



EFFECT OF CIRCADIAN OSCILLATION DURING FOOD DEPRIVATION ON HEART RATE IN OBESE MEN

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Abstract:

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Key Words: Circadian Rhythm, Obese, Men & Heart Rate

Introduction:

The natural pattern of physiological and behavioral processes that are timed to a near 24-hour period. These processes include sleep-wake cycles, body temperature, blood pressure, and the release of hormones. This activity is controlled by the biological clock, which is located in the suprachiasmatic nuclei of the hypothalamus in human brains. It is highly influenced by natural dark-light cycles, but will persist under constant environmental conditions (Boudrea et al. 2008).

Revolution of the earth on its own axis gives rise to the spectacular and the most predictable geophysical phenomenon – the day and night. The rotation of the earth around the sun generates splendid and recurring seasonal cycles. The more complex movement of the moon in relation to the earth and the sun gives rise to the lunar month and to the tidal cycle (Saunders, 1977; Pati, 2001). The planet earth is rhythmic. All living organisms – microbes, plants, animals and human, on this planet have been evolved to maximize their chances of survival by integrating rhythms in various processes of biological organization at different levels, such as cells, tissues, organs, organ system and whole body. These rhythms are called biological rhythms.

Methodology:

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Results:

Table 1: Computation of Analysis of Covariance of Food Deprivation, Physical Training, Combined Food Deprivation and Physical Training and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 6.00am

	FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Means Squares	F-ratio
Pre-Test Means	74.06	74.00	73.93	74.26	BG	0.93	3	0.31	0.06
					WG	286.80	56	5.12	
Post-Test Means	71.46	71.13	70.20	74.00	BG	118.73	3	39.57	3.33*
					WG	663.86	56	11.85	
Adjusted Post-Test Means	71.46	71.11	70.16	74.04	BG	123.37	3	41.12	3.49*
					WG	647.61	55	11.77	

Results of Heart Rate at 6.00 am:

Table – I reveals that the indicated that the obtained ‘F’-ratio for the pre-test means among the groups on heart rate were 74.06 for experimental group – I, 74.00 for experimental group - II, 73.93 for experimental group - III and 74.26 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 0.06 was lesser than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the pre-test mean ‘F’-ratio was insignificant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The post-test means were 71.46 for experimental group – I, 71.13 for experimental group – II, 70.20 for experimental group - III and 74.00 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 3.33 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The adjusted post-test means were 71.46 for experimental group – I, 71.11 for experimental group – II, 70.16 for experimental group - III and 74.04 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 3.49 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.77. Hence the adjusted post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 55.

The analysis of covariance of food deprivation, physical training combined food deprivation and physical training and control group was concluded that the pre test, post and adjusted post test was significantly varied on food deprivation group on speed at 6.00 am in obese men.

Table 2: The Scheffe’s Test for the Differences between the Adjusted Post Test Means on Heart Rate at 6.00am

Adjusted Post-Test Means				Mean Difference	Confidence Interval
FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG		
71.46	71.11	---	---	0.35	3.61
71.46	---	70.16	---	1.30*	
71.46	---	---	74.04	2.58*	
---	71.11	70.16	---	0.95*	
---	71.11	---	74.04	2.93*	
---	---	70.16	74.04	3.88*	
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* Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

Table II shows the post hoc analysis obtained on adjusted post test means. The mean difference required for the confidential interval to be significant was 3.61. It was observed that the combined food deprivation and physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the food deprivation, physical activity and control group. The physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The food deprivation group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group.

The pre, post and adjusted means on heart rate were presented through bar diagram for better understanding of the results of this study in Figure-I.

Figure 1: Pre Post and Adjusted Post Test Differences of the Experimental and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 6.00am

