



## EFFECT OF HORMONES SECRETION & NUTRITION LEVEL ON HEALTH: A REVIEW

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### ABSTRACT

*Now a day, everyone needs to fit and health. Secretions of hormones and nutrition level should be maintained for health. Chemical messengers of the body are known as hormones. These are travelling through bloodstream and help the tissues and organs to do their proper works. Body releases several types of hormones it acts on different aspects of bodily functions. Body building is a progressive resistance exercise. It can help to control and develop musculature. A person which are engaged in this is known as body builder. Body builder performed different types of poses in body building competitions. Throughout competitions body builders eliminated the nonessential body fat, enhanced the combination of extracellular dehydration and carbo-loading for maximum muscle vascularity. supplements are most important in body building. It will used by both the sex male and female. whey protein, chromium picolinate, omega 3 fatty acids, BCAA, poly-vitamins, glutamine and caffeine are some supplements used by body builders during workout.*

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### INTRODUCTION

Chemical messengers of the body are known as hormones. These are travelling through bloodstream and help the tissues and organs to do their proper works.<sup>1,2</sup> Body releases several types of hormones it acts on different aspects of bodily functions.<sup>1</sup> In human body, hormones are released from several glands. It may be required for growth, development, reproduction etc.<sup>3,4</sup> These hormones coordinate the activity of human body and living organism for their growth and development. Endocrine glands help them to release from special tissues in human body.<sup>5,6</sup>

Hormone can produce many effects on human body. Different types of hormones produce different types of actions. Some hormones are do their jobs very quickly and stopped but some hormones are for long period of time and had their effects for long periods.<sup>7,8,9</sup>

### FUNCTION OF HORMONES

#### 1. Thyroid hormones

Thyroid hormones release from thyroid gland. It released basically two hormones T3 (triiodothyronine) and T4 thyroxine. These hormones control the metabolism system and also helps in regulate the weight, energy level determination, body temperature. It also has some effects on hairs and skins.

#### 2. Insulin

Insulin is secreted by pancreas. Pancreases located behind the stomach. It has a leaf like structure. Carbohydrates which are presents in foods, pancreases help body to use glucose or sugar from them. It gives energy and store the glucose for future work. These hormones help to regulate or keeping the blood sugar level to getting high. In higher cases it is known as hyperglycaemia and in lower cases it is hypoglycaemia.

#### 3. Estrogen

Estrogen is released by ovaries know as female sex hormones. This hormone is responsible for starting of menstruation cycle and for menopause. It is also help in reproduction. If excess amount of estrogen is released by ovaries it can causes breast cancers, uterine cancers, moodiness etc. if sufficient amount of estrogen are not released into the body it may causes acne, skin lesions, hair losses etc.<sup>10,11,12</sup>

#### 4. Progesterone

Progesterone hormone is also released by ovaries. It helps regulate various function of female body. mainly it is responsible for maintaining pregnancy and also helps to regulates monthly cycle. If the progesterone level dropped, pregnancy does not occur. plays a role in sexual desire.



## 5. Prolactin

Pituitary gland released prolactin hormone. It will be released after childbirth for lactation. It enables breastfeeding. During Pregnancy, prolactin hormones are released. It also helps in fertility by inhibiting follicle-stimulating hormone and gonadotropin-releasing hormone.<sup>13,14,15</sup>

## 6. Testosterone

Testosterone is a male sex hormone. Testosterone is also help in body building muscles and also an anabolic steroid by nature. It helps to develop the male reproductive tissues and also help to increase in body mass, body hairs etc. frailty and bone loss may occur if sufficient amount of hormones are not released.

