ANTI ULCEROGENIC MODELS OF SOPHORA INTERRUPTA SOLANUM PUBESCENS AND TABEBUIA ROSEA LEAVES ON INVIVO TEST MODEL IN RATS

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To establish the pharmacological properties of the Sophora interrupta Solanum pubescens and Tabebuia rosea different plants with their phytochemical study the antiulcer activity.

Method: The study was carried by using the cold stress induced gastric lesions in rats. Ethnomedical information leads to new drug discovery from the herbal medicine and shows potential results for the treatment of gastric ulcers.

Results: Study has shown a reduction in gastric juice, total acidity and increase in the pH for all the three plants but their efficacy differs for all the Sophora interrupta Solanum pubescens and Tabebuia rosea leaves.

Conclusion: among all the three plants Tabebuia rosea showed significant antulcer activity.

Keywords: Antiulcer, Cold stress induced model, Rats, Sophora interrupta Solanum pubescens and Tabebuia rosea.

INTRODUCTION

The major gastrointestinal disorders caused by human suffering today are Peptic ulcer and gastric hyperacidity. Peptic ulcer occurs mainly due to imbalance between mucosal defensive factors such as bicarbonate, prostaglandin, nitric oxide, peptides, growth factors and injurious factors like acid, pepsin. Gastric ulcer is often a chronic disease and may continue for 12 years characterized by recurring episode of healing and reexacerbations. Anxiety, emotional stress, hemorrhagic surgical shock, burns and trauma are also known to results severe gastric irritation. Free radicals have been implicated in the pathogenesis of peptic ulcer and a wide variety of clinical disorders and physical, chemical and psychological factors also contribute in this regards. Therefore reduction of gastric acid production as well as protection of gastric mucosa has been the major approaches for treatment of peptic ulcer3.

Sophora interrupta belongs to the family fabaceae which is commonly called as edwarria madarasapatna wight, pili Girgoli. There are approximately 219 species in this genus Sophora. Sophora interrupta, Solanum pubescens and Tabebuia rosea were collected in October 2013 from Trupathi, andhra pradesh house at 25±2°C and relative humidity 44–56%, light and dark cycles of 10 and 14 h, respectively for one week before and during the experiments. Animals were provided with standard rodent pellet diet and water was allowed ad libitum. All animal procedures have been approved and prior permission from the Institutional Animal Ethical Committee was obtained as per the prescribed guidelines.

Test animals

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials

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Preliminary phytochemical investigation

The methanol extract was subjected to qualitative chemical test for the identification of different phytoconstituents like steroids, glycosides, saponins, carbohydrates, alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, proteins, triterpenoids.

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Cold restraint stress induced ulcers

Animals were divided into 5 groups and subjected to drug treatment Group I was treated with control (Normal saline). Group II was treated with Methanolic extract of Sophora interrupta Group III was treated with Methanolic extract of Solanum pubescens, Group III was
treated with Methanolic extract of *Tabebuia rosea*, Group IV was treated with standard drug omeprazole (20 mg/kg). One hour after the drug treatment, the rats were immobilized by strapping the limbs and kept for 2 hrs at temperature of cold three consecutive days. The animals were fasted for 24 hrs on final day in steel cages to avoid corophagy and the animals were killed by cervical dislocation and ulcers were examined on the dissected stomach after induction of stress.

**Measurement of gastric secretion and pH**

The stomach of aspirin induced ulcer rats was carefully excised keeping oesophagus closed and opened along greater curvature and luminal contents were removed. The gastric juice thus collected was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 min and expressed in terms of ml/100 g of body weight. The pH of the supernatant was measured using digital pH meter. Free and total acidity were determined by titrating with 0.01N NaOH using Topfer’s reagent and phenolphthalein respectively as indicators and were expressed as meq/l per 100 g.

**Measurement of ulcer index**

Stomach mucosa was flushed with saline and lesions in glandular portion were then exposed and examined under a 10x magnifying glass. Ulcer index of each animal was calculated by adding the values and their mean values were determined by the following scoring system.

