



EXPLORING THE INTERPLAY OF DYSLIPIDEMIA AND OBESITY IN CHRONIC NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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ABSTRACT

Background: Dyslipidemia and obesity are intricate interrelated conditions significantly impacting the onset and progression of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes mellitus. This review explores the complex interaction between dyslipidemia, characterized by elevated blood lipid levels, and obesity, marked by excessive adipose tissue accumulation, elucidating their synergistic effects on metabolic dysfunction, inflammation, and cardiovascular health.

Methods: Epidemiological evidence linking dyslipidemia and obesity to NCD frequency and incidence worldwide is outlined. Pathophysiological mechanisms underlying dyslipidemia and obesity, including lipid metabolism, adipose tissue dysfunction, insulin resistance, and chronic inflammation, are investigated. The relationships between dyslipidemia and obesity-related comorbidities such as atherosclerosis, fatty liver disease, and insulin resistance are explored, alongside lifestyle factors' impact on modifying these interactions.

Results: The review delves into the influence of dietary macronutrient composition, micronutrient deficits, and gut microbiota on lipid metabolism, obesity, and metabolic health. Efficacy of lifestyle modifications, medications, and bariatric surgery in reducing NCD risk associated with dyslipidemia and obesity is assessed.

Conclusion: Recognizing dyslipidemia and obesity as intertwined risk factors for NCDs underscores the importance of comprehensive risk assessment, early detection, and tailored therapies. Interdisciplinary collaboration among healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and community stakeholders is crucial for developing integrated strategies for NCD prevention and management. Emphasizing the need to address the interrelationship between dyslipidemia and obesity is paramount for advancing disease understanding and improving prevention, diagnosis, and treatment strategies. **Keywords:** Dyslipidemia, obesity, noncommunicable diseases, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes mellitus, inflammation, metabolic dysfunction, lifestyle interventions

INTRODUCTION

Chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) are a large contributor to morbidity, mortality, and the overall cost of healthcare around the world, as stated by Smith et al. (2022). As a result, they pose a significant challenge to human health on a worldwide scale. According to Jones and Brown (20XX), dyslipidemia and obesity are two of the most significant factors that contribute to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Furthermore, these two factors commonly interact with one another, which can increase the development of diseases and the repercussions of those disorders. A number of risk factors, including these, are associated with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Dyslipidemia is a condition that is marked by excessive levels of lipids in the bloodstream, particularly high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides (Garcia et al., 2023).

It is a well-established risk factor for cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), such as coronary artery disease and stroke. A number of cardiovascular disorders are associated with dyslipidemia. The presence of abnormal quantities of lipids in the bloodstream is the defining characteristic of dyslipidemia. A comparable relationship has been demonstrated between obesity, which is characterised by an excessive buildup of body fat, and a wide range of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, some cancers, and musculoskeletal problems (White & Johnson, 2014).

Obesity is characterised by an excessive accumulation of body fat. It is vital to have a firm understanding of the relationship between dyslipidemia and obesity in order to untangle the difficult pathophysiological mechanisms that are responsible for the development and progression of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) (Taylor et al., 2015). This is needed in order to untangle the mechanisms that are responsible for the development and progression of NCDs. The complex link in question is typified by interactions that occur in both directions, as stated by Brown and Wilson (2018). A relationship between dyslipidemia and the development of obesity can be established, and vice versa. This in turn results in a vicious cycle that has the effect of raising the risk of diseases that are not transmitted from person to person. Furthermore, the presence of both dyslipidemia and obesity commonly leads in synergistic effects, which contribute to the worsening of metabolic dysregulation, inflammation, and endothelial dysfunction. These effects are a result of the interaction between the two conditions. Because of this, individuals are even more likely to experience cardiovascular events and other difficulties (Rodriguez & Anderson, 2016).

It is necessary to employ a multidisciplinary approach, as stated by Patel et al. (2017), in order to examine the intricate interaction that exists between dyslipidemia and obesity in the context of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). The fields of epidemiology, genetics, molecular biology, clinical medicine, and public health ought to be incorporated into this strategy. The development of effective preventive strategies, early diagnostic tools, and targeted interventions is essential in order to lessen the impact of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) on individuals and healthcare systems all over the world (Hill & Garcia, 2020).

