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# How Pesticides Imbalances Vertebrate Health

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## Introduction

Pesticides cover a wide range of substances. Predominately pesticide is an agent of biological or chemical origin that scare off the deleterious role of pests, furthermore, terminates the pests thoroughly that are really not favorable for the crop health. Bygone era of pesticides: were mainly occupied by the mercury and arsenic as to control a vast range of pests. <sup>[1]</sup> The revolution of pesticides however takes place in the 1940's when a bulk production of synthetic toxic compounds inaugurated against the pathogens. Paul Muller's groundbreaking discovery of dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) in 1939 is regarded as a watershed moment in pesticide history., primarily declined the damage caused in agriculture and likewise health-related problems such as malaria or typhus [2]. The world opted green revolution in the form of pesticides that spread at rapid pace almost everywhere, especially in North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. Green revolution in terms of chemical pesticides and fertilizers jointly increased irrigation and genetic improvement for agricultural production [3]. Pesticide revolution replaced the food shortage by bumper crop yields and considered as the savior of human starvation worldwide, particularly in densely populated countries of South East Asia [4]. Pesticides have been used in India since 1948 and their production started in 1952 in a manufacturing plant near Kolkata [5]. The consumption of pesticides and fertilizers in India increased enormously in the 1960's and lead the way of green evolution of pesticides,

Aftermath the use of pesticides has grown at an astonishing pace. Undoubtedly pesticides proved to be bountiful for farmers sector and other related people to the world by increased agricultural yield, but pesticide's dark side is an evident reality which cannot be pass over at any rate. application of pesticides served as a boon but have long lasting hazard on man and its environment. Previously India was known for its organic farming nevertheless pesticides blooming use changed the profile, India is presently the world's twelfth-largest user of pesticides and Asia's second-largest producer of pesticides. Worldwide pesticides usage come to be in question whether pesticides are **blessing** or a **curse**.

## Impact of agricultural pesticides on vertebrates

Agriculture in India is the popular sector, simply the backbone of country's economy, hitherto Indian organic farming was noticeable by the world,

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suddenly the rapid use of pesticides in agricultural lands reduced the organic nature of farming. Pesticides application no doubt shoot up the food production and proclaimed reduction in pests, weeds and other disease causing organisms, despite that pesticides fulmination spread all over the world and ascribed to innumerable ill health conditions for the non-targeted organisms and their environment. Pesticide subjection in most of the vertebrates resulted by the spraying procedure and These droplets (diameter 100-200m) provide a concentrated dosage of toxicant to their skin, feathers, and hair. [7]. Impact of pesticides on vertebrates

Pesticides at the moment by some means is paramount thunder for biodiversity planetary. Exposure of chemical fertilizers causes decline in the number of total species worldwide among which amphibians (cold-blooded vertebrates) are easy target in consequences to their permeability in skin for ions and their terrestrial –aquatic cycle[8]. Multitude studies proclaimed pesticide influence on amphibians likewise Roundup is broadly used herbicide throughout the world which bring out morphological changes in the tadpoles, wood frog and leopard frog tadpoles, along with activating the developmental pathways of tadpoles which are used for antipredator responses, compared with earlier studies Round top reveals much more effects on non-target groups [9][10]. In comparison to other species, reptiles are rarely addressed in environmental risk assessments but for few years it has been noticed that Lizards are easily targeted by some pesticides upon ingestion of contaminated food, dermal exposure, from their adjacent environments. AChE inhibitory insecticides cause brain processes to be disrupted [12]. Malathion, an organophosphate pesticide, when administered at 0.1 percent and 1 percent in the liver and kidney of adult *C. versicolor* specimens, reduces cholinesterase activity by 30 and 60 percent, respectively. Fishes are the main source of food for various aquatic animals and take utmost status in the marine ecosystem but for some times impact of pesticides on aquatic organism somehow

declines their population size and causes death worldwide [14]. Survey was conducted in Indian state (west Bengal) on aquatic community and their co-relation with pesticides, overall study revealed that gills, alimentary canal and other tissues were damaged upon exposure to pesticides in both the carp and catfishes [14]. abate is a organophosphate which revealed enough caliber to aberrant the Vitellogenesis in cat fishes [15]. In Europe more than 27 species of fishes in freshwater ecosystem were overwhelmed by plant protection products (PPP) [15]. Pesticide troubles the food web related to the aquatic organisms, The use of correct pesticide spraying methods in aquatic ecosystems can help to prevent fish acute toxicity[16]. Birds are diverse group of species which plays a pivotal role in maintain the ecosystem, Pesticide such as organophosphates and organochlorines can indulge the bird population which maintain the natural ecosystem due to high toxicity[17]. Pesticides potentially changes the morphological and reproductive behavior of birds for example organophosphates and carbamates reduces the raptorial bird population as interfering their reproductive as well as feeding behavior [18]. Every year 672 million birds were exposed to pesticides out of which 10 % were die due to accumulation of acute toxicity [19]. Pyrethroids and neonicotinoid pesticides are more tolerable to birds, however chlorfenapy is extremely toxic. dT, OP, carbamate and pyrethroids. Thyroid hormone levels can also affect growth and metamorphosis, which has previously been found in birds exposed to pesticides [20]. all non-target creatures, including mammalian species, were harmed by pesticide exposure, where bats suffered from indiscriminate threat since long time and showed changes in developmental and reproductive behavior. Humans are counting now in the list of pesticide targets where farm holders, sprayers and other workers at high risk. In Kerala, India, nearly 100 people died in 1958 after eating wheat flour poisoned with parathion, which was the first case of pesticide poisoning in India since the time of green revolution (Karunakaran, 1958)

## Pesticide Influence and Respiratory related symptoms.

Pesticides exposure is highly correlated with respiratory pathologies in humans which include – Asthma, COPD and lung cancer, as well as with various respiratory manifestations – cough, wheezing and dyspnea. Organophosphorus and carbamates have anti-cholinesterase activity which can cause laryngeal and bronchial spasm and asthma episodes. Together with pulmonary cancer, bronchial asthma and COPD, farmer's lung and allergic rhinitis were also linked with occupational exposure to pesticides. Persistent exposure to pesticides increases mucus secretion and muscle contraction in the lungs were linked to individual exposure to insecticide diazinon (Diazinon). COPD and chronic bronchitis are linked to pesticide exposure in agricultural contexts. High prevalence of chronic bronchitis in Indian farmers were mainly co-related with Organophosphates and Carbamates. In our research laboratory sundry studies on pulmonary expression with related to pesticide exposure were evaluated, maximum results confidently showed correlation of the same, as an illustration: Fipronil an pyrethroids insecticide amended the transcriptome status of lungs at their respective doses ((low dose, 4.75 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and (high dose, 9.50 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) with or without combination to LPS [22]). Furthermore hemorrhage, neutrophil infiltration, emphysematous changes catch sight of onto exposure the cocktail of chlorpyrifos and Cypermethrin or its single form in the committed animal models [23]. Diverse studies revealed that lung cancer and pesticide exposure is positively co-related in many occasions for example, Longer exposure to organophosphate and carbamate insecticides, as well as a few other chemicals, increases lung cancer death rates [24]. On the top of asthma, COPD and lung cancer, pesticide exposures are more united for other respiratory diseases, Similarly, occupational exposure to insecticides has been linked to a higher risk of sarcoidosis when a person is heavily exposed to the pesticides. furthermore rhinitis disorder were found in the people who were mainly involve in the agricultural setting The herbicides 2,4-D, glyphosate, and petroleum oil (a phytotoxicity-increasing component in herbicide formulas), as well as the insecticide diazinon and the fungicide benomyl [25].

