



# Title: Effect of the consumption of Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni as a natural and artificial sweetener on fatigue and oxidative stress of skeletal

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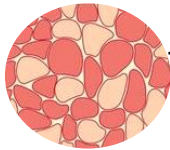
# Introduction

## Skeletal muscle

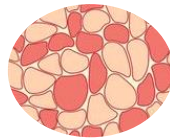


-CNS  
-ATP  
-Ca<sup>2+</sup>

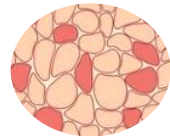
▪ Type I fibers



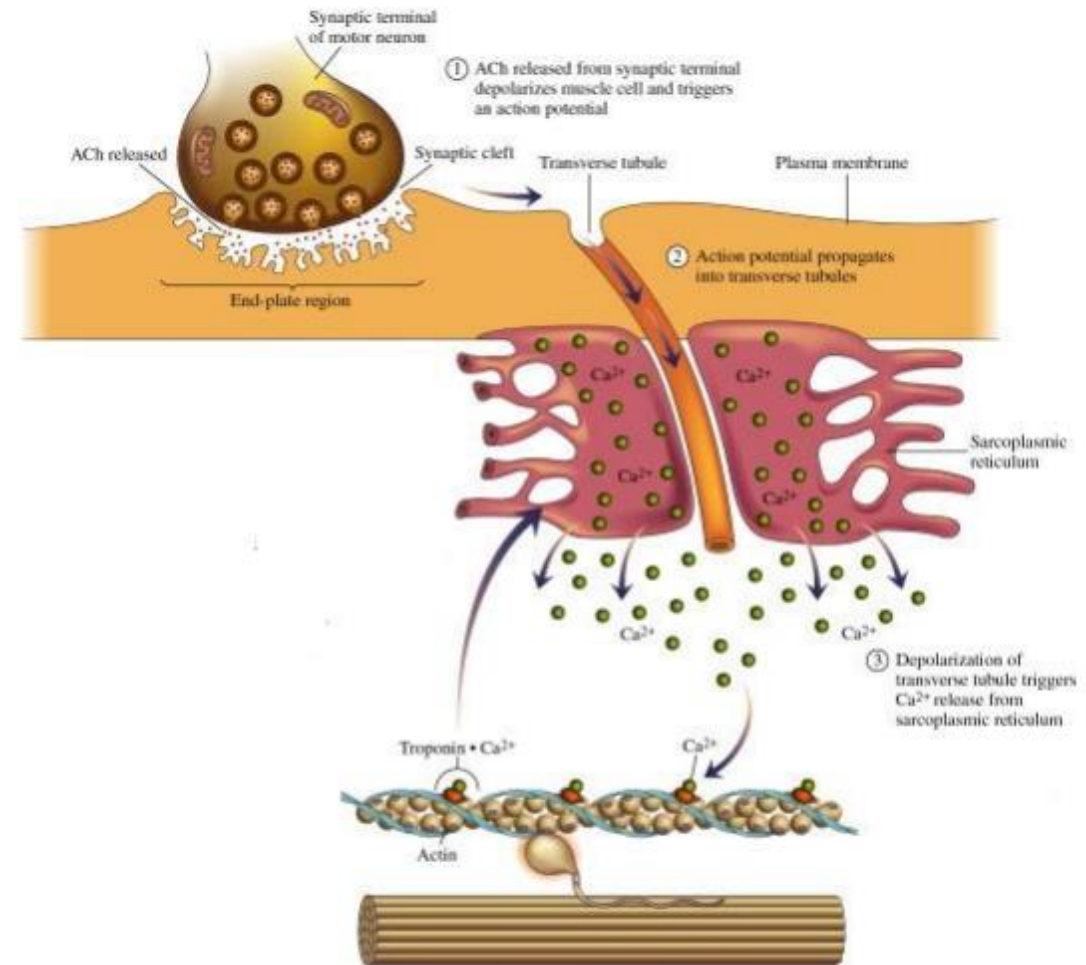
▪ Type IIa fibers



▪ Type IIb fibers



## Skeletal muscle contraction

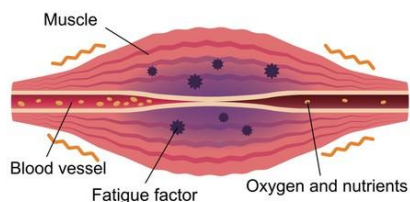


# Muscular fatigue

## Chronic diseases



## Muscular fatigue



Changes

- Isometric force
- The maximum speed of shortening
- The curvature of the force-velocity relationship