## 7. Serotonin

This hormone is responsible for boosting the mood and also known as chemical of feel good. Serotonin helps in regulating the sleep, increase the memory and learning power, some muscles functions etc. if the sufficient amount of hormones are not released in the body it may affect the brain and also affect the mood and increase the stress level. It may lead to depression, migraine, insomnia and craving of carbohydrate etc. if very much amount of serotonin is produced by body it may lead to causes agitation, stage of confusion and sedations etc.<sup>16,17</sup>

## 8. Cortisol

For remain healthy and energetic cortisol hormones are very much important for body. it helps to control the physical and psychological stress. It may affect very badly to body if dangerous conditions are occurred it may increase the heart, blood pressures and can decreases the respiration etc. it may also occur the ulcers, high blood pressures, anxiety etc. chronic fatigue syndrome was occurred if it releases in less amount.<sup>18,19,20</sup>

## 9. Adrenaline

Adrenal gland secret adrenaline hormone. It is an emergency hormone; it gives the quick reactions for thinking and quick reactions to stress. Adrenaline hormones increase the metabolic rate, dilation of blood vessels and brain. It releases quick into the blood and send impulse to organ for a specific reaction during the stressful conditions.

## 10. Growth Hormone

Growth hormones are also known as somatotropin hormones. Somatotropin hormones contain a protein hormone which helps to synthesised and regulate the growth, cell reproduction, cell regeneration and boosting metabolism.<sup>21,22,23</sup>

### 1.3 Hormonal signalling

Hormones are releases for growth and maintenance of human body. it goes through the blood and the signals were carryout to the target. There are some important hormones signals.<sup>24,25,26</sup>

- Intracrine- it acts on cells by intracellularly and help them to synthesized it.
- Autocrine- it effects on cell and causes a biological effect.
- Paracrine – it does not enter into general circulations but acts on nearby cells.
- Endocrine- before released into bloodstream, it acts on target cells.

## BODY BUILDERS

Now a days, everyone needs to be healthy and fit. Natural bodybuilding has taken the popularity, rapidly. There are some contests of body building may occur in different countries. In this contest many body builders can take part. body building preparations involves reduction of fats for maintain of muscle mass. It can be achieved by intake of sufficient amount of calories, intense strength training and increased cardiovascular exercise.<sup>27,28,29</sup> During pre-contest period body builders has to reduces the body fats to very low levels. In this number of sets and repetitions were increases and other resistance. This may also help to burn the fats which may results in loss of muscle mass. Aerobic exercise may also help to reduces the fats. Muscles mass acceleration is the main goal in off-session body builder makes positive energy balance. Heavy weight exercise may give muscles accretion.<sup>30,31,32</sup> Some proteins are also required for that. Time of protein intake are most important for muscles mass. For high intense resistance tanning carbohydrate are most important. Carbohydrates helps to synthesis of muscles glycogen. Many body builders use anabolic steroids and also different types of drugs which help them to maintain and growth of body, may also help to recover from injuries. Now a days, in many competitions use of this drug are banned.<sup>33,34,35</sup>

## BODY BUILDING DIETS

### 1. FOODS TO EAT

- **Meats, poultry and fish:** Sirloin steak, ground beef, pork tenderloin, venison.
- **Dairy:** Yogurt, cottage cheese, low-fat milk and cheese.
- **Grains:** Bread, cereal, crackers, oatmeal, quinoa, popcorn and rice.
- **Fruits:** Oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, pears, peaches.
- **Starchy vegetables:** Potatoes, green peas, green lima beans.
- **Vegetables:** Broccoli, spinach, leafy salad greens, tomatoes, green beans,
- **Seeds and nuts:** Almonds, walnuts, sunflower seeds, chia seeds and flax seeds.
- **Beans and legumes:** Chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans, black beans.
- **Oils:** Olive oil, flaxseed oil and avocado oil.<sup>36,37,38</sup>

### 2. FOODS TO AVOIDED

- **Alcohol:** excess amount of alcohol consumption may affect muscle and lose fat.
- **Added sugars:** Foods high in added sugars include candy, cookies, doughnuts, ice cream, cake and sugar-sweetened beverages, such as soda and sports drinks.
- **Deep-fried foods:** These may promote inflammation and disease. it includes fried fish, French fries, onion rings, chicken strips and cheese curds.<sup>39,40,41</sup>



