

A PROSPECTIVE STUDY ON ROLE OF VITAMIN E SUPPLEMENTATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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ABSTRACT

Aim and Objective: The aim of the study was to evaluate the role of Vitamin E supplementation in Type II diabetes mellitus (DM), to determine whether people with Type II DM treated with hypoglycemic agents alone, with or without Vitamin E, to determine the drug interaction in such treatment regimen, and to evaluate the Safety of the regimen.

Methods: Type II DM patients with or without complications were included in this study along with serum glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) concentration between 7.5% and 9.5%. They are divided into test group (which received hypoglycemic agent along with Vitamin E 4000 IU) and control group. Body mass index (BMI) status, fasting blood sugar (FBS), and post-prandial blood sugar (PPBS) were noted once in a month, HbA1c percentage, total cholesterol level (TC), and serum Vitamin E level were estimated and noted for every 3 months at total 9 months of this study. Patients with other comorbid conditions were prominent in this study.

Results: It is perceptible with the analysis of obtained data that FBS, PPBS, HbA1c percentage, TC level, and BMI status of the patients were declined gradually in test group (patients with Vitamin E supplementation along with their hypoglycemic agents). Thus, antioxidant therapy is highly propitious whereby delaying the onset of complications in patients with DM. This development would be highly helpful for diabetic patients.

Keywords: Antioxidant, Type II diabetes mellitus, Vitamin E, Complications.

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INTRODUCTION

Diabetic may be a cluster of metabolic diseases characterized by symptoms that are hyperbolic blood glucose level ensuring from defects in endocrine secretion, endocrine action, or both [1]. Toxic gas free radicals are involved within the pathological process of diabetes, and its small and macrovascular complications [1]. An imbalance which ends from an inflated production and/or the reduced scavenging of those free radicals ends up in a metabolic state of aerophilous stress that consequently ends up in tissue injury. Motorcar glycosylation reactions alterations within the sorbitol pathway and hyperglycemia are planned as a number of the mechanisms that square measure accountable for this inflated aerophilous stress [2,3]. The injury that is finished to the building block by the reactive gas species (oxidative damage) is unbroken under control by a network of inhibitor defense and repair systems that square measure synthesized inside the physique [4,5]. In addition, antioxidants square measure obtained from the diet. One in all the most effective characterized of those is Vitamin E, a vitamin that helps in preventing injury to the lipids by the gas free radicals. When highly-reactive species attack the lipids inside the membranes or the lipoproteins, they depart the chain reaction of supermolecule per chemical reaction [6]. Vitamin E halts this chain reaction, for example, it acts as a sequence breaking matter of supermolecule per chemical reaction. The chronic symptoms of the polygenic disease are related to long harm, dysfunction, and failure of various organs, together with eyes, kidney, nerves, heart, and blood vessels, Vitamin E has inhibitor activity [7,8]. It's going to even have antiatherogenic, antithrombotic, medicinal drug, neuroprotective, antiviral, and immunomodulatory. Vitamin E may be a collective term used to describe eight separate forms, the best-known form being alpha-tocopherol [9]. Vitamin E is a fat-soluble vitamin and is an important antioxidant. It acts to safeguard cells against the

results of free radicles, that square measure the probably measuring by-products of the body's metabolism [11-13]. Antioxidant such as Vitamin E facilitates defend against the damaging effects of free radicles, which can contribute to the event of chronic disease such as cancer, complications in diabetes mellitus (DM). It additionally protects alternative fat-soluble vitamins (A and cluster vitamins) from destruction y element. Low levels of Vitamin E are joined to the hyperbolic incidence of long-time complication in DM [14-16].

METHODS

Type II DM patients with or without complications were included in this study along with serum glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) concentration above 7.5%. They were divided into a test group (which received hypoglycemic agents along with Vitamin E) and the control group. Body mass index (BMI) status, fasting blood sugar (FBS), post-prandial blood sugar (PPBS), HbA1c percentage, total cholesterol (TC) level, and serum Vitamin E level were estimated and noted for every 3 months at total 9 months of this study. Patients with other comorbid conditions were prominent in this study.

