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Investigation of the triangular dual-correlations among weight, glucose and blood pressure for 6.5 years using GH-Method: math-physical medicine (No. 299)

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Abstract

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Methods

The purpose of this study is two-fold: first, to investigate the degree of closeness between two basic biomarkers, and second, to see the trend of movement for each biomarker. If two biomarkers are moving upward or downward in unison, then they have a high correlation coefficient R . A correlation coefficient is a numerical measure of some type of correlation, meaning a statistical relationship between two variables. In most cases, the correlation coefficient can only be calculated by two sets of data, and more conveniently via a time-series analysis (i.e. x-axis is time and y-axis is the biomarker’s amplitude). By using the 90-days moving average daily data

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for his graphic presentation, this provides a better viewing. The following expressions are the “time-series” functions:

- Function A = $f(t)$
- Function B = $f(t)$

By using another analysis method, spatial analysis, may present a different way of examining these same two sets of basic biomarkers. The spatial analysis is to remove the “time” factor and present two basic biomarkers together, for example, x-axis is the first biomarker’s amplitude and y-axis is the second biomarker’s amplitude. The following expression is for the “spatial analysis”:

Function of A & B = $f(A,B)$

Since it is always easier to view and study a “two-dimensional” system rather than a “three-dimensional” system; therefore, he has chosen to conduct a three dual-biomarkers spatial analysis in order to investigate the characteristics of these three biomarkers.

For his datasets, he has decided to use two approaches. The first approach, for data completeness, he uses the entire period’s daily data of 2,394 days for his calculation and graphic presentation. *Where is second approach?*

If any correlation coefficient (R) is greater than 50%, then it indicates that these two biomarkers are highly correlated, or closely related to each other.

In this study, the author uses a “normalized” value to describe weight, glucose, and BP, instead of “real” measured data in the units of pounds, mg/dL, or mmHG. His target value for each of these three biomarkers are:

M1 (Weight), 170 lbs. (BMI at 25.0)

M2 (Glucose), 120 mg/dL (the dividing line for diabetes)

M3 (BP, including SBP/DBP), 120/80 mmHG (the dividing line for hypertension)

His M1, M2, and M3 values are defined as follows:

$m1 = \text{measured weight} / 170$

$m2 = \text{measured glucose} / 120$

$m3 = (\text{SBP}/120 + \text{DBP}/80)/2$

Results

Figures 1 and 2 show the results of using the daily data. Specifically, Figure 1 is the time-series analysis results,

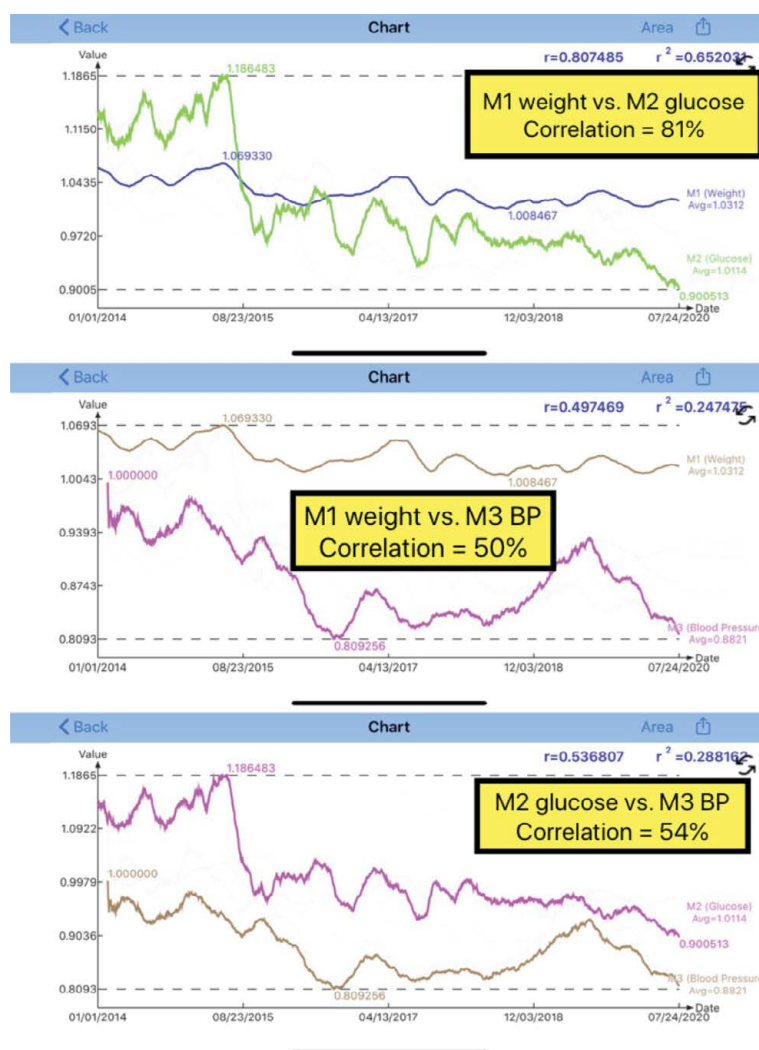


Figure 1: Time-series of daily data.

