

## **Effect of Honey Consumed of COVID-19 Patients over Time and Changes in Concentrations Levels of Antioxidants and Oxidative Stress in the Patients over Time and Compare with Control Group.**

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### **Abstract**

This study is concerned with COVID-19 pandemic and subjects were divided into three main groups honey consumed of COVID-19 patients ( $n = 90$ ), without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients ( $n = 30$ ) and control group ( $n = 30$ ). The determine patients in the city of Najaf during the period between July 2020 to august 2020. Patients were identified using a PCR technique, after which a 5 milliliter was withdrawn on the first day to identify (Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, GSH, GPx, SOD, CAT, MDA) and then repeat the process of determining the variables every seven days. In addition to giving COVID-19 patients a kilogram of honey divided into different quantities and different times and compare with second group (without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients) and examined by PCR technique. These variables measured the concentration by using assay (ELISA) technique and spectrophotometer instrument. All above variables there was a significant difference and correlation in patients ( $p < 0.05$ ). Also results showed changes in concentrations levels variables of honey consumed COVID-19 a significant difference between the mean value in patients ( $p < 0.05$ ) but little changes in concentrations variables without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients a significant difference between the mean value in patients ( $p < 0.05$ ). The results showed the effect of honey consumed of COVID-19 patients over time on patients three times a day and the patients are examined by PCR test showed Negative which more than 14 days.

**Keywords** COVID-19, antioxidants, oxidative stress, honey and antioxidant enzymes.

## Introduction

The COVID-19 is a pandemic the infected over 74 million people, died more than 1,600,000 million people in the world in the December 2020<sup>[1]</sup>.

The COVID-19 which found from China in 2019, is caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome and a positive sense of single-stranded RNA virus<sup>3–5</sup> and taxonomically is the member of the Betacoronavirus genus<sup>[2]</sup>. COVID-19 patients have the fever and cough<sup>[3]</sup> gastrointestinal tract manifestations such as the diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain<sup>[4]</sup>. Also showed the increased morbidity in the COVID-19 infections other compound factors are dyspnea, lymphopenia and higher plasma levels of the cytokines (IL2, IL7 and IL10), MIP1A, IP10, MCP1, GSCF and interferon alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ )<sup>[5]</sup>.

Antioxidants are the damage of the cells caused by the free radical's reactions. The activity of the radical molecules by antioxidants is scavenging power by stopping chain reactions, peroxide decomposition, metal-chelating and induction of antioxidant enzymes<sup>[6]</sup>. Administration of higher than recommended daily doses of nutrients such as vitamins A, C, E, Zinc and omega-3 fatty acids have effect on potentially reducing COVID-19 viral load and length of hospitalization<sup>[7]</sup>. Oxidative stress is the instrumental in the etiology of numerous human diseases. Oxidative stress can arise through the increased production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) because of a deficiency of antioxidant defenses and this may further worsen respiratory diseases (all COVID-19), especially when the level free radicals are high, oxidative stress is defined as an imbalance between toxic reactive oxygen species (ROS) and antioxidants in favor of oxidants, leading to the disruption of redox signaling and the irreversible oxidative damage to lipids, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) or proteins<sup>[8]</sup>. Oxidative damages are included in the development of different the pathologies including cancer, cardiovascular and lung diseases<sup>[9]</sup>.

Honey as a folk medicine is referred in the utmost ancient written archives<sup>[10]</sup>. Demarcation of its use in the current professional medicine as a potential therapy is entirely underutilized, there is an affinity for some researchers that usage of the honey as a natural product supplement is well intentioned for reflection as a therapy or adjuvant antioxidant therapy in current medicine<sup>[11,44]</sup>. Honey also showed such as anti-inflammatory activity that inhibits the expression of these pro-inflammatory cytokines, the role of the honey has attributed to its antioxidant properties<sup>[12]</sup>. The antioxidant activity of the honey is positively correlated to its phenolic compounds content<sup>[13]</sup>. The antimicrobial activities of the honey have been well studied against many fungi and bacteria, also its antiviral activities still need an extensive exploration so that it can be used as prevention and treatment of viral infections<sup>[14,45]</sup>.

