Blood Pressure Control and Determinants of Poor Blood Pressure Control among Adult Hypertensive Patients at Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Southwest Ethiopia


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#### Abstract

Background: rate of blood pressure control is small among hypertensive patients and the reasons for poor control of blood pressure remain poorly understood globally.

Objective: To assess rate of blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control among adult hypertensive patients at Jimma University Specialized Hospital. Methods: A retrospective cross sectional study among adult hypertensive patients at Jimma University Specialized Hospital follow up clinic was conducted from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015. Socio demographic characteristics and medication adherence were collected from patients by face to face interview with pretested semi-structured questionnaire. Comorbidities, antihypertensive medications and blood pressure measurements were collected retrospectively from medical records with a data abstraction format. Biviriate logistic regression model was used to identify factors associated with poor blood pressure control and multivariate logistic regression model was used to identify determinants of uncontrolled blood pressure. P value <0.05 was assumed as statically significant.

Results: A total of 286 hypertensive patients were studied. The response rate was $92 \%$. One hundred fifty four ( $53.8 \%$ ) of the participants were males and the mean age of the participants was $54.8 \pm 12.6$ years ranging from 26 to 94 . The rate of blood pressure control was $50.3 \%$ and $60.5 \%$ of the participants were adherent to their antihypertensive medication. Seventy eight (27.2\%) of the participants had diabetes mellitus and 66 (23.1\%) had peripheral neuropathy. Salt intake with food (AOR=24.42, $\mathrm{CI}=17.05-522.9$, $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ), age 55-64 years old (AOR=1.15, $\mathrm{CI}=1.02-5.86, \mathrm{p}=0.009)$, age $\geq 65(\mathrm{AOR}=3.3, \mathrm{CI}=1.30-17.2, \mathrm{p}<0.001)$ and physical inactivity ( $\mathrm{AOR}=7.097, \mathrm{CI}=1.711-29.44, \mathrm{p}=0.007$ ) are determinants of uncontrolled blood pressure.

Conclusion: Almost half of the hypertensive patients on follow up had controlled blood pressure and more than half of the participants were adherent to their antihypertensive medication. Diabetes mellitus and peripheral neuropathy were the most common encountered comorbidities. Better health education is recommended to enhance rate of Blood Pressure control.


Key Words: Blood pressure control, Determinants, Jimma University Specialized hospital

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACEI - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor
AMI - Acute Myocardial Infraction
ARB - Angiotensin Receptor Blocker
BMI - Body Mass Index
BP - Blood Pressure
CCB - Calcium Channel Blocker
CHD - Coronary Heart Disease
CHF- Congestive Heart Failure
CKD - Chronic Kidney Disease
CVD - Cardio vascular Disease
DASH - Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension
DBP - Diastolic Blood Pressure
DM - Diabetes Mellitus
ICS- Isfahan Cohort Study
JUSH - Jimma University Specialized Hospital
MMAS - Morisk's Medication Adherence Scale
SBP - Systolic Blood Pressure
SPSS - Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
T2DM- Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
USA- United States of America
UTI - Urinary Tract Infection

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

Hypertension is a common disease that is defined as persistently elevated arterial blood pressure $(B P)(1,2,3)$. It is identified as one of the most significant risk factors for cardiovascular disease (4-7). The prevalence of hypertension continues to increase worldwide and it is projected to increase from approximately 1.0 billion in 2000 to 1.5 billion by $2025(1,8)$. Almost threequarters of people with hypertension ( 639 million people) live in developing countries with limited health resources and where people have a very low awareness of hypertension and poor BP control (4). Although there is shortage of data, the prevalence of hypertension in Ethiopia ranges from $19.6-30 \%(9,10,11)$.

Different epidemiological surveys have revealed that rate of BP control (SBP<140 \& DBP < 90 mmHg ) is small among hypertensive patients (6). The number of uncontrolled hypertensive patients varies with countries. Rate of BP control among treated cases were ( <140/90) $65 \%, 50 \%, 40 \%, 32.8 \%$ and $30 \%$ in Bahrain, USA, England, Zimbabwe, and Germany respectively (12-16). Globally the degree to which current cardiology practice achieves BP control and the reasons for poor control of BP remain poorly understood (14).

Elevated BP has many risk factors that are of behavioral, dietary or genetic origin $(17,18)$. Studies proposed that age, health habits, comorbidities, obesity, poor compliance, antihypertensive regimen, high salt intake and physical inactivity as determinants of poor BP control $(12,14,15,19)$. Further identification of patients at risk of poor BP control can lead to targeted intervention to improve management of hypertension. Besides, in order to improve the BP control rate, a more complete understanding of the determinants of BP control is vital (12).

### 1.2 Statement of the Problem

Developing countries are increasingly faced with the double burden of hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases along with infection and malnutrition (7,20,21). Hypertension remains one of the most important preventable contributors to disease and death globally $(22,23)$. Despite the availability of effective therapies, hypertension control remains elusive (14,24). Analysis of the global burden of hypertension revealed that over $25 \%$ of the world's adult population had hypertension in the year 2000, and the proportion is expected to increase to $29 \%$ by 2025 . Among the total expected hypertensive patients, Almost three-quarters of people with hypertension live in developing countries $(1,4,25,26)$.

The majority of patient's Blood pressure remain uncontrolled in all societies (27,28,29). Studies indicate that, despite the availability of effective medical therapy more than half of the hypertensive patients on treatment have blood pressures over $140 / 90 \mathrm{mmHg}$ threshold $(1,28)$.The relationship between BP and the risk of cardiovascular events is continuous, consistent, and independent of other risk factors $(30,31)$. In developing countries the high prevalence of hypertension and poor hypertension control are important factors in rising the epidemic of cardiovascular disease (12).

Uncontrolled hypertension is a major risk factor to coronary heart disease, acute myocardial infarction, peripheral vascular disease, stroke, congestive heart failure and renal failure $(18,32)$. Because of these it is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality among non-communicable diseases, which ranks third as a cause of disability adjusted life-year worldwide and accounts for $13 \%$ of all deaths globally. In Ethiopia, hypertension accounted for 1.4 percent of all deaths reported to Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia in 2000/01, making it the 7th leading cause of death in the country for the year (8).

Hypertension is a global public health concern that may result to worldwide crisis $(25,33,34)$. Among the factors that contribute to this crisis, poor control of hypertensive patients is a major concern (2). Determinants of poor BP control in hypertension are an area in which research is
lacking probably due to numerous determining factors that interact and influence many outcomes of the disease. Data from a few studies that have examined this area may not be very informative because most of the factors that determine better control of a disease are dependent on specific variables, such as the country and population studied $(35,36)$. In-addition factors such as healthcare delivery systems, co-morbidities and cultural and socioeconomic factors vary from one country to another. Despite understanding of patient characteristics and treatment factors associated with uncontrolled hypertension will help improve patients' outcomes (29,35). Little is known about the magnitude and determinants of uncontrolled hypertension in Ethiopia. However, recent evidences indicate that hypertension and elevated BP are increasing partly because of the increase in risk factors including smoking, obesity, and harmful use of alcohol and lack of exercise $(6,8,36)$. Thus, this study is aimed to assess BP control and determinants of poor BP control among adult hypertensive patients.

## 2. Literature Review

Hypertension is the largest risk factor for cardiovascular diseases, growing in prevalence and poorly controlled virtually everywhere $(37,38)$. Controlled BP prevents cardiovascular risks $(15,16,34)$. Controlled BP requires determining the prevalence of uncontrolled hypertension and identifying factors associated with uncontrolled hypertension amongst sufferers $(15,16,29)$. Despite difficulty of identifying determinants of BP control different scientific studies have tried to identify the predictors of uncontrolled BP (16).The variables mostly identified by literatures are age, gender, obesity, co morbidity, complexity of antihypertensive regimen, medication adherence, physical inactivity and salt intake (13,16,24,25,39).

Age and sex are among the common Socio demographic characteristics of a patient that can predict the BP control. A cross sectional study from Germany shows that older age ( $>50$ years) and male sex was associated with uncontrolled high BP (39). A survey study from Spain also shows that poor BP control is occurred in older patients and female sex patients (13). Another cross sectional study from Bahrain identifies patients with age group of 45-65 years as an independent predictor of poor BP control (16). In addition a retrospective cohort study from Durham assess that female sex was associated with worse BP control in multivariate analysis (21). On the other hand the Isfahan cohort study (ICS), Iran, an ongoing longitudinal study of adults shows that being men was significantly associated with uncontrolled BP (25).

Obesity is a chronic health problem affecting increasing numbers of people worldwide and is now recognized as a global epidemic (22). Many serious medical problems including hypertension are associated with obesity (30). It is implicated in pathogenesis of various diseases particularly cardiovascular diseases like hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus (40). Some literatures also identify it as a risk factor for BP control. Survey from Spain showed that poorer BP control is occurred in obese patients (13). Another analytical cross sectional study from Lupane district hospital (Zimbabwe) and Tikur Anbessa hospital (Ethiopia) also found obesity to be associated with uncontrolled BP $(15,41)$.