## Conclusion

Pesticides credits enhanced the agricultural economy throughout the world and blooming the food production no doubt, but if we look towards its debits which are increasing at more alarming rate whose treacherous inference genesis to man and his environment. India was previously eminent in simple organic farming but today's ranks in the primary stage in the use of pesticides globally, and introduced number of disorders in our environment. Many kinds of pathologies are counted in the account of pesticide exposure that is to say , reproductive , developmental and behavioral changes together with lung cancer asthma and other respiratory pathologies. Different studies on pesticide exposure showed that being a good friend towards the area of agriculture, these pesticides become the major foe to the environment and other non-targeted organisms. Pesticides harmful role will be diminishing or totally void if we try to remain independent on these deleterious agents and move towards the pesticide free world.

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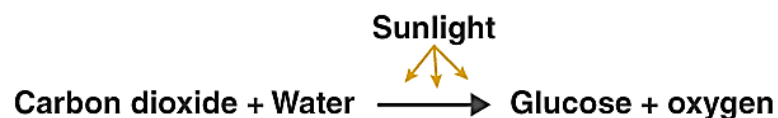
# Photosynthesis

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*The process in which plants, algae and certain bacteria acquire energy from the light energy and carbon dioxide from the atmospheric air then convert it to chemical energy i.e. carbohydrates that is used as fuel for cellular activity is called photosynthesis.*

To carry out such process a cell must have chloroplast along with some photosynthetic pigments such as chlorophyll a and b, carotene and xanthophylls which are present mostly in green plants and other autotrophic organism. Oxygen is released as the by-product.

Beside green plants, there are several bacteria such as cyanobacteria, purple and green sulfur bacteria that carry out photosynthesis and produces glucose which is then furthermore get utilized in several cellular actions. Like photosynthesis in plants, these organisms also release oxygen as by product.



A visual representation of the photosynthesis reaction  
Photosynthesis is one of the processes existing in nature that directly or indirectly helps in sustenance of life. For example, it is the source of food we eat/ we consume either directly plant or its indirect consumption as meat. The oxygen we inhale is released by photosynthesis. The fossils that we use as coal or petrol are the legacy of this process. By photosynthesis, green plants keep the concentration of the two gases almost constant by absorbing carbon dioxide and evolving oxygen during photosynthesis

Photosynthesis is very much widely distributed in the world. It has been found that 60% of worldwide photosynthesis is only carried out by organism living in the terrestrial area whereas other 40% takes place in ocean by single cell marine eukaryotes and photosynthetic bacteria. In the Photic zone of ocean sunlight penetrates nearly 100m deep and enable the plant to do photosynthesis.

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Photosynthetic organism has evolved in past centuries and have adapted diverse environment for their survival as shown in figure below: Photosynthesis in extreme environments. (a) Desert crust in the Colorado Plateau formed by photosynthetic bacteria and algae. (b) A hot spring in Yellowstone National Park (75°C.) The yellow color is due to photosynthetic bacteria. (c) The surface of a permanent snow pack. The red color is due to photosynthetic algae. Sources: a. Jayne Belnap/USGS; b. f11photo/Shutterstock; c. Shattil & Rozinski/Naturepl.com.

### Photosynthesis is a redox reaction

The answer to the question that how solar energy is trapped in chemical bonds lies on the fact that the process of photosynthesis where formation of carbohydrates takes place from carbon dioxide and water is a redox reaction. Reduction reaction is a reaction in which molecule gains energy by acquiring electron whereas the oxidation is opposite to it, where molecule loses electron and releases energy. Carbon dioxide molecule are reduced during the process to form carbohydrates with higher energy aided by energy from ATP and an electron from electron donor i.e water. Water undergoes oxidation produces electron and proton along with release of oxygen. the following equation summarizes the process of photosynthesis.

### Photosynthesis, energy from sunlight is used to synthesize carbohydrates from CO<sub>2</sub>

of carbon dioxide helps in increasing the rate of photosynthesis. Usually, carbon dioxide in the range of 300 – 400 PPM is adequate for photosynthesis.

- **Temperature:** For efficient execution of photosynthesis, it is important to have a water they have stored inside.
- **Pollution:** Industrial pollutants and other particulates may settle on the leaf surface. This can block the pores of stomata which makes it difficult to take in carbon dioxide.

### Photosynthetic Pigments

There are four different types of pigments present in leaves that absorb and reflect a particular

The redox reaction involves a series of reactions in which electron transfer from one molecule to another. Such series of reactions constitutes the photosynthetic electron transport chain. The process of which initiates with the trapping of solar energy that drives the electron transfer transport chain which generates ATP and NADPH that are used as energy source to synthesize CO<sub>2</sub> in the process called Calvin cycle.

### Where Does This Process Occur?

Chloroplasts are the sites of photosynthesis in plants and blue-green algae. All green parts of a plant, including the green stems, green leaves, and sepals – floral parts comprise of chloroplasts – green color plastids. These cell organelles are present only in plant cells and are located within the mesophyll cells of leaves.

**Chloroplasts** contain highly folded thylakoid membranes. Photo source: Biophoto Associates/Science Source

### Factors Affecting Photosynthesis

### Photosynthesis process requires several factors such as:

- **Light Intensity:** Increased light intensity results in a higher rate of photosynthesis. On the other hand, low light intensity results in a lower rate of photosynthesis.
  - **The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>:** Higher concentration temperature range between 25° to 35° C.
  - **Water:** As water is an important factor in photosynthesis, its deficiency can lead to problems in the intake of carbon dioxide. The scarcity of water leads to the refusal of stomatal opening to retain the amount of wavelength of light. Due to this reflection, they get their characteristic color.
1. Chlorophyll a
  2. Chlorophyll b
  3. Carotenoids

Chlorophyll is a mixture of chlorophyll-a and chlorophyll-b. Besides green plants, other organisms that perform photosynthesis contain

various other forms of chlorophyll such as chlorophyll-c1, chlorophyll-c2, chlorophyll-d and chlorophyll-f is the major entry point for light energy in photosynthesis that poorly absorbs green light and have head and tail region in its structure. Head contains a magnesium at its center whereas tail have a long hydrocarbon. It is expected that due to the various single and double bonds present in head region, this pigment is very efficient in trapping visible light. These molecules are bound to integral membrane protein in the thylakoid membrane via their tail portion and forms a protein pigment complex known as photosystems that absorbs light and runs electron transport.

Chlorophyll b ( $C_{55}H_{70}O_6N_4Mg$ ) differs from chlorophyll a ( $C_{55}H_{72}O_5N_4Mg$ ) by the substitution of a CHO group for the  $CH_3$  marked at position R.

### Process Of Photosynthesis

At the cellular level, the photosynthesis process takes place in chloroplasts which contains green-colored pigment called chlorophyll, which is responsible for the characteristic green coloration of the leaves.

As already stated, photosynthesis occurs in the leaves and the specialized cell organelles responsible for this process is called the chloroplast. Structurally, a leaf comprises a petiole, epidermis and a lamina. The lamina is used for absorption of sunlight and carbon dioxide during photosynthesis.

**The whole process can be summarized in following steps:**

- In photosynthesis, the entrance of  $CO_2$  takes place through the stomata whereas water is transported through xylem of root hairs from ground.
- Chlorophyll breaks the molecule of water into Hydrogen and oxygen when trapped sunlight.
- The hydrogen and carbon dioxide absorbed from the atmospheric air are taken up for the production of glucose.
- oxygen is released into the atmosphere through the leaves as by product

**The process of photosynthesis occurs in two stages:**

- **Light-dependent reaction or light reaction**

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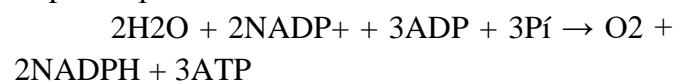
- **Light independent reaction or dark reaction**

Stages of Photosynthesis in Plants depicting the two phases – Light reaction and Dark reaction

### Light Reaction of Photosynthesis (or) Light-dependent Reaction

- Photosynthesis begins with the light reaction which is carried out only during the day in the presence of sunlight.
- In plants, the light-dependent reaction takes place in the thylakoid membranes of chloroplasts.
- The Grana, membrane-bound sacs like structures present inside the thylakoid functions by gathering light and is called photosystems.
- These photosystems have large complexes of pigment and proteins molecules present within the plant cells which plays the primary role during the process of light reactions of photosynthesis.
- There are two types of photosystems: photosystem I and photosystem II.
  - Under the light-dependent reactions, the light energy is converted to ATP and NADPH which are used in the second phase of photosynthesis.
  - During the light reactions, ATP and NADPH are generated by two electron-transport chains, water is used and oxygen is produced.

