

Effect of Aqueous Extracts From Some Plants on Alloxan – Diabetic Rats.

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Abstract

The present study aims to clarify the effect of aqueous extracts from green tea, sage (*Salvia officinalis*) and ginseng panax (*panax quinquefolius L.*) on the insulin sensitivity in the alloxanized diabetic rats. The experiment included twenty four normal male albino rats and 24 diabetic ones. They were classified into eight groups each of 6 rats. Two groups served as control (one normal and one diabetic rats) and the other groups were orally given the doses of aqueous extract for four weeks. The chemical analysis included level of blood glucose, plasma insulin, serum total cholesterol, serum triglycerides, HDL-cholesterol and LDL- cholesterol, in addition to the influence of these aqueous extracts on the liver glycogen and various enzymes of glucose metabolism (Glucose 6-phosphatase, ALT, AST and alkaline phosphatase).

The results revealed significant decrease ($p < 0.05$) in blood glucose, and highly significant increase in both liver glycogen content and serum insulin level in the diabetic group treated with aqueous extracts of tested plants in this study when compared with the diabetic untreated group.

Serum lipids (triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL- cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol) and various enzymes of glucose metabolism (ALT, AST, ALP and glucose-6-phosphatase) showed significant decrease in the diabetic group treated with aqueous extracts of tested plants when compared with the diabetic group. It is clear from the current data in this study that ginseng aqueous extract was the most efficient of the three tested plants.

Introduction

Diabetes is a heterogeneous group of metabolic disorders characterized physiologically by deficiency in insulin or insulin activity and clinically by hyperglycemia or impaired glucose tolerance and other manifestable disorders (WHO, 1994).

Several studies on enzymes involved in hepatic glucose metabolism in rats with alloxan and streptozotocin diabetes have shown well defined changes, which consist primarily of a decrease in the activity of glucokinase, hexokinase (Sheela and Augusti, 1992),

and an increase in the activity of gluconeogenic enzymes including aminotransferases (AST and ALT). (Tanaka et al., 1988 and Rawi et al, 1998) and glucose-6-phosphatase (Sheela and Augusti, 1992, Shibib et al., 1993).

In the last decade, more than 400 traditional plant treatments for diabetes mellitus have been recorded, but only a small of these have received scientific and medical evaluation to assess their efficacy. The most extensively used plant additive in human

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food, onion (*Allium Cepa*) contains active hypoglycemic constituents (Swanson Flatt et al., 1991). Garlic (*Allium sativum*) also contains a hypoglycemic organic sulphur compounds (Rawi et al., 1996,1998).

Green tea is widely consumed in Asia and is the most popular beverage in Japan. Several previous studies have shown that green tea contains high levels of antioxidants – chemicals that may help ward off cell damage and possibly cancer and it may help prevent stomach cancer, and cancers of the pancreas, bladder and colon (Steele et al., 2000). Furthermore, the polyphenols in green tea extract of which epigallocatechin-3-gallate is the main constituent, were found to have antidiabetic activity (Gomes et al., 1995 and Broadhurst et al., 2000).

Various species of the genus *Salvia* are used as folk remedies to treat several diseases. *Salvia officinalis* (Sage) is used as folk medicine, in the form of tea infusion, powder, syrup and inhalations as a tonic, digestive, antispasmodic, antiphlogistic, expectorant, antispasmodic and antiseptic (Chiej, 1988).

Panax ginseng (*panax quinquefolius*) is widely used in Chinese medicine for over 2000 years. It has been used for the treatment of a variety of conditions and hence considered a tonic to elevate mood and reduce fatigue (Sonnenborn and Proppert, 1990; Liu and Xiao, 1992). Other pharmacological properties including immunostimulation (Kim et al., 1999), and liver protection (Lin et al., 1995; Yoshikawa et al., 1998), were also reported.

The current study was designed to compare the efficacy of green tea, sage and ginseng *panax* on improvement of insulin sensitivity and biochemical complications of alloxanized

diabetic albino rats and to suggest their probable hypoglycemic mechanisms.