## Methodology

The subjects were divided into three main groups, honey consumed over time on the COVID-19 patients ( $n = 90$ ), without honey consumed COVID-19 patients ( $n = 30$ ) and control group ( $n = 30$ ). To determine the patients in the city of Najaf during the period between July 2020 to August 2020. Patients were identified using a PCR technique, after which a 5 milliliter was withdrawn on the first day to

identify(VitaminA,VitaminC,VitaminE,GSH,GPx,SOD,CAT,MDA) and then repeat the process of determining the variables every seven days.In addition to giving COVID-19patients a kilogram of honey divided into different quantities and different times and then repeat the process of determining using a PCR technique to patients and compere with the other group, without honey consumed COVID-19 patients.

#### **Procedure of Vitamin A**

In the Serum the concentrations of Vitamin A were determined by using ELISA assays. ELISA kits for testing Vitamin A were obtained from lifespan Biosciences co (M-B-SMBS729269).

#### **Procedure of Vitamin C**

In the Serum the concentrations of Vitamin C were determined by using ELISA assays. ELISA kits for testing Vitamin C were obtained from lifespan Biosciences co (LS-F-25060).

#### **Procedure of Vitamin E**

In the Serum the concentrations of Vitamin E were determined by using ELISA assays. ELISA kits for testing Vitamin E were obtained from lifespan Biosciences co (LS-F-4970).

#### **Procedure of GSH**

Serum GSH level was determined by using a procedure utilizing Elaman's reagent (DTNB) <sup>[15]</sup>.When takes three tubes simple, plank and standard, the first tubes sample put 100µL of serum and 800 µL DDW and 100 µL TCA , second tubes the blanks put 900 µL DDW and 100 µL TCA and the third tubes standard put 100 µL from standard and 800 µL from DDW and 100 µL from TCA. Tubes were mixed in vortex mixture for 10 minutes and centrifuged for 15 minutes and readat absorbance 412nm.

#### **Procedure of GPx**

In the Serum activity of GPx were determined by using Colorimetricmouthed were obtained from lifespan Biosciences co. The GPx number is (ab102530).

#### **Procedure of SOD**

SOD activity in serum was determined using (NBT) when takes three tubes simple, plank and standard, the first tubes sample put 3ml of Reacting mixture , 0.04ml Sodium cyanide , 0.15ml Serum and 0.52 Working buffer solution, for the blank tubes put 3ml of Reacting mixture, 0.04ml Sodium cyanide and 0.67 Working buffer solution, for the standard tubes put3ml of Reacting mixture , 0.04ml Sodium cyanide and 0.67 Working buffer solution, All tubes were mixed, and read at absorbance 560 nm<sup>[16]</sup>.

#### **Procedure of serum Catalase**

Dilution of 50 µl of serum by 5 ml of phosphate buffer solution (50 mM), the pH was adjusted to 7.0 immediately prior to assay. Two tubes were prepared as followed, the

first tubes sample put 2ml of Diluting serum and 1ml H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, for second tubes is the blank tubes put 2ml of Diluting serum and 1ml Phosphate buffer solution, pH 7.0. initial absorbance was measured after 15 seconds (t<sub>1</sub>) and the final absorbance was measured after 30 seconds (t<sub>2</sub>) and read at 240 nm<sup>[17]</sup>.

### Procedure of MDA

Serum MDA was determined using Burtis method, when takes two tubes simple and plank, the first tubes simply put 1ml of TCA 17.5%, 1ml TBA, 1ml TCA 70 % and 150 µl serum and the second tubes plank put 1ml of TCA 17.5%, 1ml TBA and 1ml TCA 70 % and read at absorbance 532 nm.

### Statistical analysis

The statistical analysis was done by using SPSS (statistical package for social sciences) version 17 in which mean, standard error, t-test and ANOVA test were used for data comparison. Correlation between all of the studied variables were evaluated using person's correlation significant and a p value of <0.05 was considered to be statistically significant.