Regular aerobic exercise can help to reduce blood pressure (3). Despite the fact, analytical cross sectional study that was carried out at Lupane district hospital (Zimbabwe) and a prospective cohort study from Lebanon assessed physical inactivity not to be significantly associated with uncontrolled BP $(12,15)$. However, a study from Tikur Anbessa hospital(Ethiopia) showed that blood pressure control is relatively difficult for patients who are minimally active or inactive than those who are physically active (41).

High salt diets are common in many communities. Reduction of salt intake is recommended because it can reduce BP and decrease the need for medications in patients who are salt sensitive $(3,29)$. Analytical cross sectional study that was carried out at Lupane district hospital(Zimbabwe) identified adding salt to food at the table was an independent factor associated with uncontrolled BP (15). Moreover cross sectional study from Tikur Anbessa Hospital(Ethiopia) also found that self reported excessive salt addition habit was significantly associated with uncontrolled blood pressure (41).

Poor control of comorbidities in hypertensive patients contributes to significant cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. Improving control of both comorbidities and hypertension has been found very effective in reducing morbidity and mortality (36). Comorbidities may be associated with controlled or uncontrolled BP control. A cross sectional study from Germany showed that history of CVD was associated with controlled BP (39). In addition a retrospective cohort study from Durham showed that patients with a co morbid diagnosis of coronary disease or CHF were more likely to have controlled BP (21). The Isfahan cohort study from Iran also considers diabetes as a powerful predictor of controlled BP control(25).

A survey study from Spain found that poorer BP control was occurred in diabetic patients(13). In addition another cross sectional study from Bahrain shows that uncontrolled BP was seen among diabetic and renal impairment patients. It also identifies poorly controlled diabetes as an independent predictor of uncontrolled $\mathrm{BP}(16)$. In a study from Tikur Anbessa Hospital (Ethiopia) having diabetes mellitus or CKD was found to be significantly associated with uncontrolled blood pressure (41).

Regarding Antihypertensive regimen and BP control level, a retrospective cohort study from USA reported that, the more antihypertensive medications a patient was provided the more likely he /she would have uncontrolled hypertension (28). A univariant analysis of survey from Spain also showed that poorer BP control was occurred in patients who was treated with greater or equal to two antihypertensive drugs (13). The Isfahan cohort study from Iran also shows that patients who were naïve to mono-therapy without considering the type of antihypertensive drug were found to be associated with uncontrolled BP (25). Another cross sectional study from Bahrain also identifies multiple drug regimens was an independent predictor of uncontrolled BP (16). On the other hand Analytical cross sectional study at Lupane district hospital(Zimbabwe) identified that those patients who were on a single dose medication regimen were less likely to have uncontrolled BP when compared to those on multiple dose regimen. It also showed that taking traditional herbs in the last 12 months were risk factor for uncontrolled BP (15).

Another major factor that contributes to uncontrolled hypertension is low medication adherence especially in developing countries and blacks (18). Regarding non adherence a cross sectional study in South Africa Republic reported that poor compliance with medication was significantly associated with poor BP control (42). Another cross sectional study from Tikur Anbessa Hospital (Ethiopia) also assessed non adherence to be associated with uncontrolled blood pressure. It also found long duration of hypertension as determinant of uncontrolled BP (41).

### 2.1 Conceptual Frame Work



Figure 1: Conceptual frame work for blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control among adult hypertensive patients at JUSH.

## 3. Significance of the Study

Hypertension and cardiovascular diseases are becoming a double burden of developing countries like Ethiopia and uncontrolled BP is increasing worldwide $(9,22)$. This study will have role on identifying the prevalence of risk factors of uncontrolled BP and finding strategies to develop effective interventions to overcome these factors. Results from this study will serve to inform practitioners on the impact of different determinant factors on uncontrolled BP, which ultimately reduces the burden of illness in hypertensive patients at the Hospital.

The finding of the study will serve as an input for policy makers in targeting specific intervention areas to improve the quality of care in hypertension as well as other non communicable diseases. It also will have a great role to enable stake holders to avail and afford appropriate antihypertensive and other medications for comorbidities. Moreover it will have also a great relevance on minimizing hospitalization and improving the quality of life of the hypertensive patients so that increases productivity of the whole nation. It also informs practitioners about the status of care and initiates their motivation to improve the level of hypertensive care. Eventually it serves as a base line for further research.

## 4. Objectives of the Study

### 4.1 General Objective

$\checkmark$ To assess rate of blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control among adult hypertensive patients at Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Southwest Ethiopia.

### 4.2 Specific Objectives

$\checkmark$ To assess rate of blood pressure control.
$\checkmark$ To identify determinants of poor blood pressure control.
$\checkmark$ To asses self-reported adherence to antihypertensive medications.
$\checkmark$ To determine the commonly encountered comorbidities associated with hypertension.

## 5. Methods and Participants

### 5.1 Study Area and Period

The study was conducted at Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Southwest Ethiopia. JUSH is a teaching and referral hospital under ministry of education of Ethiopia. The hospital is meant to serve 5 million people as per the four tier system of the National Ministry of Health. Chronic illness care of hypertension is one of the services the hospital provides to the population. The service is given once weekly on Wednesday. There were 1694 hypertensive patients on follow up at the chronic illness care unit. The study was conducted from March, 4, 2015 to April, 3, 2015 at the outpatient chronic illness follow up clinic of Jimma University Specialized Hospital (JUSH).

### 5.2 Study Design

Retrospective cross sectional study design was used.

### 5.3 Participants

### 5.3.1 Source Population

The source population for this study was all adult hypertensive patients who had regular followup at chronic illness follow up clinic of JUSH.

### 5.3.2 Study Population

The study population was all adult hypertensive patients who had come for follow up at the chronic illness clinic of JUSH from March, 4, 2015 to April, 3, 2015 that fulfilled the inclusion criteria.

### 5.3.3 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

### 5.3.3.1.1 Inclusion Criteria

> Hypertensive patient's $\geq 18$ years old and who were on follow up for at least 12 months.

### 5.3.3.2 Exclusion Criteria

> Hypertensive patients who are seriously ill to complete interview.
$>$ Patients with incomplete medical records

### 5.4 Sample Size and Sampling Technique

The minimum sample size required is calculated using single proportion sample size estimating formula.

$$
n=\frac{\left(Z_{1-\alpha / 2}\right)^{2} P(1-P) \quad \text { For population }>10000}{d^{2}}
$$

Since the total population is $<10000(1694)$ the final sample size is given as:

Where:

$$
n_{f}=\frac{N\left(Z_{1-\alpha / 2}\right)^{2} P(1-P)}{d^{2}(N-1)+\left(Z_{1-\alpha / 2}\right)^{2} P(1-P)}
$$

- n is minimum sample size
- P is estimate of the prevalence rate for uncontrolled hypertension (0.67)
- d is the margin of sampling error tolerated which is 0.05
- $\mathrm{Z}_{1-\alpha / 2}$ is the standard normal variable at (1- $\alpha$ )\% confidence level and $\alpha$ is $5 \%$
- $95 \%$ confidence level $=1.96$
- $\quad \mathrm{N}$ population size $=1694$

Therefore $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{f}}=283$
Taking $10 \%$ of total sample size as non-response rate, the minimum sample size required for the study was 311 . Any patient who can fulfill the eligibility criteria was included in the study consecutively until the sample size is achieved with in the study period.

### 5.5 Measurement and Variables

### 5.5.1 Variables

### 5.5.2.1 Independent Variables

$\checkmark$ Socio demographic characteristics
$\checkmark$ Adherence scale
$\checkmark$ BMI
$\checkmark$ Duration of hypertension
$\checkmark$ Life style factors

- Exercise
- Substance use
- Salt intake with food
$\checkmark$ Number of antihypertensive medications
$\checkmark$ Use of traditional medicine
$\checkmark$ Co morbidity


### 5.5.2.2 Dependent Variables

$\checkmark$ Blood pressure control status

### 5.6 Data collection procedure

A semi structured interviewer administered questionnaire developed and translated in to local languages (Amharic and Afan Oromo) was administered to solicit information on socio demographic, life style and other variables. The questionnaire was developed after literatures were reviewed thoroughly. Morisky's Medication Adherence Scale (MMAS-8), an 8-item questionnaire with a high reliability and validity, which has been particularly useful in chronic conditions such as hypertension, was used to measure self reported compliance to antihypertensive medication. Physical activity was assessed by asking the participants the number of minutes per day and the number of days per week spent doing vigorous activity.

Body weight was measured to the nearest 0.1 kg using a digital scale and height to the nearest 0.1 cm in the standing position using a portable height board. Body mass index was calculated as weight (in kg ) divided by squared height (in meter squared). Data abstraction format was developed to collect information from the participant's medical records on the treatment regimens, BP , and presence of comorbidities after the participants finish face to face interview. The Data for this study was collected by six clinical nurses and principal investigator as a supervisor.

