



Role of *Trigonella foenum-graecim* Extract along with Ursolic Acid a Pentacyclic Triterpenoid as Newer Plant Products for the Therapy of Diabetes Mellitus - A Short Communication

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Abstract

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Keywords: *Trigonella foenum-graecim* Extract; Ursolic Acid; Diabetes Mellitus; Plant Products

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thus it is important to include these in the low-calorie diets plans to improve insulin resistance (IR) along with helping in weight reduction [1-6].

Here we have tried to emphasize the antidiabetic effects of *Trigonella foenum-graecim* is one such plant [7,8] along with ursolic acid, another terpenoid. *Trigonella foenum-graecim* is considered a utilizable plant from the family Fabaceae [7]. It gets developed annually, cultivated all through the world that includes Ethiopia. *Trigonella foenum-graecim* cultivation is proper for areas receiving moderate to low rainfall. An erect plant attaining a height of 30 - 60 cm, with the compound pinate trifoliolate leaves, having an auxiliary white-yellow coloured flowers, as well as 3-15cm long thin pointed

beaked pods that possess 10-20 oblong green brown seeds [8,9]. These seeds get utilized as spices all through the world, whereas leaves get used as green leafy vegetables in a diet. The seeds of *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seeds have a bitter taste, a fact known for quite some time for their medicinal property [7,9,10]. Ancient literature, religious books, travel records, as well as anecdotal facts from different continents from various time periods of history report medicinal qualities of various kinds that are correlated with *Trigonella foenum-graecum* plant. These medicinal property vary from wound healing to but enhancement or facilitation of lactation along with acting as a sex stimulant akin to an aphrodisiac [11-13]. Further the medicinal property are oral antihyperglycaemic bio-active compounds for the formation of new pharmaceutical agents, as well as good dietary supplements to the present therapies. Thus the main aim of this study was to evaluate the action of *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution on the lipid profile in newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) with patients having abnormal blood sugars with fasting blood sugars (FBS > 150 mg/dl) but did not start Treatment till now. Gebremeskel., *et al.* studied a total of 114 newly diagnosed T2DM with patients without any significant complications as selection criteria. Two groups were formed -the Treatment group made of n = 57 took 25g *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution orally bd for one month as well as 2nd group as the control groups made of n = 57 took metformin. Blood sample was drawn from every participant by a medical technician prior to as well as following the study. Lipid profile was evaluated by utilizing Mindray BS 200 E fully automated clinical chemistry analyzer. At the end of the intervention time the Treatment group displayed significantly low total cholesterol (189.29 ± 29.06 vs 208.2 ± 40.2 , $p < 0.001$); triglycerides level further decreased by 23.53% act baseline levels (195.8 ± 82.95 vs 244.1 ± 96.9 , $p < 0.05$); as well as compared to control group (195.8 ± 82.95 vs 244.1 ± 96.9 , $p < 0.05$); as well as low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol amount also decreased by 23.4% as compared to the baseline amounts (137.9 ± 26.9 , vs 105.6 ± 24.2 , $p < 0.001$); as well as the control group (bet groups) (105.6 ± 24.2 vs 144.1 ± 23.3 , $p < 0.001$) but the Treatment group demonstrated significantly escalated high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol amounts by 21.7% as compared to the baseline amounts within groups (37.8 ± 1.51 vs 48.3 ± 11.9 , $p < 0.001$) as well as the control group (be-

tween groups (48.3 ± 11.9 vs 36.01 ± 9.5 , $p < 0.001$). Nevertheless the Lipid profile in the control group were not significantly altered. Thus concluding that this delivery of *Trigonella foenum-graecum* seed powder solution significantly escalated lipid metabolism In T2DM patients with no side effects, making them an attractive option for medical therapy [14].