### Results

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the level of some variables (Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, GSH, GPx, SOD, CAT, MDA) associated with COVID-19 patients and control group. These results measured concentration of these variables by using assay (ELISA) technique and spectrophotometer instrument and this study showed effect of honey consumed over time on the COVID-19 patients and compared with COVID-19 patients without honey consumed and examined by PCR technique. The concentrations of these variables in serum of patients and control are shown in table (1). The lower mean value of Vitamin A was shown in patients ( $24.5 \pm 2.1 \mu\text{g/dL}$ ) compared with control group ( $26.0 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{g/dL}$ ). In the value of Vitamin C in patients was lower ( $0.31 \pm 0.41 \text{ mg/dL}$ ) than control group was ( $0.42 \pm 0.30 \text{ mg/dL}$ ). In the value of Vitamin E in patients was lower ( $0.61 \pm 0.03 \text{ mg/dL}$ ) than control group was ( $0.85 \pm 0.40 \text{ mg/dL}$ ). For GSH value lower in patients ( $1.9 \pm 0.37 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ) compared with control group ( $2.5 \pm 0.22 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ). For GPx value lower in patients ( $30.5 \pm 2.1 \text{ U/g}$ ) compared with control group ( $36.5 \pm 2.6 \text{ U/g}$ ). Regarding to SOD the mean value in was recorded as lower ( $1.71 \pm 0.37 \text{ U/ml}$ ) than control group ( $2.82 \pm 0.36 \text{ U/ml}$ ). On the other hand, the mean value of CAT in patients higher ( $111.5 \pm 2.8 \text{ MU/l}$ ) than control group ( $107.0 \pm 4.1 \text{ MU/l}$ ). Also mean value of MDA in patients higher ( $4.7 \pm 0.48 \text{ mmol/l}$ ) than control group ( $3.38 \pm 0.19 \text{ mmol/l}$ ). All above variables there was a significant difference between the mean value in patients and control group ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Table 1. Concentrations levels of antioxidants and oxidative stress markers of COVID-19 patients and compare with control groups.**

Parameters	Variables	COVID-19 patients	Control groups (n = 30)	p value
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		(n = 120)		
<b>Antioxidant vitamins</b>	<b>Vitamin A (µg /dL)</b>	<b>24.5 ±2.1</b>	<b>26.0±0.9</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
	<b>VitaminC (mg/dL)</b>	<b>0.31±0.41</b>	<b>0.42±0.30</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
	<b>VitaminE (mg/dL)</b>	<b>0.61±0.03</b>	<b>0.85±0.04</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>Antioxidant enzymes</b>	<b>GSH (µmol/l)</b>	<b>1.9±0.37</b>	<b>2.5±0.22</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
	<b>GPx(U/g)</b>	<b>30.5±2.1</b>	<b>36.5±2.6</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
	<b>SOD (U/ml)</b>	<b>1.71±0.37</b>	<b>2.82±0.36</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
	<b>Catalase (MU/l)</b>	<b>111.5±2.8</b>	<b>107.0±4.1</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>Oxidative stress markers</b>	<b>MDA(mmol/l)</b>	<b>4.7±0.48</b>	<b>3.38±0.19</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>

The correlation value between eachvariable(Vitamin A, Vitamin C,Vitamin E,GSH,GPx,SOD,CAT,MDA)in serum of COVID-19 patientsshowed intable(2),theresultrevealed that correlation between all variables andsignificant difference ( $p<0.05$ ).

**Table2.Thecorrelation coefficient test of antioxidants andoxidative stress between eachpatientin COVID-19.**

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Correlation (r)</b>	<b>p value</b>
<b>Vitamin A (µg /dL)</b>	<b>-0.403</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>VitaminC (mg/dL)</b>	<b>-0.303</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>VitaminE (mg/dL)</b>	<b>-0.284</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>GSH(µmol/l)</b>	<b>0.042</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>GPx(U/g)</b>	<b>-0.091</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>SOD(U/ml)</b>	<b>-0.141</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>Catalase(MU/l)</b>	<b>-0.162</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>
<b>MDA(mmol/l)</b>	<b>0.177</b>	<b>&lt;0.05</b>