The chemical equation in the light reaction of photosynthesis can be reduced to:

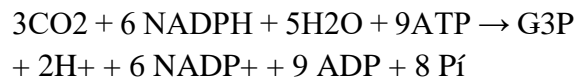


### Dark Reaction of Photosynthesis (or) Light-independent Reaction

- Dark reaction is also called carbon-fixing reaction.
  - It is a light-independent process in which sugar molecules are formed from the water and carbon dioxide molecules.
  - The dark reaction occurs in the stroma of the chloroplast where they utilize the NADPH and ATP products of the light reaction.
  - Plants capture the carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through stomata and proceed to the Calvin photosynthesis cycle.
  - In the Calvin cycle, the ATP and NADPH

formed during light reaction drive the reaction and convert 6 molecules of carbon dioxide into one sugar molecule or glucose.

The chemical equation for the dark reaction can be reduced to:



\* G3P – glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate

#### Importance of Photosynthesis

- Photosynthesis is essential for the existence of all life on earth. It serves a crucial role in the food chain – the plants create their food using this process, thereby, forming the primary producers.
- Photosynthesis is also responsible for the production of oxygen – which is needed by most organisms for their survival.

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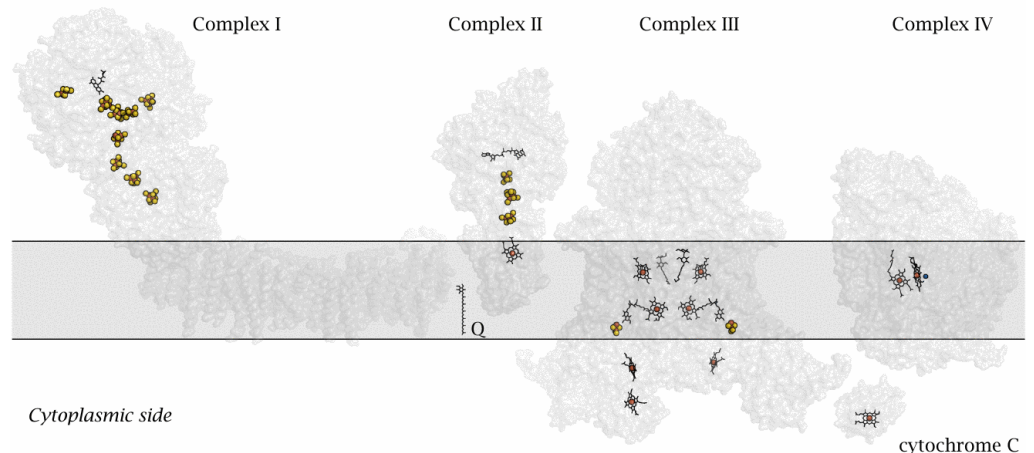
## Respiratory Chain

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Mítochondría ís a rod-shaped organelle with a díameter of 1 mícrometer that evolved at least 2000 míllíon years back. The endosymbiótic hypothesis suggests that mítochondría are descended from specialízed bactería (probably alpha proteobactería) that acquired an oxygen útilízíng respiratóry chain. The bactería when engulfed by some other cell type became íncorporated ínto the cytoplasm. The abílítý of symbíont bactería to conduct cellular respirátion ín host cells that relíed on glycosís and fermentátion provided a consíderable evolutíonary advantage. Mítochondríal DNA (MtDNA) stíll caríes bacteríal features. Human have closed círcular, double stranded mítochondríal DNA whích encodes 37 genes íncuídíng genes for 22tRNAs and 2 rRNA. With the help of other factors encoded by nucleus they provide mítochondría íts own replicátion, translatíon and transcríptíon system. The rest of the 13 mítochondríal genes codes for the proteín that are synthesízéd wítín the mítochondría and are the component of respiratóry chain complexes. Mítochondría have two phospholípíd membranes that produce dífferent compartments.

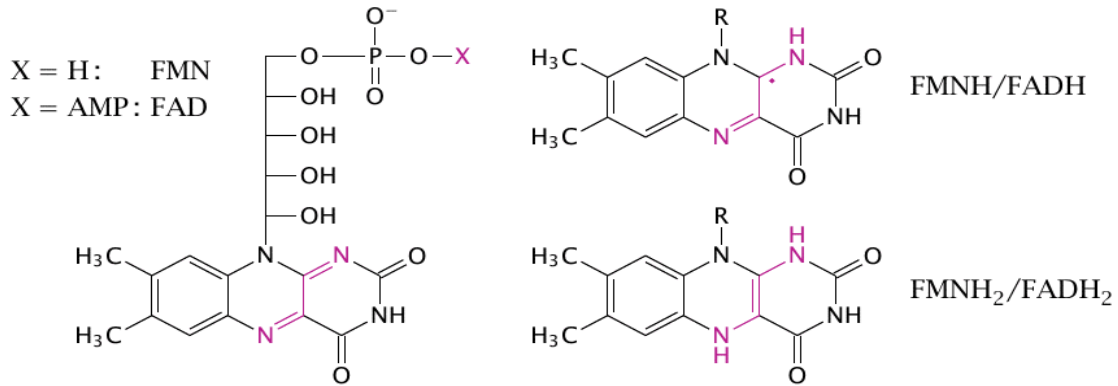
1. Outer membrane makes the boundaríes with cytoplasm that ís semípermeable to small molecules. Ít also has proteíns that facilítate íncoméíng of synthesízéd mítochondríal proteín.
2. Ínner mítochondríal membrane (ÍMM)
3. Íntermembrane space (ÍMS) contaíns proteíns that are released ínto the cytoplasm when apoptósís ís tríggered.

*Mitochondrial matrix*



*Cytoplasmic side*

cytochrome C



**Eg:** Cytochrome c, a key component of respiratory electron transfer chain.<sup>2</sup>

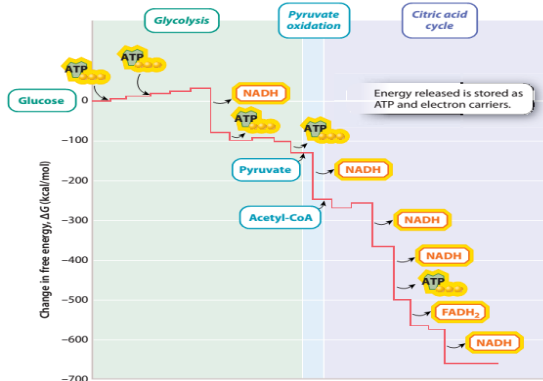
Other protein that makes the major respiratory chain complex by assembling into specific multiprotein structure that span inner mitochondrial membrane. This IMM host the synthesis of ATP.

The functioning of Res. chain is very much different from other pathways in human metabolism.

In respiratory chain, the NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> are two electron carriers produced by oxidation of glucose during first three stages of cellular respiration, is disposed of by reacting it with molecular oxygen.

