

## TREATMENT OF HYPERLIPIDEMIA USING NATURAL DRUGS

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## ABSTRACT

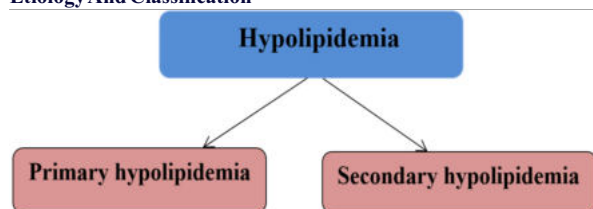
Hyperlipidemia is a condition of excess fatty substances called lipids, largely cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood. It is also called hyperlipoproteinemia because these excess lipids travel in the blood attached to proteins. There are two types of hypolipidemia i.e. Primary & secondary hypolipidemia. Cause of primary such as Hypobetalipoproteinemia, Chylomicron retention disease & Secondary such as Anemia, Chronic inflammation, Critical illnesses, Hyperthyroidism, Chronic liver disease. The plant extracts and their constituents play the major role in traditional medicines and therapies. The present review constitutes of plants with hypolipidemic activity of various plants is used in India.

## KEYWORDS

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**Hypolipidemia** is a decrease in plasma compound protein caused by Hereditary or factors. It's specifically characteristic & diagnosed by the mode on regular lipid test. Many clinical data show that hypolipidemia ordinary and is the highest risk for heart diseases.<sup>(2)</sup> No any worldwide laws present about lowering the value of serum cholesterol level to describe hypolipidemia. Hypolipidemia have been explained in many types of severe anemia. Few studies have suggested that such patients have a lower incidence of cardiovascular diseases associated events. Anemia has been reported to be connected with hypolipidemia include: congenital dyserythropoietic anemia, congenital spherocytosis, sickle cell anemia, beta-thalassemia, aplastic anemia and sideroblastic anemia.<sup>(4-5)</sup>

## Etiology And Classification



## 1. Primary Hypolipidemia

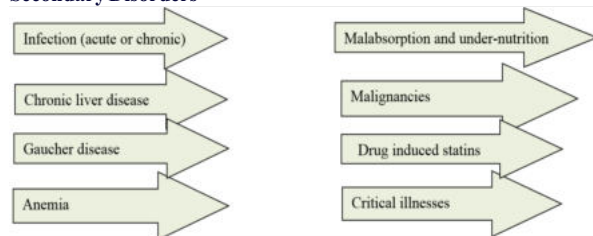
There are 3 rare special disorders of hypolipidemia in which hereditary mutations cause an production or enhanced separation of Low Density Lipoproteins (LDL) and result in lipid levels low enough to cause important consequences. These conditions are: Hypolipoproteinemia, hypolipoproteinemia and molecule.

## Causes Of Hypolipidemia

## Primary Disorders

- Abetalipoproteinemia Infection (acute or chronic)
- Hypobetalipoproteinemia
- Malabsorption and under-nutrition
- Chylomicron retention disease

## Secondary Disorders



## Secondary Hypolipidemia

Multiple mechanisms have been described in different diseases and clinical conditions that are found to be associated with hypolipidemia.

## Mechanisms Of Secondary Hypolipidemia

## In Chronic Illness:

- chronic exposure to IL-6, IL-10 and TNF
- under nutrition due to anorexia

## In Critically Ill Patients:

- Down regulation of hepatic synthesis, due to decreased production of cholesterol precursors.
- Dilutional effects of fluid resuscitation
- loss of lipoprotein in burns
- increased cholesterol catabolism

## In Cancer Patients:

- Elevated LDL receptor activity in malignant cells
- Under-nutrition due to anorexia
- Effect of TNF

## In anemia:

- Increased cholesterol requirements by the proliferating erythroid cells
- Elevated serum level of macrophage colony stimulating factor
- Auto-antibodies against LDL causing an increased LDL catabolism

## In hyperthyroidism:

- Enhanced LDL receptor-mediated catabolism of LDL particles
- Increased bile excretion of cholesterol
- Increased lipoprotein lipase, which catabolizes the triglyceride-rich lipoproteins
- Increased LDL-receptor activity

## Critical illness

Total cholesterol levels drop at the onset of acute illness and return to normal during recovery<sup>[6,7]</sup>. Multiple mechanisms influence hypolipidemia in critically ill patients and these include<sup>[7]</sup>, probably due to decreased production of cholesterol precursors particularly lanosterol and lathosterol<sup>[8]</sup>, loss of apoproteins in burns<sup>[27]</sup>, and increased cholesterol catabolism.<sup>[7]</sup> Hypolipidemia have been reported in patients with acute severe pyelonephritis [10], major trauma<sup>[8]</sup>, those with multiple organ dysfunction syndrome, burns, sepsis<sup>[11]</sup>, and in patients undergoing surgical interventions. In meningococcal septicemia, The severity of hypolipidemia in sepsis is directly related to the severity of acute phase response<sup>[12]</sup>.

