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We thank Dr Metoki for his thoughtful comments.1 He raises the important points that mid-pregnancy fall may have an impact on the occurrence of pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH) and that seasonal variations in blood pressure (BP) may affect the BP changes during pregnancy and contribute to the occurrence of PIH. We assessed clinic BP values at week 30 and at a time after week 34 in healthy pregnant women who participated in the previous study.2 As shown in Figure 1, a decreasing BP in the second trimester was observed. Because pregnant women with low BP at week 20 had less risk of PIH,2 even if these women had high BP at week 16, a mid-pregnancy fall in BP is thought to be inversely correlated with the occurrence of PIH. As suggested by Metoki et al.,3 endothelial function may contribute to the relationship between the mid-pregnancy fall in BP and the occurrence of PIH. In addition, we assessed the seasonal trend in BP changes during pregnancy. As shown in Table 1, pregnant women who delivered in the hot season (May to October, average daily temperature ≥15 °C in Tokyo) had higher BPs before 16 weeks and at 20 weeks of gestation than those who delivered in the cold season (December to April, average daily temperature < 15 °C in Tokyo). By contrast, pregnant women who delivered in the cold season tended to have a higher BP at 30 weeks and after 34 weeks than those who delivered in the hot season. These results suggest that seasonal changes in temperature may affect clinic BP values during pregnancy. However, the occurrence of PIH was unaffected by the seasonal trend in BP changes.

The odds ratio of PIH in pregnant women who delivered in the cold season was 0.63 compared with that in pregnant women who delivered in the hot season; this is statistically insignificant.

Consistent with previous studies showing that home BP fell from the first trimester to the second trimester and then continued to increase until the time of delivery,³ and that pregnant women who delivered in winter tended to have higher home BPs than those who delivered in summer,⁴ we confirmed the mid-pregnancy fall in BP and the seasonal trend in BP changes during pregnancy even if BPs are measured at the clinic. We hope that our study will inspire researchers to further examine the effects of the mid-pregnancy fall in BP and the seasonal trend in BP changes during pregnancy on predicting the risk of PIH.

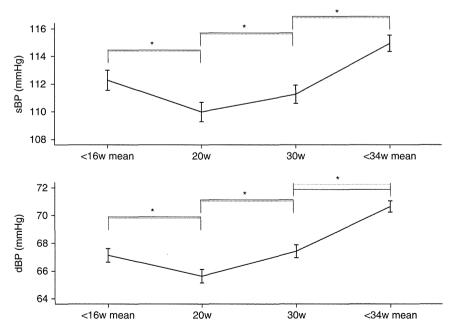


Figure 1 Systolic/diastolic blood pressure (sBP/dBP) in 976 pregnant women. *P<0.0001



Table 1 BP values and OR (95% CI) of PIH stratified by season in 976 pregnant women

| | EDC_Hot season (n = 503) | | EDC_Cold season (n = 473) | | P-value |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|--|----------|
| Systolic BP | | | | ······································ | |
| Before 16 weeks of gestation | 114.0 | 11.9 | 110.4 | 10.9 | < 0.0001 |
| 20 weeks of gestation | 111.6 | 11.6 | 108.3 | 10.4 | < 0.0001 |
| 30 weeks of gestation | 110.6 | 10.1 | 111.9 | 11.0 | 0.059 |
| After 34 weeks of gestation | 114.4 | 9.7 | 115.5 | 9.1 | 0.073 |
| Diastolic BP | | | | | |
| Before 16 weeks of gestation | 67.8 | 8.4 | 66.4 | 7.5 | 0.009 |
| 20 weeks of gestation | 66.4 | 7.8 | 64.8 | 7.4 | 0.001 |
| 30 weeks of gestation | 66.8 | 7.1 | 68.1 | 7.5 | 0.004 |
| After 34 weeks of gestation | 70.2 | 6.5 | 71.1 | 6.4 | 0.052 |
| PIH | Reference | | 0.63 | (0.30-1.3) | 0.21 |

Abbreviations: BP, blood pressure; CI, confidence interval; EDC, estimated date of confinement; OR, odds ratio; PIH, pregnancy-induced hypertension.

