



TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF ZINC, OMEGA 3 AND DAPAGLIFLOZIN ON LIPID PROFILE OF DIABETIC ALBINO RATS

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic condition characterized by chronic hyperglycemia, poly urea, polydipsia and disturbances in primarily in carbohydrate metabolism but also fat and protein metabolism abnormalities been observed. Different studies also indicates that omega 3 fatty acids obtained from fish and fish oil are protective against atherosclerosis and ischemic heart disease. In diabetic patient's hyperlipidemia is one of dangerous feature and leads to IHD. Zinc is required for structural and functional integrity of more than 2000 transcription factors and 300 enzymes; almost all metabolic pathways require zinc.

Material and Method: We took 40 albino rats and made 4 groups. Streptozotocin were given to group 2, 3, and 4 to produce diabetes and they were kept at high fat diet. Each group contains 10 rats. Group 1 were control group, group 2 Dapagliflozin group. Group 3 was given zinc and group 4 was given omega 3 for 2 months.

Objectives :

To observe the effects of zinc on lipid profile

To observe the effects of Omega 3 on lipid profile

Results: At the end of study all data were analyzed by SPSS vision 20. Zinc and omega 3 showed beneficial effects on dyslipidemia, they reduce total cholesterol and triglyceride and on the other hand slightly decreases level of LDL.

Conclusion: Omega 3 and zinc can be used in diabetic and patients with ischemic heart disease for dyslipidemia.

1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic condition characterized by chronic hyperglycemia, poly urea, polydipsia and disturbances in mainly in carbohydrate metabolism and also fat and protein metabolism. Diabetes develop due to deficiency of insulin in human body ¹. Two types of diabetes are common, Type I DM which is insulin dependent and Type II which is noninsulin dependent, Type II diabetes is more common and it is associated with other disorders such as obesity, dyslipidemia, and increase in blood pressure ².

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- To observe the effects of zinc on lipid profile
- To observe the effects of Omega 3 on lipid profile
- To observe the effects of Dapagliflozin on lipid profile

Framingham Heart Study showed that there is strong association between coronary artery disease (CAD) in diabetic patients and also in patients with dyslipidemia. In Diabetic patients increased triglycerides and decreased HDL are common in dyslipidemia.³ In fish and some vegetable Omega-3 fatty acids are present in large quantity. Omega 3 is necessary for normal growth and development. Omega-3 fatty acids reduce plasma triglycerides, and increase HDL.⁴ Dyslipidemia is a major risk factor of cardio vascular diseases.⁵ Studies in human also showed that CLA and omega have beneficial effects on plasma lipids levels.⁶ It is found in different studies that omega 3 fatty acids are essential fatty acid and human body need it for different body metabolic function.⁷ Different studies also indicates that omega 3 fatty acids obtained from fish and fish oil are protective against atherosclerosis and ischemic heart disease.^{8,9}

Fish oil and omega-3 fatty acids are very important in prevention of CVD. Studies also showed that Omega-3 fatty acids are important in regulating of genes critical for controlling lipid homeostasis.¹⁰ Omega 3 fatty acids are present in fish, fish oils, canola oil, flaxseed, and certain vegetables.¹¹ In diabetes production of oxygen free radicals increases, they have toxic effects. These free radicals are super oxide (O_2^-), hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) and hydroxide (OH^\cdot). In diabetic patients' oxygen free radicals are formed due to Auto-oxidation and nonenzymatic glycation.^{12,13}

In diabetic patient's hyperlipidemia is one of the causative factors for increased lipid peroxidation.^{14,15} Omega-3 fatty acids and Omega-6 fatty acids are the essential fatty acids needed in the structure and function of cell membrane.^{16,17} Fish oil and its derivatives such as omega-3 are very effective in prevention of cardiovascular adverse consequences of diabetes by inhibiting coronary atherosclerosis.^{18,19} Omega 3 supplementations are effective in prevention of coronary artery diseases progression and lipid diseases disturbances^{20,21}. Hypertriglyceridemia, is prevalent diseases, and significant public health problem worldwide.