Material and Methods

Experimental animals :-

The experiments were carried out with male albino rats (Sprague Dawley strain) weighing $200 \text{ gm} \pm 5$. The animals were obtained from Helwan, Cairo, Egypt. The animals were acclimatized for two weeks prior the experiments. Standard diet and water were available for animals *ad libitum*, and they were maintained under 12 h light / dark cycle at $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$.

Preparation of diabetic Rats :-

Alloxan was purchased from sigma company, U.S.A. Diabetes mellitus was induced in normal healthy male albino rats (24 animals) by intraperitoneal injection of alloxan ($150 \text{ mg} / \text{kg}$ body weight) as described by Desai and Bhide (1985).

Tested plants:-

The tested plants were green tea, sage (*Salvia officinalis*) and ginseng *panax*. The tested plants were used in aqueous extracts at concentration of 0.2 g/ml by soaking these plants in boiling water, after 5 min each extract was filtered and the filtrate was fed intragastrically to rats at a temperature of $37 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. Control rats were administered an equivalent volume of distilled water intragastrically at $37 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.

Experimental Design :-

Twenty four normal male albino rats and twenty four diabetic ones, in eight groups each of 6 rats were fed on standard diet.

Two groups served as control (one normal and one diabetic group) and the other groups (3 normal and 3 diabetic) were orally given aqueous extracts of green tea, sage and *panax ginseng* in a

dose of 1 ml/ 100 gm body weight per day for 28 successive days. At the end of the experiment, animals were sacrificed after a short exposure to ether, bled from the abdominal artery, and the serum was separated for chemical analysis.

Biochemical analysis :-

Serum glucose concentration was estimated by enzymatic method of Trinder (1969)

Liver glycogen content was determined according to the method of Seifter et al (1950).

Estimation of insulin levels were carried out in National Research Center, El Dokki, Giza, according to the methods of Marschner et al., (1974).

Determination of liver transaminases enzyme activities (AST,ALT) were performed according to the method described by Reitman and Frankel (1957).

Determination of Glucose-6-phosphatase activity was done according to the method of Swanson (1950).

Determination of alkaline phosphatase activity was done according to Belfield and Goldberg (1971).

Determination of triacylglycerol was done according to enzymatic method of Fosseti and Prencipe (1982).

Determination of total cholesterol was done according to colourimetric method of Allain et al., (1974)

Determination of LDL-cholesterol was done by enzymatic method of Steinberg (1981).

Determination of HDL-cholesterol was done by method of Arcol (1984).

Statistics :-

The data of all parameters were expressed as mean \pm SD. Statistical evaluation of data was performed using analysis of variance (ANOVA)(Winer,

1971). $p < 0.05$ was taken to indicate significance.

Results and Discussion

The present study showed a significant increase in blood glucose level in the alloxanized diabetic group by (+ 207 %, $p < 0.05$) (Table 1), compared to that of non-diabetic ones. While the oral administration of aqueous extracts of green tea, sage and ginseng caused significant decrease by (-14.82, -25.81 and -54.75 % respectively, $p < 0.05$).as compared with the diabetic control rats.

On the other hand, our study demonstrated that the normal rats that received aqueous extracts of sage and green tea showed normal insulinemia as compared with normal values while the normal rats that received aqueous extract of ginseng showed an increase in serum insulin level by (10.86 %, $p < 0.05$) (Table 1) as compared with untreated control animal.

Alloxanized diabetic rats caused severe hypoinsulinemia by (-70.28%. $p < 0.05$) (Table 1) as compared with untreated control rats. The administration of aqueous extracts of green tea, sage and ginseng to alloxanized diabetic rats partially restored serum insulin level but to a lower value than the untreated control group (-53.1, -32.66 and - 4.28 % respectively, $p < 0.05$). By assaying the I: G ratio in Table (1), one can notice that ginseng panax extract had a high I: G ratio than sage while I: G ratio in green tea decreased and is more close to the diabetic ones.

Diabetic control rats showed depletion in liver glycogen content which was highly significant compared to the non-diabetic control. The treated rats showed a significant increase in liver glycogen by (147, 74.15 and 55.76 %, for ginseng, sage and green

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tea groups respectively, $p < 0.05$) (Table 1).

