

Review Article





Therapeutic potential and epigenetic alterations of plant phytochemicals (as epi-drugs) for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus: a systematic review

Abstract

There has been a significant escalation of type2 diabetes mellitus(T2DM), all over the world in particular more recently, secondary to population, age, obesity in addition to the sedentary life styles stranges. The determination as per the projections has been that 230 million people would be diabetic by the year 2030. The properties of T2DM are dysfunctional pancreatic β cells function in addition to insulin liberation, hyperglycemia along with insulin resistance as well as recently, the epigenetics control pancreatic β cells differentiation has got emphasized as being implicated. Currently it is clear that various bioactive molecules, that are in plenty of amounts in plants that get utilized as foods or infusions, possess crucial part in histone modifications as well as DNA methylation, thus make up potential agents to work as epidrugs. Having earlier reviewed the epigenetic modes seen in DiabeticNephropathy so here we conducted a systematic review utilizing search engine pubmed, google scholar ;web of science; embase; Cochrane review library utilizing the MeSH terms like phytochemicals ;epidrugs; T2DM; epigenetics alterations inDM;Resveratrol; polyphenols; licorice; fenugreek;citrus fruits; green tea;ginger from 1990'still date in 2021. We found a total of 3050 articles out of which we selected 151 articles for this review. No meta-analysis was done. Thus we have summarized the epigenetic alterations seen in T2DM per se We have tried to review drugs like polyphenols, garlic, tea, resveratrol, anthrocyanins, liquorice, fenugreek that possess he capacity of avoidance or treatment of T2DM both in vivo, awa in vitro studies. The major observations, despite certain contradictory outcomes seem that these epidrugs possess roles to act either as complementary/replacement treatment for the usual oral hypoglycemic agents with negligible adverse actions. Actually these natural epidrugs seem to avoid or postpone the generation of disease, in addition to the morbidity that is correlated with the impairment of blood vessels, eyes as well as kidneys secondary to sustenance of hyperglycemia in case of patients with T2DM.

Keywords: T2DM, hyperglycemia, epidrugs, epigenetics alterations, phytochemicals

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Introduction

Type2 Diabetesmellitus (T2 DM) represents a metabolic condition that is correlated with greater morbidity to mortality rates, besides implicating a higher economic burden with regards to the healthcare system all over the world.1 Basically the etiopathogenesis that is implicated is the deficiency of insulin that gets stimulated by the impairment, of the pancreatic β cells in addition to the insulin resistance in the target organs.² At the time of 2014, the World Health Organization(WHO) documented, that 8. 5% of the adults (≥18yrs) possessed this disease, while in 2015, 1. 6 million people had a demise directly in association with T2 DM. Simple hyperglycemia perse accounted for 2. 2 million deaths in 2012. Enhancement in addition to. The global escalation of obesity besides marked reduction in physical activity, and the high energy containing diets4 have been responsible for the direct along with epigenetics alterations in the phenotype that ultimately result in the generation of the disease. 5 These environmental alterations have got associated with, marked escalation of the T2DM. More recently, it has been appreciated that T2DM occurs secondary to the impairment of the controlling modes at genetics along with epigenetics levels. At present it is realized that epigenetics plays a significant part in insulin liberation, and actions along with in the generation of T2 DM.⁶ The differentiation of pancreatic β cells is regulated by various genes, like glucagon like peptide 1(GLP-

1), that results in insulin liberation besides hampering glucagon liberation, paired box gene4(PAX4; (for generation of pancreatic islets, ii)pancreatic as well as duodenal homeobox1(PDX1;i for the generation of pancreas; ii) differentiation of pancreatic β cells, iii) sustenance, of the mature β cellsfunction) receptor, with control of all these genes manifested at the epigenetics levels. Additionally, certain factors that are implicated In insulin resistance (IR), like the nuclear factor κB(NFκB), osteopontin, as well as toll like receptors (TLRs)are further controlled epigenetically.7 The case controlled studies along with in intervention studies in case of non diabetic subjects in humans demonstrated epigenetics alterations in PDX1, CDKN1A(cyclin -based kinase inhibitors1; for cell cycle control, glycine receptor alpha1(GLRA1; for down regulation of neuronal excitability) genes that appear to aid in diabetes.⁶ An escalation of the DNA methylation of PDX1 has been associated with reduction, in pancreatic islets action along with iimpairment of pancreatic β cells in T2DM.8 Over expression of CDKN1A results in reduction of insulin liberation in addition to proliferation, besides silencing of GLRA1 in clonal β cells reduction in insulin liberation. 10 Additionally, physical activity results in changes in DNA methylation of T2DM candidate genes like FTO(Fat mass and obesity correlated protein correlated with energy consumption) in addition to TCF7L2(transcription, factor 7 like2; for blood glucose homeostasis, in adipose tissue (AT).6 In case of obese human beings, subsequent to metabolic surgery, epigenetics





and metabolic alterations were documented in skeletal muscle at the time of enhancement of insulin sensitivity.11 The maximum signs of uncontrolled T2DM is hyperglycemia, and on sustenance for long duration causes damage of the blood vessels which as a consequence, results in injury to the heart, eyes kidney, and the central nervous system(CNS).12 Secondary, to that macrovascular(Atherosclerosis) along with microvascular (retinopathy, nephropathy). These complications represent the major cause of mortality in case of T2DM subjects. For these extensive lifestyle modifications have been advocated, along with pharmacotherapy or both, in view of their capacity of postponement and reversal or resulting in delaying of the complications.² An escalation of utilization of natural products had been documented by certain studies, in patients, with T2DM.¹³ This is in view of longterm utilization of oral hypoglycaemic drugs in addition to insulin which resulted in various adverse actions that is inclusive of hypoglycaemia, gastrointestinal problems(nausea, vomitting, diarrhea, besides hepatological conditions as well.¹⁴ The treatment effect of these plants on utilization as food or infusions is based on the crosstalk of different types of phytochemicals . There is existence of greater than 1200 species of medicinal plants that possess antidiabetic action of which about 200 pure bioactive compounds have hypoglycaemic activity, 15 and possess significant part in histone modifications and DNA methylation.¹⁶ Earlier we had reviewed the role of epigenetic alterations in T2DM, besides prospective management, and role of Resveratrol; polyphenols, anthrocyanins, fenugreek, monoterpenes InDM. 17-20 In this context here our objective was to detail the epigenetic mode that is implicated in diabetes along with protein targets, besides highlighting the in vivo, as well as in vitro studies along with clinical trials on which work that had been conducted on this topic with regards to phytochemicals that have the potential to act as epidrugs in T2DM.

