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A Global Review on Plants with Hypolipidemic Activity

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ABSTRACT

In the last few years there has been an exponential growth in the field of herbal medicine and these drugs are gaining popularity both in developing and developed countries because of their natural origin and less side effects. There are a growing number of studies reporting hypolipidemic activity with traditional medicine. The present review constitutes on plant with hypolipidemic activity with some recently isolated phytoconstituents from this plants and special emphasis on those found in different regions all over the world, including mainly India. The information is recorded in alphabetical order of plant scientific name, family, part used, place (country where the study was developed), route of administration, dose given, method used (pharmacological screening method) and references. We also collect the information on isolated phytoconstituents.

Introduction

Hyperlipidemia is one of the greatest risk factor contributing to prevalence and severity of cardiovascular diseases like coronary heart diseases (WHO, 1997). Numerous population studies have linked an elevated concentration of total cholesterol (TC), low density lipoprotein- cholesterol (LDL-C), and very low density lipoprotein-cholesterol (VLDL-C) in plasma with an increased incidence of atherosclerotic events (Goldstein et al, 1973, Keys-1975). Epidemiologic data is reported that almost 12 million people die of cardiovascular diseases and cerebral apoplexy each year all over world. Therefore it is very important to pay attention to early stage prevention and control of hyperlipidemia in a comprehensive way (Grundy SM 1986, Kris-Etherton PM et al., 2002). To reduce the rate of mortality, it is therapeutically recommended to undergo diet or/and drug therapy to lower lipid levels within the normal range (Raja Chattopadhyaya et al 1996). Allopathic hyperlipidemia drugs are available at large in the market but the side effects and contraindications of these drugs have marred their popularity (Annon, 1999, Brown S L., 1996). The herbal hypolipidemic have gained importance to

fill the lacunae created by the allopathic drugs. A number of plants have been found to be useful in treatment of hyperlipidemia mentioned in Ayurveda (Sriram TV., 1998).

The world Health Organization (WHO) has listed 21,000 plants, which are used for medicinal purposes around the world. Among these 2500 species are in India, out of which 150 species are used commercially on a fairly large scale. India is the largest producer of medicinal herbs and is called as botanical garden of the world (Seth S.D., 2004). A plant-based diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, and legumes and low in saturated fat, along with regular aerobic exercise program, is an effective prescription for anyone with elevated risks of cardiovascular diseases (Berliner JA., 1996). In this review paper information on plant species and some phytoconstituents that have been explored for their potential antihyperlipidemic profile using pharmacologically validated animal models have been compiled and discussed. In future, the work on isolation and characterization of phytoconstituents and pharmacological action has high prospects. It is also important to develop various animal models for evaluation of toxicity and safety and also

need of conducting clinical research in plant based drugs.

Materials and Methods:

In this review we collected information from the Chemical abstracts, National & International journals, E-library, Internet & other research materials. The plants selection were based on the effects of phytoconstituents presented in specific animal models for evaluation of hypolipidemic activity, such animal models as: a) High Cholesterol diet induced method(HCD.), b) High Fructose diet induced method(HFrD.), c) Triton induced hyperlipidemic method(TI.), d) Streptozotocin induced diabetic method(SI.), e) Alloxan induced diabetic method(AlI.), f) Tylaxapol induced hyperlipidemic method(TyI.), g) High fat diet induced hyperlipidemic method(HFD.), h) Hydrocortisone induced hyperlipidemic method(HyI.), i) Atherogenic diet induced (AtDI), j) Normocholesterolemic method(NC.).

Medicinal plants with Hypolipidemic activity:

Number of plants species had been reported as antihyperlipidemic activity like *Abelmoschus esculentus*, *Achyranthus*

aspera, *Acorus calamus*, *Allium cepa*, *Allium sativa*, *Apium graveolens*, *Arginia spinosa*, *Bauhinia variegata*, *Caesearia sylvestris*, *Curcuma longa*, *Cymbopogon citrates*, *Enicostemma littorale* and some other plants are described in table no.1.