As insulin and glycogen are parallel to each other, one can notice that, with the high depletion of insulin in diabetic rats, there was a high depletion in glycogen concentration. The recovery of insulin was high with ginseng treatment followed by sage and green tea, also the recovery in liver glycogen was high in ginseng, sage and green tea treated groups respectively (Table 1).

Effect of aqueous extracts of tested plants on serum ALT, AST, glucose 6-phosphatase and alkaline phosphatase activities is presented in Table (2).

Aqueous extracts of sage and ginseng did not alter significantly the ALT activity in normal control rats ($p < 0.05$) except green tea extract which recorded a mild increase (12.5%), meanwhile alloxanized diabetic rats induced a highly significant increase in ALT activity by (93.46% , $p < 0.05$) as compared with normal control ones. The administration of aqueous extracts of green tea, sage and ginseng to alloxanized diabetic rats significantly improved the ALT activity by (-25.73, -37.41 and -42.23%, respectively, $p < 0.05$) as compared to normal diabetic group (Table 2).

Also, oral administration of aqueous extracts of tested plants to normal groups had no significant effect on the AST activity ($p < 0.05$). However, the alloxanized diabetic rats showed highly significant increase in AST activity (97.67%, $p < 0.05$), when compared with normal control group. Meanwhile, green tea, sage and ginseng, caused a significance decrease by (-29.83, -20.9 and -37.68 %, $p < 0.05$) lower than diabetic control group (Table 2).

Normal control rats treated with aqueous extracts of tested plants

exhibited slightly significant decrease in glucose 6-phosphatase ($p < 0.05$), while the diabetic group exhibited a highly significant increase when compared with normal control group. On the other hand, alloxan diabetic rats treated with green tea, sage and ginseng extracts exhibited significant change in glucose 6-phosphatase activity when compared with normal or with diabetic rats, ($p < 0.05$). from Table 2 it is also found that the aqueous extracts of green tea and sage significantly increased the alkaline phosphatase activity of normal and alloxan diabetic rats ($p < 0.05$). Meanwhile, aqueous extract of ginseng did not change significantly the alkaline phosphatase activity of normal rats but in alloxan diabetic rats ginseng extract significantly decrease the activity of alkaline phosphatase compared to untreated diabetic rats (-45.57% $p < 0.05$)

The present data demonstrated that alloxan diabetic rats showed marked carbohydrate metabolic disturbances including severe hyperglycemia, hypoinsulinemia, in addition to marked decrease in liver glycogen content. Hyperglycemia can be considered as a direct reflex to the marked hypoinsulinemia caused by the selective destructive cytotoxic effect of alloxan on the β cells of the pancreas (Bolaffi et al., 1986). Also from the biochemical point of view, it was evident that increased hepatic glucose output in diabetes mellitus may be derived either from glycogenolysis or from gluconeogenesis or both (Shibib et al., 1993, Rawi et al., 1996). This evidence was confirmed by our results which showed an enormous depletion of liver glycogen in the diabetic rats and a marked increase of the detected gluconeogenic serum enzymes, ALT and AST and liver glucose 6-phosphatase as compared with that of the non diabetic ones. Moreover, the depletion of liver

glycogen of diabetic rats in the present study was attributed to loss of glycogen synthetase activating system (Chang and Johnson, 1980 ; Rawi et al., 1998), and increased glucose 6- phosphatase as demonstrated in the present study. Thus, both high rates of gluconeogenesis and glycogenolysis are consistent with the observed hyperglycemia of the diabetic rats in the present work.

Our study demonstrated that the oral administration of aqueous extracts of green tea, sage and ginseng caused marked amelioration of serum glucose concentration of alloxan diabetic rats, besides elevating insulin concentration and increasing liver glycogen content which was reduced by alloxan administration. Our data were in good agreement with other investigators (Marles and Farnsworth, 1995 and Abdel- Moneim, 1998, Broadhurst et al, 2000) who stated that the positive effects of specific plant extracts on insulin activity suggest a possible role of these plants in improving glucose and insulin metabolism.

The glucose 6-phosphatase is a specific enzyme present in the liver and kidney but absent from muscles and adipose tissue. It is mainly responsible for releasing the glucose molecules to the blood by converting glucose 6- phosphate to glucose (Murray et al., 1996).