BP values are given as mean (s.d.). Occurrence of PIH is given as OR and 95% CI.

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Antepartum Oral Disposition Index as a Predictor of Glucose Intolerance Postpartum

Ithough women with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) have an increased subsequent risk for diabetes, the diabetic risk might be heterogeneous because the degree of abnormal glucose metabolism varies. The glucose tolerance status in pregnancy is related with postpartum prediabetes or diabetes, whereas studies on the antepartum factors associated with dysglycemia postpartum are limited (1,2). Women with GDM should be screened for diabetes postpartum; however, some miss the follow-up for the glucose surveillance.

 β -Cell function contributes to the development of glucose intolerance, and the oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT)-derived measures for β -cell function (i.e., oral disposition index [DIo]) seem to be predictive of developing diabetes (3). Likewise, the DIo during pregnancy might have potential to predict glucose intolerance postpartum. Therefore, we investigated the relation between antepartum DIo and postpartum glucose tolerance status in women with GDM.

With the approval of the institutional review board, the medical records were reviewed for 53 sequential women with GDM who were followed by postpartum OGTT between 2004 and 2010. Each woman underwent a two-step screening for GDM: universal early testing in women with high-risk characteristics and a standard 1-h 50-g oral glucose challenge test between 24 and 27 weeks' gestation for those not previously found to have glucose intolerance. Women with positive screen underwent a 75-g OGTT with the measurement of plasma glucose (mg/dL) and insulin concentration (mU/L)

at basal, 30, 60, and 120 min after the glucose load. GDM was diagnosed by the criteria of the Japan Diabetes Society (4). Three to six months postpartum, the repeat OGTT characterized glucose tolerance status in women with recent GDM into the following categories by the Japan Diabetes Society criteria: diabetic, borderline, and normal (4). We calculated the antepartum DIo using the following measures: insulin secretion—sensitivity index-2 (ISSI-2) and insulinogenic index (IGI)/fasting insulin (5).

Compared with normal glucose tolerance (NGT; n = 35), women with glucose intolerance postpartum (n = 18: diabetes 3, borderline 15) demonstrated significantly lower levels of antepartum ISSI-2 (mean \pm SD, 1.32 \pm 0.38 vs. 1.69 ± 0.50 ; P < 0.01). There were significant differences in antepartum IGI/ fasting insulin between the glucose intolerance postpartum and NGT groups $(0.069 \pm 0.045 \text{ vs. } 0.109 \pm 0.074, \text{ re-}$ spectively; P < 0.01). After adjustment for pregravida BMI, family history of diabetes, glycemic profiles during pregnancy (i.e., plasma glucose levels during the OGTT and HbA_{1c}), antepartum ISSI-2 was still a negative correlate of glucose intolerance postpartum (P < 0.05). On receiver operating characteristic (ROC) analysis, the best predictor for glucose intolerance postpartum was ISSI-2 ≤1.44 (the area under the ROC curve [95% CI], 0.73 [0.59-0.87]: sensitivity of 61% and specificity of 80%).

This is the first report highlighting a potential role of the antepartum DIo to predict postpartum glucose intolerance. The adoption of the new criteria of GDM would result in the increased number of the affected women. Our findings suggest that antepartum DIo could help to identify those at highest risk of glucose intolerance postpartum and warrant further study of the appropriate follow-up strategy in GDM by the new criteria.

