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# ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK FACTORS IN NUTRITION OF ADOLESCENTS CONTRIBUTING TO TYPE 2DIABETES 


#### Abstract

This paper presents the results of a study on dietary habits of adolescents. The high school or adolescent period is a time of great physical and psychological changes, which cause instability and oscillations in the mood and behavior of high school students. Results obtained by interviewing secondary school students about eating habits and results obtained using a standardized questionnaire for the risk of type 2 diabetes were analyzed using a reliable statistical tool IBM SPSS Statistical, which offers a range of reliable analyses and statistical tests. Previous research has shown that apart from the person who has type 2 diabetes there is another person who is not aware of the fact he/she has this disease. Discovery of pre-diabetes in new potential patients is necessary at the earliest age, when a number of factors affecting lifestyle, such as irregular nutrition and obesity, physical inactivity and stress become important factors for the development of this disease. Detection of the risk levels in potential patients is important for both the individual and public health and everyday clinical practice. After determining the degree of risk for a particular sample group, a set of measures for a particular adolescent population is recommended, so that the disease does not occur, or its onset is delayed to a later period of life.


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## Introduction

Type 2 diabetes is an insulin-independent type of diabetes when insulin secretion is reduced (1). It can occur at any age, but most often it affects obese people. There has been an increase in extreme obesity among adolescents in the past decade due to improper nutrition, insufficient physical activity and stress. (2) Along with

[^0]the increase in obesity, there is an increase in type 2 diabetes, heart diseases, stroke, diabetes retinopathy which affects the vision, kidney failure resulting in dialysis, poor circulation especially in lower extremities which can result in amputations and many other diseases (3), (4), and (5).

Type 2 diabetes, which used to be prevalent in the elderly, is showing exponential growth, even in children, especially in the period of puberty or adolescence (6), (7). In the last decade, there has been a significant rise in the number of extremely obese adolescents mainly caused by irregular nutrition, insufficient physical activity and stress. (8) In addition to the increase in obesity, type 2 diabetes also occurs (9), (10). Many studies in the country and abroad show that by reducing the intake of certain foods weight can be reduced as well as the risk of this disease (11), (5).

## 1. The sample group structure

A total of 318 secondary school students from the Kolubara district participated in the research that is presented in this paper. The sample group structure consisted of 145 ( $45.6 \%$ ) male students and 173 (54.4\%) female students. Classified by the grades the students currently attended the structure comprised 71 (22.3\%) students of the first year, $89(28.0 \%)$ students of the second year, 79 (24.8\%) students of the third year and 79 (24.8\%) students of the fourth year. The environment students came from included 113 (35.5) students from the urban environment, 114 (35.8\%) students from the suburban area and the 91 (28.7) students from the rural environment. There were no statistically significant differences in the gender, grade, or the environment they came from (Table 1).

Table 1. Student sample structure

| Student sample structure |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Frequency } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Percent | CS | CS(p) |
| Gender | male | 145 | 45.6 | 2.465 | 0.116 |
|  | female | 173 | 54.4 |  |  |
| Grade | 1st grade | 71 | 22.3 | 2.050 | 0.562 |
|  | 2nd grade | 89 | 28.0 |  |  |
|  | 3rd grade | 79 | 24.8 |  |  |
|  | 4th grade | 79 | 24.8 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 113 | 35.5 | 3.489 | 0.175 |
|  | suburban | 114 | 35.8 |  |  |
|  | rural | 91 | 28.7 |  |  |

## 2. Research subject

In the first part of the research, the students completed an anonymous questionnaire, which showed their eating habits and the consumption of certain foods and beverages. The first part of the questionnaire had some basic inquiries about the gender, the grade they currently attended and the environment they came from as well as some questions to assess and give their opinion on the quality of their nutrition. In the second group of questions, the students evaluated the average consumption of these types of food: fish, meat, milk and dairy products, bread and pastry, fruits, vegetables, cakes, sweets, water, fruit juices, energy and soft drinks. The third group of questions was regarding health problems, hereditary diseases, diets, their opinions and attitude about diets, whether they always had breakfast and the way food affected health(6).