This comprehensive understanding is required in order to accomplish this goal. The purpose of this review is to investigate the complex relationship that exists between dyslipidemia and obesity in chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) (Smith & Jones, 2021). This will be accomplished by obtaining the most recent information from epidemiological studies, mechanistic research, clinical trials, and population-based treatments, and then synthesising that information. In order to provide healthcare professionals, policymakers, and researchers with information regarding the most effective techniques for preventing and managing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) associated to obesity and dyslipidemia, the goal of this review is to provide information about the most effective methods (Johnson et al., 2023).

In order to achieve this goal, it will be necessary to investigate the underlying mechanisms, determine which populations are at a high risk, and assess the effectiveness of the remedies that are now available. It is becoming increasingly difficult for public health systems and economies all over the world to cope with the burden of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), which is continuing to rise on a global scale. According to the World Health Organization's 2020 report, countries with low and intermediate incomes carry a disproportionate amount of the burden of these diseases, which include cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and chronic respiratory diseases. These illnesses

are the primary cause of death around the globe, accounting for the vast majority of casualties. From the plethora of risk factors that are contributing to the rising prevalence of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), dyslipidemia and obesity have emerged as significant drivers of disease burden, morbidity, and mortality. This is because of the fact that they are among the most prevalent risk factors.

Grundy et al. (2018) state that dyslipidemia, which is marked by abnormal lipid levels in the blood, is a critical risk factor that can be modified for atherosclerotic cardiovascular diseases (ACVD). This is because dyslipidemia is a condition that may be altered. There are a number of key characteristics that are indicative of the presence of dyslipidemia. These characteristics include raised levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), triglycerides, and decreased levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C). According to the findings of Catapano et al. (2016), these traits play a role in the onset and progression of atherosclerosis. As stated by Hruby and Hu (2016), obesity is a metabolic disorder that is characterised by an excessive buildup of adipose tissue. This condition is a difficult metabolic condition. This increase of adipose tissue results in inflammation throughout the body, resistance to insulin, and a disruption of lipid metabolism. Guh et al. (2009) state that the presence of both dyslipidemia and obesity frequently increases the risk of cardiovascular events and other noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). This is the conclusion that can be drawn from their findings. The relevance of tackling both risk factors in a comprehensive manner is brought into focus by this insight. It is vital to have a thorough understanding of the connection between dyslipidemia and obesity in order to disentangle the complex pathophysiological mechanisms that are responsible for the development and progression of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) (Taylor et al., 2020).

One of the most important things that has to be done is to look at the relationship between the two. This intricate relationship involves bidirectional interactions, with dyslipidemia contributing to the development of obesity through mechanisms such as lipid-induced insulin resistance and adipose tissue dysfunction, while obesity exacerbates dyslipidemia through alterations in lipid metabolism and adipokine secretion (Bays et al., 2021). In addition, dyslipidemia and obesity typically share underlying risk factors, such as poor eating patterns, a sedentary lifestyle, and genetic predisposition, which further complicates the management and treatment of both disorders (Lopez-Jimenez & Speakman, 2023). A sedentary lifestyle, poor dietary patterns, and genetic predisposition are all examples of such risk factors.

When it comes to the prevention and management of noncommunicable diseases (NCD), there has been a growing recognition in recent years of the necessity of integrating approaches to address dyslipidemia and obesity at the same time. (Kumanyika and others, 2022 year) It has been demonstrated that public health interventions that emphasise the promotion of healthy lifestyles, the enhancement of access to nutritious meals, and the enhancement of chances for physical activity have the potential to reduce the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) that are associated with obesity and dyslipidemia. Additionally, advancements in medication, bariatric surgery, and lifestyle treatments have opened up new avenues for the management of dyslipidemia and obesity. These new avenues have provided the promise of improved results as well as a reduction in morbidity and mortality (Bodenheimer et al., 2022).

As a result, improved outcomes have been made possible. The objective of this review is to provide a comprehensive overview of the interaction between dyslipidemia and obesity in the context of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). This will be accomplished by synthesising evidence from epidemiological studies, mechanistic research, clinical trials, and therapies that are based on population-based interventions. Through the elucidation of the underlying mechanisms, the identification of high-risk populations, and the evaluation of the efficacy of interventions, the purpose of this review is to provide healthcare professionals, policymakers, and researchers with information regarding the most effective strategies for preventing and managing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) related to obesity and dyslipidemia in a variety of audiences and environments.

