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**Abstract**

**Relationship between Job Stress and Pulse Wave Velocity  
as a Cardiovascular Risk Factor**

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**Objective:** The objective of this study was to elucidate the relationship between job stress and pulse wave velocity (PWV) as a cardiovascular risk factor.

**Method:** The study design was cross-sectional, and a total of 234 industrial workers were recruited. A structured-questionnaire was used to assess the general characteristics and job characteristics (work demand, decision latitude) using a modified Karasek model. Cuffs were applied to the extremities and a microphone for phonocardiography was placed at the second intercostal space at the margin of the sternum. The subjects rested in a supine position for 5 min, and PWV was measured using a VP-1000(Colin Waveform analyzer).

**Results:** There were significant correlations between blood pressure, glucose, total cholesterol, coagulation factor and PWV. The group with low decision latitude and high decision latitude showed higher levels of PWV, but the differences were not significant. The PWV (left) was significantly higher in the high strain group than in the lower strain group. After adjustment for age and cardiovascular risk factors, job strain was still associated with PWV.

**Conclusion:** These results suggest that the high strain group among workers is related to an increased risk of PWV as a marker of atherosclerosis.

**Key Words:** Job stress, Pulse wave velocity

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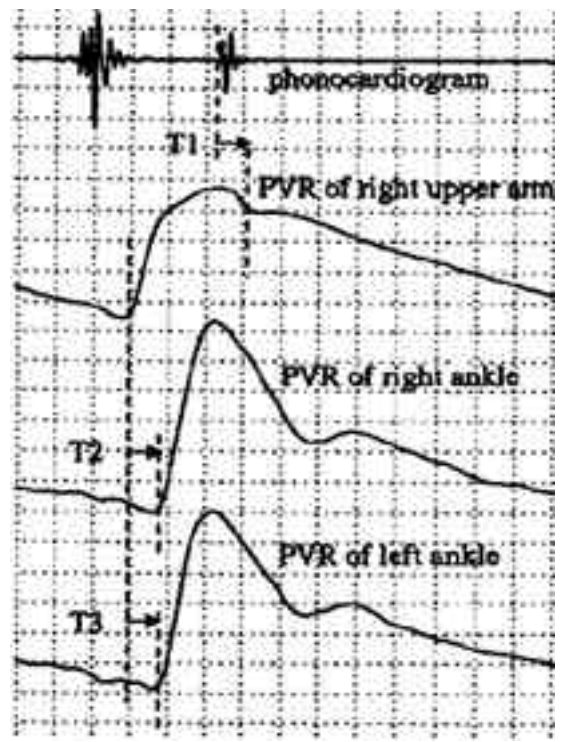
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**Fig 1.** Calculation of simply measured pulse wave velocities (PWVs)  
 ; Brachial PWV=D1/T1, R-baPWV=(D2-D1)/T2,  
 L-baPWV=(D3-D1)/T3  
 D1; distance from the heart to the right upper arm  
 D2; distance from the heart to the ankle  
 T1; time from the second heart sound of the phonocardiogram to the onset of the pulse volum record (PVR) of the right upper arm  
 T2; time from onset of rise in PVR of the right upper arm to onset of rise in PVR of the right ankle  
 T3; time from onset of rise in PVR of the right upper arm to onset of rise in PVR of the left ankle.

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**Table 1.** General and job characteristics of study subjects

Variables	Number	%
Age (year)		
40~44	60	25.9
45~49	118	50.9
50~54	48	20.7
55	6	2.5
Occupation		
Blue collar	176	75.2
White collar	58	24.8
Job demand		
Low	72	42.9
High	96	57.1
Decision latitude		
Low	80	34.2
High	154	65.8
Social support		
Low	108	46.2
High	126	53.8
Job strain		
Low strain group	40	17.1
Passive group	86	36.8
Active group	38	16.2
High strain group	70	29.9

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**Table 2.** Correlation coefficients between pulse wave velocity and cardiovascular risk factors

Variables	Pulse wave velocity (left)		Pulse wave velocity (right)	
	coefficients	p value	coefficients	p value
Age	0.10	0.13	0.06	0.38
Total cholesterol	0.27	0.00	0.21	0.00
HDL cholesterol	0.03	0.67	0.04	0.53
LDL cholesterol	0.25	0.00	0.18	0.01
Triglyceride	0.08	0.21	0.09	0.18
Glucose	0.21	0.00	0.27	0.00
Systolic blood pressure	0.44	0.00	0.40	0.00
Diastolic blood pressure	0.31	0.00	0.28	0.00
Homocysteine	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.08
Factor VII	0.14	0.03	0.13	0.04
Factor VIII	0.01	0.97	0.03	0.61

**Table 3.** Mean values of pulse wave velocity by job strain

Variables	Pulse wave velocity (left)		Pulse wave velocity (right)	
	Mean (S.D)	p value	Mean (S.D)	p value
Job demand				
Low	1361.9 (138.2)	0.06	1371.4 (122.2)	0.28
High	1394.9 (124.8)		1390.8 (133.9)	
Decision latitude				
Low	1396.3 (120.2)	0.17	1396.5 (120.2)	0.18
High	1372.8 (137.8)		1372.6 (137.6)	
Job strain				
Lower strain group*	1369.4 (138.9)	0.01	1373.9 (134.7)	0.06
High strain group	1416.9 (100.3)		1408.2 (115.9)	

\*Lower strain group; Low strain+Passive group+Active group

(R<sup>2</sup>=0.238)(Table 4).

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**Table 4.** Multiple regression analysis on pulse wave velocity

Variables	Pulse wave velocity (left)		Pulse wave velocity (right)	
	Beta	T	Beta	T
Age	0.036	0.614	0.002	0.034
Total cholesterol	0.158	2.641**	0.109	1.770
Glucose	0.138	2.285*	0.209	3.375**
Systolic blood pressure	0.369	5.933**	0.333	5.225**
Homocysteine	0.001	0.020	0.019	0.303
Factor 7	0.080	1.347	0.078	1.267
Job strain	0.140	2.382*	0.075	1.239
R <sup>2</sup>	0.278		0.238	
F	11.77		9.556	
p value	0.000		0.000	

\*: p<0.05, \*\*: p<0.01

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