



An Integrated Management of Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus associated with Hypertension and Dyslipidemia with Naturopathy and Yoga: A Case Report

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ABSTRACT:

The whole practice of nature cure is based on the following three principles: Accumulation of morbid matter, the abnormal composition of blood & lymph lowered vitality. Nature cure believes that all diseases arise due to the accumulation of morbid matter in the body and if the scope is given for its removal, it provides a cure or relief. It is believed that the human body possesses inherent self-constructing and self-healing powers. The blood pressure and blood sugar significantly reduce and the lipid profile also improves due to the influence of yoga practices and naturopathic management. Lifestyle is an important risk factor for increasing the prevalence of diabetes in the Indian population. In this study, we evaluated the effects of naturopathy treatment, salt-restricted low-calorie diets, and yoga in long-term glycemetic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Keywords: Hypertension; Dyslipidemia; Diabetes Mellitus; Naturopathy; Yoga.

INTRODUCTION

Type-2 diabetes mellitus is a state of insulin resistance, which results in elevated blood glucose levels. This tissue insensitivity to insulin is compensated by the pancreas by secreting excessive insulin (hyperinsulinemia), so as to maintain the blood glucose level in the normal range. Insulin resistance has been shown to be an independent risk factor for ischemic heart disease by its synergistic effects with apolipoprotein B.¹ Both hypertension and diabetes predispose to the development of cardiovascular diseases (CVD). When hypertension coexists with diabetes, the risk of CVD is elevated by 75%,¹ which further contributes to the overall morbidity and mortality of an already high-risk population. Hypertension in Type-2 diabetic patients

clusters with other CVD risk factors such as microalbuminuria, central obesity, insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, hypercoagulation, increased inflammation, and left ventricular hypertrophy. This clustering of risk factors in diabetic patients ultimately results in the development of CVD, which is the major cause of premature mortality in these patients.² The pattern of diabetic dyslipidemic patients with type-2 diabetes presents with a wide variety of lipid patterns. Genetic factors, concomitant diseases, lifestyle, medications and, other factors all affect lipid values. Many Type 2 diabetic patients are characterized by a typical mixed dyslipidemia, thus by hypertriglyceridemia, low HDL-C and, the



predominance of small dense LDL, while total cholesterol may be normal or elevated. LDL-C concentration is often only mildly elevated and is usually not the predominant abnormality. If analyzed in more detail these patients are not only characterized by abnormal fasting lipid levels, but also by an abnormal postprandial lipoprotein metabolism.³⁻⁴ The treatment of dyslipidemia was often neglected, despite convincing evidence linking it to the development of atherosclerosis. The compounding effects of age, obesity, ethanol, antihypertensive drugs, diet and, separately inherited lipid disorders, often aggravate them. In recent years, prevention of microvascular complications of diabetes has been shown to be possible with aggressive treatment of hyperglycemia.⁵ In type 2 diabetes an increased cardiovascular risk often exists for many years before the onset of biochemical hyperglycemia. During this period obesity and insulin resistance are often present, associated with hypertension and dyslipidemia, usually referred to as a metabolic syndrome.⁶⁻⁷

CASE DISCUSSION

A 59-year-old male patient visited the Yog Wellness Center, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh India presenting a known case of Type-2 Diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia for 10 years. (**Figure.1**) The patient was taking allopathic medicine by his allopathic physician and homeopathic medicine also. After allopathic medicine, he was advised for lifestyle modification and medications which he could not recall. No family history of diabetes or hypertension. He had normal sweating and sleep, bowel movement irregular and frequent micturition with no history of smoking and alcohol consumption. Vital Data include a pulse rate of 122, respiratory rate of 24, blood pressure 160/98 mmHg, the height of 170 cm, weight of 86 kg, afebrile and BMI of 29.75 (**Table.1**). Systemic examinations were normal. Pallor, clubbing, lymphadenopathy, edema, and cyanosis were absent. Skin appearance was normal, and pain in the lumbar region. Medical History patient was taking Tab. Amaryl 2mg, Tab. Galvus Met 50 mg/ 500mg, Tab. Telma 40 mg, Tab. Storvas 10 mg, Syp Depura 60000 IU once a month, Softavac powder, Tab. ABOCAL 500 mg. Other parameters associated are depicted in (**Tables 2 and 3**).

