Effect of Bioactive Compounds of Avocado (*Persea americana*) Fruit Powder on Hypercholesterolemic Rats: Biological and Biochemical Studies

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to show the effect of different concentrations of avocado fruit powder on some biological and biochemical parameters of hypercholesteremic rats. Thirty male Sprague Dawley rats weighing (180 ± 20g B.Wt) were divided into two main groups. The first main group (6 rats) fed on basal diet as (control negative group – ve), while the second main group (24 rats) was classified into four groups (6 rats each) fed on 1.5 % cholesterol plus 10% sheep ghee for 15 days to induce hypercholesterolemia. One of these group was considered (control positive group +ve) and the other groups fed 10 %, 15% and 25% avocado fruit powder, respectively, for 28 days. The chemical composition and bioactive compounds of avocado fruit were determined. The biological parameters as BWG, FER, and FI and weight of internal organs determined and biochemical parameters as lipid profile, liver function, kidney function and histological examination of heart, liver and kidney were performed. The results indicated that there was a significant increase in lipid profile except HDL, liver function and kidney function in the positive control (+ve) group. It can be noted that all treatments of avocado fruit powder improved the previous parameters. The best treatment was observed in the group fed on 25 % avocado powder.

Keywords: Avocado fruit - Hypercholesterolemia – biological and biochemical parameters- lipid profile - bioactive compounds.

INTRODUCTION

Cholesterol is an essential substance with several physiological functions; however, when its level elevates substantially in the blood (hypercholesterolemia) that leads to various deleterious conditions such as atherosclerosis and related cardiovascular diseases (CVD) (Roman et al., 2015).

Familial hypercholesterolemia (FH) is caused by a co-dominantly inherited defect in the synthesis or function of the LDL receptor (LDLR) that reduces the catabolism of LDL particles and markedly increases plasma cholesterol concentrations (Haralambos et al., 2016).

Hypercholesterolaemia is one of the major causes of atherosclerosis, although there are many causes, hypercholesterolaemia is the permissive factor that allows other risk factors to operate and the incidence of coronary heart disease is usually low where population plasma cholesterol concentrations are low (Aljenedil et al., 2018).

Avocado (*Persea americana*) is highly nutritious fruit, having curative effects for many human ailments, from diarrhea to high blood pressure due to assortment of vitamins, high in monounsaturated fat and potassium (Hamouda et al., 2016).

Avocado has low sugar content (0.2 g in a half unity). D-mannoheptulose is the main kind of sugar found in the fruit which seems to lack nutritional properties, appearing to be one more phytochemical component of the avocado (Wang et al., 2015).

The *Persea americana* fruit was most effectively improved liver functions and antioxidant system and had an important phenolic and flavonoid compound (Mahmoud and Rezq, 2013).

Avocado had low caloric and a lot of fiber, 75% of fiber's avocado contents are considered insoluble and 25% are soluble so that avocado may improve hypercholesterolemia and may be useful in the treatment of hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus, avocado plays an important role in the cardiovascular health (Weschenfelder et al., 2015).

Therefore, the objective of this study was to assess the therapeutic effects of avocado fruit powder on hypercholesterolemic rats and the effects on metabolic and improve liver and kidney functions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A- Materials:

- Fresh avocado fruits used in this study were purchased from the local market Shiben El-Kom City, Menoufia Governor, Egypt.

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• Cholesterol, was purchased from Sigma Chemical Co. Casein, cellulose, and choline chloride powder were obtained from Morgan Co. Cairo, Egypt.

• Animals: Thirty mature male albino rats of Sprague-Dawley strain weighing 180±20 g., were obtained from Vaccine and Immunity Organization, Ministry of Health, Helwan Farm, Cairo, Egypt.

B- Methods:
Preparation of Avocado Fruit Powder:
Avocado fruits were washed with running water. Then they have been carefully refined to get the edible part, and it was cut to thin slices then minced and sun dried, flowed by milling and kept in polyethylene bags at freezing temperature until using.

Determination of chemical composition and bioactive compounds of avocado:
Moisture, protein, fat, fiber, ash and minerals were determined according to AOAC (2012). Carbohydrate was calculated by difference. Identification of phenolic compounds were assessed by HPLC according to the method determined outlined by Radovanović et al. (2010).