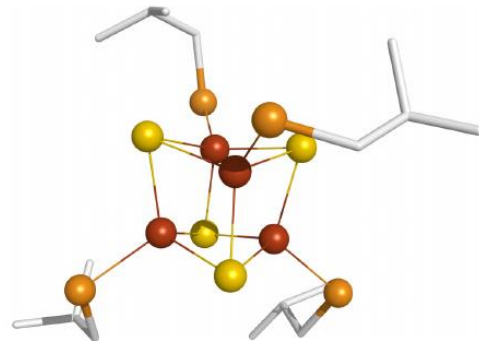
## Molecules in the electron transport chain

### The structures respiratory chain complexes

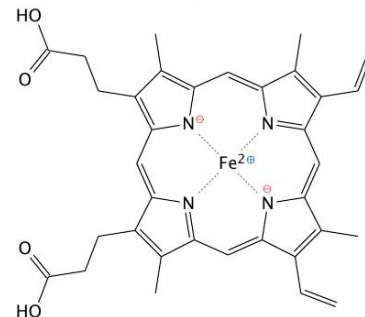


The gray rectangle represents the inner mitochondrial membrane. Among the redox cofactors, yellow and red blobs represent iron sulfur clusters. Organic rings (black) with red balls (iron atoms) in the center are hemes; other organic rings are flavins or ubiquinone (Q). the structure of individual component are shown below:

Iron-sulfur cluster



Heme



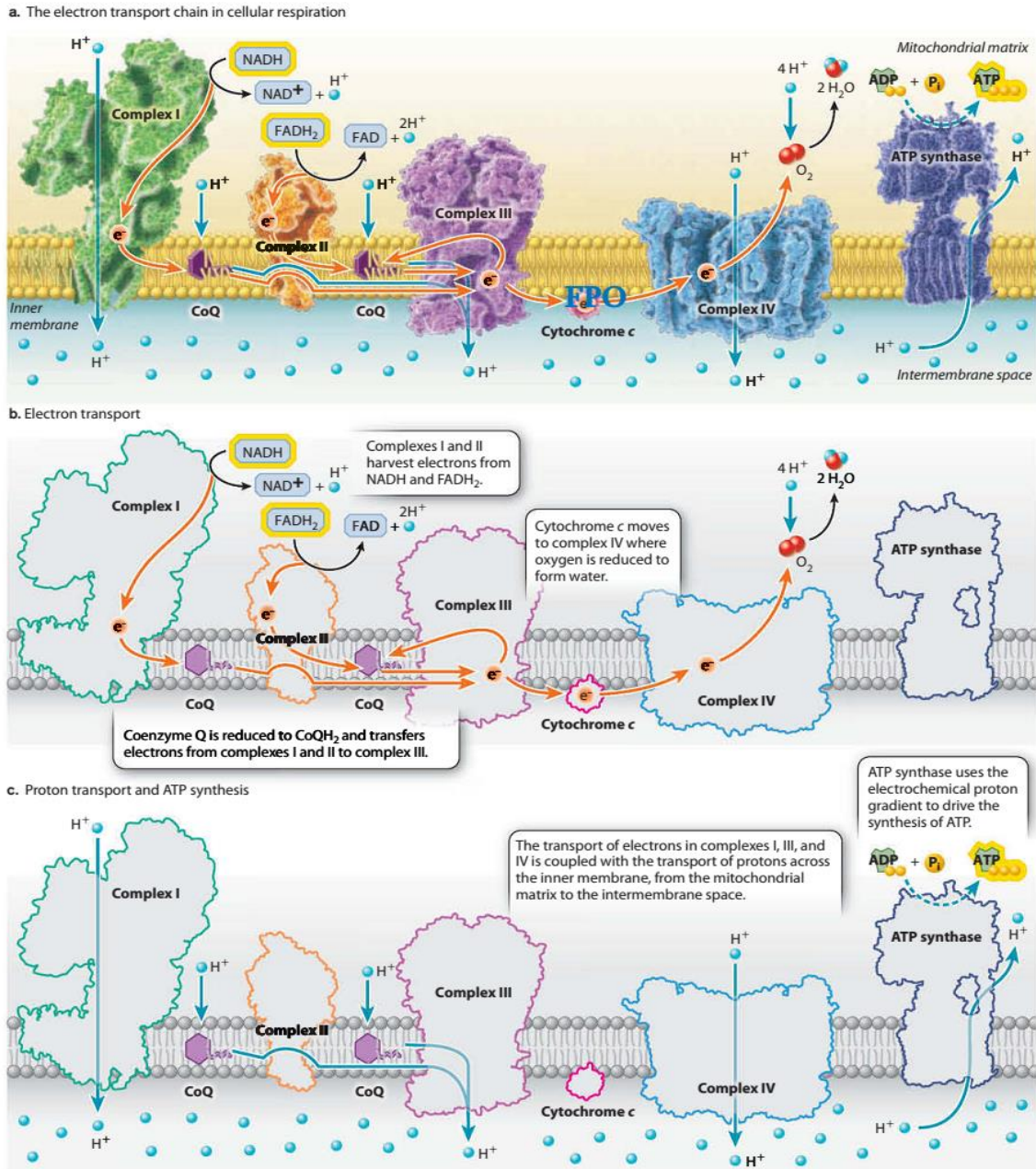
All the complexes has a specific role in the electron transport process:

1. **Complex I**, also called NADH:CoQ oxidoreductase is composed of NADH dehydrogenase with FMN cofactor and a non heme iron protein that have iron sulfur center. It play role in transfer of electron from NADH to CoQ. It comprises of 45 protein subunit out of that 38 are nucleus encoded and rest are derived from MtDNA. The assembly of complex I is such that a portion of the complex is embedded in the IMM and the rest of the complex protrudes into the mitochondrial matrix. It accepts hydrogen from NADH<sup>+</sup>H<sup>+</sup> and the dehydrogenase activity of this complex leads to oxidation of NADH to NAD<sup>+</sup>. Hydrogen is then broken down to electron and proton. The electron through redox cofactors reaches coenzyme Q which transfer them to next complex i.e complex 3 during which complex one releases 4 protons in IMM space. There are several mitochondrial diseases that occurs due to the deficiencies in complex I proteins such as mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, lactic acidosis, and stroke-like episodes
2. Complex II also called as CoQ oxidoreductase is complex of four integral membrane protein subunits in the IMM. All four subunits of complex II are encoded by the nuclear genome. The genes of this complex are SDHA, SDHB, SDHC, and SDHD. It accepts hydrogen from FADH<sub>2</sub> electron donor. The reduction of FADH<sub>2</sub> takes place and electron is transferred to CoQ without any release of proton into the IMM.
3. **Complex III** also known as ubiquinol-cytochrome *c* oxidoreductase is a complex that consist of 11 protein subunits mostly encoded by nuclear genomes except cytochrome *b*. In

this complex the reduced form of coQ which is CoQH<sub>2</sub> diffuse in the lipid membrane and releases its electron. four protons are expelled at this stage for each pair of electrons transported, but in some sources the number of protons expelled is given as two. This illustrates that there still is some uncertainty about the mechanistic details. When performed their work at complex III, the electrons are delivered to the small electron carrier protein cytochrome *c*. The release of cytochrome *c* from the mitochondria to the cytosol is the major trigger of the mitochondria-induced apoptosis pathway. Another important protein in the functioning of complex III is the assembly factor encoded by the BCS1L gene. Mutations in the BCS1L gene result in the lethal disorder called GRACILE syndrome (GRACILE: Growth Retardation, Aminoaciduria, Cholestasis, Iron overload, Lactic acidosis, Early death)

**Complex IV** also known as cytochrome *c* oxidase (COX) consists of cytochrome *a* and cytochrome *a<sub>3</sub>*, as well as two copper-containing proteins. During the electron transfer to the oxygen, the copper undergoes a transition from Cu<sup>+</sup> (cuprous) to Cu<sup>2+</sup> (cupric) and expels four protons from the mitochondrial matrix.