## NUTRITIONS COMPOSITION FOR BODY BUILDING

### 1. Calories and macronutrients

For competition body builders may increase their diet which are low in calories but energy expenditures are more. During this muscle maintenance and fat loss are important. At this time optimal caloric intake, deficits and macronutrients combinations are used. In this weight loss and more energy can be expended than consumed. By reducing caloric intake, these can be increasing caloric expenditures. Weight lost is depend on size of caloric deficit and length of time. Normal body can metabolize yield of 3500 kcals, for daily deficit is 500 kcals. A dynamic model does not represent the physiological adaptations. 50% of the caloric was consumed in first 24 week of competitions and 40% reduction in their baseline energy expenditure.<sup>42,43,44</sup>

### 2. Protein

Proteins are most important for body building. It can support the muscles for maintenance. Body builders require high amount of proteins. It also helps to increase the strength and increase the activity. 1.2 to 2.2 g/kg is sufficient for a normal body but body builders require more proteins. Thus, it is proved that protein intake is more during competition.

### 3. Carbohydrate

For better performance body builder need more amount of carbohydrates. It can give strength for training and also reduces the glycogen depletions it may enhance the performances. Glycogen is the main fuel source. Fat loss are done by lower carbohydrate diets and also not for performance and health.<sup>45,46</sup>

### 4. Fat

Carbohydrate and protein are most important in sports nutrition over dietary fat. Maintenance of fats are most important. It emphasizes carbohydrates to performance and protein for build and repair of low body mass. dietary fat influences anabolic hormone concentrations. It can help bodybuilders to maintain LBM. isocaloric diets may reduce 40% to 20% of testosterone levels. For competitions body builders take obligatory caloric reduction.

#### 2.4.5 Ketogenic diets

These diets contain high fat, adequate amount of proteins, low amount of carbohydrate diet. It is also used as a medicine in epilepsy. In this condition, diet force the body for fat burning rather than carbohydrate. Carbohydrates converted into glucose. It is very important for brain functions. For lower the epileptic seizures, ketone must be elevated from the blood.<sup>47,48,49</sup>

## HISTORY OF BODY BUILDING

At first the weight lifting comes into play. It was starting from stone lifting traditions which were practiced into Egypt, Greece and Tamilakam. Eugen Sandow is the father of bodybuilders. It was started from late 19<sup>th</sup> century. At first body building is used to show their strength, demonstrations or wrestling matches.<sup>50,51,52</sup>

### 1. 1950s–1960s

In 1950 and 1960 body building becomes more popular. These are for emergence of strength and

gymnastics champions.<sup>53,54</sup> There are many body building organisations. IFBB (international federations of bodybuilding) were stabilized in 1946. In 1965, the most prestigious titles were Mr. America, Mr. World, Mr. Universe, Mr. Galaxy, and ultimately Mr. Olympia was given. Advertisement of gold gym is been started in mid 1960.<sup>55,56</sup>

### 2. 1970s–1990s

In early 1970s body building becomes the most popular and most important publicity. In 1981 national physique committee was formed. It becomes the most popular bodybuilding organisation in America and the amateur division of IFBB. In this period anabolic steroids are also used for body building and it may continue through 1980 and 1990.<sup>57,58</sup> These anabolic steroids help to develop and growth of body. In late 1970, the use of anabolic steroids are openly discussed. In 1970, Vince McMahon found a new organization of body building name WBF (world body building federation). In this sport bigger prizes money and showmanship were given.<sup>59,60</sup>

### 3. 2000s

In 21<sup>st</sup> century consumptions and recreation become the more popular. IFBB makes body building an Olympic sport but many of them argue that it is not a sport.<sup>61,62</sup>

## PRE AND POST WORKOUT

## SUPPLEMENTS FOR MAXIMIZE THE PERFORMANCE OF BODY BUILDERS

### 1. Creatine

The safest supplements are creatine monohydrates. It cannot affect any part of the body like liver and kidneys. During training programme this produces significant effects and increases the muscle mass and give strength. Marketed products are CEE (creatine ethyl ester) and KA (kre alkalyn).<sup>63,64</sup>

