

## HEART DISEASES

## Polysaccharide peptides of *Ganoderma lucidum* effects as antioxidant, antiinflammation, and endothelial protector in high risk patients of atherosclerosis

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**Background:** *Ganoderma lucidum* is a type of mushroom that has been used for thousand years throughout Asia. It is known to demonstrate numerous health benefiting properties including antioxidant, antiinflammation, anticancer effects, hypoglycaemic and blood cholesterol reducing properties. This research was conducted to determine the efficacy of *Ganoderma lucidum* polysaccharide peptides (PsP) as antiinflammation, antioxidant, and endothelial protector in cardiovascular disease.

**Methods:** This is a true experimental study with pre- and post-test design of 37 high risk patients of cardiovascular disease based on the Framingham Risk Score that was conducted for 3 months. They were advised to consume PsP 3x250 mg as adjuvant to their previous medications. They did some examines. Statistical analysis was conducted using paired t-test for parametric data and Wilcoxon test for nonparametric data.

**Results:** From 37 patients we found that the administration of PsP 3x250 mg could reduce total cholesterol level from  $219.46\pm49.49$  to  $201.43\pm81.63$  (p=0.193). PsP administration, however, decreased HDL cholesterol (HDL-C) levels by  $7.84\pm10.79$  (p=0.000). The systolic blood pressure decreased from  $130.14\pm43.37$  mmHg to  $118.24\pm55.68$  mmHg (p=0.109), and the diastolic blood pressure decreased from  $80\pm25.74$  mmHg to  $73.24\pm33.85$  mmHg (p=0.102). Despite a great reduction of blood pressure to normal range, it was not statistically significant. The reduction of anti-inflammatory markers, interleukin 6 (IL-6), from  $279.75\pm120.76$  to

29.32 $\pm$ 26.44 (p=0.000) and tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF alpha), from 13447.84  $\pm$  2199.46 to 544.85  $\pm$  292.06 (p=0.000) were significant. Malondialdehyde (MDA) level also decreased significantly with PsP for 3 months (114.13 $\pm$ 24.56 to 36.84 $\pm$ 28.39, p=0.000). Circulating endothelial cell (CEC) level significantly reduced (p=0.000) and endothelial progenitor cell (EPC) level significantly increased (p=0.000).

**Conclusions:** The administration of PsP *Ganoderma lucidum* for 3 months in high risk patients with hypertension can reduce the blood pressure within normal range; improve total cholesterol and LDL-C level and significantly pivotal role as antiinflammation, antioxidant, and endothelial protector in cardiovascular disease.

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