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The Effect of *Garcinia* (*Garcinia cambogia*) and Green Coffee on Obese Rats

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ABSTRACT:

The current study was designed to investigate the effects of green coffee and *Garcinia cambogia* on weight loss in obese rats. Forty-eight male Sprague Dawley rats weighing between 150 and 160 grams were randomly divided into eight groups as follows: the first group consisted of a negative control group fed a basic diet (6 rats), while the second group consisted of obese groups (42 rats). Obesity was induced by feeding them 200 grams of fat in addition to the main diet for twenty days. They were then divided into seven subgroups (6 rats each): the first group was the positive control group; the second group of obese rats was fed a standard diet and 1.5% green coffee powder by weight of the diet; the third group was fed a standard diet and 3% green coffee powder by weight; the fourth group was fed a standard diet and 1.5% *Garcinia* powder by weight; the fifth group was fed a standard diet and 3% *Garcinia* powder by weight; the sixth group was fed a standard diet with a Mixture ture of green coffee and *Garcinia* powder at 1.5% by weight; and the seventh group was fed a standard diet with a Mixture ture of green coffee and *Garcinia* powder at 3% by weight. The study period was 28 days. The results indicated that both green coffee and *Garcinia*, especially at higher doses and in combination, significantly improved lipid levels, reduced the atherogenic index, improved leptin levels, and enhanced insulin sensitivity in obese male rats.

Keywords: Lipids Profile, Leptin Levels, Serum Glucose, Obesity, Atherogenic Index

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1. INTRODUCTION

Obesity is generally accepted as a worldwide epidemic with troublesome consequences. A trend of increasing prevalence of obesity and obesity-related co-morbidity and mortality was observed over the last few decades [1]. Obesity, a chronic disequilibrium between food consumption and energy expenditure,

continues to be a major health problem in developed and developing countries [2]. Obesity, which is an imbalance between energy intake and expenditure, is associated with increased health-care costs, reduced quality of life, and increased risk of various chronic diseases such as heart and cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and

various forms of cancer [3,4]. Genetic, physiological, psychological and gut microbial factors are responsible for the significant increase in prevalence of obesity and its sequels [5,6,7]. Currently, the available therapeutic approaches for treating obesity have a number of side effects. Therefore, it is an increasing interest in natural products as anti-obesity agents [8, 9].

Recently, natural bioactive phytochemicals present in natural products have been discovered for their potential health benefit effects on the prevention of chronic disorders such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, inflammatory and metabolic diseases including obesity and insulin resistance. Polyphenols, a class of naturally-occurring phytochemicals, have been shown to modulate physiological and molecular pathways that are involved in energy metabolism, adiposity, and obesity [10]. In cell cultures and animal models of obesity, and in some human clinical and epidemiological studies have demonstrated that polyphenols have beneficial effects on adiposity and obesity as complementary agents in the up-regulation of energy expenditure [10].

Green coffee and *Garcinia* contain large amounts of polyphenols including proanthocyanidins, chlorogenic acids, catechins, and xanthenes [11, 12, 13,14]. Among them, there were strong evidences that dyslipidaemia mediated by green coffee and *Garcinia*; insulin resistance mediated by green coffee, and *Garcinia*; inflammation mediated by green coffee and *Garcinia* [15]. Hence, the main objective of the research was to clarify the influence of different green coffee and *Garcinia* as well as their Mixture ed diet concentrations on obese albino rats who consuming a high-fat diet.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials:

Green coffee and *Garcinia* powder were purchased from Shana company, Shibin El-Kom, Menoufia, Egypt. Casein, starch,

cellulose, choline chloride, DL-methionine, vitamins, Mixture ture, and minerals Mixture ture were obtained from Morgan Co. Cairo, Egypt. Fat used in this study were purchased from the local market in Shibin El-Kom was obtained to cause obesity in rats.

Forty Adult male albino rats, Sprague Dawley strain, weighing (150+10g) were obtained from Research Institute of Ophthalmology, Giza, Egypt.

Methods:

Experimental approach

The research was conducted in Animal House at the faculty of home economic, Menoufia University, Egypt, according to Ethical approval number (MUFHE/S/NFS/18/24) of the Science Research Ethics Committee of Faculty of Home Economics.

Forty-eight grown-up male white rats, weighed 150gm, were utilized. For Twenty days straight, all rats received a standard diet in this test in accordance with (16).