### 2. Beta-alanine

It is a natural occurring beta amino acid in which the amino group is at  $\beta$ - positions in carboxylate group. It is the most popular supplements in body building. It enters into circulation and goes to skeletal muscles where carnosine is synthesized. It may help to decrease the fatigue and increases the muscle tone. When it taken orally it break into histidine and  $\beta$ -alanine.<sup>65,66</sup>

### 3 HMB (Beta-hydroxy-beta-methyl butyrate)

It is also a conjugate base. It naturally occurring in human body. it is also used a dietary supplements and medical foods that helps for wound healing and for muscles wasting due to HIV or cancer. It may help to gain the muscle sizes, muscle strength and lean body mass. It may lead to improve aerobic exercise performances and recovery of body. these may help to increase the lean body mass and muscle strength.<sup>67,68,69</sup>

### 4. Branched chain amino acids

Amino acids having an aliphatic side chain is known as branched-chain amino acid (BCAA). BCAA contains three amino acids: leucine, isoleucine and valine. Humans contains nine essential amino acids. Muscle proteins contains 35% of essential amino acid.<sup>70,71</sup> BCAA may be synthesis at all location of plants. It may





determine by presence of mRNAs, which encoded for enzymes in metabolic pathways. It also helps in synthesis of proteins, signal pathways and metabolism of glucose. BCAA may be oxidised it may increase the fatty acid and play a role in obesity.<sup>72,73</sup> It also helps in immune system and brain functions. dehydrogenase and decarboxylase enzymes may broken down the BCAA. It is also helps in growth of lymphocytes and proliferation and cytotoxic T lymphocytes activity.<sup>74</sup>

#### 5. Arginine

Arginine contains  $\alpha$ - amino acid,  $\alpha$ -carboxylic acid and a side chain. This helps to synthesis of proteins. It is a semi-essential or essential amino acid. Protein containing foods may complete the need of arginine it can be synthesized in the body from glutamine. It is a precursor of NO. NO is the signalling molecule it acts like a secondary messenger.<sup>75,76</sup> It can regulate vasodilation and also helps immune system to fight against infections. For the synthesis of creatine some precursors like urea, ornithine and agmatine is used. asymmetric dimethylarginine (ADMA) is used for vascular diseases.<sup>77,78</sup>

#### 6. Citrulline malate

It is a naturally occurring amino acids. It is a non-essential amino acid. These are founds in some foods like watermelons and also produced naturally. It is used for heart failure patients and also used for improving athletic performance. It also helps for the production of nitric oxide. It may help in potent vasodilator modulating blood flow and oxygen delivery into the body.<sup>79,80</sup> during exercise body needs oxygen for energy productions, citrulline Malte produces more NO which leads to greater supply of oxygen to working muscles.<sup>81</sup>

#### 7. Glutamine

Glutamine contains  $\alpha$ - amino acid. It is used for the biosynthesis of proteins. Side chain is similar to glutamic acid, carboxylic acids are replaced by amines. It contains charge-neutral, polar amino acid. It is both essential and non-essential, so that it can synthesized into the body. in blood it is a most abundant free amino acid. Sources of glutamines are like beef, chicken, fish, eggs, vegetables etc.<sup>82,83</sup>

#### 8. Caffeine

Caffeine can stimulate the central nervous system. It is a class of methylxanthine. It is also known as psychoactive drug. It helps to block the action of adenosine and prevents the onset of drowsiness. It can also stimulate autonomous nervous system. It is chemically related to adenine and guanine bases of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and ribonucleic acid.<sup>84,85</sup> It may help to treat the premature infant breathing disorders. It may give some protective effect against some diseases. It can produce some drug dependence. It also has some withdrawal symptoms like sleepiness, headache and irritability.<sup>86,87</sup>

### PHYSIOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ASPECT OF HORMONE LEVEL IN MALE AND FEMALE BODY-BUILDER

Now a days, bodybuilders may abuse the anabolic androgenic steroids. It is a synthetic compound which are similar to testosterone and dihydrotestosterone hormones.

Anabolic steroids have ethyl, methyl, hydroxyl or benzyl groups. AAS may have low chronic risks as compare to tobacco and alcohol.<sup>88,89</sup> There are some hormones which may affects the body builders.

