



## EFFECT OF FENUGREEK SEEDS WITH ABDOMINAL PACK ON TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Diabetes mellitus comprises of a group of common metabolic Disorders that share phenotype of hyperglycemia. The effect of fenugreek seeds was less understood on diabetes mellitus. Hence, this study was conducted to evaluate the effect of fenugreek seeds on type diabetes individuals. **Materials and method:** Thirty (n=30) individuals with diabetes were selected for the study after proper screening according to diagnostic criteria. Subjects were recruited from SDM yoga and nature cure centre. After a thorough and detailed case history, the subjects were taken in the study and treatment was given. The blood glucose levels (FBS and PPBS) were checked at the 1<sup>st</sup> day before we start with treatment and the post data was collected on 10<sup>th</sup> day. This procedure is done along with abdominal pack every day in the evening. Fasting blood sugar and Post prandial blood sugar were checked. **Result:** After including fenugreek powder on empty stomach and abdominal pack in their daily routine there was a significant reduction in Fasting blood sugar levels and Post prandial blood Sugar levels. There was also reduction total cholesterol, triglycerides and LDL cholesterol. **Conclusion:** The present study shows that adding fenugreek seeds powder on empty stomach and abdominal pack, targets the elevated blood sugar levels in patients with Diabetes.

**KEYWORDS:** Diabetes Mellitus 2, Abdominal Pack, Blood Sugar, Fenugreek Powder.

### INTRODUCTION

Though India has emerged out as super power in the last decades and has come out as great democratic country and a great technical cyber hub in the world it is very sad to say it has also emerged out as a worst Diabetic Hub in the world. It is because of sedentary lifestyle, without regular exercises and intake of more carbohydrate rich diets, unwanted stress life style leads the present Indian a diabetic at his 30's in general. In the last decade, the incidence of diabetes mellitus has tremendous increase among the Indian population.<sup>[1]</sup> The effect of diabetes has increased because of worsening obesity, global population aging and decrease in physical activity.<sup>[2]</sup>

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Cardiovascular complications such as hypertension, stroke are the leading cause of morbidity, mortality and expenditures in type2 Diabetes Mellitus.<sup>[5,6]</sup> Diabetic management can be divided into two main groups: Pharmacological and Non pharmacological ones. One of the most significant pharmacological diabetic management is that almost every drug that is used for diabetes cause some undesirable effects such as lower

blood sugar level, stomach upset, weight gain, constipation, tiredness or dizziness, risk of liver disease, etc.<sup>[7]</sup>

The main goals of the treatment of diabetes are to prevent or delay the late complications, to decrease the mortality rate and to maintain the good quality of life.<sup>[8]</sup> Complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) includes physical activities, herbal plant extracts and dietary recommendation, which reduce the blood sugar level in type2 diabetes mellitus and it considered as first line clinical approach for type2 diabetes mellitus.<sup>[9]</sup> In a survey around 48% of patients with diabetes reported using CAM in United States of America.<sup>[10]</sup> Several complementary and alternative medicine modalities like naturopathy, acupuncture, therapeutic massage, reflexology, dietetics are found to be effective in the management of T2DM.<sup>[11]</sup>

People living with type 2 diabetes are more vulnerable to various forms of both short and long term complications, which often lead to premature death. This tendency of increased morbidity and mortality is seen in patients with type 2 Diabetes.

Fenugreek is one of the oldest medicinal plants with exceptional medicinal and nutritional profile.<sup>[12]</sup> Fenugreek seed also known as *Trigonella foenum-graecum* is commonly used. Fenugreek belongs to Fabaceae family.

It has been commonly used as herbal preparation for Diabetes treatment.<sup>[13]</sup> Fenugreek seeds contains a substantial amount of fiber, phospholipids, glycolipids, oleic acid, linolenic acid, linoleic acid, choline, vitamins A, B1, B2, C, nicotinic acid and many more functional elements.

