

## Dyslipidemia: Classification, Etiology and Management- A Systemic Review

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**ABSTRACT:** Dyslipidemia is characterised by excessively high plasma lipids and dysregulated plasma lipids. HDL cholesterol is decreased by triglycerides, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol. Dyslipidemia is a disease of lipoprotein metabolism that manifests as rising triglyceride and cholesterol levels. Dyslipidemia is divided into two categories: primary (genetic and more prevalent in children) and secondary (related to lifestyle and prevalent in adults). One or more gene mutations that result in the overproduction or improper clearance of TG & are the causes of primary dyslipidemia. LDL cholesterol, increased HDL clearance, and underproduction of HDL. Overconsumption of alcohol, a sedentary lifestyle, and an excessive diet high in saturated fat, cholesterol, and trans-fats are the main causes of secondary dyslipidemia. Common symptoms of dyslipidemia include disorientation, dyspnoea, and balance problems. Tickling, tingling, burning, and pricking sensations, tendinous xanthomas (elbow and knee tendons), aphasia (difficulty speaking), and peripheral arterial disease are symptoms of vascular disorders such as coronary artery disease and peripheral arterial disease. Acute pancreatitis can result from TG levels that are too high (> 1000 mg/dL). The retinal arteries and veins may look milky white in the presence of severe hypertriglyceridemia (> 2000 mg/dL; lipemia retinalis). Blood plasma may also seem lactescent (milky) when lipid levels are extremely high.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Dyslipidemia is characterised by excessively high plasma lipids and dysregulated plasma lipids. HDL cholesterol is decreased by triglycerides, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol. Dyslipidemia is a disease of lipoprotein metabolism

that manifests as rising triglyceride and cholesterol levels. Dyslipidemia is potential risk factors for further developing cardiovascular disease<sup>[1]</sup>. Some anti-dyslipidemia drugs currently available in the market include statins, fibrates, niacin, ezetimibe, and bile acid binding resins<sup>[2]</sup>.

### CLASSIFICATION & ETIOLOGY OF DYSLIPIDEMIA

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### Symptoms

Common symptoms of dyslipidemia include disorientation, dyspnoea, and balance problems. Tickling, tingling, burning, and pricking sensations, tendinous xanthomas (elbow and knee tendons), aphasia (difficulty speaking), and peripheral arterial disease are symptoms of vascular disorders such as coronary artery disease and peripheral arterial disease. Acute pancreatitis can result from TG levels that are too high (> 1000 mg/dL). The retinal arteries and veins may look milky white in the presence of severe hypertriglyceridemia (> 2000 mg/dL; lipemia retinalis). Blood plasma may also seem lactescent (milky) when lipid levels are extremely high<sup>[6]</sup>.

### **Physiological Consequences of Dyslipidemia Cardiovascular Disease:**

Continued excessive fat intake causes aberrant blood lipid profiles and can cause lipid build up in blood vessels, which can have a variety of negative effects on the body. It might be coronary artery disease, which causes fat deposits in the arteries to impede blood flow and deprive the heart of nutrients <sup>[7]</sup>. Other dangerous conditions include gangrene, atherosclerosis, and stroke <sup>[8]</sup>.

### **Other Disorders:**

Lipid problems both directly and indirectly advance a wide range of illnesses, including type diabetes mellitus, a number of prevalent malignancies, and PCOS in females <sup>[9]</sup>. Mental illness like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia <sup>[10]</sup>, Physical inactivity and stress <sup>[11]</sup>. Dyslipidemia also encourages the growth and contractility of the prostate, which are significant risk factors for the occurrence of benign prostatic hyperplasia.

### **Dyslipidemia and Obesity:**

The prevalence of obesity is constantly rising worldwide, and dyslipidemia frequently develops concurrently. 2.8 million people worldwide pass away each year as a result of being overweight or obese <sup>[13]</sup>. If the current pattern continues, 86.3% of people will be overweight by 2030, and there would be a significant increase in mortality.

