

HYPOCHOLESTEROLIMIC ACTIVITY OF CORIANDER AND CUMIN FRUITS OR THEIR ESSENTIAL OILS WITH OR WITHOUT TURMERIC POWDER.

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out to study the effect of feeding with diet supplemented with coriander and cumin in either powder or essential oil form with or without turmeric on hypercholesterolemic rats for 45 days. Data emphasized that rats given different experimental diets exhibited significant decrement in serum total cholesterol and low density lipoprotein compared with a group of rats given hypercholesterolemic diet while the level of high density lipoprotein was increased during experimental period. Also, feeding with diets supplemented with coriander essential oil (0.05%) or powder (11%) with or without turmeric (0.25%) from the diet were responsible for decreasing serum triglycerides while cumin powder (5%) as well as essential oil (0.07%) had lower activity in this concern. Likewise, both serum creatinine and uric acid (kidney function) were decreased as a result of feeding with all tested spices. The sameness result was recorded for either ALT or AST (liver function enzymes). Concerning serum glucose, results ascertained that dietary coriander and cumin in powder form or essential oil with or without turmeric decreased serum glucose compared with that of rats fed with hypercholesterolemic diet. It could be concluded that, remarkable beneficial could be obtained by using these spices in their powder or essential oil forms especially in hypercholesterolemic case.

Keywords: Coriander, cumin, turmeric, powder, essential oil, hypercholesterolemic activity , cholesterol, LDL, HDL

INTRODUCTION

Hypercholesterolemia is a high risk factor and it may lead to coronary heart disease and atherosclerosis, leading to death. Many studies have established the relationship between plasma cholesterol concentration and increasing risk factor of atherosclerosis [Sodium *et al.*(1984) and Grundy, 1986]. The development of atherosclerosis is a complex and multi step process. There are a number of genetic, metabolic and environmental factors involved in the formation and evaluation of the atherosclerotic plaque. Lipoprotein oxidation and oxidative processes in general play an important role in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis. Studies have identified damaged (LDL) as an atherogenic agent. Oxidized (LDL) exert a multitude of potentially atherogenic effects *in vivo* and *in vitro* and lipoprotein like particles with oxidative damage have been isolated from atherosclerotic lesions [Steinberg *et al.* (1989) and Witztum and Steinberg 1991]] Feeding rabbits with cholesterol supplemented diet produced hypercholesterolemia and vascular atherosclerotic lesions as well as caused increasing lipid peroxidation that exposed the animals to oxidative stress (Mahfouz and Kummerow, 2000). Food and medicine are in fact, two sides of the same coin and man has been

proved with these both materials by plants from very early times, spices are believed to play an important role in Ayurvedic (Indian system of medicine) preparations (Chithra and Leelamma, 1999). The use of spices as food additives also has been practiced widely since ancient time to enhance the flavor of food beside prolong its shelf life, Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L., *Umbelliferae*) is widely distributed and mainly cultivated for the seeds. The fruits of coriander are mainly responsible for its medical use as a drug for indigestion against worms, rheumatism and pain in the joints (Wichtl, 1994). Recent studies have also demonstrated the hypoglycemic action by its effects on carbohydrate metabolism [Chithra and Leelamma, 2000 and Gray and Flatt, 1999]. Also coriander plays a protective role against the deleterious effects in lipid metabolism in experimental colon cancer (Chithra and Leelamma, 2000), besides, the essential oil from both seeds and leaves which inhibit lipid peroxidation (Tanabe *et al.*, 2002). Regarding cumin (*Cuminum cyminum* L., *Umbelliferae*) besides being extensively used as a condiment in many spices mixes and curry powders and for flavoring soups pickles...etc., it also used for seasoning bakery products such as bread and biscuits. Furthermore, it is considered as stimulant and carminative agents besides stomachic and astringent effect so it is useful in dyspepsia and diarrhea [Chopra *et al.*, 1958, Nadkarin, 1976 and Farrell, 1985]. Cumin also exhibited hypolipidemic activity which is associated complication activity of diabetes mellitus besides its ability to reduce blood glucose (Dhandapani *et al.*, 2002).

Turmeric (*Curcuma longa* L. and *Zingiberaceae*) is a native southern Asia and it is cultivated extensively throughout the warmer parts of the world in large scale. It is used to same extent as a stomachic tonic and blood purifier, also the essential oil of turmeric is used as carminative appetizer and antispasmodic Gupta and Balasubrahmanyam, (1998). Curcumin is a fat soluble yellow pigment presented in turmeric (Sowbhagya *et al.*, 2005). Also curcumin has been used to help prevention and treating patients with Alzheimer's disease by reducing oxidative damage plaque burden and specific inflammatory factors Lim *et al.* (2001). It has also antioxidant, anticarcinogenic and hypercholesterolemic activities (Asai and Miyazawa, 2001). Like wise, the toxicity studies with curcumin in animals indicated no histopathological changes when it was fed to rats, dogs, guinea pigs or monkeys (from 0.5 to 2g/kg bw for 8 – 60 wks) [Bille *et al.* (1985) and Jaruga *et al.*, 1998]. Curcumin is also belongs to curcuminoids. The tetrahydrocurcumin (THC) is an antioxidative substance which is derived from curcumin by hydrogenation and it could be useful as a function food factor (Naito *et al.*, 2002).

This investigation aims to study the effect of coriander and cumin spices and their essential oils with or without turmeric powder on body weight, serum cholesterol level, serum lipid profile, serum glucose, kidney function and liver function enzymes on hypercholesterolemic rats compared with normal rats.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials:-

Spices: coriander fruits cumin fruits and turmeric rhizomes were purchased from herb stores Giza, Egypt.

Adults male albino rats: were obtained from Food Technology Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt.

Starch used: for feeding experiments was obtained from Maize Products Company, Cairo, Egypt.

Casein and cellulose, minerals: were obtained from Edwic, Co, Egypt.

Cholesterol powder : was obtained from El-Alamoia Company Cairo, Egypt.