Methods

Here we conducted a systematic review utilizing search engine pubmed, google scholar ;web of science; embase; Cochrane review library utilizing the MeSH terms like phytochemicals; epidrugs; T2DM; epigenetics alterations inDM; Resveratrol; polyphenols; licorice; fenugreek; citrus fruits; green tea; ginger from 1990'still date in 2021.

Results

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Epigenetic modes of type2 diabetes mellitus

The hyperglycemia that takes place in T2DM, reflects a systemic change which influences all the tissues resulting in long term disease.²¹ Specifically, hyperglycemia possesses the capacity of changing the expression of genes that are implicated, in insulin resistance(IR), low grade systemic inflammation, and renal fibrosis.²² The biological events that are behind the alterations in expression of genes is constituted by epigenetic controlling of genomes of various tissues that is inclusive of skeletal muscle, liver, pancreas, blood along with adipose tissue(AT) for T2DM.²³ The physical reason with regards to epigenetic controlling are alterations in the chromatin structure without any alterations in the DNA sequence, of which certain of these might be transmitted via generations. The epigenetic modifications can get clubbed into three are i) DNA methylation, ii) post-translational histone modifications, iii)non coding RNAs.²⁴

General modes of epigenetics

Methylation of DNA was the initially detailed mode which got

invented, besides being correlated with transcriptional silencing of genes whose promoter has got methylated. Basically it implies the covalent attachment of the methyl group at the 5' carbon of cytosine residues in a promoter area that is rich in cytosine-phosphateguanosine (CpG), alias CpG island.25 The existence, of these modifications of nucleotide possesses the capacity of recruitment of methyl binding protein which facilitates chromatin condensation as well as thus limit the accessibility of the transcription factors, besides the usual transcription machinery to the promoter.²⁵ The DNA methyltransferases(DNMT) represent a family of enzymes which catalyze the methyl(CH3)grouptransfer from S-adenosyl methionine (SAM)to the 5-carbon of the cytosine, emprising of DNMT1, DNMT3a, DNMT3b. The elimination of the methyl groups is achieved by demethylases of the Ten -eleven translocation(TET) family proteins that modulates oxidation of the methyl group that results in a 5hydroxy methyl cytosine (5hmc) which later gets replaced by cytosine at the time of the DNA healing. The demethylation of the DNA counters the compacting of chromatin that is mediated by methyl marks, besides being in general associated with transcriptional stimulation.²⁶ DNMT3a was documented to be an epigenetic modulator of adipose IR in mouse as well as humans.²⁷

ii) Post-translational histone modifications, represent a varied group of covalent modifications, which usually resides at the N-terminal. In brief, the acetylation, methylation, phosphorylation as well as ubiquitination, of particular residues are the ones that have received maximum evaluation, however, almost 67 or more newer discovered histone modifications that possess the capacity of controlling gene expression are existent.²⁸ 1stly histone acetylation takes place in lysine residues that results in gene transcription via chromatin decondensation, working as a binding region for the transcriptional activators. Histone acetylases(HAT's), catalyze the acetylation, thus result in gene transcription, while Histone deacetylases result in elimination of acetyl group from histones, that facilitates the repression of transcription.²⁹ Methylation of histone takes place, in lysine(Lys) as well as arginine(Arg)residues of histones, with each residue possessing the capacity of presentation of various methylation states that is inclusive of, mono, di as well as trimethyl lysine, whereas arginine might be symmetric/asymmetrically mono or, dimethylated. Based on the particular residue in addition to the state ofmethylation, transcriptional action might get stimulated or repressed. Like the mono, di as well as trimethylation, of histone H3 (H3)at Lys4(H3K4m1/2/3) have got correlated with transcriptionally active genome areas, whereas trimethylation of H3 at Lys9 or at Lys27((H3K9m3/(H3K27m3) and trimethylation of H4 at Lys20((H4K20m3are existent in case of silenced DNA controlling elements.³⁰ ii) Methylation of histone occurs by histone methyltransferases (HMTs), that possess different ion specificities, with regards to lysine(Lys) and arginine(Arg)residues with elimination of methyl group being based on the action of demethylases that possessed particular capacity of binding as well . The other newer histone modifications are comprised of crotonoylation as well as β-hydroxy butyrate(BHB), both of which impact the lysine residues³¹ iii)Lastly gene expression, can further get controlled transcriptionally as well as non transcriptionally by noncoding RNA molecules. Of these, miRNAs are classically made up of 21-23 nucleotide(nt)that are long as well as mediate posttranscriptional repression via binding with the complementary areas of particular target miRNAs that result in the break down by the RISC complex.32 A separate noncoding RNA with regards to T2DM are the long noncoding RNAs(lnc RNAs) that are implicated in the recruiting of DNMTs, apart from histone modifiers towards their target genes, specifically of eRNAs, promote promoter-enhancer looping, hence escalation of the transcription rates of the adjacent genes.33