Study design

A prospective study has been carried out with patient's case sheets.

Evaluation test

Serum glucose and HbA1c are monitored 1 week before treatment initiation, on the day of initiation, 1st and 12th weeks.

Statistical analysis

Efficacy is analyzed on the basis of Chi-square test with 95% safety is assessed using student t-test with 95%.

RESULTS

Table 1 indicates the gender distribution where male patients were higher in number than female patients. Table 2 shows age distribution, number of patients participating from different age groups. Fig. 1 illustrates the BMI of the patients of different age groups. Fig. 2 illustrates the comorbid conditions of patients participating in this study; hypertension is commonly seen in almost all the patients. Table 3 indicates the base line, average values before treatment. In Fig. 3, the graph indicates the BMI status of the test (Group B) and control (Group A) groups, where the BMI status of the test group was decreased gradually. Table 4 indicates the FBS, Table 5 with PPBS, Table 6 shows the Hba1c levels of test and control groups, where there was a significant decline in the test groups of all three different blood sugar investigation. Table 7 indicates the TC

Table 1: Gender distribution

S. No	Gender	Number of patients
1	Male	70
2	Female	30

Table 2: Age distribution

S. No	Age group	Number of patients
1	18-35	9
2	36-50	19
3	57-65	40
4	>65	32

Table 3: BMI

S. No	BMI	Number of patients
1	<19	2
2	19-25	51
3	>25	47

BMI: Body mass index

Table 4: Baseline characteristics

S. No	Characteristics	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Male	36	34	0.9716
2	Age (years)	57.61±3.8	51.62±1.96	0.0827
3	BMI	24.6±1.8	23.9±2.1	0.0721
4	FBS	161.6±13.4	168±14.6	0.0517
5	PPBS	239.6±18.82	237.6±16.41	0.0978
6	HbA1c	8.3±0.6	8.7±0.4	0.0589
7	Sr. Vitamin E levels	3.9±0.8	4.06±0.7	0.0578
8	LDL	137.6±3.2	134.8±7.1	0.0921
9	TC	214.6±16.8	227.4±13.2	0.0582
10	HDL	47.6±3.8	44.9±2.8	0.0716

All values are Mean±SEM. BMI: Body mass index, FBS: Fasting blood sugar, PPBS: Post-prandial blood sugar, HbA1c: Glycated hemoglobin, LDL: Low-density lipoprotein, TC: Total cholesterol, HDL: High-density lipoprotein, SEM: Standard error of the mean

level of patients participating in the test and control groups, where there is a significant decrease in the test group compared to the control group. Table 8 indicates the serum Vitamin E level of both the groups where the patients belonging test group were highly benefited with gradually increase of serum Vitamin E level in their body. Fig. 8 shows that there was no significant Adverse Drug Reaction in this study. It is perceptible with the analysis of obtained data that the FBS, PPBS, HbA1c percentage, TC level, and BMI status of the patients were declined gradually in the test group (patients with Vitamin E supplementation along with their hypoglycemic agents). Thus, the antioxidant therapy is highly propitious whereby delaying the onset of complications in patients with DM. This development would be highly helpful for diabetic patients.

DISCUSSION

At the initial stage, the history of the patients was collected. General physical examinations and systemic examinations were carried out. The routine blood parameters such as FBS, PPBS, HbA1c and serum Vitamin E level were estimated. A routine urine examination was done. The patients were followed up once a month, and HbA1c percentage and serum Vitamin E level were noted for every 3 months at total 9 months of this study. The history regarding the complications was

Table 5: BMI

S. No	BMI	Number of patients
1	<19	2
2	19-25	51
3	>25	47

BMI: Body mass index

Table 6: Fasting blood sugar

S. No	Groups	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Pre-treatment	161.6±13.4	168.3±14.6	0.0517
2	Post-treatment	149.7±12.6	139.6±10.2	0.0497
3	p value	0.0521	0.0317	