## Mechanisms

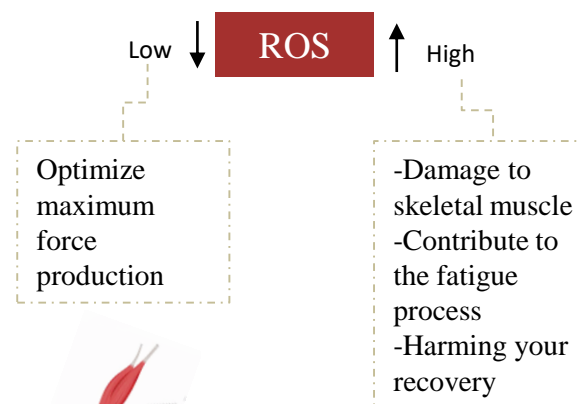
- Intracellular lactate and hydrogen ions
- (+) Inorganic phosphate (Pi)
- Ionic changes in PA
- Ca ++ ions of the sarcoplasmic reticulum
- Ionic changes pump Na + K + ATPase
- Depletion of phosphocreatine, glycogen, and other nutrients
- Insufficient oxygen
- Reactive oxygen species (ROS)

## Clues

- Reduced ability to withstand fatigue
- Contractile weakness
- Changes in the type of muscle fiber.
- Reduction of oxidative activity
- Peripheral insulin resistance

## Main sources of ROS production

-Mitochondria      -NADPH oxidase



# Sweeteners consumption

## Saccharose

100 g → 387 calories



## Recommended free sugar intake (WHO)

- ↓ 10% of total caloric intake = 50g per day
- ↓ 5% of total caloric intake = 25 g per day

\* 2000 kcal diet

Health benefits

VS

## Current sugar intake

16% of total caloric intake = 80 g per day

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Metabolic syndrome

## Alternative



## Sweeteners



## Characteristics

- Sweet taste
- High caloric value and low (zero) caloric value
- Sweetening power (SP) : sucrose (g) / L = 1 g sweetener / L

## Safety

In 1/100 of the NOAEL

No Observed Adverse Effects Level (NOAEL)

Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) .- (additive) \*  
(mg / kg) daily / lifetime consumption

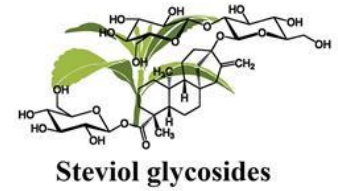
## Controversy

- Insulin disorders
- Acute headaches
- Tissue damage
- Weight gain and metabolic disorders
- Alter the intestinal microflora
- Imbalance in the antioxidant / pro-oxidant system
- Intracellular increase in ROS.

# Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni

SP= 300

ADI = 4 mg/kg per day



## Components

Steviol Glycosides		Phytochemical examination	
Stevioside		Tannins	Sterols
Steviolbioside		Alkaloids	Triterpenes
Isosteviol		Glycosides	Antraquinones
Rebaudiosides (A, B, C, D, E, F, R and S)		Phenols	Reducing compounds
Dulcosides		Saponins	
Steviol biosides			

- Control insulin levels (González, 2011).
- Anti-hypertensive (Lee et al. 2001).
- Contractile dysfunctions in the soleus muscle (El-Mesallamy et al. 2018).
- Whey protein sweetened with *S. rebaudiana* on muscle performance (Lima et al. 2019).



# Methodology



N=6

Official Mexican Standard NOM062-ZOO-1999

Bioethics and Biosafety Committee of the Institute of Chemical-Biological Research of the UMSNH

24 rats ♂ Wistar  
300-320 g  
8 weeks

Control

C



Conventional drinking water

Saccharose

S



Cane sugar (41.2 g / L)

Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*

SRA



Formula: (6 g / L)

-Saccharose  
-Steviol glycosides - 25mg  
-Isomalt- 10 mg  
-Sucralose -6 mg

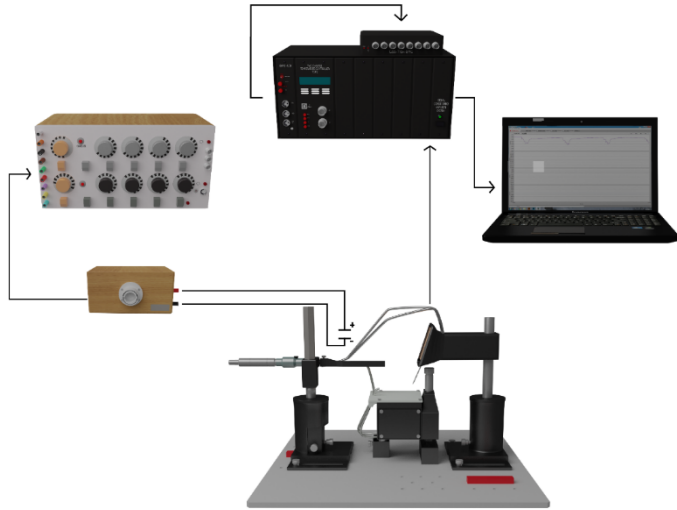
Natural *Stevia rebaudiana*

SRN



Powdered leaves of *Stevia* sp. (4.4 g / L)

# In vitro tension recording



**Figure 1.** In vitro tension record. Series of devices interconnected to each other for the production of muscle tension recording.

## Dissection

- Long Digitorum Extensor (EDL)
- Soleus

## Fatigue protocol

- EDL.- 100 V, 300 ms, 50 Hz
- Soleus.- 100 V, 300 ms; 45 Hz

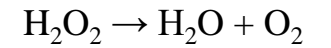
# Biochemical tests

## Measurement of levels of reactive oxygen species

- 2', 7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate (H2DCFDA)
- 485 nm / 520 nm.
- Shimadzu RF-5301PC spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan).