The present results indicated that the elevated liver glucose 6- phosphatase activity of diabetic rats showed a significant decrease after treatment with tested plants and ginseng extract appeared to have the greatest effect. Consistent with the depressing effect of tested plants on glucose 6- phosphatase activity are the data of other gluconeogenic enzymes, alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) activities which were also depressed. These results are in accordance with those of Rawi et al. (1998), who found that the decrease of transa-

minase activities with treatments may be attributed to the improved liver function with return of gluconeogenesis towards its normal rate.

Concerning the effect of alloxan diabetes on alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity, the data obtained revealed a significant increase in this group. The elevated activity, however, was reduced by aqueous extracts of tested plants. In agreement with the present results, Defronzo, (1999) and Roy et al., (1998) showed a slight increase of ALP activity after induction of diabetes by alloxan. Moreover, Roy et al. (1998) and Vuksan et al. (2000) reported that alloxan diabetes exerted 2 fold increase in serum ALP activity and the treatment of the diabetic animal with ginseng or insulin caused a marked decrease in the elevated enzyme. This indicates that insulin has a role in regulating the activity of this enzyme.

Several previous studies have shown that the hypoglycemic effect of green tea was attributed to the presence of Catechins and water soluble polysaccharide fraction (Matsumoto et al., 1993 and Gomes et al., 1995).

Broadhurst et al. (2000) suggested that green tea extract possibly protect the β - cells from the toxic effect of STZ and also help regeneration of the damaged cell.

Marles et al. (1995) found that volatile oil of *Salvia officinalis* (sage) produced significant hypoglycemic effects in alloxan diabetic mice. The antidiabetic effect of *Salvia officinalis* extract was attributed to the presence of certain flavonoides such as kaempferol, luteolin and quercetin which contain chroman ring (Wang et al., 2000). Moreover the antihyperglycemic effect may be also attributed to the chromium content which primarily acts as a component of glucose tolerance factor, (Chaney, 1993).

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The reductions in serum glucose concentration by ginseng may be due to one or a combination of different mechanisms, including modulation of digestion, insulin sensitivity, or insulin secretion (LIU et al., 1992). This is in agreement with the present study where the plasma insulin and serum glucose were significantly decreased after ginseng treatment in the alloxanized diabetic rats.

Ginseng has been shown to inhibit gastric secretion in rats (Suzuki, et al., 1991) and to decrease glucose and maltose absorption in rat and human (Onomura et al., 1999). Also, ginseng was reported to slow digestion, so low levels of blood glucose were recorded (Vuksan et al., 2001). Furthermore, Wolever (1998) found that both of which operate through delaying or inhibiting the absorption of carbohydrates in the gut.

Aitelle et al., (1994) found that the effect of ginseng in lowering blood glucose level in STZ- diabetic rats is probably attributed to the insulin like components present in the plant.

Active components of ginseng that may have an important mediating role in the hypoglycemic processes include its polysaccharide (ginsenosides), peptidoglycan (panaxans), and ginsenoside profiles. Most pharmacological actions of ginseng, however, are attributed to the involvement of ginsenosides (Kim et al. (1999).

Yoshikawa et al. (1998) stated that ginseng fractions isolated from ginseng roots such as ginseng polysaccharides or polypeptides reduced blood glucose level and stimulated the release of insulin. They suggested that ginseng increases carbohydrate utilization and promotes aerobic oxidation course.

Attele et al.(1994)suggested that the antidiabetic action of ginseng fraction may be partially mediated through a

decrease in hepatic gluconeogenesis by suppressing the activity of key glucogenic enzymes.

Also, ginseng has been shown to increase glucose- transporter – 2 protein in the livers of normal and hyperglycemic mice (Ohnishi et al., 1996), and glucose uptake into sheep erythrocytes in a dose dependent manner (Hasegawa et al., 1994).