Vitamins : were obtained from Roch vitamins and fine chemicals (USA),

Kits: (Total cholesterol, high density lipoprotein, creatinine and lactate dehydrogenase) were obtained from Randox, Laboratories LTD. Diamond Roal Crumlin. Co. Antrim, United Kingdom, BT 294.

Kits: (Total lipid, triglycerides, uric acid, aspartate transaminase (AST), alanine transaminase (ALT) and were obtained from El-Nasr Pharmaceutical Chemical Co., Abozabal, Egypt.

Sunflower oil: Refined sunflower oil was obtained from Arma Food industry 10th of Ramdan, Egypt.

Methods:-

Preparation of spice powders : The used spices were cleaned and milled to pass through a 50 mesh sieve.

Extraction of essential oil: The essential oil of coriander and cumin were obtained by water distillation according to *Guenther, (1961)*. The separated essential oils were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, bottled held in 25 glass bottles and kept at -20°C till used.

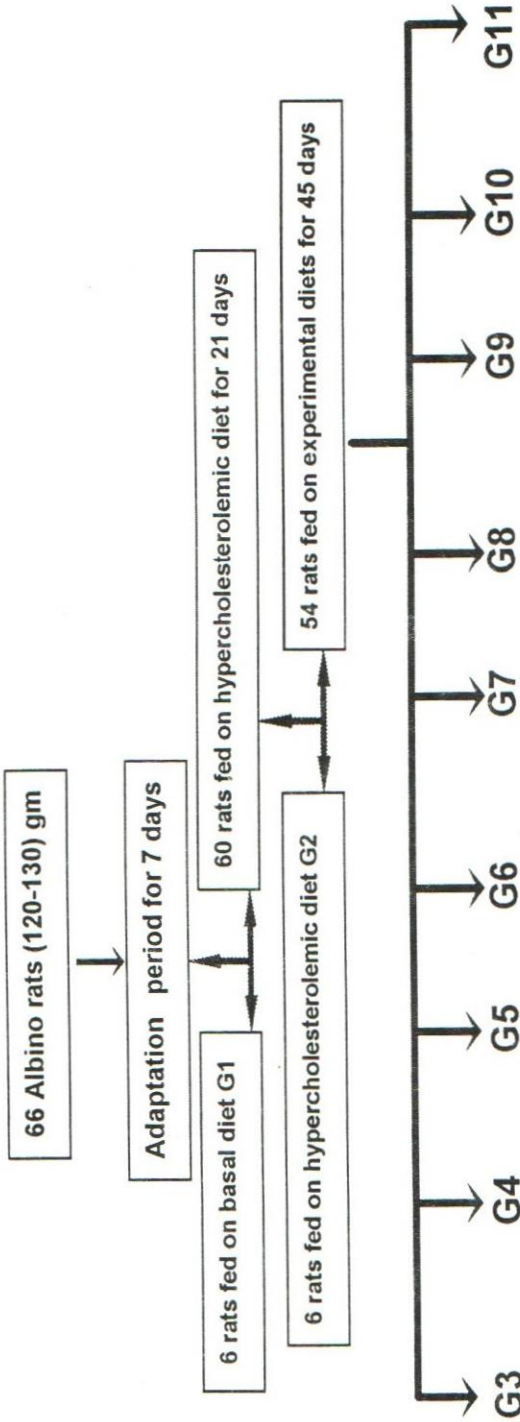
Experimental animals' design:

A total of 66 male albino rats, *Sprague dewley* with an average weight of 120 – 130 g were housed individually in well aerated cages with screen bottoms and fed with basal diet as recommended by *Tebib et al. (1994)*. While salt mixture and vitamin mixture were formulated as recommended by the American Institute of Nutrition (AIN, 1977). Rats were fed with basal diet one week as adaptation period. Temperature and humidity were maintained as 25°C and 60%, respectively and water were provided *ad libitum*.

Rats were randomly divided into two main groups negative control group (6 rats) which were fed on basal diet while the other sixty rats were fed on a hypercholesterolemic diet (HCD) (containing 1% cholesterol + 0.2% bile salts) to raise serum cholesterol level after 21 days serum cholesterol of the sixty rats increased to 151 – 156 mg/dl then the rats were randomly divided into 10 groups (6 rats each) as shown in scheme (1). The different groups were fed with diets containing different tested spices and essential oils for 45 days as recommended in Table (1).

Scheme (1)

Experimental design



- G1: rats fed on the basal diet for 73days (Negative control)
- G2: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 66 days (positive control)
- G3: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 11% coriander fruits for 45 days
- G4: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 11% coriander fruits + 0.25% turmeric powder for 45 days
- G5: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 5% cumin fruits for 45 days
- G6: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 5% coriander fruits + 0.25% turmeric powder for 45 days
- G7: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 0.25% turmeric powder for 45 days
- G8: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 0.05% coriander essential oil for 45 days
- G9: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 0.05% coriander essential oil + 0.25% turmeric powder for 45 days
- G10: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 0.07% cumin essential oil for 45 days
- G11: rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet for 21days and then fed with basil diet containing 0.07% cumin essential oil with 0.25% turmeric powder for 45 days

Table (1): Composition of different tested diets (g/100 g):-

Ingredient of the diet (g/100 g)	Animal Groups										
	G1	G2	Groups of rats fed on hypercholesterolemic diet then with experimental diets								
			G3	G4	G5	G5	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11
Casein*	21.70	21.7	20.07	20.0*	20.76	20.74	21.68	21.7	21.68	21.7	21.68
Corn starch	54.65	44.65	39.00	40.87	41.24	41.20	44.96	44.60	44.91	44.58	44.89
sucrose	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
DL-Methionine	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Cellulose powder	5.00	5.00	3.27	1.54	4.49	4.46	4.48	5.00	4.48	5.00	4.48
Vegetable oil	8.00	2.00	0.01	0.00	1.95	1.7	1.98	2.00	1.98	2.00	1.98
Vitamin mixture	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mineral mixture	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sheep tail fat	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
cholesterol	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Bile slate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Fruit with or without turmeric powder 0.25%											
Casein*	0.00	0.00	11.0	11.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corn starch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Essential oil with or without turmeric powder 0.25%											
Coriander	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
Cumin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
Turmeric powder .25%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.25

*Casein contained 90%protein

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Body weights were recorded at two weeks intervals. Blood samples were taken at the beginning of the experiment and then every two weeks from retro orbital (Schermer, 1967).