## Catalase activity



Clark type oxygen electrode connected to a biological oxygen monitor (5300A Biological Oxygen Monitor, YSI, Ohio, USA).

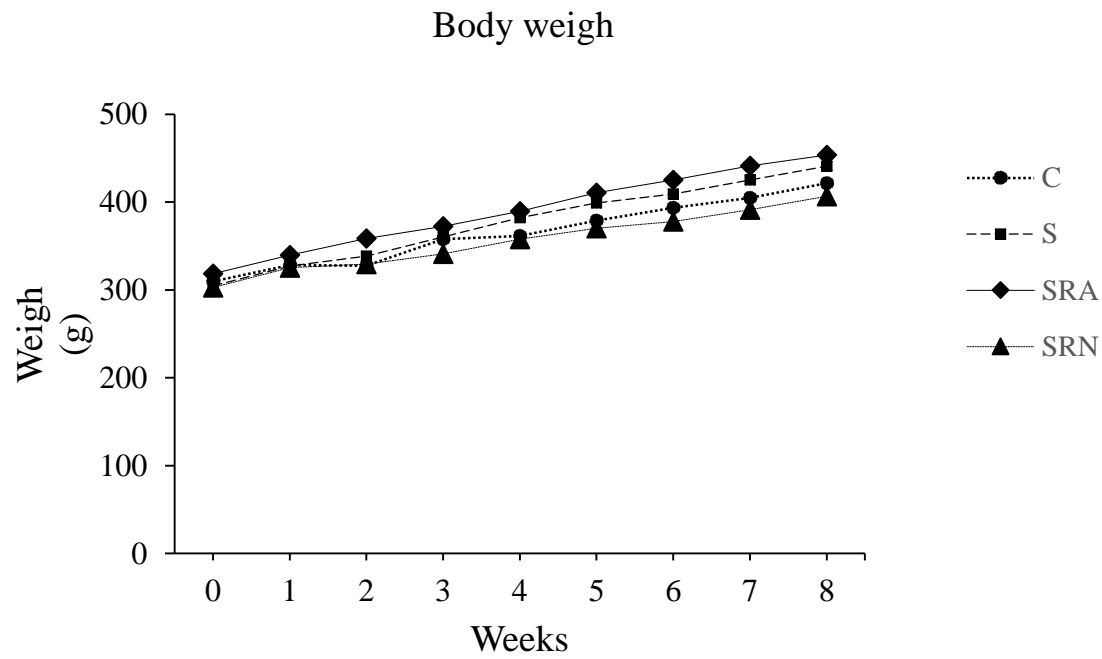


## Statistical analysis

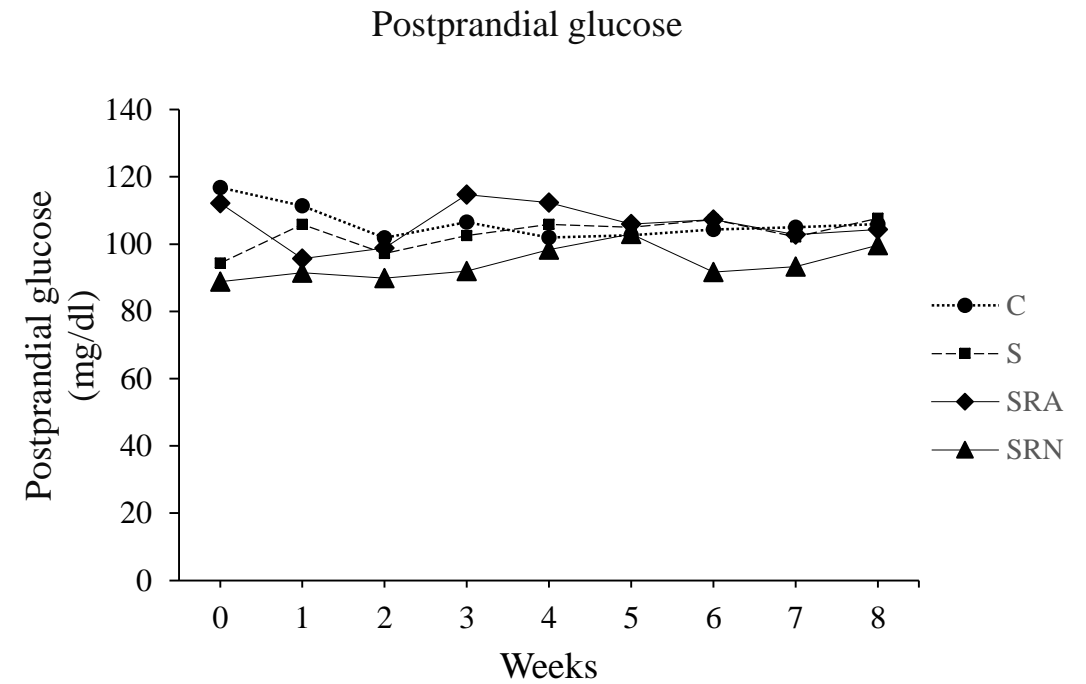
The results obtained were analyzed by a 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test. Statistically significant differences were defined as  $P < 0.05$ .