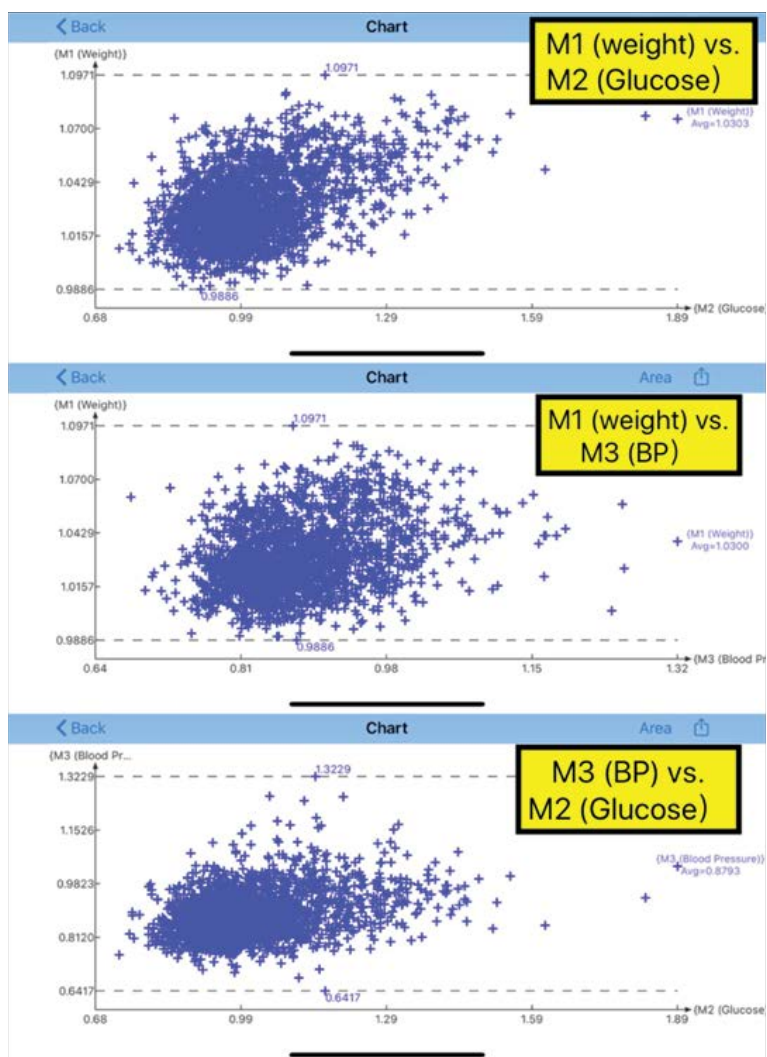


Figure 2: Spatial analysis of daily data.

while Figure 2 is the spatial-analysis results. Figure 1 depicts the comparison of three correlation coefficients (R) from these three “daily” datasets of dual-biomarkers time-series as follows:

M1 (weight) vs. M2 (glucose)

R = 81%: weight & glucose are highly correlated

M1 (weight) vs. M3 (BP)

R = 50%: weight & BP are related

M2 (glucose) vs. M3 (BP)

R = 54%: glucose & BP are related

The above correlations can be seen graphically in Figure 2 as well as the spatial analysis results. In Figure 2, each blue-colored cross sign is one day’s data of two biomarkers in a pair. Since spatial analysis removes the time factor from the calculation and viewing, we can focus on the combined two biomarkers of different days. These statistical methods can only be used effectively when you have collected sufficient data. A time-series curve can be drawn with a much smaller

set of data. However, the accuracy of correlation and moving trend can be easily misled by a small set of data. Therefore, different selected “time windows” will result in different observations and conclusions. When the spatial analysis diagram has collected sufficient data, the closeness of the relationship and data moving trend become much clear. Each diagram in Figure 2 contains 2,394 data (one data per day); therefore, the blue-colored “data clouds” can illustrate the density and orientation of data. For example, the top diagram of m1 (weight) versus m2 (glucose) is skewed at a larger angle (higher correlation) than the bottom diagram of m3 (BP) versus m2 (glucose) with a smaller angle (lower correlation). The middle diagram in Figure 2 of m1 (weight) versus m3 (BP) shows its data cloud are spread within a larger area (i.e. scattered and less dense). This means that m1 and m3 are not strongly correlated as the other two, but the relationship between weight and BP is not as apparent to identify or easier to interpret like the other two diagrams.