Rats are classified into 8 groups as follows:

Group I: negative control Rats fed on basal diet (6 rats). Group II: obese groups (42 rats). obesity was induced by feeding them 200 gm fat in addition to the main food for twenty days according to [16] then divided into four sub groups (6 rats each), the first: positive control group, the second: obese rats were fed on standard diet and green coffee powder by 1.5% of the weight of the diet, third: obese rats were fed on standard diet and green coffee powder by 3% of the weight of the diet, fourth obese rats were fed on standard diet and *Garcinia* powder by 1.5% of the weight. Fifth group obese rats were fed on standard diet and *Garcinia* powder by 3% of the weight, sixth group obese rats were fed on standard diet and Mixture es of green coffee and *Garcinia* powder by 1.5% of the weight and Seventh group: obese rats were fed on standard diet and Mixture es of green coffee and *Garcinia* powder by 3% of the weight. At the end of experimental period (30 days), rats were after fasting for 12h and blood samples

were collected and centrifuged to obtain serum and kept in frozen until analysis.

Blood sampling:

After a 12-hour fast, blood samples of each rat were obtained from the hepatic portal vein at the finish line of each trial. The serum was taken away from the blood samples by centrifuging them for 10 min. at 4000 rpm after they had been drawn into dry, clean centrifuge tubes and allowed to clot for 30 minutes in a water bath (37°C). After gently collecting the serum into clean cuvette tubes, it was then frozen until analysis according to [17].

Biochemical analysis:

Total lipid was determined by colorimetric method according to [18]. triglycerides, total cholesterol and high-density lipoprotein (HDL_c) were determined according to [19], [20] and [21] respectively. Low density lipoprotein (LDL) and very low density (VLDL) were calculated according to the method of [22] using the following equations:

$$LDL \text{ (mg/dl)} = \text{Total cholesterol} - (\text{HDL}_c + \text{VLDL}).$$

$$\text{VLDL (mg/dl)} = \text{Triglycerides} \div 5$$

Serum glucose and HOMA IR were measured according to the methods described by [23]. leptin was measured according [24]

AI (Atherogenic Index):

The concentration of (AI) was estimated according to [25]. by calculation the follows:

$$AI = \frac{\text{VLDL} - c + \text{LDL} - c}{\text{HDL} - c}$$

Statistical analysis:

The results recorded as the mean $\pm$ SD. The experimental data were subjected to an analysis of variance (ANOVA) for a completely randomized design using a statistical analysis system. Duncan's multiple range tests were used to determine the deference's among means at the level of 5%.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The influence of green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*), as well as their Mixture es on the total cholesterol (TC) and triglycerides (TG) of obese male rats are revealed by the data displayed in Table (1).

Table (1): Effect of Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on serum total cholesterol and triglycerides on obese rats.

Groups	T C (mg/dl)	TG (mg/dl)
Negative control groups	154.96e $\pm$ 0.26	133.15c $\pm$ 0.53
Positive control	219.60a $\pm$ 0.90	156.26a $\pm$ 1.27
Green coffee (1.5 mg/kg BW)	173.43b $\pm$ 1.25	145.56b $\pm$ 1.07
Green coffee (3 mg/kg BW)	168.10c $\pm$ 1.91	102.77f $\pm$ 2.18
Garcinia (1.5 mg/kg BW)	166.03d $\pm$ 1.02	134.00c $\pm$ 0.50
Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW)	145.06f $\pm$ 0.93	129.89d $\pm$ 0.60
MIXTURE (1.5 mg/kg BW)	142.66g $\pm$ 0.50	113.60e $\pm$ 1.60
MIXTURE (3 mg/kg BW)	127.90h $\pm$ 0.80	93.47g $\pm$ 0.52

TC =Total cholesterol. TG=Triglycerides. Each value represents the mean $\pm$ SD of three replicates. Means in the same column with different letters (a, b, c & d) are significantly different at $P \leq 0.05$.

The results showed that TC and TG values for positive control groups were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) higher than those for negative control group. The results demonstrate that both green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) significantly reduced serum total cholesterol (TC) and triglycerides (TG) levels in obese rats.

The positive control group had the highest levels of TC and TG, while the groups treated with green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) showed substantial reductions. Higher dosages of both substances (3 mg/kg BW) were more effective than lower dosages. The combined treatment (Mixture) yielded the

most significant reductions in both TC and TG levels, indicating a synergistic effect. Those results corroborated earlier findings presented by [26] found that that an 11-weeks administration of 0.3% and 0.9% decaffeinated green coffee bean significantly reduced high-fat-diet induced body weight gain and increments in plasma lipids, glucose, and insulin levels.

