

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY OF SOLANUM XANTHOCARPUM INDUCED WITH SILVER NANOPARTICLES- AN IN VITRO STUDY

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Abstract

Introduction

Inflammation is the primary response of the body against an infection or an injury and it is very essential when it comes to our immunity. It is important to understand about the anti-inflammatory drugs that are available in the market due to the growing prominence of pain and pain-related conditions. This study deals with the anti-inflammatory activity of silver nanoparticles which are synthesized using Solanum Xanthocarpum fruit extract.

Materials and Methods

25 grams of dried fruit powder of Solanum Xanthocarpum was mixed with 250 ml of water..25 ml of plant filtrate was added into 225 ml of aqueous solution of 1mM silver nitrate for reduction of silver nitrate into Ag⁺ ions and kept at room temperature for 24 hours in a rotating shaker at 28 degree C.After preparation of the silver nanoparticles using Solanum Xanthocarpum fruit extract the anti-inflammatory activity was assessed.

Results

This research provokes the inflammatory action of silver nanoparticles produced from the plant extracts. It is shown that Solanum Xanthocarpum induced with Silver nanoparticles has a significant inhibitory activity.

Conclusion

The silver nanoparticles synthesized using the fruit extract Solanum Xanthocarpum showed excellent anti-inflammatory activity.

Keywords: Anti-inflammatory Activity; Silver nanoparticles; Solanum xanthocarpum; Fruit extract; Plant extract.

Introduction

Inflammation is a set of interactions that occur between soluble factors and cells and can arise in any tissue in response to autoimmune, traumatic, infectious, toxic, post-ischemic injuries. (Kirtikar & Basu, 1935; Kolattukudy & Niu, 2012; Nathan, 2002) Inflammation can be treated with non-steroidal and steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). (Cannon, 2006) NSAIDs are the most widely used classes of medications. All NSAIDs can cause serious side-effects, including stomach ulcers, gastrointestinal bleeding, kidney failure, heart attacks and strokes. Traditional medicinal plants can be used for the treatment of inflammation. (Calixto, Otuki, & Santos, 2003)

Solanum xanthocarpum (Solanaceae) is a prickly diffuse bright green perennial herb and is commonly known as Yellow Berried Nightshade (Kaṅṭakāri), it is woody at the base, with height of 2-3 m and is found throughout India. (Pardhi, Jain, Ganeshpurkar, & Rai, 2010)

It is a commonly used drug in Ayurveda. Solanum. Xanthocarpum is bitter, it is acrid, thermogenic, anthelmintic, anti-inflammatory, digestive, carminative, appetizer, stomachic, febrifuge, expectorant, laxative, stimulant, diuretic, rejuvenating, emmenagogue, aphrodisiac. (Roshy, Ilanchezhian, & Patgiri, 2012) Alkaloids, sterols, saponins, flavonoids and their glycosides, carbohydrates, fatty acids, amino acids are present in the plant. (Singh & Singh, 2010)

Various activities are reported in solanum xanthocarpum plant include hepatoprotective, (Govindan, Viswanathan, Vijayasekaran, & Alagappan, 1999; Gupta, Sharma, Sharma, Dobhal, & Gupta, 2012; Hussain, Gupta, Sweety, Eswaran, et al., 2012; Hussain, Gupta, Sweety, Khan, et al., 2012; Kar, Maharana, Pattnaik, & Dash, 2006; Poongothai, Ponnurugan, Ahmed, Kumar, & Sheriff, 2011) anti-asthmatic, (Lugun, Bhoi, Kujur, Kumar, & Surin, 2018) antidiabetic, (N. Kumar, Prakash, & Kumar, 2010; Sultana, Khanam, & Devi, 2011) antioxidant, immunomodulatory, wound healing, diuretic, antispermatogenic, antifertility, antipyretic, anticancer, anti-allergic, anthelmintic, antimicrobial. (Gavimath et al., 2012; Patel, Patel, Saralai, & Gandhi, 2012; Purohit, 1992; Salar, 2009) Extract of dried fruits of S. xanthocarpum and its combination with extract of dried fruits of Cassia fistula are reported to possess anti-inflammatory activity. (Anwikar & Bhitre, 2010)

Previously our team had a rich experience in working on various research projects across multiple disciplines; (Azeem & Sureshababu, 2018; Felicita, 2017; Felicita, Chandrasekar, & Shanthasundari, 2012; A. R. Jain, 2017; Krishnan & Lakshmi, 2013; M. S. Kumar, Vamsi, Sripriya, & Sehgal, 2006; Mp, 2017; Patturaja, 2016; Rao & Kumar, 2018; Sekar, Lakshmanan,

Mani, & Biruntha, 2019; Sivamurthy & Sundari, 2016). The aim of this study was to evaluate anti-inflammatory activity of solanum xanthocarpum when induced with silver nanoparticles.