Figure 3 reflects the comparison of three correlation coefficients (R) from these three “annual” datasets of dual-biomarkers time-series as follows:

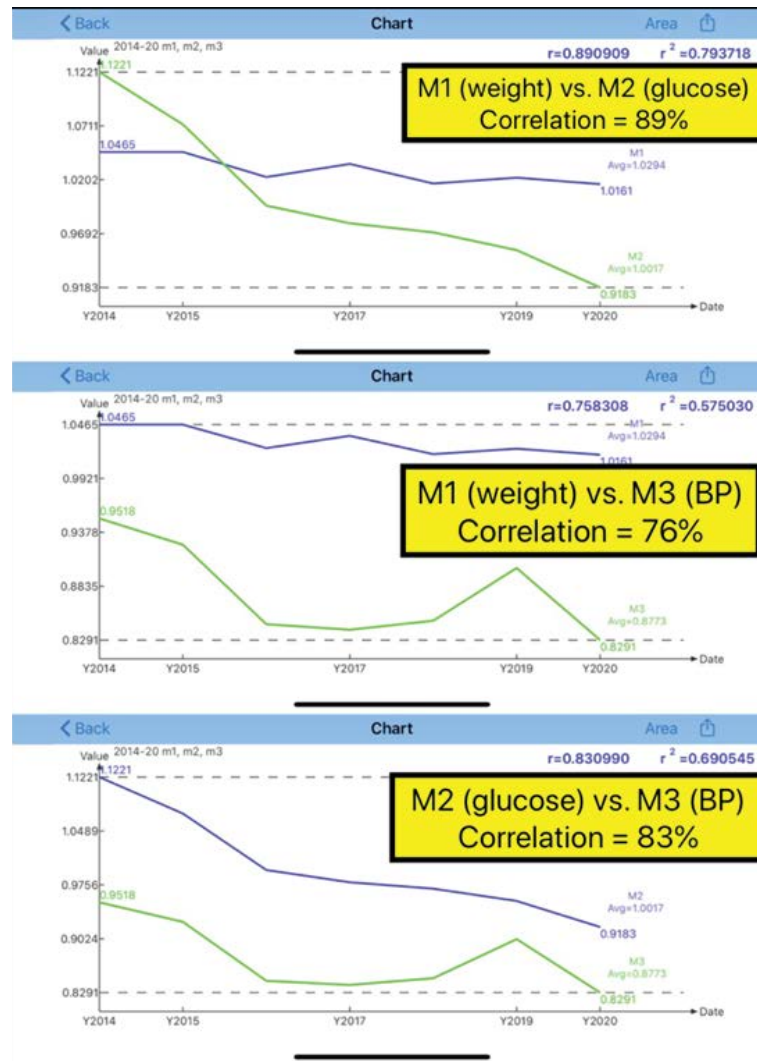


Figure 3: Time-series of annual data.

M1 (weight) vs. M2 (glucose)

R = 89%: weight & glucose are highly correlated

M1 (weight) vs. M3 (BP)

R = 76%: weight & BP are moderate highly related

M2 (glucose) vs. M3 (BP)

R = 83%: glucose & BP are highly related

These annual comparison results have higher correlation coefficients than the daily comparison results.

However, the following order ranking of R is the same between daily and annual datasets:

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Figure 4 shows the data table and line chart of M1 (weight), M2 (glucose) and M3 (BP).

Conclusions

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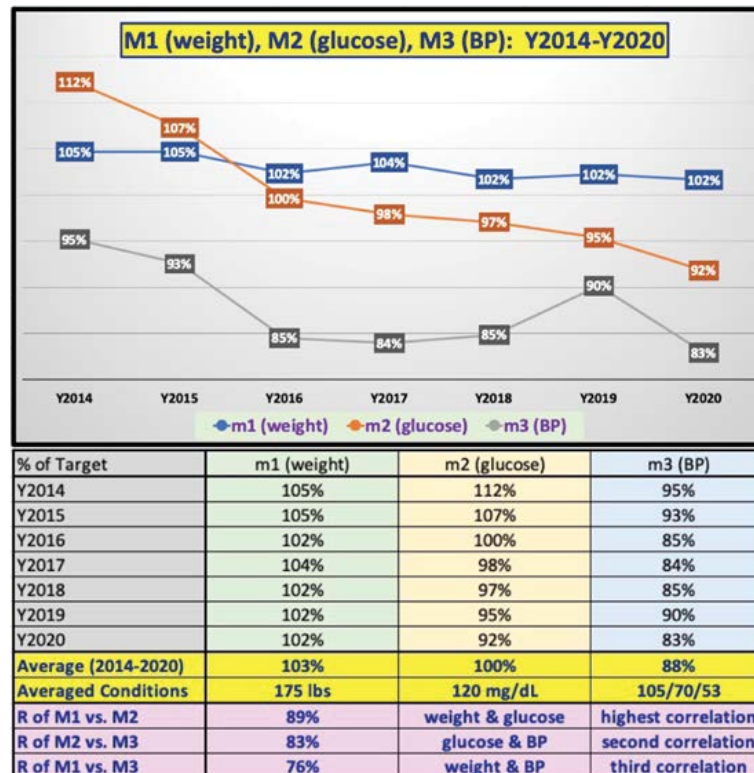


Figure 4: Annual Data Table and Line Chart of 3 biomarkers (weight, glucose, and blood pressure).

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