Determination of some Biological parameters
During the experimental period, the diet consumed was recorded every day, and body weight recorded every week. The body relative weight gain (BWG%) and feed efficiency ratio (FER) were determined according to Champilan et al. (1959) using the following equations.

\[ \text{B.W.G. } \% = \frac{(\text{Final weight} - \text{Initial weight}) \times 100}{\text{Initial weight}} \]

\[ \text{FER} = \frac{\text{Body weight gain (g/day)}}{\text{Feed intake (g/day)}} \]

Experimental design
The rats were divided into 5 groups (n=6) one of them used as negative control (-ve) while other groups had given 1.5% cholesterol plus 10% sheep ghee for 15 days according to AIN (1993), as a positive control (+ve) group and the other groups fed three doses of avocado powder (10, 15 and 25%) for 28 days.

Blood samples
At the end of the experiment period, blood samples were collected after 12 h fasting from the portal vein; the rats were sacrificed under ether anesthesia. Blood samples were received into clean dry centrifuge tubes and left to clot at room temperature, then centrifuged for 10 min at 3000 rpm to separate the serum. Serum was carefully aspirated and transferred into clean covet tee tubes and stored frozen at -20°C for analysis (Malhotra, 2003).

Determination of some biochemical parameters
The levels of serum creatinine and urea were estimated according to the method of Jendrassik and Grof (1983) and Patton and Crouch (1977), respectively. Serum levels of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) were assayed by the methods of Srivastava et al. (2002), and Chawla (2003), respectively. The serum levels of total cholesterol (TC), triglyceride (TG) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL-c) were determined by methods of Allain et al. (1974), Fossati and Prencipe (1982) and Demacker et al. (1980), respectively. The determination of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c), very low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (VLDL-c) and Atherogenic Index (AI) were carried out according to the methods of Lee and Nieman (1996) as follows:

\[ \text{VLDL-c} = \text{TG/5} \]

\[ \text{LDL-c} = \text{Total cholesterol} - (\text{HDL-c} + \text{VLDL-c}) \]

\[ \text{Atherogenic Index (AI)} = \frac{\text{LDL-c} + \text{VLDL-c}}{\text{HDL-c}} \]

Histopathology examinations:
Small specimens of the organs heart, liver and kidney were taken from each experimental group, fixed in neutral buffered formalin, dehydrated in ascending concentration of ethanol (70, 80 and 90%), cleared in xylene and embedded in paraffin. Sections of 4–6 µm thickness were prepared and stained with hematoxylin and eosin according to Bancroft and Gamble (2008).

Statistical analysis:
The results are recorded as mean ± SD. Data were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) for a completely randomized design using a statistical analysis system S.A.S (2000). Duncan’s multiple range tests were used to determine the differences among means at the level of 95%.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Proximate chemical composition of avocado fruit powder.
Proximate chemical composition of avocado powder is recorded in Table (1). The chemical components of avocado powder were 6.6, 31.49, 0.4, 8, 74, 22.68 and 7.23 g/100g, for moisture, protein, fat, ash, fiber and carbohydrate, respectively. These results are in agreement with Alghamdi and Yousef, (2017). Also, Weschenfelder et al. (2015) who reported that avocado was higher in fat and MUFAs.

Mineral contents of avocado fruit powder (Persea Americana).
The data in Table (2) show some mineral content of avocado powder. Avocado fruit powder contained many
important minerals as magnesium, manganese, calcium, iron, sodium, zinc and phosphorus. The highest mineral content of avocado was recorded for magnesium, calcium and sodium. They were 3318.341.50 and 809 mg/kg, respectively. The results obtained in the present study are high in Mg, Na and Zn and lower in phosphorus than that found by Weschenfelder et al. (2015).

Identification and determination of phenolic content of avocado fruit powder extract.

Phenolic compounds of avocado fruit powder are shown presented in Table (3). Twenty-one compounds of phenolics were identified in dried avocado powder extract. Catechin and caffeic acid were the dominant being 80403 and 60314.4 ppm, respectively. They followed by α -amino benzoic acid and protocatchoic (29380 and 20198 ppm), respectively.

According to Mahmoud and Rezq (2013) ferulic acid and salicylic acid were lower in avocado phenolic acid since it was found to contain than less content in our results of the present study. Whereas Shehata and Soltan , (2013) reported that pyrogallol was the major compound of phenolic followed by ellagic and lowest in coumarin.

Effect of Avocado fruit powder "AP" on feed intake (g/day), body weight gain (%) and feed efficiency ratio (g) of hypercholesterolemic rats.