Some phytoconstituents of Medicinal plants which responsible for Hypolipidemic activity:

S-methyl cysteine sulfoxide (SMCS):

It has been obtained from fresh bulbs of *Allium cepa* and shows hypolipidemic effects in high cholesterol diet-fed animal method. The lipid lowering activity due to lowering the total cholesterol and the (LDL+VLDL) cholesterol. The increase in the excretion of Bile acids and sterols might be one of the mechanisms for lowering the cholesterol. SMCS contains cysteine moiety, which has been reported to raise the level of hepatic cholesterol 7 α -hydroxylase activity, a key enzyme in the synthesis of bile acids from cholesterol (K.Kumari et al, 2007).

Argan oil:

Chemical analysis of this oil contains mainly polyunsaturated fatty acids like oleic and linolenic acid obtained from *Arginia spinosa* L. Argan Oil shows significant lipid lowering activity in high

cholesterol diet rat's method. It had been acts as hypolipidemic action by various mechanism like low intestinal absorption, antioxidant activity etc (H.Berrougui.et al., 2003).

Swertiamarin:

It had been investigated the hypolipidemic activity of Swertiamarin an active lead isolated from *Enicostemma littorale* Blume. In high cholesterol fed diet rats. It was observed that Swertiamarin lowered the serum cholesterol and triglyceride level by the inhibition of Hepatic HMG-COA reductase and an increase in the fecal bile acid and sterols excretion. (H.Vaidya et al., 2009).

Essential Oils from *Ocimum Sanctum* L.:

Essential oil (EO) Obtained from leaves of *Ocimum Sanctum* L. had been investigated the lipid lowering effect in high Cholesterol diet .The EO is predominantly contain phenyl propanoids (65.31) eugenol and methyl eugenol. 9epi (E)-caryophyllene which is sesquiterpine compound .The antihyperlipidemic activity due to the suppression of liver lipid synthesis (T.Suanarunwat et al., 2010).

Gugulipid:

The oleoresin from *Commiphora mukul* is mixture diterpines sterols, steroids, esters

and higher alcohols. The guggulosterone E and Z are the main phytoconstituents responsible hypolipidemic activity (Ruitang Deng., 2007).

Some other phytoconstituents are listed in table no.2.

Results and Discussion:

Current world-wide interest in traditional medicine has led to rapid development and studies of many remedies employed by various ethnic groups of the world. The information is recorded in alphabetical order of plant scientific name, family, part used, place (country where the study was developed), route of administration, dose and reference (table no. 1)and some phytoconstituents are also recorded in table no.2 . In this study we have enumerated 68 medicinal plants involving 34 families and some phytoconstituents in which hypolipidemic effect was reported. Most of the studies were carried out with crude extract and the oral route. The principal families in which such activity has been reported are Fabaceae, Asteraceae, Lamiaceae, Apiaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Myrtaceae, Rutaceae, Combretaceae, Azoaceae, Zingiberaceae, Malvaceae, Acanthaceae, Liliaceae and Rubiaceae. Several phytoconstituents

including Swertiamarin, Fixed oil, volatile oil, Essential Fatty acids, Sulphur containing compounds, Inulin, Pectin, Triterpine, Glucomannan, guggul lipids, citrus flavonoids, saponins, polyphenolic compounds, flavonoids, fibers and others obtained from various plant species have proven hypolipidemic activity. In recent years from pharmacological studies carried out in various research centers in Brazil, Bangladesh, USA, China, Egypt, France, Hongkong, India, Iran, Jordan, Nigeria, Korea, Morocco, Pakistan, Spain, and Thailand.

Conclusion:

In conclusion all the 68 plant species listed and some phytoconstituents described appear to be promising as hypolipidemic agents with activity mediated through various mechanisms. However, further experiments will possibly define this pharmacological effect and active phytoconstituents. If confirmed it, may become of importance for human clinical treatments.