Treatment Plan

Conservative management was started with Naturopathy (Hydrotherapy, Mud therapy, Manipulative therapy, Naturopathic pack, Heliotherapy, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Fasting therapy and Diet therapy) and Yoga

(Shatkarma, Asana, Pranayam, Bandha, Yognidra, Meditation) Management.

Treatment Progress

After 14 days of treatment through Naturopathy and Yoga, he felt good and relaxed. There was a change in blood pressure and other vital parameters (**Table 1**) and relief in fasting blood sugar, post-prandial blood sugar, and random blood sugar and also improvement in hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) test and increases hemoglobin level (**Table 2**). Lipid profile parameters significantly improved due to proper follow of treatments (**Table 3**). I asked him to stop allopathic medicines gradually after proper follow of Naturopathy and Yoga management. The patient felt relaxed and happy. On the 14th day, on the basis of assessment criteria the patient was 80% relieved of his symptoms and he was feeling better than before. Follow-up instructions were suggested diet plan preferably two times a day and fasting once in a week. Loosening exercise, asana, and Suryanamaskar practices daily one hour, pranayama and relaxation twice in a day, GH pack, cold hip bath, hot and cold fomentation on the abdomen, mud pack on eye and abdomen, massage on abdomen and the head region once in a day (**Table 4- 8**). The patient was advised to chew well, eat with a peaceful mind, and drink water 4 to 5 liters per day. Expose the body to sunlight and fresh air as far as possible and weekly check-ups on the blood sugar level. The patient was instructed to avoid coffee, tea, oily, fried food, frozen /processed/fast/preserved/ refined edible items, white flour, white sugar, saturated fats/overeating/ untimely eating, late lunch, dinner/ late sleep, intake of water immediately before and after food, stress, anger, worry, hurry, depression, and anxiety etc. (**Figure 2-3**)

DISCUSSION

Naturopathy is a healing system using the power of nature and it is considered an art, science and philosophy. The concept of holistic health or treating the body as a whole (using tools like water, earth, fire, air and ether) is given prime importance and various drugless complementary medical sciences. Yoga means a holistic approach towards the cause and treatment of disease. According to yoga most of the diseases such as mental, psychosomatic and physical problems originate in mind through wrong way of thinking, living and eating. The basic approach of yoga is to correct the life style by cultivating a rational positive and spiritual attitude towards all life situations.⁸ Hydrotherapy helps to improve metabolism and enhances the body's ability to use

glucose and stimulates the functions of abdominal and pelvic organs including pancreas, liver and bladder and also decreases tissue blood flow by causing vasoconstriction, thus reduces tissue metabolism, inflammation and muscle spasm.⁹ Mud Therapy synchronizes the balance of the digestive system with the endocrinal organs, which being underutilized in diabetic patients lead to toxins accumulation.¹⁰ The systematic manipulation of soft tissue with the hands positively affects and promotes healing, reduces stress, enhances muscle relaxation, improves local circulation, and creates a sense of well-being.¹¹ Acupuncture, a popular complementary therapy, was first recorded as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) 3000 years ago. Based on TCM theory, acupuncture can be used to treat illnesses by stimulating specific acupoints. Several studies have shown that acupuncture has an effect on metabolic and endocrine diseases, such as polycystic ovarian syndrome, thyroid dysfunction, obesity, and T2DM with good safety.¹² Reflexology seems to be effective in helping the body systems return to their natural state. The findings revealed that reflexology therapy is effective in reducing the level of anxiety.¹³ Several beneficial nutrients also contribute to the protective effects of these diets, including mono- and polyunsaturated fatty acids, antioxidant vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, fiber, and amino acids. In diets high in fiber, the glycemic index is low, which helps keep blood sugar levels stable, improve weight loss, and control Type 2 diabetes.¹⁴ When the skin is stimulated with UVA radiation, nitric oxide is released, stimulating vasodilation and lowering blood pressure.¹⁵ The classical ancient texts Hatha Yoga Pradipika and Gheranda Samhita describe purification/cleansing practices known as *shatkarmas*. Of these, the practices of *vaman dhauti* (stomach cleansing with induced vomiting), *Kapalbhati* (frontal brain purification, which is a breathing technique with forceful exhalations and automatic inhalations), and *shankhaprakshalana* (intestinal cleansing) help to increase the production of insulin and to control blood glucose levels. Regular internal cleansing enhances the functional capacity of the organs. A study showed that *vaman dhauti* practice (emetic therapy) caused a marked reduction in fasting and postprandial blood sugar levels.¹⁶ Yogasana develops strength, flexibility, balance and the coordination of the mind, body and breath, in combination with pranayama and meditation exercises to calm the mind and develop self-awareness. Yoga balances autonomic nervous system consists of two limbs; sympathetic nervous system

