

Carbonic Anhydrase: A New Therapeutic Target for Managing Diabetes

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Introduction

- The manifestations of diabetes cause considerable human suffering and enormous economic costs.
- Diabetes caused at least **USD 612 billion dollars** in health expenditure in 2014, with an estimated **4.9 million deaths** in 2014.¹
- Every seven seconds a person dies from diabetes.¹

- **387 million** people presently have diabetes; by 2035 this will rise to **592 million**.¹
- **77%** of people with diabetes live in **low- and middle-income countries**.¹
- More than **22 million** people in the Africa Region have Diabetes; by 2035 this figure will almost double.¹

- There were **3.747 million** cases of diabetes in Nigeria in 2014.¹
- Prevalence of diabetes in adults in Nigeria is 4.6%.¹
- Number of death in adults due to diabetes is **105,091**.¹
- Cost per person with diabetes in Nigeria is **USD 178.4**.¹

- The development of long-term complications in diabetes is influenced by hyperglycemia.
- Poor control of hyperglycemia accelerates its progression.
- The resulting chronic hyperglycemic condition in diabetes is associated with long term damage, dysfunction, and failure of various organs, such as eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels.²
- To prevent complications, **Good management** of diabetes should be to monitor the development of such complications and to provide timely intervention.

Therapeutic Target

- Inhibition of gluconeogenesis, lipolysis, and fatty acid oxidation, as well as stimulation of β 3-adrenergic receptors.³
- Diabetes is being combated through aggressive treatment directed at lowering circulating blood glucose and inhibiting postprandial hyperglycemic rise.
- Current treatment, although provide a good glycemic control but do little in preventing complications.⁴

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Current Strategies for The Treatment of Diabetes

- Reducing insulin resistance using glitazones.
- Supplementing insulin supplies with exogenous insulin.
- Increasing endogenous insulin production with sulfonylureas and meglitinides.
- Stimulating insulin secretion with Gliptins.
- Reducing hepatic glucose production through biguanides.
- And limiting postprandial glucose absorption with alpha-glucosidase inhibitors.

Emerging Therapeutic Targets

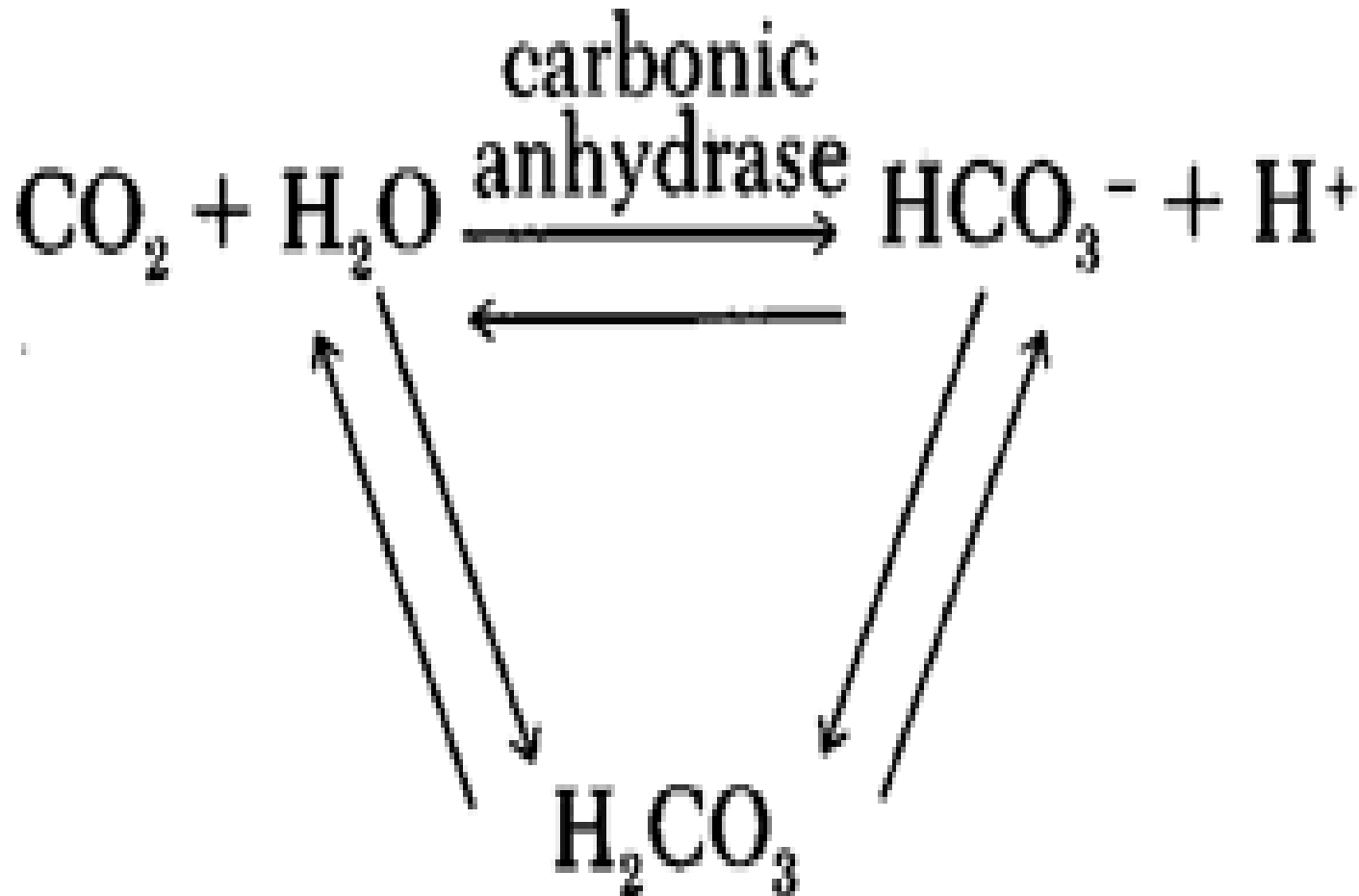
- Insulin sensitizers including protein tyrosine phosphatase-1B (PTP-1B) and glycogen synthase kinase 3 (GSK3).⁵
- Inhibitors of gluconeogenesis like pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase (PDH) inhibitors.⁵
- Lipolysis inhibitors.⁵
- Fat oxidation including carnitine palmitoyltransferase (CPT) I and II inhibitors,⁵ and.
- Energy expenditure by means of beta 3-adrenoceptor agonists.⁵

- It is well established that the risk of microvascular and macrovascular complications is related to glycemia, as measured by HbA1c; this remains a major focus of therapy.
- Our study aimed at assessing whether carbonic anhydrase is associated with short and long term implication in diabetes mellitus. The study aimed to provide therapeutic target at the same time a new marker to assist in identifying diabetic individuals at a high risk of developing diabetic complications.

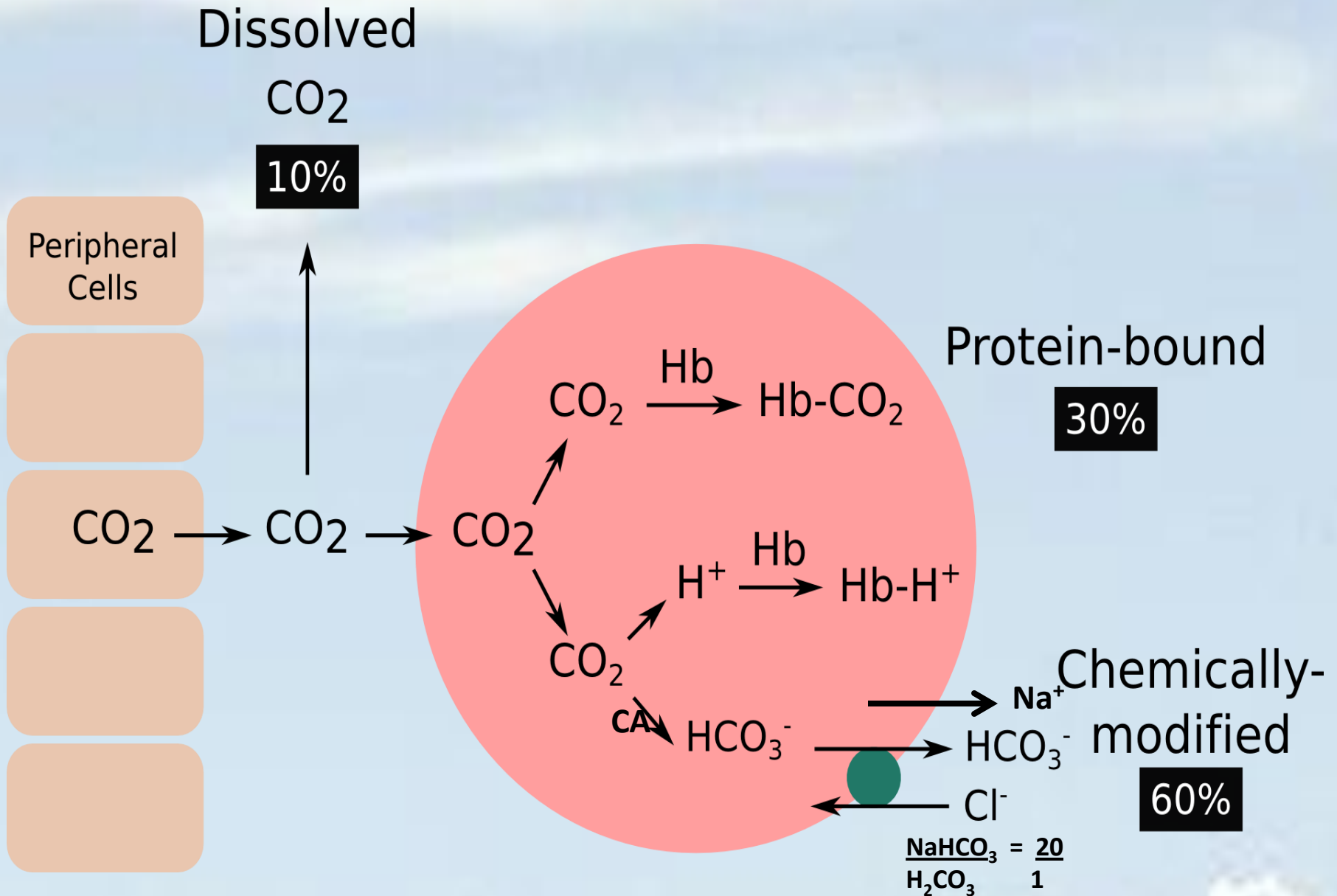
Carbonic Anhydrase

- Carbonic anhydrase is a globular zinc metalloenzyme of molecular weight 30 KD.
- The enzyme was discovered in 1933 and has been the subject of intense scientific investigation.
- Carbonic anhydrase is one of the fastest enzymes known.
- The catalytic rate of carbonic anhydrase is approximately $1 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (i.e each enzyme molecule can hydrate 10^6 molecules of CO_2 *per second*)⁶.