Complications of hypertriglyceridemia are eroding people's health. Hypertriglyceridemia is a risk factor for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)^{22,23}. Zinc plays a vital role in many human biological processes, such as enzyme action, cell membrane stabilization, gene expression and cell signaling²⁴. Zinc is required for structural and functional integrity of more than 2000 transcription factors and 300 enzymes; almost all metabolic pathways require zinc^{25,26}. SGLT2 inhibition using empagliflozin or canagliflozin showed improvement in cardiovascular outcomes in diabetic patients. SGLT2 inhibitors have additional effects on some cardiometabolic parameters such as body weight and blood pressure by effecting a decrease in them^{27,28}. SGLT2 inhibitors increases HDL²⁹. Omega-3 fatty acids helps in the treatment of hypertriglyceridemia and in the enhancement of HDL-cholesterol (HDL-C) levels in diabetic patients.³⁰

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

This study conducted in the department of pharmacology M Islam medical college Gujranwala. Duration of study was 10 weeks. In this study 4 groups were made and each group contain 10 albino rats. Group 1 control group, Group 2 dapagliflozin, group 3 zinc group, and omega 3 group 4. Sample collected from each animal at day 1 and at the end of study to perform lipid profile test.

- Group 1 control group
- Group 2 Dapagliflozin group

- Group 3 Zinc group
- Group 4 Omega 3

Male albino rats weighing approximately 240-250 g (10 weeks old). All group were fed high fat diet, with lipids (22%) carbohydrate (10%) and protein (12%). The rats were kept in cages in an environmentally controlled room (light from 6 AM to 6 PM, 30 °C) and had free access to food and water.

The body weight, water intake, and food intake of each rat were recorded daily. Glycaemia was measured every week with the help of test strips (Accu-Chek). a single dose of STZ was administered intraperitoneally (40 mg/ kg body weight) to animals fasted for 12 hours. The control animals were given vehicle (0.01 M citrate buffer, pH 4.5). After 3 days animals were given STZ, and blood glucose was measured to confirm the establishment of diabetes. They were considered diabetic if they had postprandial glycemic values greater than or equal to 288 mg/dL. The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of M. Islam medical college. Lipid profile was tested at the start and the end of the study.

3. RESULTS

Table 1. Comparison of Serum Cholesterol in different groups at day 1, day 30 and day 60

Groups	DAY 1	DAY 30	DAY 60
Group 1	126	230	300
Group 2	140	188	220
Group 3	118	110	106
Group 4	137	80	70

Figure 1. Comparison of Serum Cholesterol in different groups at day 1, day 30 and day 60