The second part of the research dealt with the risk factors contributing to the development of type 2 diabetes. In the study of 318 students, 111 students volunteered to fill in a standardized questionnaire online; 48 (43.2\%) male students and $63(56.7 \%)$ female students. Since most of the students did not know their body mass index (BMI) value, they first completed a short online questionnaire in order to calculate it precisely and obtain the exact value. The standardized questionnaire for the assessment of the risk factors contributing to type 2diabetes contained 8 questions that students could answer. The option `gender` was added so that students` responses could be compared based on this criterion. The sum of the points obtained from the responses provided the data for the risk assessment of the onset of type 2 diabetes (7).

## 3. Methodology

The results obtained from the questionnaire were analyzed by using a reliable statistical tool IBM SPSS Statistical, which offers a range of reliable analyses and statistical tests. Students' responses were on the 5-point Likert scale: (1 means very bad, 2 means bad, 3 means satisfactory, 4 means good, 5 is very good), Kruskal Wallis's H Test KW (H) and its significance KW (p) were used for this type of questions. To analyze the questions with Yes/Neutral/No answers, the Chi-Square test (CS) and its significance CS (p) were used. For the analysis of the obtained results in the online test for the risk of diabetes type 2 Mean and Ono-Way ANOVA Test for comparing the answers of male and female students were used. (12), (13), (14).

## Research hypotheses:

## H1: In adolescents aged 14 to 18 , there were no statistically significant differences in consuming different foods based on the gender, age, or the environment they live in.

## H2: Small percentage (less than $15 \%$ ) of adolescents has a risk of diabetes type 2, based on the gender

## 4. Analysis of the obtained results

The students gave their opinion on their own nutrition in the first question. 12.7\% of male students believed that they had proper diet, the vast majority of students, $69.0 \%$ had somewhat proper diet, while $18.3 \%$ thought they didn`t have the proper diet. $12.5 \%$ of female students think they had the proper diet; the vast majority of $78.5 \%$ of students had somewhat proper diet, while $9.0 \%$ think that they did not have the proper diet. There were no statistically significant differences in the students' responses based on the gender (Table 2).

Table 2. Students' opinions about their nutrition by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| Students' opinions about their nutrition by gender, grade and environment they come from |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yes } \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Neutral } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 12.7 | 69.0 | 18.3 | 2.538 | 0.111 |
|  | female | 12.5 | 78.5 | 9.0 |  |  |
| Grade | $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ grade | 11.3 | 70.4 | 18.3 | 3.376 | 0.337 |
|  | $2{ }^{\text {nd }}$ grade | 20.9 | 65.1 | 14.0 |  |  |
|  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ grade | 9.0 | 82.0 | 9.0 |  |  |
|  | $4^{\text {th }}$ grade | 8.0 | 80.0 | 12.0 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 13.7 | 75.2 | 11.1 | 0.810 | 0.667 |
|  | suburban | 12.7 | 72.7 | 14.6 |  |  |
|  | rural | 10.0 | 74.4 | 14.6 |  |  |

Among the first-grade students $11.3 \%$ thought they had proper nutrition, a large majority of $70.4 \%$ considered they had fairly proper nutrition while $18.3 \%$ thought they did not have proper nutrition. $20.9 \%$ of second-grade students thought that had proper nutrition, the vast majority of $65.1 \%$ had fairly proper nutrition while $14.0 \%$ thought they did not eat properly. Among the third-grade students $9.0 \%$ believed they had proper diet, the vast majority of $82.0 \%$ fairly proper, while $9.0 \%$ thought they did not have a proper diet. In the group of students of the fourth-grade $8.0 \%$ believed they had proper nutrition, the vast majority of $80.0 \%$ had fairly proper nutrition, while $12.0 \%$ thought they did not have proper nutrition. There were no statistically significant differences in students' responses based on gender (Table 2).