### 5.7 Data Processing and Analysis

The statistical analysis was carried out using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 20 software. First data was edited and checked for completeness and consistence then entered in to SPSS for analysis. Sample descriptive statics, including frequencies, percentages, means and standard deviation were calculated to summarize the Secoidemographic and clinical characteristics of the study. Continuous variables were expressed as means and standard deviations and categorical variables as percentages. Bivariable logistic regression model was conducted to see the association of each variable with poor BP control. Variables with p<0.25 were reanalyzed with multivariable logistic regression to identify determinants of uncontrolled BP. The risks were reported as odds ratio (OR) with corresponding $95 \%$ confidence interval. All stastical analyses were performed and a p value of less than 0.05 was considered as statically significant.

### 5.8 Data Quality Management

Data collectors were trained by the principal investigator for two days about the study. They were given an orientation on the protocol and details concerning participation in the study. Pretest was conducted on 20 participants before the actual data collection to assess the data collection tool. The pre tested participants were included in the analysis. Based on the finding amendments and arrangements were made on the data collection tool.

Data collection was closely supervised by the principal investigator. At the end of each data collection the data was checked for completeness and consistency.

### 5.9 Ethical Consideration

Ethical clearance and approval of the study was obtained from Jimma University ethical review board, College of Health Sciences before starting the actual data collection. Subsequent permission was granted from JUSH to access data and interview patients.

Participation of patients in this study was entirely voluntary and confidential and private information like name and address was protected. Non participation did not affect participants' care at the clinic. Each participant was asked to sign a written informed consent before data collection. The right of participants to withdraw from the interview or not to participate was respected. All interviews were carried out at a separate room to keep the patients privacy.

### 5.10 Dissemination Plan

The finding of the study will be submitted to the Jimma University, College of Health Sciences Department of Pharmacy. The finding will be presented during thesis defense, as a partial fulfillment of Master degree in Clinical Pharmacy. Finally attempts will be made to present the finding on scientific conferences and to publish it in peer reputable journal.

### 5.11 Operational Definitions

Hypertension: a sustained high blood pressure ( $\mathrm{SBP} \geq 140$ or $\mathrm{DBP} \geq 90 \mathrm{mmHg}$ ) or reported regular use of anti-hypertensive medications (1).
Uncontrolled hypertension: systolic blood pressure of $\geq 140 \mathrm{mmHg}$ and/or diastolic blood pressure of $\geq 90 \mathrm{mmHg}$ despite treatment(43).
Controlled blood pressure: systolic blood pressure of $<140 \mathrm{mmHg}$ and/or diastolic blood pressure of $<90 \mathrm{mmHg}$ (43).

Rate of blood pressure control: The rate of hypertension control was defined as the number of hypertensive individuals with controlled BP divided by the total number of participants(43).
Adherent: participants with Morisky's medication adherence scale (MMAS-8) less than 3(44).
Non adherent: participants with Morisky's medication adherence scale (MMAS-8) $\geq 3$ (44).
Physically active: A person that reports regular aerobic exercise (walking, jogging) of at least 30 min 5 days a week or whose occupation requires physical exertion daily (29).

Physically inactive: A person whose occupation does not require physical exertion daily or that reports regular aerobic exercise (walking, jogging) of less than 30 min or that reports regular aerobic exercise (walking, jogging) of at least 30 min but less than 5 days a week (29).

Obese: if a person has BMI $>30 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m} 2$ (45).
Overweight: if a person has BMI within the range of $25-29.9 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m} 2$ (45).
Ex-smokers: people who were formerly daily smokers but currently do not smoke at all (46)..
Never-smokers: people those who have never smoked at all (46).
A smoker: someone who, at the time of the survey, smokes any tobacco product either daily or occasionally (46).
Alcohol drinker: someone who takes any type of alcohol at the time of survey either daily or occasionally.
Chat chewer: someone who takes chat at the time of survey either daily or occasionally.
Coffee drinker: someone who takes coffee at the time of survey daily.
Incomplete medical records: medical record that lacks 15-20\% of the information needed to be collected by the data abstraction format.

## 6. Results

### 6.1 Socio Demographic Characteristics

In this study, a total of 311 participants were interviewed and of this, 286 had complete data and studied. The response rate was $92 \%$. The flow diagrammatic presentation of study participant's selection is depicted in figure $\mathbf{2}$.


Figure 2; flow chart for the study participant's selection in JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015

As shown in table 1 One hundred fifty four (53.8\%) of the participants were males. The mean age of the participants was $54.8 \pm 12.6$ year ranging from 26-94 year's. Eighty ( $28.0 \%$ ) of the participants were $45-54$ years and $76(26.6 \%)$ 55-64 years old. Two hundred twenty six (79.0\%) of the participants were married and $41(14.3 \%)$ were divorced. By religion classification 145 ( $47.2 \%$ ) of the participants were Muslim and $125(43.7 \%$ ) were orthodox Christian in religion.

Table1: Frequency distribution of socio demographic characteristics of hypertensive patients on treatment at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Characteristics | Number ( $\mathrm{N}=286$ ) and percentage (\%) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Age in years, mean $\pm$ SD | $54.8 \pm 12.6$ |
| Below 35 | 10(3.5) |
| 35-44 | 49(17.1) |
| 45-54 | 80(28.0) |
| 55-64 | 76(26.6) |
| 65 and above | 71(24.8) |
| Gender |  |
| Male | 154(53.8) |
| Female | 132(46.2) |
| Marital status |  |
| Single | 4(1.4) |
| Married | 226(79) |
| Divorced | 41(14.3) |
| widowed | 15(5.2) |
| Educational level |  |
| No formal education | 111(38.8) |
| Primary education(1-8grade) | 67(32.4) |
| Secondary education(9-12 grade) | 46(16.1) |
| Tertiary education(diploma and above) | 62(21.7) |
| Religion |  |
| Islam | 135(47.2) |
| Orthodox Christian | 125(43.7) |
| Protestant | 25(8.7) |
| Others* | 1(0.3) |
| Current occupation |  |
| Civil servant | 80(28) |
| Merchant | 35(12.2) |
| Farmer | 49(17.1) |
| House wife | 91(31.8) |
| Retired | 23(8) |
| Jobless | 8(2.8) |
| BMI, mean $\pm$ SD | $26.2 \pm 3.00 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m} 2$ |
| <18.5 | 84(29.4) |
| 18.5-29.9 | 173(60.5) |
| 30-35 | 29(10.1) |
| Duration of hypertension in years, mean $\pm$ SD | $5 \pm 4.1$ years |
| <5 years | 165(57.7) |
| $\geq 5$ years | 121(42.3) |

* wakifeta, BMI: body mass index, SD: standard deviation, N: number of participants


### 6.2. Medication Adherence

As depicted in table 2, 173(60.5\%) of the participants were adherent and the others were non adherent to their antihypertensive medication. The MMAS-8 score of the participants ranges from 0-7. No participant had scored MMAS-8 score of 8 . Seventy four ( $25.9 \%$ ) of the participants scored MMAS-8 score of 2 and $64(22.3 \%)$ scored MMAS- 8 score of 1 . Ninety six (33.6\%) of the participants reported Forgetting medications while leaving their home as the reason for non adherence.

Table 2: Morisky's medication adherence scales score among adult hypertensive patients at JUSH from March, 4, 2015 to April, 3, 2015.

| Adherence | MMAS-8 | Number of participants (\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Adherent | 0 | $35(12.2)$ |
|  | 1 | $64(22.4)$ |
|  | 2 | $74(25.9)$ |
| Total |  | $173(60.5)$ |
| Non adherent | 3 | $46(16.1)$ |
|  | 4 | $37(12.9)$ |
|  | 5 | $15(5.3)$ |
|  | 6 | $7(2.4)$ |
|  | 7 | $2(0.7)$ |
| Total |  | $107(37.4)$ |

MMAS-8: Morisky's medication adherence scale-8

### 6.3 Life Style Factors

While dealing with life style factors of the participants, 160 (55.9\%) of the participants took salt in their food and $158(55.2 \%)$ were physically inactive. Regarding social drug use behavior, nine ( $3.11 \%$ ) of the participants have been smoking cigarettes, 48(16.8\%) have been drinking alcohol and $122(42.7 \%)$ were chat chewers.

