

## Effect of Co-Q10 with Peanut on Immune Support for Albino Rats Inflicted With Diabetic Diseases

Eman M. A. Badr

Home Economic Dept., College Of Education In Wadi Al-Dawasir-  
Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University, Ksa.

[dr\\_emymohjana@yahoo.com](mailto:dr_emymohjana@yahoo.com)

### Abstract

CoQ10 administration effectively increases the highest antioxidant power of the liver by protecting endogenous CoQ9, mitochondrial function and particularly succinate oxidase activity and by limiting lipid peroxidation. This work aims to the investigation of the hypoglycemic influence of peanut, investigate the possible immunity support of some diseases such as diabetic feeding of control (+) rats on diets containing Co-Q10 or Co-Q10 plus any botanical additives, known to support the immune system. In this experiment, 16 rats were split into 4 groups (4 rats per one), all groups were fed for 28 days on experimental diet as follows:

Group (1): This group fed on standard diet only as a control negative (healthy rats).

Group (2): This group fed on standard diet only as a control positive (rats with diabetes).

Group (3): This group fed on standard containing 10% peanut+10mg CoQ10 (formula **A**).

Group (4): This group fed on standard containing 10% CoQ10 (formula **B**).

In all experimental groups, blood samples were collected for estimating BMG %, FER, CHOL. T.G, HDL, LDL and VLDL, ALP, CREAT and URIC. And the end analytical methods and Statistical analysis. The results are summarized as CoQ10 produced a significant decrease in elevated levels of glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, very-low- density lipoprotein, and increased high- density lipoprotein cholesterol levels and reduce high pressure blood.

**Keywords:** peanut, CO-Q10, immune support, diabetic.



## 1. Introduction

The immune system is a compound functional system consisting of diverse organs, tissues and cells, distributed throughout most of the body. The successful immunity depends on the successful collaboration of these cells, which leads to many new cells and molecules that match up with and counteract each challenger this activity constitutes the immune response. **(Elgert, 1996)**.

The immune system includes rapidly multiplying cells whose functions are dramatically affected by an individual's micronutrient status. **(Bendich, 2001)**.

**Calder and Kew (2002)** observed that Nutrient status is an important factor contributing to immune competence, under nutrition impairs the immune system, suppressing immune functions that are fundamental to host protection against pathogenic organism. **Ibrahim et al., (1999)** found that vitamin E (VE) and coenzyme Q (CQ) are essential for maintaining function and integrity of mitochondria, and high concentrations of these compounds are found in their inner membranes. There is a complex interaction and reciprocal control among the immune system, the endocrine system and the central nervous system **(Marcos, 2000)**. Malnutrition may have an impact on these interactions and may impair the communication between these systems. **(Brambilla, 2001)**.

**Emekli et al., (2008)**. This study shows that consuming peanut may enhance the oxidant – antioxidant status in diabetic and healthy status without rising blood lipids. Further, increased HDL-C levels and decreased AI levels in diabetic rats indicate that, consuming peanut may have protective effects against cardiovascular complications of diabetes. This work aims to the investigation of the hypoglycemic influence of peanut.



## **2. Materials and methods**

### **2.1. Source of materials**

Plants (peanut) were purchased from local markets at Cairo, Egypt, Alloxan, were obtained from Memphis Company for pharmacy Chemical Industry, Cairo, Egypt Casein as main source of protein was obtained from Morgan Company, Cairo, Egypt. Co-enzyme (CoQ10), Vitamin mixture and salt mixture were purchased from El-Gomheriya Company, Cairo, Egypt. Male, white albino rats, Sprague Dawely strain, weighting (220-250g) were obtained from the National Research Center, El- Duke, Giza, Egypt.

### **2.2. Preparation of peanut**

Peanut seeds were peeled to separate peels from seeds. The obtained seeds were dried by solar energy, milled and finally sieved by 60 mesh screens.

### **2.3. Biological experimental**

Sixteen white male albino rats, Sprague Dawley strain, week age, weighting (220-250g) were used. Rats were kept in cylindrical wire cages with wire bottoms. The diet was introduced in special food cups to avoid scattering of food. Also, water was provided to the rats by glass tube, projection through the wire cage. Food and water provided ad- labium and checked daily.

