

The role of sleep deprivation in physiological system dysfunctions

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Abstract

Night shifts, long working hours of healthcare professionals, irregular lifestyles, due to increasing economic difficulties and decreasing purchasing power, people have to accept difficult working conditions, resulting in inadequate and/or poor quality sleep problems. Sleep is a physiological need and the emergence of sleep problems not only negatively affects the performance and quality of life of the person during the day, but also causes various changes in the physiological systems and functions of these systems. Sleep problems are often ignored by people in spite of the fact that it is generally a health problem that can be treated by doctors. In this review, as a result of the current literature review, the nervous, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal systems are the most affected systems by sleep deprivation, and the effects of sleep deprivation on these systems and the mechanisms underlying these effects are summarized. It is an undeniable fact that sleep is a physiological need, and that insufficient and/or poor quality sleep will adversely affect physiological functions. However, the existence of conflicting studies and the fact that the physiological and pathological mechanisms in this process have not been elucidated indicate that long-term and more comprehensive studies are needed.

Keywords: Sleep Deficiency; Nervous System; Gastrointestinal System; Cardiovascular System

1. Introduction

Sleep is an essential process that is necessary for emotional, physical and cognitive health [1], and it is a very important physiological process in which the human body tries to recover from the exhausting effects of intense activity, stress and fatigue. Basically, when the sleep types are considered, we come across with rapid eye movements (REM) and non-rapid eye movements (NREM) sleep. The use of electroencephalographic (EEG) recordings allowed the identification of sleep cycles and stages. It was found that NREM or slow-wave sleep (SWS) is divided into four stages, whereas in REM sleep, fast, low-voltage waves occur periodically. This wave type seen during REM is also called paradoxical sleep because it resembles the waves seen during wakefulness and sleep stage 1 [2,3]. It has been shown that in the NREM period, low amplitude theta rhythm is observed in stage 1, high voltage waves called sleep spines and K complex occur in stage 2, high amplitude delta rhythm is observed in stage 3, and slow wave sleep accompanied by large waves is observed in stage 4 [2,4]. It has been reported that brain activity is dynamically modulated even during the sleep phase, with increases in activity in the pontine, amygdala and anterior cingulate gyrus and decreases in activity in the prefrontal and parietal cortex during REM [2]. Moreover, basal brain activity and connectivity in the default mode network increased during NREM periods and reduced throughout REM periods, while in the somatosensory network, there had a significant decreased in all regions and in the connectivity of all regions during NREM periods. It has been also found that in all resting state networks, activity changes during NREM periods were negatively correlated with those during REM periods [5].

It is an inevitable conclusion that sleep is of vital importance, sleep and sleep regulation is a complex physiological process, and disruptions in this process will cause sleep deficiency. It has begun to be revealed that sleep deficiency can

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cause disruptions in body homeostasis, trigger disorders in the cardiovascular system, endocrine system and immune system, especially the nervous system, and lead to serious problems that cannot be ignored on various systems in the body. The purpose of this review was to demonstrate how sleep deprivation can impair the neurological system's, cardiovascular system's, and gastrointestinal system's physiological functions.

2. Sleep Deprivation and The Nervous System

Mammals spend about 1/3 of their lives sleeping [6]. However, this period is gradually shortening due to physical and psychological reasons, such as increased television viewing and internet use due to today's lifestyle, leading to sleep deprivation and a decrease in sleep quality [7]. Nearly 40 years ago, studies showed that the tissue most affected by total sleep deprivation is the brain, which exhibits both psychological and neurological declines. Studies in humans and experimental animals deprived of REM or subjected to total sleep deficiency have shown that the central nervous system is profoundly affected. This can lead to behavioral and psychological deviations, mood swings, concentration disorders and perceptual distortions [8]. There is now growing evidence that both acute and chronic sleep deficiency is related with distraction, impaired arousal and impaired memory and neurobehavioral functioning. In contrast, lifestyles that contribute to sleep deprivation are on the rise [9,10].