#### 1. GROWTH HORMONE

Growth hormones stimulates the growth, helps in cells reproduction and cell regenerations. It is the most important hormones in human. It can also stimulate the production of IGF-1 hormones. It may increase the concentrations of glucose and free fatty acids. INN (somatropin) is the recombinant form of human growth hormones. Its helps to treat the children and adult growth hormones deficiency. Many bodybuilders may use this for more growth and more strength.<sup>90,91</sup>

#### GROWTH HORMONE AND EXERCISE

These hormones can affect the exercise. Concentration of growth hormones may help to increases the duration of exercise. For more intensive exercise body need more amount of hormones in this time growth hormones will be increased by 5-10 fold. For short duration of exercise growth hormones may lead to its peak point after 30 minutes.<sup>92,93</sup> Training may endurance the pulsatile and it may elevate the growth hormones amplitude. Other factors which are responsible are it may lead to increase in hypoglycaemia, temperature increases and it may be decreases the obesity, carbohydrate- rich diet.<sup>94,95</sup>

#### EFFECT OF hGH IN THE BODY

This are secreted from pituitary gland. These contains two hypothalamic peptides. By back regulations, growth hormones inhibit the hGH secretions. The secretion of hGH is higher in women with respect to men. During slow wave sleeping and during exercise hGH level are very much higher. Some drugs may increase their secretions like clonidine, L-dopa etc. it has both direct and indirect effects.<sup>96,97</sup>

#### THERAPEUTIC USE OF hGH

These may be used for both children and adulthood and also for girls which has turner syndromes. For relief from burning and thermal injuries, a high dose of growth hormones is used. Long term uses of growth hormones may increases the bone mass. These body compositions are due to anabolic, lipolytic properties of growth hormones.<sup>98,99</sup>

#### 2. INSULIN

Insulins are secreted by beta cells of pancreatic islets. It is a peptide hormone. It is the main anabolic hormones in the body. It metabolized the carbohydrates, protein and fats by absorption of glucose form the blood into liver, fat and skeletal muscles. After absorption glucose is converted into glycogen by glycogenesis or triglycerides. High concentration of insulin may inhibit the production and secretion of glucose into the blood.<sup>100,101</sup> Synthesis of protein are also affected by insulin. If the insulin level is decreases it gives opposite effects and may reverse body fats. Beta cells secreted insulin into the blood in response to high level of glucose which inhibits secretion of insulin. By stimulating glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis, glucagon increases blood glucose level.<sup>102,103</sup> In glucose homeostasis, insulin and glucagon are secreted into the blood in response to



blood glucose concentration. Insulin may compose of 51 amino acids and it will be linked with each other by disulfide bonds.<sup>104,105</sup>

### **EFFECT OF INSULIN ON BODY BUILDING**

Misuse and inappropriate compliance are the correlation with chronic medical conditions and it may induce anxiety and depression disorders. Psychiatric disorder may be occurs in insulin dependent diabetes. It has higher co-morbid substance misuse.<sup>106,107</sup> Hypoglycemia is occurred in insulin depended diabetics. Mood changing, depressive and anxiety may occur in this diabetes. Misuse of insulin is related with suicide, parasuicide or factitious illness. Glucose metabolism may be increases in body builders. It may also helps in synthesis of protein and improve the performances. Insulin treated diabetes may help for lean body mass, regulated glucose metabolism, it helps to transport amino acids. Body builder may use this because it stimulates the lipogenesis and diminished lipolysis.<sup>108,109</sup>

### **3. TESTOSTERONE**

Male sex hormones and a natural anabolic steroid. It may help to development of male reproductive tissues like testes and prostate. It may also promote the secondary sexual characteristics. It may also increase the muscle and bone mass and growth of body hair. It may also prevent them from osteoporosis.<sup>110,111</sup> It can take several steps from cholesterol and converted in the liver to inactive metabolites. Testosterone secreted from testicle of males. Testosterone level is very high in adult male as compare to adult female. It is also used as a medication in the treatment of low-level testosterone level in men and breast cancer in women.<sup>112,113</sup>