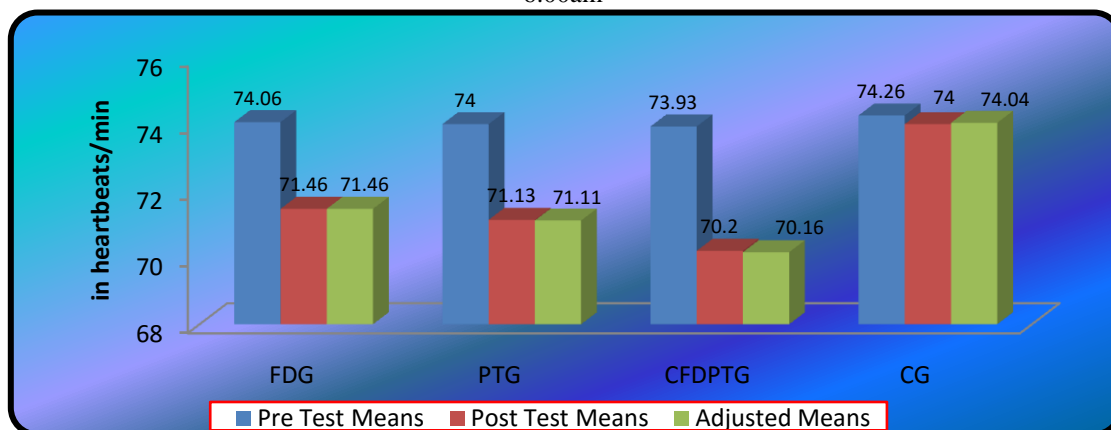


Table 3: Computation of Analysis of Covariance of Food Deprivation, Physical Training, Combined Food Deprivation and Physical Training and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 8.00am

	FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Means Squares	F-ratio
Pre-Test Means	78.13	78.06	77.33	77.66	BG	6.26	3	2.08	0.20
					WG	563.33	56	10.06	
Post-Test Means	74.13	74.20	74.33	75.00	BG	109.20	3	36.40	2.94*
					WG	692.80	56	12.37	
Adjusted Post-Test Means	74.12	74.19	74.34	77.33	BG	109.30	3	36.43	2.89*
					WG	692.69	55	12.59	

Results of Heart Rate 8.00 am:

Table – III reveals that the indicated that the obtained ‘F’-ratio for the pre-test means among the groups on heart rate were 78.13 for experimental group – I, 78.06 for experimental group - II, 77.33 for experimental group - III and 77.66 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 0.20 was lesser than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the pre-test mean ‘F’-ratio was insignificant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The post-test means were 74.13 for experimental group – I, 74.20 for experimental group – II, 74.33 for experimental group - III and 75.00 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 2.94 was greater than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The adjusted post-test means were 74.12 for experimental group – I, 74.16 for experimental group – II, 74.34 for experimental group - III and 77.33 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 2.89 was greater than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.77. Hence the adjusted post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 55.

The analysis of covariance of food deprivation, physical training combined food deprivation and physical training and control group was concluded that the pre test, post and adjusted post test was significantly varied on food deprivation group on speed at 8.00 am in obese men.

Table 4: The Scheffe’s Test for the Differences between the Adjusted Post Test Means on Heart Rate at 8.00am

Adjusted Post-Test Means				Mean Difference	Confidence Interval
FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG		
74.12	74.19	---	---	0.07	2.73
74.12	---	74.34	---	0.22	
74.12	---	---	77.33	3.21*	
---	74.19	74.34	---	0.15	
---	74.19	---	77.33	3.14*	
---	---	74.34	77.33	2.99*	
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* Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

Table IV shows the post hoc analysis obtained on adjusted post test means. The mean difference required for the confidential interval to be significant was 2.73. It was observed that the combined food deprivation and physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The food deprivation group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group.

The pre, post and adjusted means on heart rate were presented through bar diagram for better understanding of the results of this study in Figure-II.

Figure 2: Pre Post and Adjusted Post Test Differences of the Experimental and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 8.00am

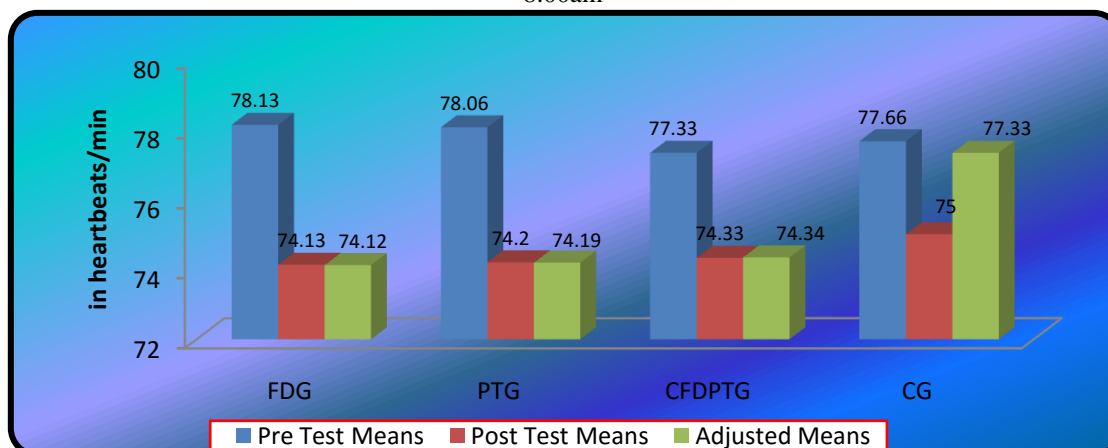


Table 5: Computation of Analysis of Covariance of Food Deprivation, Physical Training, Combined Food Deprivation and Physical Training and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 4.00pm

	FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Means Squares	F-ratio
Pre-Test Means	75.06	75.53	75.26	76.46	BG	17.25	3	5.75	0.96
					WG	335.33	56	5.98	
Post-Test Means	72.60	72.93	71.93	76.20	BG	162.71	3	54.23	7.09*
					WG	427.86	56	7.64	
Adjusted Post-Test Means	72.73	72.94	72.01	75.97	BG	131.62	3	43.87	5.95*
					WG	405.39	55	7.37	

Results of Heart Rate 4.00 pm:

Table – V reveals that the indicated that the obtained ‘F’-ratio for the pre-test means among the groups on heart rate were 75.06 for experimental group – I, 75.53 for experimental group - II, 75.26 for experimental group - III and 76.46 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 0.96 was lesser than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the pre-test mean ‘F’-ratio was insignificant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The post-test means were 72.60 for experimental group – I, 72.93 for experimental group – II, 71.93 for experimental group - III and 76.20 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 7.09 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The adjusted post-test means were 72.73 for experimental group – I, 72.94 for experimental group – II, 72.01 for experimental group - III and 75.97 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 5.95 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.77. Hence the adjusted post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 55.

The analysis of covariance of food deprivation, physical training combined food deprivation and physical training and control group was concluded that the pre test, post and adjusted post test was significantly varied on food deprivation group on speed at 4.00 pm in obese men.

Table 6: The Scheffe’s Test for the Differences between the Adjusted Post Test Means on Heart Rate at 4.00pm

Adjusted Post-Test Means				Mean Difference	Confidence Interval
FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG		
72.73	72.94	---	---	0.21	2.85
72.73	---	72.01	---	0.72	
72.73	---	---	75.97	3.24*	
---	72.94	72.01	---	0.93	
---	72.94	---	75.97	3.03*	
---	---	72.01	75.97	3.96*	

* Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

Table VI shows the post hoc analysis obtained on adjusted post test means. The mean difference required for the confidential interval to be significant was 2.85. It was observed that the combined food deprivation and physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The food deprivation group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group.

The pre, post and adjusted means on heart rate were presented through bar diagram for better understanding of the results of this study in Figure-III.

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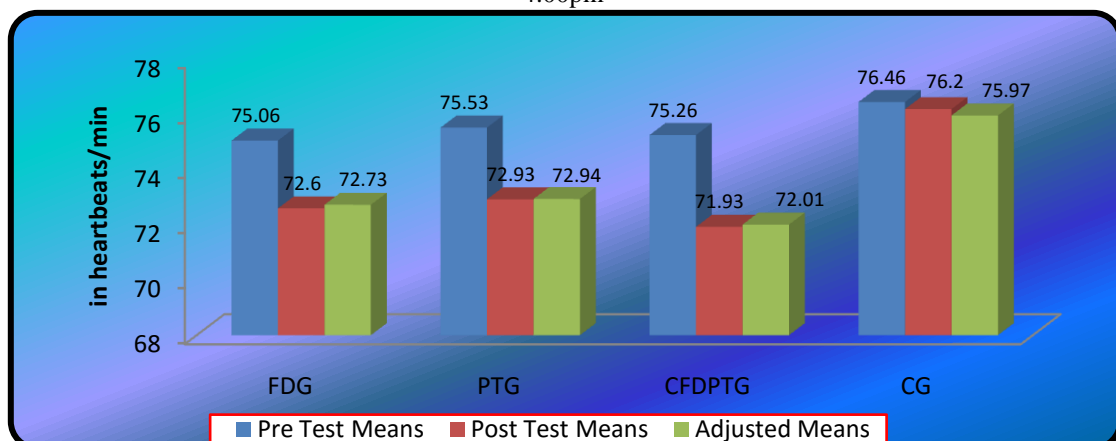


Table 7: Computation of Analysis of Covariance of Food Deprivation, Physical Training, Combined Food Deprivation and Physical Training and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 6.00pm

	FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Means Squares	F-ratio
Pre-Test Means	74.20	74.13	75.26	75.80	BG	30.18	3	10.06	1.15
					WG	487.46	56	8.70	
Post-Test Means	71.60	71.86	72.46	75.53	BG	148.13	3	49.37	7.11*
					WG	388.80	56	6.94	
Adjusted Post-Test Means	71.59	71.86	72.46	75.53	BG	142.13	3	47.37	6.70*
					WG	388.78	55	7.06	