### **Dyslipidemia: Mechanisms**

Three main pathways, including the exogenous pathway, the endogenous pathway, and reverse cholesterol transport pathways, are in charge of the uptake, transport, and storage of lipids in the body. As a result, the process of lipid metabolism is very complex and only one abnormality can result in dyslipidemia. <sup>[15]</sup>Exogenous (dietary) lipids are transported from the intestine to the lymphatic system and then into the circulation by lipoproteins called CM, which are generated in the intestinal epithelial cells (enterocytes). These CM circulate to the peripheral tissues, including the muscles and adipose tissues, where it involve cholesterol esters (CE) and TAG that are created by the re-esterification of FFA. FFA are released and subject to beta-oxidation by the action of activated LPL, where they can either be utilised as an energy source or stored as fat in the adipose tissues. Additionally, CM can obtain CE from HDL through the use of the cholesterol ester transfer protein (CETP) in return for TAG. Additionally, apo A-I and apo A-II from

the lymphatic system are exchanged for apo C and apo E from HDL via CM. The activation of the LPL requires apo C, while the liver's receptors need apo E in order to identify the CM remains. <sup>[16]</sup>

### **Management:**

The first line of defence against abnormal cholesterol in dyslipidemia typically involves a diet low in saturated and trans-fats and high in fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds, as well as quitting smoking and alcohol use and upping daily exercise. The liver produces every type of cholesterol as necessary for the body. Dietary sources of cholesterol include items derived from animals, such as milk, eggs, and meat. Drugs that decrease cholesterol or lower blood lipids include niacin/nicotinic acid, fibric acid derivatives, 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitors, and bile acid sequestrates cholesterol absorption inhibitors. <sup>[17]</sup>

### **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor (Statins):**

Statins block HMG-CoA reductase, which reduces the production of cholesterol. Statins including lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin, and rosuvastatin are currently on the market <sup>[17]</sup>. The major enzyme in the cholesterol biosynthetic pathway, HMG-CoA reductase, catalyses the conversion of HMG-CoA to mevalonate, which is a rate-limiting step in the cholesterol manufacturing process. <sup>[19]</sup>

### **Fibrates:**

The first fibrate medication was clofibrate, which was created in Japan in the 1960s. One of the characteristics of the action of fibrate medications is the activation of the Peroxisome Proliferators Activated Receptor (PPAR). <sup>[20]</sup>

### **Niacin/Nicotinic acid:**

Niacin, often known as vitamin B3, is a lipid-lowering prescription drug as well as an over-the-counter dietary supplement. Niacin's lipid-lowering properties were initially discovered in 1955; through several methods, it decreased total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, and boosted HDL cholesterol. <sup>[21]</sup>

### **Bile-acid binding resins:**

The oldest and safest lipid-lowering medications are bile acid resins. The three bile acid resins cholestyramine, colestevlam, and colestipol are the most often used. <sup>[22]</sup>

### Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors:

Inhibitors of cholesterol absorption lessen the amount of dietary and biliary cholesterol that is absorbed into the intestine. Consequently, less intestinal cholesterol that reaches the liver leads to greater hepatic LDL receptor activity, which increases LDL cholesterol clearance.<sup>[23]</sup>

### Lipid-Regulating Agent:

To treat hypertriglyceridemia, omega-3-acid ethyl ester, which belongs to the class of drugs known as lipid-regulating medicines, can be used in conjunction with dietary and lifestyle modifications.<sup>[24]</sup>

## II. CONCLUSION:

Unhealthy blood levels of one or more lipid types are referred to as dyslipidemia. Dyslipidemia can be caused by a number of things, including smoking, being overweight, living a sedentary lifestyle, and eating foods high in fat. To manage cholesterol and triglyceride levels, lifestyle adjustments may be helpful.

Moreover, regular exercise and weight loss may enhance cholesterol profiles. Dyslipidemia is typically treated with statins, fibrates, and a healthy lifestyle.

### Conflict of Interest –

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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