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**ENHANCED ADIPONECTIN ACTIVITY BY CURCUMIN IN  
ALLOXAN INDUCED TYPE2 DIABETIC RATS**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Aim:** to study the effects of curcumin on blood glucose, lipid profiles and Adiponectin activity in diabetic rats.

**Material and Methods:** Diabetes mellitus was induced in male wistar rats, which were divided into seven groups and treated with 80mg, 100 mg curcumin/kg body weight and assessed the serum concentrations of blood glucose, insulin, lipid profiles (mg%) as triglycerides, total cholesterol, Low density lipoprotein (LDL)-Cholesterol, High density lipoprotein (HDL)-Cholesterol and Adiponectin.

**Results:** this study results shows that diabetes mellitus increased the serum levels of glucose, total cholesterols, triglycerides, LDL-Cholesterol and decreased the adiponectin and HDL-Cholesterols, treatment with curcumin alone doses and combination with metformin can significantly decreased the serum levels of glucose, lipid profiles ( $p < 0.001$ ) and increased Insulin, Adiponectin treated groups ( $p < 0.001$ ).

**Conclusion:** In conclusions, the effects of curcumin on blood glucose, serum cholesterol, triglycerides and LDL-Cholesterol levels were decreased and increased the serum levels of Insulin, Adiponectin and HDL-C in curcumin treated groups. It can be suggested that the curcumin is useful for diabetes treatment.

**Keywords:** Adiponectin, Curcumin, Lipid profiles, Blood glucose

## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus controlling is a great task in the world wise type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), is due to resistance of insulin functions, defaulted elevations of glucose, metabolisms of lipids and deficient of insulin secretions [1]. These consequences are enormous increased the levels of fasting and postprandial glucose [2]. The common cause of T2DM is a insulin resistance and deficient of insulin secretions in many individuals, it responses to observed as hyperinsulinemia and cannot maintain normoglycemia and increased fasting blood glucose progresses [3-4]. The glucose-toxicity, lipo-toxicity and inflammations are causes to decrease the beta-cell functions and their secretions [2]. The metabolism of lipids and glucoses are to disorder of types 2 diabetes mellitus [4]. The adiponectin is a hormone produced from adipose tissues with the properties of insulin sensitizing, anti-apoptotic and anti-inflammatory functions and it is declined in Type2 diabetes mellitus<sup>5</sup>. There is insulin resistance and T2DM were strongly correlated [6-7].

The treatment of type2 diabetes mellitus is the task with antidiabetic drugs [8], So nowadays recommending many phytochemical agents for antidiabetic therapeutics [9-10]. Curcumin is an active component of turmeric which is belongs to phytochemicals; it has been properties of

antioxidant, antiinflammatory, antimicrobial, immunomodulatory, hypoglycaemic and antirheumatic effects [11]. Curcumin controls the hyperglycemia and hyperlipidaemias, so this present study is designed to investigate the effects of curcumin on serum lipid profiles, insulin, adiponectin, and blood glucose in diabetic rats.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Experimental animals:** All the procedures were followed by the animal ethical committee approval of viswabharati education society (no:006). Male wistar rats were procured and selected weight range of 150-200 gm, kept in plastic cages for one week of adaptation under a 12:12 dark/light cycle at 25°C and allow the animals for free access of feed and water.

**Chemicals:** Pure Curcumin powder was purchased from SS Labs. Alloxan Himedia Mumbai, India. and Metformin gift samples form Natco Pharma, Hyderabad.

**Induction of diabetes:** The diabetes mellitus was induced in six groups of male wistar rats by a single dose of Alloxan in saline (120 mg/kg body weight) injected intraperitoneally and confirmed the hyperglycemia of fasting blood glucose levels was greater than >200 mg/ dl, after the alloxan 48 hours was considered as diabetics.

**Administration of curcumin:** Following the diabetes induction, the rats were divided into seven groups, first group kept as normal control, second group as a diabetic control and four groups were treated with curcumin 80 mg/kg, 100 mg/kg alone as third and fourth groups and fifth and sixth and groups were given the combination of Metformin and curcumin, seventh group considered as standard given with Metformin 60mg/kg alone.