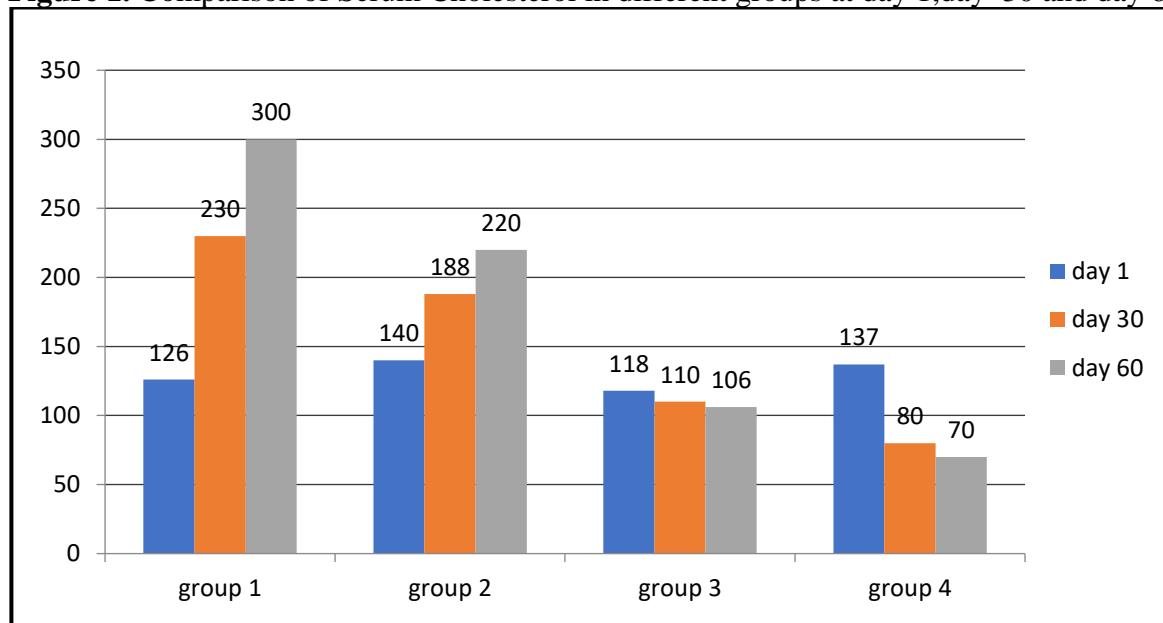
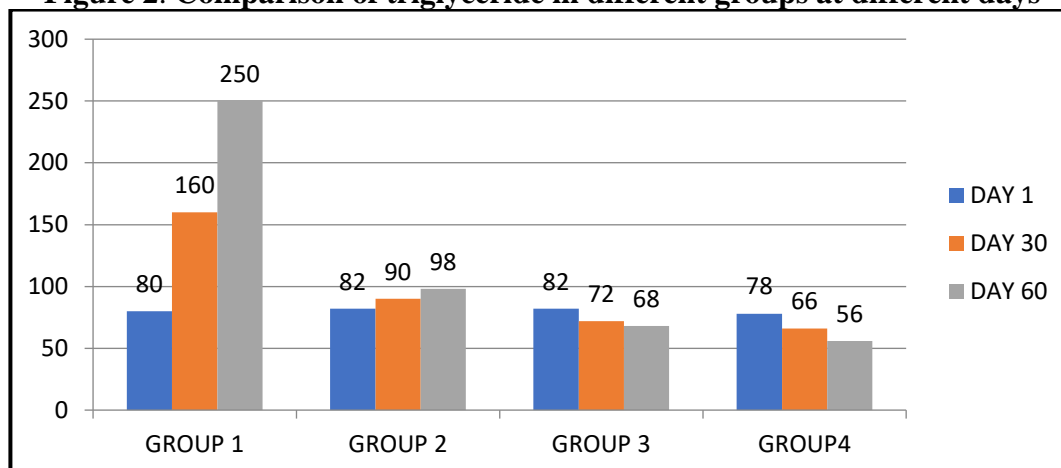
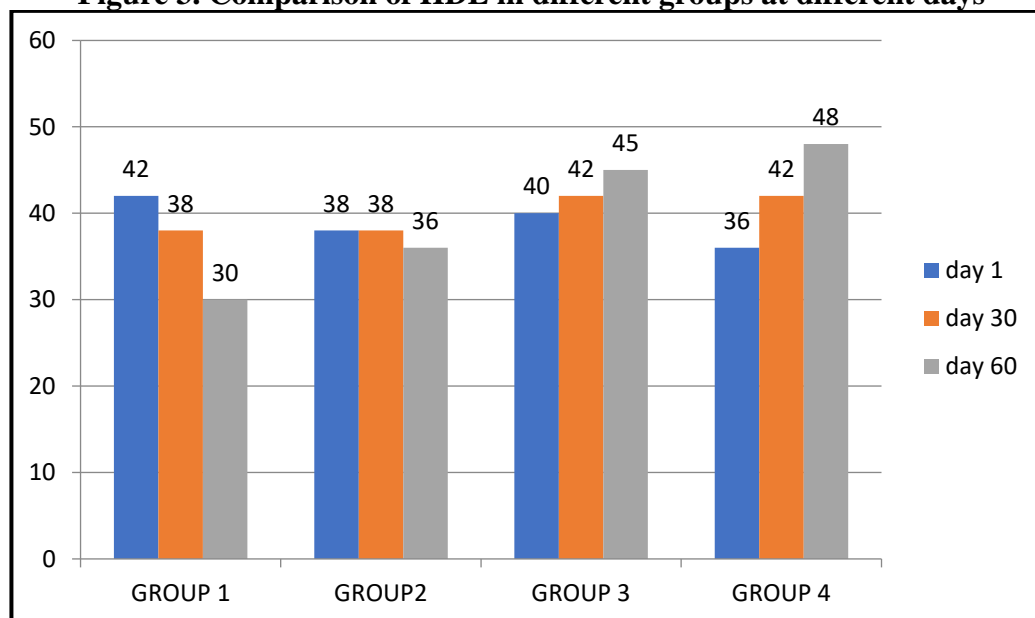