## Malignancy

Several studies suggest an inverse relationship between serum cholesterol level and cancer mortality in patients with hematological and solid organ malignancies<sup>[13]</sup>. Elevated LDL receptor activity in malignant cells may be a contributing factor to hypocholesterolemia in some cancer patients. The evidence relating hypocholesterolemia to increased risk of cancer is controversial.

**Chronic liver disease** because hepatocytes are the most active site of

lipid metabolism, hypolipidemia is frequently observed in severe chronic hepatic insufficiency<sup>[81]</sup>. A low serum cholesterol level is associated with a higher mortality rate in patients with liver cirrhosis<sup>[8,62]</sup>. Advanced chronic liver disease can cause a reduction in lipoprotein A and lipoprotein B levels.

**Chronic inflammation** changes in plasma lipid levels are a well known phenomenon in the acute phase response to inflammation. Chronic inflammation also can produce hypocholesterolemia due to the chronic effect of pro-inflammatory cytokines on lipoprotein metabolism.

**Infection** acute and chronic bacterial, viral, and parasitic infections all might induce hypocholesterolemia due to the chronic effect of pro-inflammatory cytokines on lipoprotein metabolism. In 1911, Since then, transient hypocholesterolemia and hyperlipidemia were frequently observed during the acute phase of bacterial infections<sup>[52]</sup>.

### Consequences of hypolipidemia

#### Effects on plasma membrane

Since about 44% of the human cell membrane is composed of lipids, they serve as a major structural component. Cell membranes are absolutely essential for the cell survival as well as for biological functions<sup>[68]</sup>. Acanthocytosis is a known clinical feature of abetalipoproteinemia and was also reported to be associated with hypolipidemia in celiac disease.

#### Sepsis

Hypocholesterolemia in healthy men is reported to be associated with significantly fewer circulating lymphocytes, Harris et al reported that lipoproteins bind to and neutralize bacterial endotoxin lipopolysaccharide (LPS)<sup>[85]</sup>. Several authors report that hypocholesterolemia may be a predisposing factor to sepsis in the critically ill patient<sup>[23,30]</sup>.

#### Intracerebral hemorrhage

Intracranial hemorrhage accounts for approximately 10% of all strokes, and carries a significantly high morbidity and mortality as the 30-day fatality rate reaches up to 50%<sup>[72]</sup>. Iribarren et al<sup>[74]</sup> described the association between low serum cholesterol level and cerebral hemorrhage in elderly men. The fundamental interaction of high diastolic blood pressure and low cholesterol levels weakens the endothelium of the intracerebral arteries<sup>[75]</sup>, while another study reported platelet hypo-activity is associated with hypocholesterolemia<sup>[79]</sup>, therefore affected patients may be more prone to bleeding.

#### Adrenal failure

Cholesterol molecules are the precursors for adrenal steroid hormones. The adrenal gland requires a continuous supplement of cholesterol for the biosynthesis of adrenal corticosteroids, which can be provided by LDL receptor-mediated consumption or through local synthesis<sup>[80]</sup>. This is likely because of the enhanced endogenous lipid analysis as a result of compensatory smooth endoplasmic reticulum hypertrophy<sup>[82,83]</sup>.

#### Disease mortality

Studies suggest that lipoprotein play a role in the binding and neutralization of endotoxins. Hypoglycaemia is also associated with enhanced mortality in patients with tuberculosis<sup>[94]</sup>. Several epidemiological studies suggest an inverse relationship between serum cholesterol levels and cancer mortality<sup>[34]</sup>. Following a severe trauma, dying patients appear to have progressive hypocholesterolemia<sup>[24]</sup>. In conclusion, hypocholesterolemia has a statistically significant relationship to mortality in the critically ill patient and is an independent predictor of mortality in this group.

#### Antihyperlipidemic Activity of *Pongamia pinnata* Leaf Extracts

In this study antihyperlipidemic effect of *Pongamia pinnata* (Leguminosae) leaf extract in triton (400 mg/kg b.w.) induced hyperlipidemic rats. Petroleum ether, chloroform, ethanol and aqueous extracts of leaves were evaluated for antihyperlipidemic. Results demonstrated that chloroform extract of *P. pinnata* leaves controlled fundamental antihyperlipidemic activity hence it could be a potential herbal medicine as adjuvant with existing therapy for the treatment of hyperlipidemia.