5. **Ubiquinone or coenzyme Q**. This coenzyme contains a quinone group. It carries electrons, as hydrogen, from complexes I and II to complex III.
6. It also contains a long hydrophobic polyisoprene tail, which confines it to the hydrophobic interior of the membrane. Like flavins, ubiquinone



7. can transfer electrons singly or in pairs.
8. **Cytochrome C.** This is a small protein that again contains a heme. It is located at the outer surface of the inner mitochondrial membrane and shuttles electrons between complex III and complex IV.

**Overview** the electron transfer chain comprises 4 large protein complexes and a ATP synthase embedded in the IMM. In this system,

coenzyme Q and Cytochrome C are diffusible electron carriers. There are following stages in respiratory chain :

1. **H<sup>2</sup> is abstracted from NADH+H<sup>+</sup> and from FADH<sub>2</sub>**

Depending on electron carriers, electron enters to either complex I or II. When NADH donates electron it enters through complex one but when FADH<sub>2</sub> donates the electron it enters

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- The electrons obtained are either are passed down through complex one or two to complexes I–IV, then transferred to O<sub>2</sub>. Within each complex, there are **redox couple** i.e a electron donor and a acceptor. Coenzyme Q that accepts electron form both the complex I or II , during this stage receive 2 electron and 4 protons form mitochondrial matrix and forms CoQH<sub>2</sub> diffuses in IMM and then transfer the electron cytochrome c in complex III and protons are released into the IMM space. On acceptance of electron the reduction of cytochrome c takes places resulting in its diffusion in IMM space along with the passage of electron to complex IV.

### 3. $O_2 + 4e^- + 4H^+ \rightarrow 2H_2O$

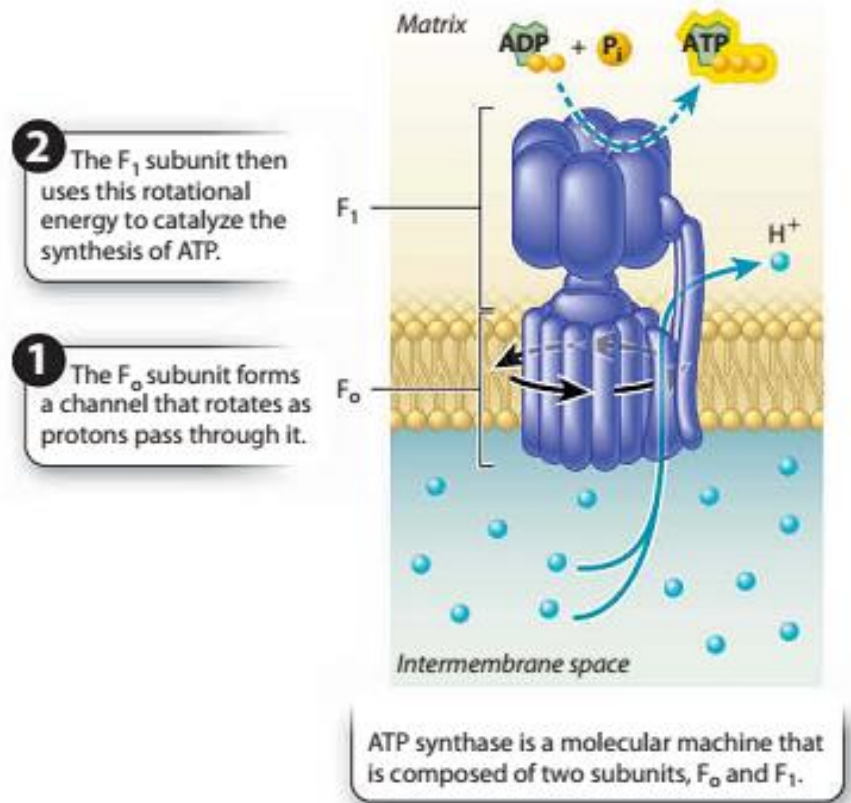
At the end when electron is accepted by the oxygen, it reduce to form water in the complex IV.

- The expelled protons re-enter the mitochondrion through ATP synthase, driving ATP synthesis. This protein is a molecular motor, driven to rotate by the flow of protons through it into the mitochondrial matrix. The rotary motion of ATP synthase in turn drives the synthesis of ATP from ADP and phosphate

### Regulation of respiratory chain.

How is the flow rate of the respiratory chain controlled? In a healthy and not maximally exerted cell, there is much more ATP than ADP or phosphate, so that these become limiting for the flow. If ATP synthase is short

of substrates, dissipation of the proton-motive force will slow down. The proton pumps will find it difficult to extrude more protons, and



since electron transport and proton pumping are tied to one another, the dehydrogenation of NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> will slow down as well.

The flow rate of the respiratory chain also affects those of glycolysis and the TCA cycle. Both ATP and NADH participate in this regulation:

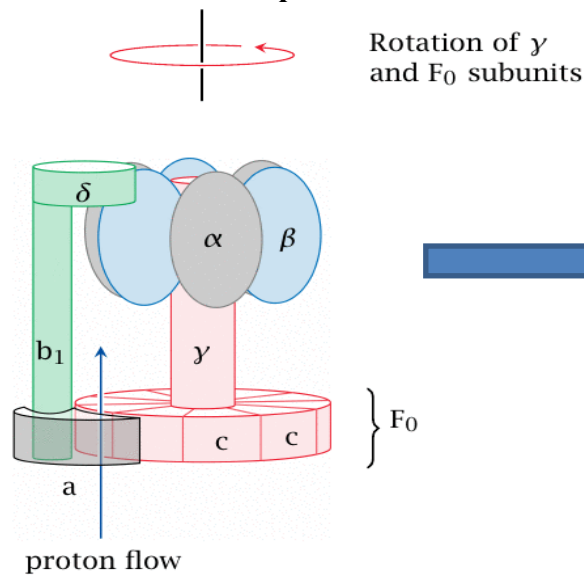
- A low consumption of ATP will result in its accumulation to higher levels. Many enzymes, including phosphofructokinase, are inhibited by ATP.
- Low activity of the respiratory chain causes NADH to accumulate, which slows down glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, pyruvate dehydrogenase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, and the NAD<sup>+</sup>-dependent

isocitrate dehydrogenase.

It should be noted that mitochondrial respiration does not completely stall, even when no ADP is available as a substrate for ATP synthase. In this situation, the membrane potential across the inner mitochondrial membrane rises higher, which in turn makes the inner mitochondrial membrane more permeable to protons. This so-called *proton leak* is responsible for about 20% of the metabolic rate at rest. While several different transport proteins have been proposed to account for the proton leak.

## ATP synthesis

### Structure of ATP Synthase



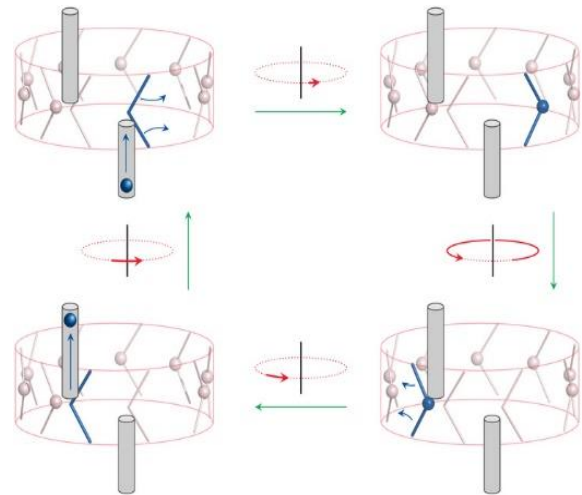
Ten identical c subunits are arranged like pie slices is referred to as the  $F_0$  subunit. The  $F_0$  and the  $\gamma$  subunit (both shaded in red) rotate relative to all other subunits. The  $\gamma$  stalk therefore rotates within and rubs against the bushing formed by the six  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits. The rotation is driven by the flow of protons that occurs at the interface of the a and  $F_0$  subunits.