The results showed changes in concentrations levels of antioxidants and oxidative stress of honey consumed of COVID-19 patientsover time are shown in table (3).The mean value of Vitamin A it increases over time except after 7days decrease was shown ( 24.5± 2.1, 24.1±1.9, 24.8±1.7, 25.2±1.5, 25.6±1.3µg /dL).In the value of Vitamin C it increases over time except after 7days decreasewas shown (0.31±0.41, 0.29±0.40, 0.32±0.39,0.34±0.37,0.37±0.37 mg/dL).In the value of Vitamin E it increases over time except after 7days decrease was shown (0.61±0.03,0.55±0.02, 0.69±0.03, 0.73±0.04, 0.81±0.04 mg/dL).For GSH value it increases over timeexcept after 7days decrease was shown(1.9±0.37,1.8±0.34,2.0±0.29,2.1±0.27,2.3±0.26 µmol/l).For GPx value it increases over time except after 7days decrease was shown (30.5±2.1, 29.2±1.9, 31.8±2.3, 32.7±2.4, 34.1±2.5 U/g).Regarding to SOD the mean

value it increases over time except after 7days decrease was recorded ( $1.71 \pm 0.37, 1.58 \pm 0.33, 1.93 \pm 0.36, 2.31 \pm 0.39, 2.64 \pm 0.36$  U/ml). On the other hand mean value of CAT it decreases over time except after 7days increase was recorded ( $111.5 \pm 2.8, 112.4 \pm 1.9, 110.2 \pm 2.1, 109.1 \pm 3.5, 107.8 \pm 4.3$  MU/l). Also mean value of MDA it decreases over time except after 7days increase was recorded ( $4.7 \pm 0.48, 5.1 \pm 0.39, 4.2 \pm 0.42, 3.9 \pm 0.23, 3.3 \pm 0.28$  mmol /l). All above variables there was a significant difference between the mean value in patients ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Table3. The changes in concentrations levels of antioxidants and oxidative stress of honey consumed of COVID-19 patients over time ( $n = 90$ ).**

Parameters	Variables	COVID-19 patient s ( $n = 90$ ) First day	COVID-19 patient s ( $n = 90$ ) After 7 day	COVID-19 patient s ( $n = 90$ ) After 14 day	COVID-19 patient s ( $n = 90$ ) After 21 day	COVID-19 patient s ( $n = 90$ ) After 28 day	p value
Antioxidant vitamins	Vitamin A ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	$24.5 \pm 2.1$	$24.1 \pm 1.9$	$24.8 \pm 1.7$	$25.2 \pm 1.5$	$25.6 \pm 1.3$	$<0.05$
	Vitamin C (mg/dL)	$0.31 \pm 0.41$	$0.29 \pm 0.40$	$0.32 \pm 0.39$	$0.34 \pm 0.37$	$0.37 \pm 0.37$	$<0.05$
	Vitamin E (mg/dL)	$0.61 \pm 0.03$	$0.55 \pm 0.02$	$0.69 \pm 0.03$	$0.73 \pm 0.04$	$0.81 \pm 0.04$	$<0.05$
Antioxidant enzymes	GSH ( $\mu\text{mol/l}$ )	$1.9 \pm 0.37$	$1.8 \pm 0.34$	$2.0 \pm 0.29$	$2.1 \pm 0.27$	$2.3 \pm 0.26$	$<0.05$
	GPx (U/g)	$30.5 \pm 2.1$	$29.2 \pm 1.9$	$31.8 \pm 2.3$	$32.7 \pm 2.4$	$34.1 \pm 2.5$	$<0.05$
	SOD (U/ml)	$1.71 \pm 0.37$	$1.58 \pm 0.33$	$1.93 \pm 0.36$	$2.31 \pm 0.39$	$2.64 \pm 0.36$	$<0.05$
	Catalase (MU/l)	$111.5 \pm 2.8$	$112.4 \pm 1.9$	$110.2 \pm 2.1$	$109.1 \pm 3.5$	$107.8 \pm 4.3$	$<0.05$
Oxidative stress markers	MDA (mmol/l)	$4.7 \pm 0.48$	$5.1 \pm 0.39$	$4.2 \pm 0.42$	$3.9 \pm 0.23$	$3.3 \pm 0.28$	$<0.05$