Relative body weight gain (B.W.G %), feed intake (F.I), and feed efficiency ratio (F.E.R) of all hypercholesterolemic treated groups are illustrated in Table (4).

Table 1. Proximate chemical composition (%) of avocado fruit powder on dry weight basis

| Sample          | Constituents | Moisture | protein | Fat    | Ash | Fiber | Carbohydrates |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|---------|--------|-----|-------|---------------|
| Avocado Powder  |              | 6        | 6.31    | 49.04  | 8.74| 22.68 |               |

Table 2. Mineral content of avocado fruit powder (mg/kg) on dry weight basis

| Sample          | Mg     | Mn    | Ca    | Fe    | Na    | Zn    | P     |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Avocado Powder  | 3318   | 12.40 | 341.50| 58.00 | 809   | 24.40 | 33.24 |

Table 3. contents of individual phenolic compounds of dried avocado fruit powder extract

| Identified constituents | ppm  |
|-------------------------|------|
| Catechol                | 63.76|
| Caffeic acid            | 60314.4|
| Vanillic acid           | 46.5 |
| 3,4,5 methoxy cinnamon  | 311.43|
| Catechin                | 80403|
| Protocatchoic           | 20198|
| Ferulic acid            | 10.78|
| Coumarin                | 4.215|
| β- hydroxyl benzoic acid| 10.93|
| Chlorogenic acid        | 14.71|
| α - amino benzoic acid  | 29380|
| Pyrogallol              | 28.02|
| Salicylic acid          | 54.085|
| α - coumaric acid       | 94.37|
| Ellagic acid            | 9.75 |
| Benzoic acid            | 32.95|
| Oluropen                | 3.764|
| e- vanillic acid        | 567.3|
| Gallic acid             | 11.32|
| Epi-catechin            | 19.56|
| Qurestin                | 88.61|
Mean values of BWG (%) and FER(g) of hypercholesterolemic treated group with 25% AP were significantly lower (P≤0.05) when compared to the corresponding values in hypercholesterolemic treated groups with 10 and 15 % AP respectively, and when compared with the control positive group (P≤0.05). This may be related to a high amount of fiber contained in avocado. But, mean value of FI (g/day) of hypercholesterolemic treated groups with 10, 15% and 25% AP, respectively showed no significant differences among them. (P≤0.05).

Naveh et al. (2013) and Fulgoni et al. (2013) indicated that avocado consumption is associated with improved nutrient intakes and lower body weight and reducing the risk of metabolic syndrome. While, Barakat (2011) showed that avocado decreased significantly FER as compared to positive control (+v) group.

Effect of avocado powder "AP" on serum lipid profile (TC, TG, HDL-C, LDL-C - VLDL-C and AI) of hypercholesterolemic rats.

The impact of avocado powder on lipid profile of hypercholesterolemic rats is presented in Table (5). Rats fed on high fat diet and levels of cholesterol without any addition showed significant increase (P ≤ 0.05) in the levels of serum cholesterol, triglyceride, very low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (VLDL. c), low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL.c) and atherogenic index (AI) compared with the normal control group while, high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL.c) had an opposite result. These increase in TC, TG, LDL. c, VLDL. c and AI in hypercholesterolemic rats may be related to feeding the rats on 1.5 % cholesterol plus 10% sheep ghee for 15 days to induce hypercholesterolemia which leading to the accumulation of lipid on blood.

The data in the same Table showed significant reduction (p ≤ 0.05) in TC, TG, LDL.C, VLDL.C and AI levels and elevation in the level of HDL.c compared with the positive control group. This decrement could be attributed to antioxidant capacity in avocado powder which is rich in polyphenols (flavonoids and phenolic acids). Also, the results indicated that supplementation hypercholesterolemic rats with 25% of avocado powder was more effective (P ≤ 0.05) in reducing TC, TG, LDL.C, VLDL.C and AI than those supplemented with 10 and 15 %, AP.

These results are in agreement with those obtained by Mohammed (2011) who revealed that the avocado

| Table 4. The effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on feed intake (g/day), relativ body weight gain(%) and feed efficiency ratio (g) of hypercholesterolemic Rats |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Groups          | Parameters | Feed Intake (g/day) | BWG(%) | FER (g) |
| G1 Control (-)  |       | 16.9±0.3c | 22.17±0.02b | 0.04±0.002b |
| G2 Control (+)  |       | 19.7±0.5a | 36.7±0.12a  | 0.07±0.001a |
| G3 (10 %AP)     |       | 17.3±0.01b | 6.21±0.07c  | 0.014±0.002d |
| G4 (15 % AP)    |       | 17.9±0.1b | 6.88±0.05c  | 0.016±0.002c |
| G5 (25%AP)      |       | 18±0.3b  | 4.81±0.01d  | 0.011±0.001e |

All results are expressed as mean ± SD.
Values in each column which have different superscript letters are significantly different at P≤0.05.