**Peter Mitchell**, in 1961 proposed the theory on how ATP synthase converts the energy of the proton gradient into the energy of ATP. He

received nobel prize in 1979 for his contribution in chemistry field. His study explained how is energy harnessed by a living cell.

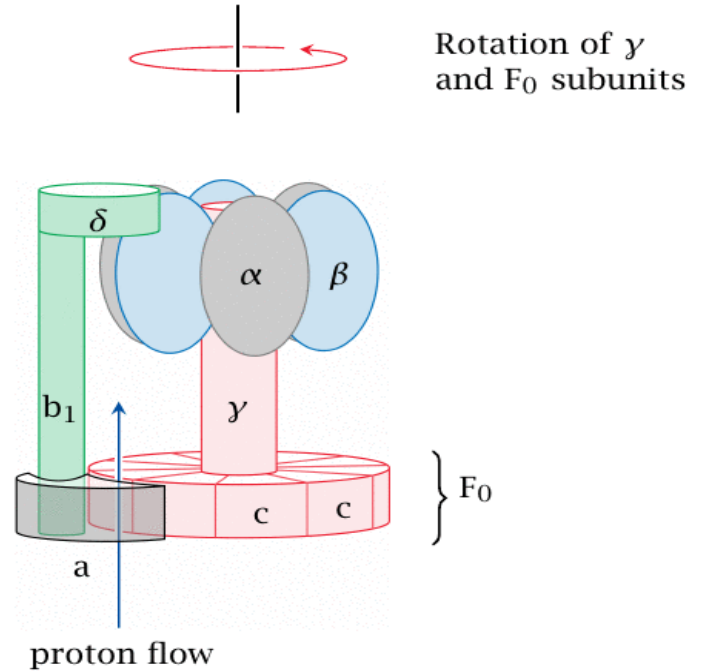
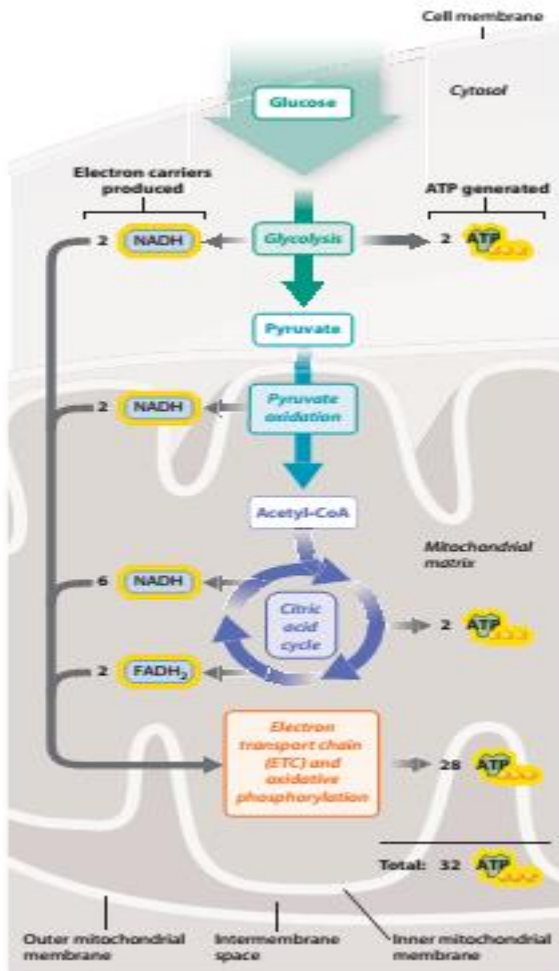
### He postulated that

1. The proton gradient act as source of potential energy and energy provided is changed into chemical form of energy stored in ATP. It further states that for the release of the potential energy of the proton gradient, membrane should have an opening for the proton to pass through.
2. The movement of proton must be coupled with ATP synthesis that is made possible by ATP synthase that consist of distinct subunits termed as  $F_0$  that makes channels for the passage of proton in IMM and  $F_1$  is the



catalytic unit for the ATP synthesis.

3. The flow of proton via  $F_0$  unit make it rotate and this rotation causes the conversion of proton gradient energy into kinetic energy and further causes the  $F_1$  subunit to rotate. The rotation subunit  $F_1$  makes conformational changes that initiates synthesis of ATP from ADP and  $P_i$ . At the end the kinetic energy is converted into chemical energy of ATP.



**Approximate Total ATP Yield in Cellular Respiration**

PATHWAY	SUBSTRATE-LEVEL PHOSPHORYLATION	OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION	TOTAL ATP
Glycolysis (glucose → 2 pyruvate)	2 ATP	2 NADH = 5 ATP	7
Pyruvate oxidation (2 pyruvate → 2 acetyl-CoA)	0 ATP	2 NADH = 5 ATP	5
Citric acid cycle (2 turns, 1 for each acetyl-CoA)	2 ATP	6 NADH = 15 ATP	20
		2 FADH <sub>2</sub> = 3 ATP	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 ATP</b>	<b>28 ATP</b>	<b>32</b>

Approximately 2.5 molecules of ATP are produced for each NADH that donates electrons to the chain and 1.5 molecules of ATP for each FADH<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, overall, the complete oxidation of glucose yields about 32 molecules of ATP from glycolysis, pyruvate oxidation, the citric acid cycle, and oxidative phosphorylation

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# Antioxidants and Kidney stones

Oxidative stress produced by excess of reactive oxygen species has been implicated in the pathology of many diseases such as inflammatory conditions, skin allergy, kidney stone formation, cataract formation, cancer, diabetes and ageing. Diet rich in antioxidant, polyphenols and other phytonutrient play an important role in the general health of humans, especially if they are inexpensive and easily available. The aim of our present article is to appraise the anti-lithiatic and anti-cataract activity of *Camellia sinensis*.

## Introduction

### SYSTEMATIC POSIÇÃO

Kingdom	Plantae
División	Tracheobionta
Class	Magnoliopsida
Order	Theales
Family	Theaceae
Genus	<i>Camellia</i> L.
Species	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>



Since ancient times plant extracts of various part of the plant such as root, leaves and stems are used to cure the diseases. This is the reason that well known or claimed plants are being studied these days to get benefit out of that. Knowledge that we have these days have been acquired by many trial and error method study of the acclaimed plants. The beneficial properties of plant is attributed to its antioxidant, antibacterial and other properties such

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as phytochemical constituent etc. outis considered as something that can substitute medicine.

of these antioxidant property of plant

In this project herbal extract of plant *Camellia Sínensis* or Tea which is the second most consumed beverage in the world after the water has been observed. There are many varieties of tea available in the markets .i.e. green, black and white. Among all these three tea green is considered as the most beneficial to mankind as compared to rest. Green tea is obtained from *Camellia Sínensis* which is a angiosperm dicot plant .It is one of the native evergreen herb of South East asia . Tea is basically manufactured in four basic forms.íe green, white, oolong, black. leaves of the plant or buds are steamed soon after the harvesting to deactivate polyphenols oxidase, the enzymes that are responsible for destruction of catachins. Green tea contains various catachins such as EGCG,EG,EGC and ECG.

Mc Naught , an British army Surgeon, documented the antibacterial action of tea when he found that tea killed the causal Organisms of typhoid fever (*S.typhi*) and brucellosis (*B.melitensis*). Research report that about 3 billion of kg of tea is produced and consumed every year . Japan, India, China are the main country to consume this amount of tea every year . Total 78% of the tea is consumed by the western countries, 20% green tea is consumed by asian countries and 2% of oolong tea is consumed by China (Gomkawa et al., 2002).