At the end, feed efficiency ratio was calculated according to Chapman *et al.* (1959) as the following:

$$\text{Body weight gain (B.W.G)\%} = \frac{(\text{Final weight} - \text{initial weight}) \times 100}{\text{Initial weight}}$$

$$\text{Food efficiency ratio (F.E.R)} = \frac{\text{Body weight gain (g)}}{\text{Consumed Food (g)}}$$

At the end of the experimental period 45 days rats were sacrificed and the blood was collected in tubes and centrifuged to obtain serum.

Blood biochemistry:-

Serum total cholesterol, high density lipoprotein, triglycerides, total lipids, glucose, kidney function (creatinine and uric acid), liver function enzymes (AST and ALT) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) were determined according to the methods of Roeschau *et al.* (1974), Assmann, (1979); Young and Pestaner, (1975); white *et al.* (1970)^a Tietz, (1986), Bartles *et al.* (1972), Barham and Trinder (1972), White *et al.* (1970)^b White *et al.* (1970)^c and Rec (1972), respectively. While low density lipoprotein (LDL) was calculating according to the following equation as reported by (Assmann, 1979):-

$$\text{LDL (mg/dl)} = \text{Total cholesterol} - (\text{Triglycerides} / 5 + \text{HDL})$$

Statistical analysis:-

The collected data of biological examination were statistically analyzed by the least significant difference (LSD) at the 5% level of probability procedure according to Snedecor and Cochran. (1980).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of feeding with different experimental diets on body weight gain and food efficiency ratio. The effect of dietary coriander, cumin in either powder or essential oil forms with or without turmeric is illustrated in Table (2) Body weight gain (BWG) after feeding period (45 days) was (75.34g) for the negative control group (given basal diet) while it was (63.77g) for the positive control group given hypercholesterolemic diet (HCD). This result is inline with that obtained by Badee *et al.* (2005). Meanwhile a decrease in body weight gain for group of rat fed on hypercholesterolemic diet (HCD) was recorder compared with that of negative control group as presented in the same table. Feeding with cumin fruits with or without turmeric led to an increment in BWG (%) where it was 77.94 and 78.25 % resp.,. Also addition of 0.25% turmeric to coriander fruit gave an increment in BWG % (85.81 %) this increment is non significantly different compared to the negative control group (given basal diet) which recorder (75.34%) . while it is significantly different than the positive control group (given H C D) . These results are in line with those obtained by Platel and Srinivasan (2000) who showed that cumin (1.25%) improved BWG by enhancing bile flow rate in rats which probably contribute to the digestive stimulant action Also Wilatgamuwa *et al.* (1998) reported an improvement in body weight of diabetic animals after feeding on 1.25% cumin powder for 8 weeks.

Table (2): Effect of feeding with different experimental diet on body weight gain (BWG) and food efficiency ratio of rats (FER) .

Animal group diet	Feeding period(days)							B.W.G (days)	*FI	**FER
	zero	15	30	45	B.W.G	B.W.G %	B.W.G (days)			
G1	125.96±7	150.66±1.10	180.86±5.08	220.86±3.82	94.90 ±1.26	75.34±9.69	1.67±1.44	13.2±	A	0.13
G2	125.50±7.86	145.5±4.5	170.53±4.76	205.53±20.93	80.03 ±2.51	63.77±12.23	1.44±1.44	17.7	J	0.08
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%										
G3	124.53±7.71	149.33±9.00	179±6.00	196.83±3.32	72.3 ±3.32	58.05±9.11	1.29±1.29	12.81	bd	0.101
G4	131.6±8.19	156.6±4.53	186.53±4.84	244.53±4.88	112.93 ±3.5	85.81±10.36	1.911±1.91	17.0	a	0.112
G5	130± 8.54	150.3±5.29	185±2.00	231.73±10.35	101.73±2.51	78.25±5.38	1.73±1.73	14.11	b	0.12
G6	129± 6.08	154±3.60	184±3.60	229.55±6.34	100.55 ±4.5	77.94±4.63	1.74±1.74	14.01	b	0.124
G7	128± 2.00	42.6±26.28	172.6±2.51	220.64±6.00	92.64 ±2.56	72.38±6.80	1.61±1.61	12.5	cd	0.129
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%										
G8	127.16±4.48	152.9±3.60	182.9±7.74	203±3.00	75.84 ±1.25	59.64±6.30	1.32±1.32	12.9	bd	0.102
G9	125.96±9.57	140.58±6.02	180.53±5.46	195.51±3.74	69.55 ±3.25	55.21±8.78	1.23±1.23	11.25	cd	0.109
G10	126.46±3.92	151.66±10.21	181.86±7.68	199.96±5.51	73.50 ±2.45	58.12±0.59	1.28±1.28	12.22	cd	0.105
G11	128.16±2.36	154±5.29	184.81±5.95	209±3.00	80.84 ±3.32	63.07±5.31	1.39±1.39	13.75	cd	0.1
L.S.D	11.23	16.56	9.07	13.83	2.78	13.28	0.303	1.26	0.056	

*FI : Food intake(g) **FER: food efficiency ratio
 Small letters refer to compared within each treatment at with each time (column).
 SD: standard deviation. Each value represents the mean of 6 rats at 0.05%

Meanwhile, feeding with either coriander or cumin essential oils gave significant decrement in BWG % compared to that of negative control group, while addition of turmeric to cumin essential oil enhanced BWG. Taip (2004) observed a significant increment in BWG of rats fed with biscuits containing 1.5 and 3% cumin essential oil.