and parasympathetic nervous system. Although individual asana and *pranayam* practices can selectively affect sympathetic or parasympathetic nervous system, the overall effect of yoga practice is to bring a state of parasympathetic dominance.¹⁷

CONCLUSION

The Findings of this case report suggest that Naturopathy and Yoga management help to alleviate the symptoms of Type -2 Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, and Dyslipidemia.

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Table 1: Vital data Examination parameters Pre- treatment and Post-treatment

S.No	Vital data	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment	Normal Value
1.	Pulse rate	122 beats/minute	74 beats/ minute	60-100 beats/minute
2.	Respiratory rate	24 breaths/minute	18 breaths/minute	12-16 breaths/ minute
3.	Blood pressure systolic	160 mmHg	138 mmHg	90-120 mmHg
4.	Blood pressure diastolic	98 mmHg	88 mmHg	60-80 mmHg
5.	Weight	86 kg	84.5 kg	60.3-76.9kg
6.	B.M.I	29.75	29.23	18.5-24.9

Table 2: Hematological Parameter Pre-treatment and Post-treatment

S.No	Parameters	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment	Normal value
1.	Fasting blood sugar	128 mg/dl	118 mg/dl	70-100 mg/dl
2.	Post- prandial blood sugar	189 mg/dl	163 mg/dl	<140 mg/dl
3.	Random blood sugar	270 mg/dl	184mg/dl	<140 mg/dl
4.	HbA1c	7.6%	6.6%	4.00-5.60%
5.	Estimated average glucose	171 mg/dl	143 mg/dl	70-126 mg/dl
6.	Haemoglobin	11.90 g/dl	13.7g/dl	13-17 g/dl

Table 3: Lipid profile Parameters Pre-treatment and Post-treatment

S.No	Parameters	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment	Normal Range
1.	Total Cholesterol	116 mg/dl	126 mg/dl	<200 mg/dl
2.	HDL Cholesterol	33.10 mg/dl	37 mg/dl	>40 mg/dl
3.	LDL Cholesterol	70.30 mg/dl	70.8 mg/dl	<100 mg/dl
4.	Triglycerides	63 mg/dl	91 mg/dl	<150 mg/dl
5.	VLDL	12.60 mg/dl	18.2 mg/dl	<30 mg/dl

Table 4: Naturopathic Management

S.No.	Name of treatment	Duration	Frequency
1.	Hydrotherapy (Jal chikitsa)		
	<i>Neutral Immersion bath</i>	10 minutes	9 times
	<i>Cold hip bath</i>	10 minutes	14 times
	<i>Steam bath with cold chest pack</i>	10 minutes	5 times
	<i>Local steam on abdomen</i>	10 minutes	9 times
	<i>Hot and Cold (3:1) Fomentation on abdomen</i>	20 minutes	14 times
	<i>Neutral enema</i>		4 times
2.	Mud therapy (Mitti chikitsa)		
	<i>Mud pack on Abdomen and eyes</i>	30 minutes	14 times
	<i>Full mud bath</i>	20 minutes	4 times
3.	Manipulative therapy (Malish chikitsa)		
	<i>Local massage on abdomen and head</i>	20 minutes	9 times
	<i>Full body massage</i>	45 minutes	5 times
4.	Naturopathy Packs (Prakritic packs)		