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AOGS LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fetal growth and gestational hypertension in women classified as gestational diabetes mellitus defined by the new consensus criteria only

Sir,

Since the new consensus criteria for gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) were proposed by the International Association of Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups based on the results of the Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes (HAPO) study, several studies have demonstrated that women with GDM by the new criteria are at high risk of large for gestational age (LGA) and gestational hypertension (GH) (1-4). For instance, O'Sullivan et al. demonstrated the clinical feature of the new consensus criteria in a predominantly European population (3). However, it remains to be determined whether similar perinatal complications are achieved in clinical practice as much as in research settings. In particular, data on perinatal outcomes in women who were classified as having normal glucose tolerance (NGT) by the previous criteria, but as having GDM by the new criteria (i.e. the new criteria only-defined GDM), are limited. In addition, the majority of participants in the HAPO study were of non-Asian ethnicity, making it difficult to interpret the results in a Japanese population. With this background, we have investigated the clinical impact of the new criteria on perinatal outcomes in a Japanese setting.

A retrospective review of medical records was performed for 5749 sequential Japanese women who were cared for at our hospital

between 1996 and 2010. Each woman underwent a two-step screening for GDM: universal early testing in women with high-risk characteristics and a standard one hour, 50 g oral glucose challenge test between 24 and 27 weeks of gestation for all women not previously found to have glucose intolerance. Women with positive screening underwent a two hour 75 g oral glucose tolerance test. On the basis of the criteria proposed by the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG), GDM was diagnosed if two or more values reached or exceeded the following thresholds: fasting, 5.6 mmol/L; one hour, 10.0 mmol/L; and two hours, 8.3 mmol/L (5). All women with GDM were treated with a strict glycemic protocol.

Using the new criteria (1), 349 (6.1%) women were reclassified into hyperglycemia in pregnancy (overt diabetes 3; GDM 346), compared with 132 (2.3%) by the JSOG criteria. Compared with the 'new criteria-defined NGT', those with GDM by the new criteria had a higher incidence of LGA births (12.2 vs. 6.2%, p<0.001) and GH (4.1 vs. 1.8%, p<0.01). The 'new criteria only-defined GDM' corresponding to untreated mild hyperglycemia (n=217) showed a significantly higher incidence of LGA and GH, compared with the 'new criteria-defined NGT' (Table 1). After adjustment for maternal age, pre-pregnancy body mass index, previous GDM, a family history of diabetes and the glucose intolerance status using a

Table 1. Clinical characteristics of women reclassified into gestational diabetes mellitus defined by the new consensus criteria only.

| Parameter | Units | The new criteria-defined NGT $(n=5400)$ | The new criteria only-defined GDM (n=217) | p-Value |
|---|---------|---|---|----------|
| Age | (years) | 33±5 | 36±4 | <0.0001 |
| Body mass index | (kg/m²) | 20.3±2.5 | 21.2±3.0 | < 0.0001 |
| Overweight (body mass index \geq 25 kg/m ²) | (%) | 4.9 | 9.7 | 0.002 |
| Underweight (body mass index <18.5 kg/m²) | (%) | 21.3 | 15.8 | 0.053 |
| Parous | (%) | 30.1 | 31.3 | 0.704 |
| Previous GDM | (%) | 0.48 | 1.38 | 0.100 |
| Family history of DM | (%) | 6.48 | 17.05 | < 0.0001 |
| GW at delivery | (week) | 39±2 | 38±2 | 0.020 |
| Birthweight | (g) | 2954±464 | 2956±522 | 0.960 |
| Macrosomia | (%) | 0.63 | 0.92 | 0.649 |
| GH | (%) | 1.86 | 4.61 | 0.008 |
| Pre-eclampsia | (%) | 1.83 | 1.38 | 1.000 |
| LGA | (%) | 6.22 | 11.52 | 0.002 |
| SGA | (%) | 9.04 | 8.76 | 0.887 |

Abbreviations and definitions: DM, diabetes mellitus; GDM, gestational diabetes mellitus defined by the former criteria; GH, gestational hypertension; GW, gestational week; macrosomia, defined as birthweight >4000 g; LGA, large for gestational age, defined as birthweight >90th percentile for gestational age; NGT, normal glucose tolerance defined by the new criteria; and SGA, small for gestational age, defined as birthweight <10th percentile for gestational age. Continuous variables are given as means±SD. Statistical analysis: Student's *t*-test for continuous variables and the chi-squared or Fisher's exact test for categorical variables.