Table 2. Comparison of triglyceride in different groups at different days

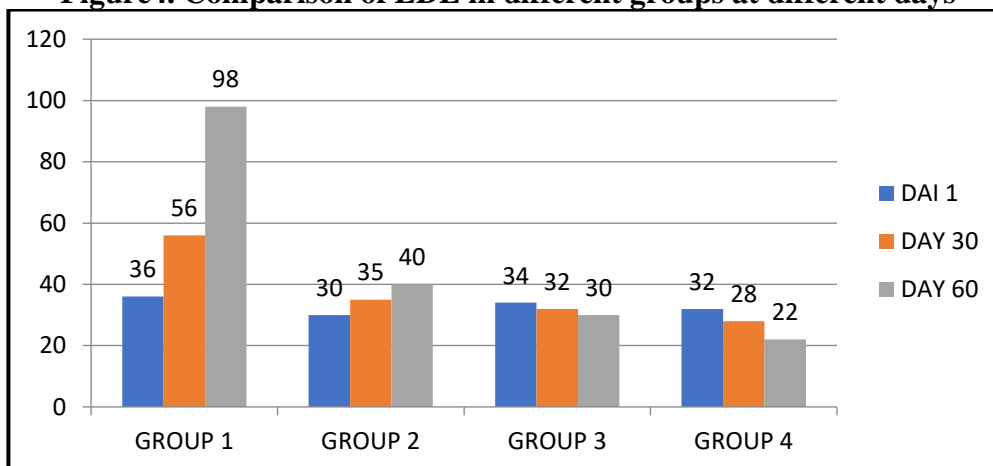
Groups	DAY 1	DAY 30	DAY 60
Group 1	80	160	250
Group 2	82	90	98
Group 3	82	72	68
Group 4	78	66	56

Figure 2. Comparison of triglyceride in different groups at different days**Table 3. Comparison of HDL in different groups at different days**