Table no. 1. Plants having Hypolipidemic activity

PLANT NAME	FAMILY	PART USED	PLACE	ROUTE GIVEN	DOSE	MODEL/ S USED	REFERENCE
<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i>	<i>Malvaceae</i>	Whole plant	China	P.O.	30mg/kg	TyI.	T.H.Ngoc 2008
<i>Achyranthus aspera</i>	<i>Amaranthaceae</i>	Roots	India	P.O.	100mg/kg	NC; TI.	Ak khanna 1992
<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	<i>Rutaceae</i>	Leaf	India	P.O.	300mg/kg	SI.	Partha Ray 2007
<i>Ajuga iva</i>	<i>Labiatae</i>	Whole plant	Morocco, USA	P.O.	10mg/kg	NC; SI.	Badia Lyoussi 2006
<i>Allium cepa</i>	<i>Liliaceae</i>	Fresh bulbs	India	P.O.	200mg/kg	HCD.	K.Kumari 2007
<i>Allium sativum</i>	<i>Liliaceae</i>	Fresh fruits	India	P.O.	10mg/kg	TI.	Allenki Venkatesham 2009
<i>Alpinia galanga</i>	<i>Zingiberaceae</i>	Rhizome	India	P.O.	20mg/kg	HCD.	C.R. Achuthan 1997
<i>Alstonia scholarin</i>	<i>Apocynaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	100,200,400 mg/kg	SI.	S.Arulmozhi 2010

<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	<i>Amaranthaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	200,400mg/kg	All.	B.S.Ashok Kumar 2010
<i>Andrographis serpyllifolia</i>	<i>Acanthaceae</i>	Roots	India	P.O.	100,200mg/kg	AtDI.	B. Chellubonia 2010
<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	<i>Apiaceae</i>	Essential oil	Iran	P.O.	45,90,180mg/kg	HCD.	V. Hajhashemi 2007
<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	<i>Combretaceae</i>	Fresh gum	India	P.O.	250,500,750mg/kg	At.DI.	C.K. Ramesh 2009
<i>Anthocephalus indicus</i>	<i>Rubiaceae</i>	Root	India	P.O.	500mg/kg	All.	R.K.Singh 2009
<i>Apium graveolens</i>	<i>Apiaceae</i>	Seed	Jordan	P.O.	213,425mg/kg	HCD.	Kamla mansi 2009
<i>Arginia spinosa</i>	<i>Sapotaceae</i>	Fresh seed oil	Morocco, Spain	P.O.	200mg/kg	HCD.	H. Berrougui 1989
<i>Asparagus racemosus</i>	<i>Liliaceae</i>	Roots	India	P.O.	10,20mg/kg	HCD.	N.P.Visavadiya 2005
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	<i>Acanthaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	100mg/kg	All.	Pradeep Kumar R.2010
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	<i>Cesalpiniaceae</i>	Roots & Stems	India	P.O.	200 & 400mg/kg	TI.	G.P.Rajani 2009
<i>Caesaria sylvestris</i>	<i>Flacourtiaceae</i>	Leaves	Brazil	P.O.	125,250,500 mg/kg	HCD.	T.Schoenfelder 2009
<i>Capparis decidua</i>	<i>Capparidaceae</i>	Bark, Flower Fruits	India	P.O.	500mg/kg	SI.	N. Chahalia 2009
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	<i>Capparidaceae</i>	Fruits	France	P.O.	20mg/kg	NC; SI.	M.Eddouks 2005
<i>Carica papaya</i>	<i>Caricaceae</i>	Seed	Nigeria	P.O.	100-400mg/kg	NC.	A.A.Adeneye 2007
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	<i>Fabaceae</i>	Legume	India	P.O.	100,250,500 mg/kg	HCD.	G.C.Jain 2009
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	<i>Acanthaceae</i>	Leaves	Bangladesh	I.P.	150mg/kg	NC; SI.	M.A.Islam 2009
<i>Celastrus paniculatus</i>	<i>Celastraceae</i>	Seed	India	P.O.	65mg/kg	HFD.	R.H.Patil 2010
<i>Curcuma longa</i>	<i>Zingiberaceae</i>	Rhizome	India	P.O.	300mg/kg	SI.	M.Alihussain 2002
<i>Cymbopogon</i>	<i>Graminaceae</i>	Leaves	Nigeria		125-	NC.	A.A.Adeneye