Numerous genes have been shown to have their expression upregulated in the cerebral cortex and other brain regions after spontaneous wakefulness or sleep deprivation. Three groups of genes have been identified as found to be elevated after short-term sleep deprivation in fruit flies, just like they are in mammals [11]. Yoo et al. [12] reported that amygdala reactivity to unpleasant emotional stimuli in sleep deprived individuals showed an enhanced hyper-limbic response, and that increased limbic activity caused a loss of amygdala medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC) connectivity. Due to these central alterations, sleep deprived individuals were observed to be unable to register the emotional facial expressions shown to them and consequently unable to accurately imitate the same expressions. Similarly, Chee and Tan [13] reported that sleep deprivation caused attention delays and difficulties in visual perception with decreases in fronto-parietal signals, extrastriate cortex and thalamus activation due to decreased cerebral blood oxygenation levels.

Sleep oscillations are mainly generated by the corticothalamic system. This system is composed of cortical neurons, reticular nuclei of the thalamus and dorsal thalamic nuclei. Sleep oscillations are suppressed during wakefulness by signals from various increased monoaminergic, cholinergic and glutaminergic systems [14]. Kotagal and Yardi [15] reported that sleep disorders are effective in the control of epileptic seizures and that treatment of sleep disorders may be beneficial in the control of epileptic seizures. Indeed, it has been discovered that interictal epileptiform discharges can be triggered by both sleep deprivation and sleep, and some epilepsies are nearly only observed when sleeping. Méndez et al. [16] claim that interictal discharges are seen throughout sleep, particularly during NREM sleep, and that epileptic seizures are triggered by falling asleep or waking up after a nap. However, they also noted that sleep increases the frequency of epileptiform abnormalities, modifies their morphology, and affects their distribution, whereas sleep deprivation makes epileptiform abnormalities and seizures more likely, i.e., both circumstances have an interdependent relationship. Foldvary-Schaefer and Grigg-Damberger [17] reported that sleep impotence can promote epileptic seizures and sleep deficiency causes seizures and epileptiform discharges in some epileptic individuals. They also stated that NREM sleep facilitates seizures while REM sleep prevents seizures. Effective treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and sleep deprivation, which worsen the epileptic condition, can reduce the frequency of epileptic seizures [17,18].

One of the main characteristics of many neurodegenerative illnesses, including Parkinson's disease, is the cellular buildup of misfolded neurotoxic proteins such amyloid- β , α -synuclein, and tau. Lack of sleep inhibits the glymphatic system's ability to operate properly, disturbs the removal of these proteins from the body, and causes them to accumulate in the areas where they cause cognitive impairment [19]. Parkinson's patients also often complain of insomnia. This complaint often takes the form of problems maintaining sleep, but can also be manifested as disturbed sleep onset and waking up in the morning. Although the diagnosis of insomnia is dependent on subjective observations, patients report difficulty falling asleep, remaining asleep, waking up early, having restless sleep, experiencing worry, and having trouble functioning during the day [20-22]. In addition to insomnia, excessive sleepiness, restless leg syndrome, REM sleep behavior disorders are also observed in these patients [23].

In individuals with sleep apnea, sleep is interrupted at irregular intervals and these individuals cannot get enough sleep, which can lead to memory impairment and other higher cognitive function deficits. Similarly, the findings in studies using experimental animal models [24] and in humans [25] with lower than required sleep length or poor quality sleep are similar.

As with many other neurodegenerative disorders, sleep deprivation and insufficient sleep are known to raise the chance of acquiring Alzheimer's disease. The mechanisms through which sleep deficiency affects Alzheimer's disease

pathogenesis are still not completely understood. However, it has been reported that the most significant mediating factors between the two conditions are risk factors like apolipoprotein E risk alleles, dysregulation of kinases and phosphatases, reactive oxygen species, endoplasmic reticulum damages, glymphatic system dysfunctions, and orexinergic system deficiency [26]. Increased levels of Tau protein, which has a role in microtubule regulation [27], and increased levels of β -Amyloid ($A\beta$) [28] are prominent features of Alzheimer's disease. In case of sleep deficiency and circadian rhythm disturbance, the increase in $A\beta$ and microtubule-associated protein Tau levels may lead to impaired glymphatic-vascular-lymphatic clearance and consequently increased oxidative stress in the brain and decreased levels of circulating melatonin hormone [29].