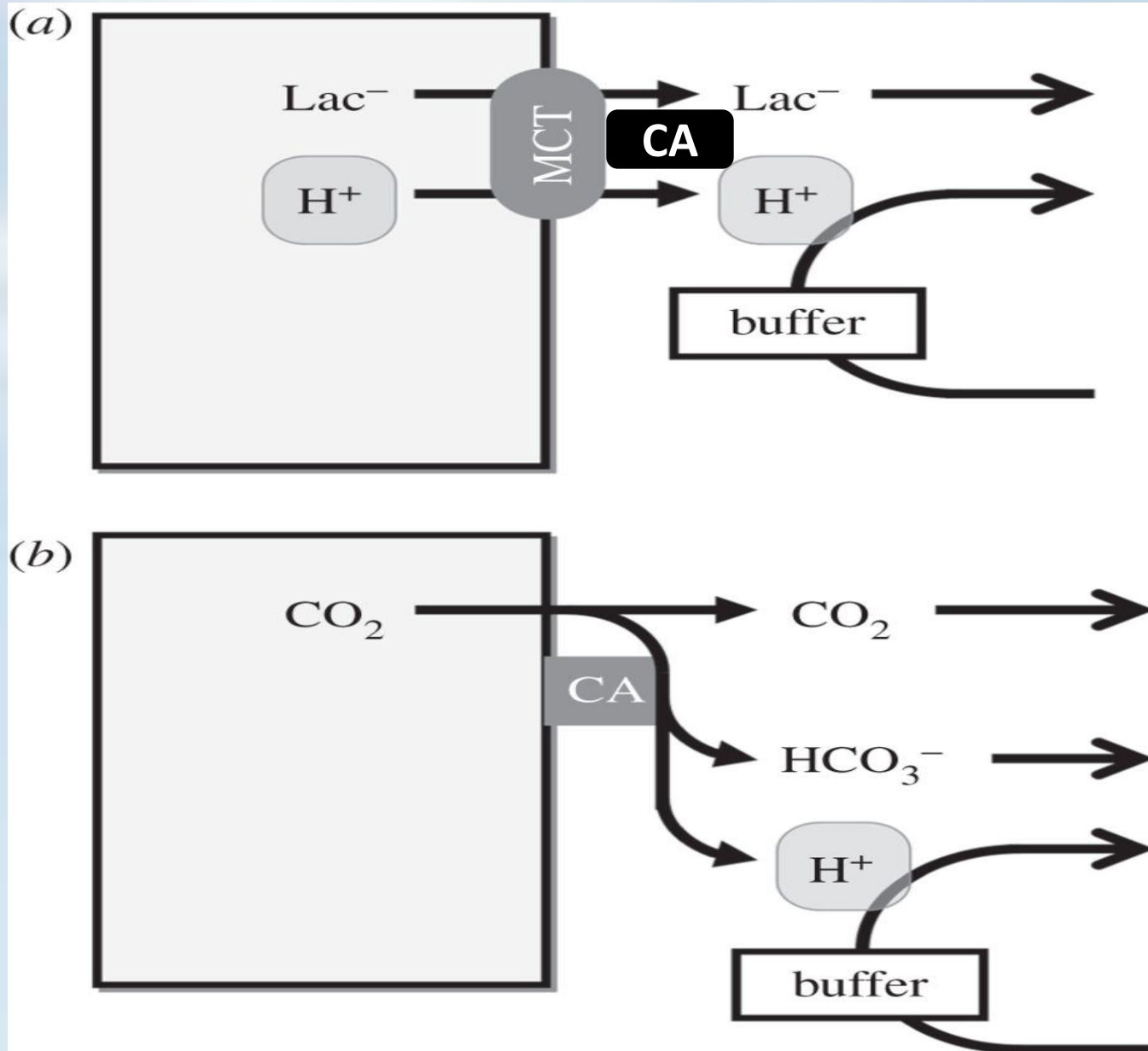
General Carbonic Anhydrase Reaction



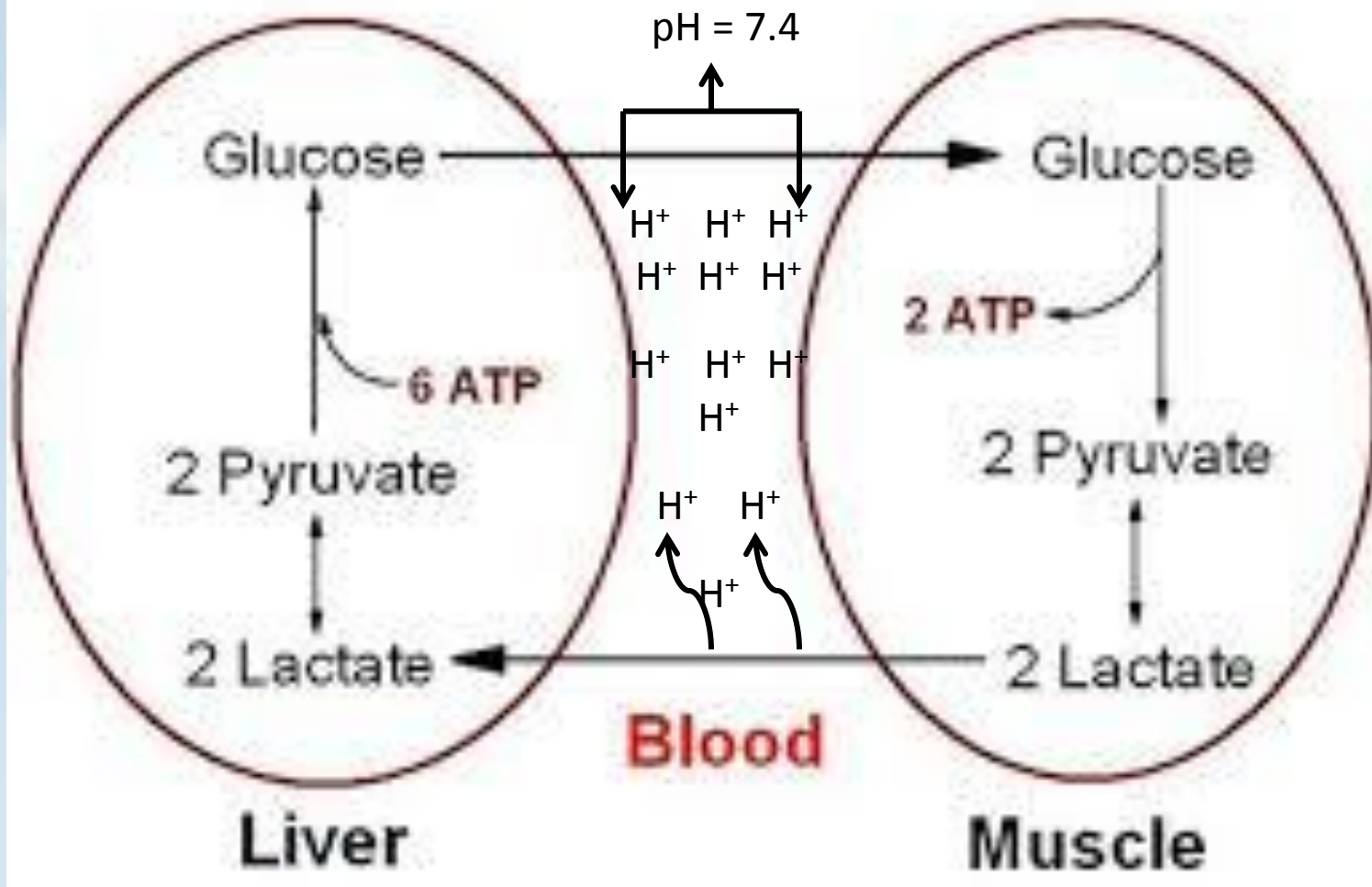
Carbonic Anhydrase Reaction in RBC



Role of CA in Lactate and CO₂ Transport

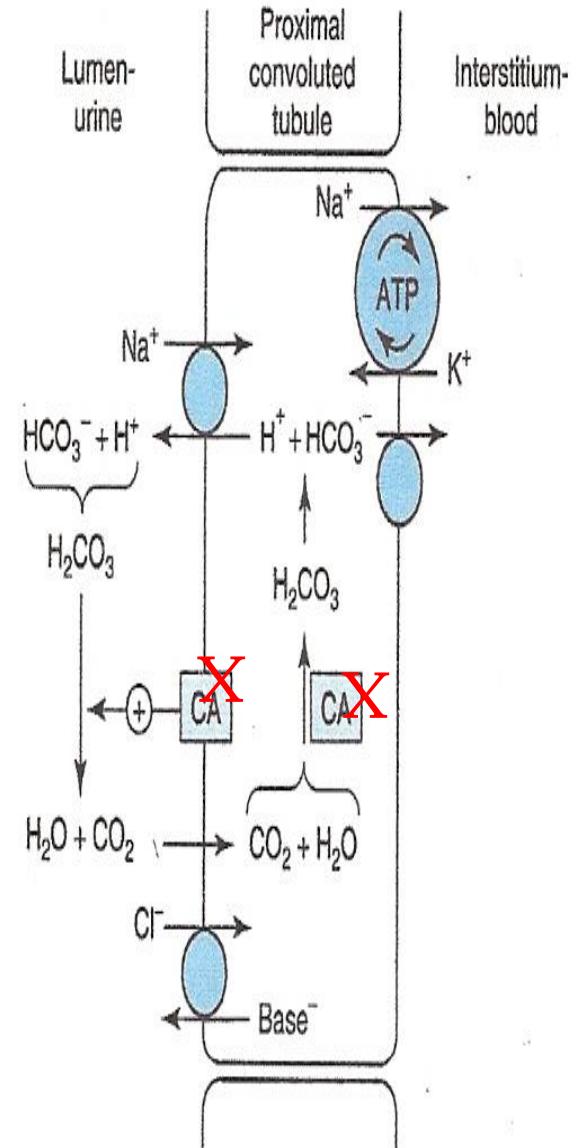


The Cori Cycle



Metabolic Acidosis in Diabetes

- I. Metabolic acidosis is the most common serious acid-base disorder complicating diabetes mellitus.
- II. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors produce metabolic acidosis by their action on carbonic anhydrase in the proximal and distal renal tubules. This blocks excretion of hydrogen ions, producing an alkali urine.



INHIBITION OF CARBONIC ANHYDRASE

CA inhibition is associated with undesired side effects; such as:⁷

1. Numbness and tingling of extremities;
2. Metallic taste;
3. Depression;
4. Fatigue;
5. Malaise;
6. Weight loss;
7. Decreased libido;
8. Gastrointestinal irritation;
9. Metabolic acidosis;
10. Renal calculi and
11. Transient myopia

RESEARCH DESIGN

IN VIVO STUDIES

INVESTIGATION OF CHANGES IN ERYTHROCYTE CARBONIC ANHYDRASE ACTIVITY IN NORMAL RATS

NORMAL
RANDOM

NORMAL
FASTING



14 DAY(S) INVESTIGATION OF ERYTHROCYTE CARBONIC ANHYDRASE IN STZ INDUCED DIABETIC RATS
(60mg/kg)



28 DAY(S) INVESTIGATION OF INHIBITED ERYTHROCYTE CARBONIC ANHYDRASE IN STZ INDUCED
DIABETIC RATS (60mg/kg)



28 DAY(S) INVESTIGATION OF ERYTHROCYTE CARBONIC ANHYDRASE IN STZ INDUCED DIABETIC RATS
(60mg/kg) TREATED WITH ACETAZOLAMIDE 250mg/kg, METFORMIN 1000mg/kg AND METHANOL
LEAF EXTRACT OF *CADABA FARINOSA* 1000mg/kg

***IN VITRO* STUDIES**

n-HEXANE, ETHYL ACETATE AND METHANOL CRUDE EXTRACT WAS OBTAINED BY SUCCESSIVE EXTRACTION USING SOXHLET APPARATUS

INVITRO INHIBITORY STUDY OF ACETAZOLAMIDE(15 μ g/100 μ L) , METFORMIN(15 μ g/100 μ L) AND CRUDE EXTRACT(S) OF CADABA FARINOSA(15 μ g/100 μ L) ON CARBONIC ANHYDRASE(10 μ g/100 μ L) ACTIVITY

BASED ON THE *IN-VITRO* STUDIES, MOST ACTIVE LEAF EXTRACT WAS SELECTED FOR FURTHER STUDIES

BASED ON STUDIES ABOVE, THE ACTIVE COMPONENTS FROM THE MOST ACTIVE LEAF EXTRACT WAS ANALYZED.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of extract of *cadaba farinosa* leaves