Epigenetic changes in T2DM

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T2DM represents a complicated disease of the metabolism where there exist a lot of interconnected modes that get initiated. Earlier studies evaluated DNA methylation of candidate genes for T2DM like the INS(insulin), PDX1, PPARGC1A(PGC1α; transcriptional coactivator), GLP1R(GLP1receptor)in human pancreatic islets from donors with T2DM as well as non diabetic controls.^{23,34} The observation in these studies was that an escalation of DNA methylation existed in the islets from T2DM donors, with reduction in expression of the crucial genes that were correlated with dysfunctional insulin liberation.²³ Additionally, the escalation of DNA methylation of these genes appeared to possess a direct correlation with escalation of glucose as well as glycated haemoglobin(HbA1c) amounts. In case of pancreatic islets early molecular changes takes place, as well as result in modulation of islets impairment, prior to the initiation of T2DM.³⁵ DNA methylation patterns of β cells are dynamic at the time of maturation in addition to T2DM initiation prior to the onset of overt T2DM as well as evolution. 36 Certain differentially methylated controlling elements have got correlated with the crucial function genes like PDX1, TCF7L2, as well as NKX6-1(homeobox protein Nkx-6. 1; controlling of islets transcription factors as well as genes implicated in glucose as well as insulin homeostasis) in case of islets of langerhans from obese mice that varied in their extent of hyperglycemia, besides liver fat amount a semi exploration strategy isolated 497 genes that were differentially expressed along with methylated that was correlated with insulin liberation along with extracellular matrix[ECM)- receptor crosstalk.³⁷ Additionally, contrasting of mouse data with the DNA methylation amounts of patients who took part in the European Prospective Investigation Cancer(EPIC)Potsdam cohort documented 105 genes that possessed changed DNA methylation at 605 cytosine phospho-guanine (CpG)dinucleotide areas that were correlated with future T2DM generation. The 1st epigenome wide association studies(EWAS) of DNA methylation markers of obesity and T2DM are aiding in getting a detailed insight in the epigenetic changes correlated with T2DM onset. From blood samples of 5387 persons alterations in methylation markers of genes implicated in lipid metabolism, substrate transfer along with inflammatory pathways have been documented. Intriguingly despite the observation of these alterations have been visualized in tissues not associated with metabolic significance like in adipose tissue, liver and skeletal muscle tissue from a small subset of patients who took part. Intriguingly the DNA methylation that gets stimulated by obesity possess the capacity of anticipation of the generation of T2DM in the coming future. ^{23,38}

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Modifications of Tail of Histone

Changes in a lot of types of histone modifications have been documented in case of modes beneath the inflammation seen in T2DM. Studies that basically got generated in cellular modes documented alterations in histone marks within the regulatory elements of the genes responsible for inflammation secondary to hyperglycemia. Like Miao and Gonzalo⁴³ in their observation documented an escalation of histone acetylation at the nuclear factor κB(NFκB) promoter in THP1 monocytes that was stimulated by a momentary exposure to an escalation of glucose amount . The greater acetylation was associated with an escalated recruitment of p300/CBP associated factor to (PCAF) NFκB promoter and over expression of the proinflammatory target genes like the cyclooxygenase(COX2) and tumor necrosis factor alpha(TNFα).43 Intriguingly akin alterations in histone modifications of NFkB have been revealed in monocytes from T2DM subjects that demonstrated an in vivo association of the epigenetic alterations. 43 IL-8 represents one more proinflammatory gene whose over expression gets stimulated by hyperglycemia in human primary vascular cells by an epigenetic mode that implicated hyperacetylation of its promoter area.44 Ibarra Urizar and Prause45 posited that continuous exposure of β cells to IL-1 β stimulated β cells differentiation having the properties of dysfunctional glucose liberation, stimulated expression of crucial β cell genes and alterations in histone modifications. That study of theirs revealed that IL-1β in low amounts stimulated epigenetic alterations that was correlated with the elimination of β cell identity the way it is visualized in T2DM. The epigenetic action is not restricted to the stimulation of hyperacetylation, however it further induces H3K4 hyper methylation as well as H3K9 hypo methylation in the NFκB p65 that results in continuous upregulation of endothelial cells at the time of hyperglycemic situations. These alterations in histone methyl marks get modulated by the recruitment of SET domains containing 7 histone lysine methyl transferase(SETD7) as well as lysine specific demethylase 1(LSD1) to the NFκB promoter, besides being correlated

with a greater expression of genes that are controlled by NFκB, like vascular cell adhesion molecule(VCAM), MCP1.46 Additionally, the ex vivo methylation alterations of NFκB p65 in endothelial cells has further been demonstrated in blood mononuclear cells of the T2DM patients, where this imbalance is further associated with an escalation of expression of MCP1, intercellular cell adhesion molecule protein 1(ICAM1), along with COX2.47 Akin to that escalated expression of IL-8 in endothelial cells, besides being mediated by greater histone acetylation, however, takes place, byH3H4 methylation that gets stimulated ion by SETD7 methylase.48 These highlight that, hyperglycemia results in over expression of the proinflammatory genes by the dispensable epigenetics histone marks, which with regards to NFκB, is further implicated in acetylation of lysine residues of the transcription factor itself.⁴⁹ The other overexpression states of the proinflammatory genes that gets mediated by methylation alterations correlated with the hyperglycemic stimulation, are IL-6 and MCP1, in vascular smooth muscle cells(VSMC), IL-6 in rat cardiomyocytes, IL-12 subunitβ(IL-12 β), macrophages inflammatory protein(MIP)-1α, MIP-1β, besides, IL-6 in THP1 monocytes.⁵⁰

Noncoding RNAs

Post transcriptional repression that gets mediated by miRs further aid in impairment of proinflammatory genes expression in T2DM, in general that gats mediated by the exaggeration, of decay ofmiRs. An escalation of expression of miR125b, in the VSMC has further been documented in a T2DM mouse model.⁵¹The greater amount of miR125b stimulates a reduction in the SUV39H1 histone methylase marks, that results in a decrease of the H3K9 activation signal in the promoter of IL-6 as well as MCP1.51 The other miRs that are up regulated in T2DM that influence the proinflammatory genes expression are miR146a stimulates a reduction in the TNFα receptor associated factor(TRAF) in addition to interleukin-1 receptor associated kinase 1(IRAK1), miR200c family members, causing escalation of, expression of COX2 as well as MCP1, along with miR504 resulting in escalation of IL-6, COX2 as well as MCP1.50 Aberrations, of lncRNA have been seen in T2DM correlated inflammation. Like the E33 lncRNA amounts were escalated in macrophages of a mouse model of T2DM along with the human homolog MIR143HG.⁵² Nevertheless, just part data is available with regards to the mode of impairment, nevertheless stimulation of a lot of proinflammatory gene, like IL-6, COX2 and TNFα, while the down regulation of MCP1 along with the anti-inflammatory IL-10 has been documented. 52 Satishkumar and Prabhu, 53 correlated that Metastasis associated lung adenocarcinoma transcript1(MALAT1), represents another lncRNA that might control the T2DM, associated inflammation via up regulation of serum amyloid antigen(SAA), that finally results in IL-6, and TNF in human Umbilical vein endothelial cells(HUVEC).