Materials and Methods

Collection of Plant Materials

Fruit of Solanum xanthocarpum was collected from Tamilnadu, India. The collected plant materials were brought to the laboratory for plant extraction and for synthesis of silver nanoparticles.

Processing of Plant Materials

The fruit was separated from the plant, washed thoroughly then cut into small pieces for quick drying. Cleaned fruits were shade dried for a duration of 10-15 days. The dried plant materials were then crushed into fine powder with an electric grinder. Finally the fine powder was stored in an airtight container at room temperature.

Preparation of Solanum Xanthocarpum Aqueous Fruit Extract

25 grams of dried Solanum xanthocarpum fruit powder was mixed with 250 ml of water. The solution was stirred for proper mixing. Then the solution was placed in a rotating shaker (100rpm) at room temperature for 48 hours (2 days). After incubation, the extract was filtered in Whatman No: 1 filter paper. Finally the filtrate was allowed to air dry at room temperature and dried powder was stored at 4 degree C until use.

Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles from Fruit Extract

25 ml of plant filtrate was added into 225 ml of aqueous solution of 1mM silver nitrate (AgNO₃) for reduction of silver nitrate into Ag⁺ ions and kept at room temperature for 24 hours in a rotating shaker at 28 degree C and the solution was kept in the dark to avoid biological changes. There was reduction of silver ions to metallic silver during silver nanoparticles production. Silver nanoparticles were determined by the change in colour of the reaction mixture.

Synthesis of Nanoparticles Powder

Lark refrigerated centrifuge was used for centrifugation of the nanoparticles. The solution of silver nanoparticles is centrifuged at 8000rpm for 10 minutes and the pellet is collected and washed with distilled water twice. The final purified pellet is collected and dried at 60 degree Celsius for 2-4 hours. Solanum xanthocarpum induced silver nanoparticles powder was collected and stored in an airtight eppendorf tube.

Inhibition of Albumin Denaturation Assay

Bovine serum albumin (BSA) was used as a reagent. BSA makes up approximately 60% of all proteins in animal serum. It is commonly used in cell culture. BSA undergoes denaturation on heating and starts expressing antigens associated with type 3 hypersensitivity reactions which

are related to diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, glomerulonephritis, serum sickness, and systemic lupus erythematosus. 2 ml of 1% bovine albumin fraction was mixed with 400 μ L of plant crude extract in different concentrations (500–100 μ g/mL), pH of the reaction mixture was suggested to 6.8 using 1N HCL. The reaction mixture was incubated at room temperature for 20 min and then heated at 55°C for 20 min in a water bath.

The mixture was cooled to room temperature after which absorbent values was recorded at 660 nm. Different concentrations of diclofenac sodium were used as standard.

% Inhibition :

percentage of inhibition = $\frac{\text{Control OD} - \text{Sample OD}}{\text{Control OD}} \times 100$

Statistical Analysis

The results of the test were described as means \pm the standard deviation and analyzed using the UV-Vis Spectroscopy.

Results

Visual Observation

The fruit extract of Solanum Xanthocarpum incorporated with silver nanoparticles was visually observed [Figure 1]. It turned into a brown color extract which was indicated with the formation of silver nanoparticles.

Color Change

The synthesized Ag nanoparticles were confirmed by naked observation. Production of Ag nanoparticles takes place by the reduction of silver ions during exposure to the plant followed by color change. Within 2 hours the silver ions get reduced and it exhibits colorless to dark reddish brown colour. This color change is due to the Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) phenomenon.



