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3 **Relationship of the Self-perception of Lifestyle**  
4 **with Level of Physical Activity in People with**  
5 **Type 2 Diabetes and their offspring, without it.**  
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11 **ABSTRACT**

**Objective:** To determine the relationship of the perception of lifestyle with level of physical activity in people with type 2 diabetes and without type 2 diabetes.

**Study design:** Analytical cross-sectional observational study.

**Study location:** Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico; Mutual Aid Group.

**Methodology:** Sample composed of 100 people with type 2 diabetes and 100 people without type 2 diabetes, the lifestyle questionnaire and IPAQ questionnaire was used. Descriptive statistics were used for sociodemographic variables, frequencies and percentages for categorical, mean and standard deviation for quantitative variables. To demonstrate statistical significance of results, the value of P was set at .05. Statistical analysis was performed in STATA 13.0 ®

**Results:** No relationship was found between lifestyle perception and level of physical activity in adults with type 2 diabetes ( $X^2 = 0.0022$  gl 1  $P = .96$ ) and a significant relationship between lifestyle perception and level of physical activity in adults without type 2 diabetes ( $X^2 = 5.23$  gl 1  $P = .02$  RM = 2.85 95% CI = 0.80 to 10.4)

**Conclusion:** There is no relationship between the self-perception of lifestyle and the level of physical activity in people with type 2 diabetes, but it was shown that there is a significant relationship between the self-perception of lifestyle and the level of physical activity in people without type 2 diabetes.

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13 *Keywords: Physical activity; Diabetes; Self-perception of lifestyle.*  
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16 1. INTRODUCTION

17 Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D) is a chronic degenerative disease with a prolonged latency  
18 period that represents a burden for health services, for the patient, the family, the community  
19 and the country [1].

20 T2D is a metabolic alteration of carbohydrates, with deficit in the production or release of  
21 insulin, increasing blood sugar levels [2].

22 This chronic disease and its complications are one of the main causes of death in Mexico,  
23 only surpassed by cardiovascular diseases for 2017, with a total of 75,637 deaths [3] and  
24 with more than 331.13 new cases per 100 thousand population at year [4].

25 According to the Official Mexican Standard for the prevention, treatment and control of  
26 diabetes, people at risk of developing diabetes are considered to be those who are  
27 overweight / obese, sedentary, first-degree relatives with diabetes, age equal to or greater  
28 than 65 years, women with a history of macrosomic products or with gestational diabetes [5].

29 The lifestyle is defined as the perception that an individual has of his place in existence, in  
30 the context of the culture and the value system in which he lives and in relation to his  
31 objectives, his expectations, his norms, his concerns [6].

32 Despite the benefits of a healthy lifestyle for both the control of T2D or to delay its  
33 occurrence in those with risk factors such as family history OF T2D, many of them do not  
34 maintain a healthy lifestyle [7].

35 Health can be affected by lifestyle and living conditions. The lifestyle includes attitudes and  
36 values, which are expressed in the behaviour of the individual in different areas of life,  
37 including physical activity, food, the use of alcoholic beverages, the use of cigarettes, the  
38 excessive alcohol intake and the management of sexuality, as well as the social, physical,  
39 cultural, and economic aspects that impact people's lives [8].

40 Currently, physical activity is any body movement produced by skeletal muscles that  
41 requires energy expenditure [9].

42 The limited physical activity that exists in the lifestyles of society has manifested the  
43 importance of performing some sport, becoming a social necessity to reduce risks of  
44 presenting degenerative chronic diseases such as diabetes, thus having the opportunity to  
45 maintain a healthy lifestyle. in people with T2D [8].

46 The main objective of the research was to determine the relationship of the perception of  
47 lifestyle with level of physical activity in people with T2D and their offspring without T2D.

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## 49 **2. METHODOLOGY**

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### 51 **2.1 Study design**

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53 Cross-sectional, observational, analytic.

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### 55 **2.2 Place and Universe of the study**

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57 Mutual Assistance Group (MAG) of Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico, with registered people with  
58 T2D, and one of their offspring.

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60 **2.3 Sampling**

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62 Patients with T2D registered in MAG in Celaya were 186 and of them 12 did not attended to  
63 the session of the group; from 174 patients were selected using a random number from  
64 Epidat 4.2, 2016 (Xunta de Galicia, OPS, OMS, Universidad CES), as simple random  
65 sampling. From each patient, we ask number of offspring, and by draw, it was selected one  
66 of their offspring.