<i>citratus</i>				P.O.	250mg/kg		2007
<i>Coccinia indica</i>	<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	Aerial parts	India	P.O.	100 & 200mg/kg	SI.	A.K.Balaraman 2010
<i>Crategus aronica</i>	<i>Rosaceae</i>	Fruits	Jordan	P.O.	10mg/kg	HCD.	R. Khalil 2008
<i>Dracocephalum kotschyi</i>	<i>Lamiaceae</i>	Leaves	Iran	P.O.	40,80,120 mg/kg	HFD.	S.E. Sajjadi 1998
<i>Eclipta prostate</i>	<i>Asteraceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	100 and 200mg/kg	AtDI.	R.Dhandapani2007
<i>Enicostemma littorale</i>	<i>Gentianaceae</i>	Whole plant	India	P.O.	50 & 75 mg/kg	HCD.	H.Vaidya 2009
<i>Eugenia jambolana</i>	<i>Myrtaceae</i>	Seed	India	P.O.	150mg/kg	SI.	P.Daisy 2007
<i>Ficus racemosa</i>	<i>Moraceae</i>	Bark	India	P.O.	100-500mg/kg	All.	D .Sophia.2007
<i>Garcinia cambogia</i>	<i>Guttiferae</i>	Peel of matured fruits	India	P.O.	5 & 10mg/kg	NC.	A.S.Koshy 2001
<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	<i>Fabaceae /papillionaceae</i>	Roots	India	P.O.	100mg/kg	HFD.	A.K.Srivastava 2009
<i>Hibiscus rosa sinesis</i>	<i>Malvaceae</i>	Root	India	P.O.	500mg/kg	TI; HFD.	R.Singh 2009
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	<i>Convolvulaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	200 & 400mg/kg	HCD.	Sirarama D.2010
<i>Laegenaria siceraria</i>	<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	Fruits	India	P.O.	100,200,300 mg/kg	NC; HFD.	B.V.Ghule 2009
<i>Leptadenia pyrotechnica</i>	<i>Asclepidaceae</i>	Aerial parts	India	P.O.	250mg/kg	HCD.	G.C. Jain 2007
<i>Lycium barbarum</i>	<i>solanaceae</i>	Fruit	China, Hongkong	Oral infusion	0.25 gm/kg d., 10mg/kg d.	All.	Luo 2004
<i>Melothria maderaspatana</i>	<i>Cucurbitaceae</i>	Aerial parts	India	P.O.	100 & 200mg/kg	SI.	A.K.Balaraman 2010
<i>Moringa pterryogosperma</i>	<i>Morigaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	200mg/kg	TI; NC.	Dhandapani R. 2008
<i>Morus alba</i>	<i>Moraceae</i>	Leaves	China	P.O.	7.5,15,30mg/kg	TI.	Jingjing Chen M.D. 2007
<i>Morus indica</i>	<i>Moraceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	400mg/kg	All.	Pradeep Kumar R. 2010
<i>Mucuna prurines</i>	<i>Leguminoseae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	200mg/kg	All.	MuruganM.2009