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multiple linear regression model, the 'new criteria only-define GDM' was correlated with LGA and GH (adjusted odds ratio 1.76 and 2.20; 95% confidence interval 1.14–2.71 and 1.13–4.28, respectively). Our results suggest that women with GDM defined by the new consensus criteria only are at high risk of subsequent development of GH as well as LGA.

Currently, a number of healthcare associations in the world are contemplating the adoption of the new criteria. Based on our findings, the new criteria appear to be acceptable to a Japanese clinical setting with regard to LGA and GH. As discussed in several articles (3,4), however, further studies are warranted to determine the cost-effective therapeutic strategies for treatment of GDM defined by the new criteria.

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Marked decline in beta cell function during pregnancy leads to the development of glucose intolerance in Japanese women

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Abstract. The aim of this study is to investigate glucose metabolism longitudinally during pregnancy to explore mechanisms underlying gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM). We reviewed a total of 62 pregnant Japanese women who underwent a 75g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) twice during pregnancy (median: early, 13; late, 28 weeks' gestation) because of positive GDM screening. All showed normal OGTT results in early pregnancy. Based on late OGTT, 15 had GDM (late-onset GDM) and 47 normal glucose tolerance (NGT). In early pregnancy, there were no significant differences in insulin sensitivity (insulin sensitivity index derived from OGTT [IS_{OGTT}] and homeostasis model assessment for insulin resistance [HOMA-IR]) and insulin secretion (a ratio of the total area-under-the-insulin-curve to the total area-under-the-glucose-curve [AUC_{ins/glu}] and insulinogenic index [IGI]) between the NGT and late-onset GDM groups. In each group, insulin sensitivity significantly decreased from early to late pregnancy, most in the late-onset GDM group (each p < 0.05). The insulin secretion showed no significant changes with advancing pregnancy in both of the groups, although late-onset GDM showed significantly lower IGI compared with NGT in late OGTT (p < 0.05). When assessed beta cell function by OGTT-derived disposition index (*i.e.* Insulin Secretion-Sensitivity Index-2 and IGI/fasting insulin), the indices significantly lower indices compared with NGT (each p < 0.05). The failure of beta cell to compensate for decreased insulin sensitivity could contribute to the development of the late-onset GDM.

Key words: Insulin sensitivity, Insulin secretion, Disposition index, Glucose metabolism, Pregnancy

IT HAS BEEN widely recognized that insulin sensitivity decreases as pregnancy advances, reaching the nadir in the third trimester [1]. When insulin secretion fails to compensate for the escalated insulin needs during pregnancy, pregnant women are diagnosed to have gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM)[2]. To date, studies on glucose metabolism in pregnant women have shown impaired beta cell function in GDM [3, 4, 5]. As a consequence, beta cell dysfunction is thought to be a potential etiology of GDM [6].

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Several prospective studies in Caucasian population have demonstrated that beta cell function could deteriorate from early to late pregnancy in women with normal glucose tolerance as well as GDM [1, 7]. Especially, women diagnosed with GDM in late pregnancy (*i.e.* late-onset GDM) showed marked decline in beta cell function during pregnancy [3,5]. This observation might be one explanation that women with a history of GDM are at high risk for the future glucose intolerance (*i.e.* type 2 diabetes) on a background of chronic insulin resistance. However, data on longitudinal changes in glucose metabolism of pregnant Japanese women are unavailable because only cross-sectional studies have been reported [5].

In the current study, we retrospectively examined the glucose metabolism of pregnant Japanese women. Using a cohort of pregnant women undergoing oral

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