### **2.4. Preparation of diabetic rats**

Diabetes was induced in normal rats by subcutaneous injection of alloxan (150mg/kg body weight) according to the method described by **(Desai and Bhide, 1985)**. One week later, fasting blood samples was obtained by a retro orbital method for estimating fasted serum glucose. Rats having fasting serum glucose more than 200mg/dl were considered diabetics **(NDDG, 1994)**.



## 2.5. Experimental design

All biological experiments were done at the Faculty of Home Economics Minufiya University. Rats (n =16 rats) were housed individually in wire cages in a room maintained at  $25\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  and kept under normal healthy conditions. All rats (16 rats) were fed on standard diet for one week before starting the experiment for acclimatization. After one-week period, the rats were divided into 4 groups (4 rats each), all groups were fed for 28 days on the experimental diet as follows:

**Group (1):** This group fed on standard diet only as a control negative (healthy rats).

**Group (2):** This group fed on standard diet only as a control positive (rats with diabetes).

**Group (3):** This group fed on standard containing 10% peanut+10mg CoQ10 /100gm diet (formula **A**).

**Group (4):** This group fed on standard containing 10% CoQ10/100gm diet (formula **B**).

## 2.6. Blood sampling

In all experimental groups, blood samples were collected after 12 hours fasting at the end of each experiment, using the orbital method by means of micro capacity glass heparinized tubes. Blood samples were collected into dry clean centrifuge tubes and left to clot in water both ( $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ .) for half an hour. The blood was centrifuged for 10 minutes at 3000 rpm to separate the serum; serum was carefully aspirated into clean curved tube and stored frozen at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for analysis as described by (Schermer, 1967).

## 2.7. Biological evaluation

Biological evaluations of the various diets were executed by definition of body weight gain % (BMG %), food efficiency ratio (FER) according to Chapman *et al.*, (1959) using the following formulas:



$$\text{BWG \%} = \frac{\text{Final weight} - \text{Initial weight}}{\text{Initial weight}} \times 100$$

$$\text{FER} = \frac{\text{Gain in body weight (g)}}{\text{Food intake (g)}}$$

And relative organ weight calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{Relative organ weight (ROW)} = \frac{\text{Organ weight}}{\text{Animal body weight}} \times 100$$

## 2.8. Determination of blood glucose

Enzymatic determination of plasma glucose was executed calorimetrically according to the method of **Yound (1975) and Tietz (1976)**.

## 2.9. Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses were performed by using the computer program statistical package for social science (SPSS), and computer with each other using the suitable tests. All obtained results were tabulated. Statistical analysis has been achieved using IBM-P-C computer by SPSS, program (SPSS, 2008).

## 1. Results and Discussions

**Table (1)** shows the effect of some foods with Co-Q10 on BWG, FI and FER of diabetic diseases in rats. It could be observed that the mean value of BWG of control positive was lower than control negative, which were  $51.6 \pm 4.14$  and  $64.0 \pm 2.31\%$  respectively. As for FI the results showed that the mean value of control positive was lower than control negative, which were  $19.1 \pm 2.51$  and  $25.5 \pm 1.61$  respectively,



as well as the values of testing formulas **A** and **B**

In the same table the mean value of FER of control positive was higher than control negative, which were  $0.096 \pm 0.009$  and  $0.089 \pm 0.003$  respectively. but formula **A** and **B** were higher than control positive, by means  $0.11 \pm 0.081$  and  $0.12 \pm 0.041$ . However, the paired sample T.test did not show any significant differences.

**Table (1): Effect of Peanut with CoQ10 on BWG, FI and FER of diabetic disease in rat.**

Treatment				
Parameter	Control (-) Mean $\pm$ SD	Control (+) Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula A Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula B Mean $\pm$ SD
<b>BWG</b>	64.0 $\pm$ 2.31	51.6 $\pm$ 4.14	66.0 $\pm$ 4.4	80.51 $\pm$ 3.3**
<b>T. test</b>		.302	.781	.584
<b>FI</b>	25.5 $\pm$ 1.31	19.1 $\pm$ 2.51	20.99 $\pm$ 2.3	23.61 $\pm$ 1.77
<b>T. test</b>		.096	1.000	.171
<b>FER</b>	0.089 $\pm$ 0.003	0.096 $\pm$ 0.009	0.11 $\pm$ 0.081	0.12 $\pm$ 0.041
<b>T. test</b>		.424	.711	.441

\*\*Differences are high significant at 1% ( $p < 0.01$ ).

