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Title and Abstract	<p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation of obesity, smoking, and sedentary lifestyle associations with back pain in young adults</p> <p>Background: low back pain is one of the most common public health problem and of the most common musculoskeletal. Many risk factors have been considered for developing low back pain include smoking, obesity and sedentary lifestyle.</p> <p>Aim of study: To evaluate smoking, obesity, and sedentary lifestyle associations with low back pain in young adults aged (18 – 39 years).</p> <p>Materials and methods: a comparative cross sectional study for young adults aged 18 – 39 years, participants with low back pain as a symptom constituted the first group, others free of this symptom considered as the controlled group and gender matched in both groups. Smoking, obesity and sedentary lifestyle variables collected and analyzed using odd ratio and chi-square</p> <p>Results: 100 patients were enrolled the study after 12 patients being removed to our exclusion criteria. 45 were with low back pain, 2:1 male to female ratio in LBP group; data show 30:15 obese to none obese, 23:22 smokers to none smokers, 35:10 with sedentary lifestyle compared to active one. While in the control group, data show 22:33 obese to none obese, 16:39 smokers to none smoker, with sedentary lifestyle compared to active one. Chi-square p-value was of 0.025 and 0.0003 for obesity, smoking, and sedentary lifestyle respectively, odds ratio was 3, 2.55 and 4.86 for obesity, smoking, and sedentary lifestyle respectively. All above results were significant.</p> <p>Conclusion: Each of smoking, obesity and sedentary lifestyle is associated with low back pain in young adults' age group.</p> <p>Keywords: low back pain, obesity, smoking, sedentary life style</p>

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