Regarding food intake, data presented in Table (2) showed that rats fed (HCD) recorded the highest food intake (g) compared to all other groups of rats (17.7g / day) followed by the group of rats given coriander fruit with turmeric powder (17g / day) while other groups of rats including negative control group recorded lower food intake with significant differences compared to the positive control group. Concerning food effectively ratio (FER), it could be noticed that no significantly difference was recorded for group of rats given cumin fruit with or without turmeric as well as turmeric powder alone compared to that of negative control group. Moreover, the other experimental diets had lower FER values.

Serum total cholesterol (STC): Data presented in Table (3) indicated that, STC for rats given basal diet was constant during experimental period (45 days), while feeding with positive control (HCD) led to an increment in STC from 154.00 mg / dl at the beginning of the experiment to 168.50 mg/dl after 45 days and this increment was significantly different compared with that of negative control group (rats given basal diet). These results agree with that obtained by Mahfouz and Kummerow (2000). Concerning supplementation with coriander fruits (11%) with or without turmeric powder (0.25 %), it exhibited significant decrement in STC during experimental period, where it was 80.3 and 82.3 mg/dl resp., compared with that group of negative control (84.5 mg/dl). The same results were observed for groups of rats given cumin fruit (5%) with or without turmeric powder. Also feeding hypercholesterolemic rats with turmeric powder only led to significant decrement in (STC) compared to rats given (HCD). Furthermore, there is no significant differences in (STC) between these groups and group of rats given basal diet. Concerning (HDL-C) data in Table (4) showed that there was significant decrease in (HDL-C) of rats fed with (HCD) from 45.3 at the beginning of the experiment to 35.3 mg/dl after 45 days. This decrement was also significant compared with that of rats fed with basal diet where (HDL-C) which reached 54.2 mg/dl at the end of the experiment. Also an increment in (HDL-C) of group of rats fed with cumin and coriander fruits or essential oils with or without turmeric was recorded. These increments in (HDL-C) were significantly different compared with that of rats given (HCD) as shown in Table (4). On the contrary (LDL-C) level reached the highest value for the rats fed with (HCD), where it was 85.85 mg /dl at the beginning of experiment while it reached 107 mg /dl at the end of the experiment, this results are in the same line with that obtained by Mahley and Holcombe (1977), who observed an increase in (LDL-C) and decrease in HDL-C by the same treatment.

Table (3): Effect of feeding with coriander, cumin fruits or their essential oils with or without turmeric powder (0.25%) on serum total cholesterol level (mg/dl) in hypercholesterolemic rats during feeding periods.

Animal groups diet	Feeding periods (days)				L.S.D
	Zero	15	30	45	
G ₁	Ac 86.90±2.67	Ah 83.50±3.50	Ae 84.70±1.47	Ae 84.50±11.62	11.80
G ₂	Bab 154.00±4.58	Ba 156.66±4.16	ABa 160.5±2.50	Aa 168.5±5.26	8.00
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₃	Aab 153.00±2.64	Bfg 107.13±2.50	Bcd 96.37±11.62	Ce 82.3±3.01	11.81
G ₄	Aa 156.00±3.00	Bg 102.87±1.80	Cde 92.12±5.36	De 80.3±7.92	9.23
G ₅	Aab 153.33±1.52	Bc 123.00±2.00	Cb 116.23±1.66	Db 105.54±10.62	10.39
G ₆	Aab 151.30±2.85	Bde 114.53±2.83	Ccd 96.32±5.49	Dde 86.11±3.83	7.36
G ₇	Aab 151.99±2.63	Bc 125.10±5.15	Cc 103.126±6.00	Dcde 90.25±10.18	12.47
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₈	Aab 154.00±3.46	Beg 110.65±6.08	Ccd 98.19±5.90	Dde 87.44±3.85	9.35
G ₉	Ab 151.10±1.01	Bf 106.89±2.00	Ccd 97.01±6.57	De 84.19±6.71	9.09
G ₁₀	Aab 152.00±2.00	Bb 131.56±3.53	Cb 113.75±2.69	Dbc 101.38±6.67	7.78
G ₁₁	Aab 153.00±2.64	Bde 116.65±1.52	Cc 102.17±1.16	Cbcd 98.89±9.89	10.51
L.S.D	4.73	5.90	9.47	13.12	

Capital letters refer to the compared within each treatment (row)

Small letters refer to compare within each treatment at each time (column).

SD: standard deviation.

Each value represents the mean of 6 rats at 0.05%

Moreover, Steinberg (1983) and Goldstein and Brown (1987) reported that (LDL-C) was a predisposing factor for atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease, while (HDL-C) exerts protective effect. Elsewhere, group of rats given fruits of cumin and coriander or their essential oils exhibited, significant decrement in (LDL-C) compared to rats fed with (HCD). These results are in line with that obtained by Chithra and Leelemma (1997) who noticed that, the levels (LDL), and (VLDL-C) cholesterol was decreased, while (HDL) cholesterol was increased in rats received coriander seed, This effect may be due to the increase in beta- hydroxyl and beta methyl glutaryCoA reductase and cholesterolacyl transferase activity, this activity may be enhanced hepatic bile acid synthesis. Ramirez – tortosa *et al.* (1999) emphasized that, an ethanol aqueous extract from turmeric protected (LDL) from lipid oxidation and this could be useful in the management of cardiovascular disease in which atherosclerosis is important. Also Almeida *et al.* (2003) observed that, etheric extract from coriander had superior antioxidant activity in both liver and plasma.

Table (4): Effect of feeding with different experimental diets on serum high density lipoprotein and low density lipoprotein of rats during 45 days .