# Results

## Effect of Sucrose, Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and Natural *Stevia rebaudiana* Sweeteners on Body Weight and Postprandial Blood Glucose



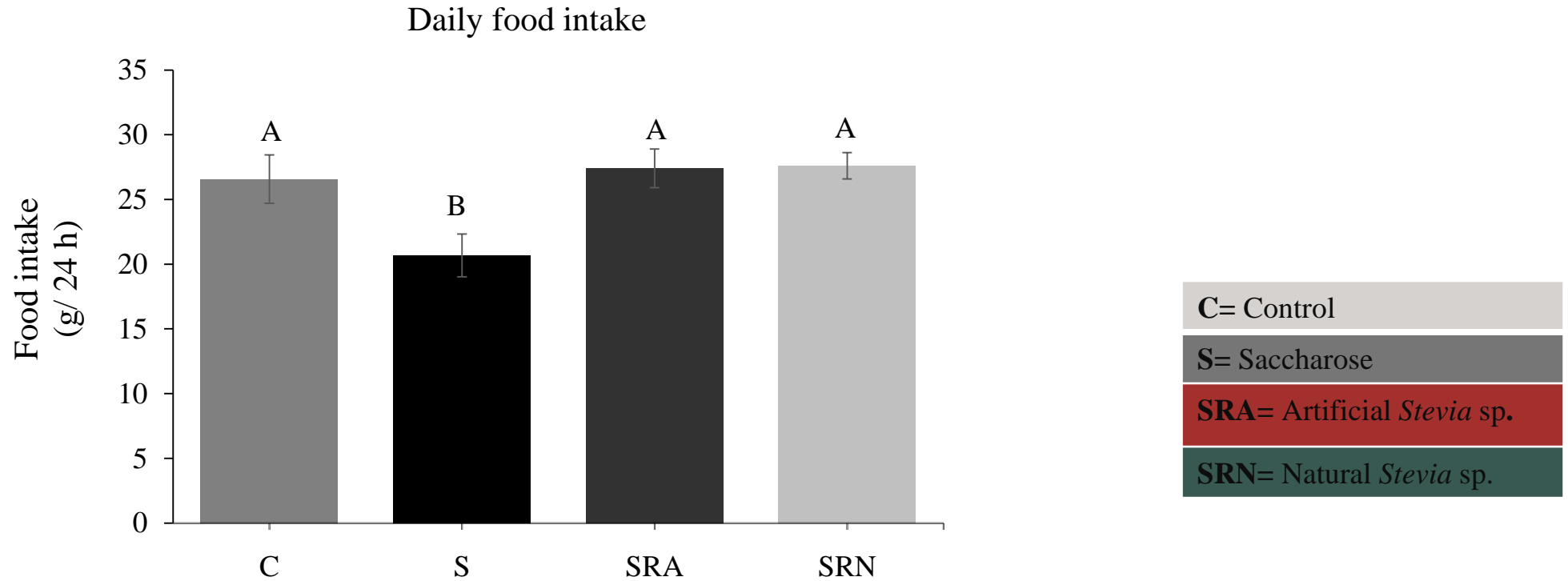
**Fig. 2 Body weight.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*, SRN = *Stevia rebaudiana* natura. C ( $421.7 \pm 51.17$ ), SRA ( $453.5 \pm 57.91$  g), S ( $441 \pm 17.24$ ) and SRN ( $406.5 \pm 39.90$ ), 1. n = 6; Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).



**Fig. 3. Postprandial glucose.** Throughout the 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetening solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*, SRN = Natural *Stevia rebaudiana*. n = 6; Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