The data obtained based on the environment students come from showed that $13.7 \%$ of students who come from the urban environment thought they had proper nutrition, the vast majority of $75.2 \%$ had fairly proper nutrition, while $11.1 \%$ thought they did not have proper nutrition. About $12.7 \%$ of students from the suburban environment thought they had proper diet the majority of $72.7 \%$ had fairly proper diet, while $14.6 \%$ believed they did not have a proper diet. Around $10.0 \%$ of rural school students thought that they ate proper food, the vast majority of $74.4 \%$ believed they ate fairly proper food, while $14.6 \%$ thought that they did not eat well. There were no statistically significant differences in students' responses based on the gender (Table 2).

The second part of the questionnaire referred to students' habits in consuming certain groups of foods. By analyzing the responses of male (2.71) and female (2.66) students, there were no statistically significant differences in the consumption of fish and fish products. There were no statistically significant differences in the answers of the students of the first grade (2.71), the second grade (2.60), the third grade (2.75) and the fourth grade (2.68). In the answers from the students from the urban environment (2.54), from the suburban environment (2.93), and the rural environment (2.53) there were statistically significant differences (Table 3).

Table 3. Answers of students about consuming fish and fish products by gender, grade and the environment the students come from

| How often do you eat fish and fish products? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 2.71 | 0.252 | 0.615 |
|  | female | 2.66 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 2.71 | 1.182 | 0.757 |
|  | 2. grade | 2.60 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 2.75 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 2.68 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 2.54 | 9.787 | 0.007 |
|  | suburban | 2.93 |  |  |
|  | rural | 2.53 |  |  |

By analyzing the answers of male students (3.24) and female students (2.87), there were statistically significant differences in the consumption of meat and meat products. In the answers of the students of the first grade (3.01), the second grade
(2.94), the third grade (3.16) and the fourth grade (3.04) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.08), there were no statistically significant differences from the suburban environment (2.99) and the rural environment (3.04) (Table 4).

Table 4. Answers of students about consuming meat and meat products by gender, grade, and the environment students come from

| How much meat and meat products do you eat? |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | male | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
|  | female | 2.24 | 9.667 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 2}$ |
|  | 1. grade | 3.01 |  |  |
|  | 2. grade | 2.94 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.16 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.04 |  | 0.900 |
| Environment | suburban | 2.99 |  |  |
|  | urban | 3.08 |  |  |

By analyzing the answers of male students (3.74) and female students (3.78), there were no statistically significant differences in the consumption of milk and dairy products. In the answers of students of the first grade (3.80), second grade (3.74), third grade (3.85) and fourth grade (3.67) there were no statistically significant differences. There were no statistically significant differences in the answers of students from the urban environment (3.79), from the suburban environment (3.68), and the rural environment (3.85) (Table 5).

Table 5. Answers of students about consuming milk and dairy products according to the gender, grade and the environment students come from

| How much milk and dairy products do you drink and eat? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) |
| KW(p) |  |  |  |
| How much milk and dairy products do you drink and eat? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) |


| How much milk and dairy products do you drink and eat? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Grade | 1. grade | 3.80 | 1.892 | 0.595 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.74 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.85 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.67 |  | 0.455 |
| Environment | urban | 3.79 |  |  |
|  | suburban | 3.68 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.85 |  |  |

By analyzing the responses of male students (3.61) and female students (3.41), there were no statistically significant differences in the consumption of bread, dough and pastry. In the answers of students of the first grade (3.61), second grade (3.49), third grade (3.66) and fourth grade (3.56) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.58), from the suburban environment (3.62), and the rural environment (3.51) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 6).

Table 6. Answers of the students about consuming bread, dough and pastry according to the gender, grade and the environment students come from

| How much do you eat bread, dough and pastries? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | male | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
|  | female | 3.61 | 0.565 | 0.452 |
|  | 1. grade | 3.61 |  | 0.767 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.49 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.66 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.56 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 3.58 |  | 0.715 |
|  | suburban | 3.62 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.51 |  |  |

By analyzing the responses of male students (3.47) and female students (3.59), there were statistically significant differences in the consumption of fruit and vegetables. In the answers of students of the first grade (3.01), second grade (2.49), third grade (3.16) and fourth grade (3.04) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.08), from the suburban environment (2.99), and the rural environment (3.04) there were statistically significant differences (Table 7).