Table 3: Frequency distribution of life style factors among adult hypertensive patients at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Factors | Frequency (\%) N=286 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Salt intake with food |  |
| Yes | $160(55.9)$ |
| No | $126(44.1)$ |
| Alcohol intake | $48(16.8)$ |
| Yes | $238(83.2)$ |
| No | $122(42.7)$ |
| Chat chewing | $164(57.3)$ |
| Yes |  |
| No | $268(93.7)$ |
| Cigarette smoking status | $9(3.1)$ |
| Never smoked | $9(3.1)$ |
| Ex smoker | $128(44.8)$ |
| Current smoker | $158(55.2)$ |
| Physical activity |  |
| Physically active | $167(58.4)$ |
| Physically inactive | $119(41.6)$ |
| Coffee intake |  |
| Yes | $42(14.7)$ |
| No | $244(85.3)$ |
| Traditional medicine intake |  |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |
| N $\quad 1$ |  |

N ; number of participants

### 6.4. Comorbidities

While dealing with co morbidity status, more than half 167 (58.4\%) of the participants had at least one written evidence of co-morbidity. Seventy eight (27.2\%) of the participants had diabetes, $66(23.1 \%)$ of the participants had peripheral neuropathy and 32(11.2\%) had dyspepsia. The frequency of comorbidities is presented in table 4.

Table 4: Frequency of comorbidities among adult hypertensive patients at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015

| Comorbidities | Frequency (\%) N=286 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Diabetes mellitus | $78(27.2 \%)$ |
| Peripheral neuropathy | $66(23.1 \%)$ |
| Dyspepsia | $32(11.2 \%)$ |
| HHD | $14(4.9 \%)$ |
| HF | $8(2.8 \%)$ |
| CKD | $6(2.1 \%)$ |
| UTI | $6(2.1 \%)$ |
| HIV | $4(1.4 \%)$ |
| IHD | $4(1.4 \%)$ |
| Asthma | $3(1.1 \%)$ |
| Sexual dysfunction | $3(1.1 \%)$ |
| Others* | $9(3.1 \%)$ |

*:Thyrotoxicosis, arrhythmia, left ventricular hyperthrophy, nephritic syndrome, Gynecomastia, Constipation, generalized tonic clonic seizure, IHD: ischemic heart disease, HHD: hypertrophic heart disease, HF: heart failure, CKD: chronic kidney disease, UTI: urinary tract infection HIV: human immuno deficiency virus, N ; number of participants

### 6.5. Antihypertensive Medications

Among the 286 participants, 196 ( $68.53 \%$ ) were prescribed with more than one antihypertensive medication. One hundred forty nine $(52.1 \%)$ were on two medications and $84(29.4 \%)$ were on mono-therapy. Seventy seven ( $27 \%$ ) of the participants on two combination had uncontrolled BP. Fifty three ( $18.6 \%$ ) of the participants on mono-therapy had controlled blood pressure. Number of antihypertensive medications prescribed were not associated ( $\mathrm{P}=0.094$ ) with blood pressure control status. Regarding the cost of antihypertensive medications 92(32.2\%) of the participants were getting their medication for free. The frequency of antihypertensive medications prescribed is presented in figure 3.


Figure 3: Distribution of Patient's Number of Antihypertensive Agents Prescribed among Adult Hypertensive Patients at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

Regarding antihypertensive regimens, Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs) and diuretics were prescribed in $88(30.8 \%)$ of the participants. The remainder of the combination prescription is presented in table 5.
Table 5: Frequency of Anti-hypertensive Medication Combination Regimens among Adult Hypertensive Patients at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Combination regimen | Frequency (\%) |
| :--- | :--- |
| ACEI + Di | $88(30.8)$ |
| ACEI + BB+ Di | $23(8)$ |
| ACEI + BB | $15(5.2)$ |
| CCB + Di | $15(5.2)$ |
| BB + Di | $14(4.9)$ |
| ACEI + CCB | $12(4.2)$ |
| ACEI + CCB + Di | $10(3.5)$ |
| ACEI + BB + CCB | $7(2.4)$ |
| BB+ CCB+ Di | $6(2.1)$ |
| DASH therapy | $6(2.4)$ |
| Others | $6(2.4)$ |

BB: $\beta$-blockers, CCB: calcium channel blockers, ACEI: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ARB: angiotensin II receptor blockers, Di: Diuretics, DASH: Dietary approach to stop hypertension,
*: BB+CCB, ACEI $+\mathrm{BB}+\mathrm{CCB}+$ Di, Diuretic + methyldopa, $\mathrm{ARB}+\mathrm{CCB}$ and ARB + BB

By drug class, 206 ( $72.0 \%$ ) of the participants were prescribed with angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs) and 182 (34.7\%) with diuretics. Commonly prescribed antihypertensive medications pharmacologic classes are presented in table 6.

Table 6: Antihypertensive Agents Used among Adult Hypertensive Patients at JUSH from
March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Antihypertensive medication class | Number of patient and percentage |
| :--- | :--- |
| ACEIs | $\mathbf{2 0 6 ( 7 2 . 0 \% )}$ |
| Enalapril | $206(100 \%)$ |
| Diuretics | $\mathbf{1 8 2 ( 6 3 . 6 \% )}$ |
| Thiazides(HCT) | $182(100 \%)$ |
| $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ - Blockers | $\mathbf{7 3 ( 2 5 . 5 \%})$ |
| Atenolol | $72(98.6 \%)$ |
| Metoprolol | $1(1.4 \%)$ |
| CCB | $\mathbf{5 9 ( 2 0 . 6 \% )}$ |
| Amilodipine | $55(93.2 \%)$ |
| Nifedipine* | $4(6.8 \%)$ |
| ARB | $\mathbf{2 ( 0 . 7 \% )}$ |
| losartan | $2(100 \%)$ |
| Others | $\mathbf{2 ( 0 . 7 \% )}$ |
| Other |  |

Others: methyldopa, HCT: hydrochlorothiazide, * extended release

### 6.6. Blood Pressure Control and Associated Factors

The rate of blood pressure control in this study was $50.3 \%$. The overall mean SBP was 132.13 $\pm 20.30$ and overall mean DBP was $81.5 \pm 12.1$. The bi-variable logistic regression showed that many factors are associated with uncontrolled blood pressure. As shown in table 7, the variables that are associated with uncontrolled BP are salt intake with food (COR=63.3, CI=44.82-286.57, $\mathrm{P}<0.001$ ), coffee intake $(\mathrm{COR}=67.5, \mathrm{CI}=28.697-158.76 \mathrm{p}<0.001$ ), chat chewing ( $\mathrm{COR}=8.759$, CI: 5.078-15.109, $\mathrm{P}<0.001$ ), age 55-64 ( $\mathrm{COR}=6.67$, $\mathrm{CI}=1.260-35.3, \mathrm{p}=0.045$ ), age $\geq 65$ years ( $\mathrm{AOR}=4.12, \mathrm{CI}=2.14-7.93, \mathrm{p}=0.008$ ), traditional medicine intake $(\mathrm{COR}=2.019, \mathrm{CI}=1.024-3.983$ $\mathrm{P}=0.043)$ and physical inactivity $(\mathrm{COR}=70.342, \mathrm{CI}=31.57-156.71 \mathrm{p}<0.001)$.

Table 7: Bivariate logistic regression analysis of factors associated with uncontrolled blood pressure among adult hypertensive patients on treatment at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Variables | Blood pressure status |  | COR | 95\% CI | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Uncontrolled (\%) | Controlled (\%) |  |  |  |
| Sex <br> Male <br> female(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 80(51.9) \\ & 62(47) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 74(48.1) \\ & 70(53) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.221 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.766-1.944 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.401 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Age <br> Below 35 <br> 35-44 <br> 45-54(1) <br> 55-64 <br> 65 \& above | $\begin{aligned} & 3(30) \\ & 23(46.9) \\ & 49(61.3) \\ & 39(51.7) \\ & 28(39.4) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7(70) \\ & 26(53.1) \\ & 31(38.8) \\ & 37(48.7) \\ & 43(60.6) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.271 \\ & 0.56 \\ & \mathbf{( 1 )} \\ & 6.67 \\ & 4.12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.065-1.128 \\ & 0.273-1.149 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & 1.260 .35 .3^{*} \\ & 2.14-7.93^{*} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.073 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.114 \\ & \mathbf{( 1 )} \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.045 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.008 \end{aligned}$ |
| Marital status <br> Single/widowed <br> Married(1) <br> divorced | $\begin{aligned} & 9(47.4) \\ & 113(50) \\ & 20(48.8) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10(52.6) \\ & 113(50) \\ & 21(51.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.900 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & 0.952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 0.352-2.298 <br> (1) <br> 0.490-1.853 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.826 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.886 \end{aligned}$ |
| Religion <br> Orthodox <br> Protestant/wakifeta <br> Muslim(1) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 62(49.6) \\ & 8(30.8) \\ & 74(54.8) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.233 \\ & 2.73 \\ & \mathbf{( 1 )} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.757-2.007 \\ & 1.111-6.708 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.400 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.029 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Occupation <br> Civil servant <br> Merchant <br> Farmer <br> Unemployed(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 42(52.5) \\ & 19(54.3) \\ & 25(51) \\ & 56(45.9) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38(47.5) \\ & 16(45.7) \\ & 24(49) \\ & 66(54.1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.303 \\ & 1.400 \\ & 1.228 \\ & \mathbf{( 1 )} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.740-2.292 \\ & 0.658-2.976 \\ & 0.632-2.384 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.359 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.382 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.545 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { DM } \\ & \text { Yes } \\ & \text { No(1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46(59) \\ & 96(46.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32(41) \\ & 112(53.8) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.677 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.99-2.841 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.055 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| P.neuropathy Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 26(39.4) \\ & 116(52.7) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40(60.6) \\ & 104(47.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.583 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.333-1.020 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.059 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Dyspepsia Yes $\mathrm{No}(\mathbf{1})$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16(50) \\ & 126(49.6) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16(50) \\ & 128(50.4) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.016 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.487-2.119 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.967 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { HHD } \\ & \text { Yes } \\ & \mathrm{No}(\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7(50) \\ & 135(49.6) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7(50) \\ & 137(50.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.015 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.347-2.971 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.979 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { BMI(kg/m2) } \\ & <18.5 \\ & 18.5-29.9(\mathbf{1}) \\ & 30-35 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35(41.7) \\ & 87(50.3) \\ & 20(69) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49(58.3) \\ & 86(49.7) \\ & 9(31) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.706 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & 2.197 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 0.417-1.195 <br> (1) <br> 0.947-5.095 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.195 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.067 \end{aligned}$ |

