

# Effects of Two Synthetic PPAR- $\gamma$ agonists in Hypercholesterolemic Rats

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**Introduction:** Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- $\gamma$  (PPAR- $\gamma$ ) is well expressed in cardiovascular system-relevant tissues such as heart, endothelium and vascular smooth muscle. Since TZDs have importance on PPAR- $\gamma$  expressed in cardiovascular system, we investigated lipid profiles of hypercholesterolemic rat which are treated with different Rosiglitazone and Pioglitazone concentrations.

**Methods:** The rats were divided into five groups (n=8). The control group (group I) fed basal diet during entire experiment period. All other animals fed with hypercholesterolemic diet which contains 2% (w/w) cholesterol and 1% cholic acid in basal diet for 8 weeks. The hypercholesterolemic group (group II) was continued taking hypercholesterolemic diet while the group III, IV and V received 1 mg and 4 mg Rosiglitazone and 3 mg pioglitazone respectively by oral gavage in addition to hypercholesterolemic diet for 3 weeks. All the animals were sacrificed at the end of 11 weeks. Serum Total-C, TG, HDL-C, LDL-C, Apo A1, Apo B and Lp(a) levels were also determined in our clinical laboratory using routine standard methods with Roche Diagnostic System kits.

**Results:** TG levels of control, hypercholesterolemic and 3mg Pioglitazone treated rats were respectively [mean (SD) 49.71, (2), 79.2 (20) and 33.14 (7,8) mg/dl], Total Cholesterol levels of control, hypercholesterolemic and 4mg Rosiglitazone treated rats were respectively [mean (SD) 44.3, (7,4), 181.2 (24,5) and 154.8 (48) mg/dl] LDL-C levels of control, hypercholesterolemic and 1 mg Rosiglitazone treated rats were respectively [mean (SD) 11.14, (5,75), 151,7 (15) and 116.57 (53,06) mg/dl] Apo B levels control, hypercholesterolemic and 3mg Pioglitazone treated rats were respectively [mean (SD) 5,41, (1.37), 9.82(0,25) and 6.05 (3,22) mg/dl].

**Conclusions:** We conclude that all the TZDs drugs (Rosiglitazone and Pioglitazone) used in this study improved lipid profile of hypercholesterolemic rat. But Rosiglitazones were more effective than pioglitazones.