Table 7. Students' responses about the consumption of fruits and vegetables by gender, grade, and the environment they come from

| How much fruit and vegetables do you eat? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 3.47 | 0.655 | 0.418 |
|  | female | 3.59 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 3.59 | 5.389 | 0.146 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.73 |  |  |
|  | 3 . grade | 3.45 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.33 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 3.58 | 6.214 | 0.045 |
|  | suburban | 3.62 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.51 |  |  |

By analyzing the responses of male students (4.07) and female students (3.94), there were no statistically significant differences in the consumption of cakes and sweets. In the answers of the students of the first grade (4.14), the second grade (3.96), the third grade (4.03) and the fourth grade (3.90) there were no statistically significant differences. There were no statistically significant differences in the answers of students from the urban environment (3.96), from the suburban environment (3.96), and the rural environment (3.92) (Table 8).

Table 8. Answers of students about consuming cakes and sweets by gender, grade, and environment they come from

| How many cakes and sweets do you eat? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
|  | male | 4.07 | 1.434 | 0.231 |
|  | female | 3.94 |  |  |
| Environment | 1. grade | 4.14 | 2.154 | 0.541 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.96 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 4.03 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.90 |  | 0.570 |
|  | urban | 3.96 |  |  |
|  | suburban | 3.96 |  |  |

By analyzing the responses of male students (3.34) and female students (3.29) there were statistically significant differences in the consumption of water and fruit juices. In the answers of students of the first grade (3.10), second grade (3.41), third grade (3.29) and fourth grade (3.14) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.25), from the suburban environment (3.32), and the rural environment (3.40) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 9).

Table 9. Answers of students about consuming water and fruit juices by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| How much water and fruit juices do you drink? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | $\mathbf{K W}(\mathbf{H})$ | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 3.34 | 0.270 | 0.603 |
|  | female | 3.29 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 3.10 | 3.272 | 0.352 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.41 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.29 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.14 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 3.25 | 0.685 | 0.710 |
|  | suburban | 3.32 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.40 |  |  |

By analyzing the responses of male students (3.91) and female students (3.78) there were statistically significant differences in the consumption of energy and carbonated drinks. In the answers of the students of the first grade (4.06), the second grade (3.82), the third grade (3.88) and the fourth grade (3.62) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.83), from the suburban environment (3.78) and rural areas (3.92) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 10).

Table 10. Answers of students about consuming energy and carbonated drinks by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| How much energy and carbonated drinks do you drink? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 3.91 | 0.510 | 0.475 |
|  | female | 3.78 |  |  |
|  | 1. grade | 4.06 | 4.467 | 0.215 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.82 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.88 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.62 |  | 0.977 |
| Environment | urban | 3.83 | 0.047 |  |
|  | suburban | 3.78 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.92 |  |  |

Figure 1. The bar chart below shows the percentage of the eating habits of students related to the different food groups


Figure 1. Eating habits of adolescents by groups of food tested

The third group of questions was related to eating habits. By analyzing the responses of male students (3.73) and female students (3.61), there were no statistically significant differences in the nutrition at home or outside of their home. In the answers of the students of the first grade (3.85), the second grade (3.69), the third grade (3.38) and the fourth grade (3.71) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (3.72), from the suburban environment (3.41), and the rural environment (3.94) there were statistically significant differences (Table 11).

Table 11. Answers of students about diet by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| Do you eat more often at home or do you eat out? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 3.73 |  |  |
|  | female | 3.61 | 0.536 | 0.215 |
|  | 1. grade | 3.85 | 6.577 | 0.087 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.69 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.38 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.71 |  | 0.3 .266 |
| Environment | $\mathbf{0 . 0 4 4}$ |  |  |  |
|  | urban | 3.72 |  |  |
|  | suburban | 3.41 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.94 |  |  |

By analyzing students' responses regarding the existence of health problems or hereditary diseases, there were no statistically significant differences among male students (1.59) and female students (1.68). In the answers of the students of the first grade (1.68), the second grade (1.73), the third grade (1.56) and the fourth grade (1.64) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (1.73), from the suburban environment (1.64) and the rural environment (1.52) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 12).