Data given in table (2) illustrates the effect peanut with Co-Q10 on serum CHOL. T.G, HDL, LDL and VLDL of diabetic diseases in rats. From the same table show the level of serum lipid fraction (TC, TG, HDL, LDL, VLDL), it could be noticed from (Table 2) that fasting serum TC, TG, LDL, VLDL was increased, while the level of HDL decreased.



The best of TC, TG, HDL, LDL and VLDL levels were recorded for formula **B** which showed more than ( $p < 0.01$ ) by mean  $116.50 \pm 5.31$ ,  $88.6 \pm 4.00$ ,  $52.0 \pm 2.1$ ,  $46.78 \pm 2.0$  and  $17.72 \pm 1.11$  respectively, when compared to control positive which were  $167.2 \pm 12.41$ ,  $125.09 \pm 11.61$ ,  $40.0 \pm 6.40$ ,  $102.18 \pm 8.12$  and  $25.01 \pm 3.2$  respectively, In the same table the TC, TG, HDL, LDL and VLDL levels in formula **A** showed more than ( $p < 0.05$ ) by mean  $122.3 \pm 6.71$ ,  $100.0 \pm 6.31$ ,  $50.10 \pm 3.4$ ,  $52.2 \pm 2.71$  and  $20.0 \pm 1.31$  respectively, when compared to control positive which were  $167.2 \pm 12.41$ ,  $125.09 \pm 11.61$ ,  $40.0 \pm 6.40$ ,  $102.18 \pm 8.12$  and  $25.01 \pm 3.2$  respectively. According to **Emekli et al., (2008)** reported that peanut consumption may improve the oxidant-antioxidant status in healthy and diabetic status without increasing blood lipids.

**Table (2): Effect of Peanut with CoQ10 on CHOL, T.G, HDL, LDL and VLDL of diabetic disease in rat.**

Treatment				
Function of heart	Control (-) Mean $\pm$ SD	Control (+) Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula A Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula B Mean $\pm$ SD
<b>CHOL (Mg %)</b>	105.93 $\pm$ 5.93	167.2 $\pm$ 12.41	122.3 $\pm$ 6.71*	116.50 $\pm$ 5.31**
<b>T. test</b>		.001	.171	.220
<b>T.G (mg/dl)</b>	71.59 $\pm$ 4.53	125.09 $\pm$ 11.61	100.0 $\pm$ 6.31*	88.6 $\pm$ 4.00**
<b>T. test</b>		.854	.169	.267
<b>HDL (mg/dl)</b>	53.58 $\pm$ 2.56	40.0 $\pm$ 6.40	50.10 $\pm$ 3.4	52.0 $\pm$ 2.1**
<b>T. test</b>		.696	.905	.052
<b>LDL</b>	38.04 $\pm$ 1.02	102.19 $\pm$ 8.12	52.2 $\pm$ 2.71*	46.78 $\pm$ 2.0**



Treatment				
Function of heart	Control (-) Mean ±SD	Control (+) Mean ±SD	Formula A Mean ±SD	Formula B Mean ±SD
(Mg/dl)				
T. test		.634	.110	.464
VLDL (mg/dl)	14.31±.99	25.01±3.2	20.0±1.31	17.72±1.11
T. test		.854	.169	.267

\*Differences are significant at 5% (p<0.05).

\*\*Differences are high significant at 1% (p<0.01).

**Table (3)** illustrates the effect of peanut with Co-Q10 on serum ALP, CREAT and URIC of diabetic diseases in rat. As shown the mean value of ALP of control positive was higher than control negative, which were 111.31±10.71 and 92.7±4.53 mg/dl respectively, Moreover, increased HDL-C levels and decreased AI levels in diabetic rats indicate that, peanut consumption may have protective effects against cardiovascular complication of diabetes.