Animal groups diet	High density lipoprotein(mg/dl)						Low density lipoprotein(mg/dl)					
	Feeding periods (days)						Feeding periods (days)					
	Zero	15	30	45	L.S.D	Zero	15	30	45	L.S.D		
G ₁	56.33±2.02	57.1±3.09	55±0.70	54.2±4.15	5.27	23.25±2.94	21.64±2.2	24.48±1.50	20.24±3.5	5.03		
G ₂	45.3±6.80	46.2±2.70	41.01±2.98	35.3±4.20	7.72	85.854±5.2	86.40±5.16	94.152±5.2	107.1±5.6	9.86		
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%												
G ₃	46.8 ± 1.58	Abc	Aed	Aab	7.33	85±4.58	Bcd	Bcde	Cfg	7.86		
	46.8 ± 1.58	49.6 ± 4.92	47.1 ± 3.15	49.56 ± 4.86		49.775±4.2	43.04±2.77	43.04±2.77	24.50±4.76			
G ₄	45.4 ± 1.44	Bef	Bde	Aa	5.35	88±3.60	Bcd	Ccd	Df	6.7		
	45.4 ± 1.44	40.6 ± 4.27	42.8 ± 2.70	52.9 ± 2.15		53.46±4.10	43.56±3.09	43.56±3.09	21.10±3.58			
G ₅	46.5 ± 1.32	Bef	Ce	Ab	2.66	83.8 ± 4.01	Bb	Bb	Cb	8.66		
	46.5 ± 1.32	40.81±1.05	38 ± 2.00	40.1±1.07		70.51±5.07	67.39±5.71	67.39±5.71	52.37±3.19			
G ₆	45.44 ± 2.68 ^{ABC}	Ab	Abc	Aab	8.20	83.66±2.08	Bd	Cde	Defg	8.52		
	45.44 ± 2.68 ^{ABC}	51.3±2.46	48.46 ± 6.075	50.7 ± 5.07		45.56±6.49	35.61±4.88	35.61±4.88	25.93±3.40			
G ₇	44.23 ± 3.22 ^{ABC}	Abc	Acd	Aab	5.76	83.25±3.09	Bb	Cc	Dde	7.39		
	44.23 ± 3.22 ^{ABC}	49 ± 3.60	46.24 ± 3.06	49.53 ± 2.15		69.55±3.94	49.32±5.12	49.32±5.12	32.67±3.22			
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%												
G ₈	Cbc	Bbcd	Aab	Aa	4.25	88.3 ± 3.51	Bcd	BCde	Cde	12.59		
	43.1±2.12	47.6±1.21	52.3±2.46	48.56±2.88		49.88±8.75	38.89±5.10	38.89±5.10	28.12±7.9			
G ₉	Cc	Bbcd	Bbcd	Aa	5.15	86.00 ± 4.00	Bcd	Ce	Df	7.43		
	41.5±2.78	48.39±1.213	46.2±3.351	51.25±3.907		48.24±4.21	35.23±5.01	35.23±5.01	23.91±3.4			
G ₁₀	Abc	Bf	Be	Ab	3.64	85.6±8.19	Aa	Bb	Cc	10.34		
	44.1±1.85	35.8±2.65	39.3±1.57	46.6±1.4421		84.43±3.09	59.74±4.26	59.74±4.26	43.75±3.5			
G ₁₁	Bc	Bce	Abc	Aab	4.07	89.4±9.22	BDc	Cde	Ccd	12.26		
	41.00±2.00	43.4±2.62	48.166±1.45	49.26±2.40		55.73±4.98	37.55±7.19	37.55±7.19	37.38±6.0			
L.S.D	4.95	5.01	4.92	5.43		8.550963	8.526	8.281	7.831			

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Serum total lipid and triglycerides: The serum triglycerides (STG) level of rats given different experimental diets under investigation are shown in Table (5). The data showed a significant increment in serum total lipid (STL) for group of rats fed with (HCD) compared with that fed with basal diet. Also an increment in (STG) level in all groups of rats given different experimental diets while this increment was not significant for groups of rats given coriander essential oils alone or with turmeric powder, where (STG) level recorded 23.83 and 28.5 mg /dl resp., comparing with control group given basal diet 20.3 mg /dl. Also Babu and Srinivasam (1997) observed a significant decrease in blood TG in rats given 0.5% curcumin for 8 weeks. As general, the bygone results upheld the results of Platel and Srinivasam (2000) who ascertained that both cumin (1.25%) and coriander (2%) could stimulate bile acid production by the liver and secretion in to bile acid rate in fat digestion and absorption. The serum total lipid (STL) values of rats, fed with different experimental diets are presented in table (5). The data showed the significant increase in (STL) in positive control group (given HCD) as compared with negative control group (given basal diet). Also a significant decrease was appeared in (STL) for groups of rats fed in different experimental diets compared with that of positive control group. Dhandapani *et al.* (2002) studied the role of cumin supplementation, on plasma tissue lipids in diabetic rats (0.25 mg/kg body weight) for 6 weeks, they stated that the hypolipidemic effect of cumin could be explained as a result of direct reduction in blood glucose concentration because of antioxidant properties of cumin. It could be also mentioned that, the highest decrement in (STL) was in group fed with coriander essential oil and fruit with or without turmeric powder. on the other hand significant difference was found in group given turmeric powder alone (STL) during experimental period (45 days). The obtained results are in agreement with those obtained by Stark and Madar (1993), Hassanin and Hassan (1997), Taip (2004), and Badee *et al.* (2005).

Liver function enzymes: Effect of feeding on cumin and coriander powder or essential oils with or without turmeric depicted in Table (6). Both serum AST and ALT levels were approximately stable for group of rats fed with basal diet during experimental period. There was a progressive increment for rats given (HCD). Meanwhile giving rats cumin or coriander in both spices or essential oils forms with or without turmeric exhibited diminishing in serum AST after 15 days (The decrements were significantly different). the decrements were gradually for serum along the experimental period. It is well known that the increment in both ALT and AST levels is related to hepatic disease as reported by Klauning (1992). Regarding serum lactic dehydrogenase (SLDH), results presented in Table (7) showed that, the level of (SLDH) was decreased in all groups given experimental diets during 45 days compared with positive control. The highest decreases were found in groups given coriander essential oil (0.05%), cumin fruit 5% and coriander fruit (85.90, 94.61, and 96.62 I.U/I) resp., compared with the positive control (208.44 I.U/I). It could be observed that the groups given cumin or coriander fruit had lower values than groups given cumin or coriander fruit with turmeric powder. As general, all groups given experimental diet had decrement in (SLDH) during feeding period (45 day). These results are in agreement with Gagandeep *et al.* (2003).

