

Wheezing and shortness of breath are the main symptoms of bronchial asthma. Patients with Aasthmatics showed increased superoxide generation from leuekocytes, as well as and increased lipid peroxidation_-products, both of which indicateing increased oxidative stress. Ascorbic acid is an important antioxidant which that directly neutralizes free radical, thusradicals; therefore, it is continuously utilized used to maintain thea redox state in the of lungs of inpatients with asthma. Hatch et al. suggested that ascorbic acid is the major antioxidant substance present in the airway surface lining of the lungs, and may protects against endogenous as well as and exogenous oxidants. Our present finding of a low ascorbic acid <u>level</u> in wheezing children could with wheezing may be attributed due to its normal physiological function and, elevated increased utilization to overcome the continuous generation of oxidant radicals and also and to neutralize the exogenous oxidants. It has been suggested that Therefore, ascorbic acid deficiency may be either an underlying factor in the pathophysiology of asthma or a response to asthmatic airwaysairway inflammation. Our findings of low ascorbic acid levels in wheezing children with wheezing is are in agreement with the earlier reports, wherein of researchers who attributed such kind of lowering the decrease in the plasma ascorbic acid level in plasma to its normal physiological functions, i.e., its utilization including its roles in maintaining the maintenance of body's defense mechanism, tissue and in the integrity and, replacement, and healing processes of tissues. Destruction of the respiratory mucous membrane during common cold and the consequent resulting reduction of the in the tissue ascorbic acid, level may further delay in the healing of the mucous membrane surface, leading to prolonged symptoms of asthma. A study reported shows that serum levels of antioxidant vitamins are decreased in the sera of asthmatic patients with asthma, even during the asymptomatic periods of the disease, and

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Comment [A2]: To create an easy flow of ideas, transition words such as *however*, *therefore*, *moreover*, etc. can be used. This usage enhances coherence of ideas in the paragraph and the manuscript on the whole. Note that at this instance, we have added the transition word "therefore" to enhance the logical flow and overall clarity.



thus. Therefore, this decrease is does not completely totally dependent on the increased

oxidative stress, as reflected by lipid peroxidation products.

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