**Blood biochemical parameter:** The blood samples were collected (on 0day, 7<sup>th</sup> day, 14<sup>th</sup> day and after 21 days curcumin treatment) from the retro orbital of eye, centrifuged at 10000 RPM for 15 minutes, stored at -40°C and estimated the serum glucose [12], insulin [13], lipid profiles [14], and the serum adiponectin [15-16].

#### **Statistical analysis**

The data has Mean  $\pm$  S.D., Statistical comparisons were made by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and data considered significant when the  $p$  values were lower than 0.05.

#### **RESULTS**

The results shows that the 21 days treatment of curcumin alone and combination of

metformin on the serum levels of glucose (**Figure 1**), insulin and adiponectin of the diabetic treated rats were represented in **Figures 2-3**.

The results were shown, there is a diabetes group increased significantly serum glucose levels ( $p < 0.001$ ), reduced Insulin and Adiponectin levels ( $p < 0.001$ ). Our results reveals that curcumin 80 mg/kg and curcumin 100mg/kg body weight, administrations were controlled the blood glucose ( $p < 0.05$ ) and increased the insulin ( $p < 0.001$ ) and adiponectin ( $p < 0.001$ ) in both doses treated animals.

The results of the serum lipid profiles of the treated groups were presented in **Table 1**. The present study results reveal that diabetes group significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) increased the serum levels of total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL-Cholesterol and decreased HDL-Cholesterols. Curcumin treatment has been significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) controlled the serum concentrations of total cholesterol, triglycerides, Low density lipoprotein (LDL-Cholesterols) and increased the HDL-Cholesterol.

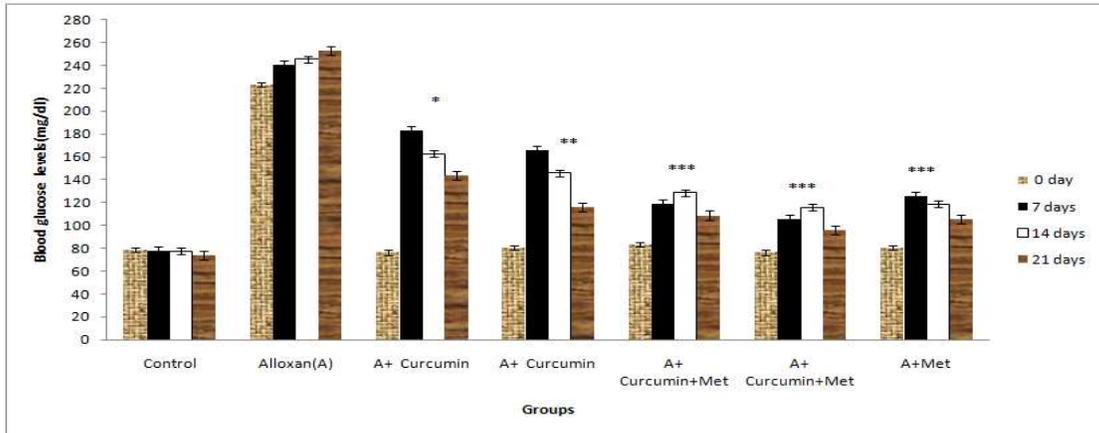


Figure 1: serum glucose levels (mg/dL) of Control, Diabetic, Curcumin 80 and Curcumin 100 (Cur 80 & Cur100)+ combination of Metformin (60mg/kg) treated groups., Mean±SD( n=6) (The p- values \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001, Compared control vs. diabetic and treated)