The results showed little changes in concentrations levels of antioxidants and oxidative stress without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients are shown in table(4). The mean value of Vitamin A little change over time was shown ( $24.5 \pm 2.1$ ,

24.1±1.9, 23.6±1.8, 23.9±1.7, 24.0±1.8 µg /dL).In the value of Vitamin C no changeover timewas shown (0.31±0.41,0.28±0.40, 0.29±0.38, 0.30±0.38, 0.30±0.37 mg/dL).In the value of Vitamin E little changeover timewas shown(0.61±0.03,0.57±0.02,0.58±0.03,0.59±0.03,0.58±0.04 mg/dL).For GSH value no changeover timewas shown (1.9±0.37, 1.8±0.34, 1.9±0.33, 1.9±0.33, 2.0±0.32 µmol/l).For GPx value no changeover time was shown (30.1±2.0, 29.9±1.9, 30.0±2.0, 30.5±2.1,29.9±1.9U/g).Regarding to SOD the mean value little changeover time was recorded (1.71±0.37, 1.70 ±0.36, 1.69±0.35, 1.67±0.36, 1.7±0.35 U/ml). On the other hand mean value of CAT little changeover time was recorded (111.5±2.8,111.2±1.8, 111.1±1.9,111.4±1.9, 111.5±1.9 MU/l). Also mean value of MDA little changeover time was recorded (4.7±0.48, 4.8±0.47, 4.8±0.46, 5.0±0.44, 4.9±0.49 mmol /l). ThevariablesVitamin A,Vitamin E,SOD,CAT and MDA there was asignificant difference between the mean value in patients (p<0.05), but inVitamin C, GSH, GPx and there was no significant difference between the mean value in patients (p>0.05).

**Table4. The changesin concentrations levels of antioxidants and oxidative stress of the group without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients (n = 30).**

Parameters	Variables	COVID-19 patients (n= 30) First day	COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 7 day	COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After14 day	COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After21 day	COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 28 day	p value
Antioxidant vitamins	Vitamin A (µg /dL)	24.5 ±2.1	24.1 ±1.9	23.6 ±1.8	23.9 ±1.7	24.0 ±1.8	<0.0
	VitaminC (mg/dL)	0.31±0.41	0.28±0.40	0.29±0.38	0.30±0.38	0.30±0.37	>0.0
	VitaminE (mg/dL)	0.61±0.03	0.57±0.02	0.58±0.03	0.59±0.03	0.58±0.04	<0.0
Antioxidant enzymes	GSH (µmol/l)	1.9±0.37	1.8±0.34	1.9±0.33	1.9±0.33	2.0±0.32	>0.0
	GPx (U/g)	30.1±2.0	29.9±1.9	30.0±2.0	30.0±2.1	29.9±1.9	>0.0
	SOD (U/ml)	1.71±0.37	1.70±0.36	1.69±0.35	1.67±0.36	1.7±0.35	<0.0
	Catalase (MU/l)	111.5 ±2.8	111.2 ±1.8	111.1 ±1.9	111.4 ±1.9	111.5 ±1.9	<0.0
Oxidative stress markers	MDA (mmol/l)	4.7±0.48	4.8±0.47	4.8±0.46	5.0±0.44	4.9±0.49	<0.0

The results showed the effect of honey consumed over time on COVID-19 patients are shown in table (5).When honey is given to patients three times a day and every times 12g and the patients are examined byPCRtechnique showed Positive. When honey is given to patients three times a day and every times 12g , after 7 day 252g and the patients are examined byPCRtechniqueshowed Positive.When honey is given to patients three times a day and every times 12g , after 14 day 504g and the patients are

examined byPCRtechniqueshowed Negative.When honey is given to patients three times a day and every times 12g , after 21 day 756g and the patients are examined byPCRtechniqueshowed Negative.When honey is given to patients three times a day and every times 12g, after 28 days 1008g and the patients are examined byPCRtechniqueshowed Negative.