Role of Phytochemicals in . Control of Protein Targets With Regards To T2DM, Treatment

The therapy of T2DM is in general concentrated on the control of protein target actions.⁷ Variety of Phytochemicals derived from vegetables, spices, teas in addition to medicinal plants might control the epigenome, besides,^{54–56} display low adverse actions on chronic supplementation.⁵⁷ The applications, of the main phytochemical groups like polyphenols, terpenoids, organosulfur and alkaloids in the form of epidrugs have been proven with the aid of experimental studies.⁵⁵ Here the usual protein targets for the T2DM, treatment and phytochemicals that result in modulation of the actions of these proteins that possess, capacity of exertion of antidiabetic action, in silico, *in vivo*, *in vitro* studies are detailed.

Reduction in insulin resistance through hampering of II β - hydroxysteroid dehyrogenase

Cortisol possesses a, significant part in metabolism in addition to T2DM, along with the hampering of hepatic glucocorticoid receptor was seen to result in reduction in the glucose in mice, besides enhancement of insulin resistance.⁵⁶ Actually an aberration in glucocorticoid metabolism has got correlated with T2DM.⁵⁷ In particular 11 β-hydroxysteroid dehyrogenase (11 β—HSD) represents an oxidoreductase enzyme, which catalyzes the transformation of the inert 11keto products(cortisone, deoxycorticosterone) to the active glucocorticoids(cortisol, corticosterone). The control of cortisol by 11 β—HSD occurs in AT, hepatic and brain tissues. ⁵⁸ In short 11 β—HSD possesses different isoforms in case of human beings where 11 β— HSD1is a NADPH- based isoform that gets significantly expressed in crucial metabolic tissues like AT, liver, pancreas and skeletal muscle,59 where 11 β—HSD1 is a robust target for therapy, whose hampering might work for the treatment of T2DM, IR, MetS, in addition to other diseases mediated by escalation of cortisol generation.⁵⁸ The capacity of hampering 11 β—HSD1 was contrasted amongst flavonoids as well as iso flavonoids by Zhu and Ge.60 In brief their observation was that apigein, quercetin and genistein along with(±)-equol possess the capacity of hampering human 11 β—HSD1 with IC values of 2. 2, 5. 4. 11. 0 as well >100mM respectively. Nevertheless, apigein, as well as (±)-equol could not hamper 11 β—HSD2 at doses as high as 100mM, however genistein and quercetin hampered by 60% and 50% at doses of $100\,\mathrm{mM}$ respectively. 60 In streptozocin(STZ)- nicotinamide stimulated diabetic rats, quercetin possessed antidiabetic, capacity by working as a 11 β—HSD1 inhibitor.⁶¹ Furthermore, genistein caused repression of 11 β—HSD1 in AT and glucocorticoid amplification. 62 Nevertheless, in maleob/ob micea diet that was high in genistein(600jmg/kg) for4wks resulted in reduction of hyper corticosteronism that resulted in reduction of protein expression of renal 11 β—HSD2 without any alterations in hepatic 11 β—HSD2.63 Teich and Pivovarov,64 evaluated the hampering action of 11 β —HSD1 of curcumin in the preservation of metabolic health in addition to restriction of AT growth subsequent to omission of exercise/day along with reduction of calories (50-65% of ad libuitum consumption) in SpragueDawley rats. In the form of the significant observation, Teich and Pivovarov (64), documented that curcumin (200mg/kg) resulted in significant reduction of insulin homeostasis model assessment - insulin resistance(HOMA-IR), and C Reactive Protein(CRP), in addition to illustrated hampering action against human and rat 11 β —HSD1 in case of intact cells(IC₅₀=2.3 and 5. 8 μ M respectively) and on 11 β —HSD2(IC₅₀=14. 56 and 11. 92 μ M respectively). 65 Moreover, curcumin (200mg/kg) resulted in reduction of serum glucose, triglycerides, cholesterol, low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, high fat diet(HFD) induced obese rats. 65

Resveratrol represents a plant obtained polyphenolic agent with robust anti oxidative action. The action of resveratrol on 11 β —HSD1 in case of rodent adipose tissue, was evaluated by Tagawa and Kubota. Here resveratrol caused hampering action on 11 β —HSD1((IC $_{50}$ value =35. 2 μ M), however resveratrol was unable to influence the action of the 11 β —HSD2 and hexose -6phosphatedehydrogenase. Various teas (Camellia sinensis (L)Kuntze), tea particular polyphenolic agents were investigated for human liver microsomes and human purified 11 β —HSD1 for their probable antidiabetic action through reduction of cortisone by hampering action on 11 β —HSD1. The polyphenol(-epigallocatechin gallate(EGCG) demonstrated, maximum robust hampering action on 11 β —HSD1((IC $_{50}$ value =57. 99 μ Mfor reduction; IC $_{50}$ value =131. 2 μ Mfor Oxidation).

Zhu etal.,68 at the time of a systematic review and meta-analysis of 10short and small sized randomized controlled trial(RCT), ginger (Zingiber officianale Roscoe) further illustrated a great mitigating action on fasting blood glycaemia(FBS), insulin, HOMA-IR, and HbA1c(1-3g/day for4-12wks, n<40) controls as well as fasting insulin sensitivity.⁶⁸ Specifically, in case of 2 studies, T2DM patients had a reduction of FBG, HbA1c, insulin and, HOMA-IR subsequent to receipt of a capsule /day that had 1. 6or1g/day of ginger respectively. 33 subjects got the treatment in the first study, whereas 30 acted as controls,69 in the mean time in the second study, there were 39 subjects with 31 controls. 70 Furthermore, in particular, the 3 gingerol derivatives known as paradol, (E)-shogol, and (5R)acetoxy gingerol possessed the capacity of hampering human and mouse 11 β —HSD1action((IC₅₀ value =1. 09-1. 30 μ M range.⁷¹ Licorice (Glycyrrhiza glabraL) represents a plant which has been escalatingly investigated with regards to its antidiabetic capacity, 72 besides, which has demonstrated, pre translational hampering action on 11 β-HSD1action in vitro(rat pituitary GH3 cells) and in vivo(rats75mg/kg/ day Glycyrrhizic for5days).72