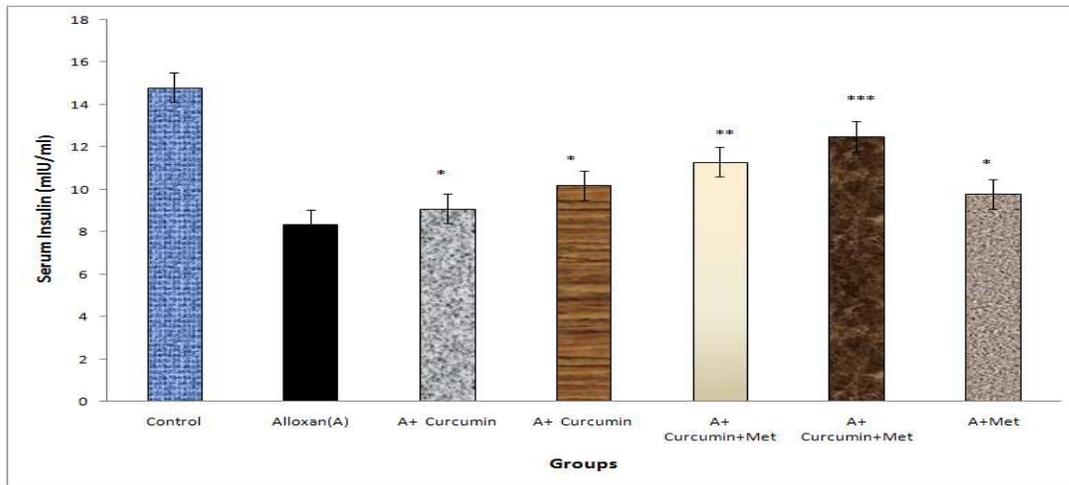


Figure 2: serum Insulin (IU/L) of Control, Diabetic, Curcumi 80, Curcumin 100, (Cur 80 & Cur100)+ combination of Metformin (60mg/kg) treated groups., Mean±SD( n=6); (The p- values \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001, Compared control vs. diabetic and treated)

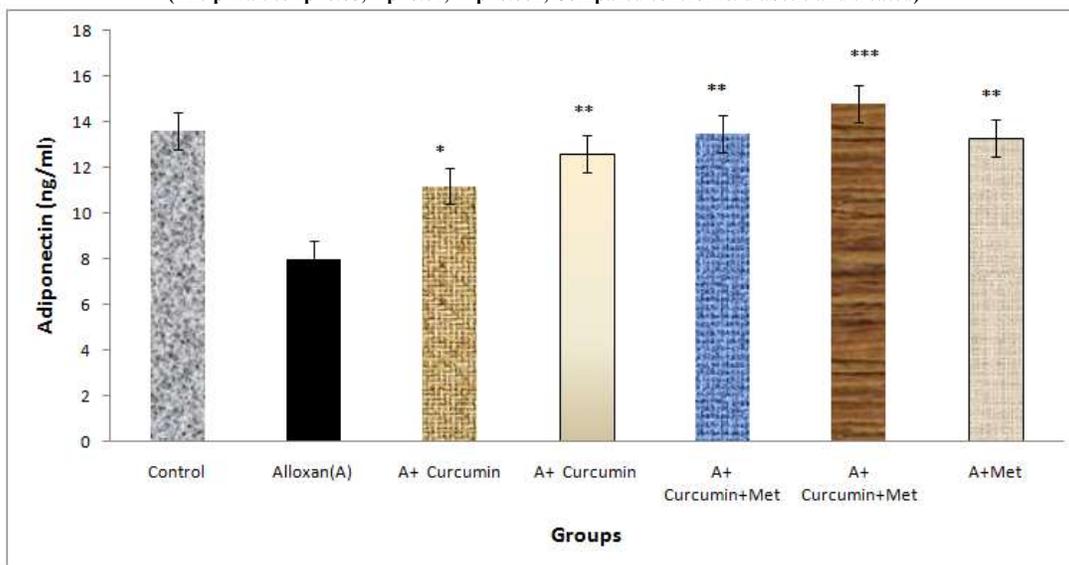


Figure 3: serum Adiponectin activity (ng/ml) of Control, Diabetic, Curcumin 80 and Curcumin 100 (Cur 80 & Cur100)+ combination of Metformin (60mg/kg) treated groups., Mean±SD( n=6) (The p-values \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001, Compared control vs. diabetic and treated)

Table 1: Effect of Curcumin 80mg, Curcumin 100mg and Metformin (60mg/kg) alone and combinations for 21 days treatment on serum Lipid profiles of control, diabetic and treated groups. (Mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 6)