The leaves of *Cadaba farinosa* were, washed, air-dried at room temperature, grinded to powder. The crude extract was obtained through successive soxhlet extraction by dissolving 800g of powdered plant leaves in 2.5L of n-Hexane followed by ethyl acetate and finally methanol for 48 hours each in a soxhlet apparatus. The crude fractions were concentrated using rotary evaporator and stored in a dessicator until use.

Study animals

Male wister albino rats of 180–220 grams weight were used for this study.

Induction of diabetes

Diabetes was induced in all the rats except in the normal controls, by Streptozotocin (STZ) 60 mg per kg body weight, dissolved in ice cold citrate buffer (0.1 M, pH 4.5), through intraperitoneal route. Fasting hyperglycemia was confirmed by the elevated glucose level > 200 mg/dl in plasma, determined at 72 h after injection. Hyperglycemic rats were included for the study along with the normal control animals.

Biochemical Analysis

Metabolic parameters:

Blood glucose, lactate, cholesterol and triglycerides were measured using (Accutrend GCT Meter, Roche, Germany with Cobas® test strips).



Glycosylated haemoglobin determination:

HbA1c was measured according to the manufacturers instruction, using standard reagent kits (Spectrum-diagnostics, Egypt).

ASSAY OF CARBONIC ANHYDRASE ACTIVITY

Carbonic anhydrase activity was determined as described by vapoorte et al.⁸, with the modification described by Parui *et al.*⁹, using spectrophotometer at 348 nm.

One unit of enzyme activity was expressed as μmol of p-nitrophenol released/min/ μL from hemolysate at room temperature (25°C).^{9,10}

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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Results were presented as mean \pm standard Deviation (SD). Within and between groups, comparisons were performed by the analysis of variance (ANOVA) (using SPSS 20.0 for windows Computer Software Package). Significant differences were compared by Duncan's new Multiple Range test; a probability level of less than 5% ($P < 0.05$) was considered significant.¹⁰

**CHANGES IN ERYTHROCYTE CARBONIC
ANHYDRASE ACTIVITY IN UNTREATED
DIABETIC RATS**

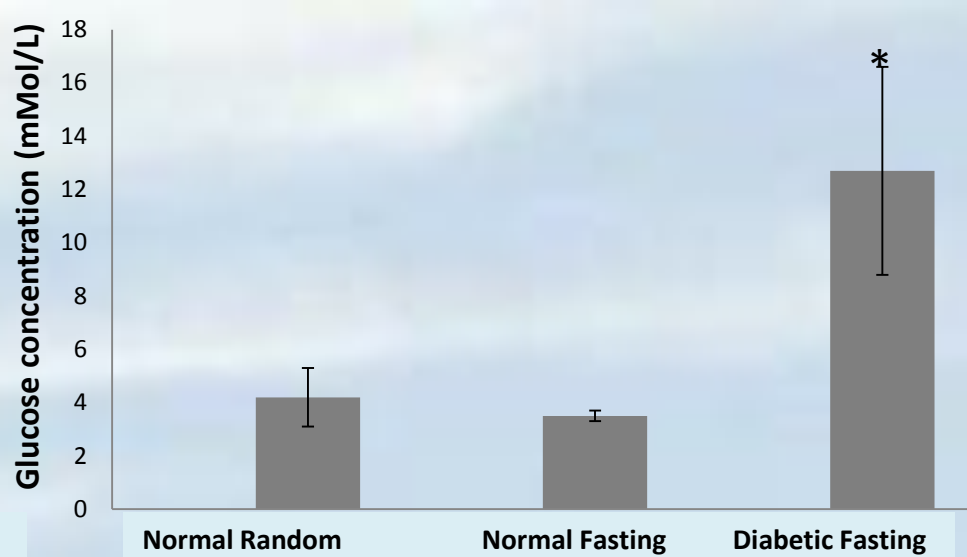
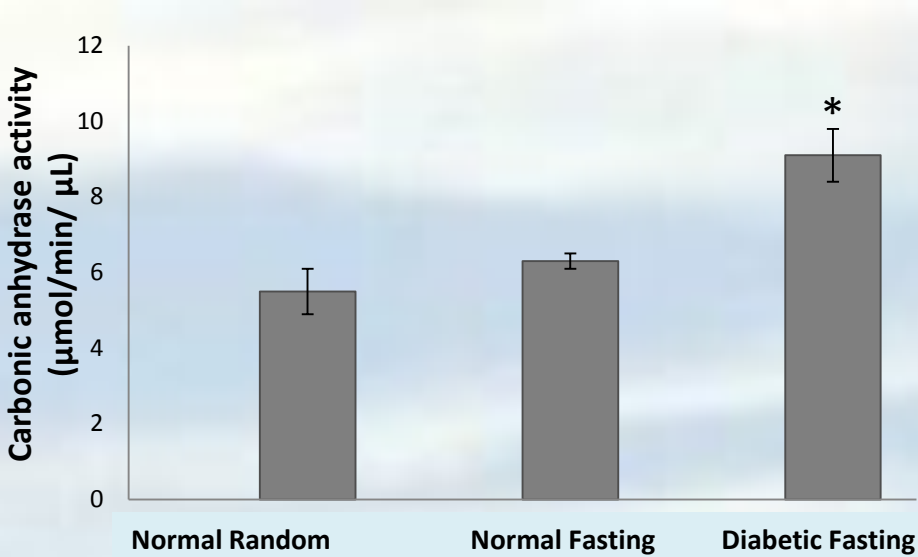


Figure 1A: Changes in erythrocyte carbonic anhydrase activity in Normal Random/Fasting and STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg). for 14days.