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68 **2.4 Selection of participants**

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70 **2.3.1 Inclusion criteria of subjects with T2D**

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72 All persons with T2D registered in the MAG of Celaya, Mexico, adults who voluntarily agree  
73 to participate in the study, signing the informed consent, whether male or female.

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75 **2.3.2 Exclusion criteria of subjects with T2D**

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77 Subjects with T2D, hospitalized or who do not agree to participate in the study.

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79 **2.3.3 Inclusion criteria of subjects without T2D**

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81 Offspring of subjects with T2D registered in the MAG of Celaya, Mexico, with 18 years of  
82 age or older, who voluntarily agree to participate in the study, signing the informed consent,  
83 whether male or female.

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85 **2.3.4 Exclusion criteria of subjects without T2D**

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87 Offspring of people with T2D who have not agreed to participate.

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89 **2.4 Variables**

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91 **2.4.1 Sociodemographic**

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93 Age. Discrete quantitative variable; number of years from the date of birth; Its measurement  
94 scale is in years and is summarized with frequencies and percentages.

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96 Gender. Dichotomous categorical variable; they are the phenotypic characteristics that  
97 differentiate men from women; Its measurement scale is male or female and is summarized  
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100 Civil status. Nominal categorical variable; it is the state of natural persons determined by  
101 their family relationships, originating from marriage, that establishes certain duties and  
102 rights; its measurement scale is single, married, divorced, widowed, separated, free union; It  
103 is summarized with frequencies and percentages.

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105 Weight. Continuous quantitative variable; it is the body mass expressed in kilograms; It is  
106 measured on an altimeter scale, digital Medidata Series ®, without shoes with as little  
107 clothing as possible; Its measurement scale is in kilograms and is summarized with mean  
108 and standard deviation.

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110 Height. Continuous quantitative variable; it is the measurement from the feet to the parietal  
111 region of the scalp, expressed in meters; it is measured on an altimeter scale, digital  
112 Medidata®, without shoes, in an upright position and facing forward; Its measurement scale  
113 is in meters and is summarized with mean and standard deviation.

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115 Body Mass Index. Continuous quantitative variable; is the body mass expressed in Kg / m<sup>2</sup>;  
116 Its measurement scale is in Kg / m<sup>2</sup>; and is summarized with mean and standard deviation.

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#### 118 **2.4.2 Independent**

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120 Self-perception of lifestyle. Dichotomous categorical variable, which can be called habits in  
121 terms of physical activity, food, smoking, alcohol consumption; its unhealthy measurement  
122 scale is 0-39 points and healthy 40-78 points measured with the lifestyle perception  
123 questionnaire [10]; It is summarized with frequencies and percentages.

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#### 125 **2.4.3 Dependent**

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127 Physical activity level. Ordinal categorical variable; It is defined as any body movement  
128 produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure; it is measured with the  
129 International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) [11], with mild categories with 0 to 599  
130 METS / min / week, moderate / vigorous with 600 or more METS / min / week; It is  
131 summarized with frequencies and percentages.

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### 133 **2.5 Questionnaires**

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135 The lifestyle perception questionnaire was used, which consists of 78 items with a  
136 dichotomous answer of YES or No; it is dichotomized in unhealthy from 0 to 39 points and  
137 healthy from 40 to 78 points; It has a reliability of 0.9 intraobserver and 0.89 interobserver.  
138 For the physical activity the IPAQ short version in Spanish was used with questions of  
139 vigorous, moderate activities and walking as well as sitting in the last seven days; the result  
140 is transformed to METS / minute week; It has a Kappa reliability of 0.89 [12].

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### 142 **2.6 Procedures**

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144 Participants were explained the objectives of the study, as well as the advantages and  
145 disadvantages of participating. They were asked to sign the informed consent. After doing  
146 so, we proceeded to apply the lifestyle perception and the IPAQ questionnaires, and  
147 anthropometry.

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### 149 **2.7 Sample size**

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151 Assuming that there is a ratio of 9 among those with an unhealthy and healthy lifestyle,  
152 expecting 75% to be perceived with an unhealthy lifestyle and 50% with a healthy lifestyle,  
153 the minimum sample size is 37 with a perception of Unhealthy lifestyle and 331 with  
154 perception of healthy lifestyle, with 95% accuracy and 80% power (Epi Info, 7.1.3.0, 2013,  
155 CDC, Atlanta, GA, USA).

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### 157 **2.8 Statistical análisis**

158 Descriptive statistics were used for the sociodemographic variables frequencies and  
159 percentages for the categorical, mean and standard deviation for the quantitative ones.