Table 12. Student's responses to health problems or hereditary diseases by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| Do you have health problems or inherited diseases? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 1.59 |  |  |
|  | female | 1.68 | 0.739 | 0.390 |
|  | 1. grade | 1.73 |  |  |
|  | 2. grade | 1.56 | 0.453 | 0.929 |
|  | 3. grade | 1.65 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 1.64 |  |  |


| Environment | urban | 1.73 |  | 0.090 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | suburban | 1.64 |  |  |
|  | rural | 1.52 |  |  |

By analyzing students' responses regarding diet, among male students (1.62) and female students (2.04), there were statistically significant differences. In the answers of students of the first grade (2.04), second grade (1.80), third grade (1.72) and fourth grade (1.87) there were no statistically significant differences. There were no statistically significant differences in the answers of students from the urban environment (1.87), from the suburban environment (1.87), and the rural environment (1.77) (Table 13).

Table 13. Answers of students about diet by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| Have you ever been on a diet? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 1.62 | 10.436 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 1}$ |
|  | female | 2.04 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 2.04 | 3.713 | 0.294 |
|  | 2. grade | 1.80 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 1.84 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 1.72 |  | 0.680 |
| Environment | urban | 1.87 |  |  |
|  | suburban | 1.87 |  |  |
|  | rural | 1.77 |  |  |

By analyzing students' responses regarding the effect of diets on health, there were no statistically significant differences between male students (2.54) and female students (2.55). In the answers of students of the first grade (2.56), second grade (2.61), third grade (2.42) and fourth grade (2.58) there were no statistically significant differences. In the answers of students from the urban environment (2.53), there were no statistically significant differences from the suburban environment (2.48) and the rural environment (2.67) (Table 14).

Table 14. Answers of students about diet by gender, grade and environment they come from

| Do you think that the diet affects health? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 2.54 | 0.004 | 0.949 |
|  | female | 2.55 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 2.56 | 4.467 | 0.215 |
|  | 2. grade | 2.61 |  |  |
|  | 3 . grade | 2.42 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 2.58 |  |  |
| Environment | urban | 2.53 | 4.916 | 0.086 |
|  | suburban | 2.48 |  |  |
|  | rural | 2.67 |  |  |

By analyzing the student's answer to the question of whether proper diet can alleviate or prevent some diseases, such as diabetes, cholesterol, and others, there were statistically significant differences between male students (4.29) and female students (3.95). Male students were more aware that healthy food can help prevent certain diseases. There were statistically significant differences in the answers of the students of the first grade (4.46), the second grade (4.10), the third grade (3.77) and the fourth grade (4.12). In the answers of students from the urban environment (4.10), from the suburban environment (4.05), and the rural environment (4.20) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 15).

Table 15. Answers of students about diet by gender, grade and the environment they come from

Do you think that proper nutrition can alleviate or prevent some diseases such as: diabetes, cholesterol, and others?

|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | male | 4.29 | 6.985 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 8}$ |
|  | female | 3.95 |  |  |
|  | 1. grade | 4.46 | 11.686 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 9}$ |
|  | 2. grade | 4.10 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.77 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 4.12 |  |  |


| Environment | urban | 4.10 | 0.396 | 0.821 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | suburban | 4.05 |  |  |
|  | rural | 4.20 |  |  |

By analyzing students' responses to having breakfast regularly, there were statistically significant differences between male (4.10) and female students (3.80), meaning that male students were more aware that healthy food can prevent certain diseases. There were statistically significant differences in the answers of the students of the first grade (4.46), the second grade (4.10), the third grade (3.77) and the fourth grade (4.12). In the answers of students from the urban environment (4.10), from the suburban environment (4.05), and the rural environment (4.20) there were no statistically significant differences (Table 16).