Zhao et al. [30] showed that acute sleep deprivation with physiological stimuli significantly increased serotonin 2A receptor (5-HT_{2A}R) levels in the frontal cortex of mice in as little as 6 hours for mRNA and 8 hours for protein via the immediate early gene Egr3. The majority of examinations of brain tissues from post-mortem schizophrenia patients showed a decrease in 5-HT_{2A}R expression [31-34] in cortical areas and this decrease was reported to be most pronounced in the frontal cortex. Similarly, it was revealed that 5-HT_{2A}R expression in these patients was considerably lower than in healthy people [35,36]. However, the mechanisms regulating this have not yet been elucidated. Sleep deprivation increases the severity of schizophrenia and worsens the clinical picture. Although the use of new medications such as CBT-I and suvorexant are promising, prevention of insomnia is still an important therapeutic goal in these patients [37].

Although severe insomnia causes hallucinations, it has been reported that it may progress towards psychosis as the duration of insomnia increases. It has been stated that insomnia lasting 24-48 hours causes perceptual distortions, anxiety, depersonalization, irritability, depersonalization and disruption of the concept of time, insomnia lasting 48-90 hours causes hallucinations and disordered thinking, delusions occur after 72 hours of insomnia and at the end of this period, the clinical condition of the person is similar to acute psychosis or toxic delirium. It was reported that the psychotic states listed in the majority of these cases resolved after a period of normal sleep [38].

In a meta-analysis study involving 15892 individuals with depression, addiction, obsessive-compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders, it was emphasized that gray matter loss in the brain was combined in 3 regions: dorsal anterior cingulate, right and left insula [39]. In women, sleep deprivation causes a decrease in amount of gray matter in the anterior insula and lateral orbitofrontal cortex, and thus an anxiogenic effect. In contrast, sleep deprivation may cause gray matter deficiency and anxiogenic state in the ventromedial prefrontal cortex in both males and females [40]. According to studies, those who don't get enough sleep experience much higher levels of anxiety [41,42]. Sleep deficiency has also been reported to cause more anxiety in women than in men [40]. However, animal experiments (mice, rats and zebrafish) have demonstrated that sleep deficiency causes a reduction in anxiety-like behaviors, so it has been argued that the results of these studies cannot be extrapolated to humans and therefore new experimental tools are needed [42,43]. On the contrary, there is an undeniable number of studies showing that sleep deprivation has anxiety-like effects in experimental animals as well as in humans [44-47].

Table 1 Various effects of sleep deprivation on the nervous system and the pathways of these effects.

Investigators	The System it Affects - the Situation	Pathway - Mechanism of Action
Thomas et al. 2000 Thomas et al. 2003	Distraction, impaired arousal and disruption of memory and neurobehavioral functions.	Decreases in metabolic rate in thalamic, parietal and prefrontal regions during prolonged sleep deprivation.
Chee and Tan 2010	Decreased visual perception and attention.	Reductions in fronto-parietal signal and extrastriate cortex and thalamus activation according to cerebral blood oxygenation level-dependent fMRI technique.
Yoo et al. 2007	Sleep deprivation leads to impaired expression of emotions and inability to imitate facial expressions shown to them.	This is caused by negative emotional stimuli causing an amygdala response, which triggers increased hyperlimbic reactivity and loss of amygdala-mPFC connectivity with increased limbic activity.
Kotagal and Yardi 2008 Méndez et al. 2001	Interictal epileptiform discharges can be activated	-

	by both sleep deprivation and sleep. Discharges are more frequent during NREM sleep.	
Foldvary-Schaefer and Grigg-Damberger 2009	NREM sleep facilitates seizures, whereas REM sleep prevents them. Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and sleep deprivation reduces the frequency of epileptic seizures.	-
Bishir et al. 2020	Lack of sleep inhibits the development of cognitive and mental abilities in Parkinson's patients.	In sleep deprivation, the cellular accumulation of misfolded neurotoxin proteins such as amyloid- β , α -synuclein and tau and the interruption of their clearance by the glymphatic system lead to suppression of cognitive abilities in Parkinson's disease.
Yaffe et al. 2011 Kwon et al. 2015	Sleep apnea can lead to memory impairment and other higher cognitive function deficits.	By causing hypoxia.
Ahmadian et al. 2018	Sleep deprivation affects Alzheimer's pathology.	It shows these effects through pathways such as Apolipoprotein E risk alleles, dysregulation of kinases and phosphatases, reactive oxygen species, endoplasmic reticulum damage, glymphatic system dysfunction and orexinergic system deficiency.
Wu et al. 2019	Sleep deprivation affects Alzheimer's pathology.	β -Increased levels of Tau protein, which is involved in the regulation of amyloid and microtubules, impair glymphatic-vascular-lymphatic clearance and increase oxidative stress in the brain, leading to a decrease in circulating melatonin.
Zhao et al. 2022 Selvaraj et al. 2014 Kang et al. 2009 Matsumoto et al. 2005 Pralong et al. 2000	Sleep deprivation increases the severity of schizophrenia and worsens the clinical condition of the patient.	Both EGR3 and 5-HT2AR mRNA levels were found to be decreased in the frontal cortex of postmortem schizophrenia patients. However, the mechanism has not been fully elucidated.
Goldstein-Piekarski et al. 2018	Sleep deprivation can cause anxiety by affecting gray matter volume in various parts of the brain.	Causes this effect by affecting gray matter volume. For example; decreased gray matter volume in the anterior insula and lateral orbitofrontal cortex may indicate an anxiogenic effect of sleep loss in women. In contrast, decreased gray matter volume in the ventromedial prefrontal cortex may indicate an anxiogenic effect of sleep loss in both men and women.