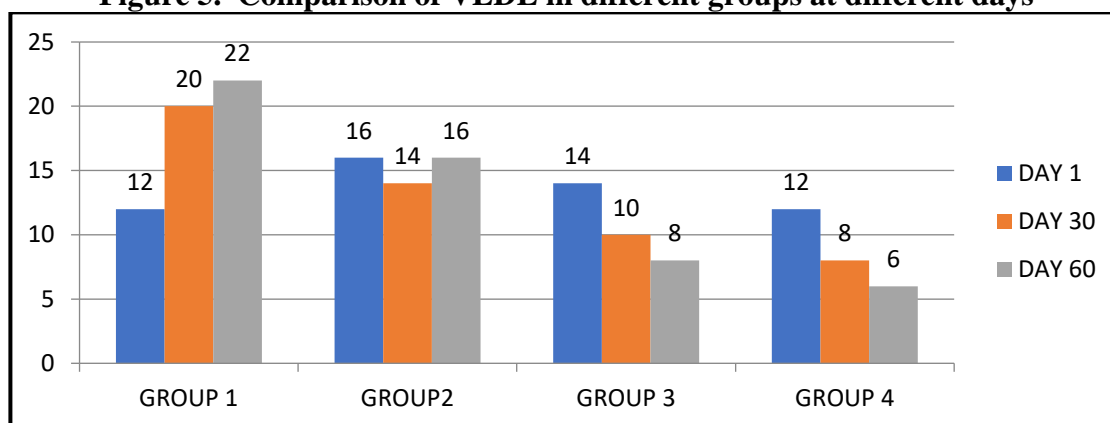
Groups	DAY 1	DAY 30	DAY 60
Group 1	42	38	30
Group 2	38	38	36
Group 3	40	42	45
Group 4	36	42	48

Figure 3. Comparison of HDL in different groups at different days**Table 4. Comparison of LDL in different groups at different days**

Groups	DAY 1	DAY 30	DAY 60
Group 1	36	56	98
Group 2	30	35	40
Group 3	34	32	30
Group 4	32	28	22

Figure4. Comparison of LDL in different groups at different days**Table5. Comparison of VLDL in different groups at different days**

Groups	DAY 1	DAY 30	DAY 60
Group 1	12	20	22
Group 2	16	14	16
Group 3	14	10	8
Group 4	12	8	6

Figure 5. Comparison of VLDL in different groups at different days**Control Group 1**

All reading of cholesterol, triglyceride, LDL, HDL and VLDL are with in normal limits on day 1 and all values are high at day 30 and day 60.

Group 2 Dapagliflozin group

Introduction of streptozotocin and high fat diet causes dyslipidemia in this group. Values of lipid profile are high in this group but Dapagliflozin showed some good results as compared to control group in preventing the rise of all lipid profile.

Group 3

Introduction of zinc in this group showed good response in controlling serum cholesterol, serum triglyceride, also showed decrees in LDL and VLDL. Also slightly increases in HDL level (good fat) seen in this group. So, zinc is beneficial in dyslipidemia

Group 4

Introduction of fish liver oil (omega 3) showed good response in dyslipidemia. That is reduces s. cholesterol, triglyceride, LDL, VLDL level seen in this group and also increase good fat HDL is seen.

4. DISCUSSION

In past studies have showed that zinc is beneficial in reducing total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and triglycerides, and also increases HDL cholesterol levels in humans.³¹⁻³⁴ In our study same results also observed, in group 3 we used zinc sulphate, it reduced cholesterol, triglyceride, LDL, and VLDL. Zinc also increases good fat (HDL) in albino rats. Zinc plays important role in our study and it showed beneficial effects in lipid profile it is consistent with the study conducted by zhang et all in his study.³⁵ Zinc was capable of decreasing the levels of blood glucose, HbA1c, and lipid profiles accompanied by increased AKT activity in diabetic murine model¹⁵. In the study conducted by Zak et al., and Mc Manus et al. have shown no change in LDL-C levels after the treatment with omega -3 fatty acids, while Haban et al. have reported increase in LDL-C levels after omega 3 fatty acid treatment, but in our study we found only mild decrees in LDL. Big scientific research has shown that OM3-FA can reduce triglyceride levels. Two meta-analyses of OM3-FA on antiretroviral. Therapy (HAART) association hypertriglyceridemia in HIV/AIDS patients discover that OM3- FA significantly reduced triglyceride levels³⁶

5. CONCLUSION

Zinc and omega 3 are good alternatives to statins in the treatment of dyslipidemia and zinc as well as omega 3 can be used in patients of ischemic heart disease and patients with dyslipidemia.

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