Table 7. continued

| Variables | Blood pressure status |  | COR | 95\% CI | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Uncontrolled (\%) | Controlled (\%) |  |  |  |
| Adherence scale adherent non adherent(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 88(50.9) \\ & 54(50.5) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85(49.1) \\ & 53(49.5) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.016 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.627-1.646 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.948 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| No of anti-HTN medications <br> $\leq 1$ combination <br> 2 combination(1) <br> $\geq 3$ combination | $\begin{aligned} & 36(40) \\ & 77(51.7) \\ & 29(61.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54(60) \\ & 72(48.3) \\ & 18(38.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.623 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & 1.506 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.367-1.059 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & 0.771-2.945 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{p}=0.081$ <br> (1) $\mathrm{p}=0.231$ |
| Coffee intake Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 135(80.8) \\ & 7(5.9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32(19.2) \\ & 112(94.1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67.5 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28.697-158.76^{*} \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}<0.001 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Salt intake Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 136(85) \\ & 6(4.8) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24(15) \\ & 120(95.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 63.3 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44.82-286.57 * \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}<0.001 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Physical activity <br> Physically active(1) <br> Physically inactive | $\begin{aligned} & 9(7.0) \\ & 133(84.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 119(93) \\ & 25(15.8) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & 70.342 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | (1) 31.57-156.71* | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & \mathrm{p}<0.001 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Alcohol intake Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 24(50) \\ & 118(49.6) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24(50) \\ & 120(50.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.017 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.547-1.89 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.958 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Chat chewing Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 95(76.6) \\ & 47(28.7) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27(23.4) \\ & 117(71.3) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.759 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.078-15.109 * \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}<0.001 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Traditional medicine intake Yes <br> no(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 27(64.3) \\ & 115(47.1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15(35.7) \\ & 129(52.9) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.019 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.024-3.983 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.043 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Cigarette smoking <br> Non smoker(1) <br> Ex-smoker <br> Current smoker | $\begin{aligned} & 133(49.6) \\ & 6(66.7) \\ & 3(33.3) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 135(50.4) \\ & 3(33.3) \\ & 6(66.7) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | (1) 2.03 0.508 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & 0.497-8.286 \\ & 0.124-2.071 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.324 \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.345 \end{aligned}$ |
| Duration of HTN <5 year(1) $\geq 5$ years | $\begin{aligned} & 99(49) \\ & 43(51.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 103(51) \\ & 41(48.8) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & 1.182 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & 0.739-1.89 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{( 1 )} \\ & \mathrm{p}=0.484 \end{aligned}$ |
| Co morbidity Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 82(49.1) \\ & 60(50.4) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85(50.9) \\ 59(49.6) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.949 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.593-1.518 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.826 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Cost of medicine <br> Paid <br> Free(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 97(50) \\ & 45(48.9) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 97(50) \\ & 47(51.1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.044 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.636-1.716 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}=0.864 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

*statically significant, (1): Reference category, CI: confidence interval, COR: Crude odds ratio: DM: diabetes mellitus, HHD: hypertensive heart disease, BMI: body mass index, p.neuropathy: peripheral neuropathy

As shown in table 8, after multivariate logistic regression analysis, the determinants of uncontrolled BP are salt intake with food ( $\mathrm{AOR}=24.42$, $\mathrm{CI}=17.05-522.9$, $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ), age 55-64 years old $(\mathrm{AOR}=1.15, \mathrm{CI}=1.02-5.86, \mathrm{p}=0.009)$, age $\geq 65(\mathrm{AOR}=3.3, \mathrm{CI}=1.30-17.2, \mathrm{p}<0.001)$ and physical inactivity $(\mathrm{AOR}=7.097, \mathrm{CI}=1.711-29.44, \mathrm{p}=0.007)$. Participants who took salt with their food are 24 times more likely to have uncontrolled than those who did not take salt with their food (AOR=24.42, $\mathrm{CI}=17.05-522.9, \mathrm{p}<0.001$ ). Physically inactive participants are 7 times more likely to have uncontrolled BP than physically active participants (AOR=7.097, CI=1.711-29.44, $\mathrm{p}=0.007$ ). Participants with age 55-64 years are more likely to have uncontrolled BP as compared to age group of 45-54 years old ( $\mathrm{AOR}=1.15, \mathrm{CI}=1.02-5.86, \mathrm{p}=0.009$ ). In addition, participants with age $\geq 65$ years are three times more likely to have uncontrolled BP than participants with age of 45-54 years old ( $\mathrm{AOR}=3.3, \mathrm{CI}=1.30-17.2, \mathrm{p}<0.001$ ).

Table 8: Multivariate logistic regression analysis of factors associated with uncontrolled blood pressure among adult hypertensive patients on treatment at JUSH from March 4, 2015 to April 3, 2015.

| Variables | Blood pressure status |  | COR(95\% CI)P-value | AOR(95\%CI)P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Uncontrolled (\%) | Controlled (\%) |  |  |
| Age** <br> Below 35 <br> 35-44 <br> 45-54(1) <br> 55-64 <br> 65 \& above | $\begin{aligned} & 3(30) \\ & 23(46.9) \\ & 49(61.3) \\ & 39(51.7) \\ & 28(39.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7(70) \\ & 26(53.1) \\ & 31(38.8) \\ & 37(48.7) \\ & 43(60.6) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.271(0.065-1.128) \mathrm{p}=0.073 \\ & 0.56(0.0 .273-1.149) \mathrm{p}=0.114 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & 6.67(1.260-35.3) \mathrm{p}=0.045 \\ & 4.12(2.14-7.93 *) \mathrm{p}=0.008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.22(0.005-10.77) \mathrm{p}=0.447 \\ & 0.412(0.077-2.197) \mathrm{p}=0.299 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & 1.15\left(1.02-5.86^{*}\right) \mathrm{p}=0.009 \\ & 3.3\left(1.30-17.2^{*}\right) \mathrm{p}<0.001 \end{aligned}$ |
| Religion <br> Orthodox <br> Protestant/wakifeta <br> Muslim(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 63(50.4) \\ & 18(69.2) \\ & 61(45.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62(49.6) \\ & 8(30.8) \\ & 74(54.8) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.233(0.757-2.007) \mathrm{p}=0.400 \\ & 2.73(1.111-6.708) \mathrm{p}=0.029 \\ & \mathbf{( 1 )} \end{aligned}$ | 1.172(0.46-2.99) $\mathrm{p}=0.734$ $2.65(0.348-20.3) p=0.346$ (1) |
| DM <br> Yes <br> No(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 46(59) \\ & 96(46.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32(41) \\ & 112(53.8) \end{aligned}$ | $1.677(0.99-2.841) \mathrm{p}=0.055$ <br> (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 1.52(0.558-4.183) \mathrm{p}=0.41 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Peripheral neuropathy <br> Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 26(39.4) \\ & 116(52.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40(60.6) \\ & 104(47.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.583(0.333-1.020) \mathrm{p}=0.059 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.382(0.14-1.043) \mathrm{p}=0.06 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \begin{array}{l} \text { BMI(kg/m2) } \\ <18.5 \\ 18.5-29.9(1) \\ 30-35 \end{array} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35(41.7) \\ & 87(50.3) \\ & 20(69) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49(58.3) \\ & 86(49.7) \\ & 9(31) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $0.706(0.417-1.195) \mathrm{p}=0.195$ <br> (1) <br> $2.197(0.947-5.095) \mathrm{p}=0.067$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.70(0.272-1.79) \mathrm{p}=0.458 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & 3.971(0.82-19.02) \mathrm{p}=0.085 \end{aligned}$ |
| No of anti-HTN medications $\leq 1$ combination 2 combination(1) <br> $\geq 3$ combination | $\begin{aligned} & 36(40) \\ & 77(51.7) \\ & 29(61.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54(60) \\ & 72(48.3) \\ & 18(38.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.623(0.367-1.059) \mathrm{p}=0.081 \\ & (\mathbf{1}) \\ & 1.506(0.771-2.945) \mathrm{p}=0.231 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.907(0.29-2.752) \mathrm{p}=0.863 \\ & \text { (1) } \\ & 1.995(0.464-8.57) \mathrm{p}=0.353 \end{aligned}$ |
| Coffee intake Yes No(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 135(80.8) \\ & 7(5.9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32(19.2) \\ & 112(94.1) \end{aligned}$ | 67.5(28.69-158.76*) $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ <br> (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 1.33(0.202-8.749) \mathrm{p}=0.767 \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Salt intake** } \\ & \text { Yes } \\ & \text { No(1) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 136(85) \\ & 6(4.8) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24(15) \\ & 120(95.2) \end{aligned}$ | 63.3(44.82-286.57*) p $<0.001$ <br> (1) | $24.4\left(17.05-522.9^{*}\right) \mathrm{p}<0.001$ <br> (1) |
| Physical activity** <br> Physically active(1) <br> Physically inactive | $\begin{aligned} & 9(7.0) \\ & 133(84.2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 119(93) \\ & 25(15.8) \end{aligned}$ | (1) $70.34(31.57-156.71 *) \mathrm{p}<0.001$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1) } \\ & 7.09(1.71-29.44 *) \mathrm{p}=0.007 \end{aligned}$ |
| Chat chewing** <br> Yes <br> No (1) | $\begin{aligned} & 95(76.6) \\ & 47(28.7) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27(23.4) \\ & 117(71.3) \end{aligned}$ | 8.75(5.078-15.109*) $p<0.001$ <br> (1) | $1.233(0.433-3.51) \mathrm{p}=0.694$ <br> (1) |
| Traditional medicine intake Yes no(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 27(64.3) \\ & 115(47.1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15(35.7) \\ & 129(52.9) \end{aligned}$ | (1) $2.019(1.024-3.983) p=0.043$ | (1) $1.27(0.305-5.3) \mathrm{p}=0.742$ |
| Duration of HTN <br> <5 year(1) <br> $\geq 5$ years | $\begin{aligned} & 99(49) \\ & 43(51.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 103(51) \\ & 41(48.8) \end{aligned}$ | (1) $1.182(0.739-1.89) \mathrm{p}=0.484$ | (1) $1.593(0.64-3.96) \mathrm{p}=0.317$ |