3. Sleep Deprivation and The Cardiovascular System

According to reports, lack of sleep increases blood pressure, one of the major risk factors for cardiovascular diseases, and one of the reasons for this is the resetting of arterial baroreflex mechanisms to a higher blood pressure level [48]. According to Lusardi et al. [49] loss of sleep at night in hypertension patients may enhance sympathetic nerve activity, raising blood pressure and heart rate as well as increasing norepinephrine excretion in the urine. Another study found that lack of sleep raises systolic and diastolic blood pressure, which may increase the risk of hypertension. It was thought that this increase in blood pressure may be due to sympathetic arousal after sleep deprivation and increased vascular response due to increased adrenergic stimulation [50]. According to Kato et al. [51] inadequate sleep resulted in a rise in blood pressure, a decrease in the activity of the muscular sympathetic nerve, and no change in heart rate

compared to regular sleep. It has been stated that the reason for this may be that the suppressive response to sleep deficiency is not mediated by muscle sympathetic vasoconstriction or tachycardia. Zhong et al. [52] found that acute sleep deprivation increased sympathetic activity, decreased parasympathetic activity and decreased baroreceptor sensitivity on the cardiovascular system. It has been reported that similar findings such as increased sympathetic activation, high systolic or diastolic pressures are also observed in children with obstructive sleep apnea [53]. Systolic blood pressure increased in both men and women in a different study that looked at the effects of 24 hours of total sleep deficiency on volunteers aged 55 to 75. However, there was no visible difference between the sexes. Sympathoexcitation has been found to occur only in postmenopausal women, although an acute increase in blood pressure has been observed [54]. Neglected sleep disorders in women have been reported to be associated with increased blood pressure and vascular inflammation [55]. It has been discovered that short-term sleep loss in healthy people causes an increase in heart rate, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, but not noradrenaline levels [56]. Sauvet et al. [57] 24 hours of sleep deficiency caused a transient rise in blood pressure and pulse rate in rats and suggested that this was due to a decrease in endothelium-dependent vasodilatation independent of sympathetic stimulation. These findings are supported by the findings of another study, which showed that healthy men's blood pressure rose during sleep deprivation and remained elevated for the whole period of the condition. This increase may be caused by a dysregulated vascular endothelial system, according to reports [58]. It was stated that systolic blood pressure risen in rats with REM sleep deprivation and the reason for this may be endothelial damage due to lipid peroxidation [59].

There are studies that emphasize that sleep deprivation causes stress, that this stress situation may cause an increase in systolic blood pressure while trying to be regulated by physiological mechanisms, therefore it may increase cardiovascular risk [60,61]. In contrast to previous results, Vaara et al. [62] have demonstrated that a 60-hour sleep deficiency reduces heart rate due to an increase in vagal impulses. Another study indicated that in healthy, normal-weight people, short-term lack of sleep had no effect on resting blood pressure [63]. Dettoni et al. [64] determined that there was no alteration in pulse, systolic and diastolic blood pressure levels due to sleep deprivation in volunteers in partial sleep deprivation was induced for five nights. Nevertheless, it was noted that there had been a considerable rise in plasma norepinephrine levels, which was correlated with an increase in sympathetic modulation and a decline in parasympathetic modulation of cardiac autonomic balance.