It may grow well under diverse and a wide range of conditions; it is moderately tolerant to drought and salinity, and can be even grown on marginal lands. Fenugreek green leaves are one of the most ancient medicinal herbs containing beta carotene, ascorbate, fiber, zinc, iron, calcium. Fenugreek seeds are biologically endosperm, seeds are fibrous, sticky and gummy in nature.<sup>[14-16]</sup> Dietary fiber from fenugreek blunts glucose and cholesterol after a meal and regulates the production of cholesterol in the liver. Fenugreek seeds contains 45.4% dietary fiber (32% insoluble and 13.3% soluble) and the gum is composed of galactose and mannose. The latte compounds are associated with reduced glycemia.<sup>[13]</sup>

## METHODOLOGY

**Sources of subjects:** 30 Subjects who were diagnosed with type 2 Diabetes individuals were recruited for the study. Subjects who fulfilled the inclusion and exclusion criteria were apprised about the purpose of the study and their rights as a research subject. The subjects will be taken from in-patient of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Yoga & Nature Cure Hospital, Ujire.

The subjects with Type II diabetes mellitus, both the genders, age between 30-65 were included and whereas the subjects with type I diabetes mellitus, any complication of diabetes, alcoholic, on anti-psychotic drugs were excluded.

## Intervention

| 6:30am                                                         | 9.00am           | 11.30am                     | 2.00pm       | 4.00pm           | 6.30am              | 7.30pm                               | 8.00pm           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 3 grams of fenugreek powder mixed in water on an empty stomach | Normal Breakfast | 100 grams of seasonal fruit | Normal Lunch | 30 grams of nuts | Cold abdominal pack | 2 roti and a bowl of vegetable curry | 60-100ml of milk |

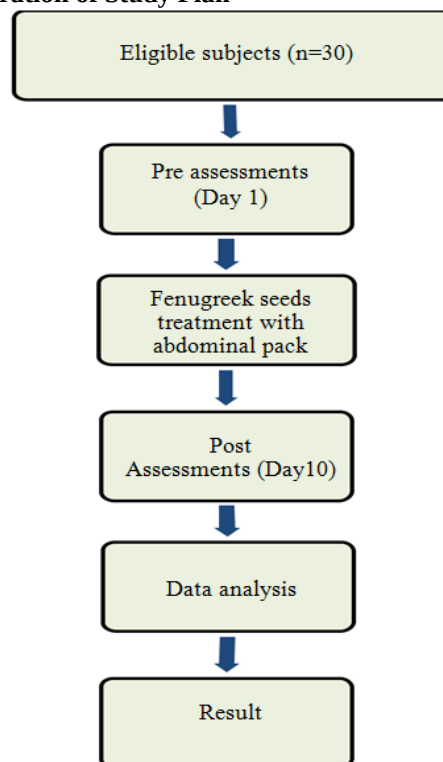
## RESULTS

Fasting blood glucose levels: Paired Samples test.

| Pre-FBG –post<br>FBG |                       | Paired Differences |                   |                       |                                              |        | t      | df | Sig.<br>(2-tailed) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|----|--------------------|
|                      |                       | Mean               | Std.<br>Deviation | Std.<br>Error<br>Mean | 95% Confidence Interval<br>of the Difference |        |        |    |                    |
|                      |                       |                    |                   |                       | Lower                                        | Upper  |        |    |                    |
| Pair<br>1            | PRE_FBG -<br>POST_FBG | 17.102             | 10.782            | 1.525                 | 14.033                                       | 20.165 | 11.212 | 49 | .000               |

The subjects were verbally explained in detail about the intervention involved in the study and its related assessments in the form of pre and post data of FBS and PPBS. A signed informed consent was taken from each subject before commencement of the intervention. The institutional ethics committee of SDMCNYS has approved this study.

## Illustration of Study Plan



**Assessment:** The pre and post FBS (Fasting blood sugar), PPBS (Post prandial blood sugar) and was checked of the patient and noted down on both 1st day and at the 10th day after the patient is admitted to nature cure hospital. Finally compared the blood sugar levels (both FBS and PPBS) and of 1st and 10th day.