A variety of meta-analysis of clinical studies that have been associated with the advantages of flavones, lignans and isoflavones consumption in reduction of T2DM risk or enhancement of bio chemical parameters of the glucose metabolism.⁷⁴ Like a consumption of soy product with 9g protein for 1yr in case of 323 overweight postmenopausal women(controls39062 women) caused a reduction in glycosuria.75 Furthermore, the consumption of 10mg of s-equol for 12 wks in 49 women and men(controls, n=49) caused a reduction in HbA1c.76 Akin actions were illustrated subsequent to delivery of 360mg/day of flaxseed obtained lignan supplement in 37 T2DM patients, (control n=36)in2 time duration of 12wks for each one.⁷⁷ With regards to genistein, the supplementation of 54mg/day for 2yrs in 198 postmenopausal women (control n=191) reduction in fasting insulin amounts along with enhancement of FBG and HOMA-IR.78 Furthermore, isoflavones consumption demonstrated, advantageous action in postmenopausal women at dosages of 40 as well as 80mg x1year that caused a reduction in FBG to 5. 2 and 3. 3mg/dl respectively(n=68 in each experimental group, control n=67).⁷⁹

Furthermore, long longitudinal studies are existent which had investigation for the advantages of soy foods, flavones, phytoestrogens isoflavones, and lignans intake. A small study carried out in 468 men that were stratified based on the phytoestrogens consumption for 2 yrs illustrated that lignans consumption resulted in reduction of Cpeptide amounts, however isoflavones were devoid of that action. ⁸⁰ In the other study conducted on 299 pregnant women that continued for 2yrs of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, US observed an inverse correlation amongst isoflavones consumption and insulin, FBG in addition to HOMA-IR. ⁸¹ Goodman-Gruen and Kritz-Silverstein, ⁸² evaluated genistein consumption in postmenopausal women for 1yr,

where they observed an inverse correlation with fasting insulin . Utilization of results from6 cohort studies was done for evaluation, of the actions of soy foods, flavonoids, phytoestrogens iso flavones, and lignans. The observation of Zamora-Ros and Forouhi,83 was a lesser risk of T2DM that was correlated with a greater consumption of flavonoids and lignans in 1558 men and women of the EPIC-Interact study that was followed for a yr. In case of the Nurses Health Study (NHS) I and II, lignans consumption for yrs was correlated with a lesser risk of T2DM that correlated in 1107 women in contrast to 1107 controls.84 Furthermore, on evaluation, of soy foods, consumption in, 43176 men and women from Singapore Chinese Health Study that were followed for 5. 7yrs just isoflavones and nonsweet soy foods were observed to have a correlation with a lesser risk of T2DM, whereas sweetened soy foods had a higher correlation with T2DM.85 Data from the Japan Public Health Centre Based Prospective Study, in 58791 men and women that were followed for 5yrs consumption of soyproducts and isoflavones, caused a reduction in the risk of T2DM in overweight, obese women.86 Lastly in case of 64191 postmenopausal women of the Shanghai women's Health Study, soy foods, resulted in reduction in the risk of T2DM that was taken for 4. 6yrs.87

Summarizing, case controls in addition to prospective cohort studies pointed that there exists an inverse correlation amongst total flavonoids, isoflavones and lignans consumption with T2DM risk in addition to enhancement of the control of disease propagation with variable effectiveness. In toto these observations pointed that there are other agents in soy like lipids and fibers which might possess, glycaemic actions or propagation possess the capacity of crosstalk with flavones and that is essential for the estimation of particular phytoestrogens Biomarkers for evaluation for its association with T2DM risk.

Occasional clinical trials are existent with regards to curcumin in T2DM. In a small meta-analysis 3/5 randomized controlled trial(RCT), it was demonstrated, that a decrease in FBG, HOMA-IR and HbA1c in dosages amongst 250 and 1000mg, besides therapy amongst10days or 9mths. 74 In the longest study, (9mth, n=120patiens and n=120 controls), curcuminoids -receipt in case of prediabetic patients(1. 5gdaily) no generation of T2DM occurred, whereas in the placebo group, 16% generated T2DM.90 The group that was in receipt of treatment further demonstrated lesser C peptides in addition to greater HOMA-β, that demonstrated, an enhancement of pancreatic β cells function. Furthermore, in case of T2DM patients, (n=50 treatment, n=50, controls) curcuminoids 500mg/day x3mths resulted in reduction of FBG, C peptides as well as HbA1c.91 The other meta-analysis, 90 illustrated that on delivery of curcumin, in nano micelles (300mg/dayx3 mths)caused a reduction of FBG, by 18% and HbA1c by 11%.84 Akin outcomes were delivered if30mg /day supplementation, x3mths(n=35for treated as well as control diabetic group). 92 Additionally, in, 1/3 studies which evaluated renal function in T2DM patients an observation, of advantageous action of curcumin was seen. 90 There is lower amount of absorption from intestine of curcumin besides fast metabolism, in which micelles, nanoparticles, liposomes in addition to lipolipid complex, utilization has been done in certain studies for enhancement of its bioavailability along with, biological effectiveness.74 Furthermore, variation in gender bioavailability has got demonstrated, that is associated with a greater hepatic metabolisation of, curcumin in men, besides action of body fat in women, that could be taken into account in future studies.⁹³