**: Determinants of uncontrolled blood pressure, *statically significant, (1): Reference category, AOR: adjusted odds ratio, CI: confidence interval, COR: Crude odds ratio, DM: diabetes mellitus, HHD: hypertensive heart disease, BMI: body mass index.

## 7. Discussion

In this study, $50.3 \%$, of the participants had controlled blood pressure. More than half, $60.5 \%$, of the participants were adherent to their antihypertensive medications and care. Diabetes mellitus followed by peripheral neuropathy were the commonly encountered comorbidities. The determinants of uncontrolled blood pressure in this study are salt intake with food, age 54-65, age $\geq 65$ years old and physical inactivity.

The rate of BP control in this study was $50.3 \%$. This is higher than the finding reported by Goverwa TP et al(32.8\%) from Zimbabwe (15). This might be due to high prevalence of physical inactivity, bad dietary habits and obesity in study from Zimbabwe. The level of rate of BP control was relatively similar with rate of BP control in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (40.1\%) and Gonder, Ethiopia ( $46.6 \%$ ) $(41,47)$. This could be due to socioeconomic similarity of the participants. However the rate of BP control of JUSH was lower than the findings reported from Bahrain $(66.3 \%)$ and USA $(69.7 \%)(16,19)$. This might be due to better medical as well as pharmaceutical care provision and access to patients in these countries.

In this study, age is significantly associated with uncontrolled blood pressure. Multivariate logistic regression showed that patients with age group of $55-64$ (AOR $=1.15, \mathrm{CI}=1.02-5.86$, $\mathrm{p}=0.009) \& 65$ and older $(\mathrm{AOR}=3.3, \mathrm{CI}=1.30-17.2, \mathrm{p}<0.001)$ are determinants of uncontrolled BP. Participants with age 55-64 years are more likely to have uncontrolled BP as compared to age group of 45-54 years old ( $\mathrm{AOR}=1.15, \mathrm{CI}=1.02-5.86, \mathrm{p}=0.009$ ). In addition, participants with age $\geq 65$ years are three times more likely to have uncontrolled BP than participants with age of 45-54 years old ( $\mathrm{AOR}=3.3, \mathrm{CI}=1.30-17.2, \mathrm{p}<0.001$ ). This is coherent with a study from Bahrain and Germany $(16,39)$. In fact literatures showed that age is most strongly related to systolic blood pressure and isolated systolic hypertension accounts for the majority of cases with uncontrolled BP in individuals greater than 60 years of age (48). However, according to JNC8 guide line the systolic threshold for controlled hypertension is 150 mmHg which is higher than the threshold for uncontrolled blood pressure ( 140 mmHg ) (2). This could account for the high prevalence of uncontrolled Hypertension in elder age groups.

While dealing with association of physical inactivity and blood pressure control, physical inactivity is determinant of uncontrolled BP ( $\mathrm{AOR}=7.097$, $\mathrm{CI}=1.711-29.44, \mathrm{p}=0.007$ ). In this study, physically inactive participants are 7 times more likely to have uncontrolled BP than physically active participants. This is coherent with the study from Addis Abeba, Ethiopia(41). This supports the benefit of aerobic exercise on blood pressure reported by other studies that remind that Regular aerobic exercise can lower the BP by as much as 5 to 15 mmHg in patients with essential hypertension $(49,50)$.

In JUSH, salt intake with food is determinant of uncontrolled BP (AOR=24.42, CI=17.05-522.9, $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ). Participants who took salt in their meal are 24 times more likely to have uncontrolled BP than participants who did not take salt in their meal. This is consistent with a study from Zimbabwe (15). This could be due to similar life standards of the participants in those countries. In fact guide lines recommend restriction of sodium salt intake to less than $2.3 \mathrm{gm} /$ day rather than absolute forbidden of salt intake (2).However in our set up participants sedentary life could not enable them to restrict salt intake to less than $2.3 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{day}$. Even if ideal method of determining salt consumption at the population level would be through the measurement of 24 hour urinary sodium excretion, this was not possible in the present study largely due to logistics limitations. In the absence of such laboratory methods, a qualitative assessment of the salt use behavior may offer important clues on salt intake.

For many hypertensive patients, combination therapy is believed to achieve better control than mono-therapy (51). However, $12.6 \%$ of participants were on one type of medicine despite of the uncontrolled blood pressure. This is in lined with a study from Zimbabwe (15). This may be due to shortage of doctors as hypertensive medications can only be initiated by a doctor. The availability of other types of medicines may also be a challenge thus forcing the prescribers to continue with mono-therapy even when it is inadequate.

More than half, $60.5 \%$, of the study subjects in JUSH were found to be adherent to their antihypertensive medication treatment. It is higher than the findings depicted in Malaysia ( $44.2 \%$ ) and Gambia ( $27 \%$ ) ( 52,53 ). This difference is possibly because $32.2 \%$ of the participants in this study receive free medical care and drugs whereas in the other study patients had to pay for their treatment. The level of adherence of JUSH is quite similar with findings in local studies conducted at Gonder, Northwest Ethiopia (64.6) and Adama, Ethiopia (59.5\%) $(47,54)$. This might be due to similarity of socioeconomic characteristics of the participants. However adherence of antihypertensive treatment of JUSH was lower than the studies done in Egypt ( $74.1 \%$ ), Pakistan ( $77 \%$ ) and Scotland ( $91 \%$ ) $(55,56,57)$. This could be due to better care and access of health facilities in these countries.

Out of the 286 participants, $27.2 \%$ of the participants in JUSH had diabetes mellitus as co morbidity. It is coherent with the finding that has been reported in Brazil (29.8\%).However it is lower than what has been reported from Bahrain by which $55.8 \%$ of the patients had diabetes mellitus (16). This might be due to high prevalence of obesity (43.6\%) in the participants enrolled in Bahrain (16). The low prevalence of other comorbidities in this study as compared to other studies could be due to low availability of diagnostic materials and laboratory facilities.

## 8. Strengths and Limitations of the Study

### 8.1. Strengths

The Strength of the study was that the data collectors underwent rigorous training and close super vision to ensure good validity of the data. Data were collected both from patients card and patients themselves this helped the investigator to have more complete information. Efforts were done to standardize adherence scale using validated 8 item Morisky's medication adherence scale. Physical activity was also tried to be standardized by asking the number of minutes and days he/she spent on exercising.

