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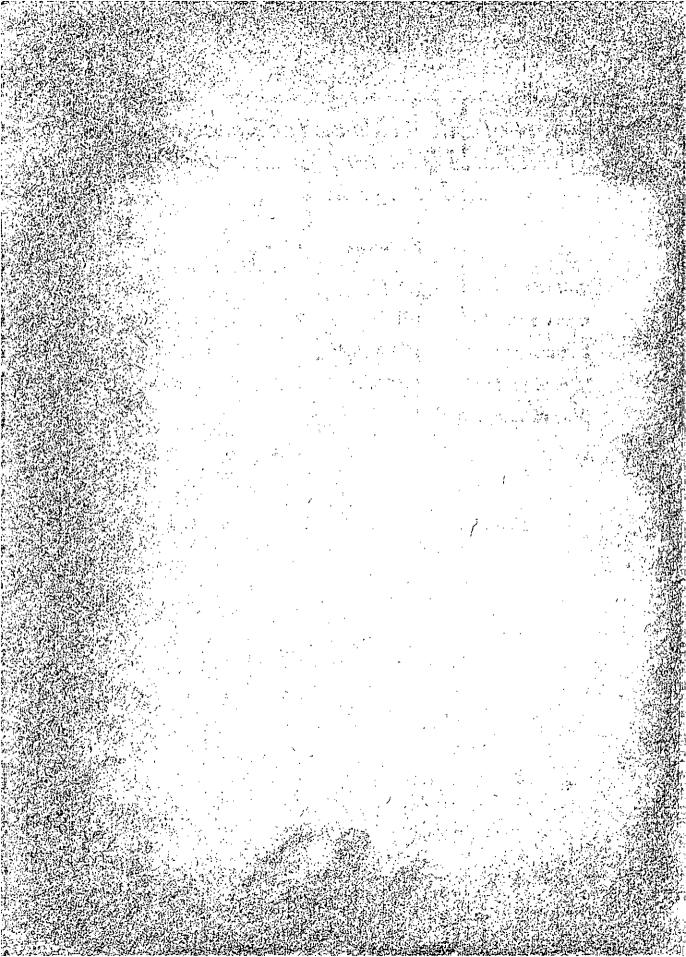
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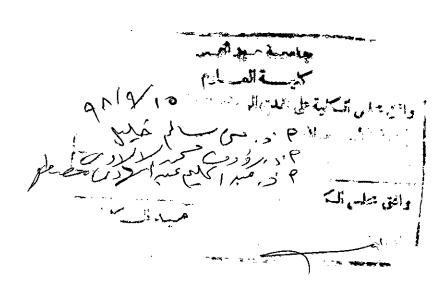
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ABSTRACT

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The effect of bile acids as ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) and chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA) on cholesterol gallstone formation was studied in hamsters. Gallstones were formed in 58% of the animals fed on lithogenic diet for 6 weeks. Supplementation of lithogenic diet with 0.1% UDCA or 0.1% CDCA reduces the formation of gallstones to 25% and 33% respectively. The lithogenic diet caused a significant elevation in serum total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, liver total cholesterol and a significant decrease in the hydroxymethyglutaryl CoA reductase (HMG CoAR), the rate limiting enzyme in cholesterol synthesis, also biliary total cholesterol was significantly increased as compared with control animals. Addition of 0.1% UDCA or 0.1% CDCA to lithogenic diet tended to lower serum total cholesterol, LDL-C, liver total cholesterol, and inhibition of HMG-CoAR as compared with lithogenic diet (P<0.001). The UDCA is more effective than CDCA but the difference is not significant. Histologically, the liver of hamsters fed on lithogenic diet exhibit bile duct proliferation, inflammatory infiltration, accumulation of fat in parenchyma cells. Gallbladder displayed disappearances of trabecula, pyknotic nuclei, flatting of the mucosal cell. Morphologic alterations were ameliorated by supplementation of lithogenic diet with 0.1% UDCA or 0.1% CDCA.

Key words:

Cholesterol gallstone, ursodeoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, HMG-CoAR, Hamsters.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACAT Acyl CoA: cholesterolacyltransferase

A/G Albumin/Globulin

ALp Alkaline phosphatase

ALT Alanine aminotransferase

AST Aspartate aminotransferase

BCG Bromo cresol green

CA Cholic acid

CDCA Chenodeoxycholic acid

CDCA-sul Chenodeoxycholic acid sulfonate

Concentration

DCA Deoxycholic acid

dL Deciliter

DTNB Dithionitrobenzoic acid

D.W Distal water

EDTA Ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid

EMD DL-2-phenyl [6-ethoxybenzothiazolyl-(2)-thio]

propionic acid.

Fig Figure

G Globulin

g gram

γ GT gamma-glutamyl transferase

gp group

GS Gallstone

GSF Gallstone free

HDCA Hyodeoxycholic acid

HDL-C High density lipoprotein cholesterol

HMG-CoA Hydroxymethylglutaryl coenzyme A-reductase

homo-CDCA homo-chenodeoxycholic acid

homo-UDCA homo-ursodeoxycholic acid.

HPLC High performance liquid chroniatography

Kg Kilogram

L Liter

LCA Lithocholic acid

LD Lithogenic diet

LDH Lactate dehydrogenase

LDL-C Low density lipoprotein cholesterol

M Molar

MDH Malate dehydrogenase

MDCA Murideoxy cholic acid

mg Miligram

ml Mililiter

min Minute

N Normal

n Number

NADP⁺ Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate

nm Nanometer

N.S Non-significant

P mole Pico mole

r.p.m revolution per minute

S.D Standard deviation

S.E Standard error

TPN Total parenteral nutrition

TLC Thin layer chromatography

TUDCA Tauro-ursodeoxycholic acid

U Unit

CDCA Chenodeoxycholic acid

CDCA-sul Chenodeoxycholic acid sulfonate

μg Microgram

μl Microliter

μmole Micromole

UV Ultraviolet

VLDL Very low density lipoprotein

Vs Versus