**Table 5. Examination results of the effect of honey consumed ofCOVID-19patients over time and examined by PCR technique.**

<b>COVID-19 patients (n= 90) Over time</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n= 90) First day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 90) After 7 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 90) After 14 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 90) After 21 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 90) After 28 day</b>
<b>Honey consumed of COVID-19 patients</b>	(36 g)	(252 g)	(504 g)	( 756 g)	(1008 g)
<b>PCR test of COVID-19 patients</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Negative</b>

The results showedon without honey consumed COVID-19 patients are shown in table (6).When the patients are examined first day by PCRtechnique showed Positive.When the patients are examinedafter 7 day by PCRtechnique showed Positive.When the patients are examined after 14 day by PCRtechnique showed Positive.When the patients are examined after 21 day by PCRtechnique showed Negative.When the patients are examined after 28 day by PCRtechnique showed Negative.

**Table 6. Examination results without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients and examined by PCR technique.**

<b>COVID-19 patients (n= 30) Over time</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n= 30) First day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 7 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 14 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 21 day</b>	<b>COVID-19 patients (n = 30) After 28 day</b>
<b>Without honey consumed of COVID-19 patients</b>	(0 g)	(0 g)	(0 g)	(0 g)	(0 g)



PCR test of COVID- 19 patients	Positive	Positive	Positive	Negative	Negative

## Discussion

This study examined the levels of antioxidants of vitamins (vitamins A, C and E), enzymes (GSH, GPx SOD and Catalase), and some oxidative stress markers (MDA) in COVID19 patients and controls group. The effect of COVID 19 on serum levels of vitamins A, C and E has been investigated of the current study. Vitamins A, C and E showed significantly lower in COVID 19 patients when compared with control group. Vitamin A showed the decrease in COVID 19 patients compared to controls; these findings are similar to other reports[18]. Our results showed low levels of vitamin C in COVID-19 patients, this results also supports by other report[19], that antioxidants vitamins levels are decrease in SARS-COV-2 infection due to their scavenging effect on ROS. Also other reported showed the low levels of antioxidant vitamins in COVID 19 patients, and hence suggested the aim lead to improving the levels of these vitamins the useful in these patients[20]. Our study showed lower values of antioxidant vitamins in COVID 19 patients may be due overproduction of the ROS and a deprived antioxidant system. The increase the oxidative stress by typically activating phagocytes which produce the ROS[21]. Vitamin C and E being renowned antioxidants and to some extent when vitamin A scavenge for the ROS and counteract their effects, in this process of scavenging lead to the level of these vitamins in the body becomes depleted[22]. Vitamins C and E are found in the body and lead to helpful in cytokine storms and cellular injury and these vitamins are the strong antioxidants and decrease the ROS and these vitamins as helpful in SARS-Cov-2 and other viral infections [23]. The decrease level of these vitamins are showed in this study is owing to their role in scavenging ROS as they are being used up in the process and findings are similar to other reports[24]. The antioxidant defenses was detected in the COVID-19 patients as evidenced by the levels of vitamin A, C and E that were the largely interval and all the in COVID-19 patients, their median value in the vitamin C corresponds to the hypovitaminosis C[25]. Our results that vitamin C, E and A decrease in COVID-19 patients and similar to other reported[26,27]. Infact, the intravenous administration only has able to restore high-level ascorbic acid plasma concentration[28]. The high doses of vitamin C can help to decrease the “cytokines storm”[29]. Our results also showed lower level the GSH, GPx, SOD and catalase in COVID-19 patients compare with controls group and similar to other study, the reports work on patients with Epstein–Barr virus, decreased activities of GSH, SOD and GPx[30]. Also other reported similar to our study decreases in the activities of these antioxidant in patients with viral disease[31]. Our results showed the higher levels of catalase in COVID-19 compared to control group, the study has also demonstrated that the partial reduction of O<sub>2</sub> in oxidative processes generates superoxide which is acted upon by the SOD converting it to hydrogen peroxide H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> which may