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161 In order to show a relationship between perception of lifestyle and level of physical activity, a  
 162 Chi-square test and P value, Odds Ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) were  
 163 calculated. To demonstrate statistical significance of the results, the value of *P* was set at  
 164 .05. Statistical analysis was performed in STATA 13.0® (Stata Corp., College Station, TX,  
 165 USA).

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### 167 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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169 The sample consisted of 100 individuals with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and 100 people without  
 170 T2D, where they named female persons with T2D (70%) and men without T2D (74%),  
 171 individuals with marital status married to T2D (67%) and single without T2D (45%), people  
 172 with no schooling with T2D (28%) and high school-university without T2D (25%), adults with  
 173 a body mass index (BMI) greater than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with T2D (81 %) and greater than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 174 without T2D (75%) (Table 1).

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**Table 1. Distribution of categorical sociodemographic variables by group**

Variables	Subjects with T2D		Subjects without T2D	
	F	%	f	%
Gender				
Female	70	70.00	26	26.00
Male	30	30.00	74	74.00
Civil Status				
Single	13	13.00	45	45.00
Married	67	67.00	38	38.00
Divorced	3	3.00	3	3.00
Separate	4	4.00	1	1.00
Widowed	9	9.00	12	12.00
Free Union	4	4.00	1	1.00
Schooling				
Nothing	28	28.00	16	16.00
Elementary	27	27.00	13	13.00
Secondary	19	19.00	18	18.00
High School	12	12.00	25	25.00
University	12	12.00	25	25.00
Postgrade	2	2.00	3	3.00
Body mass index				
>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	81	81.00	75	75.00
<25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	19	19.00	25	25.00

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It was found that people with T2D have a higher BMI with a range of 19.39-58.59 kg / m<sup>2</sup> and although the BMI range in people without T2D is lower, BMI is still high with a range of 17.44-47.63 kg / m<sup>2</sup> (Table 2).

**Table 2. Distribution of quantitative sociodemographic variables by group**

Variables	With T2D	Without T2D
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Age (years)			
	Range	34-78	18-65
	Mean $\pm$ SD	56.12 $\pm$ 10.26	34.94 $\pm$ 12.60
Weight (kg)			
	Range	38-150	42-125
	Mean $\pm$ SD	74.70 $\pm$ 16.60	71.87 $\pm$ 16.10
High (m)			
	Range	140-1.86	1.34-1.90
	Mean $\pm$ SD	1.60 $\pm$ 0.10	1.60 $\pm$ 1.00
Body mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )			
	Range	19.39-58.59	17.44-47.63
	Mean $\pm$ SD	29.13 $\pm$ 5.48	27.96 $\pm$ 4.93

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In the MAG the mild level of physical activity predominates in people with T2D (74.00%) and mild in people without T2D (60.00%) and the perception of healthy lifestyle in people with T2D is 96.00% and healthy in people without T2D is 85.00% (Table 3)

**Table 3. Distribution of study variables**

Variables		With T2D		Without T2D	
		f	%	f	%
Physical activity	Mild	74	74.00	60	60.00
	Moderate/Vigorous	26	26.00	40	40.00
Lifestyle perception	Non-healthy	4	4.00	15	15.00
	Healthy	96	96.00	85	85.00

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In adults with T2D of MAG Celaya, there was no relationship between lifestyle perception and physical activity,  $P = 0.96$  (Table 4).

**Table 4. Distribution of lifestyle perception and level of physical activity in people with type 2 diabetes**

Variables	Physical activity level			
	Mild		Moderate/Vigorous	
Lifestyle perception	f	%	f	%
Non-healthy	3	75.00	1	25.00
Healthy	71	73.96	25	26.04

$X^2= 0.0022$   $df$  1  $P=.96$

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In the MAG there is a significant relationship between the perception of lifestyle and level of physical activity in adults without T2D throwing a value of  $P$  less than 0.05, marking that

205 people who have a level of mild physical activity, have 2.85 times more likely to have non-  
 206 healthy lifestyle (OR = 2.85) (Table 5).

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**Table 5. Distribution of lifestyle perception and level of physical activity in people without type 2 diabetes**

Variables	Physical activity level			
	Mild		Moderate/Vigorous	
Lifestyle perception	<i>f</i>	%	<i>f</i>	%
Non-healthy	13	86.67	5	13.33
Healthy	47	55.29	38	44.71

$\chi^2= 5.23$  *df* 1 *P*=.02 OR= 2.85 95%IC = 0.80 a 10.4

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212 In the investigation, by Cantú Martínez, the population with T2D had a prevalence of female  
 213 gender (72.3%), marital status, married (69.2%), with primary schooling completed (49.2);  
 214 being similar to the sample data in the MAG Celaya [13]. Piñón et al., in their research with  
 215 people without T2D obtained a prevalence of the female gender (71.9%), with a finished high  
 216 school education (64.5%); being similar to the results obtained in the MAG Celaya [14].