Green Tea is the tea which carry highest amount of phytonutrient but lesser amount of caffeine as compared to other tea which is

because of the rich source of polyphenols which is well known for possessing powerful antioxidant properties. Beside these properties it also possess anti-bacterial, antiviral, anti-carcinogenic and anti-mutagenic properties (archana et al ., 2011).

In recent years various medical studies have proved that green tea prevents various diseases such as diabetes ,urolithiasis, skin damages ,obesities ,oral health ,prevents hair loss ,protects against cardiovascular diseases, improves insulin sensitivity etc. Antioxidant properties of green tea is high as compared to other tea, these antioxidants are called as polyphenols.A huge number of evidences support that behind strong antioxidant property of green tea, flavonoids has a role in reduction of the production of free radicals (Mckay et al., 2002).

It is is the antioxidant properties of green tea that it is been used for treating glucose induced cataract and kidney stone formation. Various parameters has been done in vitro to antilithiatic and anticataract activity of green and black tea.

Cataract is defined as the cloudiness of crystalline lens which can be divided into congenital or age related cataract .Oxidative stress plays vital role in glucose induced cataract due to the formation of  $O_2$  radicals and  $H_2O_2$  that easily reacts with biomolecules. Antioxidant such as Vitamin E ascorbic acid, glutathione counteract the reactive oxygen species. Furthermore enzymatic and non-enzymatic defense system of antioxidants are reduced in the lens and so as in the humor during the aging and

causes the cataract .whereas in the hyperglycemic condition the accumulation of sorbitol leads to damage the lens which get produced as a result of conversion of glucose into sorbitol. As the lens swells up, permeability of membrane decrease and oxidative stress produces the free radicals and ROS that induces cataract (Shabeer et al., 2011)

According to World Health Organization (WHO), cataract is the leading cause reversible blindness and visual impairments in more than 17million (47.8%) of the 37 million blind individuals worldwide, and this number is projected to reach 40 million by 2020 (WHO 2005) and in the Beaver dam Eye Study (BdES), the prevalence of cataract increases with age It reported that 38. 8 % of men and 45.9% of women older than 75 years had visually significant cataract (Klein et al. 1998). In India, cataract formation is more commonly observed among aged subjects. It is the leading cause of evitable blindness

People with cataract can show one or more of the following symptoms: Gradual diminution of visual acuity, glare, frequent change in eyeglasses prescription and change in color appreciation. General symptoms include cloudy vision, glare at night time, Halo around lights, double or multiple vision and Changes in colors and contrast.

The senile cataract condition may be discovered by a general practitioner or optometrist, followed by referral to an ophthalmic surgeon for confirmation of the diagnosis and management. The diagnosis is made with ocular examination using slit-lamp

bio microscopy after dilatation with 1.0% tropicamide (Mydracy) 2.5% Phenylephrine hydrochloride (Neosynephrine) reagents.

The cure for cataract is nothing but surgery. However, this surgery is not proved to be beneficial for all. In this present condition Surgery is the only treatment after the opacification of lens taken place. This is usually accompanied by implantation of an intraocular lens (IOL) to replace the focusing power of the natural lens.

Secondly green tea is effective in preventing kidney stone formation which is one of the disease considered as the oldest and most wide spread disease that man know. In India people living in different states uses different plants for curing urolithiasis. It is considered as the third most common affliction and multifactorial disease of the urinary tract. The evidence that urolithiasis is multifactorial disease has been done from epidemiological studies. Factors such as age sex, diet, climate, race, geographical distribution and hereditary are some of the factors. The disease is found in many parts of the world particularly in areas known as "stone Belt". Although calculus disease is not fetal bit it has considerable morbidity and is one of the most painful condition .Bladder stone are usually found in the children whereas renal lithiasis is found in adults

The prevalence of renal stones is predominant in males and is 4 to 14 % while in females it is between 3to 6 %( Johnson et al., 1979). The overall probability of forming stones differ in various parts of the world and is estimated as 1-5%in asia, 5-9% in Europe, 13%

in North America and the recurrence rate of renal stones about 75% in 20 years span. It occurs both in men and women but the risk is generally high in men and is becoming more common in young women ( Sandhya et al., 2010; Prasad et al., 2007)

Amongst the etiology the simple hypothesis of stone formation is the spontaneous precipitation from urine of a crystals or aggregate of crystals, large enough to become trapped at some narrow section of the urinary tract. These trapped particles act as nidus for the formation of a stone. Several investigators suggest that stones are usually formed by precipitation of calcium oxalate, uric acid and urate which are supersaturated in the urine. The stones vary in size from a pin's head to a coconut in size and physical properties the stone vary considerably. Some stone can be easily sectioned and some crumble and other cannot be ground at all. The stone may be smooth, flaked, uneven or covered by sharp crystals. The composition and structure vary markedly from one stone to another. There are following types of urinary calculi have been identified, they are.

**Calcium stones** the stones usually contain calcium as either oxalate or phosphate and calcium oxalate stones contain calcium oxalate monohydrate or a calcium Oxalate dehydrate. Calcium stones account for 75-80% of all urinary calculi (Takaski, 1986).

**Calcium oxalate stones** are usually hard, difficult to crush or cut across and are light brown to brownish black in color. They have rough surface and the internal cut surface shows striation and concentric lamination around

nucleus. They are found in sterile urine and are found in acid urine (Gerchoff, 1962).

**Calcium phosphate stones** are usually smooth, round or irregular, fine grained, soft and compact in structure. They vary in color from white to yellow brown to brown. Mostly phosphate stones are of mixed type and occur in upper and lower urinary tract. In condition like that hyperparathyroidism and renal tubular acidosis, calcium phosphate stones are usually formed.

**Infection Stones** are usually dirty to creamy white in color cellular in structure. Stones are usually large. Struvite and carbonate apatite stones occur in patient with urinary tract infection because of ureas produced by the organism of infection. Infection stones disease is common in patient who have stasis urine flow due to congenital abnormalities of the urinary tract or have had spinal cord disease, prostatic hypertrophy etc.

**Uric acid and Urate Stones** is the end product of the degradation of purine compounds in human. Purine nucleotide within the body cells, except in mature erythrocyte. The enzyme hypo-xanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase is used for the reutilization of purines, hypoxanthine and guanine to form their respective ribonucleotides.

It is necessary to identify the cause of disease and thereby provide a rationale for treatment and obtain information to predict recurrence so that preventive measures may be instituted. Any stone formation presenting with first episode should be subjected number of

routine screening procedure, which in some instance, will identify a cause of stone. The procedure include the recording of a detailed history and x ray, qualitative analysis of the stone and measurement of blood and urinary constituents.

## Conclusion

It can be concluded that the tea possesses significant antilithiatic and anticataract ability. Thus, we should incorporate intake of tea in our diet to prevent kidney stone formation, cardiovascular diseases and cataract formation, which are occurring as a result of accumulation of free radicals in the body.

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# Medicinal Plant - *Tinospora Cordifolia*

*Tinospora cordifolia* also called giloy is an important medicinal plant as well as drug in Indian system of medicine. It contains a huge number of phytochemicals which are responsible for its antimicrobial and antifungal activity. Basically it is a herb which is used to cure from various infections and diseases i.e urinary tract infections, gastrointestinal disorders, respiratory disease, cutaneous infections. Debility, dyspepsia, fever, stomachic, diuretic, bile secretion stimulation, constipation, allays thirst, burning sensation, vomiting, jaundice and skin diseases etc. In this review we are discussed about *Tinospora cordifolia* and its medicinal properties.