Results of Heart Rate 6.00 pm:

Table – VII reveals that the indicated that the obtained ‘F’-ratio for the pre-test means among the groups on heart rate were 74.20 for experimental group – I, 74.13 for experimental group - II, 75.26 for experimental group - III and 75.80 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 1.15 was lesser than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the pre-test mean ‘F’-ratio was insignificant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The post-test means were 71.60 for experimental group – I, 71.86 for experimental group – II, 72.46 for experimental group - III and 75.53 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 7.11 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.76. Hence the post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 56. The adjusted post-test means were 71.59 for experimental group – I, 71.86 for experimental group – II, 72.46 for experimental group - III and 75.53 for control group. The obtained ‘F’-ratio 6.70 was higher than the table ‘F’-ratio 2.77. Hence the adjusted post-test mean ‘F’-ratio was significant at 0.05 level of confidence for the degree of freedom 3 and 55.

The analysis of covariance of food deprivation, physical training combined food deprivation and physical training and control group was concluded that the pre test, post and adjusted post test was significantly varied on food deprivation group on speed at 6.00 pm in obese men.

Table 8: The Scheffe’s Test for the Differences between the Adjusted Post Test Means on Heart Rate at 6.00pm

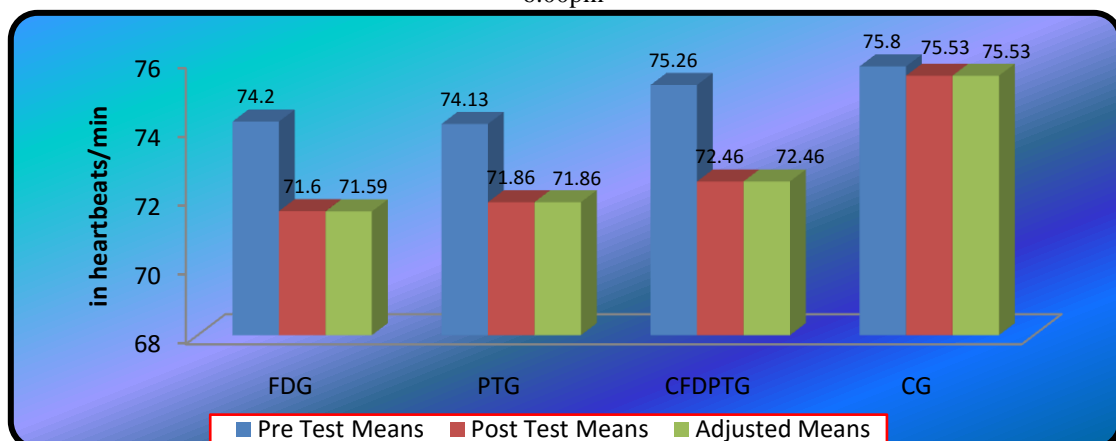
Adjusted Post-Test Means				Mean Difference	Confidence Interval
FDG	PTG	CFDPTG	CG		
71.59	71.86	---	---	0.27	2.79
71.59	---	72.46	---	0.87	
71.59	---	---	75.53	3.94*	
---	71.86	72.46	---	0.60	
---	71.86	---	75.53	3.67*	
---	---	72.46	75.53	3.07*	
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* Significant at 0.05 level of confidence

Table LI shows the post hoc analysis obtained on adjusted post test means. The mean difference required for the confidential interval to be significant was 2.79. It was observed that the combined food deprivation and physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The physical activity group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group. The food deprivation group significantly decreased heart rate better than the control group.

The pre, post and adjusted means on heart rate were presented through bar diagram for better understanding of the results of this study in Figure-IV.

Figure 4: Pre Post and Adjusted Post Test Differences of the Experimental and Control Groups on Heart Rate at 6.00pm



Conclusions:

From the analysis of the data, the following conclusions were drawn:

- ✓ The findings of the study showed that there were significant changes in heart rate due to influence of food deprivation at 6.00 am, 8.00 am, 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm respectively.
- ✓ The findings of the study showed that there were significant changes in heart rate due to influence of physical training at 6.00 am, 8.00 am, 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm respectively.
- ✓ The findings of the study showed that there were significant changes in heart rate due to influence of combined food deprivation and physical training at 6.00 am, 8.00 am, 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm respectively.
- ✓ The findings of the study showed that the combined food deprivation and physical training group showed changes in heart rate than the other experimental and control groups.

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