Figure 1: Colour change observed before and after addition of silver nanoparticles

UV-VIS Spectra Analysis

There was an increase in the intensity of the silver nanoparticles solution. Wavelength between 400-450nm the formation of silver nanoparticles reach the peak maximum.(Figure 2)The specific characteristic peak for silver nanoparticles was due to the SPR.The UV-Visible spectrum shows the formation of silver nanoparticles of aqueous fruit extract as the peak maxima in 440 nm.This is characteristic to silver nanoparticles and the broadening of peak indicated that the particles were polydispersed.

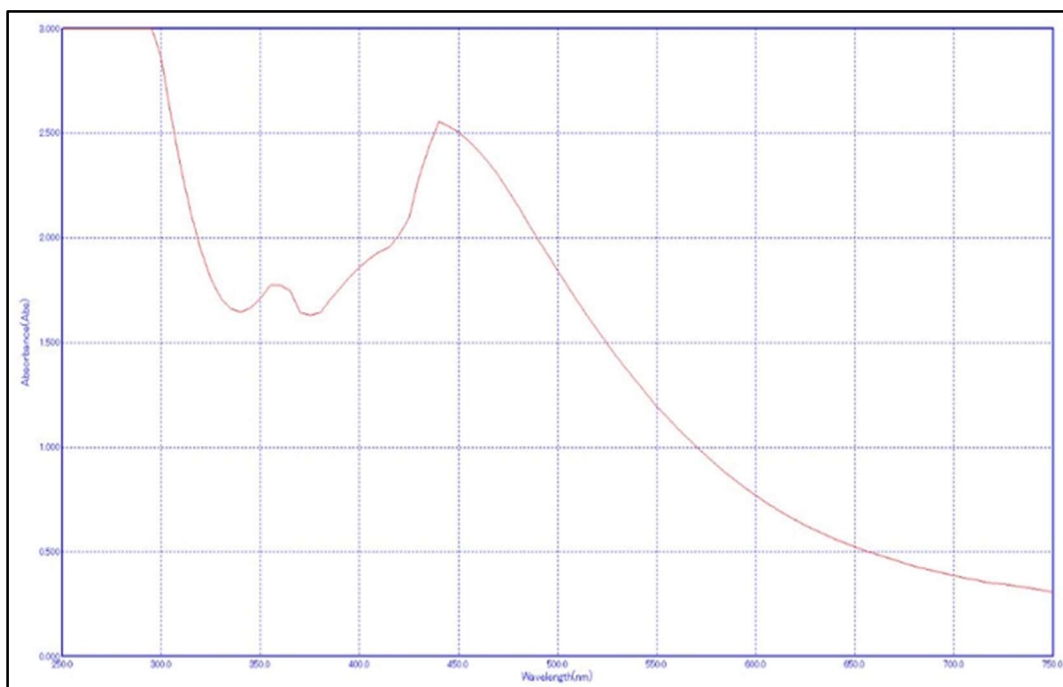


Figure 2: UV-vis spectrograph of Ag nanoparticle synthesized from Solanum

xanthocarpum aqueous fruit extract

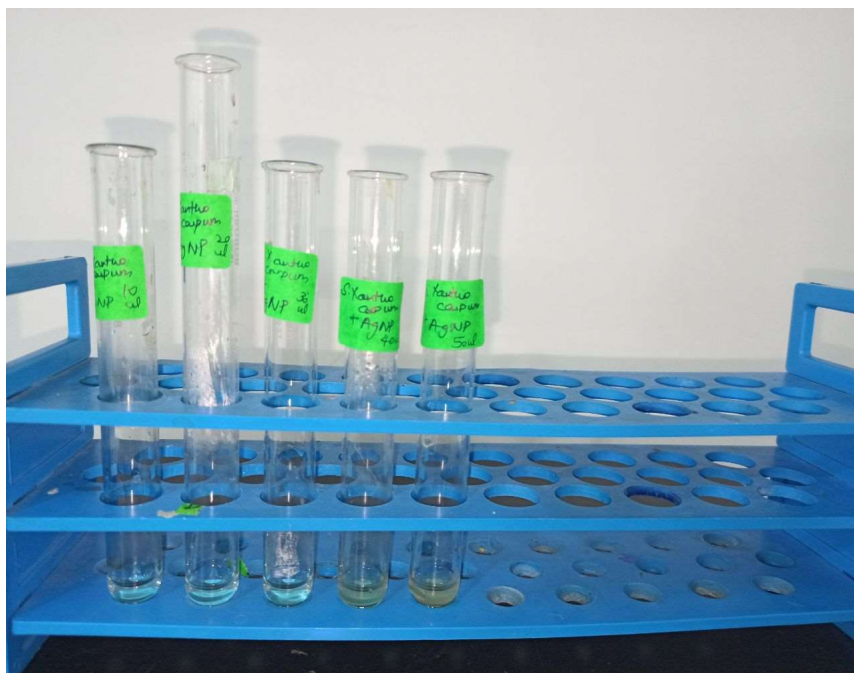


Figure 3: Color change observed in test tubes

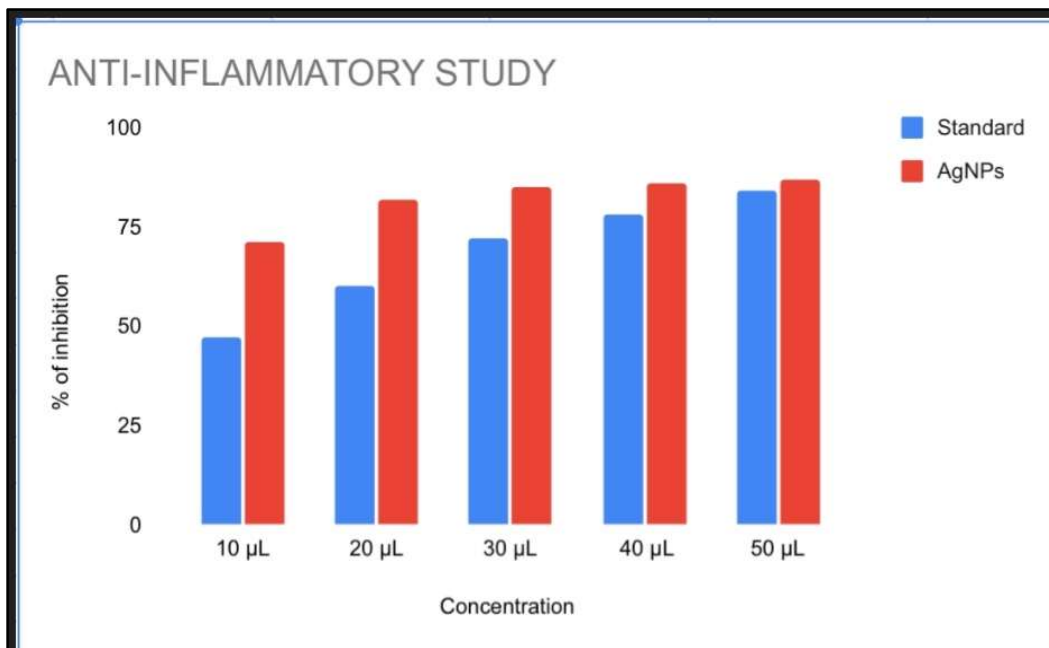


Figure 4 :Graphical representation of Results

Discussion

Protein denaturation can cause an inflammatory response to the cells. (Perumal, Inapagolla, Kannan, & Kannan, 2008) BSA was used as a reagent for the assay. 60% of total protein content in animal serum is constituted from BSA alone, and is commonly used in cell culture,

particularly when protein supplementation is necessary and the other components of serum are unwanted.(Elisha, Dzoyem, McGaw, Botha, & Eloff, 2016) BSA undergoes denaturation when exposed to heat, and expresses antigens associated with Type III hypersensitivity reaction, which are related to diseases such as glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis.(Elisha et al., 2016)

Our institution is passionate about high quality evidence based research and has excelled in various fields.(R. K. Jain, Kumar, & Manjula, 2014; Johnson et al., 2019; Keerthana & Thenmozhi, 2016; Lakshmi, Krishnan, Rajendran, & Madhusudhanan, 2015; Neelakantan, Subbarao, Subbarao, De-Deus, & Zehnder, 2011)

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Conclusion

This research provokes the inflammatory action of silver nanoparticles produced from the plant extract. The silver nanoparticles synthesized using the fruit extract Solanum Xanthocarpum showed excellent anti-inflammatory activity.Further research is required in knowing the benefits of these plants and also the mechanism behind their action. This study thus provides a strong base for understanding the anti-inflammatory activity of silver nanoparticles synthesized from solanum Xanthocarpum fruit extract.

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Conflicts of Interest

There are no conflicts of interest.

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