### 8.2. Limitations

The study is cross sectional study and has some limitations like social desirability bias and recall bias. Due to self-presentation concerns, patients may understate socially undesirable activities like non-adherence; smoking, alcohol intake and chat chew and overstate socially desirable ones like adherence. In addition, this is a single centre study with modest number of individuals, which may limit the generalization of the findings to wider contexts. On the other hand, for the restriction of survey methods and research ethics, patients with severe acute diseases were excluded, who may represent a substantial amount of hypertensive patients.

## 9. Conclusion and Recommendations

### 9.1 Conclusions

Almost half of the participants had controlled BP. More than half of the participants were adherent to their medication. Diabetes mellitus and peripheral neuropathy were the most commonly encountered comorbidities associated with hypertension. Salt intake with food, age 55-64 years old, age $\geq 65$ years old and physical inactivity are the determinants of uncontrolled blood pressure.

### 9.2. Recommendations

### 9.2.1 Health Care Provider

$\checkmark$ Health care providers should intently focus on the proper advice of the patients regarding life style modifications.
$\checkmark$ Health care providers should establish strategies to provide hospital based and home based health education regarding life style modification.
$\checkmark$ Health care providers should avail adequate antihypertensive medications.

### 9.2.2 Jimma University Specialized Hospital

$\checkmark$ The hospital should develop its own guideline that properly address specifically for chronic illness like hypertension that ensures the provision of quality care.
$\checkmark$ The hospital should provide laboratory facilities that can help health care providers to provide quality care for the patients.
$\checkmark$ The hospital should facilitate involvement of clinical pharmacy specialist to enhance rate of BP control.

### 9.2.3 For Researchers

$\checkmark$ Further research is needed about the rate and determinants of uncontrolled BP.

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## Annexes

## I. Patient Information Sheet

Name of the principal investigator: Solomon Weldegebreal Asgedom
Name of study area: Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Hypertensions Follow up Clinic Research budget covered by: Jimma University

Research objective: To asses blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control level at Jimma University Specialized Hospital.

Significance of the study: The study will be used to develop guide line for better level of hypertension care and help to practice antihypertensive medications to the most effective dose and regimen at the hypertension follow up clinic. It will also have great relevance as a base line for interventions of healthcare programs targeting improved hypertension control at large.

Study procedure: The data collectors will interview patients using questioners after obtaining consent from the patient. Then data will be extracted from medical records.

Risks: No risks except the time that patient spend during the interview.
Participant right: The patient has a right to stop the interview at any time, or to skip any question that he/she does not want to answer.

Benefit: The study is beneficial for the patient in improving quality of service delivery in future visits. It informs health care providers about the status of care. It also can be used as a source of information for the hospital and policy makers.

Incentives: You will not be provided any specific incentive for taking part in the research other than acknowledgment.

Confidentialities: The study result will not include patient's name and address and any information communicated will be kept confidential.

Agreement: Patients are expected to be fully voluntary to participate in the study.

Whom to contact: If you have any kind of inconvenience about the study, you can contact the following individuals:

1. Mr.Tigeestu Alemu, Clinical Pharmacist, Jimma University (adviser of the study)
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> email: tgfrekidan16@gmail.com
2. Mr. Solomon Weldegebreal( principal investigator)
> Tel: 0920871064
> Email: s.weldegebreal@gmail.com

## II. Patient Informed Consent form <br> Name of principal investigator: Solomon Weldegebreal (Jimma University)

Research title: To assess blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control among hypertensive patients at JUSH.

Card number $\qquad$
Code number $\qquad$

1. I confirm that I understand the information sheet for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
2. I understand that my participation is completely voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected.
3. I understand that my medical notes will be looked at by data collectors of this study and necessary information will be extracted. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my records.
4. I agree to take part in the above study. I would like to confirm my agreement by signing.

Participant's name $\qquad$ Signature $\qquad$ date $\qquad$
Name of the data collector: $\qquad$ Signature: $\qquad$ date $\qquad$
Name of the principal investigator: $\qquad$ Signature: $\qquad$ date $\qquad$

Thank you for your participation and cooperation!

## Greetings!

My name is Sr. / Ato --------------------------------------------------------------

I am data collector for master student Solomon Weldegebreal currently working his research work for graduation in Clinical Pharmacy in Jimma University, College of Health Sciences, and Department of Pharmacy.

The objective of the research is to assess blood pressure control and determinants of poor blood pressure control level at Jimma University Specialized Hospital.

I would like to assure you that the study is confidential. I will not keep a record of your name and address. You have a right to stop the interview at any time, or to skip any question that you do not want to answer. Your correct answer to the questions can make the study achieve its goals. Therefore, you are kindly requested to respond genuinely and voluntary with patience. The interview may take few minutes. I would greatly appreciate your help in responding to this study.

Result of the interview: 1. Completed
3. The interviewee refused
2. Partially completed
4. Others $\qquad$

## III. Questionnaire English Version

Instruction: Tick $(\sqrt{ })$ in the box provided and fills the blank spaces by asking the patient.
A. Participants' Secoidemographic Characteristics and hypertension Related Variables

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline No \& Questions \& \\
\hline 1 \& Patient's sex \& \begin{tabular}{l}
1. Male  \\
2. Female \(\square\)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 2 \& How old are you? \& years \\
\hline 3 \& Marital stutus \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Single \\
Married  \\
Divorced  \\
Widowed \(\square\) \\
Separated \(\square\)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 4 \& What is your religion? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
1.Orthodox \(\square\) \\
2.Protestant  \\
3. Muslim \(\square\) \\
4. others \(\qquad\)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 5 \& What is the highest education level you completed? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
1. No formal education \(\square\) \\
2. Primary education (1-8 grade) \(\square\) \\
3. Secondary education (9-12 grade) \(\square\) \\
4. Tertiary education (diploma and above)

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| 6 | What is your current occupation? | 1.Civil servant <br> 2. Merchant |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


|  | medicine do you use? |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | Do you use substance? | 1. Yes $\square$ <br> 2. No $\square$ |
| 16 | If yes to Q. 15 What type of substance do you use currently? | Chat <br> Alcohol <br> Cigarette $\square$ <br> others $\qquad$ |
| 17 | Cigarette smoking status | Never smoked <br> Ex smoker <br> Current smoker |
| 18 | If current smoker what is the amount of cigarette you smoke per day? | /day |
| 19 | If Ex smoker for how long have you been on smoking? | $\ldots$ year |
| 20 | If alcohol to Q. 16 What type of alcohol do you take? | Beer(how many) $\qquad$ <br> Caticala <br> Teg <br> Tela <br> others $\qquad$ |
| 21 | How do you get your medicines? | Free <br> Paid <br> Others(specify) $\qquad$ |

## B. Adherence scale of the patient

i. Do you sometimes forget to take your pills?

1. Yes
2. NO
ii. People sometimes miss taking their medications for reasons other than forgetting. Thinking over the past two weeks, were there any days when you did not take your medicine?
3. Yes
4. NO $\qquad$
iii. Have you ever cut back or stopped taking your medicine without telling your doctor because you felt worse when you took it?
5. Yes
6. NO $\qquad$
iv. When you travel or leave home, do you sometimes forget to bring along your medicine?
7. Yes
8. NO
v. Did you take all your medicine yesterday?
9. Yes
10. NO
vi. When you feel like your symptoms are under control, do you sometimes stop taking your medicine?
11. Yes
12. NO
vii. Taking medicine every day is a real inconvenience for some people. Do you ever feel hassled about sticking to your treatment plan?
13. Yes
14. NO
viii. How often do you have difficulty remembering to take all your medicine?
__A. Never/rarely
B. Once in a while $\square$
C. Sometimes
D. usually
E. All the time

## B. Participants' Clinical Characteristics (From Patients' Medical Record Review, Measurement)

A. Diagnosis $\qquad$
B. Weight (kg) $\qquad$
C. Height (m) $\qquad$
D. BMI
C. Data collection format for BP, antihypertensive medications and comorbidities.


## IV．Questionnaire Amharic Version



















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## V. Questionnaire Afan Oromo version 1 Waraqaa Ragaa Yaalamaa

Maqaa Qormaamata;-- Solomon Waldegabr'eel
Iddoo xinxallichi Godhamu;- Hospitaala Speeshaalayizdii Yuniversitii Jimmaa
Baajata xinxalichaa kaffalu;- Yunivarsitii Jimmaa
Kaayyoo xinxalichaa;- to'annaa cunqurssaa dhiiga qorachuufi to'annaa murteessaa dadhabina cunqursaa dhiigaa addaan baasuu,
Faayidaa xinxalichaafi xinxalichi qajeelcha maanuwaalii to'annaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa irra caalaa hundeesuufi qoricha to'annaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa dhiyeesuuf ni fayyada.dabalatanis adeemssa egumssa fayyaa irra caalaa ta'eef naamuusa to'annaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa fooyyeesuuf akka ragummaa ni tajaajila.
Adeemssi xinxalichaa ;- Namoona ragaa sasaabanu hayyama hermaatoota erga argatan booda waraqaa ittiin gaafataman irrati gaafii afaanii ni godhu. Itti aansuudhaanragaa kaardii galmee irrati galmaa'e ni fudhatu.

