Summary:

- ❖ Plasma Total sialic acid (TSA), lipid bound sialic acid (LSA), mucoid protein and Hexoses levels were significantly elevated in oral cancer patients (p= 0.01, p=0.001, p=0.0001 and p=0.0001, respectively) as compared to the controls.
- ❖ Plasma TSA/TP, LSA/TP, mucoid protein/TP and hexoses/TP levels were significantly elevated in oral cancer patients (p= 0.017, p=0.001, p=0.0001 and p=0.0001, respectively) as compare to the healthy individuals.
- Plasma TSA, LSA, Mucoid protein and Hexoses levels were comparable between stage: 3 and stage:4 of oral cancer patients.
- Plasma TSA/TP, LSA/TP, mucoid protein/TP and hexoses/TP levels were also comparable between stage: 3 and stage:4 of oral cancer patients.
- Plasma TSA, LSA, mucoid protein and hexoses levels were comparable between well and moderately differentiated oral cancer patients.
- Plasma TSA/TP, LSA/TP, mucoid protein/TP and hexoses/TP levels were also comparable between well and moderately differentiated oral cancer patients.
- Receiver's Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve analysis indicated that all the glycoprotien markers (TSA, LSA, Mucoid protein, Hexoses, TSA/TP, LSA/TP, Mucoid protein/TP and Hexoses/TP) had good discriminatory efficacy between healthy individuals and oral cancer patients.

- Protein profiles stained with CBB showed presence of Extraband in tobacco habitutes (both patients and healthy individuals). But this band was not found in non-tobacco habituates.
- Glycoprotein pattern (staining with Schiff reagent) indicated that glycosylation was higher in gamma region in oral cancer patients than healthy individuals.