	<i>Gatro-hepatic pack (GH pack)</i>	30 minutes	7 times
	<i>Cold Cotton and woollen abdominal pack</i>	30 minutes	7 times
5.	Heliotherapy (Surya chikitsa)	20 minutes	7 times
	<i>Supine Series</i>	10 minutes	
	<i>Prone Series</i>	10 minutes	

Table 5: Naturopathic Management Continued:

S.No.	Name of treatment	Points upon the body	Duration	Frequency
6.	Acupuncture	<i>Acupuncture points- ST-36, ST-40, ST-42, Sp-3, SP- 6, SP-9, KI-3, GB-34, LI-4, LI-11, Du-20, U.B.-18, U.B.-23, Liv-2, K-3.</i>	20 minutes	7 times
7.	Reflexology	<i>Reflexology upon Foots</i>	10 minutes	14 times

Table 6: Naturopathic Management Continued:

S.No.	Name of treatment	Name of Ingredients	Frequency
8.	Fasting therapy		2 days
	8:00 am	Apple (250 grams)	Once in a week
	12:00 pm	Pears (250 grams)	
	4:00 pm	Pine apple and Sweet lime (250 grams)	
	8:00 pm	Papaya or Pears (250 grams)	
9.	Diet therapy		12 days
	7:00 am	Fenugreek kadha (<i>Methi kadha</i>) / Giloy Kadha/ Arjun kadha	
	8:00 am	Sprouted green gram and fenugreek, 4-5 almond, 7-8 black raisins, 2-3 walnut, 3-4 cashew and one seasonal citrus fruits.	
	10:00 am	Better guard juice/ Apple + Beetroot +Carrot juice/ bottle guard juice / Alovera juice	
	1:00 pm	Multigrain chapati -2, Steam green vegetable, Green chutney	
	3 :00 pm	Any seasonal citrus fruits (Papaya/ Apple/ Orange/Pomegranate /Grapes), Tender Coconut water or Lemon honey water.	
	5 :00 pm	Beetroot soup/ Tomatoes soup/ Drumstick soup	
	7 :00 pm	Multigrain chapati 1 or 2 with steam green vegetable or Green vegetable oats daliya one medium bowl.	
	9:00 pm	Harsingaar kadha	

Table 7: Yogic Management:

S.No.	<i>Shatkriyas (Yogic Cleansing Technique)</i>	Frequency
1.	<i>Triphala water eyewash</i>	14 time
2.	<i>Jal neti</i>	7 times
3.	<i>Vamandhauti</i>	7 times
4.	<i>Agnisaar kriya</i>	7 times
5.	<i>Nauli kriya</i>	7 times
6.	<i>Laghushankh Prakshalan</i>	1 times

Table 8: Asana, Pranayam, Bandha, Yognidra and Meditation Practices:

S.No.	Name of practices	Duration
1.	<i>Pawanmuktasana part-1</i> <i>Loosening exercises (Sukshma vyayama)</i>	10 minutes
2.	<i>12 poses of Surya namskar</i>	10 minutes
	<i>Pranamasana</i>	
	<i>Hasta uttanasana</i>	
	<i>Hasta padasana</i>	
	<i>Ashwa sanchalanasana</i>	
	<i>Parvatasana</i>	
	<i>Ashtanga namskara</i>	
	<i>Bhujangasana</i>	
3.	<i>Asana practices</i>	10 minutes
	<i>Tadasana</i>	
	<i>Ardhkatichrasana</i>	
	<i>Katichrasana</i>	
	<i>Vajrasana</i>	
	<i>Uttanmandukasana</i>	
	<i>Mandukasana</i>	
	<i>Ustrasana</i>	
	<i>Gomukhasana</i>	
	<i>Ardhmatsyendrasana</i>	
	<i>Ardha salabhasna</i>	
	<i>Dhanurasana</i>	
	<i>Sarpasana</i>	
	<i>Bhujangasana</i>	
	<i>Makrasana</i>	
	<i>Uttanpadasana</i>	
	<i>Ardhpawanmuktasana</i>	
	<i>Udarakarsan</i>	
	<i>Markatasana</i>	
	<i>Savasana</i>	
4.	<i>Pranayam practices</i>	10 minutes
	<i>Anulom- Vilom</i>	
	<i>Chandrabhedan pranayam</i>	
	<i>Sheetli pranayam</i>	
	<i>Sheetkari pranayam</i>	
	<i>Bhramari pranayam</i>	
5.	<i>Bandha practices</i>	<i>Uddiyan bandha</i>
6.	<i>Yognidra</i>	2 minutes
7.	<i>Meditation</i>	15 minutes
	<i>OM Kara meditation</i>	3 minutes
	<i>Mahamritunjay jap</i>	

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Figure 1: Photographs of the Patient