Recent studies have shown that total ginsenosides affect the cholinergic dopaminergic (Vuksan et al., 2000) and adrenergic systems in rodents (Kim et al., 1998; kim et al., 1999). Roy et al.(1998)found that insulin –stimulated glucose uptake in rat skeletal muscles and adipose tissue is nitric oxide dependent. Evidence suggests that the increase in nitric oxide capable of elucidating this response might be accomplished by ginseng. Enhanced nitric oxide synthesis by ginseng in endothelium of lung, heart and kidney and in the corpus cavernosum has been noticed (Gillis, 1997). This effect may also be mediated by nitric oxide which stimulates glucose – dependent secretion of insulin in rat islet cells (Spinass et al., 1998).

Moreover, our study was run to evaluate the effect of aqueous extracts of tested plants on lipid profile in the normal and alloxan diabetic rats.

The data on serum triacylglycerol , total cholesterol HDL and LDL cholesterol concentrations as well as HDL / total and LDL/ HDL cholesterol ratios are given in table (3). Serum triglycerides were not affected by the administration of aqueous extracts of the tested plants to normal rats as compared with control group ($p > 0.05$) whereas alloxanized diabetic rats showed marked hypertriglyceridemia by (+ 57.89 %, $p < 0.05$). Meanwhile, green tea, sage and ginseng intake to diabetic rats caused a significant decrease by

(-14.19, -21.47 and -29.88 % respectively $p < 0.05$) lower than the diabetic values. On the other hand green tea, sage and ginseng extracts intake to normal rats did not affect either total cholesterol or LDL – cholesterol levels which were comparable to those of normal control values. A marked significant elevation was detected for both tested parameters in alloxan diabetic rats by (+ 30.19 %, $p < 0.05$) & (71.96 % , $p < 0.05$) respectively as compared with the normal control group. Both total cholesterol & LDL-cholesterol were regulated to normal values by aqueous extracts of tested plants in the alloxan diabetic rats. Meanwhile, values of high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol were found to be significantly increased in normal treated groups when compared with normal control ($p < 0.05$), while alloxan diabetic rats recorded a highly significant decrease when compared to normal control group (-37.27 %, $p < 0.05$). Treatment with plant extracts caused a significant increase in HDL cholesterol when compared with diabetic control group (26.71, 42.82 and 46.45 %, $p < 0.05$).

Table (3), also shows that in alloxan diabetes there was a significant decline in HDL / total cholesterol ratio (-52.2%, $p < 0.05$) compared to normal control group. Interestingly, the plant extracts significantly HDL / total cholesterol ratios compared to diabetic control group. On the contrary, LDL / HDL cholesterol ratio was markedly elevated in alloxan diabetic rats when compared with untreated control rats (174.23 %, $p < 0.05$). Moreover, tested plants significantly reduced such elevated ratio in the alloxan diabetic rats to reach levels comparable with untreated normal group.

In the present work alloxan diabetic rats exhibited marked hypertriglyceridemia, hypercholesterolemia with concomitant decrease in HDL cholesterol as well as alteration in HDL / total and LDL / HDL cholesterol ratios. Our results are in accordance with the findings of Mathe (1995), Ulicna, et al. (1996) and Wasan et al. (1998) who recorded marked increases of serum triglycerides and cholesterol levels and abnormalities in lipoprotein levels in alloxan and streptozotocin diabetic animals. These abnormalities certainly play a role in the increased risk for cardiovascular disease (Tsutsumi et al., 1995).

Treatments of alloxan diabetic rats in the present study with green tea, sage and ginseng produced marked decreases of serum triglycerides, total cholesterol concentrations; and also elevated HDL / cholesterol and reduced LDL / HDL ratios to reach normal values. These observations indicate that the hypocholesterolemic action of the tested plants is attributed to the ability to suppress cholesterol biosynthesis. Furthermore, correlation between insulin levels, triglycerides and cholesterol fractions underline the important role of the hormone in the control of blood lipid levels. Indeed hepatic VLDL-triglyceride synthesis and secretion are regulated by insulin (Marles and Faresworth, 1995).

In agreement with our results, Roy et al. (1998) and Yoshikawa et al., (1998) reported that ginseng extract or its fraction such as saponins have pronounced antilipemic properties.

In conclusion, this study calls attention to the need of further biochemical investigation of the plants' constituents and invites collaboration in the development of clinical field studies to access the efficacy of the herbalist use of medicinal plants in the treatment of diabetes. It is clear from the pre

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mentioned reports that green tea, sage and ginseng have numerous antidiabetic effects like decreasing serum glucose concentration, increasing serum insulin levels and improving metabolic pathways of lipids and that ginseng aqueous extract was the most effective of the three tested plants.

