# BIOCHEMICAL BASIS OF DIABETIC COMPLICATIONS: AN OVERVIEW

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The main pathways triggered by hyperglycemia include glucose autooxidation and constant activation of polyols' pathway and formation of advance glycation end products (AGEs) and excessive glycolysis. With the constant activation of these pathways, living cells and tissues are damaged, mainly by impairment of target protein function, increase in oxidative stress, and activation of signal transduction pathways, leading to the imbalance of normal physiological functions and therefore the development of diabetic complications. Current Advances in the Biochemical and Physiological Aspects of the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Thiazolidinediones. <u>Alemán-González-Duhart D et al.</u>



### Vascular processes whereby <u>diabetes</u> and <u>hypertension</u> predispose to <u>cardiovascular disease</u>

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# Putative mechanisms whereby <u>diabetes</u> and <u>hypertension</u> cause <u>vascular disease</u>. Immune cell activation and inflammation are mediated through <u>oxidative stress</u>.

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## Schema of hyperglycemia's induced pathways to microvascular complications. MAP, mitogen-activated protein.

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Interplay of hyperglycemia's toxic mechanisms and tissues' endogenous protective properties. IGF, insulinlike growth factor.

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#### Abstract

When planning cardiovascular (CV) studies in type 2 diabetes (T2D), selection of CV biomarkers is a complex issue. Because the pathophysiology of CV disease (CVD) in T2D is multifactorial, ideally, the selected CV biomarkers should cover all aspects of the known pathophysiology of the disease. This will allow the researcher to distinguish between effects on different aspects of the pathophysiology. To this end, we discuss a host of biomarkers grouped according to their role in the pathogenesis of CVD, namely: (1) cardiac damage biomarkers; (2) inflammatory biomarkers; and (3) novel biomarkers (oxidative stress and endothelial dysfunction biomarkers). Within each category we present the best currently validated biomarkers, with special focus on the population of interest (people with T2D). For each individual biomarker, we discuss the physiological role, validation in the general population and in people with T2D, analytical methodology, modifying factors, effects of glucose-lowering drugs, and interpretation. This approach will provide clinical researchers with the information necessary for planning, conducting and interpreting results from clinical trials. Furthermore, a systematic approach to selection of CV biomarkers in T2D research will improve the quality of future research.

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Both type 1 and type 2 diabetes adversely affect the microvasculature in multiple organs. Our understanding of the genesis of this injury and of potential interventions to prevent, limit, or reverse injury/dysfunction is continuously evolving. This statement reviews biochemical/cellular pathways involved in facilitating and abrogating microvascular injury. The statement summarizes the types of injury/dysfunction that occur in the three classical diabetes microvascular target tissues, the eye, the kidney, and the peripheral nervous system; the statement also reviews information on the effects of diabetes and insulin resistance on the microvasculature of skin, brain, adipose tissue, and cardiac and skeletal muscle. Despite extensive and intensive research, it is disappointing that microvascular complications of diabetes continue to compromise the quantity and quality of life for patients with diabetes. Hopefully, by understanding and building on current research findings, we will discover new approaches for prevention and treatment that will be effective for future generations.

**Oxidative stress and diabetic complications.** <u>Giacco F</u>, <u>Brownlee M</u>. <u>Circ Res.</u> 2010, 107(9):1058-70..

Oxidative stress plays a pivotal role in the development of diabetes complications, both microvascular and cardiovascular. The metabolic abnormalities of diabetes cause mitochondrial superoxide overproduction in endothelial cells of both large and small vessels, as well as in the myocardium. This increased superoxide production causes the activation of 5 major pathways involved in the pathogenesis of complications: polyol pathway flux, increased formation of AGEs (advanced glycation end products), increased expression of the receptor for AGEs and its activating ligands, activation of protein kinase C isoforms, and overactivity of the hexosamine pathway. It also directly inactivates 2 critical antiatherosclerotic enzymes, endothelial nitric oxide synthase and prostacyclin synthase. Through these pathways, increased intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS) cause defective angiogenesis in response to ischemia, activate a number of proinflammatory pathways, and cause long-lasting epigenetic changes that drive persistent expression of proinflammatory genes after glycemia is normalized ("hyperglycemic memory"). Atherosclerosis and cardiomyopathy in type 2 diabetes are caused in part by pathway-selective insulin resistance, which increases mitochondrial ROS production from free fatty acids and by inactivation of antiatherosclerosis enzymes by ROS. Overexpression of superoxide dismutase in transgenic diabetic mice prevents diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy, and cardiomyopathy. The aim of this review is to highlight advances in understanding the role of metabolite-generated ROS in the development of diabetic complications



Schematic showing elements of the unifying mechanism of hyperglycemiainduced cellular damage

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Schematic representation of the status of oxidative stress markers during diabetes. MDA: malondialdehyde, AOPP: Advanced oxidation protein products, PCO: protein carbonyls, GSH: reduced glutathione, and SOD: superoxide dismutase. Markers of Oxidative Stress during Diabetes Mellitus.<u>Tiwari</u> BTJournal of Biomarkers Volume 2013 (2013), Article ID 378790, 8 pages