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ABSTRACT

The involvement of lipids in early development of arteriosclerosis has been confirmed. Association of antioxidants with n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids could prevent lipid peroxidation and increase the antiatherogenic effects of n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

This study was planned to investigate the *in vitro* susceptibility of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol to oxidation with or without Cu^{2+} or Fe^{2+} and the antioxidant protection of vitamins C and E. Also to examine the hypocholesterolemic, antiatherogenic and antioxidant effects of supplementation with vitamins C and/or E *in vivo*.

A. *In vitro* study on vitamins C and/or E activities as antioxidant.

Plasma LDL cholesterol of normal male albino rats was oxidized with or without exposure to Cu^{2+} or Fe^{2+} to register Δ abs at 234nm as indication for accumulation of conjugated dienes. The obtained results showed that: 1-The presence of metal ions of Cu^{2+} or Fe^{2+} have a prooxidant effect.

2- The prooxidant effect of Cu^{2+} or Fe^{2+} was strongly inhibited by vitamin C compared to the absence of metal ions where vitamin C + E was more effective as antioxidant than vitamins C or E alone.

B. Effect of vitamins C and/or E on rats fed different sources of lipids:

Two experiments were conducted to study the effect of lipid source, i.e. sunflower oil as source of polyunsaturated fatty acids and sheep tail fat as source of saturated fatty acids as well as the effect of vitamins C and/or E supplementation as antioxidant and antiatherogenic agents. The results revealed that:

A) Relative body weight gain and organs weight percentage.

1-The lipid source has no significant effect on the relative body weight gain % in normal as well as the hypercholesterolemic groups.

2- No significant difference in relative liver weight % of normal rats fed sunflower oil or sheep tail fat was observed. Meanwhile relative liver weight % increased significantly in of hypercholesterolemic untreated rats fed sheep tail fat compared with those fed sunflower oil.

3- Generally no significant differences in relative heart, spleen and kidney weight % due to lipid source or vitamin supplementation were found.

B) Plasma lipid profile

1-Feeding sheep tail fat increased plasma total cholesterol significantly compared with sunflower oil fed groups. Supplementation of vitamin C and/or E to hypercholesterolemic rats fed sunflower oil or sheep tail fat reduced plasma total cholesterol level significantly compared to hypercholesterolemic groups. Supplementation with vitamin C +E to hypercholesterolemic rats fed sunflower oil increased plasma HDL significantly to a level of normal control. Meanwhile supplementation with vitamin C to hypercholesterolemic rats fed sheep tail fat

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increased HDL nearly to normal control level.

3-Feeding sheep tail fat to normal control group significantly increased plasma VLDL+LDL cholesterol than that fed sunflower oil. The effect of supplementation with different doses of vitamins C and/or E to hypercholesterolemic groups followed similar trend of total cholesterol.

4-The atherogenic index in sunflower oil fed rats was significantly lower than those fed sheep tail fat in normal and hypercholesterolemic untreated groups. Supplementation with vitamin C+ 200 mg vitamin E or C+ 75 mg E in sunflower oil fed rats decreased the atherogenic index significantly compared to the hypercholesterolemic rats. Supplementation with vitamins C and/or E to hypercholesterolemic rats fed sheep tail fat significantly lowered atherogenic index.

5-Plasma triglycerides after feeding hypercholesterolemic diet containing sunflower oil increased significantly, while feeding sheep tail fat increased triglycerides to non significant level compared with normal control.

6- Supplementation of vitamin C and/or E reduced liver total cholesterol level of hypercholesterolemic rats fed sunflower oil or sheep tail fat compared to untreated hypercholesterolemic rats. However feeding sheep tail fat increased liver triglycerides significantly compared with those fed sunflower oil. Feeding cholesterol (0.5%) significantly increased liver triglycerides in rats fed either sunflower oil or sheep tail fat when compared to their respective controls. Supplementation with vitamin C+75 mg vitamin E were the lowest in liver cholesterol and triglycerides levels in all groups fed sunflower oil or sheep tail fat.

7- Conjugated dienes formation was higher in sunflower fed groups than sheep tail fat fed groups. Feeding hypercholesterolemic diet to rats fed sunflower oil showed significant increase in conjugated dienes compared with normal control. However supplementation with vitamin C and/or E reduced this increase to the normal level.

8-Thiobarbituric acid reactant substances (TBARS) were higher in rats fed sunflower oil than those fed sheep tail fat. Supplementation with vitamin C +200mg vitamin E was the only group reached the level of normal group. Hypercholesterolemic rats fed sheep tail fat the group supplemented with vitamin C +75 mg vitamin E was the best treatment in this respect.

9-Vitamin E level in plasma of all groups of rats fed sheep tail fat was higher than those fed sunflower oil even those groups supplemented or non supplemented with vitamin E at the end of the experimental period.

c-The histopathological effect of vitamins C and/or E showed that feeding hypercholesterolemic diet and sunflower oil over the 60 days showed vacuolation of hepatocytes with focal mononuclear cell aggregation and aorta of these rats showed atherosclerosis. The treatment with vitamin C + 200 mg vitamin E inhibited this reverse effect. Feeding hypercholesterolemic diet and sheep tail fat resulted in vacuolation of hepatocytes with foamy cytoplasm and narrowing of hepatic sinusoid. However aorta revealed atherosclerosis. The treatment with vitamin C + 75 mg vitamin E inhibited this effect.

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