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## Migraine and cardiovascular risk factors

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### **Background**

The migraine constitutes the most usual periodical kind of headache a partial localisation which can begin in the adolescent age.

The aim of our study was to see the cardiovascular profile of these patients

#### Materials and methods

We studied 89 individuals with migraine (47 women and 42 men) from whom 35% with aura (MA), 63% without aura (MO), and 2% unclassified. In them we studied cardiovascular risk factors such as: blood pressure (BP), serum total and high - density lipoprotein cholesterol, smoking, oral contraceptive use, and the family background of coronary illness.

#### Results

In the patients without aura (MO) we observed the habit of smoking in the 52%, increased arterial pressure (systolic BP > 140 mm Hg or diastolic BP > 90 mm Hg) in the 35%, lack of regular natural activity in 39%. The individuals report that experience intense stress on their daily life in the 72%, hypertriglycemia in the 45%, HDL cholesterol serum under 40 mg in 36%, family record of coronary illness in the 12% obesity in the 16%, 33% of women make use of contraceptives. In the patients with aura (MA) we realised the habit of smoking in 59%. They have increased arterial pressure (systolic BP 140 mm Hg or diastolic BP > 90 mm Hg in 28%, lack of regular natural activity in the 41%, intense stress in the daily life is reported in the 75%, family historical backround of coronary illness in the

12%, hypertriglycemia in the 50%, HDL cholesterol serum under 40 mg in the 36%, obesity in the 18%, 35% of women of this team make use of contraceptives.

#### **Conclusions**

Patients with migraine constitute a team of patients with increased cardiovascular risk.