Table (5): Effect of feeding with different experimental diets on serum tri glycosides level (mg/dl) and total lipid level (mg/L) of rats during 45 days .

Animal groups diet	Tri glycosides level (mg/dl)					Total lipid level (mg/L)				
	Feeding periods (days)					Feeding periods (days)				
	Zero	15	30	45	L.S.D	Zero	15	30	45	L.S.D
G ₁	36.6±6.37	Bh	Be	Bi	8.94	221.53±3.65	AF	AF	AC	13.33
G ₂	114.2±6.28	BCa	ABa	Aa	9.18	411.5±19.21	ABa	Aa	Aa	21.10
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%										
G ₃	111.5±2.91	Bfg	Cde	Bde	7.93	Aa 400.1±12.11	Be	Cef	Dde	13.87
G ₄	113±4.58	Bef	Ce	Cfgh	8.72	405.9±9.53	Be	Cf	De	15.35
G ₅	113.5±4.27	Bcd	Bc	Cefg	10.94	400.1±13.82	Bbc	Cc	Db	16.30
G ₆	112±9.16	Bb	Cc	Ccd	14.93	395.9±5.24	Bb	Cd	Dcd	10.92
G ₇	112.6±3.143	Bg	Bd	Bdef	10.86	393.5±12.85	Bcd	Cd	Db	26.48
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%										
G ₈	113±3.00	Cc	Bb	Dhi	7.96	402±18.35	Bd	Ce	Dcd	20.00
G ₉	112.5±3.50	Bde	Bc	Cghi	11.99	393.6±5.71	Be	Cd	De	12.03
G ₁₀	111.5±2.17	Cd	Bb	Cbc	11.03	396.6±22.17	Bb	Bb	Cb	22.72
G ₁₁	112±2.64	Bb	Cb	Db	9.09	398.9±7.37	Bb	Cc	Db	15.76
L.S.D	8.016	9.08	10.34	9.71		22.39	17.14	9.96	11.71	

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Table (6): Effect of feeding with different experimental diets on serum alanine transaminase (ALT) level (IU/L) and aspartate transaminase level (AST) (IU/L) of rats during for 45 days .

Animal groups diet	Alanine transaminase (ALT) (IU/L)						Aspartate transaminase (AST) (IU/L)						L.S.D
	Feeding periods (days)			L.S.D	Feeding periods (days)			L.S.D	Feeding periods (days)			L.S.D	
	Zero	15	30		45	Zero	15		30	45			
G ₁	19.53 ± 1.61	18.55 ± 1.85	19.20 ± 3.70	18.93 ± 2.051	4.60	Aa	Ae	Ah	Ah	35.26 ± 0.75	37.43 ± 2.90	35.43 ± 1.00	3.74
G ₂	36.33 ± 2.51	39.00 ± 3.27	40.33 ± 1.52	42.33 ± 2.51	4.77	Aa	ABa	Aa	Aa	90.73 ± 6.31	91.55 ± 7.35	93.88 ± 5.02	12.11
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%													
G ₃	33.00 ± 3.00	32.63 ± 4.12	30.66 ± 3.35	22.16 ± 3.56	6.88	Aa	Abc	Bdef	Aa	Bc	Cfg	Dfgh	5.96
G ₄	33.16 ± 3.01	28.54 ± 1.35	27.00 ± 5.50	25.00 ± 2.00	6.33	Aa	ABbcd	Bcde	Aa	Bc	BCdefg	Cdef	12.10
G ₅	36.00 ± 2.64	37.00 ± 1.70	28.33 ± 2.08	25.60 ± 2.16	4.09	Aa	Bbcd	Bcd	Aa	Bc	Bcd	Cefg	10.47
G ₆	34.06 ± 2.09	31.6 ± 2.51	30.66 ± 4.93	28.00 ± 2.00	5.88	Aa	ABbc	Bbc	Aa	Bc	BCcd	Cc	8.28
G ₇	35.66 ± 3.05	36.5 ± 2.88	27.20 ± 1.70	21.83 ± 3.78	5.56	Aa	Bbcd	Bdef	Aa	Bd	Cgh	Dfh	5.35
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%													
G ₈	34.33 ± 3.78	33.00 ± 3.78	26.16 ± 2.75	22.33 ± 2.51	6.04	Aa	Bcd	Bdef	Aa	Bc	Cefg	Cdef	10.32
G ₉	35.00 ± 3.60	34.66 ± 4.16	32.70 ± 2.15	30.50 ± 2.95	6.22	Aa	Ab	Ab	Aa	Bb	Bb	Cb	6.99
G ₁₀	33.00 ± 3.01	33.83 ± 4.01	30.21 ± 2.70	27.50 ± 2.78	5.97	ABa	ABbc	Bbc	Aa	Bb	Cdef	Cde	7.29
G ₁₁	35.33 ± 1.52	32.66 ± 2.51	23.23 ± 3.30	20.66 ± 4.04	5.64	Aa	Bde	Bef	Aa	Bc	BCode	Cd	7.63
L.S.D	4.73	5.27	5.58	4.82		11.00	6.69	6.70		6.70	5.41		

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Table (7): Effect of feeding with coriander and cumin essential oil and fruit with or without turmeric powder (0.25%) on serum lactic dehydrogenase (L. D. H) (I.U. /l) in hypercholesterolemic rats during feeding periods

