Determination the therapeutic effect of Datura metel leaves extract for some urinary system bacteria in rabbits
(in vitro and in vivo)

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Abstract

This study was designed to evaluate the effects the watery and alcoholic extracts from leaves of Datura metel in vitro to ten of pathogenic bacteria and study the watery extract toward Candida on urinary system in rabbits. The results showed the watery and alcoholic extracts from leaves of Datura metel have antibacterial activity against both Gram positive (Staphylococcus aureus – Streptococcus agylactiae) And Gram negative bacteria (Klebsilla pneumonia – Proteus vulgaricus – E. coli – Pseudomonas – Vibrio – Salmonella – Enterobacter) and Candida albicans however the watery extract of Datura metel were more potent than alcoholic extract against pathogenic bacteria (80%). According to results, Candida pathogen that more sensitive to ward Datura metel watery extract was choosing to injected intraperitonialy as experimental infection in laboratory animals (vivo) which cause morphological and histopathological degenerative lesion of kidney cortex and medulla tissue in addition to change of renal profile test that include blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, creatinine kinase, uric acid, in addition to Potassium. but after watery extract of Datura metel injected in these laboratory animals cause significant improvement (p≤0.01) in the value of blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, creatinine kinase and uric acid. Potassium concentration, histopathological studies confirm these results which include regeneration of degenerative lesion for medulla and kidney cortex with convoluted tubules tissue.

Introduction

Despite widespread use of synthetic chemicals for the control of diseases, recent awareness about their adverse side effects prompted the use of environmentally acceptable alternative method for disease control. The approaches that are presently being persuaded are biological control, genitic engineering, use of systemic acquired resistance (SAR) with the help of biotic and abiotic agents [1]. And importantly, the use of biodegradable natural products, especially from medicinal plants [2]. Crude as well as ethanolic extract of some plant extracts including Datura sp. Have been tested by many workers for their efficacy against several pathogenic fungi in vitro. Datura metel L. is a sub-glabrous shrubby herb which belongs to the family Solanaceae and grows throughout India. The dried leaves of the plant have long been known in India for their narcotic and anti-spasmodic properties [3]. And these activities are considered to be due to scopalamine and other tropine alkaloid present in the plant. While the presence of alkaloid in D. metel leaves has been for a long time, it was rather recently that a novel steroid, withametelin, was isolated from this source as a major constituent [4]. Leaf extract of D. metel has been reported to exhibit plant virus inhibiting properties [5] [6]. They have also been assayed against spore germination of Alternaria alternate Drechslera halodes and Helminthosporium speciferum [7]. In view of this work, it was considered worthwhile to evaluate the therapeutic activity of Datura metel against some G+ and G- bacteria and Candida fungi.

Materials & Method

Part I
Collection of Datura metel leaves plant

Plant material, leaves of Datura metel, was obtained from the house garden from...
the period 15 December to 15 April after cleaning the leaves from the dust; they put in oven to dry then crushed to produce powdered material.

**Preparation of plant extracts**

1. **watery extract**
   
   50 g of powdered plant was taken and added to 500 ml of distilled water then placed in a water bath has 45°C (for four hours) and shake well, the suspension was filtered with a piece of cloth (muslin), and then left to dry on sterile crucible, later the solid layer of the dishes was eliminated using sharp material and convert it to powder for preparation different concentration [8].

2. **preparation of cold alcoholic extract**
   
   The extraction was applied as in [9] method, about 500 ml of ethanol alcohol in concentration of 80% was added to 50gm of Datura metel plant powder, the mixture was placed in closed bottle, after 24 hours the bottle content was filtered by a piece of cloth (muslin), the filtered material left to dry and convert it to powder for preparation different concentration 50-75-100 %. [10].

**Preparation of bacterial suspension**

Special bacterial suspension from (*Pseudomonas* - *Staphylococcus aureus* - *Klebsilla pneumoni* - *Proteus vulgaricus* - *Streptococcus agylatiae* – *Escherichia. coli* - *Enterobacter* - *Vibrio* – *Salmonella* – *Candida albicans*) were prepared on Muller Hinton Broth and incubated at 37°C for 24 hours, Then 1 micron was taken from each bacterial suspension and diffused on Muller Hinton agar By using L-shape spreader, the plates were left for about 5-10 minute to permit the suspension for drying on the agar. Then 3 equal distant wholes were mode inside the plates for putting different plant extract concentration 50-75-100 % Plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hours; the effect of plant extract on bacteria was calculated by Minimum Bactericidal Concentration (MBC) around the different concentration wholes [11].

**Part n**

1. **Animals**
   
   Clinically healthy six month old white new Zealand rabbits were used in the experiment (rabbits are divided to tow groups control group administrated food and tap water and injected with 10-5 Candida suspension (as this yeast consider the more susceptible to this plant extract) intraperitonially and treatment group T2 administrated food and tap water and injected with 10-5 Candida supension intraperitonially to induce respiratory pneumonia then injected with alcoholic extract of Datura metel, after 36 hrs. for injection, plant extract was administrated intraperitonially in the form of two dose 500 mg daily for three weeks.

2. **Sample collection**
   
   At 10 weeks whole blood was collected via cardiac puncture from anaesthetized (ketamine 50mg/kg-xylazine 10mg/kg), rabbit were then euthanized with a single cardiac injection fatal plus (concentrated pentobarbital, 360 mg/kg), and kidney tissues was collected for histological studies.

