Influence of 3-Hydroxymethyl Xylitol, a Novel Antidiabetic Compound Isolated From Casearia Esculenta (Roxb.) Root, on Glycoprotein Components in Streptozotocin-Diabetic Rats

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Casearia esculenta root (Roxb.) is widely used in traditional system of medicine to treat diabetes in India. An active compound, 3-hydroxymethyl xylitol (3-HMX), has been isolated, and its optimum dose has been determined in a short duration study and patented. In addition, the long-term effect of 3-HMX in type 2 diabetic rats on antihyperglycemic, antioxidants, antihyperlipidaemic, and protein metabolism and kidney marker enzymes was investigated, and its effect was shown previously. In this study we investigated the effect of 3-HMX on plasma and tissue glycoproteins in streptozotocin-diabetic rats. Animals were divided into five groups viz., control group, 3-HMX (40 mg/kg of body weight) treated group, diabetic group, diabetic + 3-HMX (40 mg/kg of body weight) and diabetic + glibenclamide (600 μg/kg of body weight). 3-HMX was administered orally at a dose of 40 mg/kg of body weight for 45 days. The study shows significant increases in the level of sialic acid except kidney and elevated levels of hexose, hexosamine and fucose in the liver and kidney of diabetic rats, and the treatment with 3-HMX and glibenclamide showed reversal of these parameters towards normalcy. Thus the study indicates that 3-HMX possesses a significant beneficial effect on glycoprotein components.

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