Lastly certain preclinical studies as well as clinical studies investigated the action of green along with black tea in T2DM. The studies were conducted amongst 12wks and 18mths with dosages

amongst, 200mg/day and 2. 5g/3times for day.94 Like a clinical trial for12wks, conducted on 32 T2DM patients and 28 controls, 1gm of green tea infusion led to a reduction of HbA1c.95 However in other 4 studies no alterations were seen subsequent to green tea supplementation, for 4wks in case the intervention was lesser like in toolsee, Aruoma⁹⁶ study(4wks, 3 cups/day, n=65control, n=58).⁹⁴ Nevertheless, when 3(n=24)or 4(n=25)cups of green tea were supplemented for4wks in T2DM, for4wks(controls n=14), systolic & diastolic BP were reduced, with other 4 studies illustrated significant enhancement in both BP along with anthropometric data subsequent to green tea supplementation, in T2DM patients.97 Noticably inspite of studies that documented conflicting outcomes that were associated with action of tea in T2DM, with a significant proof of the time period of intervention, needs to be highlighted that green tea further possesses flavonols, which by themselves possesses certain advantages in certain clinical trials with hypertensive, diabetic along with, over weight subjects.98 Ultimately occasional studies that were correlated with EGCG with consumption in T2DM has got obtained, just a single Clinical trial was over(n=25treated, n=25 controls T2DM patients) observed that 300mg of EGCG/day for8wks resulted in significant reduction in FBG.99

Enhancement of insulin action through protein tyrosine phosphatase IB inhibiton

The enhancement of insulin sensitivity represents a crucial approach with regards to therapy. T2DM protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B inhibiton(PTP1B) result in enhancement of insulin receptor sensitivity in addition to in last few yrs targeting PTP1B inhibiton is being believed to be a promising target with regards to treatment of T2DM patients. Pinding of the type1 insulin like growth factor (IGF1) to its tetrameric receptor results in stimulation of the auto phosphorylation of the receptor, the downstream activation of protein kinase B(PKB), mitogen activated protein kinase(MAPK) pathway that triggers the translocation of the GLUT4 transporter to the plasma membrane. Pinding activated protein kinase to the plasma membrane.

Natural products that possess, hampering actions against PTP1B got summarized by Jiang, eral[102]. They initially, detailed about 300 secondary metabolites whose Identification was conducted by them from different natural sources or obtained, via synthetic events. Of these the phytochemicals that possessed the capacity of targeting PTP1B were inclusive of phenolics, terpenes, Steroids, N orS possesing compounds along with miscellaneous phytochemicals.

Like resveratrol(dose equivalent at2. 5 mg/kg orally delivered through drinking water) resulted in enhancement of peripheral insulin resistance that was independent of Sirt1 in case of Diabetic mice which was correlated with inhibition of PTP1B. ¹⁰³ Sirt1 represents one of the 7 mammalian orthologs of the yeast proteins along with has been pointed to be implicated, in the event of glucosehomeostasis in addition to insulin liberation. ¹⁰⁴ A lot of studies have demonstrated how the actions of both proteins namely Sirt1 and PTP1B are correlated with each other. ¹⁰⁵

Chuang and Martinez¹⁰⁶ illustrated that quercetin possesses, greater effectiveness, in contrast to resveratrol in hampering PTP1B in primary cultures of human adipose tissue that received treatment with TNF α . Actually, the treatment with quercetin resulted in reduction in mRNA amounts of PTP1B, whereas no action of resveratrol was seen in PTP1B expression amounts.¹⁰⁶ The observation was that Curcumin and cinnamaldehyde resulted in reductionof PTP1B enzymatic action in breast cancer MCF-7cell line,¹⁰⁷ although, greater effectiveness, of curcumin was seen In contrast to cinnamaldehyde. Like Curcumin hampering of PTP1B was initiating from 1μ M(IC₅₀

=100 $\mu M).^{107}$ In case of fructose fed rats curcumin consumption led to hampering of PTP1B in addition to that of enhancement of insulin along with leptin sensitivity in the liver of rats . Furthermore, they conferred protection from hypertriglyceridemia as well as hepatic steatosis that got stimulated by fructose diet. 108 Moreover, it has been pointed that curcumin results in stimulation of miR206, thus results in enhancement of insulin sensitivity. 109

Papaverine from Papaver somniferum 1 represents an isoquinolone alkaloid that possesses the capacity of hampering PTP1B in humans. ¹⁴² Papaverine demonstrated, a robust *in vitro* hampering action against recombinant –h-PTP1B(IC₅₀=1. 20 μM), whereas *in vivo* it resulted in significant hampering action against FBG amounts in Balb/c mice. ¹¹⁰ The antidiabetic action of bis(2, 3) dibromo-4, 5-dihydroxyl) ether(BDDE), that is a bromophenol that has been isolated from the red alga(Odontholia Corymbifera) was evaluated by Xu &Wang. ¹¹¹ The *in vitro* treatment with 2. 5, 5, or 10 μM of BDDE for 16h dose based resulted in hampering action against over expression, of PTP1B in insulin resistant HepG2 cells. In case of db/db mice models the action of BDDE was contrasted against that of metformin, where a significant reduction in blood glucose amounts and HbA1c were documented subsequent to BDDE treatment without any discernible weight accrual was seen. ¹¹¹

The hampering action of lipophilic agents derived from Salvia miltiorrhiza Bunze roots against PTP1B were further evaluated,112 where it was illustrated PTP1B hampering action with the utilization of cryptotan shinone(IC₅₀ =5. 5 ± 0 . 9 μ M)tanshinolB(IC₅₀ =4. 7±0. 4 μ M) and dehydrodanshinol(IC₅₀ =8. 5±0. 5 μ M). ¹¹² In vivo studies conducted in diabetic rats that received treatment with a polyphenolc fraction of S. miltiorrhiza, further demonstrated a lesser fasting glucose. 113 This way the active constituent tanshinolIIA caused a reduction in glycemia in case of fasted mice subsequent to an acute injection of a bolus of glucose.114 Restricted data is existent from humans assays that investigated particular, targeting PTP1B inhibitors, besides what is available, evaluated the action of resveratrol. The initially, detailedclinical trial that was comprised of an extremely small sample (full19, 10 intervention and 9 controls) where the observation was that 10mg/day of a capsule of resveratrol delivered for a mth, resulted in enhancement of HOMA-IR,115 while in others, that was conducted in case of 28 T2DM patients that received the medicine, as 250mg/day of resveratrol for 3 mths resulted in enhancement of HbA1c amounts(controls[n=29].116 Nevertheless, no action of resveratrol was seen in three studies, in 15 postmenopausal women(controls[n=14], 10 over weight men with non alcoholic fatty liver disease(controls[n=14], and 12 obese men(controls[n=12], that on delivery of 75g/day x12wks,117 3000mg/ day,118 and 300mgdaily for4wks119 respectively . In the initial data from the PREDIMEDstudy(Prevention with Mediterranean Diet)1000 obese T2DM patients that were followed for 2yrs an enhancement of FBG120 occurred. Usually the advantageous, avoidance or curative actions of resveratrol in T2DM patients is based on dosages, time of intervention, besides the properties of population, however like other phytochemicals, need consumption in form of a supplement in view that dosages taken with diet are very low. Furthermore, urinary metabolites required to be regulated. 121