The best of ALP level was recorded for formula **B**. Which showed more than (p<0.01) by mean 93.6±6.0 mg/dl, when compared to control positive which were 111.31±10.71 mg/dl. As for CREAT level showed that mean - value of control positive was higher than control negative, which were 1.19±0.11 and 0.82±0.03 mg/dl, respectively as well as the values of formula **B**, **A** were high significantly more (p<0.01) and more (p<0.05) which were 0.86±0.04, 0.89±0.05 when compared to control positive which were 1.19±0.11 mg /dl respectively,

In the same table URIC level showed that mean - value of control positive was higher than control negative, which were, 3.56±0.46 and 2.79±0.17 mg/dl,





respectively as well as the values of formula **B**, **A**, that best treatment, were high significantly more ( $p < 0.01$ ) and more ( $p < 0.05$ ) which were  $2.80 \pm 0.21$ ,  $2.88 \pm 0.28$  when compared to control positive which were  $3.56 \pm 0.46$  mg /dl respectively. **Yanardag et al., (2002)** concluded that the extract of this plant may reduce serum urea and creatinine levels and confer a protective effect on the kidney of diabetic rats.

**Table (3): Effect of Peanut with CoQ10 on ALP, CREAT and URIC of diabetic disease in rat.**

Function of kidney	Treatment			
	Control (-) Mean $\pm$ SD	Control (+) Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula A Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula B Mean $\pm$ SD
<b>ALP Mg/dl</b>	92.7 $\pm$ 4.53	111.31 $\pm$ 10.71	94.0 $\pm$ 5.17*	93.6 $\pm$ 6.0**
<b>T. test</b>		.048	.245	.881
<b>CREAT Mg/dl</b>	0.82 $\pm$ 0.03	1.19 $\pm$ 0.11	0.89 $\pm$ 0.05*	0.86 $\pm$ 0.04**
<b>T. test</b>		.530	.374	.374
<b>URIC Mg/dl</b>	2.79 $\pm$ 0.17	3.56 $\pm$ 0.46	2.88 $\pm$ 0.28*	2.80 $\pm$ 0.21**
<b>T. test</b>		.023	.074	.146

\*Differences are significant at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\*\*Differences are high significant at 1% ( $p < 0.01$ ).

Data presented in table (4) illustrate the effect peanut with Co-Q10 on serum ALT, AST and RBC of diabetic diseases in rat. It could be noticed that the mean value of S.ALT and S.AST of control positive was higher than control negative by means,  $60.9 \pm 5.44$ ,  $160.33 \pm 13.22$  and  $42.94 \pm 2.76$  and  $131.43 \pm 6.03$  u/ I respectively, **Al-Thakafy et al., (2004)** indicated that CoQ10 supplementation helps to prevent clinical complications during the course of the disease in diabetic rats.

Results form same table show the activities of GPT and GOT enzymes as influenced by feeding on peanut and coQ10.



It is evident (Table 4) that the activities of GPT and GOT could be almost arranged ascending as follows: CoQ10 and peanut. Arrangement of food groups was different, being also nearly the same for GPT and GOT. peanut decreased the GPT and GOT activity. Formula B which were  $45.33 \pm 3.621$  and  $139.0 \pm 7.81$  u/I that best treatment, was high significantly more ( $p < 0.01$ ) when compared to control positive which were  $60.9 \pm 5.44$  and  $160.33 \pm 13.22$  u/I respectively.

The value of the formula A was  $56.41 \pm 4.61$ ,  $157.12 \pm 12.13$  were nearly to control positive which were  $60.9 \pm 5.44$  and  $160.33 \pm 13.22$  u/I respectively.

As for RBC, the results showed that mean - value of control positive more than control negative, which were  $195.43 \pm 16.11$  and  $114.3 \pm 5.33$  respectively, whereas value of formula B was lower than control positive, which were  $115.66 \pm 6.71$ , Modi *et al.*, (2006) reported that CoQ10 treatment significantly improved deranged carbohydrate and lipid metabolism of experimental chemically induced diabetes in rats. The mechanism of its beneficial effect appears to be its antioxidant property.