## Introduction

*Tinospora cordifolia* is commonly known as Guduchi, Gollow, Tippa-teega, Shindilakodi, amruthu, Chittamruthu, amrutha balli, bandaul pich. Rasakinda, boraphet, gelay, guruc, gurcha, galac, garo, amritavalli, amrta, cinnodbhava, Guduchi, gulvel, Guluchi, Gurjo etc. (Kumar *et al* 2017) is an important drug of Indian system of medicine. The drug is used to cure from urinary tract infections, gastrointestinal disorders, respiratory disease, cutaneous infections. debility, dyspepsia, fever, stomachic, diuretic, bile secretion stimulation, constipation, allays thirst, burning sensation, vomiting, jaundice and skin diseases. The root and stem of *T. cordifolia* are prescribed in combination with other drugs as an anti-dote to snake bite (Singla and Singla 2010; Manandhar *et al* 2019). The pharmaceutical significance of this shrub is mainly due to presence

of various bioactive compounds in it for example glucoside, alkanoidal constituents including berberine, three fatty alcohol, gilonin (Panday *et al* 2012) diterpenoid, lactones, steroids, sesquiterpenoid, phenolics, aliphatic compounds and polysaccharides (Meshram *et al* 2013) Flavonoids, glycosides, saponins and a small amount of phytosterols (Onkar *et al* 2012). This herb has high iron concentration which helps in improvement of blood profiles for iron (Geeta and Sharda 2013).

### Botanical Description of *Tinospora Cardifolia* and its Distribution all over World

Basically it is an herbaceous vine which belongs to Kingdom: Plantae. División: Magnoliophyta. Class: Magnoliopsida. Order: Ranunculales. Family: Menispermaceae. Genus: *Tinospora* and Species: *T. cordifolia*. It is normally found in deciduous and dry forests of India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, China, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Borneo, Vietnam, Bangladesh, North Africa, West Africa, and South Africa at elevations up to 1000ft (Pendse VK *et al* 1981; Singh j *et al* 2003, Mía MMK *et al* 2009 and Jain S *et al* 2010). The plant is a glabrous climbing shrub having heart shaped leaves, yellow coloured flowers and drupes fruits (which turned into red colour after riped./upon ripening they are turned into red colour) (Kumar D V *et al* 2017).

### Phytochemical Composition of *Tinospora Cardifolia*

*Tinospora cordifolia* effective against a large number of microorganisms because it contains a huge number of phytochemical compounds. These compounds are found almost in all parts of plant but high concentration of these

compounds found mainly in the stem, leaves and roots of the plant (Sinha *et al* 2004). Sharma *et al* (2012) and Jamal *et al* (2016) reported that main compounds of *Tinospora cordifolia* are berberine, furanolactone, tinosporone, tinosporic acid, cordifolisides a-E, gilonin, gilenin, crude giloninand, tinosporide, columbin, chasmanthin, palmarin, palmatosides C and F, amritosides, cordioside, tinosponone, ecdysterone, makisterone a, hydroxyecdysone, magnoflorine, tembetarine, arabínogalactan polysaccharide, picrotene, bergenin, gilosterol, tinosporol, tinosporidine, sitosterol, cordifol, heptacosanol, octacosonal, syringine, glucan polysaccharide, syringine apiosylglycoside, isocolumbin, palmatine, tetrahydropalmatine, jatrorrhizine and reducing sugar (Sandhu *et al*. 2013).

### Nutritive Composition of *Tinospora cordifolia*

*T. cordifolia* contains 15.9 % high fibre, 4.5%-11.2% sufficient protein, 61.66% sufficient carbohydrate and 3.1% of fat . It contains 292.54 calories per 100 g. It also contains various elements Such as 0.845% potassium, 0.006% chromium, 0.28% iron and 0.131% calcium which are important in regulatory functions (Nile and Khobragade 2009).

### Antimicrobial activity of *Tinospora Cardifolia*

By combining with different types of solvents *Tinospora cordifolia* shows antimicrobial activity .for example Ethanollic extract of *tinospora cordifolia* shows significant effect against *Bacillus subtilis* , *Enterococcus faecalis* , *Trichophyton simii* , *Trichophyton*

*rubrum* 57 and *Trichophyton rubrum* 296 (Veeramuthu *et al* 2010; Duraipandiyar *et al* 2012) *Staphylococcus aureus* (MTCC No.87), *Proteus vulgaris* (MTCC No.742), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (MTCC No.424), *Bacillus subtilis* (MTCC No.441), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (MTCC No.9041), and *Micrococcus luteus* (MTCC No.106) (Mishra *et al* 2014). Ethanol extract of *Tinospora cordifolia* along with *Ocimum sanctum* and *Piper nigrum* is also effective against *Staphylococcus aureus* (Debnath *et al* 2014). *Escherichia coli* (Shanthi and Nelson 2013) *Salmonella typhi* (Gram-negative), *Serratia marcescens* (Gram-positive) (Jeyachandran *et al* 2003). Methanol extract of *Tinospora cardifolia* shows significant effect against *Streptococcus mutans*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Kunjil *et al* 2014) *Bacillus subtilis*, *E.coli*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. malvacearum* and also shows antifungal activity against *Aspergillus flavus*, *D. reschleri turcica* and *Fusarium verticillioides* Mahesh and Satish, 2008 *Staphylococcus albus* bacteria (Verma and Kakkar 2009). Hydromethanol solvent containing extract of *Tinospora cardifolia* shows antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (2mm), *Bacillus subtilis* (3mm), *Micrococcus luteus* (2mm), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (4mm) (Mishra *et al* 2014) *Sarcina lutea* (Hossain *et al* 2013). Aqueous extract of *Tinospora cardifolia* shows significant effect against *Salmonella typhi* and *Escherichia coli* (Khan *et al* 2011) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Venkanna *et al* 2012)

*Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Proteus vulgaris* (Shanthi and Nelson 2013) *Enterobacter faecalis*, *Serratia marcescens* (Jeyachandran *et al* 2003). Chloroform extract shows significant effect against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Venkanna *et al* 2012) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Proteus vulgaris* (Shanthi and Nelson 2013) Chloroform extract of *Tinospora cordifolia* in combination with *Ocimum sanctum*, *Piper nigrum* effective against *E. coli* (Debnath *et al* 2014) *Enterobacter faecalis*, *Salmonella typhi* (Gram-negative), *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Serratia marcescens* (Gram-positive) (Jeyachandran *et al* 2003). Petroleum spirit, dichloromethane and Ethyl acetate extract shows antimicrobial activity against *Sarcina lutea*, *E.coli* and *Bacillus subtilis* (Hossain *et al* 2013). *Tinospora cordifolia* and chlorhexidine also have antibacterial and antifungal effectiveness and it can be used as an adjuvant to oral hygiene practice, especially in case of AIDS patients who are more prone to opportunistic infections (Peter *et al* 2014). An extract of *Tinospora cardifolia* chlorhexidine is also effective against *Streptococcus mutans* (agarwal *et al* 2020).

## Conclusion

The emergence of new infectious diseases are of great concern to global health community. Effective treatment of such infectious diseases entails formation and development of new biomedicines. So Commonly used medicinal plant i.e *Tinospora cordifolia* which contains berberine, furanolactone, tinosporone, tinosporic acid, cordifolinsides a-E, giloín, gilenín, crude giloíninand, tinosporide, columbín, chasmanthín, palmarín, palmatosides C and F, amritosides,

cordioside, tinosponone, ecdysterone, makisterone a, hydroxyecdysone, magnoflorine, tembetarine, arabínogalactan polysaccharide, picrotene, bergenin, gilossterol, tinosporol, tinosporidine, sitosterol, cordifol, heptacosanol, octacosonal, syringine, glucan polysaccharide, syringine apiosylglycoside, isocolumbin, palmatine, tetrahydropalmatine, jatrorrhizine and reducing sugar could be an excellent source of drugs to prevent this problem.

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