(i) Normal coloured stomach - 0
(ii) Red colouration - 0.5
(iii) Spot ulceration - 1
(iv) Haemorrhagic streak - 1.5
(v) Ulcers - 2
(vi) Perforations - 3.

Percentage inhibition was calculated using the following formula:

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\% \text{Inhibition} = \left( \frac{UI_{ulcer \ control} - UI_{treated}}{UI_{ulcer \ control}} \right) \times 100
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**Statistical analysis**

All the values are expressed as mean ± S.E.M for groups of six animals each. Analyzed by one way ANOVA. The values are statistically significant at three levels, **P<0.001, *P<0.01, .P<0.05.**

**Table 1: Antiulcer activity of Methanolic extract of leaves of Solanum pubescens, Sophora interrupta and Tabebuia rosea on Cold stress test in mice**

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<tr>
<th>S.No</th>
<th>Ulcer index</th>
<th>Volume of gastric juice</th>
<th>pH</th>
<th>Total acidity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Control</td>
<td>4.5±1.25</td>
<td>3.5±0.25</td>
<td>2.3±0.193</td>
<td>66.1±1.647</td>
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<td>Standard</td>
<td>0.85±0.26***</td>
<td>1.5±0.18**</td>
<td>3.7±0.23***</td>
<td>42.6±1.75***</td>
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<td>MESIS</td>
<td>1.9±0.36**</td>
<td>2.78±0.209***</td>
<td>3.4±0.22***</td>
<td>49.5±2.19***</td>
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<td>METR</td>
<td>0.96±0.25***</td>
<td>2.9±0.37*</td>
<td>3.4±0.216***</td>
<td>47.5±1.36***</td>
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<td>MESP</td>
<td>1.56±0.24**</td>
<td>1.93±0.58**</td>
<td>3.75±0.196***</td>
<td>45.3±1.59***</td>
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Each value is the mean ± SEM for 6 mice, *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001. Compared with control, data were analysed by using one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett’s test, standard (Diazepam10mg/kg, of B.W), MESIS- Methanolic extract of *Tabebuia rosea*, dose (500mg/kg of B.W), MESIS- Methanolic extract of *Solanum pubescens* (300mg/kg of B.W), MESP- methanolic extract of *Solanum pubescens* (300mg/kg, B.W).

**DISCUSSION**

Cold restrained stress provides both emotional stress as well as physiological stress to the animal. Omeprazole was used here to study the proton pump inhibitor mechanism. Cold restrained stress induced ulcers are resultant of auto digestion of gastric mucosal barrier, accumulation of HCl and generation of free radicals. MESIS, MESP and METR showed a significant ulcer curative ratio in cold restrained stress induced ulcers. The ulcer inhibition percentage of extracts was not closer to the standard drug omeprazole, but the extract significantly scavenged free radicals. Therefore, it may be concluded that all the three plants may not follow the proton pump inhibitory mechanism. Stress induced ulcers are probably mediated by histamine release with enhancement in acid secretion, a reduction in mucus production and generation of free radicals etc. mast cell activation, alteration in prostaglandin generation, cytokine liberation and breakdown of normal cytoprotective mechanism ulcers due to cold stress are both due to physiological and psychological factors. Flavonoidal compounds were proved to have antisecretory and cytoprotective properties due to free radical scavenging activity during lipid peroxidation. Tannins terpenoids which have vasoconstructive and protein precipitating effects, precipitation of protein at ulcer sites forms impervious layer over the lining that hinders gut secretions and protects the underlying mucosa from toxins and other irritants. The action of terpenes includes reduction of mucosal prostaglandin metabolism and gastric vascular permeability. Stress induced vagal activity has been suggested as the main factor in stress induced ulceration vagus nerve stimulates stomach acid secretion via interaction of its chemical mediator (acetylcholine) with the muscarinic receptor. The activation of the muscarinic receptor gives rise to sequential events that result in increased gastric acid secretion. Stress induced ulcers also involve damage by reactive oxygen species (ROS) apart from acid and pepsin related factors.

**REFERENCE**