Table (2) displays the influence of green coffee and *Garcinia cambogia*, and their combination on the blood lipid fractions that is low-density lipoprotein (LDL_c), very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL_c), and high-density lipoprotein (HDL_c) with obese albino rats. The positive control group had the lowest HDL_c levels and the highest LDL_c and VLDL_c levels. Both green coffee and *Garcinia cambogia* improved lipid profiles, with the mixture (3

mg/kg BW) treatment showing the most significant effects: it increased HDL_c levels to the highest point (51.10 mg/dl) and achieved the greatest reductions in LDL_c (60.12 mg/dl) and VLDL_c (18.69 mg/dl). The findings are consistent with those of [27] showed that 5% (approximately equivalent to 294 mg/kg/d in human) aqueous extract of coffee for 8 weeks significantly attenuated hypertension and impairment in glucose homeostasis without affecting abdominal fat deposition and plasma lipid profile on a rat model of human metabolic syndrome., [28] revealed the *Garcinia* reduced inflammation and insulin resistance in human adipocytes. [29] have showed that 200 mg/kg BW (approximately equivalent to a dose of 16.26 mg/kg/d for humans) of (*Garcinia mangostana*) extract for significantly decreased TC, TG, and LDL-C levels in rats.

Table (2): Influence of Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) as well as their Mixture ture on lipid fractions of obese rats.

Groups	HDL.C (mg/dl)	LDL (mg/dl)	VLDLC (mg-dl)
Negative control groups	49.61ab±0.89	78.61c±1.35	26.62c±0.10
Positive control	43.45c±1.23	140.85a±0.84	31.25a±0.25
Green coffee (1.5 mg/kg BW)	48.22b±0.72	93.08b±0.49	26.80c±0.10
Green coffee (3 mg/kg BW)	48.97b±1.22	78.89c±1.66	22.72e±0.32
<i>Garcinia</i> (1.5 mg/kg BW)	49.63ab±0.87	91.08b±1.59	29.11b±0.21
<i>Garcinia</i> (3 mg/kg BW)	48.78b±0.22	91.27b±0.69	25.97d±0.12
Mixture (1.5 mg/kg bw)	49.08b±0.87	73.13d±1.66	20.55f±0.43
Mixture (3 mg/kg bw)	51.10a±0.40	60.12e±0.88	18.69g±0.10

LDL-c =Low-density lipoprotein. VLDL-c=Very low-density lipoprotein HDL.C -c = High-density lipoprotein. AI= Atherogenic index. Each value is the average over three replicates or mean + SD. Means with distinct lettered letters in the same column (a, b, c, & d) are significantly different at $P \leq 0.05$.

Table (3) the effect of green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on AI of control and obese rats, with the mixture (3 mg/kg BW) treatment being the most effective. The positive control group had the highest atherogenic index, indicating the greatest atherosclerosis risk. Among the treatments, mixture (3 mg/kg BW) resulted in the lowest atherogenic index, demonstrating the best improvement in reducing atherosclerosis risk, while *Garcinia* (1.5 mg/kg BW) had the highest atherogenic index among the treatments. This is in agreement with [30] demonstrated that a

6-week treatment of CCGG supplementation significantly reduced serum lipid content (TC, TG, and LDL_c) and hepatic lipid content (TC and TG). Concerning our results showed effective dose started at CCGG-0.5X group (equivalent to 21 mg/kg/d in human).

Table (4) shows the effects of green coffee, (*Garcinia cambogia*), and their combination on leptin hormone levels and HOMA-IR in obese rats. The positive control group exhibited the highest leptin levels (3.52 ng/ml) and the lowest HOMA-IR (0.16), indicating

severe leptin resistance and poor insulin sensitivity.

Table (3) Effect of Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on atherogenic index of negative and obese groups.

Groups	Atherogenic Index
Negative control groups	28.20b±0.31
Positive control	31.94a±0.85
Green coffee (1.5 mg/kg BW)	28.72b±0.68
Green coffee (3 mg/kg BW)	22.02d±0.91
Garcinia (1.5 mg/kg BW)	33.03a±0.73
Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW)	27.84b±0.32
MIXTURE (1.5 mg/kg BW)	24.53c±0.59
MIXTURE (3 mg/kg BW)	19.91e±0.76

Values are expressed as means ± SD; means in the same row with different letter are significantly different ($P < 0.05$).

Among the treatments, the mixture (3 mg/kg BW) group showed the most significant improvements, with the lowest leptin level (0.70 ng/ml) and the lowest HOMA-IR value

(0.28), suggesting the most effective reduction in leptin resistance and enhancement of insulin sensitivity. Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) treatments also reduced leptin levels and improved HOMA-IR to varying degrees, with Green Coffee (3 mg/kg BW) and Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW) showing moderate improvements. Our results align with findings from previous studies where green coffee extract significantly reduced leptin levels and improved insulin sensitivity [31] and (*Garcinia cambogia*) was shown to reduce body weight and improve metabolic markers [32]. Additionally, the combination of green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) yielded the most significant improvements in these parameters, a result consistent with the synergistic effects of combined supplements on metabolic health [33]. The observed changes in leptin and HOMA-IR also support the role of these hormones in regulating insulin sensitivity and obesity [34].