217 Cantú Martínez mentions that in his research, overweight and obesity stand out, having a  
 218 high BMI agreeing that in the data obtained in the MAG Celaya they have a lot of equality  
 219 between the two population of people with T2D [13].

220 Piñón et al., agree with the data obtained in the MAG since in their study a low level of  
 221 physical activity predominates with 48.8% in people without T2D [14].

222 According to Cantú Martínez, in his study conducted in 2015 in various Urban Health  
 223 Centers of the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey, México, with a sample of 65 people with T2D,  
 224 he tells us that 29.23% considered having a "good lifestyle", percentage which corresponded  
 225 to a "healthy" classification, while the highest concentration has an inadequate lifestyle  
 226 (70.77%), with two classifications of the participants; then, 56.92% is characterized by  
 227 "moderately healthy" behaviour and only 13.85% of these were classified as "unhealthy". A  
 228 significant correlation was detected between the evaluated lifestyle and the dimensions  
 229 considered, except with the emotional state [13].

230 Regarding the physical activity carried out by the patients in the study, the inquiries showed  
 231 that 20% have a "good lifestyle" and a "healthy" classification, however, 80% show an  
 232 "inappropriate lifestyle" ", Which is reflected in 47.6%," moderately healthy "; 20% is  
 233 "unhealthy" and 12.3% "unhealthy". There is an average of 53 and a variation of 25, in the  
 234 average lifestyle considered "moderately healthy" for this population [13]. Considering  
 235 different results with the research in Celaya, Mexico, since there is no relationship between  
 236 perception of lifestyle and level of physical activity in adults with T2D.

237 Piñón et al., in their study conducted in 2015 with participants of a program of healthy habits  
 238 and lifestyles in the municipality of Popayán Colombia, with a sample of 217 participants

239 without T2D, with respect to the level of physical activity measured with IPAQ , the study  
240 reports a general prevalence of 3.22% around the performance of vigorous physical activity;  
241 with an average of 181 minutes / week, in terms of moderate physical activity the prevalence  
242 was 15.1%, 223 minutes / week; the general prevalence of low physical activity was 70.3%  
243 in which subjects who performed less than three days of moderate activity were classified,  
244 having a significant relationship between the perception of lifestyle and level of physical  
245 activity [14]

246 Therefore, this study yielded the same results to this research, marking a relationship  
247 between lifestyle perception and level of physical activity in adults without T2D.

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249 In a study with 150 people with T2D, in India, 60% had BMI greater than 25 kg / m<sup>2</sup> and  
250 reported that only 8% did some type of exercise or walked at least 4 days a week; 58% ate  
251 more than 3 times a day but only once a week [15], which is considered a healthy measure,  
252 eat five times a day but in smaller quantities. The population of Celaya with T2D, reported  
253 74% of the participants doing mild physical activity.

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255 Yuing et al., In a meta-analysis show that physical activity, with monitoring and surveillance  
256 of patients with T2D, improves glycosylated hemoglobin levels [16]. It would be desirable  
257 that our patients with T2D perform more exercise with monitoring to improve their  
258 biochemical parameters and that their children who do not yet develop the disease, the  
259 exercise will probably cause their appearance to be delayed.

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261 A strength of the study is that there were no defections and all the members of the samples  
262 complied with all the procedures. A weakness is that people with T2D are not comparable  
263 with the group of their descendent without T2D. What was intended was to check if the  
264 children of people with T2D had a better self-perception of their lifestyle than their parents  
265 with T2D.

#### 267 **4. CONCLUSION**

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269 In the study carried out it was found that there is no relationship between the self-perception  
270 of lifestyle and the level of physical activity in people with T2D, but it was demonstrated,  
271 however, that there is a significant relationship between the self-perception of lifestyle and  
272 level of physical activity in people without T2D, this is because people without T2D (offspring  
273 of people with T2D).

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#### 276 **COMPETING INTERESTS**

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278 Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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#### 281 **CONSENT**

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283 All authors declare that 'written informed consent was obtained from of the study participants  
284 for publication of this investigation. A copy of the written consent is available for review by  
285 the Editorial office/Chief Editor/Editorial Board members of this journal.

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#### 287 **ETHICAL APPROVAL**



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289 The protocol was reviewed and approved by the Bioethics Committee of the Division of  
290 Health Sciences and Engineering of the Celaya-Salvatierra Campus of the University of  
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