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ETIOPATHOGENESIS OF GALL STONE DISEASE- A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Gall stone disease or cholelithiasis is one of the most common biliary pathology in surgical practice. Prevalence of the GB stone disease varies widely region to region. Gall stone formation is a complex pathway, results from combination of several factors including altered composition of Hepatic bile, nucleation of Cholesterol crystals and impaired gallbladder function. Gall bladder is not clearly mentioned in ayurvedic texts but many references about *kloma* is available along with *yakrut* which may probably indicate gall bladder. Clinical presentations of gall stone disease resembles that of *kukshigata abhyantara vidradi*, *pandu* and *kamala*. Better understanding of etiology and pathophysiology of gallstone disease will provide better idea about when to intervene medically or surgically.

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