Miidhaa;- xinxalichi midhaa gosa kamiyuu hin qabu.
Mirga hemaatichaa;- hermaataan gaafii afaanii yeroo barbaadeti addaan kutuu akkasumas gaafii inni hin barbaadne deebisuu diduu ni danda'a.

Faayidaa;- xinxalichi yeroo itti aanuuf tajaajila quiqulina qabu kennuuf ni fayyada.
Jajjabeessaa;- xinxalicha irrati hermaachuudhaan faayidaa jajjabeessaa kennamu gosa kamiiyuu hin jiru.

Iccitii Eeguu;- xinxalichi maqaa hermaatichaa teessoofi ergaa kan biraa dabarsse bifa seera qabeessa ta'een ni eggata.

Walta'inssa;- yaalamaan fedhii guutuudhaan hermaataa ta'uun irraa egama.

## Ragaa dabalataaf qindeesoota xinxalicha kana dubisuun ni danda'ama.

1.Obbo Tigistuu Alamuu;- Yunivarsitii Jimmaati barsiisaa qajeelcha kutaa barumssa faarmaasiifi qinddeessaa xinxalichaa

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## waligaltee mirkaneessaa namoota xinxalicha irrati hermaataniif

Ani waa'ee xinxala kana guutuun guutummaan nati himamee hubadheera.kaayyoon isaas Sadarkaa to'annaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa beekuufi sadarkaa murteessaa dadhabaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa addaan baasuufidha.

Hermaannaan kun fedhii irrati kan hirkate ta'uu isaa hubadheera. Dabalataanis kan ani hubadhe hermaannaa koo kanaan waliti qunnamsiisa kan jedhu tajaajila addaa gosa gamiiyuu kaffaltii ykn kennaan akka hin jirre hubadheera.
Walta'insi kun kan tajaajilu kanumaaf qofadha.
Maqaan koo armaan gaditi jiru xinxala kana irrati hermaachuuf waligaleera.
Maqaa hermaatichaa $\qquad$ Mallattoo $\qquad$ Guyyaa $\qquad$
Maqaa sassaabataa ragaa $\qquad$ Mallattoo $\qquad$ Guyyaa $\qquad$
Maqaa Qormaamatichaa $\qquad$ Mallattoo $\qquad$ Guyyaa $\qquad$
Hermaannaafi deggarssa keessaniif ni galateeffadha.

## Maqaan koo Obbo/Adde

Ani Solomon W/Gabr'eel kan jedhamu yeroo hammaa Eebba koof maastarsii kan hojjadhu sassaabaa ragaadha.
Kaayyoon xinxalichaa inni guddaan sadarkaa cunqurssaa dhiigaa qorachuufi murteessaa to'annaa sadarkaa cunqursaa dhiigaa isa dadhabaa Hospitaala Speeshaalaayzdii Yunivarsitii jimmaati addaan baasuufidha.
Xinxalichi iccitii eegaa ta'uu isaa isiniif mirkaneessu ni jaalladha.gaafii afaanichaa sa'aatii barbaadaniti addaan kutuu ni dandeessan xinxala kanati deebii kennuudhaan waan na gargaartaniif baayyee isin galateeffadha.
Firiin gaafii afaanii
Dhumeera $\qquad$ gamtokkeen Dhumeera $\qquad$
kan biroo $\qquad$ dhowwamaniiru $\qquad$

Qajeelffama;- Sanduuqa qophaa'eti mallttoo gudhaa, Dabalataan yaalamaa gaafachudhaan iddoo banaa guutaa

| Lakka dabaree | Gaafiwwaan |  |
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| 1 | Saala Yaalamaa | Dhiira <br> Dubara. |
| 2 | Umuriin kee meeqadha.? | Waggaa |
| 3 | Akkaataa fuudhaaf heeruma | Kan fuudhe <br> Kan hin fuune $\square$ <br> Kan walhiike $\square$ <br> Addaan kan bahan $\square$ <br> Dhirssa (niitiin kan irraa $\square$ <br> du'e(duute) $\square$ |
| 4 | Amanttaan kee maalidha? | Ortodoksii <br> Pirootestaanttii <br> Musliima <br> Kan <br> biro $\qquad$ |
| 5 | Sadarkaan Barumassa kee inni ol'aanaan meeqadha? | Sadarkaa barumssa idalee hin qabu $\square$ <br> 1-8 $\square$ <br> 9-12 <br> Dipiloomaafi isaanol $\qquad$ |
| 6 | Hojiin kee maalidha? | Hojjataa Mootummaa <br> Daldaalaa $\square$ <br> Qote bulaa $\square$ <br> Hadha manaakan |


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| 7 | Galiin kee inni ji' aa meeqadha | Qarshii |
| 8 | Dhiiga cunqursaan kee kan beekame yoomidha? |  |
| 9 | Nyaata kee irrati ashaboo ni gootaa | Eeyyee <br> Miti |
| 10 | Sochii qaamaa ni gootaa? | Eeyyee $\square$ <br> Miti $\square$ |
| 11 | Gaafii 12 eeyyee yoo jette torbbee keessaa yeroo meeqa sa'aatii hammamiifidhasochii qaamaa kan gootu? | yeroo $\qquad$ <br> Daqiiqaa $\qquad$ f |
| 12 | Qoricha aadaa fudhattee ni beekttaa? Eeyyee yoo jettan gara lakkati deemaa. | Eeyyee $\square$ <br> Miti $\square$ |
| $` 13$ | Gaafii lakka 12ffaa eeyyee yoo jette yeroo meeqaaf qoricha aadaa fudhate? |  |
| 14 | Gaafii lakka 12 ffaa eeyyee yoo jette qurichi aadaa ati fudhate gosa akamitidha? | - - - - |
| 15 | Albuudaa Miidhu Fudhattee ni beekttaa? | Eeyyee <br> Miti |
| 16 | Gaafii 15 eeyyere kan jetu yoo ta'e albuudaa qulqulluu gosa kam fudhataa jirta? | Caatii $\square$ <br> Dhugaatii $\square$ <br> Sijaaraa $\square$ |
| 17 | Akkaataa tanbboo (sijaaraa) aarsuu? | Aarsee (xuuxee) hin beeku <br> Arsaan (xuuxaan) ture <br> Hammas arsaan(xuuxaan)jira $\square$ |
| 18 | Hamma kan arsitu (xuuxxu) yoo ta'e bay'ina sijaaraa guyyaati arsitu meeqadha? | Guyyaati__ |
| 19 | Dur nama arsitu(xuuxxu) yoo taate yeroo meeqaaf <br> arsaa(xuuxaa) turte | Waggaa ___ f <br> dhugaatii gosa kam ni fudhata? |
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| 20 | Gaafii 16 deebiin isaa dhugaatii dha yoo jette <br> Biiraa $\square$ <br> Kaatikaalaa $\square$ <br> Daadhii $\square$ <br> Farsoo $\square$ <br> Kan biroo__ |  |
| 21 | Qoricha bifa kamiin ni argatta | Bilisaan $\square$ <br> Kaffaltiidhaan $\square$ <br> Kan biroo___ |

## B.Sadaerkaa yaalamaan qoricha fudhatu

I. Yeroo tokko tokko qorcha osoo hin fudhatin raanfattyee ni beektaa?

Eeyyee $\square$
Miti $\square$
II.Namoonni tokko tokko raanffachuun ala rakina qoricha fudhachuu hafuun jira, yeroo torbee 2 darbe keessati guyyaa qoricha hin fudhane jiraa?

Eeyyee
Miti
III.Haakimii kee osoo hin maryachisin sababa cimina dhukubichaan qoricha osoo hin fudhatin addaan kuttee beektaa

Eeyyee
Miti
1V.Gara iddoo biraa yemmuu deemtu ykn manaa baatee yemmuu deemtu qoricha qabdee deemuu kee raanfattee ni beektaa?

Eeyyee $\square$
Miti $\square$
V. Kaleessa qoricha hunduma sirriiti fudhateettaa?

Eeyyee $\qquad$
Miti
V1. Mallatowaan dhukubichaa hin hanqifamne jettee al tokko tokko qoricha fudhachuu kee addaan kuttee ni beekttaa?

Eeyyee
Miti
V11. Qoricha sirriiti fudhachuu hafuun rakkina ol'aanaa namoota tokko tokkodha.adeemssa yaalaa sirriiti hordofuu irrati rakkina sitti ta'ee beekaa?

Eeyyee
Miti $\square$
V111. Qoricha hunduma fudhachuu kee yaaduu irrati kan sitti ulfaate al meeqadha?
a. Dhumaa isaaf
b. Yeroo ta'e al tokko $\square$
c. Yeroo tokko tokko $\qquad$
d. Yeroo baayyee
e. Yeroo hunduma