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Table (1) Change in various biochemical parameters in serum and liver of normal, alloxan diabetic and alloxan diabetic treated rats for 4 weeks

parameter Plant	Serum glucose (mg /dl)		Liver glycogen content (mg /g)		Serum insulin level (μ IU /ml)		I /G		I /Gn.	
	N.	A.D.	N.	A. D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.
Control	85.76 ^a ± 2.9	263.97 ± 8.71	13.66 ^a ± 0.59	4.68 ± 0.54	26.42 ^{ab} ± 2.09	7.85 ± 0.72	0.31	0.03	1.93	1.68
Green tea	91.53 ^a ± 4.78	224.83 ± 5.29	12.63 ^b ± 0.063	7.43 ± 0.54	25.47 ^b ± 2.64	13.39 ± 0.74	0.28	0.06	2.02	1.80
Sage	86.65 ^a ± 4.74	195.84 ± 4.52	12.82 ^b ± 0.71	8.15 ± 0.27	27.27 ^a ± 0.53	17.79 ± 0.83	0.31	0.09	2.13	2.18
Ginseng	85.39 ^a ± 3.35	119.44 ± 4.35	13.78 ^a ± 0.68	11.56 ± 0.58	29.29 ± 1.57	25.29 ^b ± 0.66	0.34	0.21	2.13	2.19
L.S. D P<0.05	6.2648		0.67912		1.6677					
L.S. D P<0.01	8.4082		0.9086		2.2313					

N : Normal A.D. : Alloxan Diabetic

Values given as mean of 6 rats \pm SD.

Means with the same letter are not significantly different.

I /G : ratio between Insulin level and glucose

I / Gn : ratio between insulin level and glycogen content.

Table (2) Change in various enzymes activity in serum and liver of normal, alloxan diabetic and alloxan diabetic treated rats for 4 weeks

parameter Plant	Liver G-6-pase activity (μ mol pi /min /g protein)		Serum ALT activity (U/L)		Serum AST activity (U/L)		Serum ALP activity (U/dl)	
	N.	A.D.	N.	A. D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.
Control	22.79 ± 0.49	35.21 ± 1.74	24.47 ^{bc} ± 1.38	47.34 ± 1.58	43.39 ^a ± 3.48	85.77 ± 3.17	39.32 ^b ± 1.5	84.94 ± 2.88
Green tea	21.06 ^a ± 1.64	29.04 ± 0.87	27.53 ^a ± 1.29	36.65 ± 2.25	44.78 ^a ± 1.05	60.18 ± 2.38	46.14 ^a ± 1.17	53.65 ± 1.53
Sage	20.54 ^a ± 1.01	26.36 ± 0.76	25.61 ^b ± 0.95	29.63 ± 1.37	44.12 ^a ± 1.95	67.84 ± 2.24	44.84 ± 2.25	65.34 ± 1.84
Ginseng	17.83 ± 0.64	24.64 ± 1.59	23.18 ^c ± 1.11	27.35 ^a ± 1.5	42.88 ^a ± 0.89	53.45 ± 1.39	40.85 ^b ± 1.55	46.23 ^a ± 1.19
L.S. D P<0.05	1.3830		1.7193		2.6252		2.1257	
L.S. D P<0.01	1.8504		2.3004		3.5124		2.8441	

N : Normal A.D. : Alloxan Diabetic

Values given as mean of 6 rats \pm SD.

Means with the same letter are not significantly different.