Post-prandial Blood Glucose levels: Paired Sample test.

| Pre-PPBG -postPPBG |                         | Paired Differences |                   |                       |                                              |               | t     | df | Sig.<br>(2-tailed) |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|----|--------------------|
|                    |                         | Mean               | Std.<br>Deviation | Std.<br>Error<br>Mean | 95% Confidence Interval<br>of the Difference |               |       |    |                    |
|                    |                         |                    |                   |                       | Lower                                        | Upper         |       |    |                    |
| Pair1              | PRE_PPBG -<br>POST_PPBG | 18.650             | 15.333            | 2.169                 | 14.301                                       | <b>23.018</b> | 8.605 | 49 | .000               |

## DISCUSSION

The present study assessed the impact of fenugreek seeds on the type 2 Diabetes individuals, 30 diabetic individuals were recruited in the study. 30 subjects undergone treatment of fenugreek seeds on empty stomach and abdominal pack for 10 days and Fasting blood sugar levels and post prandial sugar levels was assessed pre and post after treatment. There was significant change in the blood sugar levels. We observe that the pre and post-measurement of the all variables are under consideration are significant at the 5 percent level of significance with p.value < 0.05.

In human body secreted insulin consists of 51 amino acids with molecular weight of. 8kDa. However, the insulin gene encodes a 110-amino acid precursor known as preproinsulin. As with other secreted proteins, preproinsulin contains a hydrophobic N-terminal single peptide, which interacts with cytosolic ribonucleoprotein signal recognition particles.<sup>[17]</sup> Glucose metabolism is the most important physiological even that stimulates insulin gene transcription and mRNA translation.<sup>[18]</sup> In 3-day fasted rats, glucose injection increased relative proinsulin mRNA levels by three to four-fold within 24 h and this effect was blocked by pharmacological inhibition of transcription with actinomycin D.<sup>[19]</sup> These results suggest that glucose plays a central role in regulation of insulin biosynthesis which is controlled at least partially via alterations of proinsulin mRNA stability. Results from in vitro studies demonstrated that insulin mRNA stability was reduced under low glucose concentrations and increased under higher glucose concentrations.<sup>[20,21]</sup>

Most animals have only single copy of the insulin gene, but rodents have two non-allelic insulin genes (insulin I and II). They differ in their number of introns and chromosomal locations.<sup>[22]</sup> In all insulin gene the 5'-flanking region determines its tissue and cell-type-specific expression.<sup>[23]</sup> The transcriptional factor binding sites that determines insulin's exclusive expression in beta cells are located between -520 and +1 base pairs relative to the transcription start site in both human and rat insulin genes.<sup>[24,25]</sup> Most transcriptional regulation occurs through interactions within these conserved sequences. Studies have shown that the sequence between -340 and +90 is the major insulin gene transcription enhance region, which determines cell-specific and glucose-regulated insulin gene expression.<sup>[26,27]</sup>

Trigonella foenum- graecum is widely used in the Indian subcontinent as dietary supplement. It is known that it

since long possess antidiabetic properties. Scientists have demonstrated that the amino acid 4-OH Ile in fenugreek seeds increases glucose- induced insulin release in vitro in human and rat pancreatic islet cells<sup>[28]</sup> while others showed that fenugreek seeds extract phosphorylates a number of proteins, including the insulin receptor, insulin receptor substrate 1 and p85 subunit of p13-K, in both 3T3-L1 adipocytes and human hepatoma cells, HepG2.<sup>[29]</sup> Unique major free amino acid, 4-OH Ile, has been characterized as one of the active ingredients for blood glucose control.<sup>[30]</sup>

The dose of fenugreek powder also effects the blood sugar levels and higher doses can show hypoglycemic effect. The dose ranging from 2 to 25g/day can be given.<sup>[31]</sup> In this study 3g/day fenugreek powder is given because was on the medication the patient was asked to inform us when he/she feels giddy or numbness at that time the medications dose was reduced. In this study few patients medication dose was reduced. Various authors tried to assess impact of fenugreek on blood control and majority of them showed significant improvement in diabetes control when assessed in terms of fasting blood sugar levels.

This study statistically proves that hypoglycemic effects of fenugreek are over and above the diet, exercise and drug therapy. In country like India this can be promising complimentary option for Diabetes control. It may help reducing the drug requirement and can give better blood glucose control and can be helpful in preventing long term morbidity.

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