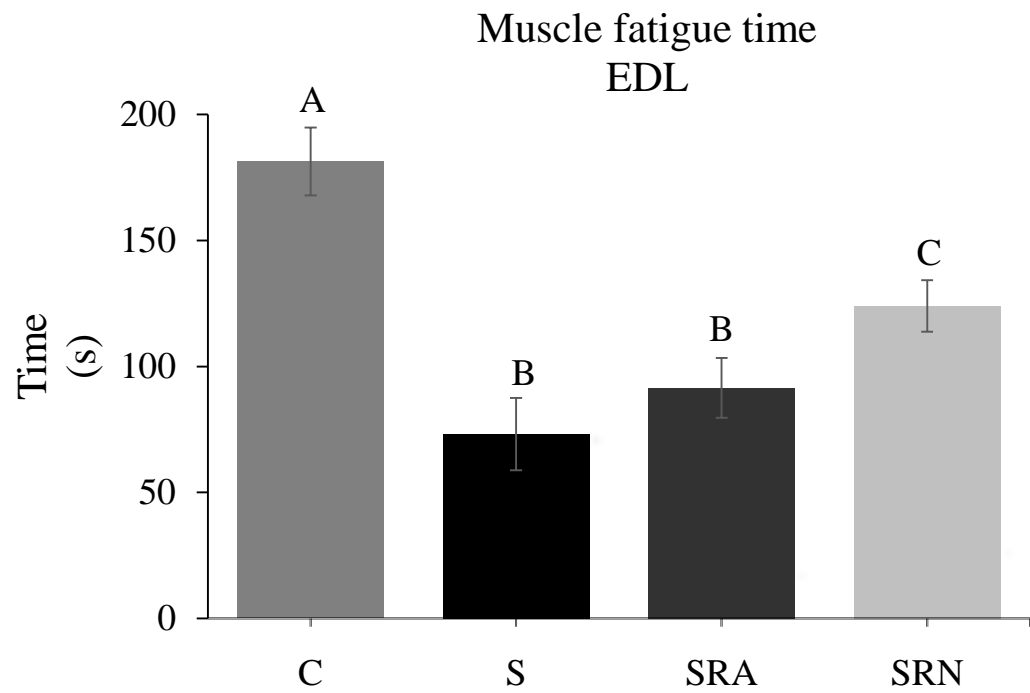


Effect of the sweeteners sucrose, artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and natural *Stevia rebaudiana* on food intake

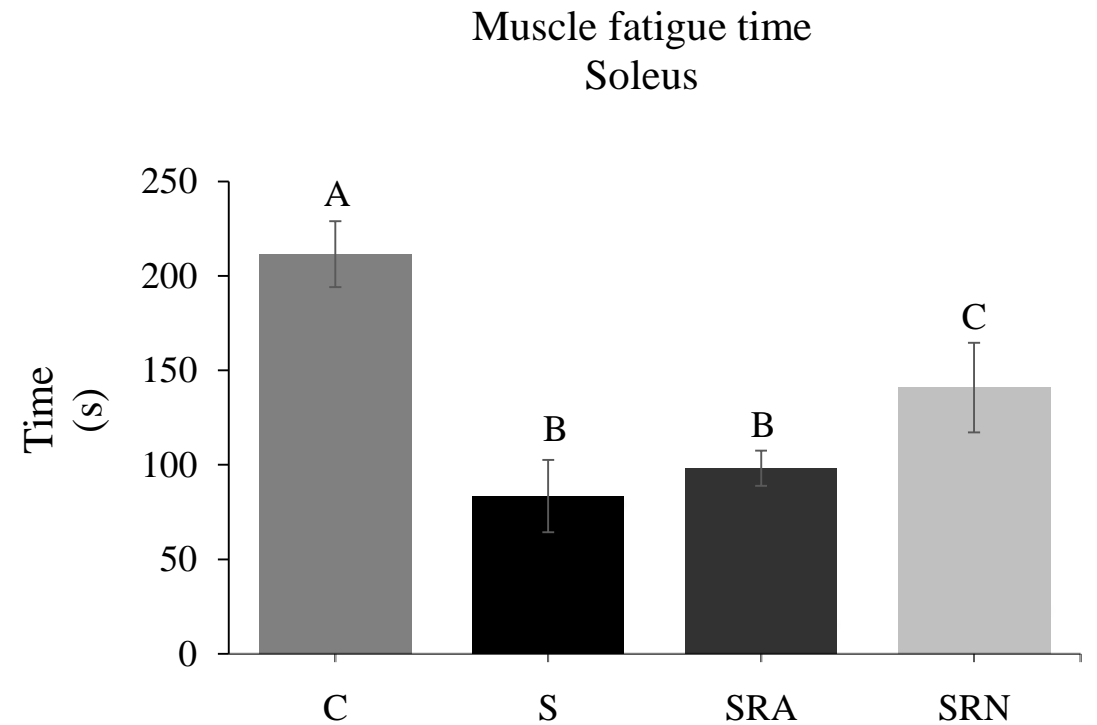


**Fig. 4. Food intake.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*, SRN = Natural *Stevia rebaudiana*; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error, P <0.05. 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

# Effect of Sucrose, Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and Natural *Stevia rebaudiana* Sweeteners on Skeletal Muscle Fatigue Resistance Time