***P < 0.05 vs Normal control (n=5).**

Figure 1B: Changes in blood glucose concentration in Normal Random/Fasting and STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg). for 14days.

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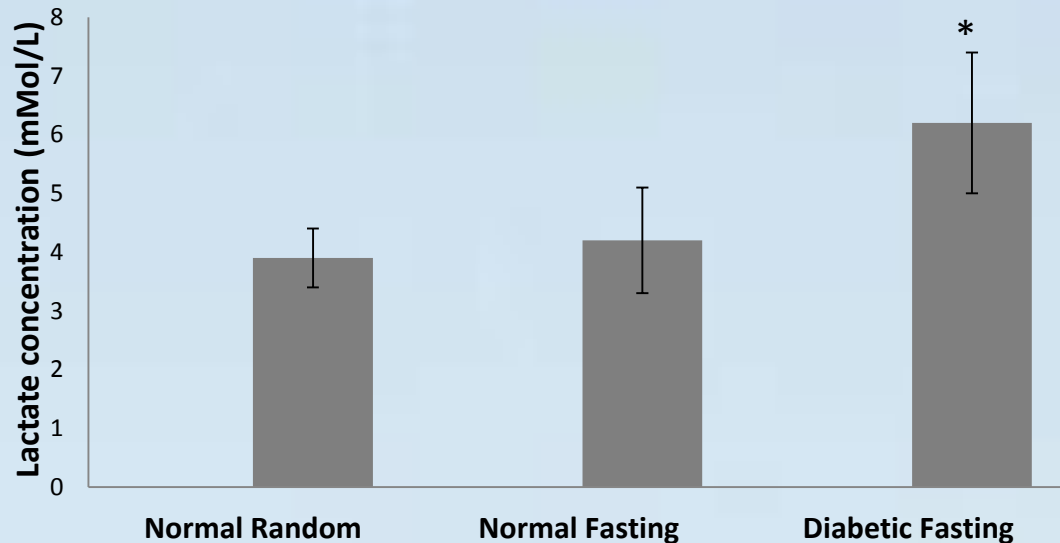


Figure 1C: Changes in blood lactate concentration in Normal Random/Fasting and STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg). for 14days.

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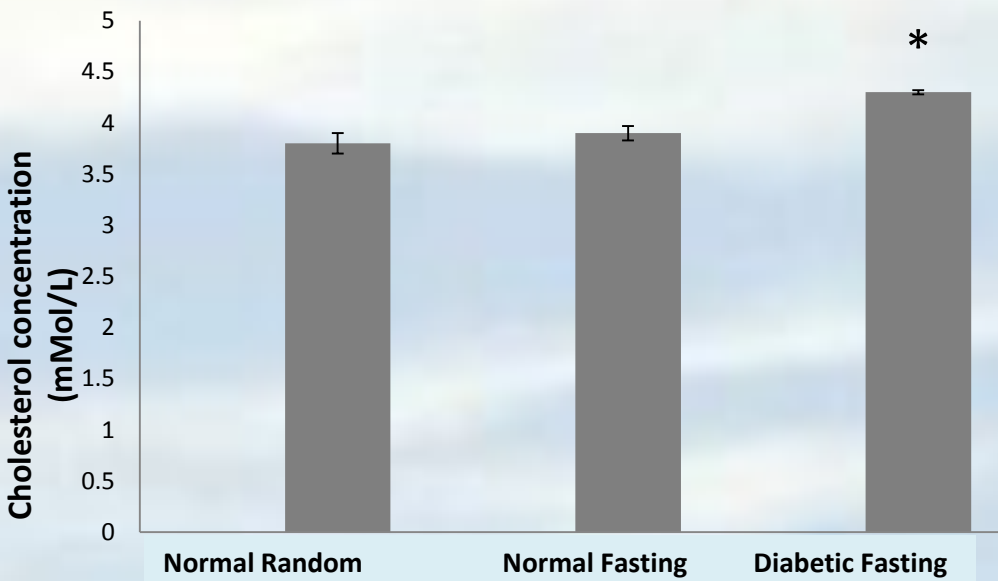


Figure 1D: Changes in blood Cholesterol concentration in Normal Random/Fasting and STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg). for 14days.

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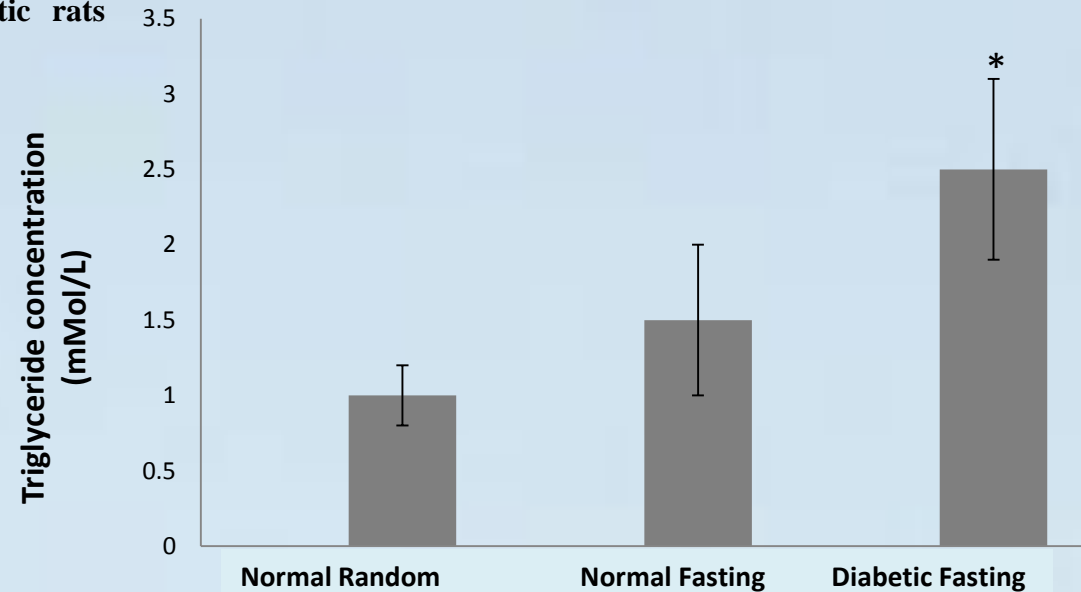


Figure 1E: Changes in blood Triglyceride concentration in Normal Random/Fasting and STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg). for 14days.

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**28 DAYS CHANGES IN ERYTHROCYTE
CARBONIC ANHYDRASE ACTIVITY IN
DIABETIC RATS TREATED WITH
ACETAZOLAMIDE**

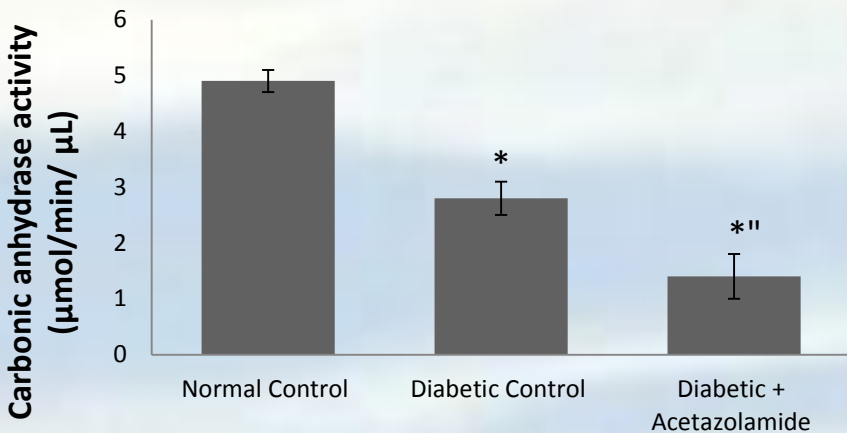


Figure 2A: Inhibition of erythrocyte carbonic anhydrase activity by Acetazolamide (250mg/kg/day) in STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg), for 28 days.

*P < 0.05 vs Normal control; **P < 0.05 vs Diabetic control (n=5).

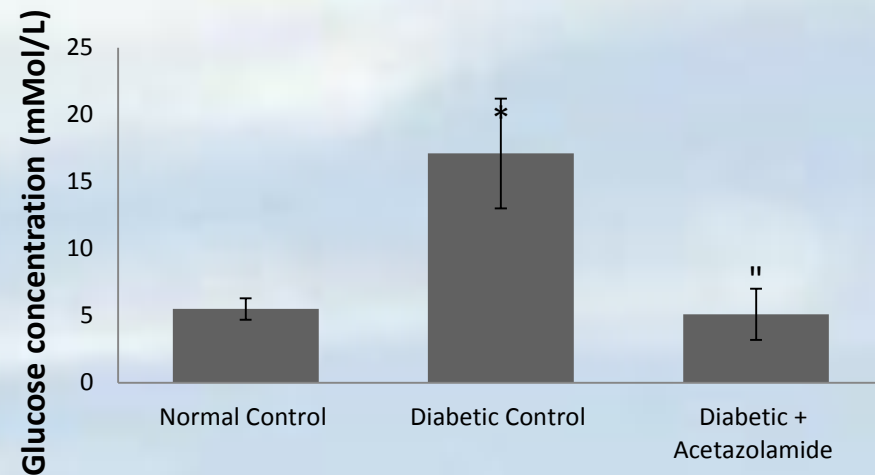


Figure 2B: : Glucose concentration in STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg) treated with Acetazolamide (250mg/kg/day) for 28 days.