Controlling Estradiol through 17 β --Hydroxysteroid Dehyrogenase

Estradiol(E2) is known to cause stimulation of metabolic homeostasis, besides its collections in serum might be a pointer of estrogen resistance, metabolic deficits, besides T2DM.¹²² In case of postmenopausal women the observation was that, escalation of,

circulating estradiol were correlated with T2DM, 123 however it did not point that it was the cause of the same. A crucial part is played by 17 β HSD with regards to both break down in addition to stimulation of androgens as well as estrogens. In particular 17 β HSD1 promotes the reduction of estrone towards E2, whereas 17 β HSD2 results in oxidation of E2 to estrone. 124 Expression of 17 β HSD1 in case of humans occurs in placenta, ovary, breast epithelial cells, whereas 17 β HSD2 expression takes place in placenta, lung, kidney liver, pancreas, prostate, colon, small intestine, endometrium as well as breast epithelial cells. 124

The capacity of complicated phenols derived from olive oil of hampering human hepatic microsomes was evaluated for reduction and of T2DM,149 however it did not point that it was the cause of the same. A crucial part is played by 17 \(\beta HSD \) with regards to both break down in addition to stimulation of androgens as well as estrogens. In particular17 βHSD1 promotes the reduction of estrone towards E2, whereas 17 βHSD2 results in oxidation of E2 to estrone¹²⁴ expression of 17 BHSD1 in case of humans occurs in placenta, ovary, breast epithelial cells, whereas 17 BHSD2 expression takes place in placenta, lung, Kidney liver, pancreas, prostate, colon, small intestine, endometrium and breast epithelial cells. 124 Oxidation action was documented by Stupans and Stretch,125 in particular, dihydroxy benzoicacid, gallic acid, hydroxysterol and oleuropein resulted in hampering of the reduction action of 17 βHSD1, however not the oxidation action . Actually, gallic acid resulted in stimulation action by 30%.125

Certain molecules like epicatechin might further result in stimulation of 17 βHSD1 in rat testicular leydig cells. 126 Akin to that resveratrol also controls protein along with, mRNA expression, of 17 βHSD in rat.127 Curcumin in addition to quercetin escalated the action of 17 βHSD, however curcumin illustrated a little greater action in contrast to quercetin.¹²⁸ Conversely, soy isoflavones treatment in female rats resulted in reduction of 17 βHSD amounts. 129 That way a prior report documented that genistein possesses the capacity of hampering the 17 βHSD enzyme in both human and rat testis microsomes. 130 Occasional studies that are correlated with the extra virgin olive oil consumption in addition to T2DM.98 In case of 2 intervention studies, 500mg of leaf extract resulted in insulin resistance factors. The 1st study that was conducted in 21 over weight men that received therapy for21wks in contrast to 22 control men resulted in enhancement of pancreatic β cells function in addition to insulin amounts. A greater enhancement of these parameters, were the observations once 36 subjects received treatment with those with hypolipaemia or under antihypertensive therapy were excluded. 131 The consumption of one capsule /day (with 51. 1mg oleuropein and 9. 7mg hydroxysterol for 12 wks) resulted in enhancement of pancreatic β cells function and insulin sensitivity in T2DM patients was seen in another study. This other study was conducted in 41 T2DM male patients for 14wks (control, n=38) and demonstrated enhancement of HbA1c in addition to insulin sensitivity amounts. 132 The utilization of dosages of olive oil leaf extract delivered possessed 51. 1mg oleuropein and 9. 7mg hydroxysterol. In contrast to that in the other study, nothing was documented with regards to the delivery of 2 polyphenol high olive oil(20m//day with 6mg hydroxysterol) for6wks in case of 63 healthy controls(group1, n=39, group2, n=29, control n=9).133 In another study that was conducted in 11 over weight T2DM adult patients, the observation was that the delivery of 25 ml of high phenol olive oil for 4wks resulted in reduction of HbA1c along with, FBG.134 Lastly, PREDIMED(Prevention with Mediterranean Diet)trial demonstrated that Mediterranean Diet which had received supplementation, of extra virgin olive oil resulted in reduction of the incidence, of T2DM by 40% wherereas enhancement

of glucose metabolism took place in 50% of the recruited patients who possessed greater risk of cardiovascular disease. ^{135,136} Furthermore, 50ml of of extra virgin olive oil caused an enhancement of expression of correlated candidate genes in the peripheral blood mononuclear cells. ¹³⁷ Actually, besides possessing greater amounts of polyphenols it is further rich in flavonoids, isoflavones and, lignans, which can get deducted from these effects with regards to glucose metabolism, that might be believed on assessment of the result from interventional experimental studies.

Controlling of the glucose consumption to hexosamineggeneration via glutamine -fructose-6 phosphate aminotransferase

Glutamine –fructose-6 phosphate aminotransferase(GFAT) represents a rate limiting enzyme in the hexosamine bio generation pathway which has a key part in T2DM generation. T38 The enzyme GFAT causes transformation of fructose-6 phosphate into Glutamine –6 phosphate in mammals, the integration of glucose via the hexosamine biogeneration pathway isbelieved to be a cell nutrient sensor, besides this pathway being one of the modes by which hyperglycemia induces peripheral IR, T39 in addition to diabetic complications. T40 In that respect the escalation of human GFAT is believed to be responsible for insulin resistance in case of cellular and animal models.