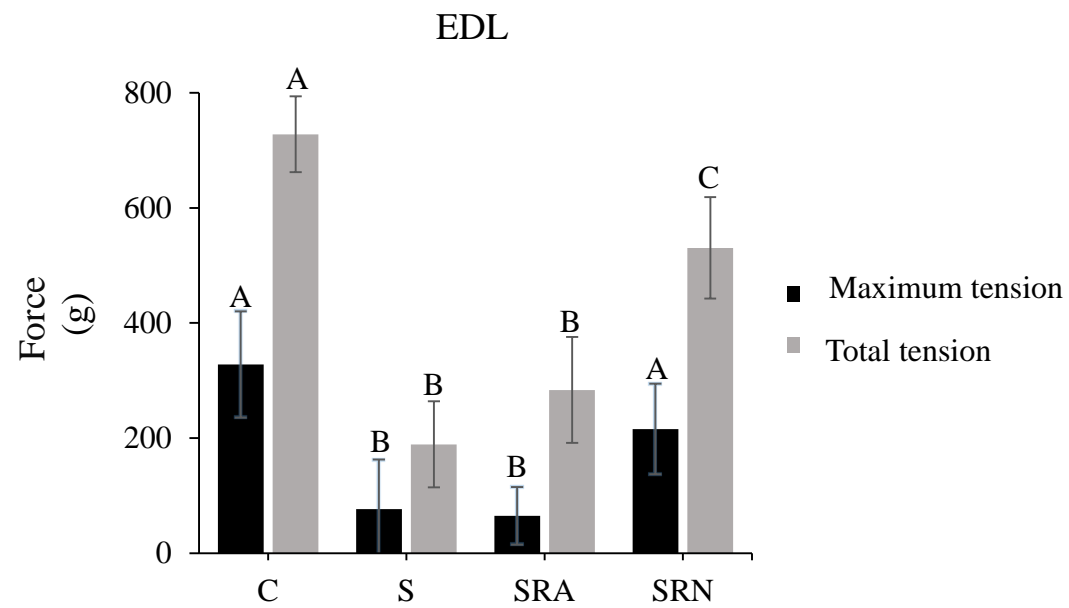


**Fig. 5. Fatigue resistance time in EDL muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

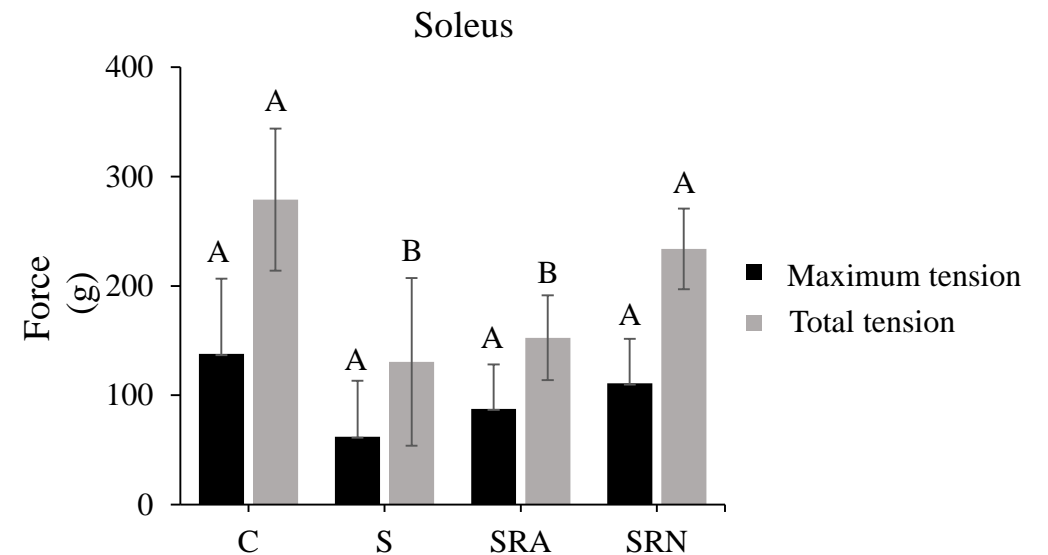


**Fig. 6. Fatigue resistance time in the soleus muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

# Effect of Sucrose Sweeteners, Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and Natural *Stevia rebaudiana* on Maximum Tension and Total Skeletal Muscle Tension

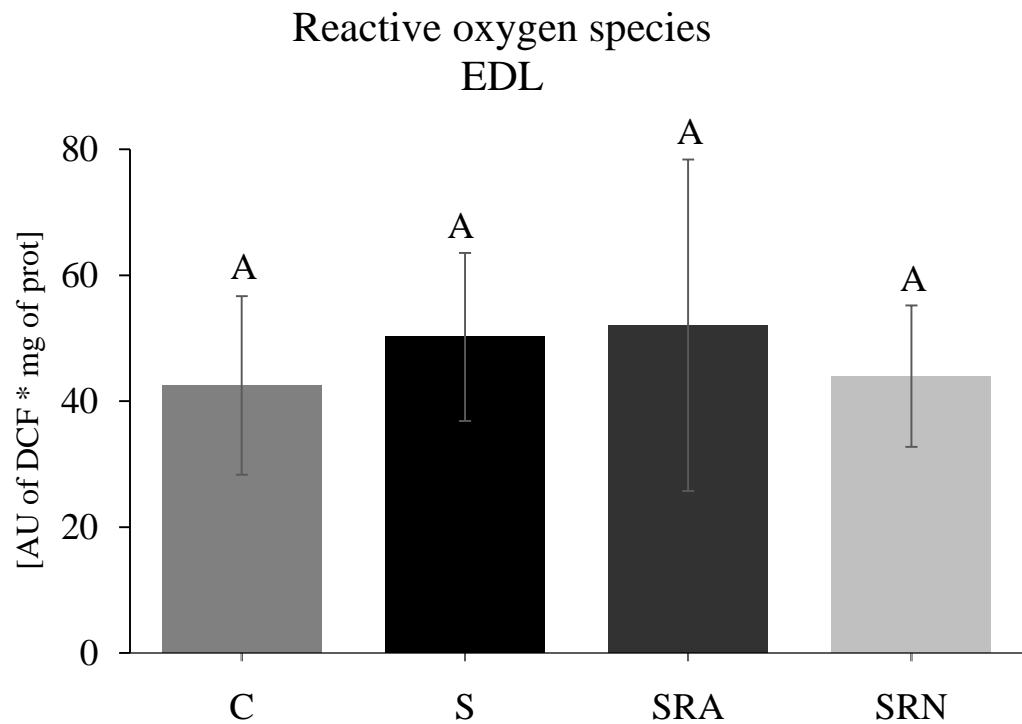


**Fig. 7. Maximum tension and total tension of the EDL muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*, SRN = Natural *Stevia rebaudiana*; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