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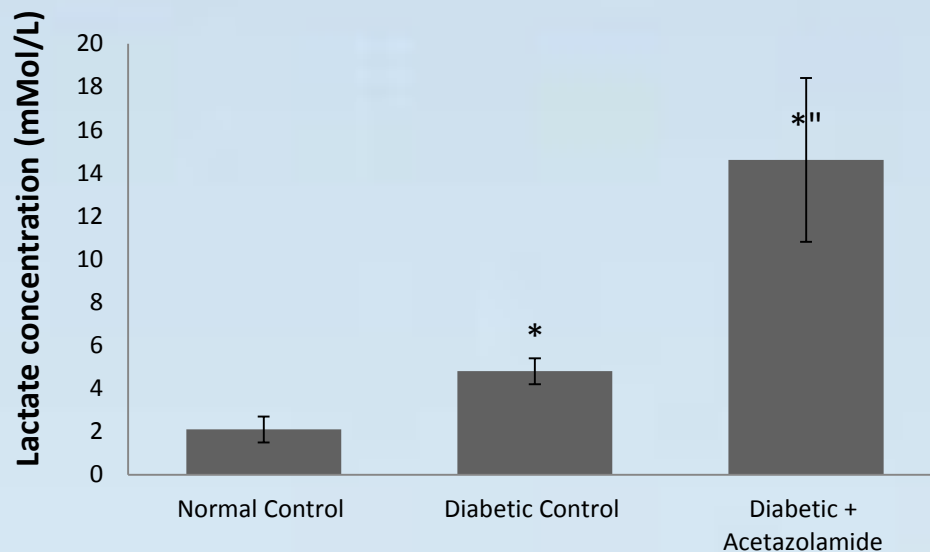


Figure 2C: Lactate concentration in STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg) treated with Acetazolamide (250mg/kg/day) for 28 days.

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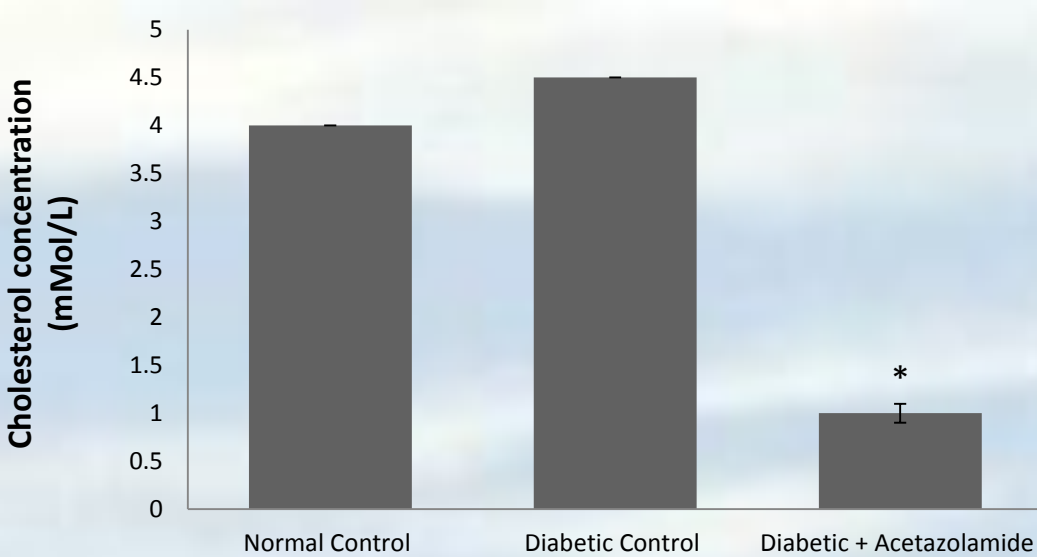


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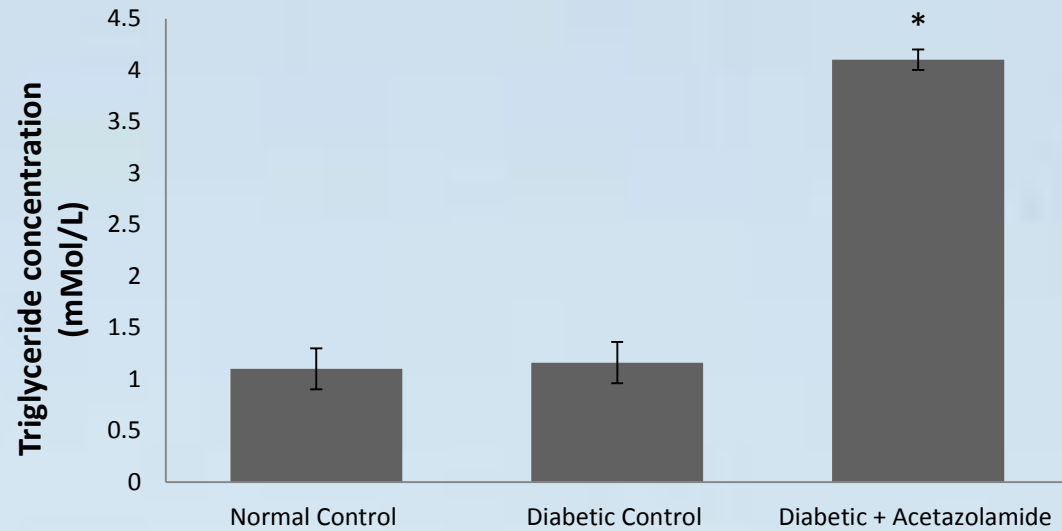


Figure 2E: Triglyceride concentration in STZ induced diabetic rats (60mg/kg) treated with Acetazolamide (250mg/kg/day) for 28 days. *P < 0.05 vs Normal control (n=5).

**28 DAYS CHANGES IN ERYTHROCYTE
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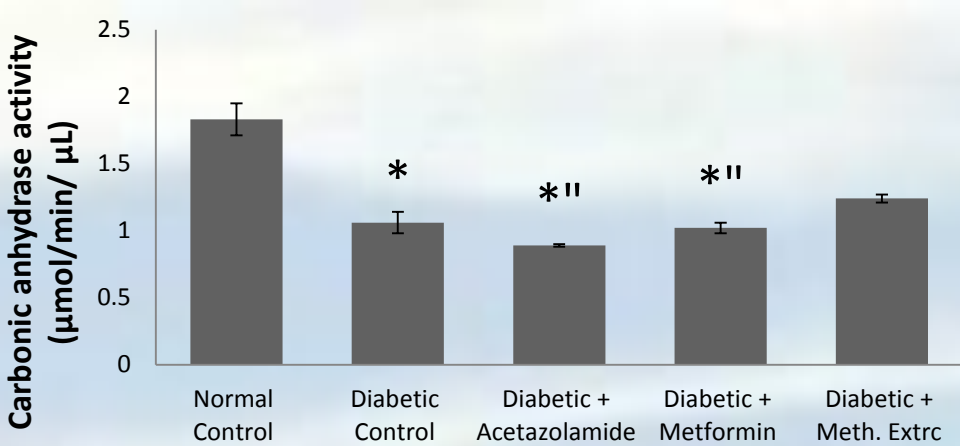


Figure 3A: The effect of Acetazolamide, Metformin and Methanol extract of *Cadaba farinosa* on erythrocyte carbonic anhydrase activity levels in STZ induced diabetic rats treated at 250mg/kg/day, 500mg/kg/day and 1000mg /kg/day doses for 28 days. *P < 0.05 vs Normal control; **P < 0.05 vs Diabetic control (n=5).

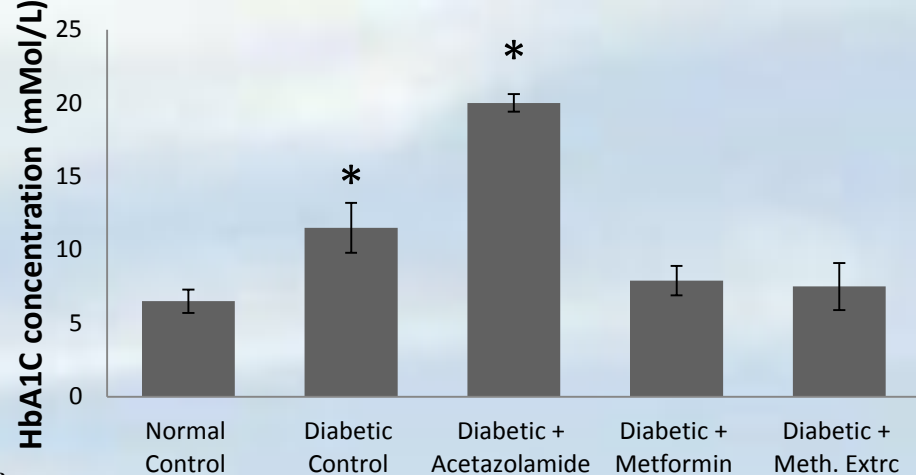


Figure 3B: The effect of Acetazolamide, Metformin and Methanol extract of *Cadaba farinosa* on HbA_{1C} levels in STZ induced diabetic rats treated at 250mg/kg/day, 500mg/kg/day and 1000mg /kg/day doses for 28 days. *P < 0.05 vs Normal control; **P < 0.05 vs Diabetic control (n=5).