Groups/ Parameters	Control	Alloxan(A)	A+ Curcumin	A+ Curcumin	A+ Curcumin+ Met	A+ Curcumin+ Met	A+Met
Total Cholesterol (mg%)	135.1 $\pm$ 6.5	227.5 $\pm$ 4.7	191.2 $\pm$ 8.1 <sup>a</sup>	162.6 $\pm$ 9.3 <sup>b</sup>	121.2 $\pm$ 8.1 <sup>c</sup>	115.6 $\pm$ 9.3 <sup>c</sup>	120.6 $\pm$ 9.3 <sup>c</sup>
Triglycerides (mg%)	118.3 $\pm$ 6.6	214.8 $\pm$ 13.4	128.6 $\pm$ 7.7 <sup>b</sup>	115.7 $\pm$ 7.5 <sup>b</sup>	101.6 $\pm$ 7.7 <sup>b</sup>	96.5 $\pm$ 7.5 <sup>c</sup>	76.4 $\pm$ 7.5 <sup>c</sup>
VLDL (mg%)	23.6 $\pm$ 1.6	42.9 $\pm$ 3.1	25.7 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>b</sup>	23.1 $\pm$ 1.4 <sup>b</sup>	20.3 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>b</sup>	19.3 $\pm$ 1.4 <sup>c</sup>	15.5 $\pm$ 1.0 <sup>c</sup>
LDL (mg%)	76.5 $\pm$ 3.1	172.7 $\pm$ 9.2	92.0 $\pm$ 5.2 <sup>b</sup>	73.96 $\pm$ 4.1 <sup>b</sup>	67.0 $\pm$ 5.2 <sup>c</sup>	53.96 $\pm$ 4.1 <sup>c</sup>	69.96 $\pm$ 4.1 <sup>c</sup>
HDL (mg%)	53.2 $\pm$ 2.1	22.4 $\pm$ 2.1	34.3 $\pm$ 2.3 <sup>a</sup>	38.1 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>b</sup>	43.8 $\pm$ 2.7 <sup>b</sup>	48.1 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>c</sup>	45.1 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>c</sup>

(The p- values <sup>a</sup>p<0.05, <sup>b</sup>p<0.01, <sup>c</sup>p<0.001, Compared control vs. diabetic and treated)

## DISCUSSION

The present study results findings that the type2 diabetic rats were increased the blood glucose and reduced insulin, adiponectin [1-3]. As per that diabetes mellitus causes to destroy the pancreatic beta-cells and thereby increase the blood glucose levels. In this study results reveals that Curcumin oral administration of 80mg, 100mg /kg body weight doses can caused to controlled the blood glucose levels and elevated serum Insulin, adiponectin concentrations.

Curcumin has been properties of antihyperglycaemic effect in diabetics [13], and the different studies of reports revealed that curcumin can improve the insulin sensitivity and reduced the hyperglycemia and dyslipidemias [14-16]. The Curcumin is well improved the adiponectin activity by suppressions of NF-kB functions, which are involved in cancer, inflammation and autoimmune diseases [17]. Our finding reveals that increased the serum levels of insulin and adiponecin after administration of curcumin, there may be a closed

relationships between the insulin and adiponectin levels.

Increased the serum levels of total cholesterols, triglycerides and LDL-Cholesterol and decreased the HDL-Cholesterol in diabetic rats [17]. Curcumin reduces the lipid peroxidations and scavenging of oxidative free radicals, there by controlled the serum levels of LDL-C, Triglycerides, Total cholesterols and increased the HDL-Cholesterols [18].

The curcumin treatment, lowering of blood glucose levels of diabetics, protected the pancreatic endocrine/exocrine secretions and also increased the adiponectin, insulin levels.

Further research is required to establish the mechanisms of curcumin in treatment of diabetics.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusions, diabetes mellitus can cause to damages the pancreas and increased the serum glucose, lipid profiles LDL-Cholestrol, triglycerides and decreased the insulin and adiponectin, Administration of

the curcumin can improve the Adiponectin, insulin, HDL-C levels and blood glucose, LDL-C and triglycerides levels were decreased. Curcumin therapy is a effective treatment for diabetes mellitus.

### Conflict of Interest

Authors have no conflict of interest.

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