### **4. Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids Effects on Athletes**

It is made up in synthetic process. It is also a male testosterone hormone. Testosterone may be produced from Leydig cells which are located in testes. It was believed that castration may loss some characteristics of certain secondary male sex by this a same potential of substances are made.<sup>114,115</sup> The active extraction is been available and production of synthetic androgens are taken places but androgenic and anabolic properties are not separated. androgenic properties are development of male characteristics, deepening of voices and a hair growth. It effects protein metabolisms and also inhibits the protein metabolism.<sup>116,117</sup> Some modifications are done in the AAS. The uses are limited. It may have some problems like endocrine dysfunctions of testes and hypothalamus-pituitary-gonadal axis. It also used to treat nitrogen balance, growth muscles and other non-endocrine diseases. It may also helps in male infertility treatment by administration of testosterone.<sup>118,119</sup> It may also used as medically a small amount of AAS may give the positive effects on nitrogen balance in polytrauma patients, in burn injuries and for HIV patients. This drug used in muscle dystrophy and also some dermatological diseases. These drugs are also used for body builders for better performances and muscle building. It gives bad effects on body builders and have lots of disadvantages. AAS is been abused by many body builders.<sup>120,121,122</sup>

### **1. Uses of Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids (AAS)**

Due to AAS administrations the body weight increases about 10-15kg. it also helps to reduces the fat mass. In some studies, it was found that uses of AAS may reduce the fat. It is used for paediatric endocrinologists. It may also help in appetite stimulation and increases of muscle mass. It may also used in cancer and AIDS patients. In body builders it may helps in development and maintenance of secondary sexual characteristics<sup>123,124</sup>.

### **ADVANTAGES OF BODY-BUILDING**

There is several importance of body building. Some are-

#### **1. Improve bodily health**

Body building may help to improve the health. It may decrease the risk of coronary heart disease. training and aerobic exercises may reduce the chance of obesity and high cholesterol and control high blood pressures. It gives great impacts on muscle, bones and joints. It also helps to make muscles and body strong and flexible. Training and exercise may helps to free from many diseases like osteoporosis and arthritis.<sup>125,126</sup>

#### **2. Improve mental health**

Yoga, body building, training and aerobic exercise may boost mind and mental well-being. stress, anxiety and depression may be reduced by weight training and aerobic exercises. It can also help to rising in self-esteem and confidences. Bodybuilding may help to develop positive self-image. This can help in lose weight, feel body as a leaner, stronger and better. To deal with negative emotions bodybuilding, aerobic exercise and weight training is most important things. Bodybuilding or some physical activity helps to released endorphin. This helps to influences mood. It can also help to sleep better, reduces fatigue and psychological tension.<sup>127,128</sup>

#### **3. Improve nutrition**

Weight training, aerobic exercise, healthy nutrition and rest may improve health. Healthy eating food can make the body and mind function properly. Antioxidant food may improve focus and memory. Iron containing food may provide healthy brain and mind. Vitamin B is very much required for healthy mind. Water is most important. It can hydrate the body and brain and keeping detoxified and oxygenated.<sup>129,130</sup>

### **DISADVANTAGES OF BODY-BUILDING**

#### **1. Low Energy Availability**

Energy intake by a body builder is more. They take high calorie diet in training time and low calories in competition time. Low calories give low energy availability. It has negative effects on bodybuilders.

#### **2. Greater Injury Risk**

During training and bodybuilding routine it makes gain some risk for injuries. During beginners, knee joints, hands and almost whole body is in pain. Some athletes may have chronic pain.<sup>131,132</sup>

#### **3. Social Anxiety and Dysmorphia**

Some bodybuilder experiences psychosocial disorders then athletes. Muscle dysmorphia is the condition. In this situation, people may obsess over the shape and size of their muscles. Bodybuilder engage for risk to meet their goal of getting leaner and bigger. This



behaviour can lead to intense feelings of social anxiety.<sup>133,134</sup>

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