Animal groups diet	Feeding periods (days)				L.S.D
	Zero	15	30	45	
G ₁	Bb 81.193±1.70	Ae 95.511 ±2.16	Af 91.17 ±6.50	Ae 94.996 ±3.37	7.37
G ₂	Ca 93.513±9.11	Ba 179.416 ±5.57	Aa 196.473±11.043	Aa 208.449 ±8.79	16.53
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₃	Ca 92.726±6.47	Ad 118.416 ±2.23	ABe 108.060±12.146	BCe 96.623 ±2.02	13.26
G ₄	Dab 90.393±8.02	Aa 176.166 ±3.02	Bb 159.873 ±6.118	Cb 144.510 ±3.83	10.554
G ₅	Ca 93.79 ±4.53	Ac 137.266 ±5.72	Bd 124.153 ±3.037	Ce 94.613 ± 3.87	8.29
G ₆	Ca 94.393±4.63	Ab 161.6867±3.47	Abc 154.543 ±5.70	Bc 128.533±15.73	16.67
G ₇	Cab 91.250±8.63	Ab 151.242 ±8.00	ABc 141.413±14.89	Bc 129.196±10.44	20.39
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₈	B Ca 92.903±5.84	Ae 103.523 ±3.25	ABef 96.595 ±3.87	Ce 85.901 ±5.30	8.82
G ₉	Dab 90.23 ±5.34	Ac 140.716 ±3.74	Bc 127.766 ±2.49	Cd 115.116 ±9.19	10.87
G ₁₀	Cab 90.393±4.98	Ac 132.753 ±8.85	Ad 126.146 ±4.54	Bd 111.2434±4.33	11.24
G ₁₁	Ca 92.790±5.01	Ab 159.243±11.26	Abc 147.963 ±6.25	Bd 114.366 ±6.55	14.40
L.S.D	10.48465	10.06826	13.4045	13.00062	

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Kidney function: Data presented in Table (8) indicated a progressive increment in serum creatinine level (SCR) in groups of rats fed with (HCD), while gradual decrement was recorded for groups of rats given different experimental diet especially, groups giving cumin and coriander spices .The same results were observed in Table (8) for serum uric acid (SUA) level. It is known that plasma urea is produced from amino acid breakdown in the liver where it is derived from either protein diet or endogenous catabolism. These results are in agreement with those obtained by willatgamuwa *et al.* (1998) who observed a decrement in creatinine and urea secretion by rats as a result of feeding on cumin 1.25% . Also Taip (2004) revealed the same results. Ganesh *et al.* (1984) , in the same mannea assigned this result to curcumine.

Serum glucose : After feeding on either cumin ,coriander spices or their essential oils with or without turmeric powder, serum glucose was decreased by comparison between groups of rats given cumin and coriander fruits 5 % and 11% resp.,) .Where the serum glucose recorded 112.66 and 119.71 mg/dl resp., in group of rats given (HCD) 176.20 mg/d/! It could be noticed that addition of cumin and coriander essential oil to the diets at levels of 0.07%and 0.05% resp., also resulted in decreasing in serum glucose . with turmeric powder(0.25 %) as shown in the same Table (9).

Table (8): Effect of feeding with different experimental diets on serum creatinine level (mg/dl) and serum uric acid level (mg/dl) level of rats during for 45 days .

Animal groups diet	Creatinine level (mg/dl)						Uric acid level (mg/dl)							
	Feeding periods (days)			L.S.D	Feeding periods (days)			Zero	Feeding periods (days)			L.S.D		
	Zero	15	30		45	15	30		45					
G ₁	0.45±0.0010	0.47±0.002	0.48±0.004	0.47±0.0043	0.00643	Ab	Ab	Ag	Af	Af	3.39 ± 0.60	3.48±0.43	3.23±0.76	1.104
G ₂	0.87±0.1086	0.85±0.0085	0.89±0.0085	0.91±0.0080	0.1706	Aa	Aa	Aa	Aa	Aa	7.67±0.89	7.84±0.84	8.03±0.86	1.30
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%														
G ₃	0.45±0.0010	0.47±0.0022	0.48±0.004	0.47±0.0043	0.0064	Ab	Aa	Befg	Bdef	Bdef	4.52 ± 0.69	4.37±0.57	3.90±0.60	1.31
G ₄	0.87±0.1086	0.85±0.0085	0.89±0.0085	0.91±0.0080	0.1706	Aa	Aa	Bfg	Bef	Bef	4.15±1.48	3.97±0.29	3.61±0.35	2.12
G ₅	0.45±0.0010	0.47±0.0022	0.48±0.004	0.47±0.0043	0.0064	Ab	Aa	Bdef	Bcde	Bcde	4.82±0.32	4.69±1.05	4.02±0.38	1.27
G ₆	0.87±0.1086	0.85±0.0085	0.89±0.0085	0.91±0.0080	0.1706	Aa	Aa	Aabc	Bcde	Bcde	6.58±0.32	4.84±0.26	4.17±0.86	1.01
G ₇	0.45±0.0010	0.47±0.0022	0.48±0.004	0.47±0.0043	0.0064	Ab	Aa	Befg	Bdef	Bdef	4.52 ± 0.69	4.37±0.57	3.90±0.60	1.31
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%														
G ₈	0.82±0.0062	0.61±0.0047	0.67±0.0051	0.65±0.0055	0.1022	Aa	Bb	Aab	ABb	ABb	6.99±0.73	6.39±0.45	5.16±0.73	1.35
G ₉	0.85±0.0070	0.57±0.0025	0.65±0.0055	0.63±0.0056	0.1023	Aa	Bbc	Bbcd	Bbcd	Bbcd	5.84±0.31	5.35±0.71	4.16±0.001	1.18
G ₁₀	0.82±0.212	0.57±0.0032	0.58±0.0058	0.56±0.030	0.2115	Aa	Bcde	Bcde	Bcde	Bcde	5.49±1.22	4.76±0.53	4.38±1.18	2.17
G ₁₁	0.80±0.195	0.52±0.0026	0.55±0.0056	0.53±0.0055	0.1944	Aa	Bde	ABabc	Bbc	Bbc	6.42 ± 0.01	5.56±0.61	4.21±0.20	0.93
L.S.D	0.182	0.00716	0.00952	0.00823		Aa	Aa	Bdef	Bef	Bef	4.75±0.67	4.23±0.85	3.78±0.43	1.67

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Table (9): Effect of feeding with of coriander and cumin essential oil and fruit with or without turmeric powder (0.25%) on serum glucose (mg/dl) in hypercholesterolemic rats during feeding periods.