subsequently react forming hydroxyls (OH) through the Fenton reaction, GSH/GPX and CAT are important antioxidant components in neutralizing these oxidative processes. Our result supported by other reports work on SARS-COV-2 infection activates the phagocytic cells which cause the ROS to be excessively produced, while the antioxidant enzymes are insufficiently present leading to a weakened antioxidant system in the face of increased ROS production[32]. The GPx system allows reduced GSH to bind to free radicals giving oxidized GSH which lead to regenerated into GSH through this system[33]. Other study suggested work on SARS-COV-2 similar to other RNA viruses can trigger an oxidative stress leading to a weakened antioxidant system, infection with COVID19 patients leads to heightened oxidative stress overwhelming the body's antioxidant mechanisms as shown by the decreased levels of SOD, GSH and GPx in our study and supported by other report work on SARS-COV-2 infection[34]. On other hand our results the increase level of oxidative stress such as MDA in COVID-19 patients and compare with controls groups, COVID-19 is associated with increased oxidative processes, the increased oxidative stress causes increased lipid peroxidation and our result supported by other report[35]. The another study on factors which increase production of the ROS such as malaria[36]. Other reported increased lipid peroxidation and increase level of MDA are similar to our results the increased levels of MDA in COVID-19[37]. Our result is given honey to patients three times a day and every times 12g till 28 day and the patients are examined by PCR technique and showed effect the honey on change levels variables over time. These reports showed honey consumed that effect on immune system in COVID-19 patients over time because honey work similar to antioxidant. The several enveloped viruses killed by the virucidal ingredients of honey therefore also have a potent suppressive effect on COVID-19, cell death are triggered by viral infection through draining the lymphocytes which can be tackled by antioxidants, That proves are relation between antiviral and antioxidant actions [38]. Also the honey provides a favorable environment lead to promotes healing quickly, At the same time are the antibacterial properties of honey can speed up the healing process by producing white blood cells WBC to the increase the pro-inflammatory cytokines including TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , and IL-6 [39]. In some reports suggested the honey has proved its potency against several RNA and DNA viruses, influenza virus, rubella, herpes simplex virus, varicella-zoster virus and has proved that it can be a potential antiviral agent[40]. The another reports shown the honey has that may affect the pharmacokinetics of some drugs, in vivo honey interferes with the activity of cytochrome p450 (CYP450) isozymes, it was also shown that increased CYP3A4 activity requires regular ingestion of honey while occasional ingestion is unlikely to significantly affect drug plasma concentrations, the honey may cause altered response to drugs metabolized by CYP3A4[41]. Another human study reported that daily consumption of the honey does not affect hepatic and intestinal CYP3A and P-glycoprotein activities but affect immune system[42]. Our result similar to other report that honey work similar to antioxidant and effect on immune system in COVID-19 patients[43].

## Conclusion

This present research evaluated the levels of antioxidant vitamins and enzymes among COVID-19 patients compared with control group. From our findings we can conclude that COVID-19 patients are prone to depleted the levels of antioxidant substances due to their increased utilization in the counterbalancing the negative effect of free radicals. In addition to the deficiency of antioxidants and increased oxidative stress in COVID-19 lead to a gap in understanding the specific micronutrient deficient in COVID-19 which can distort body's immune function while the increasing susceptibility to other infectious disease, also honey consumed that effect immune system in COVID-19 patients over time because honey work similar to antioxidant. Honey can be considered a serine potential natural antioxidant medicine. The honey acts through a modulatory road of multiple signaling pathways and molecular targets, it may interfere with multiple targets in cell signaling pathways such as induction of caspases in apoptosis, stimulation of TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , IFN- $\gamma$ , IFNGR1, p53, and immune cells, inhibition of cell proliferation, cell cycle arrest, inhibition of lipoprotein oxidation, IL-1, IL-10, COX-2, LOXs, and PGE2, and modulation of other diverse targets.

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