Inductor of neurotrophic factors, 4-methylcatechol, exerts antidiabetic effects

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4-methylcatechol (4-MC) was reported to increase the content of nerve growth factor (NGF) and brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF). Proceeding from the data on neurotrophic factors deficiency in pancreatic beta-cells as important pathogenetic factors of diabetes, we studied the effects of 4-MC on streptozotocin (STZ) induced model of diabetes on Wistar male rats. Animals were divided into 5 groups: passive control (saline), active control (saline+STZ), group of prophylaxis (Pro: 4-MC+STZ), group of treatment (T: STZ+4-MC) and group of combined administration (PT: 4-MC+STZ+4-MC). 4-MC was used in doses of 10 mg/kg for 14 days, STZ as a single injection 45 mg/kg i.p. 4-MC reduced the STZ-induced hyperglycemia, its effect was more pronounced in case of preventive administration, while in passive control we got glucose level 6.83±1, STZ increased it up to 17.38±2.19 (p<0.05). Pro group demonstrated glucose level 8.97±0.76 (p<0.05 compared to active control). STZ decreased the percentage of the animals ability to reach the active avoidance criterion to 36.4% from 71.4% in the passive control; rats pretreated with 4-MC successfully learned in 57%. Data obtained demonstrate 4-MC ability to attenuate the hyperglycemia and cognitive deficit caused by diabetogenic toxin STZ.

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