Table 16. Answers of students about diet by gender, grade and the environment they come from

| Do you have breakfast regularly? |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| Gender | male | 3.99 | 6.771 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 9}$ |
|  | female | 3.63 |  |  |
| Grade | 1. grade | 3.74 | 0.163 | 0.983 |
|  | 2. grade | 3.82 |  |  |
|  | 3. grade | 3.80 |  |  |
|  | 4. grade | 3.81 |  | 0.216 |
| Environment | urban | 3.93 | 3.064 |  |
|  | suburban | 3.82 |  |  |
|  | rural | 3.60 |  |  |

The second part of the research was done in order to examine the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, using a standardized questionnaire, which students filled out voluntarily. A total of 111 students, 48 (43.2\%) male, and 63 (56.7\%) female completed the online questionnaire and there were no statistically significant differences in the ratio of male and female respondents in the sample group related to the risk of diabetes type 2 . The risk results were as following: $79.2 \%$ of male students had the low risk of developing type 2 diabetes, $14.5 \%$ had medium low level, $2.1 \%$ of students had a moderate risk level and $4.2 \%$ were at high risk for type 2 diabetes, while there were no students at very high-risk degree. In the low-risk group were $76.2 \%$
of female students, $15.9 \%$ were medium low, $3.2 \%$ of students had a moderate risk level, and $4.7 \%$ had a high risk of type 2 diabetes, while there were no students at a very high risk (Table 17).

Table 17. The results of examining the student's risk of developing type 2 diabetes by gender

| Gender | Percentage | Risk | KW(H) | KW(p) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { male } \\ (48) \\ (43.2 \%) \end{gathered}$ | 79.2 | Low | 2.027 | 0.155 |
|  | 14.5 | Medium low |  |  |
|  | 2.1 | Moderate |  |  |
|  | 4.2 | High |  |  |
|  | 0.0 | Very high |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { female } \\ (63) \\ (56.7 \%) \end{gathered}$ | 76.2 | Low |  |  |
|  | 15.9 | Medium low |  |  |
|  | 3.2 | Moderate |  |  |
|  | 4.7 | High |  |  |
|  | 0.0 | Very high |  |  |

Measured values of BMI greater than 30 were found in $6.2 \%$ of male students and $7.9 \%$ female students; values between 25 and 30 were found in $14.6 \%$ of male students and $22.2 \%$ female, and with less than 25 , the vast majority of male students $79.2 \%$ and $69.9 \%$ of female students had these results. Measured values of waist circumference greater than 102 were found in $6.2 \%$ of male students, values between 94 and 102 were found in $14.6 \%$ of students, and the vast majority of $79.2 \%$ had less than 94. Measured values of the waist circumference greater than 88 were found in $7.9 \%$ of female students; values between 80 and 88 were found in $7.9 \%$ female students, and $79.4 \%$ of female students had the value smaller than 80 . There were no statistically significant differences in BMI values and measured values of waist circumference for male and female students (Table 18).

Table 18. Percentage of students according to BMI and waist circumference by gender

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { BMI } \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Valu |  | Waist size (\%) | Valu |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| male | 6.2 | > 30 | 3 | 6.2 | > 102 | 4 |
|  | 14.6 | 25-30 | 1 | 14.6 | 94-102 | 3 |
|  | 79.2 | $<25$ | 0 | 79.2 | <94 | 0 |
| female | 7.9 | $>30$ | 3 | 7.9 | > 88 | 4 |
|  | 22.2 | 25-30 | 1 | 12.7 | 80-88 | 3 |
|  | 69.9 | $<25$ | 0 | 79.4 | < 80 | 0 |
|  | KW(H) | KW(p) |  | KW(H) | KW(p) |  |
|  | 0.318 | 0.573 |  | 0.000 | 0.983 |  |

The percentage of students who used antihypertensive drugs was $4.2 \%$ for males and $3.2 \%$ for females. $95.8 \%$ and $96.8 \%$ accounted for the male and female students respectively who did not use any antihypertensive drugs. The percentage of students who had an increased level of sugar was $4.2 \%$ for male students and $4.8 \%$ for female students. $95.8 \%$ of male students and $95.2 \%$ of female students did not have an increased level of sugar. There were no statistically significant differences in the percentage of students using antihypertensive drugs or in the percentage of students who had the increased level of sugar based on gender (Table 19).