Table (3) Changes in serum lipid profile of normal, alloxan diabetic and alloxan diabetic treated rats for 4 weeks

parameter Plant	triglycerides (mg /dl)		cholesterol (mg /dl)		HDL-cholesterol (mg/ dl)		LDL-cholesterol (mg/ dl)		HDL / Total cholesterol ratio		LDL/HDL cholesterol ratio	
	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.	N.	A.D.
Control	67.19a ± 1.71	106.09 ± 3.59	85.37 ^{ab} ± 2.43	111.14 ± 3.07	34.32 ^c ± 1.04	21.53 ± 2.03	33.31 ^{ab} ± 2.16	57.28 ± 0.98	0.402	0.192	0.971	2.660
Green tea	68.6a ± 1.48	91.04 ± 1.64	85.44 ^{ab} ± 2.07	87.44 ^a ± 1.95	35.49 ^{bc} ± 2.16	27.28 ± 1.08	31.03 ^c ± 1.44	34.27 ^a ± 1.62	0.415	0.312	0.874	1.256
Sage	67.84a ± 0.98	83.31 ± 2.77	84.04 ^{bc} ± 1.68	86.13 ^{ab} ± 2.07	36.7 ^{ab} ± 1.45	30.75 ^d ± 1.59	31.51 ^{bc} ± 1.44	33.91 ^a ± 1.55	0.437	0.357	0.857	1.103
Ginseng	66.39a ± 1.77	74.38 ± 5.91	82.37 ^c ± 2.05	84.10 ^{bc} ± 1.76	38.04 ^a ± 1.65	31.53 ^d ± 1.32	28.44 ± 1.58	31.06 ^c ± 1.51	0.462	0.375	0.748	0.985
L.S. D P<0.05	2.5104		2.5372		1.8518		1.8652					
L.S. D P<0.01	3.3588		3.3947		2.4776		2.4955					

N : Normal A.D. : Alloxan Diabetic

Values given as mean of 6 rats \pm SD.

Means with the same letter are not significantly different.

تأثير المستخلصات المائية لبعض النباتات على الجردان المصابة بمرض البول السكري المستحدث بمادة الألوكسان

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تم في هذا البحث دراسة تأثير بعض المستخلصات المائية من نباتات الشاي الأخضر والمرمية والجنسنج على الحساسية للأنسولين في الجردان المصابة بمرض البول السكري المستحدث بواسطة مادة الألوكسان. وقد استخدمت في هذه التجربة 48 فأراً مقسمة الى مجموعتين (24 فأراً سليماً و24 فأراً مصاباً بمرض البول السكري) ثم قسمت كل مجموعة الى أربع مجموعات صغيرة كل مجموعة تشمل 6 فئران. مجموعتان تعمل كمجموعات ضابطة (مجموعة شليمة ومجموعة مصابة بالسكر) أما باقى المجموعات فقد تناولت جرعات من المستخلصات المائية لنباتات الشاي الأخضر والمرمية والجنسنج كل على حدة يوماً لمدة 4 أسابيع.

ولقد تناولت هذه الدراسة معرفة تأثير المستخلصات المائية لهذه النباتات على مستوى السكر فى الدم ونسبة الأنسولين فى البلازما والكوليسترول والجلسريدات الثلاثية والبروتينات الدهنية عالية الكثافة ومنخفضة الكثافة بالإضافة الى تأثير هذه النباتات على جليكوجين الكبد ونشاط بعض الأنزيمات مثل انزيمات الترانس أمينيز و الجلوكوز -6- فوسفاتيز والفوسفاتيز القلوى .

وقد أظهرت النتائج الآتى :-

انخفاض ملموس فى مستوى سكر الدم وارتفاع فى محتوى جليكوجين الكبد وزيادة فى نسبة الأنسولين فى المجموعات المصابة بالسكر والمعالجة بمستخلصات النباتات فى هذه الدراسة بالمقارنة بالمجموعة المصابة بمرض البول السكري والغير معالجة.

كما أظهرت النتائج ان جميع دهنيات الدم (الجلسريدات الثلاثية ونسبة الكوليسترول الكلى والبروتينات الدهنية منخفضة الكثافة) وأيضاً نشاط إنزيمات تمثيل الجلوكوز (جلوكوز -6- فوسفاتيز و انزيمات الترانس أمينيز والفوسفاتيز القلوى) نقصاً معنوياً فى المجموعات المصابة بمرض البول السكري والمعالجة بمستخلصات النباتات موضوع الدراسة بالمقارنة بالمجموعة المصابة بالسكر وغير المعالجة.

أيضاً يتضح من نتائج هذا البحث أن مستخلص نباتات الجنسنج كان له أعلى تأثير فى هذه الدراسة عن النباتات الأخرى .