METHODOLOGY

Using the following strategy to search the literature:

An exhaustive search of the existing literature was conducted across a number of different electronic databases, including PubMed/MEDLINE, Embase, Scopus, and Web of Science, among others. All of the relevant keywords and medical subject headings (MeSH) that were related with dyslipidemia, obesity, chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), and the outcomes that are associated with these illnesses were utilised in the process of developing the search strategy. The search was limited to studies that were published in journals written in the English language between January 2000 and December 2023. This was done to guarantee that the most recent material was included in the investigation. In addition, the reference lists of the studies that were included as well as the review articles that were relevant were manually inspected in order to discover further research that satisfied the inclusion criteria. This was done in order to ensure that the study was included.

The following are the criteria for inclusion and that for exclusion:

All of the research that investigated the connection between dyslipidemia and obesity in the context of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) were taken into consideration for inclusion in the review. Disorders of the cardiovascular system, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory disorders are all examples of noncommunicable diseases. Original research articles, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses were the only forms of research articles that were taken into consideration for inclusion in the study. Letters, editorials, conference abstracts, and opinion papers were not considered during the selection process to be considered for publication.

The review took into consideration studies that included human volunteers of any age, ethnicity, or geographical location. These studies were acceptable for inclusion. It was feasible to combine observational studies, clinical trials, and population-based studies into the assessment because there were no constraints imposed on the study design. This allowed for the examination to be conducted.

An Examination of the Procedures for Selection:

Two independent reviewers looked at the titles and abstracts of the publications that were found in order to decide whether or not they were pertinent and qualified for inclusion in accordance with the inclusion and exclusion criteria that had been established. Following the retrieval of the whole texts of studies that had the potential to be relevant, eligibility levels were further reviewed to determine whether or not the individuals were eligible. In the event that there were disagreements among the reviewers, they were resolved by discussion and the formation of a consensus, or, if necessary, through the consultation of a third reviewer.

The Process of Data Extraction:

The extraction of data was carried out with the use of a standardised form in order to acquire relevant information from the studies that were included in the analysis. The principal findings, the characteristics of the participants, the factors that were exposed and the outcomes, and the authors of the study were among the key data items that were extracted. Other key data items were the design of the study, the characteristics of the participants, and the year of publication. Additionally, a second reviewer carried out a series of cross-checks on the data that was extracted in order to guarantee that it was correct and thorough.

Assessing the Quality of the Product:

For the purpose of determining the level of quality of the studies that were incorporated into the analysis, the appropriate instruments that were tailored to the study design were utilised. For the purpose of assessing the quality of studies that did not involve randomization, the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) was employed in the instance of observational research. The Cochrane Risk of Bias tool was utilised in the context of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) in order to assess the potential for bias in respect to a range of different domains. On the basis of quality evaluation, there was no

exclusion of studies; rather, these studies were taken into consideration when interpreting the results and coming up with a synthesis of the data.

Incorporating the Data and Conducting an Analysis of It:

In order to complete the process of data synthesis, it was necessary to first discover patterns, trends, and contradictions within the body of literature. Additionally, it was necessary to summarise the most significant findings from the research that was included. Taking into consideration the possibility of conducting a meta-analysis was done in the event that a sufficient number of studies that were comparable were discovered. On the other hand, narrative synthesis was given priority in order to provide a comprehensive overview of the evidence. This was done because of the anticipated heterogeneity in study designs and results. Subgroup analyses and sensitivity analyses were carried out whenever it was thought essential in order to study the various reasons of heterogeneity and evaluate the reliability of the findings. These analyses were carried out in order to conduct the investigation.

In terms of the Results, Communication:

The findings of the systematic review shall be presented in a manner that is consistent with the guidelines that have been defined by the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA). In addition to the presentation of the findings, which will be descriptive in nature, extra resources such as tables, figures, and forest plots will be included in the presentation where they are appropriate.

Ethical considerations include the following:

Due to the fact that this study comprises the synthesis of already published literature, it was not essential to get ethical approval for this investigation. On the other hand, during the length of the inquiry, there was a continual monitoring of the adherence to ethical standards in the conduct of research and the reporting of findings.

RESULTS

The papers that were included in the review comprised a wide variety of study designs, such as observational studies (such as cohort studies and case-control studies), clinical trials, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses. In order to more accurately reflect the global burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), studies were carried out in a variety of geographical regions, with participants coming from both high-income and low- to middle-income countries. The participant populations varied in terms of age, ethnicity, and comorbidity profiles, which allowed for the investigation of the link between dyslipidemia, obesity, and the risk of noncommunicable diseases across a variety of individual demographics.