#### Evaluation of Hypolipidemic Activity of *Allium schoenoprasum* in Albino Rats

This study was planned to measure the hypolipidemic action of

aqueous and ethanolic extracts of leaves of *Allium schoenoprasum* in albino rats. 500 g of dried leaves powder was initially soaked in 3 L of 99.9% ethanol for three days and after filtration residues were soaked in 2 L distilled water for further three days. 200 mg/kg/p.o dose of ethanolic and aqueous extracts were administered to the experimental groups while Atorvastatin 10 mg/kg/p.o was given to standard control groups for 7 days. At 8th day blood sample was collected and serum samples were analyzed for biochemical parameters i.e. total serum cholesterol, serum triglycerides, HDL, LDL and VLDL level.

#### Antihyperlipidemic Activity of Leaf Extracts of *Leucas aspera* Linn. against Dexamethasone-induced Hyperlipidemia in Rats

This study is an attempt to investigate its antihyperlipidemic activity by *in vivo* animal model. Hyperlipidemia model can be induced by administered with dexamethasone in rats with significant increase in serum cholesterol and triglyceride (TG) levels along with increase in the atherogenic index. The ethanolic extract of leaves of *L. aspera* Linn. (200 and 400 mg/kg) treatment has shown significant inhibition against dexamethasone-induced hyperlipidemia in rats by maintaining the serum levels of cholesterol, TGs and near to the normal levels.

#### *In vitro* Anti-Cholesterol and Antioxidant Activity of Methanolic Extracts from Flax Seeds (*Linum usitatissimum* L.)

*In vitro* anti-cholesterol activity was measured by cholesterol enzymatic endpoint method using simvastatin as positive control. The total amount of phenolic compounds was determined spectrophotometrically and the results were expressed as Gallic Acid Equivalent (GAE gG1). Antioxidant activity of flax-seeds *in vitro* was measured in terms of DPPH free radical scavenging and total antioxidant potential assay. The results indicated that flax-seed might reduce or control the cholesterol levels and oxidative damage and it is apparent that flax-seeds could contribute to new formulations with potential anti-cholesterol and antioxidant effects.

#### Antioxidant activity and Hypolipidemic effect of *Ficus carica* leaf and twig extracts in Triton WR-1339-induced hyperlipidemic mice

The hypolipidemic potential of both leaf and twig extracts of *Ficus carica* on experimental hyperlipidaemia induced by Triton WR-1339, in *Swiss albino* mice was investigated. In addition, the phenolic, flavonoid and anthocyanin contents of these extracts and their antioxidant activities were determined. These properties may have a synergistic effect on hyperlipidaemia. The decrease rate of the lipid parameters differs significant from the leaf and twig extracts and depends also on the administered dose.

#### Hypolipidemic Effect of Oral Administration of Aqueous Leaf Extract of *Senna occidentalis* in Rats

This study was aimed at assessing the effect of oral administration of aqueous leaf extract of *S. occidentalis* on serum lipid profile in rats. Results of phytochemical screening revealed the presence of tannins, saponins, cardiac glycosides, resins, and flavonoid. It could be suggested that aqueous leaf extract of *S. occidentalis* at 500 mg/kg could cause antihyperlipidemic effect against dietary-induced hyperlipidemia.

#### Anti-Hyperglycemia activity of *Picrorhiza kurroa* Royle ex Benth Roots

Based on high Glycoside content in herbal plants, *Picrorhiza kurroa* was selected and the present study focus on the anti-hyperglycemia activity. The alcoholic, chloroform and aqueous root extracts of *Picrorhiza kurroa* Royle ex Benth were screened for its antihyperlipidemic activity in Triton wr- 1339 induced albino rats. Atorlip-20 was used as reference standard. The results display significant decrease in triglyceride and cholesterol level when compared with the hypolipemic groups by using different dose: low (50mg/kg), high (200mg/kg) and standard Atorlip-20(4mg/kg bw)

#### Hypolipidemic Potential of Herbal Drugs (*Lagenaria siceraria* & *Carica papaya*) and Cow Urine

We study the lipid-lowering effect of *Carica papaya*, *Lagenaria siceraria* and cow urine. Plants have been used by mankind as remedies from the beginning of civilization. Administration of *Carica papaya* produced a significant improvement in the lipid profile by lowering total cholesterol, LDL and triglycerides and by increasing HDL level thus helping in retarding the secondary complications. It has anti-lipidemic and anticholesterol activities and as such could be used in the management of hyperlipidemia.