Animal groups diet	Feeding period (days)				L.S.D
	Zero	15	30	45	
G ₁	Af 91.59±2.41	Ag 89.5±0.75	Ah 90.39±2.90	Ai 89.97±1.00	5.80
G ₂	Dbcd 144.43±6.81	Ca 163.56±6.31	Ba 169.6±7.35	Aa 176.2±5.02	5.61
Spices with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₃	Ae 137.6±3.64	Bf 123.46±3.05	Be 125.83±2.90	Bef 119.71±3.01	6.98
G ₄	Aa 149.43±9.81	Ac 146.26±4.31	Ac 143.17±0.50	Bbc 135.6±2.83	8.06
G ₅	Acde 141.93±7.76	Bf 119.66±4.65	Ad 136.53±4.00	B h 112.66±5.06	7.16
G ₆	Aabc 145.76±6.50	Acd 142.63±4.50	Bd 136±2.05	Ccd 130.6±3.25	4.53
G ₇	Bab 148.43±2.57	Ab 154.56±3.55	ABb 151.66±2.61	Cb 141.02±2.50	5.90
Essential oils with or without turmeric powder 0.25%					
G ₈	Ade 138.4±9.99	Bf 123.3±2.78	Bf 117.73±2.22	B fg 119.2±2.76	5.74
G ₉	Acde 141.23±4.11	Bf 119.33±4.65	Cg 112.12±3.65	BC gh 115.66±1.85	6.6
G ₁₀	Acde 142.63±6.33	Ae 135.46±2.87	Ce 127.63±1.17	C ef 123.9±3.19	5.89
G ₁₁	Abcd 143.4±6.01	Ade 139.84±3.37	B e 127.13±3.55	B de 125.1±2.34	5.91
L.S.D	5.75	6.06	4.93	5.74	

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These results agree with that obtained by Chithra and Leelemma (1999), Srinivasan (2005) and Taip(2004) . Many investigation have been discussed the link between diabetes and oxidative stress which has been extensively discussed for years Dandona *et al.* (1996) demonstrated that the production of relative oxygen species and lipidperoxidation were increased in diabetic patients, suggesting that oxidative stress is responsible for the pathophysilpgy of diabetes other possible oxidative source includes elevated plasma lipid levels leading to increased lipid oxidation and reduced levels of the antioxidant defense systems. [Oberley (1988). Laignt *et al.* (2002) and West (2000)]. These results also were agreement in with Ali (2003) who found that some essential oils such as dill, basil ,celery and cumin decreased serum glucose level. Also, EL- Malky *et al.* (2003) found that antioxidant such as phenolic and flavonoids decreased glucose and lipid profile as well as they histopathological effect in liver tissues of rats fed on hypolipidemic on diets .In general, feeding coriander or cumin fruits or their essential oils with or without turmeric powder is useful than feeding with turmeric powder

alone. The results are in agreement with Farag *et al.* (1991), Chithra and Leelamma (1999), Taip (2004), Badee (2005) and Srinivasan (2005).

From the above mentioned and discussed results, it is interested to note that both coriander and cumin in either spice or essential oil forms with turmeric have a potent hypocholesterolemic effect on rats. therefore, they could be used in food products as seasoning besides their biological activity

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التأثير المخفض للكوليستيرول لتوابل الكزبرة و الكمون وزيوتهما العطرية مع أو بدون مسحوق الكركم .

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يهدف هذا البحث إلى دراسة تأثير التغذية على كل من الكزبرة والكمون سواء في صورة مسحوق أو في صورة زيوت عطرية باضافة أو بدون إضافة مسحوق الكركم وذلك على فئران التجارب مرتفعة المحتوى من الكوليسترول وذلك لمدة ٤٥ يوم .

و قد اكدت النتائج على انخفاض محتوى كل من الكوليسترول الكلى و الليبوبروتين منخفض الكثافة وارتفاع محتوى الليبوبروتين عالي الكثافة في سيرم الدم لفئران التجارب المغذاة على مختلف الوجبات المستخدمة في الدراسة مقارنة بالمجموعة الضابطة الموجبة (المغذاة على وجبة مرتفعة الكوليسترول حتى نهاية التجربة) كما لوحظ ان استبدال جزء من العليقة بزيت الكزبرة العطري (٠,٠٥ %) او مسحوقها (١١ %) باضافة او بدون اضافة مسحوق الكركم (٠,٢٥ %) ادى الى انخفاض الجليسيريدات الثلاثية في السيرم بينما لوحظ انخفاض هذا التأثير في حالة استخدام مسحوق الكمون بسبة (٥ %) او الزيت العطري بنسبة (٠,٠٧ %) .

كما دلت نتائج الدراسة على انخفاض انزيمات وظائف الكبد ALT , AST و كذلك وظائف الكلى و منها الكرياتينين و حامض اليوريك كما وجد ايضا ان التغذية اليومية على كل من الكزبرة و الكمون سواء في صورته مسحوق او زيت عطري باضافة أو بدون إضافة مسحوق الكركم ادى الى خفض مستوى الجلوكوز في السيرم مقارنة بفئران عالية المحتوى من الكوليسترول .

و لهذا فإنه يمكن استخدام هذه التوابل أو زيوتها العطرية خاصة في حالة ارتفاع مستوى الكوليسترول لما لها من مميزات .