BWG: Body Weight Gain FI: Feed Intake FER: Feed Efficiency Ratio

| Table 5. The effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on serum lipid profile (TC, TG, HDL-C, LDL-C - VLDL-C and AI) of hypercholesterolemic rats |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Groups          | Parameters | TC Mg/dl | TG Mg/dl | HDL-c Mg/dl | LDL-c Mg/dl | VLDL-c Mg/dl | AI |
| G1 Control (-)  |       | 89.96±2d | 50.8±2.1d | 65.6±1.1a  | 14.16±2.3d | 10.16±0.4ed | 0.36±0.035c |
| G2 Control (+)  |       | 140±2.3a | 118.6±24b | 24.4±2.7d  | 91.8±3a   | 23.7±0.4a  | 4.78±0.64a |
| G3 (10 %AP)     |       | 124.2±2c | 71.4±2.5b | 57±1.3c   | 52.9±3c   | 14.28±0.5b | 1.17±0.01b |
| G4 (15 % AP)    |       | 131.01±0.33b | 62.8±2.3c  | 60.2±1.3b  | 58.24±2.1b | 12.56±0.4c | 1.17±0.2b |
| G5 (25%AP)      |       | 126.4±0.63c | 51±1.5d   | 58.3±0.9b  | 57.9±2b   | 10.2±0.3ed | 1.16±0.2b |

All results are expressed as mean ± SD.
Values in each column which have different superscript letters are significantly different at P≤0.05.

HDL-c: High Density Lipoprotein cholesterol, VLDL-c: Very Low Density Lipoprotein cholesterol, LDL-c: Low Density Lipoprotein cholesterol.
pulp at doses of 1 and 2 ml/day/rat caused a significant decrease in the serum lipid including TC and TG levels but showed significant increase in HDL-c. Also, Wang et al. (2015) found that the diet rich in avocado had effects on serum cholesterol level. Additionally, Dreher and Adrienne (2013) showed that the avocado had the highest fruit lipophilic antioxidant capacity, which reduced the serum lipid peroxidation and promoting vascular health. Also, Boshtam et al. (2013) found that avocado may modify the structure of the HDL lipoprotein by increasing paraoxonase1 (PON1) enzyme activity, the cardio protector effect of HDL-cholesterol is in part due to PON1 activity, which is responsible for the hydrolysis of lipid hydroperoxides (products of the lipid oxidation).

**Effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on liver functions (AST-ALT and ratio of AST/ALT u/l) of hypercholesterolemic rats.**

The impact of avocado fruit powder on liver functions of hypercholesterolemic rats is presented in Table (6). The effect of avocado powder on AST, ALT and AST/ALT of the hypercholesterolemic rats showed that the mean value AST, ALT and AST/ALT of the positive control (+) group were higher than those of the negative control (-) group being 154±6.10, 49.6±0.7 and 3.10±0.08 u/l respectively, this may be revealed to a high levels of cholesterol which can cause heart disease. They also overloaded the liver leading to fatty liver and liver damage. On the other hand, supplementation of hypercholesterolemic rats with avocado powder can alleviate the serum levels of AST, ALT and AST/ALT as well as these enzymes levels showed decreasing values with increasing doses of avocado powder whereas supplementation of hypercholesterolemic rats with 25% avocado fruit powder decreased the serum levels of AST, ALT and AST/ALT by (57.8±1.3, 30.12±1.2 and 1.91±0.12 u/l) respectively comparing with the positive control group.

The result obtained in Table (6) agreed with Mahmoud and Rezq (2013) who reported that administration of variety concentration level of dried avocado caused lower of serum AST and ALT content compared to positive control (+ve). Also, Mohammed (2011) indicated that rats which consumed 1 or 2 ml/day avocado extract showed a decrement in AST and ALT activity compared to +ve group. In addition, Al-Dosari (2011) found that feeding on high cholesterol diet with avocado fruit resulted in significant decrement in liver function enzymes.

**Effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on kidney functions (serum creatinine and urea) mg/dl of hypercholesterolemic rats.**

The impact of avocado fruit powder on kidney functions of hypercholesterolemic rats are shown in Table (7). Serum creatinine and urea levels were significantly lowering in the positive control group rats as compared to those of the control negative group.

### Table 6. The effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on liver functions (AST-ALT and AST/ALT u/l) of hypercholesterolemic rats

| Groups     | Parameters | AST       | ALT       | AST/ALT   |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| G1 Control (-) | 49.31±1.01<sup>e</sup> | 19.1±0.5<sup>e</sup> | 2.58±0.12<sup>b</sup> |
| G2 Control (+) | 154±6.10<sup>a</sup> | 49.6±0.7<sup>a</sup> | 3.10±0.08<sup>a</sup> |
| G3 (10 %AP)  | 75.33±2.1<sup>b</sup> | 36.3±2.5<sup>c</sup> | 2.07±0.08<sup>c</sup> |
| G4 (15 %AP)  | 64.1±1.2<sup>c</sup> | 41.9±0.8<sup>b</sup> | 1.52±0.06<sup>c</sup> |
| G5 (25%AP)   | 57.8±1.3<sup>d</sup> | 30.12±1.2<sup>d</sup> | 1.91±0.12<sup>d</sup> |

All results are expressed as mean ± SD.

Values in each column which have different superscript letters are significantly different at p≤0.05.

### Table 7. The effect of avocado fruit powder "AP" on kidney functions (serum creatinine and urea) of hypercholesterolemic rats

| Groups      | Parameters | S. creatinine (Mg/dl) | Urea (Mg/dl) |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| G1 Control (-) | 0.7±0.02<sup>e</sup> | 26.2±1<sup>d</sup> |
| G2 Control (+) | 1.6±0.01<sup>a</sup> | 65.1±0.55<sup>a</sup> |
| G3 (10 %AP)  | 0.97±0.03<sup>b</sup> | 62.1±0.5<sup>b</sup> |
| G4 (15 %AP)  | 0.91±0.01<sup>d</sup> | 52.9±1<sup>c</sup> |
| G5 (25%AP)   | 0.93±0.01<sup>c</sup> | 52.2±0.5<sup>c</sup> |

All results are expressed as mean ± SD.

Values in each column which have different superscript letters are significantly different at P≤0.05.
The increase in the level of creatinine and urea could be due to the cause of the renal dysfunction resulting from exposure to cholesterol and high fat diet. On the other hand, the results indicated that there were significant decrease (P≤0.05) in the level of creatinine and urea in hypocholesterolemic rats treated with avocado fruit powder (AP) when compared with positive control (+ve) group and this decrease in the level of creatinine and urea showed an increasing inclination with increasing dose of (AP). This improvement in renal functions may be due to antioxidants and phenolic compounds present in avocado which protect against renal injury. Also, the lowest level of creatinine and urea in hypercholesterolemic rats were obtained with the group fed 25% of AP.

In this respect, the elevated level of urea in rats fed on high fat diet is likely due to the increase of amino acid catabolism which impaired kidney function or liver damage (Lieitzy and Finley, 1983). The results obtained in the present study agreed with Alghamdi and Yousef (2017). They showed that rat fed on diet fortified with avocado reducing kidney functions compared with the positive control group.

**Histopathological examination**

**Liver:**

Microscopically, liver of the negative control (-) rat revealed the normal liver structure, central vein, hepatic sinusoids and hepatocytes (photo1). Meanwhile, liver of the positive control (+) rat showed multiple fat globules in hepatic sinusoids and vacuolar degeneration in hepatocytes cytoplasm, dilated sinusoids engorged with blood and contain multiple fat globules in addition to vacuolar degeneration in some hepatic cells and few inflammatory cells in filtration were detected (photo2,3). Examined sections of rat from 10% avocado fruit powder, 15% avocado powder and 25% avocado fruit powder group revealed no histopathological changes (photos 4,5,6).