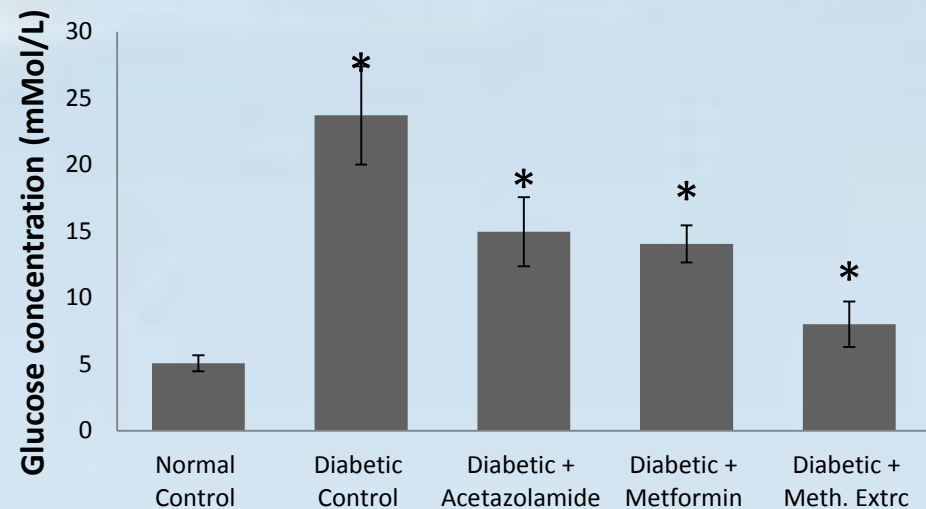


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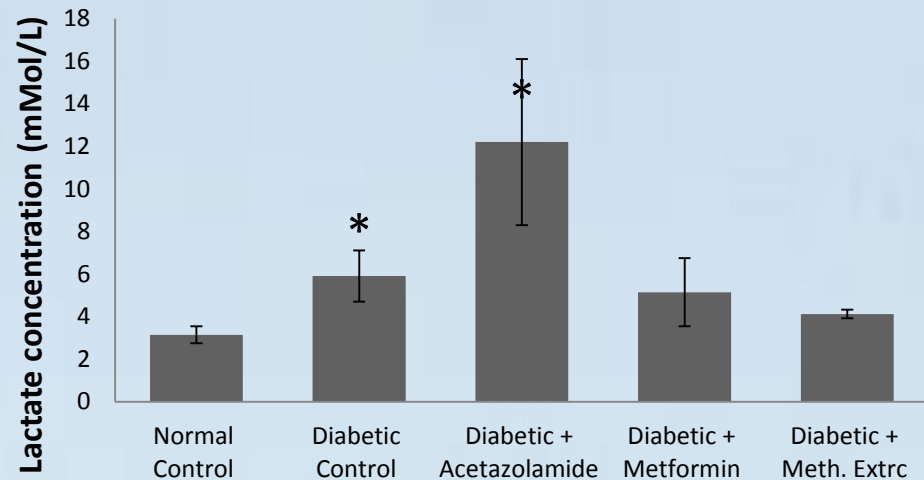


Figure 3D: The effect of Acetazolamide, Metformin and Methanol extract of *Cadaba farinosa* on lactate concentration in STZ induced diabetic rats treated at 250mg/kg/day, 500mg/kg/day and 1000mg /kg/day doses for 28 days. *P < 0.05 vs Normal control; **P < 0.05 vs Diabetic control (n=5).

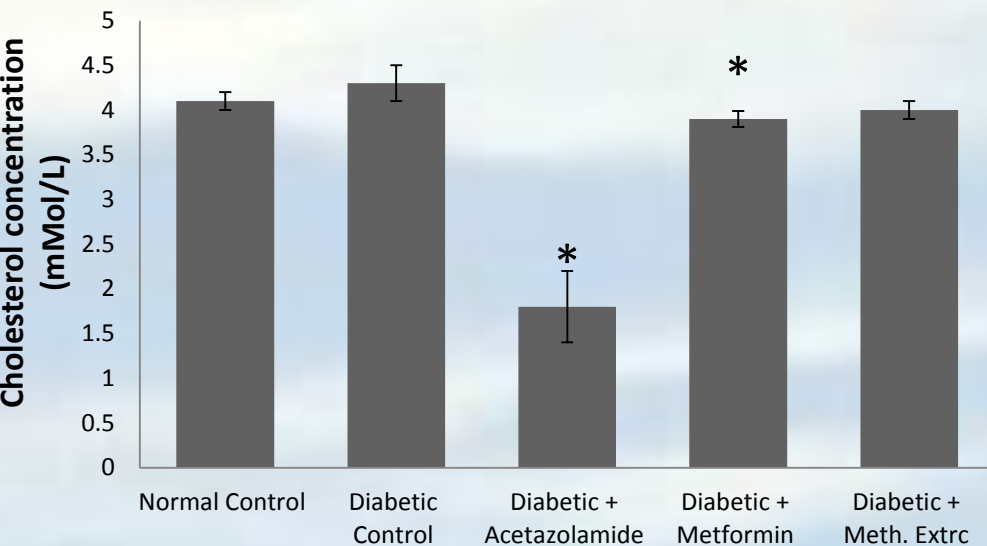


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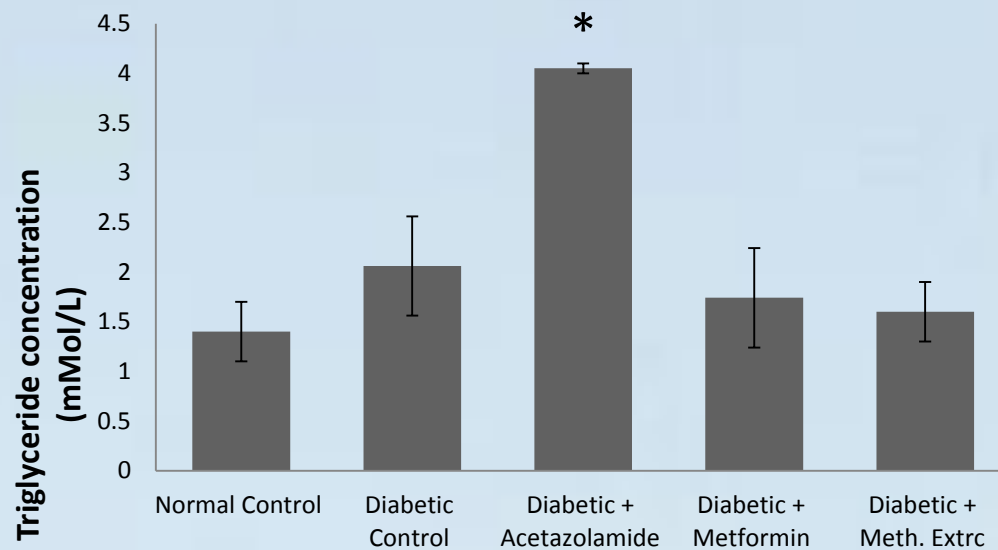


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**INVITRO INHIBITORY STUDY OF CRUDE
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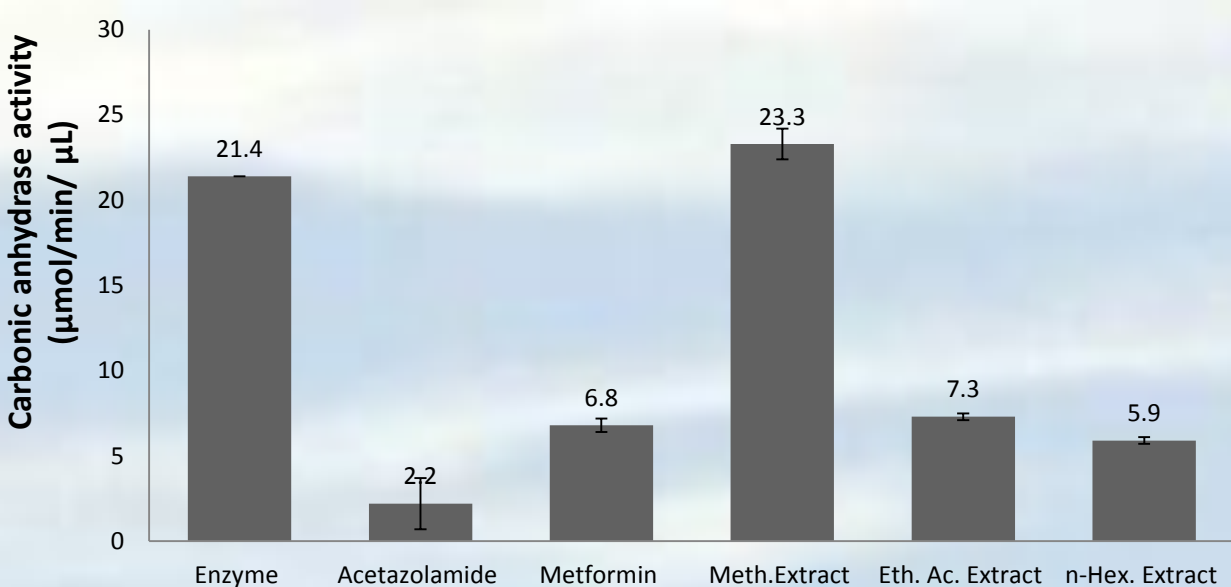