All values are mean±SEM. SEM: Standard error of the mean

Table 7: Post-prandial blood sugar

S. No	Groups	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Pre-treatment	296±3.64	290±3.15	0.0921
2	Post-treatment	288±3.21	264±3.16	0.0495
3	p value	0.0317	0.0392	

All values are mean±SEM. SEM: Standard error of the mean

Table 8: HbA1c

S. No	Groups	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Pre-treatment	8.3±0.6	8.7±0.4	0.0589
2	Post-treatment	7.9±0.7	6.9±0.32	0.0417*
3	p value	0.0591	0.0321*	

All values are mean±SEM. SEM: Standard error of the mean

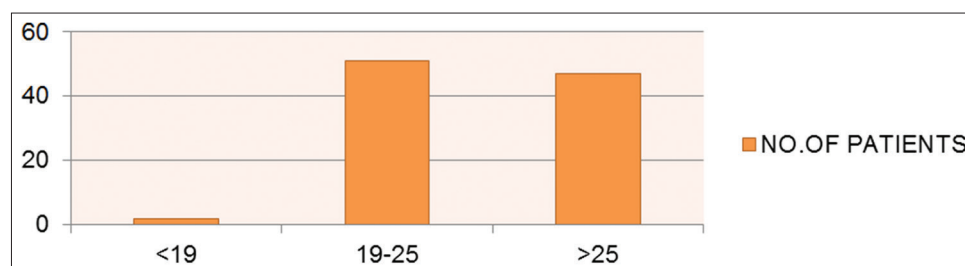


Fig. 1: Body mass index

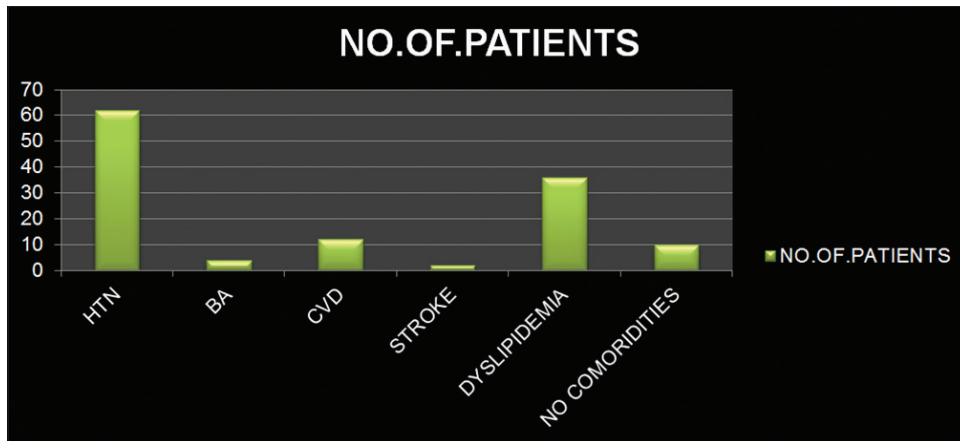


Fig. 2: Comorbid conditions

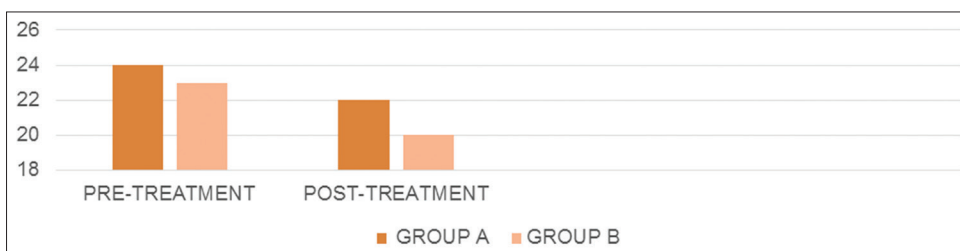


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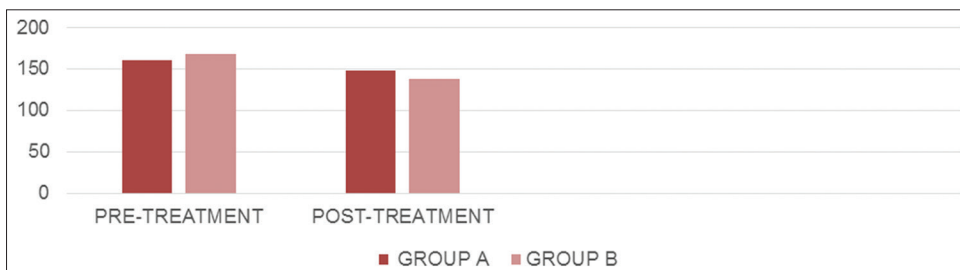


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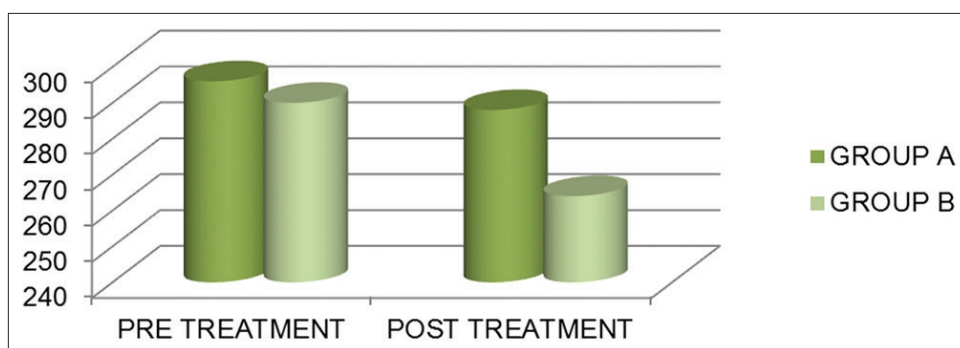


Fig. 5: Post-prandial blood sugar

taken. The routine investigations were done. Fundoscopic examinations were done. The electrocardiography was recorded. Patient counseling regarding medication and diet were given. In Tables 6-8 and Figs 4-7, FBS, PPBS, and Hba1c levels were gradually decreased in test group where the patients in the test group consumed Vitamin E capsule along with their regular hypoglycemic medication, the decline was statistically significant which was similar to the result of Jain *et al.*, in Table 9, there was a significant decline in the TC level in patients

of test Group, which was statistically significant which was similar to the result of Kuznetsov *et al.* and Devaraj and Jialal [10], concluded that the Type II DM patients who were supplemented with tocopherol had a gradual decrease in lipid peroxidation and the free radical production by the circulating monocytes. Table 10 shows a gradual increase in Vitamin E level in patients who have been prescribed with Vitamin E supplementation. Fig. 9 shows the ADR report where there is no significance difference in both the groups. Hence, it also

