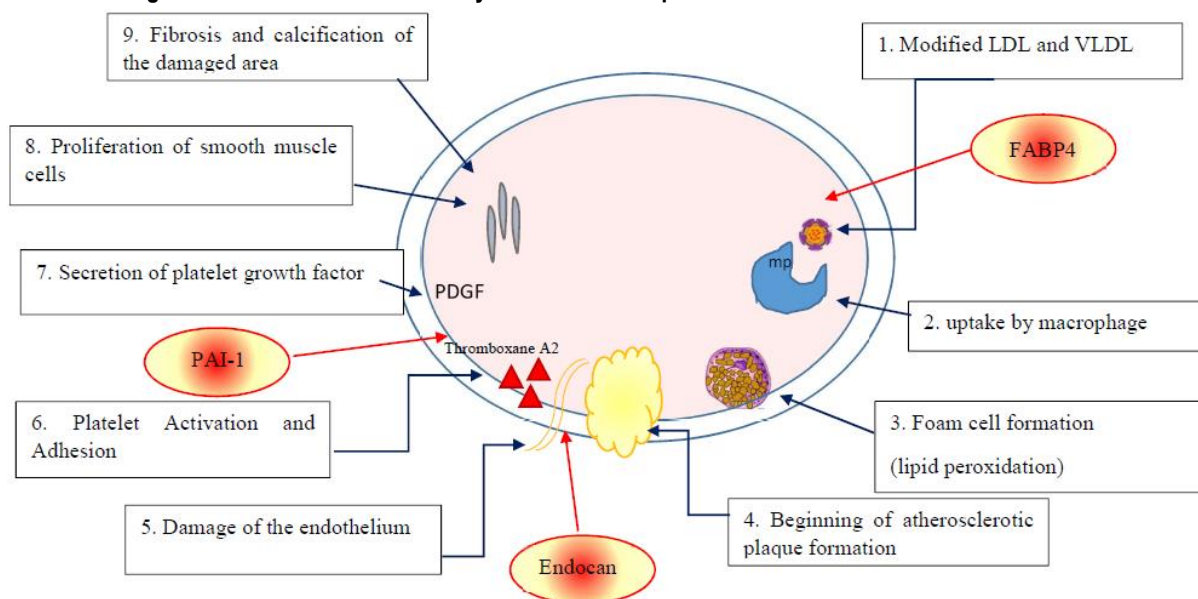
The key, initial process of endothelial dysfunction and atherosclerosis is damage to the endothelium as a result of lipid peroxidation by foam cells. At this stage, the next biomarker Endocan appears, reflecting early endothelial dysfunction, even at the stage of atherosclerotic plaque formation. Subsequently, platelets are activated and aggregated, which secrete thromboxane A<sub>2</sub>. At the same time, the last studied biomarker PAI-1 is synthesized, which, along with platelets, leads to the formation of a blood clot. Next, platelet-derived growth factor is formed, which triggers the proliferation of smooth muscle cells. Thus, the atherosclerotic plaque receives a fibrous capsule, becomes denser, and a capsule is formed. In the final stages, the plaque grows with collagen and elastin, is saturated with Ca<sup>+</sup> salts and becomes denser. At the last stage of the formation of an atherosclerotic plaque, repeated thrombosis and inflammation are possible, with a decrease in the lumen of the coronary vessel and the development of fatal and non-fatal cardiovascular events (Figure 2).





**Abbreviations:** *F.T.* - Fat tissue, *M.T.* – muscle tissue, *F.A.* - fatty acids, *VLDL* - very low density lipoproteins, *ATP* - adenosine triphosphate.

**Figure 2. Scheme of endothelial dysfunction development in conditions of insulin resistance.**



**Abbreviations:** *VLDL* - very low density lipoproteins, *LDL* - low density lipoproteins, *MP* – macrophage.

**Figure 3. Scheme of endothelial dysfunction development in conditions of insulin resistance. Continuation.**

All three biomarkers (FABP4, Endocan, PAI-1) appear in the early stages of endothelial dysfunction, when the development of adverse cardiovascular events is reversible, which is the interest for the further research. Moreover, these biomarkers are responsible for different pathogenetic mechanisms of the development of endothelial dysfunction, and their combination allows one to immediately evaluate lipid metabolism disorders (FABP4), endothelial damage (Endocan), and increased thrombus formation (PAI-1). Thus, it is more accurate to establish the appearance of endothelial dysfunction in the early stages of carbohydrate metabolism disorder and prediabetes.

#### Conclusion.

In conclusion, it is necessary to note that there are a sufficient number of theories explaining the increase in the concentration of endothelial dysfunction biomarkers in various pathological conditions, such as obesity, hyperglycemia, and insulin resistance.

It is worth noting that studies assessing the level of endothelial dysfunction biomarkers in patients with prediabetes and the risk T2DM have been poorly studied. And also their simultaneous association in conjunction with the study of intima media thickness in patients with prediabetes and the risk of T2DM has not been carried out at all. It is scientific interest to study these markers of endothelial dysfunction at the prenosological stage, in the absence of vascular accidents manifested by diabetic micro- and macroangiopathies. Considering insulin resistance as the most important link in the pathogenesis of T2DM, it should be noted that currently there is a need to conduct research in the field of endothelial problems at the stage of prediabetes. Studying this issue will identify successful tools for future early detection and prevention of vascular injury and CVE.

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