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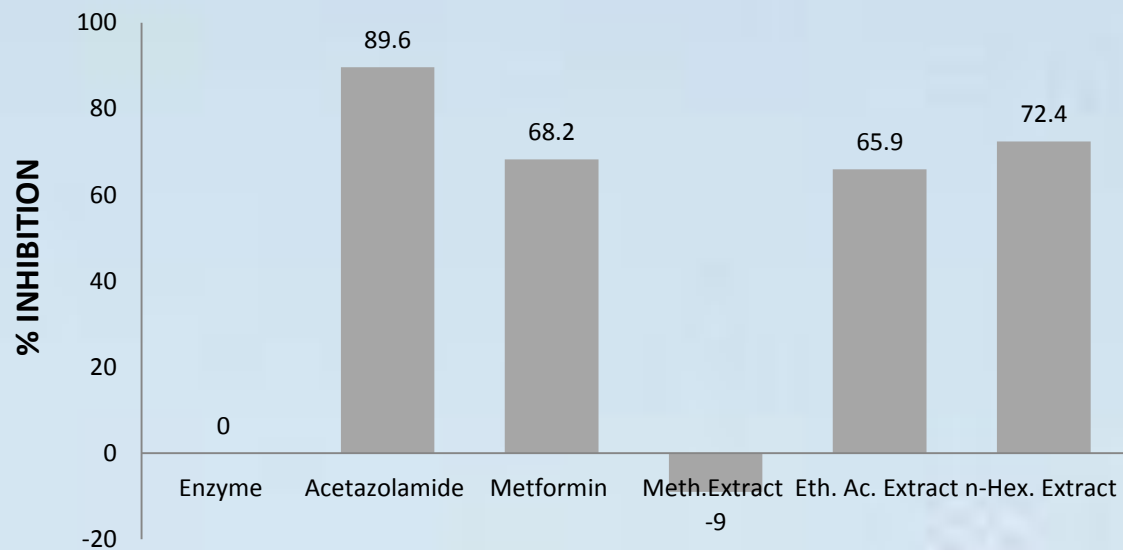


Figure 4B: Percentage inhibition

**INVITRO INHIBITORY STUDY OF PURIFIED
FRACTIONS OF METHANOL LEAF EXTRACT
OF *CADABA FARINOSA* ON CARBONIC
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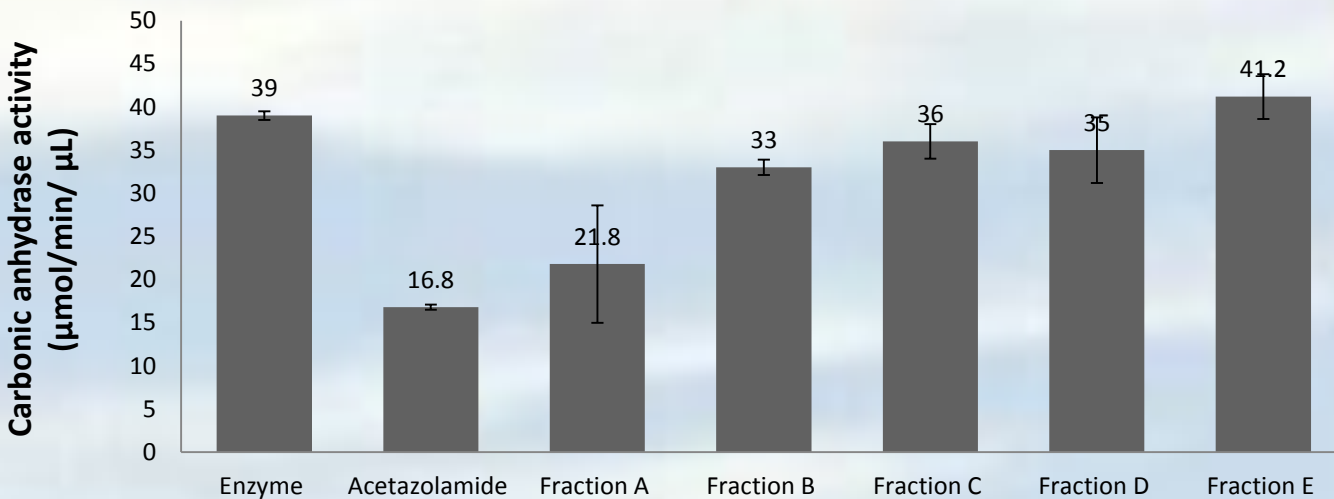


Figure 5A: In-Vitro inhibitory effect of Acetazolamide, Metformin and purified fractions of methanol leaf extract of *Cadaba farinosa* on Bovine erythrocyte carbonic anhydrase activity treated at 15µg/10µg enzyme concentration each.

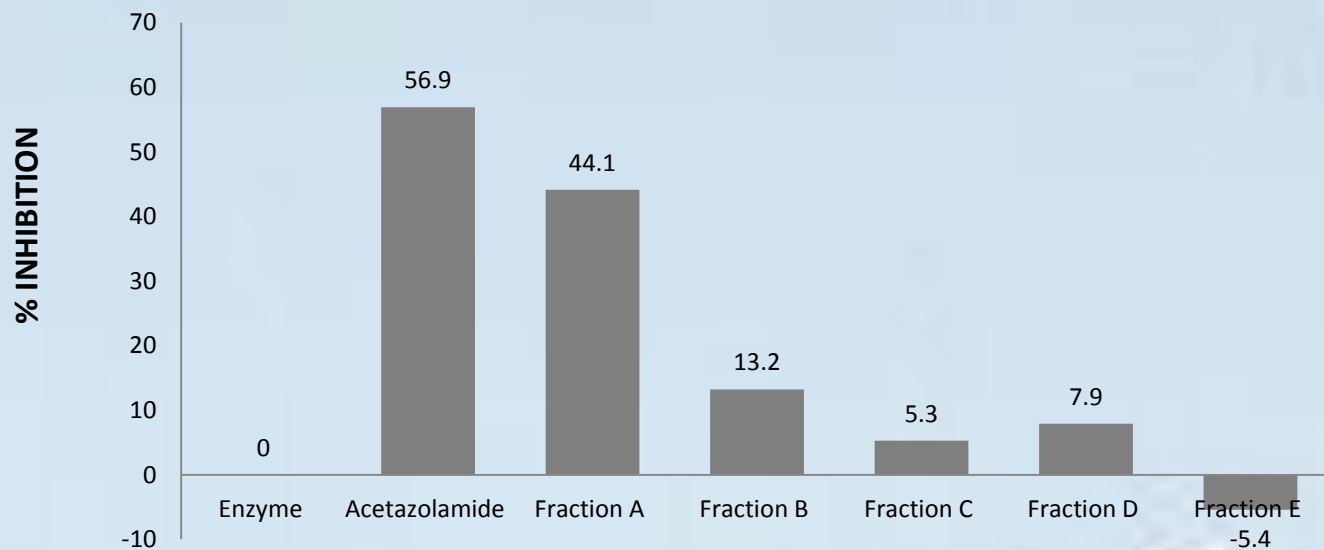


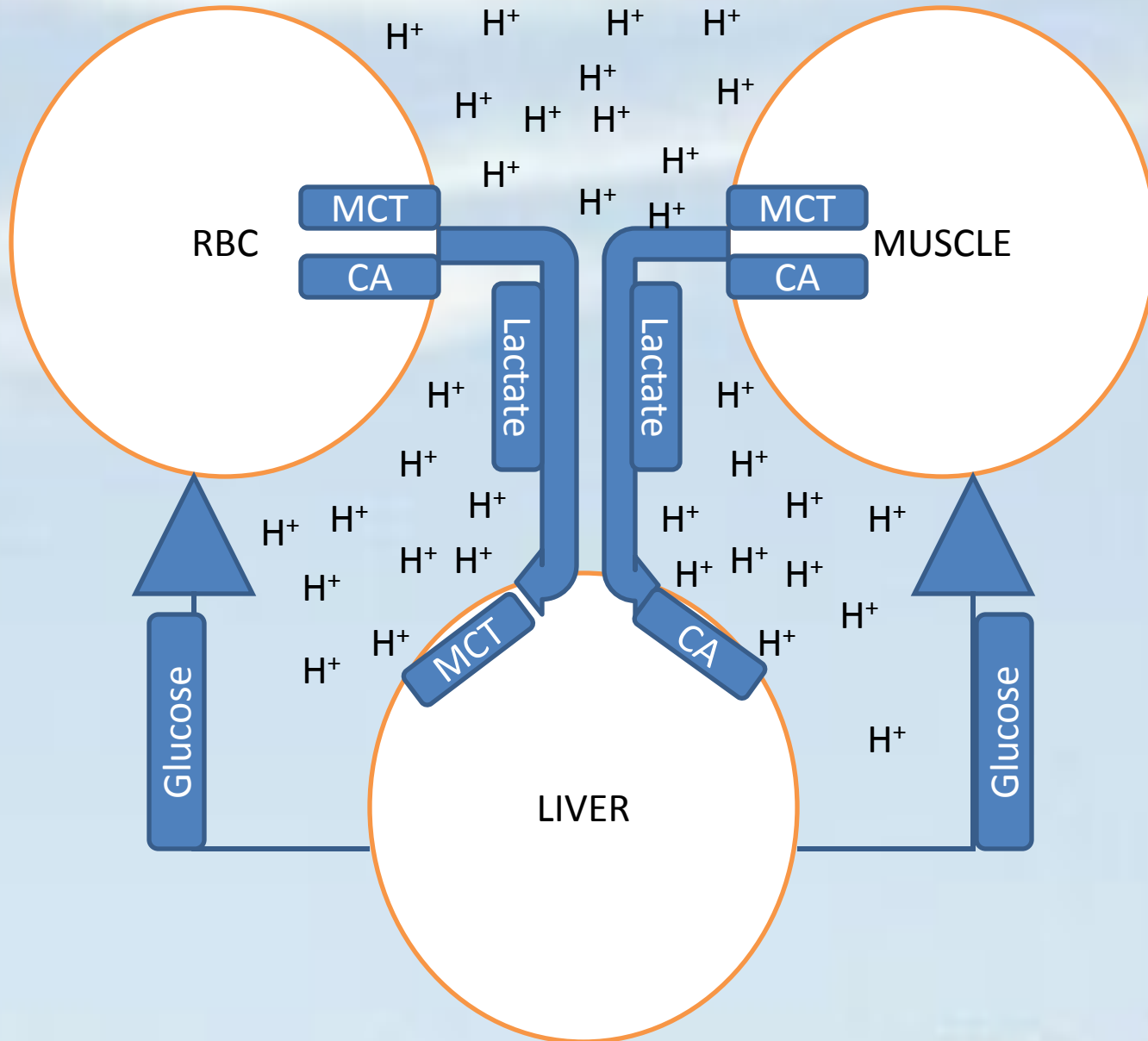
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Weight of Different Crude Extract of *Cadaba farinosa* obtained from soxhlet extraction