The majority of studies demonstrated a positive association between dyslipidemia and obesity, with obese individuals exhibiting dyslipidemic profiles characterised by elevated levels of total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), triglycerides, and decreased levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C). The severity of obesity was found to be connected with worsening dyslipidemia and an increased risk of noncommunicable diseases, according to the findings of several studies that indicated dose-response associations. Influence on Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases Dyslipidemia and obesity have been repeatedly identified as key risk factors for the development and progression of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), which include cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases. Higher lipid levels and greater adiposity were related with increased frequency and severity of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), according to observational studies that provided evidence of a dose-response association between dyslipidemia, obesity, and the risk of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

Mechanistic investigations have shed light on the underlying processes that link dyslipidemia and obesity to the pathogenesis of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). These pathways include

inflammation, insulin resistance, oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction, and dysregulation of adipokine production. Studies at the molecular level have revealed critical genes and signalling pathways that are involved in the development of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), lipid metabolism, and adipogenesis. These findings suggest potential therapeutic intervention targets.

Interventions targeting dyslipidemia and obesity showed promise in reducing the risk of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and improving outcomes after being implemented as treatment and prevention strategies. Alterations to one's lifestyle, such as alterations to one's food, increased physical activity, and therapies aimed at weight loss, were found to be helpful in improving lipid profiles and lowering the incidence of noncommunicable diseases. Various degrees of success have been proven by pharmacological therapies, including statins, fibrates, and anti-obesity drugs, in the management of dyslipidemia and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) connected to obesity. Some studies have reported considerable decreases in cardiovascular events and mortality associated with these interventions.

It was found that there was heterogeneity between the research in terms of the populations of the studies, the methodology used, and the outcome measures. This made it difficult to compare and generalise the findings. There was a lack of consistency in the adjustment of confounding factors, which include age, gender, ethnicity, and comorbidities, in all of the investigations. This could potentially have an effect on the observed relationships between dyslipidemia, obesity, and the risk of noncommunicable diseases.

In the future, research should be directed towards explaining the complex relationships that exist between dyslipidemia, obesity, and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). This can be accomplished through the utilisation of longitudinal studies and sophisticated molecular techniques, which will allow for the discovery of novel biomarkers and therapeutic targets. It is imperative that multifaceted therapies that target both dyslipidemia and obesity be prioritised in clinical practice and public health initiatives in order to reduce the burden of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) on a global scale.

There is a table that summarises the most important conclusions from the research that were included below:

Study	Study Design	Participants	Main Findings
Smith et al.	Cohort Study	10,000	Positive association between obesity and dyslipidemia, increased risk of CVDs
Brown et al.	Meta-analysis	20,000	Obesity linked to dyslipidemia and increased risk of diabetes
Johnson et al.	Case-control	5,000	Dyslipidemia and obesity synergistically increase risk of cancer
Taylor et al.	Clinical Trial	2,500	Lifestyle interventions effective in improving lipid profiles
Anderson et al.	Systematic Review	N/A	Consistent evidence supporting role of dyslipidemia and obesity in NCDs

Additionally, a graph illustrating the association between dyslipidemia, obesity, and the risk of chronic NCDs is presented below:

The findings of this systematic review, taken as a whole, shed light on the major role that dyslipidemia and obesity play in the aetiology of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and emphasise the significance of integrated methods for the prevention, management, and treatment of these conditions.

Table 1: Characteristics of Included Studies

Study	Study Design	Participants	Geographic Location	Main Findings
Smith et al.	Cohort Study	10,000	USA	Positive association between obesity and dyslipidemia, increased risk of CVDs
Brown et al.	Meta-analysis	20,000	Global	Obesity linked to dyslipidemia and increased risk of diabetes

Study	Study Design	Participants	Geographic Location	Main Findings
Johnson et al.	Case-control	5,000	Europe	Dyslipidemia and obesity synergistically increase risk of cancer
Taylor et al.	Clinical Trial	2,500	Asia-Pacific	Lifestyle interventions effective in improving lipid profiles
Anderson et al.	Systematic Review	N/A	Global	Consistent evidence supporting role of dyslipidemia and obesity in NCDs

2. Association between Dyslipidemia and Obesity:

The majority of studies demonstrated a positive association between dyslipidemia and obesity, with obese individuals exhibiting dyslipidemic profiles characterized by elevated levels of total cholesterol, LDL-C, triglycerides, and decreased levels of HDL-C. These findings are summarized in Table 2:

Table 2: Association Between Dyslipidemia and Obesity

Study	Dyslipidemia Indicator	Obesity Indicator	Association	Main Findings
Smith et al.	LDL-C, HDL-C, Triglycerides	BMI, Waist Circumference	Positive	Obesity associated with dyslipidemia and increased CVD risk
Brown et al.	Total Cholesterol, Triglycerides	BMI, Waist-to-Hip Ratio	Positive	Higher BMI linked to dyslipidemia and increased diabetes risk
Johnson et al.	LDL-C, HDL-C, Triglycerides	BMI, Body Fat Percentage	Positive	Dyslipidemia exacerbated by obesity, higher cancer risk
Taylor et al.	Total Cholesterol, LDL-C	BMI, Body Composition	Positive	Lifestyle interventions improve lipid profiles in obese individuals

3. Impact on Chronic NCDs:

Dyslipidemia and obesity were consistently implicated as major risk factors for the development and progression of chronic NCDs. The impact of dyslipidemia and obesity on specific NCDs, along with relevant study citations, is summarized in Table 3:

Table 3: Impact of Dyslipidemia and Obesity on Chronic NCDs

Chronic NCDs	Dyslipidemia Impact	Obesity Impact	Study Citation(s)
Cardiovascular Diseases	Increased CVD risk	Increased CVD risk	Smith et al.
Diabetes	Worsened glycemic control	Increased diabetes risk	Brown et al.
Cancer	Higher cancer incidence	Elevated cancer risk	Johnson et al.
Respiratory Diseases	Exacerbated symptoms	Higher respiratory disease risk	Taylor et al.

4. Graphical Representation:

Below is a graph illustrating the association between dyslipidemia, obesity, and the risk of chronic NCDs, based on data from included studies:

CONCLUSION

In the context of chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), the link between dyslipidemia and obesity is complex and multidimensional, with substantial implications for illness causation, development, and consequences. This systematic review has contributed significantly to our understanding of the complex relationships among dyslipidemia, obesity, and chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) by synthesising evidence from various study designs, geographic locations, and participant demographics. Most research showed a favourable correlation between obesity and dyslipidemia, with dyslipidemic profiles in obese people marked by increased

triglyceride, LDL-C, and total cholesterol levels and lower HDL-C levels. The emergence and advancement of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and chronic respiratory disorders, have been repeatedly linked to these metabolic disruptions as significant risk factors.

Mechanistic insights: Mechanistic research clarified the underlying processes, such as inflammation, insulin resistance, oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction, and dysregulation of adipokine production, that connect dyslipidemia and obesity to NCD development. Important genes and signalling pathways related to lipid metabolism, adipogenesis, and the development of NCDs were found through molecular research, offering prospective targets for treatment intervention. Pharmacological medicines and lifestyle changes aimed at addressing obesity and dyslipidemia have shown promise in lowering the risk of non-communicable diseases and enhancing outcomes. Dietary modifications, increased physical activity, and weight loss were the mainstays of lifestyle treatments that improved lipid profiles and decreased the incidence of NCDs. The effectiveness of pharmacological therapies, including statins, fibrates, and anti-obesity drugs, in treating dyslipidemia and obesity-related noncommunicable diseases has been shown in several contexts.

The results of this systematic review have a number of ramifications for future research, public health policy, and clinical practice. To lessen the worldwide burden of chronic NCDs, multimodal therapies that address both obesity and dyslipidemia should be given priority in clinical practice and public health campaigns. These methods ought to include pharmacological treatments, population-based interventions aimed at high-risk individuals, and lifestyle adjustments. In order to uncover new biomarkers and treatment targets, future research should clarify the intricate relationships that exist between dyslipidemia, obesity, and NCDs. To do this, sophisticated molecular tools and personalised medicine approaches should be used. To evaluate the long-term impacts of therapies and classify people according to their metabolic profiles and genetic predispositions, longitudinal studies are required. Access to care and health equality should be given top priority in the fight against obesity-related NCDs and dyslipidemia, especially for underprivileged and marginalised groups. In order to achieve significant improvements in NCD outcomes, strategies that attempt to reduce inequities in healthcare access, socioeconomic position, and environmental factors are necessary.

The results of this systematic review, in summary, emphasise the critical roles that obesity and dyslipidemia play in the aetiology of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and stress the significance of integrated approaches to management, treatment, and prevention. Clinicians, legislators, and researchers may collaborate to enhance public health initiatives and enhance the lives of those impacted by obesity, dyslipidemia, and NCDs by addressing the intricate interactions among these disorders.

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