In the study we have found that cow urine consumption significantly reduced the elevated lipid profiles in human and animals.

#### Hypolipidemic Effect of Extracts from *Abelmoschus esculentus* L.(Malvaceae) on Tyloxapol-Induced Hyperlipidemia in Mice

Extracts from *A. esculentus* are known to ameliorate not only hyperglycemia but also hyperlipidemia in diabetic mice induced by alloxan and streptozocin. Triglyceride levels in treated groups had no significant difference as compared to simvastatin group except the AE4 treated group. *Esculentus* could lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels in hyperlipidemic mice.

#### In Vitro Hypolipidemic Activity Of *Averrhoa Bilimbi* Flower Extract

*Averrhoa bilimbi* is a traditional Medicine used as a local remedy for various ailments like hypertension, Diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia. When used in high concentrations the fruit juice can lead to Acute renal failure due to acute tubular necrosis. The results obtained from this study indicated that *Averrhoa bilimbi*, has potential antioxidant and hypolipidemic activity and it may be due to the synergistic effect of the major phyto-constituents like flavonoids, tannins, terpenoids and phenols that are highly present in the extract. But further studies are required to provide the exact mechanism of action of the reported activities by using purified fraction of the same.

#### Antihyperlipidemic activity of *Chloroxylon swietenia* in triton WR1339 induced hyperlipidemia

Medicinal herbs are beneficial and effective either in the management and prevention of several metabolic disorders, associated with hyperlipidemia, hypertension and insulin resistance which increases the cardio-metabolic risk and demands for the life time therapy. Current allopathic medicines are expensive and reported with several adverse effects and hence, finding of a suitable herbal medicine for hyperlipidemic disorders is very important. Both the aqueous and ethanolic extract groups significantly reduced the TG and VLDL levels. The extracts exhibited remarkable activity on one or either parameter of the lipid profile. It could be due to the presence of alkaloids, steroids, flavonoids, coumarins and phenols in the extracts.

#### List of Herbal Drugs having Hypolipidemic Activity

S.N.	PLANT NAME	BIOLOGICAL SOURCE/FAMILY	PART OF PLANT USED	RESEARCH EVIDENCE
1.	Basil leaves	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i> linn./Lamiaceae	Leaves	Reff. 81
2.	Celery	<i>Apium graveolens</i> /Apiaceae	Plant	Reff. 82
3.	Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> /Asteraceae	Plant	Reff. 83
4.	Clove (Eugenol)	<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i> /Myrtaceae	Flower bud	Reff. 84
5.	Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i> /onagraceae	Flower	Reff. 85
6.	Methi	<i>Trigonella foenum graecum</i> /Fabaceae	Fruit	Reff. 86
7.	Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i> roscoe/Zingiberaceae	Root Extract	Reff. 87
8.	Ginseng	<i>Panax ginseng</i> /Araliaceae	Root Extract	Reff. 88
9.	Grape	<i>Vitis vinifera</i> /Vitaceae	Fruit	Reff. 89
10.	Green Tea	<i>Camellia sinensis</i> /Theaceae	Leaves	Reff. 90
11.	Fennel	<i>Nigella sativa</i> /Ranunculaceae	Seeds	Reff. 91

12.	Psyllium	<i>Plantago ovata</i> /Plantaginaceae	Fruits	Reff. 92
13.	Hing	<i>Ferula asafoetida</i> /Umbelliferae	Rhizome	Reff. 93
14.	Garlic	<i>Allium sativum</i> /Amaryllidaceae	Fruit bulb	Reff. 94
15.	Turmeric	<i>Curcuma longa</i> /Zingiberaceae	Rhizome	Reff. 95
16.	Mastic tree	<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i> var.chia/Anacardiaceae	Gum resin	Reff. 96
17.	Artichoke	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> var.scolymus/Asteraceae	Flower bud	Reff. 97
18.	Red yeast rice	<i>Monascus purpureus</i> /Monascaceae		Reff. 98
19.	Oleo leaf	<i>Olea europaea</i> /Oleaceae	Leaves	Reff. 99
20.	Tulsi	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> /Lamiaceae	Leaves	Reff. 100
21.	Spikenard	<i>Nardostachys jatamansi</i> /Caprifoliaceae	Flower	Reff. 101
22.	Black tea	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Leaves	Reff. 102
23.	Guggul	<i>Commiphora wightii</i> /Burseraceae	Gum resin	Reff. 103
24.	Ashwagandha	<i>Withania somnifera</i> /Solanaeae	Bark	Reff. 104
25.	Daruharidra	<i>Berberis aristata</i> /Berberidaceae	Bark	Reff. 105

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