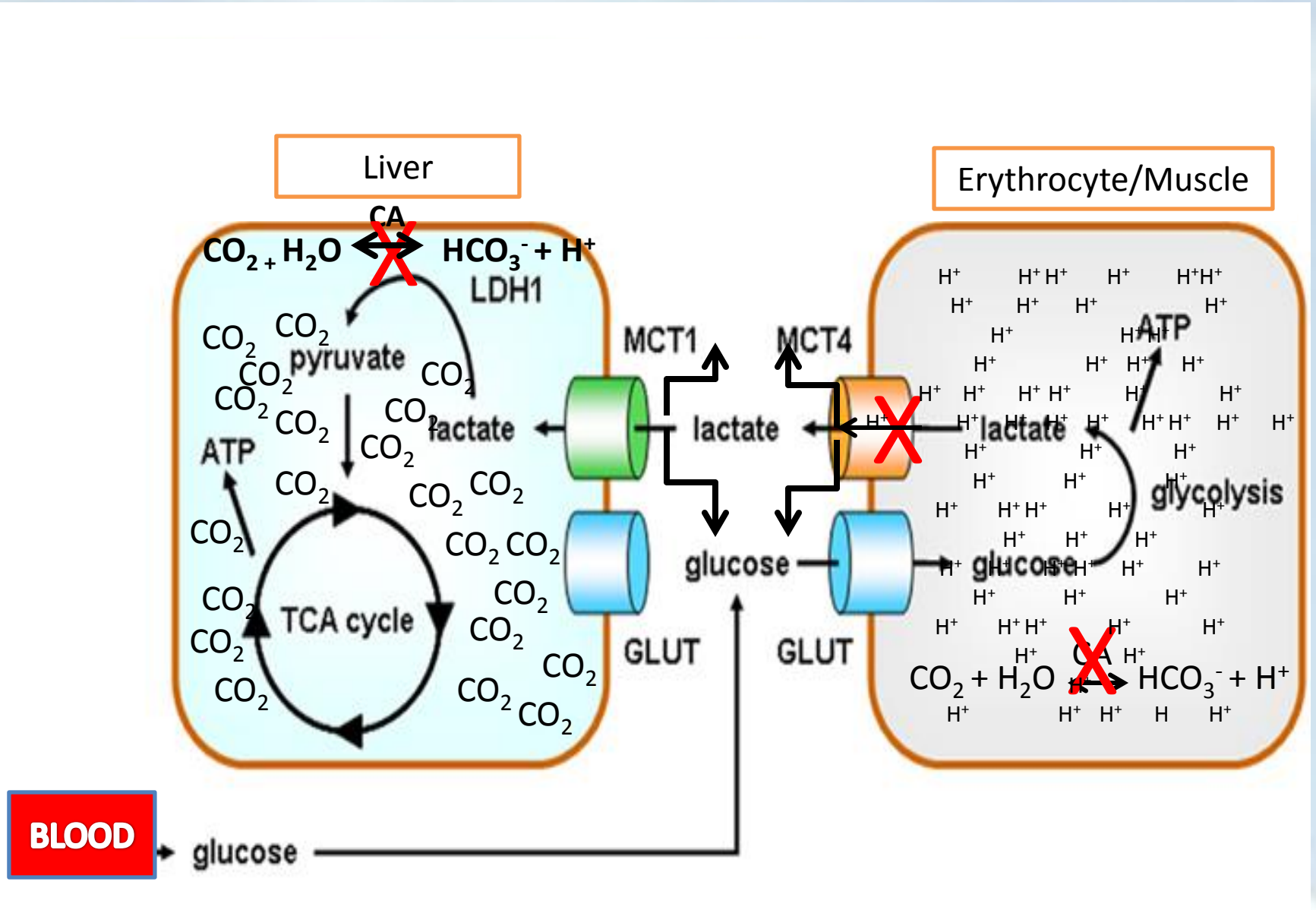
EXTRACT	WEIGHT OBTAINED (g)	%YIELD
Methanol	23.18/800g	2.9
Ethyl Acetate	15.2/800g	1.9
n-Hexane	100.6/800g	12.6

Proposed Mechanism of lactate-induced cell acidification (LIA) by Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibition in Diabetes Mellitus

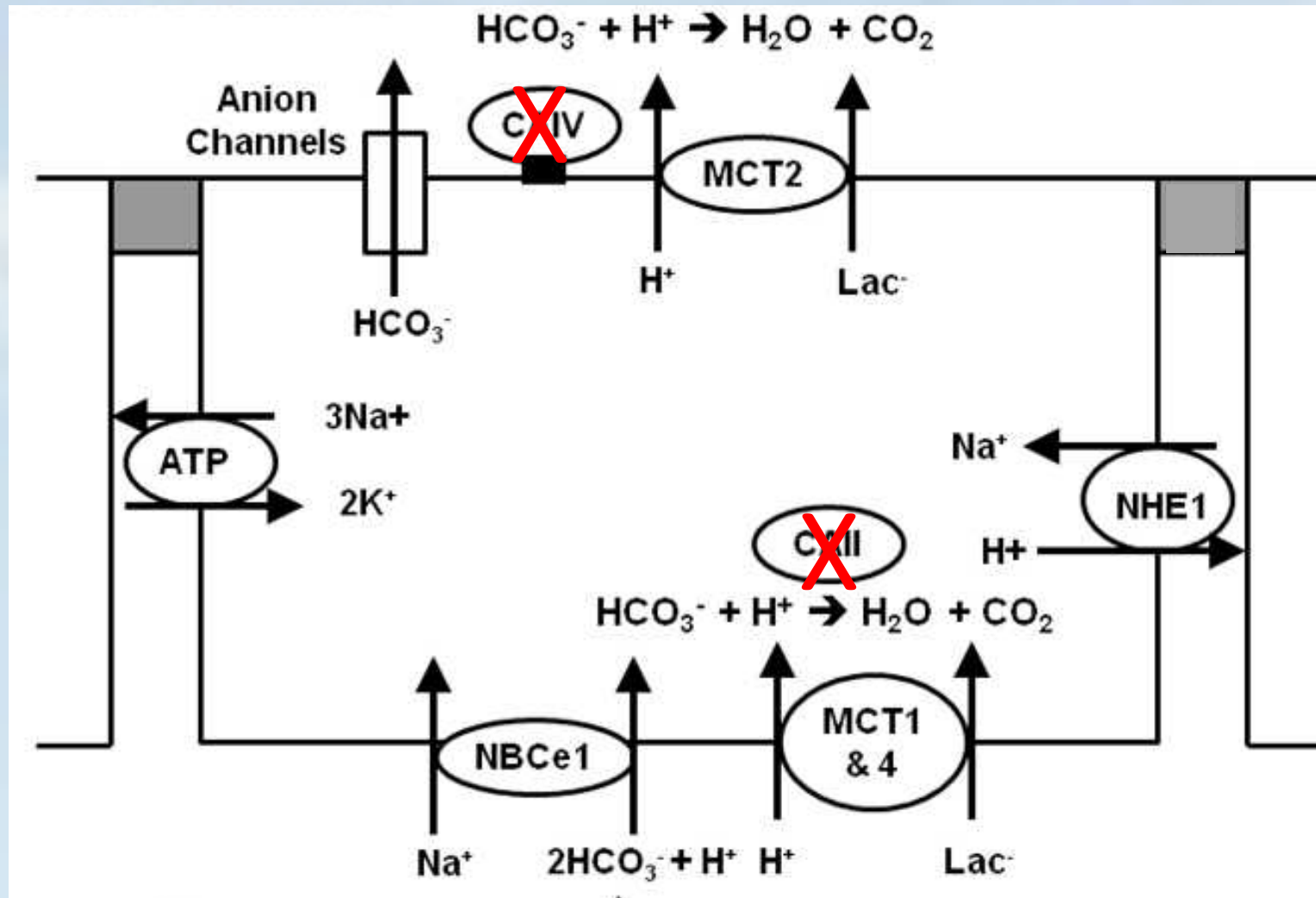
PROPOSED MECHANISM OF “Lactate Induced Acidemia” CYCLE IN DIABETES



Proposed Mechanism of Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibition Induced Lactic Acidosis (CAIILA) in Diabetes Mellitus



Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibition in Diabetes Mellitus



Summary

According to the results obtained a remarkable increase in carbonic anhydrase activity was observed in the early stage of the disease.

Untreated diabetes and its treatment with Metformin over a long period, results in decreased carbonic anhydrase activity.

Inhibition of carbonic anhydrase in diabetic rats leads to increased level of both lactate and HbA1C.

Conclusion

Carbonic anhydrase inhibition may be the key factor enhancing HbA1c formation, which may be associated with increased lactic acid level. Disrupting the carbonic anhydrase buffering system in vivo may lead to lactate induced acidosis.

These data may provide a new evidence that uncontrolled diabetes for a long period of time and pharmacological agents that can inhibit carbonic anhydrase, may prove harmful in protecting diabetic patients, from developing vascular complications.

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