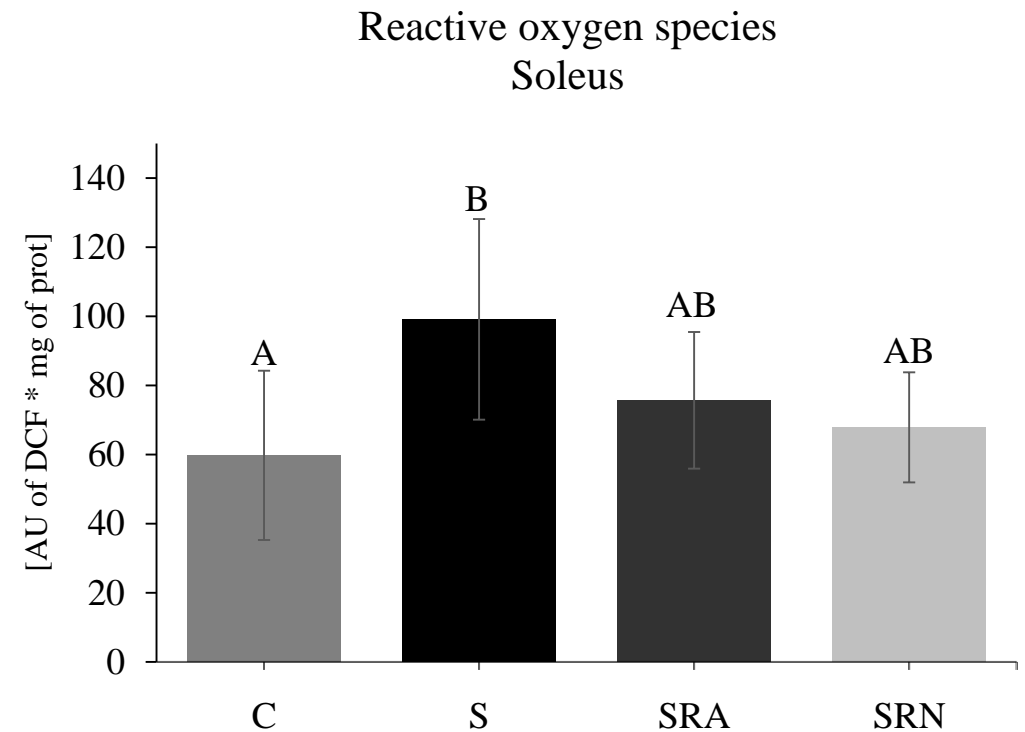


**Fig. 8. Maximum tension and total tension of the soleus muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial *Stevia rebaudiana*, SRN = Natural *Stevia rebaudiana*; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

# Effect of the sweeteners sucrose, artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and natural *Stevia rebaudiana* on the level of reactive oxygen species of skeletal muscle