In case of Wistar rats fenugreek(Trigonella foenum –graecimL.) was documented, to possess the capacity of regulation of the escalation of GFAT action that was induced by corn starch diet in addition to reduction in kidney injury. 142

Akin to that in silico Coriandrum sativum L, fruits along with its phyto components assessment in silico model revealed that the agent limonene possessed the capacity of hampering GFAT. Actually, a meta-analysis that is inclusive of 10 clinical trials demonstrated, that consumption of fenugreek amongst, 1 as well as 100g/day for 10-84days caused a reduction in FBG by-17. 93mg/dl, 2h post load glucose -39. 46mg/dl in addition to HbA1c by-8. 5%. Fenugreek delivery was in the form of powder, alcoholic extract or capsules.¹⁴³ Furthermore, the highlighting of alterations were observed in T2DM in addition to over weight patients (n=20 patients, n=20 controls, 1g/ day for2wks)143 and T2DM with coronary artery disease (CAD n=30 patients, n=30 controls, 25g twice a week).144 It has been pointed that larger double blind randomized, placebo controlled trials are needed to get conducted as per severe standardis with regards to herbal intervention in view that the trials that have been evaluated and are existent till now possess low sample size (≤25 subjects).¹⁴⁴ The other meta-analysis that evaluated the same articles was conducted later with akin conclusions that emphasized that lower quality of the studies with further highlighting the advantageous actions of fenugreek in pre diabetes patients.146

In a separate study that was conducted later 60 patients received therapy with metformin in case of T2DM patients the observation was that delivery of fenugreek in dosages of1g t. i. d. for12wks resulted in correction of FBG, postprandial(PP) glucose, and HbA1c in greater percentage in contrast to the group that received therapy with metformin (n=30in every group), that pointed that the utilization of fenugreek can be done in the form of a complementary treatment for the regulation of T2DM. ¹⁴⁷ Simultaneously, the observation in one more longitudinal study was that in case of T2DM patients where men with hyperglycemia and in case of various therapies, 25g/day of fenugreek for24wks resulted in reduction of glucosuria and HbA1c(n=60in treated, n=10in controls. ¹⁴⁸

Controlling of insulin liberation, the uptake of glucose, Besides Gluconeogenesis via Mono-ADP-Ribosyl transferase-Sirtuin6

Sirtuin6 possessess both NAD⁺ based fatty deacetylase. ¹⁴⁹ in addition to Mono-ADP- Ribosyl transferase activity, ¹⁵⁰ besides getting targeted by the antidiabetic epidrugs that display hampering or stimulatory modes. In brief, the lack of SIRT 6 action has been correlated with an escalation of uptake of glucose by tissues in addition to reduction of glucose amounts, ¹⁵¹ via hampering the expression of the resistance transcriptional factor hypoxia inducible factor 1 alpha(HIF 1- α), that is implicated in the transcription of glucose transporters. ¹⁵² Furthermore, SIRT 6 enhances the deacetylation of peroxisome proliferator activated receptory (PPAR γ) coactivator(PGC)-1 α , that causes potent stimulation of hepatic gluconeogenesis. ¹⁵³

The crosstalk, amongst the major bioactive agents of ginger (namely 4- gingerol, 6- gingerol, 8- gingerol, 10- gingerol, 6- shogal, in addition to β -bisabolol) along with protein targets(GFAT, SIRT6, GLUT4, 11 β HSD1 and glycogen phosphorylases) were evaluated with the utilization of computational crosstalk, approaches, molecular docking, besides pharmacophore.154. SIRT 6 along with GFAT demonstrated greater affinity for binding ranges which were lesser in contrast to 11 β HSD1 as well as glycogen phosphorylases, however possessed greater stability in addition to robust crosstalk with GLUT4, . Thus as conclusions the study documented that the synergistic mixing of ginger phytochemicals might possess a functional action for the therapy with regards to T2DM patients.

Euphorbia thymfolia L. represent a medicinal plant that possesses documented anti hyperglycemic action.155 A study with the objective of assessment of the antidiabetic mode that implicated molecular crosstalk amongst Phytochemicals in E. thymfolia in addition to protein targets (11 βHSD1, GFAT, SIRT6, PTP1B) were evaluated.156 The major observation was that 7 active agents that possessed greater binding affinities (<-8. 0 kcal/mol)toward all the 4 targeted proteins were seen, like βamyrine, taraxerol, 1-O-galloyl-β-D-glucose, corilagin, cosmosin, quercetin -3 galactoside as well as quercetin . Till date there are no clinical outcomes that are existent with regards to the clinical trials that have tried to conduct particular targeting SIRT6, inhibitors thus this needs to be the field where higher evaluation is required in the coming future.

Conclusions

Epidrugs represent another different approach for the avoidance or postponement of the initiation of T2DM via epigenetic modes. The utilization of these innovative drugs has illustrated a greater capacity in view of their ability of genetic modulation, of diseases, whereas other therapies work via other biochemical modes. A lot of plants that we utilize on daily basis(like ginger, tea, as well as fenugreek) in addition to phytochemicals(Curcumin as well as Resveratrol) that possess the capacity of influencing T2DM have been demonstrated, to crosstalk, with various protein targets with regards to T2DM. Nevertheless, in certain cases contradictory outcomes are obtained . The existent data emphasize that certain compounds that have bioactivity possess epigenetic controlling actions and seem to possess the capacity of treatment and /or as complementary agents in addition to pharmacological hypoglycemic agents that present a lot of adverse actions. The modes that have been implicated, with regards to the treatment actions of these epidrugs that are considered as potential treatment agents that have been detailed here are the reduction of insulin resistance through hampering11 β—HSD, the escalation of insulin actions via hampering PTP1B, controlling of estradiol through

the 17 βHSD hampering, the glucose that is getting consumed into hexosamine biogeneration controlling through GFAT that gets hampered in addition to the part played by SIRT 6in insulin liberation, uptake of glucose, besides control of gluconeogenesis. Furthermore, escalation of greater in depth studies with regards to natural along with synthetic agents, in addition to newer protein targets are required to be conducted . Additionally, newer pre clinical studies further need to get conducted for estimation of the efficacy of these epidrugs.

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