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Obesity is a growing epidemic in the United States, affecting more than one-third of adults. There is also a growing body of evidence highlighting the contribution of adipose tissue to systemic inflammatory state that play a potent role in obesity-associated metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular diseases. Zyamend is a poly-herbal supplement derived from the extracts of ten different herbs effectively activates AMPK in vitro in several cell lines. When activated, AMPK is instrumental in inhibiting anabolic pathways that consume ATP, such as lipogenesis and protein synthesis and enhances catabolic pathways that generate ATP, such as fatty acid oxidation. The effects of Zyamend on adipogenesis remain largely unknown. The objective of this study was to investigate the effects of Zyamend treatment on adipogenesis and glucose homeostasis. The report shows the decreased adipogenesis of mouse and human adipocytes in vitro. Moreover, mice treated with Zyamend exhibited improved glycemic control and enhanced insulin signaling in the muscle and adipose tissue compared with control mice. Further, Zyamend treatment attenuated chronic HFD-induced Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) stress in adipose and muscle tissues. Together, these studies identify Zyamend as a potential treatment for obesity and metabolic syndrome and additional investigation into the mechanism(s) of Zyamend's metabolic actions.

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