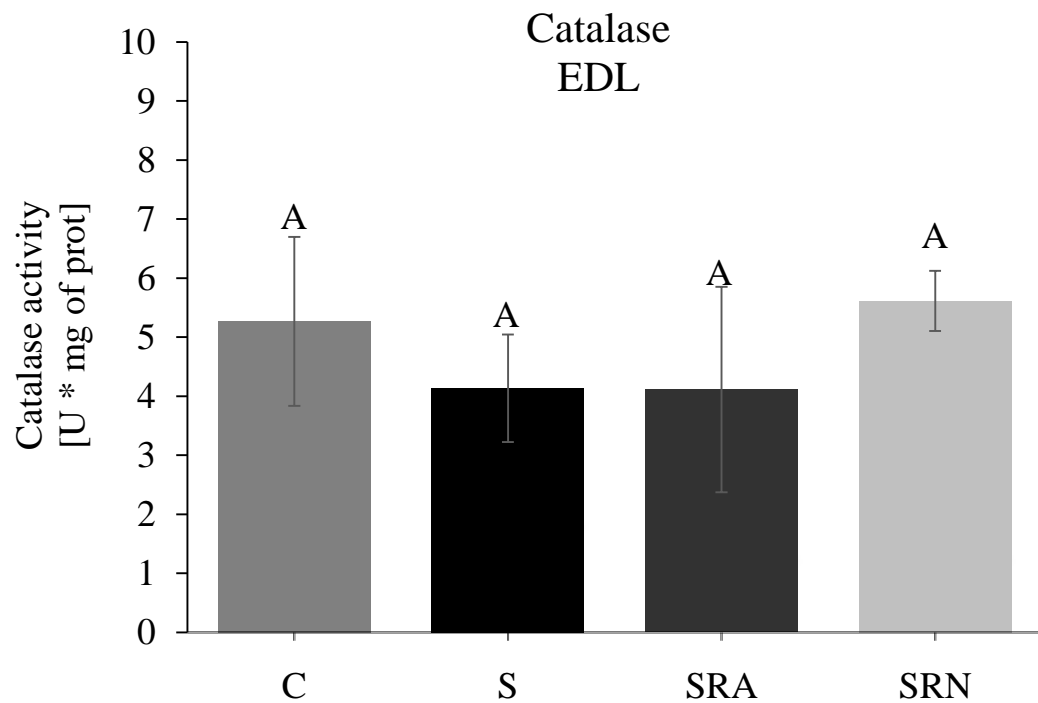


**Fig. 9. Levels of reactive oxygen species in EDL muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

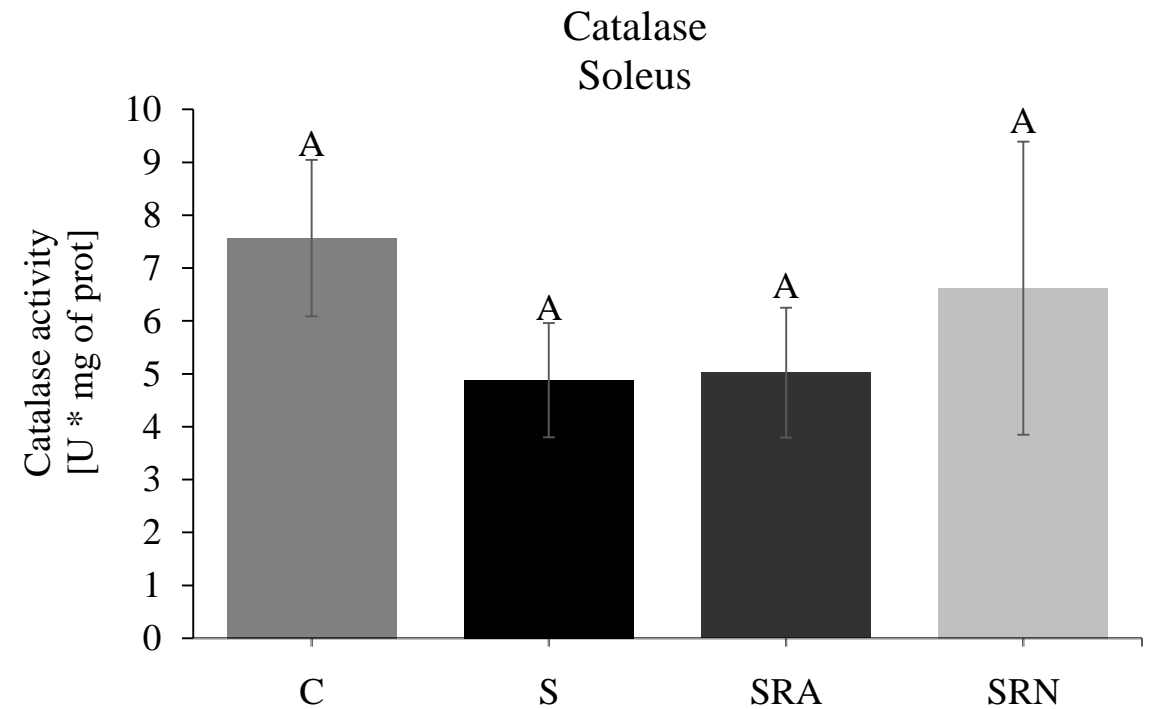


**Fig. 10. Levels of reactive oxygen species in the soleus muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

## Effect of the sweeteners sucrose, artificial *Stevia rebaudiana* and natural *Stevia rebaudiana* on the antioxidant enzyme catalase (CA) of skeletal muscle



**Fig. 11. Catalase levels in EDL muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).



**Fig. 12. Catalase levels in the soleus muscle.** Throughout 8 weeks of treatment with the oral administration of sweetener solutions. C = control, S = Sucrose, SRA = Artificial Stevia rebaudiana, SRN = Natural Stevia rebaudiana; n = 6. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  standard error,  $P < 0.05$ . 1-way ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test).

# Conclusions

- The leaves of *Stevia* sp. Natural are an important alternative to conventional caloric sweeteners in combating the reduction of resistance time to muscular fatigue and on muscular strength.
- The glycosides extracted from *Stevia* sp. in synergy with artificial sweeteners they do not present the same effects.
- The antioxidant effects of *Stevia* sp. they only appear on deteriorated systems and not on healthy individuals.
- More studies are needed to obtain more conclusive results, because it appears that alternatives to sugar in the diet aimed at avoiding chronic diseases could increase the risk of these diseases.

# Annexes

## Perspectives

Future work should address the question of to what extent and under what circumstances the sweeteners in *Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni, both natural and in synergy with artificial sweeteners used as a complementary treatment in metabolic diseases, modulate blood glucose levels, antioxidant defense, as well as its role on skeletal muscle fatigue in chronic diseases, particularly diabetes mellitus, to reveal the exact interference of *Stevia* sp. on the different routes deteriorated in pathological circumstances.

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