Ursolic acid is a pentacyclic triterpenoid (PT) [15,16], that has been known to possess capacity to decrease blood sugars as well as healing problems in case of diabetic mice. Nascimento and colleagues (2014) semi-synthesized two analogues of UA isolated from the *Sambucus australis* plant. Modifications to the UA structure were made at C-3 (hydroxyl group) in order to yield 3₋formyloxy-urs-12-en-28-oic acid (19) and 3₋acetoxy-urs-12-en-28-oic acid (20) [17]. Further PTP 1B is known to be decreased by UA, enhance phosphorylation of insulin receptors, as well as stimulate glucose absorption [18]. Wu., *et al.* [19], in 2014 developed a series of UA derivatives as well as analyzed their potency as a compound against α -glucosidase. Maximum derivatives displayed activity, but for one agent with 4 derivatives demonstrating significant inhibition at IC_{50} of 2.66 ± 0.84 , 1.01 ± 0.44 , 3.26 ± 0.21 as well as $3.24 \pm 0.21 \mu M$ [19]. Wu., *et al.* [20] further examined the antidiabetic action of various UA analogues against the α -glucosidase. They observed that maximum of these analogues showed significant inhibition action, with the 2 of the maximum potencies being IC_{50} of 1.27 ± 0.27 as well as IC_{50} of $1.28 \pm 0.27 \mu M$ as compared to the rest of derivatives as well as the positive controls [20]. Khusnutdinova., *et al.* in 2015 [18] evaluated UA derivatives for their medicinal action (*in vitro* inhibition) against α -glucosidase. 2,3 indole UA derivatives [22], demonstrated a greater effectiveness against α -glucosidase having a value of 115.1 μM , that was 3.5 times more potent as compared to the standard drug acarbose [18].

Yu., *et al.* in 2015 documented the antidiabetic action of UA derivatives in bone impairments (BMD) of diabetic mice (6wks old) induced by streptozotocin (STZ). Here, UA derivatives [21], got utilized as hypoglycaemic compounds for analyzing the treatment action against NP type 2 diabetic mice for 2 wks. In this study, biomarkers in serum as well as urine got measured. Additionally, protein expression gene, as well as histomorphology evaluation got measured from mice tibias. Furthermore, femurs were collected for

bone Ca measurements as well as trabecular bone 3D architecture.

They documented decreased testosterone (T) amounts in the STZ serum of mice. UA analogues documented escalated bone Ca, BMD, significantly escalated fibroblast growth factor 23 (FGF23) as well as osteocalcin and reduced the diabetic mice parathyroid hormone (PTH) amounts as well as a crosslaps (CTX). UAD reversed the trabecular adverse actions resulting from STZ as well as induced remodelling of the bone. Treatment utilizing UAD for the STZ group significantly escalated the osteoprotegerin (OPG) nuclear factor κ (NF κ B) ligand (RANKL) ratio. It has been demonstrated that UA derivatives can enhance the STZ induced bone impairments by correcting the mesenchymal stem cells (MSC)'s dysfunction [22].

Chinese hamster ovary (CHO-K1)neurons with the TGR5 gene got transfected by Lo., *et al.* [23] in 2017 for evaluation of the anti-diabetic action of UA. Utilizing a fluorescent marker, the features of this transfected cells got checked via glucose uptake. Additionally, NCI-H716 cells which liberated incretin were also analyzed, as well as ELISA sets got utilized for quantification of the GLP-1 amounts. Actually, type 1-like diabetic rats stimulated by STZ got utilized for defining the influence of *in vitro* UA. The amount of UA base escalated glucose uptake in TGR5 generating CHO-K1 cells. UA resulted in the concentration based enhancement of glucagon like peptide 1 (GLP-1) in NCI-H716 cells, that got inhibited by triamterene at effective amounts to inhibit TGR5. UA further increased the GLP-1 amounts by activation of TGR5, that was further shown *in vitro* with T1 diabetic rats [23,24].

Conclusions

Thus there is enough proof from these reports that both the extracts from the seed powder of *Trigonella foenum-graecum* is Ursolic acid another terpenoid has strong antidiabetic activities and need to be exploited as antihypoglycaemic agents see figure 1 for the structure of ursolic acid derivatives.

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