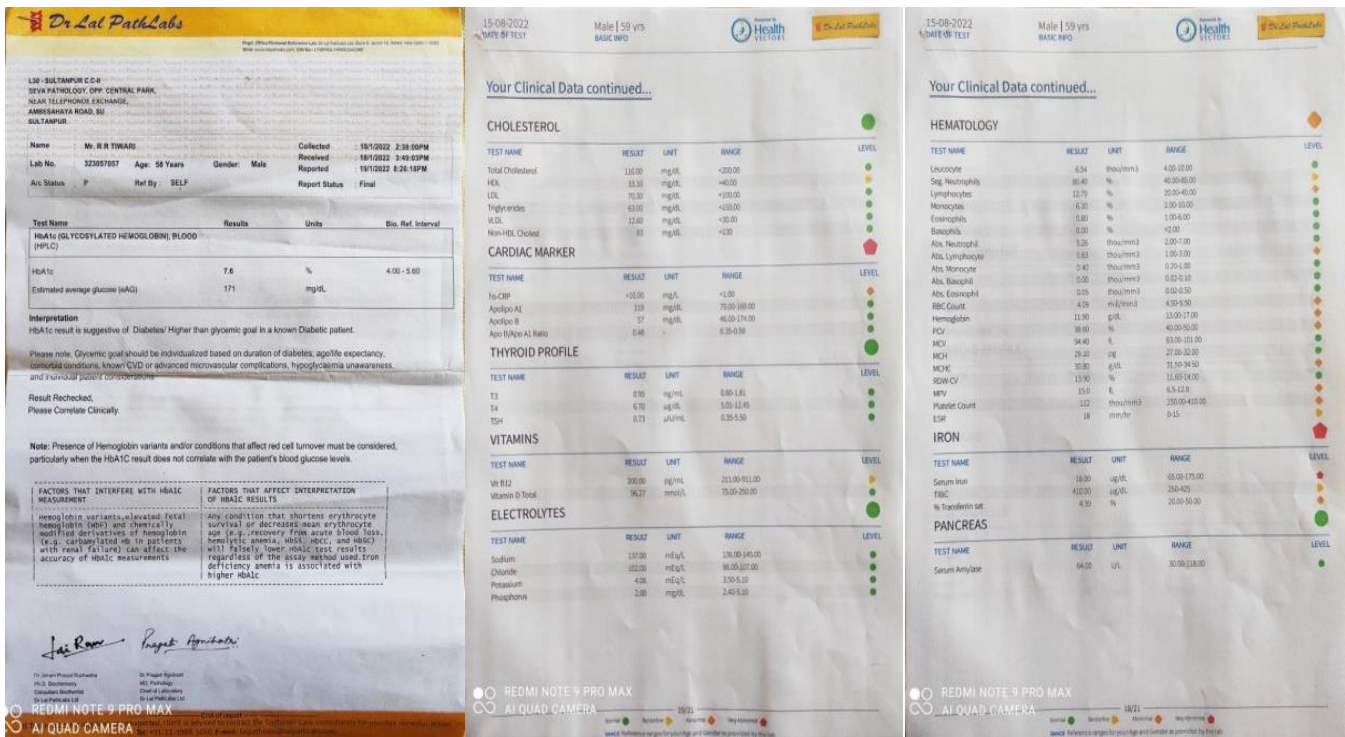


Figure 2: Pretreatment investigations

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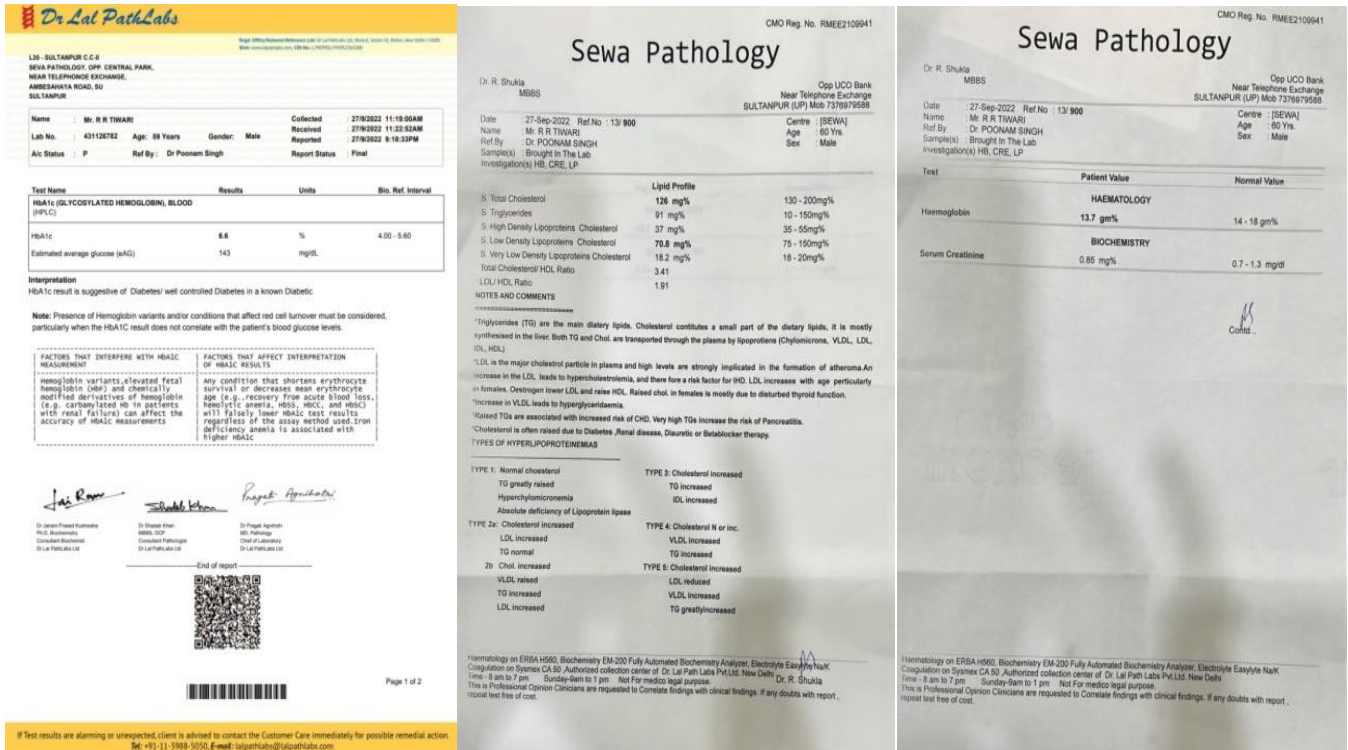


Figure 3: Post-treatment investigations