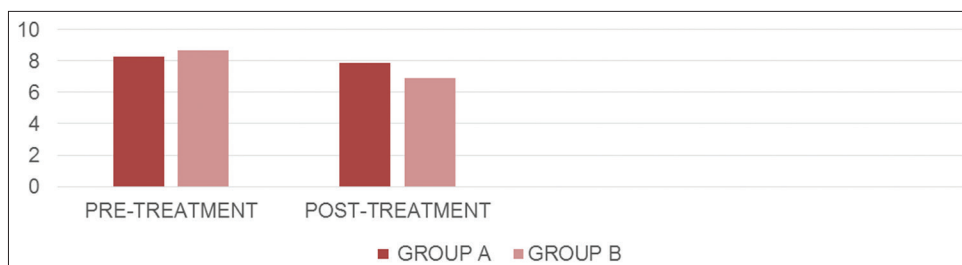


Fig. 6: HbA1c

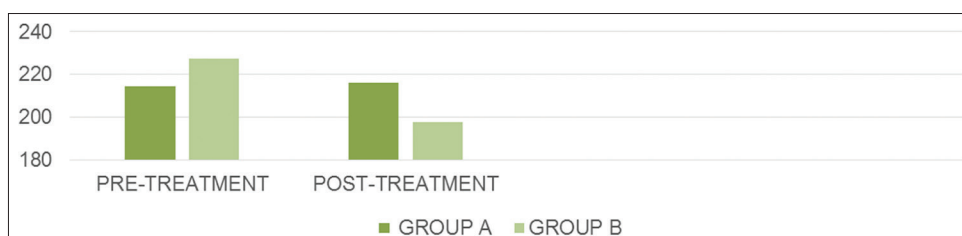


Fig. 7: Total cholesterol

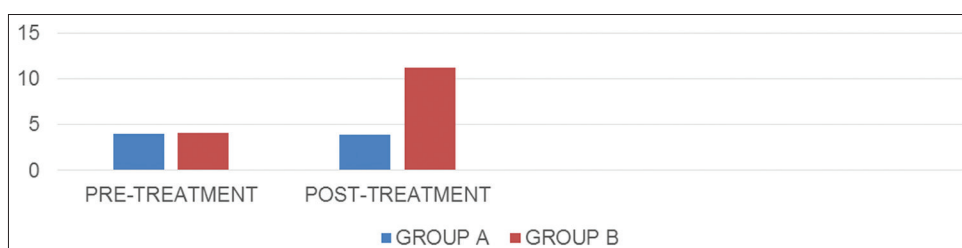


Fig. 8: Serum Vitamin E levels

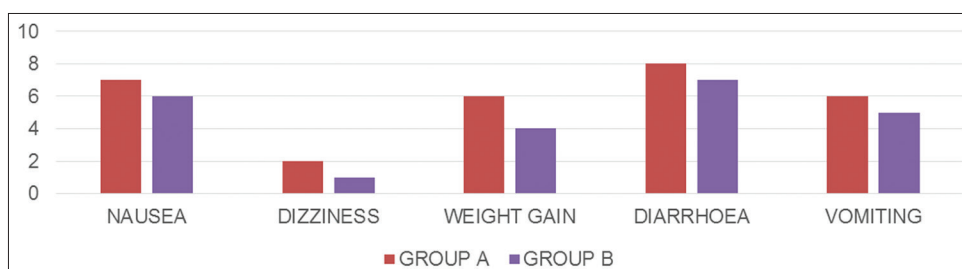


Fig. 9: Adverse drug reaction reported

Table 9: Total cholesterol

S. No	Groups	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Pre-treatment	214.6±16.8	227.4±13.2	0.0582
2	Post-treatment	212.2±13.9	197.6±6.4	0.0316
3	p value	0.9718	0.0214	

All values are mean±SEM. SEM: Standard error of the mean

Table 10: Serum Vitamin E levels

S. No	Groups	Group A	Group B	p value
1	Pre-treatment	3.97±0.8	4.06±0.7	0.0578
2	Post-treatment	3.86±0.9	11.21±0.6	0.0027
3	p value	0.9916	0.0032	

All values are mean±SEM. SEM: Standard error of the mean

decreased the markers of inflammation, which included the C-reactive protein, interleukin (IL)-1 and IL-6 [17-19]. Fewer studies prove that

tocopherols improve the retinal blood flow in patients encountered with diabetic retinopathy complication and thus slowing down the onset of much other complication in Type II DM patients [20,21].

CONCLUSION

Vitamin E therapy in DM significantly reduces HbA1c and FBS, post-prandial in subjects with low and poor glycemic control. Thus, a long-term antioxidant therapy - Vitamin E is beneficial, as it slows down the onset and slowing down the progression of complications.

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