<i>Nelumbo nuficera</i>	<i>Nelumbonaceae</i>	Leaves	China	P.O.	50mg/kg	All.	Taoying Zhou 2009
<i>Orthosiphon stamnineus</i>	<i>Labiataeae</i>	Bark	India	P.O	500,750mg/kg	HCD.	Umbare R.P.2009
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	<i>Labiataeae</i>	Whole plant	France	P.O.	20mg/kg	NC; SI.	M. Eddouks 2007
<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>	<i>Labiataeae</i>	Leaves (Essential Oil)	Thailand	P.O.	4.45gm/kg body weight/day	HCD.	Thamolwan S. 2010
<i>Peucedanum pastinacifolium</i>	<i>Apiaceae</i>	Aerial parts	Iran	P.O.	25,250,mg/kg	SI.	Movahedian2009
<i>Phyllanthus amarus</i>	<i>Euphorbiaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	300,500mg/kg	HCD.	R.P. Umbare 2009
<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	<i>Apocynaceae</i>	Flowers	India	P.O.	250mg/kg	All.	V.Hazeen Bengum 2008
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	<i>Leguminosaeae</i>	Pods flowers	India	P.O.	300,100mg/kg	SI.	A.Semalty 2010
<i>Pueraria tuberosa</i>	<i>Fabaceae</i>	Tubers	India	P.O.	200 &400mg/kg	HCD.	K.G. Ramawat 2008
<i>Rosa laevigata</i>	<i>Rosaceae</i>	Fruits	China	P.O.	25 and50mg/kg	HFrD.	Y.T.Liu2010
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	<i>Rutaceae</i>	Leaves, Whole plant	India	P.O.	125mg/kg	SI.	O.M.Ahmed 2010
<i>Salacia reticulate & S.oblonga</i>	<i>Celestraceae</i>	Root & Barks	India	P.O.	500mg/kg	Hyl.	Rabbani S.I.2006
<i>Salicornia herbacea</i>	<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>	Whole plants	Korea	P.O.	0.25 ,0.5mg/ml	HFD; Type 2DM.	Jung-In Kim 2007
<i>Salvadora oleoides</i>	<i>Salvadoraceae</i>	Aerial parts	India	P.O.	1gm ,2gm/kg	NC; All.	J.P.Yadav 2008
<i>Sapindus emarginatus</i>	<i>Sapindaceae</i>	Pericarp	India	P.O.	100,200mg/kg	TI.	S. Jeyabalan 2009
<i>Sesbania grandiflora</i>	<i>Fabaceae</i>	Leaves	India	P.O.	200mg/kg	TI.	Saravankumar A.2010
<i>Syzigium cumini</i>	<i>Myrtaceae</i>	Leaves	Brazil	P.O.	125,250, 500gm/ kg	All.	V.Reus 2008
<i>Syzigium alternifolium</i>	<i>Myrtaceae</i>	Seed	India	P.O.	50,250mg/kg	SI.	R.B.Kastti 2010
<i>Terminalia</i>	<i>Combretaceae</i>	Pericarp	India		1.05 ,	AtDI.	V. Maruthappan

<i>chebula</i>		Fruits		P.O.	2.10mg/kg		2010
<i>Tribulus alatus</i> & <i>T.Terrestris</i>	<i>Zygophyllaceae</i>	Aerial parts with fruits	Egypt	P.O.	50mg/kg	SI.	W.H.El-Tantawy 2007
<i>Trianthum portulacastrum</i>	<i>Azoaceae</i>	Whole plant	India	P.O.	100,200 & 300mg/kg	NC; All.	N.R.Yellu2010
<i>Vernonia anthalmintica</i>	<i>Asteraceae</i>	Seeds	India	P.O.	0.25, 0.50gm/kg	SI.	S.S.Fatima 2010
<i>Withania somnifera</i>	<i>Solanaceae</i>	Roots and Leaf	India	P.O.	100,200mg/kg	All.	Chang Won Choi 2010
<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	<i>Zingiberaceae</i>	Rhizome	India	P.O.	200mg/kg	SI.	Bhandari 2009

Table no.2. Some other Phytoconstituents having Hypolipidemic activity

BIOLOGICAL SOURCE	FAMILY	PHYTOCONSTITUENTS	REFERENCES
<i>Atrium lappa L.</i>	Asteraceae	Inulin	Iwakami et al 1992
<i>Avena sativa L.</i>	Gramineae	Mono and oligosaccharide	Anderson et al 1984
<i>Bupleurum chinense DC</i>	Umbelliferae	Triterpine	Der Marderosian et al 2002
<i>Citrus lemon L.</i>	Rutaceae	Pectin ,citrus flavonoids	Potter 1995
<i>Cyampopsis tetragonolobus(L) Taub</i>	Fabaceae	Gums	Todd et al 1990
<i>Emblica officinalis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Fixed oil and volatile oil	Mathur et al 1996
<i>Ginkgo biloba L.</i>	Ginkgoaceae	Polyphenolic compounds, Flvonoids	Desmet et al 1997
<i>Hordeum vulgare L.</i>	Germinaeae	Fibers	Lupton et al 1994
<i>Medicago sativa L.</i>	Leguminosaeae	Saponins	Malinow et al 1977
<i>Plantago lanceolata L.</i>	Plantaginaceae	Metamucil	Greves et al 2000

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