**Table (4): Effect of Peanut with CoQ10 on ALP(Got), S.AST(Gpt) and RBC of diabetic disease in rat.**

Function of liver	Treatment			
	Control (-) Mean $\pm$ SD	Control (+) Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula A Mean $\pm$ SD	Formula B Mean $\pm$ SD
S.ALT(Got) (u/ I)	$42.94 \pm 2.76$	$60.9 \pm 5.44$	$56.41 \pm 4.61$	$45.33 \pm 3.621^{**}$
T. test		.721	.793	.176
S.AST(Gpt) (u/ I)	$131.43 \pm 6.03$	$160.33 \pm 13.22$	$157.12 \pm 12.13$	$139.0 \pm 7.81^{**}$
T. test		.388	.400	.872
RBC	$114.3 \pm 5.33$	$195.43 \pm 16.11$	$173.0 \pm 11.31$	$115.66 \pm 6.71^{**}$
T. test		.053	.079	.144



## 2. Conclusion

CoQ10 produced a significant decrease in elevated levels of glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, very-low-density lipoprotein, and increased high-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels and reduce high pressure blood. This study shows that peanut consumption may improve the oxidant –antioxidant status in healthy and diabetic status without increasing blood lipids. Moreover, increased HDL-C levels and decreased AI levels in diabetic rats indicate that, peanut consumption may have protective effects against cardiovascular complications of diabetes.

## 3. References

1. **Al-Thakafy, H.S.; Khoja, S.M.; Al-Marzouki, Z.M.; Zailaie, M.Z.; Al-Marzouki, K.M. (2004):** Alterations of erythrocyte free radical defense system, heart tissue lipid peroxidation, and lipid concentration in streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats under coenzyme Q10 supplementation. *Saudi Med .J.*, 25(12):1824-30.
2. **Brambilla F. (2001):** Aetiopathogenesis and pathophysiology of bulimia nervosa: biological bases and implications for treatment. *CNS bruys* 15, 119-136.
3. **Bendich A. (2001):** Micro nutrients in woman's health and immune function. *Nutr.* 17:858-867.
4. **Calder P.C. and Kew S. (2002):** The immune system a target for functional foods? *Brit.g.of nutr.* 88:s1 65-s176.
5. **Chapman, D. G. ; Castilla, R. and Campbell, J. A. (1959):** Evaluation of protein in food . I.A method for the determination of protein efficiency ratio- *can. J. Biochem. Phosiol.*, 37: 676-686.
6. **Desai, A. and Bhide, M. (1985):** Hypoglycemic effect of *hanitonia Suavcolens*. *Indian. J. Med.*, 81:86-91.
7. **Emekli, -E; Kasikci, -E; Yarat, -A. (2008):** Peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*) consumption improves Glutathione and HDL- cholesterol levels in experimental diabetes. *Phytotherapy- Research*; 22(2):180-184.
8. **Elgert K.D. (1996)** Immunology. Understanding the immune system. 1<sup>st</sup>ed. Wiley- liss, 1nc.



9. **El- Tahir, -K-E-H; Al-Taher,-A-Y; Ageel,-A-M. (2001):** Effect of peanut and palm oils on the sensitivities of the adrenoceptors, baroreceptors and platelets in normal and hyperglycemic rats. *Journal*; 9(1):43-50.
10. **Ibrahim,-w-H; Bhagavan,-H-N; Chopra,-R-K; Chow,-C-K.(1999):** Dietary coenzyme Q10 and vitamin E alter the status of these compounds in rat tissues and mitochondria. *J-Nutr*;130(9):2343-8.
11. **Marcos A.(2000):** Eating disorders: a situation of malnutrition with peculiar changes in the immune system. *Eur.j. of clin.nutr*.54 suppl. 1:s61:s64.
12. **Modi,-K; Santani,-D-D; Goyal,-R-K; Bhatt,-P-A.(2006):** Effect of coenzyme Q10 on catalase activity and other antioxidant parameters.
13. **Nation Diabetes Data Group (NDDG)(1994):** Classification and diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and other categories of glucose intolerance. *Diabetes*, 28:1039-1057.
14. **Schermer, S.(1967):** The blood Morphology of Laboratory Animal. Longmans, Printed in Great Britain, Green and Co. LTd, P.350.
15. **SPSS (2008):** Statistical package for Social Science, Computer Software, ver.10, Spss Company, London. UK.
16. **Tietz, N.w.(1976):** Fundamentals of clinical chemistry. Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, P243.
17. **Yanardag,-R; Bolkent,-S; Ozsoy- Sacan,-O; Karabulut- Bulan,-O.(2002):** The effects of chard (*Beta Vulgris L. Var. cicla*) extract on the kidney tissue, serum urea and creatinine levels of diabetic rats. *Phytotherapy-Research*;16(8):758-761.
18. **Yound,D.S.(1975):** Determination of Got. *clin. chem.*,22(5)1-21.