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Abstract

Sugar Substitutes is a food additive that duplicates the effect of sugar in taste, usually with less food energy. Some sugar substitutes are natural and some are synthetic. Natural sugar substitute as herbs (stevia), agave nectar, date sugar and fruit juice concentrate. Artificial sweeteners including aspartame, sucralose, acesulfame potassium and saccharin. They are used to assist in weight loss, dental care, reactive hypoglycemia, diabetes mellitus. artificial sweeteners may cause a variety of health problems, including cancer, hypoglycemia, or hyperinsulinemia and increased food intake the next time there is a meal (obesity). Natural sweeteners are generally safe, but they can lead to health problems such as tooth decay, poor nutrition, weight gain and increased triglycerides. Honey can contain small amounts of bacterial spores that can produce botulism toxin. Aspartame is an artificial, non-saccharide sweetener. Aspartame is also one of the main sugar substitutes FDA has set its ADI for aspartame at 50 mg/kg. Residual components of aspartame are Phenylalanine, aspartate and methanol. Sucralose is an artificial sweetener, manufactured by introducing chemical modification in the sucrose molecule. ADI for sucralose for children and adults at 5 mg/kg body weight. Stevia is a natural sugar substitute made from the leaves of the plant species *Stevia rebaudiana*. ADI is 4 mg/kg body weight. Then stevioside is broken down into glucose and steviol. This study revealed that administration of aspartame induced reduction in hemoglobin, RBCs count and hematocrit in all doses, significant reduction in WBCs count, hepatic cellular changes, elevation in blood glucose level, renal cellular changes, hyalinization in the lumen of some seminiferous tubules in testis. Sucralose induced reduction in hemoglobin, RBCs count and hematocrit in high dose (5.625 mg/kg) with nonsignificant reduction in WBCs count, Sucralose induced significant increase in ALT and AST activities and elevation in blood glucose level only in high dose (5.625 mg/kg) with no hepatic cellular changes also significant increase in urea and creatinine level only in

high dose(5.625 mg/kg) with no renal cellular change. Stevia is generally safe.