Table (4) Effect of Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on leptin hormone homa iR and of negative and obese groups

Groups	Leptin(ng-ml)	Homa IR
Negative control groups	1.50f±0.015	1.51a±0.05
Positive control	3.52a±0.01	0.16g±0.005
Green coffee (1.5 mg/kg BW)	3.22b±0.01	0.87b±0.08
Green coffee (3 mg/kg BW)	2.69c±0.015	0.59d±0.02
Garcinia (1.5 mg/kg BW)	1.74e±0.015	0.74c±0.03
Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW)	1.22g±0.01	0.73c±0.01
MIXTURE (1.5 mg/kg BW)	2.40d±0.10	0.42e±0.04
MIXTURE (3 mg/kg BW)	0.70h±0.015	0.28f±0.006

Values are expressed as means ± SD; means in the same row with different letter are significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$).

Table 5 shows the effects of green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on serum glucose levels in obese rats. The positive control group had a serum glucose level of 106.68 mg/dl, which was slightly lower than the negative control group's 107.68 mg/dl. Among the treatments, the mixture (3 mg/kg BW) group showed the most significant reduction in glucose levels (92.15 mg/dl), followed by the mixture (1.5 mg/kg BW) group (94.10 mg/dl). Both green coffee treatments and Garcinia (1.5 mg/kg

BW) did not significantly lower glucose levels compared to the positive control, but they were more effective than Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW). These findings confirm the claims made by (35) stated that green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) demonstrated a drop in blood sugar while insulin levels remained unchanged. Therefore, it was determined that using green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) for a longer period and at higher quantities than is currently done may also be beneficial.

Table (5): Effect of Green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*) on serum glucose of obese rats.

Groups	Glucose (mg/dl)
Negative control groups	107.68a±1.19
Positive control	106.68ab±1.12
Green coffee (1.5 mg/kg BW)	101.80c±0.69
Green coffee (3 mg/kg BW)	100.53c±0.96
Garcinia (1.5 mg/kg BW)	106.04ab±1.05
Garcinia (3 mg/kg BW)	105.43b±0.93
MIXTURE (1.5 mg/kg BW)	94.10d±0.51
MIXTURE (3 mg/kg BW)	92.15e±0.85

4. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, both green coffee and (*Garcinia cambogia*), particularly in higher doses and in combination, significantly improved lipid profiles, reduced atherogenic index, improved leptin levels, and enhanced insulin sensitivity in obese male rats. The synergistic effects observed in combined treatments suggest that these supplements may be highly effective in managing obesity-related metabolic disorders.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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تم تصميم الدراسة الحالية لدراسة تأثير القهوة الخضراء والجارسينيا على إنقاص الوزن في الفئران المصابة بالسمنة. تم تصنيف ثمانية وأربعين ذكراً من فئران سبراغ داوولي البيضاء التي يتراوح وزنها بين 150 و160 جراماً بشكل عشوائي إلى ثمانية مجموعات على النحو التالي: المجموعة الأولى: فئران ضابطة سالبه تتغذى على نظام غذائي أساسي (6 فئران). المجموعة الثانية: مجموعات بديئة (42 فأراً). تم إحداث السمنة عن طريق إطعامهم 200 جرام دهون بالإضافة إلى الغذاء الرئيسي لمدة عشرين حسب كنج وآخرون (2005) ثم تم تقسيمهم إلى سبع مجموعات فرعية (6 فئران لكل منها) المجموعة الأولى: مجموعة ضابطة موجبه ، المجموعة الثانية: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومسحوق القهوة الخضراء بنسبة 1.5٪ من وزن الغذاء، المجموعة الثالثة: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومسحوق القهوة الخضراء بنسبة 3٪ من وزن الغذاء، المجموعة الرابعة: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومسحوق الجارسينيا بنسبة 1.5٪ من الوزن. المجموعة الخامسة: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومسحوق الجارسينيا بنسبة 3٪ من الوزن، المجموعة السادسة: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومخاليط من القهوة الخضراء ومسحوق الجارسينيا بنسبة 1.5٪ من الوزن والمجموعة السابعة: تم تغذية الفئران البديئة على الغذاء القياسي ومخاليط من القهوة الخضراء ومسحوق الجارسينيا بنسبة 3٪ من الوزن. وكانت فترة الدراسة 28 يوماً. أشارت نتائج البيانات المتحصل عليها إلى أن كلاً من القهوة الخضراء والجارسينيا، وخاصة بجرعات أعلى وبلاشتراك معاً، أدى إلى تحسين مستويات الدهون بشكل ملحوظ، وخفض مؤشر تصلب الشرايين، وتحسين مستويات الليبتين، وتعزيز حساسية الأنسولين لدى الفئران الذكور البديئة. الكلمات الكاشفة: دهون الدم ، مستويات الليبتين ، الجلوكوز في الدم ، السمنة ، مؤشر تصلب الشرايين.

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