According to Kamperis et al. [65] acute sleep deficiency in young healthy volunteers had a blunting effect on the decrease in expected blood pressure at night, due to the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system. In a study conducted in healthy children, it was stated that acute sleep deficiency had a blunting effect on the decrease in nighttime blood pressure, and this was due to the suppression of the normal increase in sodium-sparing hormones. The renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system is one of the physiologically most powerful mechanisms involved in this process, and it has been suggested that sleep deficiency may cause levels of this system to drop [66].

Acute sleep deprivation has also been linked to structural and functional alterations in mouse with heart failure, and inflammatory cytokines are thought to play a role in these process [67]. According to a different study, persons who get little sleep are more likely to develop coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease [68]. In another study, it was emphasized that optimal sleep duration is important in reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease [69]. As a result of a long-term study, Bertisch et al. [70] discovered that there was a significant relationship between insomnia or short sleep and insufficient sleep and cardiovascular diseases, and a 29 percent higher risk of CVD in the group with sleep problems compared to the reference group. Another large-scale investigation demonstrated an association between the risk of coronary heart disease and short sleep duration and/or poor sleep quality [71].

On the other hand, a different study contends that acute sleep deprivation has a cardioprotective impact by reducing the extent of myocardial infarction [72]. Shah et al. [73] also observed less severe cardiac injury during acute myocardial infarction in patients with obstructive sleep apnea and claimed that sleep apnea may have a cardioprotective effect through ischaemic preconditioning. Parsa et al. [74] suggested that sleep deprivation induced before ischaemia and reperfusion in rats showed cardioprotective effect by suppressing inflammatory responses. Summerer et al. [75] reported that obstructive sleep apnea causes more extensive coronary collateralization in patients with acute myocardial infarction and therefore shows cardioprotective effects.

Table 2 Various effects of sleep deprivation on the cardiovascular system and the pathways of these effects

Investigators	The System it Affects - the Situation	Pathway - Mechanism of Action
Ogawa et al. 2003	Sleep deprivation caused an increase in blood pressure.	Resetting or decreased of arterial baroreflex.
Lusardi et al. 1999 Robillard et al. 2011	-	Sympathetic arousal and increased adrenergic stimulation.
Sauvet et al. 2013 Słomko et al. 2018 Nawi et al. 2020	Sleep deprivation causes a transient increase in blood pressure and heart rate.	Decrease in endothelium-dependent vasodilatation which independent of sympathetic stimulation due to decreased NOS and COX-1 activity. Elevation in blood pressure may be due to dysregulated vascular endothelial function. The reason for this may be endothelial damage due to lipid peroxidation.
Carter et al. 2019	Sleep deficiency increased blood pressure.	Sympathoexcitation was found to occur only in postmenopausal women.
Vaara et al. 2009	Reducing effect on heart rate	Increased vagal outflow
Keeffe et al. 2013	Short-term sleep deprivation does not cause changes in resting blood pressure.	-
Dettoni et al. 2012	Partial sleep deprivation does not cause changes in resting systolic and diastolic blood pressure and pulse rate levels.	-
Kamperis et al. 2010 Mahler et al. 2012	Sleep deprivation prevents a drop in blood pressure at night.	A decrease in renin-angiotensin-aldosterone levels may occur.
Summerer et al. 2021	Obstructive sleep apnea may have cardioprotective effects in patients with acute myocardial infarction.	Obstructive sleep apnea causes more extensive coronary collateralization.