**Kidney:**

Microscopically, kidneys of the control (-) rat the revealed the normal histological structure of renal parenchyma (photo 7). Meanwhile, kidneys of the positive control (+) rat showed vacuolar degeneration of epithelial lining renal tubules and interstitial nephritis (photos 8). However, kidneys of rats from 15% avocado powder group, 25% avocado group revealed no histopathological changes (photos 9,10). Some examined sections from 10% avocado fruit powder group showed congestion of renal blood vessels, vacuolar degeneration of epithelial lining renal tubules (photos 11).
Photo 5. Liver of rat from 15% avocado fruit powder group showing no histopathological changes (H and EX 400)

Photo 6. Liver of rat from 25% avocado group showing no histopathological changes (H and EX 400)

Photo 7. Kidney of control (-) rat group showing the normal histological structure of renal parenchyma (H and E X 400)

Photo 8. Kidney of control (+) rat group showing vacuolar degeneration of epithelial lining renal tubules (H and E X 400)

Photo 9. Kidney of rat from group 15% avocado fruit powder group showing no histopathological changes (H and E X 400)

Photo 10. Kidney of rat from 25% avocado fruit powder group showing no histopathological changes (H and E X 400)

Photo 11. Kidney of rat from 10% avocado fruit powder group showing dilatation and congestion of renal blood vessels (H and E X 400)

Photo 12. Heart of the control (-) rat showing normal cardiac muscle fibers (H and E X 400)
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Photo 13. Heart of the control (+) rat showing vacuolar degeneration in the cytoplasm of cardiac muscle fibers and congestion in cardiac blood vessels (H and EX400)

Photo 14. Heart of the control (+) rat showing severe hyaline degeneration in cardiac muscle fibers and fat globules in cardiac blood capillaries (HandEX400)

Photo 15. Heart of rat from 15% avocado powder group showing no histopathological changes (HandEX400)

Photo 16. Heart of rat from 25% avocado powder group showing no histopathological changes (HandEX400)

Photo 17. Heart of rat from 10% avocado fruit powder group showing mild degeneration in cardiac muscle fibers (H and EX400)

Heart:

Microscopically, heart of the negative control (-) rat revealed the normal cardiac muscle fibers (photo12). Meanwhile, heart of control (+) rat showed vacuolar degeneration in the cytoplasm of cardiac muscle fibers, congestion in cardiac blood vessels and severe hyaline degeneration in cardiac muscle fibers, fat globules in cardiac blood capillaries (photos 13 and 14). However, heart of rats from 15% avocado powder, 25% avocado fruit powder group revealed no histopathological changes (photos 15,16). Some examined sections from 10% avocado fruit powder group showed vacuolar degeneration in cytoplasm of muscle fibers, mild degeneration in cardiac muscle fibers and few hyaline degenerations in cardiac muscle fibers (photos 17).

CONCLUSION:

Avocado is one of bioactive fruit has a high amount of monounsaturated fatty acid flavonoids, phenolic compounds and vital minerals has appositive effects on metabolic factories, and has the capability to decline total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL-c and increased HDL-c. At the same time, improve the functions of liver and kidney of hypercholesterolemic rats.

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الملخص العربي

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دراسة بيولوجية وكيميائية

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هدفت هذه الدراسة إلى توضيح تأثير التركيزات المختلفة من مسحوق ثمار الافوكادو على المؤشرات البيولوجية والكيميائية لمرضى ارتفاع الكوليسترول. تم استخدام 30 فئرأ من الذكور من النوع الألبيون تتراوح أوزانهم بين 180 ± 20 جم، ثم تقسمتهم إلى مجموعتين رئيسيتين: المجموعة الأولى (7 فئران) تغذى على الغذاء الأساسي (المجموعة الضابطة السالبة) والمجموعة الرئيسية الثانية: (24 فئرأ تم تغذيتهم إلى أربع مجموعات) (6 فئران لكل مجموعة) تم تغذيتهم على 1.5% كوليسترول بالإضافة إلى 10% من دهن الاغدام لمدة 15 يوم مع الغذاء الرئيسي لرفع مستوي كوليسترول الدم. وتم اختيار مجموعة باعتبارها (المجموعة الضابطة الموجهة) وباقي المجموعات تم تغذيتهم على ثلاثة تركيزات من مسحوق الافوكادو (1.0% ، 1.5% و 2.0%) على التوالي لمدة 28 يوم، في نهاية التجربة تم تقدير التركيز الكيميائي والمركبات الفعالة للثمار الافوكادو وتم قياس المؤشرات البيولوجية وهي (BWG) - FER - FI - ووزن الأعضاء الداخلية (الموجبة) وكذلك تم قياس المؤشرات الكيميائية وهي (مستوي دهون الدم - التغييرات البيولوجية - الكيميائية - دهون الدم - النشط حيوياً).