Table 19. Percentage of students who use antihypertensive drugs and students who measured the sugar level by gender

| male | Antihypertensive (\%) | Values |  | Sugar <br> (\%) | Values |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4.2 | Yes | 2 | 4.2 | Yes | 5 |
|  | 95.8 | No | 0 | 95.8 | No | 0 |
| female | 3.2 | Yes | 2 | 4.8 | Yes | 5 |
|  | 96.8 | No | 0 | 95.2 | No | 0 |
|  | KW(H) | KW(p) |  | KW(H) | KW(p) |  |
|  | 0.022 | 0.881 |  | 0.076 | 0.782 |  |

The greatest impact of hereditary risk factors for the development of type 2 diabetes in male students from the immediate family was $16.7 \%$ and for the female students $7.9 \%$. The impact of hereditary factors from members of the extended family in male students was $18.8 \%$, and $12.7 \%$ in female students. $64.5 \%$ of male students and $79.4 \%$ of female students were without any influence from hereditary factors (Table 20).

Table 20. Percentage of students with inherited risks of type $\mathbf{2}$ diabetes by gender

| Hereditary factors <br> (\%) Points  KW(H) KW(p) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 16.7 | Yes (close family) | 5 |  |  |
|  | 18.8 | Yes (extended <br> family) | 3 |  |  |
| female | 64.5 | No | 0 | 3.173 | 0.075 |
|  | 7.9 | 12.7 | Yes (close family) | 5 |  |

## Conclusion

Analyzing the eating habits of adolescents, it can be concluded that they do not differ too much, depending on the gender of the students. (15) Fewer gender differences exist in the habits of consuming certain foods. From the previous analysis, it can be concluded that male students consume more meat by about $7.5 \%$ more when compared to female students. Also, female students go on a diet more often, by $8.3 \%$ more than male students. Male students have breakfast regularly by $7.2 \%$ more than female students. Based on the environment they come from the results showed that students from the suburban environment consumed fish by $8 \%$ more and fruits and vegetables by $2.5 \%$ more than the students from the urban and rural areas. The largest percentage of $10 \%$ of rural students consumed food at home comparing to students in urban and suburban environments. Attitude towards the impact of proper nutrition on the developing of chronic non-infective diseases differed in both the gender and the environment they come from. (16), (17). Our assumption is not sustainable, and we accept the alternative hypothesis of the first hypothesis H 1 .

Generally speaking, the eating habits of adolescents are not good since they consume the following foods: cakes and sweets $80 \%$, energy and carbonated drinks $76.8 \%$, bread and pastry bread $71.6 \%$ (Figure 1). The results of the standardized questionnaire show that $4.2 \%$ of male students and $4.7 \%$ of female students are at a high risk for developing of type 2 diabetes (18). $2.1 \%$ of male students and $3.2 \%$ of female students are at moderate risk level. $14.5 \%$ of male students and $15.9 \%$ of female students have a medium low risk (Table 15).

Taking into account the eating habits and the current results of risk assessment for developing of diabetes in students aged 14 to 18 , preventive measures are necessary, (19) in order to reduce and lower the risk as much as possible (14). We can confirm that the implied assumption that the risk of developing type 2 diabetes in both males and females is lower than $15 \%$ and that the H 2 hypothesis can be accepted.

It is essential to suggest to students who were at a high and moderate risk to do the OGTT test in order to resolve or confirm the above-mentioned concerns about diabetes. (20), (21). All students should learn about the consequences of unhealthy diet and the diseases that can occur as a result.

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