4. Sleep Deprivation and The Gastrointestinal System

Another system affected by sleep quality and sleep disorders is the gastrointestinal system. Sleep is largely regulated by circadian rhythms associated with the light-dark cycle system. It has been stated that any irregularity in this rhythm may affect the symptoms and pathogenesis of gastrointestinal diseases [76]. It has been shown that laryngopharyngeal reflux occurs in rats with chronic sleep deprivation and the reason for this is the occurrence of dysfunction in the central nervous system due to sleep deprivation and consequently, impairment in the control of gastrointestinal system motility [77]. It has even been reported that sleep deprivation may affect intestinal dysbiosis, which is one of the most important underlying causes of digestive system diseases, and may increase colitogenic microbiota [78]. It has been reported that in mice exposed to sleep deprivation, plasma norepinephrine levels are significantly increased, melatonin levels are decreased, the expression of anti-inflammatory cytokines is decreased and the expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines is increased, resulting in the development of intestinal barrier dysfunction [79]. In another study reported that intermittent sleep deprivation increased the gastrointestinal transit rate and visceral pain symptoms, and the hypofunction of the peripheral alpha 2A adrenoceptor played a role in this scene [80]. It has been suggested that oxidative stress induced by sleep deficiency leads to the development of inflammation by inducing the NF- κ B pathway, resulting in damage to the intestinal mucosa and disruption of absorption mechanisms from the intestines [81]. In another study supporting this study, it was determined that oxidative stress due to sleep deprivation causes inflammation, which leads to small intestinal microbiota disorders [82]. Short-term sleep deprivation (5 hours) was found to have no effect on the overall gut microbiota of male C57Bl6/J mice, however Clostridiaceae and Lachnospiraceae increased relatively [83]. In a study conducted in China on nurses working in shifts and experiencing sleep disorders, it was found that the rate of irritable bowel syndrome and constipation was higher [84]. Chung et al.

[85] also found that intestinal inflammation was triggered by an increase in proinflammatory cytokine levels in mice with sleep deprivation and that there was a decrease in gene expressions effective in the connections between the brain and the intestine, and as a result of these effects, intestinal permeability decreased. It has been found that the oxidative stress resulting from the disruption of oxidant/antioxidant balance in rats with paradoxical sleep deprivation leads to salivary secretion disorders [86]. According to Shigiyama et al. [87], mice subjected to a 6-hour sleep deficiency period may develop hepatic steatosis and hepatic insulin resistance, with an increase in the levels of hepatic lipogenic enzymes perhaps acting as the underlying mechanism. Sleep disorders not only trigger gastrointestinal diseases, but also exacerbate existing diseases and complaints. Patel et al. [88] found that sleep disorders increased the reporting of abdominal and somatic pain in patients with irritable bowel syndrome. In mice exposed to 24 to 72 hours of sleep deprivation, it was determined that mild to moderate damage may develop in the organs of the cardiovascular and gastrointestinal systems due to inflammation triggered by sleep deprivation [89]. Benedict et al. [90] found that Coriobacteriaceae and Erysipelotrichaceae were higher and Tenericutes were lower in individuals subjected to two days of normal sleep after two days of partial sleep deprivation. It has been suggested that acutely impaired glucose metabolism in response to partial sleep deficiency may be effective in this change.

Table 3 Various effects of sleep deprivation on the gastrointestinal system and the pathways of these effects

Investigators	The System it Affects - the Situation	Pathway - Mechanism of Action
Zhang et al. 2021	Chronic sleep deprivation may cause laryngopharyngeal reflux.	Chronic sleep deprivation causes central nervous system dysfunction, resulting in deterioration in the control of gastrointestinal system motility.
Park et al. 2020	Sleep deprivation affects intestinal dysbiosis.	Increases colitogenic microbiota.
Benedict et al. 2016	Repeated partial sleep deprivation causes changes in the intestinal microbiota.	This may be due to acute disturbances in glucose metabolism due to partial sleep deprivation.
Chung et al. 2023	Sleep deprivation affects intestinal permeability.	Sleep deprivation triggered gut inflammation (increased levels of TNF- α and IL-1 β) and decreased expression of genes involved in connections between the brain and gut (OCLN, CLDN1, TJP1 and TJP2).
Lasisi et al. 2021	Sleep deprivation leads to impaired salivary secretion in the submandibular glands.	Oxidative stress is the cause of salivary secretion disorders due to paradoxical sleep deprivation.
Shigiyama et al 2018	Partial sleep deprivation triggers the development of hepatic steatosis and hepatic insulin resistance.	Increased levels of lipogenic enzymes in the liver may trigger this condition.

5. Conclusion

Challenging working conditions, night shifts and irregular lifestyles may cause sleep disorders and deficiencies. Inadequate and/or poor quality sleep may cause various problems affecting many systems. As a result of the screening performed in this review, it was determined that the most affected systems are the nervous, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal systems. In this review, the effects of sleep deprivation on these systems and the mechanisms underlying these effects are summarized. However, it is an undeniable fact that there are contradictory studies and physiological and pathological mechanisms that are still not elucidated.

Compliance with ethical standards

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