**Blood chemistries**

Blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, creatinine kinase, uric acid and calcium concentration in plasma were determined using commercially available kit (sigma)

**Statistical analysis**

Mean ± SE was used to describe variables. All data are analyzed using Duncan's multiple range test to determine if the treatment were significantly (P≤0.01) different or not [12].

**Results**

The results illustrated indicated that the two crude extracts from the leaves of Datura metel showed antibacterial activity against some pathogenic Bactria. however, the crude extract of Datura metel were more potent antibacterial pathogenic bacteria appear more resistant for all watery extract and all alcoholic extract for Datura metel
leaves, these results did not occupied with [8], while results related with Candida appear high sensitivity for 50-75% concentration of watery extract about 3 cm, 2.5cm respectively, while watery extract 100% concentration and alcoholic extract 50% concentration appear intermediate result MBC reach about 1.8cm for each concentration alcoholic concentration 100% for Datura metel leaves, extract appear more resistant MBC reach about 2cm as explained in table 1.

Table 1 refer to sentevty of Different Kinds of Bacteria toward D.metel leaves extracts (MBC).

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Fig 1 is appear sensitivity of Candida albicans toward watery leaf extract of Datura metel

Fig is appear sensitivity of streptococcus pneumonia toward alcoholic leaf extract. This bacteria was selected to inject intraperitonially then treated with watery extract for Datura metel leaves after 36 hrs from injection. Results in vivo indicate presence of significant increment (p≤0.01) in level of blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, creatinine kinase, uric acid and potassium for G2 animals, than G1 animal group the results are explained in table 1:

Table (1) indicate the effect of Datura metel leaves on renal profile test for infected rabbits with Candida

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<td>Blood urea nitrogen</td>
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<td>Creatinine</td>
<td>1.226±0.045</td>
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<td>Creatinine kinase</td>
<td>439.9±10.488</td>
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<td>Uric acid</td>
<td>3.55±0.105</td>
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<td>4.671±0.299</td>
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Results are expressed as mean ± standard error.

a: no significant variation

Different letters between groups refer to significant variation under (p<0.01).

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These results are supported by histopathological examination. Results indicate presence of inflammatory area (spots or patches) in the cortex and medulla of kidney, increase the numbers of cells in the wall of proximal and distal convoluted tubules, with enlargement of the cells in the wall of collecting duct and distal convoluted tubules, hypertrophy of Bowman capsule, mononuclear cells present in the interstitial space between renal tubules, damage in cilia for G1 animals as present in fig 1 and fig 2.

Photomicrographs of haematoxylin and eosin stained sections of rabbit kidney; (A&B) presence of inflammatory area (spots or patches) in the cortex and medulla of kidney, increase in the wall of proximal and distal convoluted tubules, with enlargement of the cells in the wall of collecting duct and distal convoluted tubules, hypertrophy of Bowman capsule, presence of mononuclear cells in the interstitial spaces between renal tubules damage in cilia. (A:H&E, 10×, B:H&E, 100×).

Histopathological examination for G2 animals reveal moderate regeneration for cell of collecting ducts, proximal and distal convoluted tubules, disappearance of congestion in the interstitial spaces for kidney cortex as explained in fig 2 (A&B).
Photomicrographs of haematoxylin and eosin stained sections of rabbit kidney; (A&B) presence of reveal moderate regeneration for cells of collecting ducts, proximal and distal convoluted tubules, disappearance of congestion in the interstitial spaces for cortex of kidney. (A:H&E, 10×, B:H&E, 100×).

**Discussion**

Anti-biotic was medical miracles during the second world but are now becoming impotent bacterial weaponry. This has caused an urgent need for the search of new and innovative ways to control bacterial invasions especially by multi-resistant pathogens [13]. Natural alternative treatment for bacterial infection may provide pathway for the development of new antimicrobial agents. This study indicated that watery and alcoholic extracts for Datura metel leaves were more potent against Gram positive than Gram negative bacteria, in addition to its antifungal effect, this may be due to chemical composition for Datura metel that contain withametelin and withanolide that have antifungal activity which isolated from Datura metel for therapeutic activity.[14],[15],[16]. Our results refer to degenerative change in kidey of G2 group as
supported by histopathological lesions in there cortex and medulla, kidney is one of multiple organ affected by sepsis. Sepsis is the leading cause of acute renal failure which mostly develops as part of a spectrum of organ dysfunction candida induce renal dysfunction, especifically glomerular filtration is impaired, as shown by a significant increase in the level of urea and uric acid [17]. Our data also reveal that serum creatinine and creatinine kinase levels were significantly higher than normal level, creatinine is a small and freely filtered solute by the glomeruli of the kidney. Crn is produced from the breakdown of creatinine in muscle while creatinine kinase mostly reveal presence of damage for heart tissue which an indicator for presence of multiple organ dysfunction.as occur in Ip candida injection. A reduced glomerular filtration rate (GFR) leads to retention of Crn in the blood. If we assume that Crn is produced at a constant rate in an individual, then a 50 percent reduction in GFR results in proximate doubling of the plasma Crn concentration [18] These data indicate that animals suffered from infections and kidney damage, while data for G2 animals represent significant improvement this may be due to therapeutic effect of Datura metel leave watery extract on this fungi.Results also refer to significance (p≤ 0.0.1)decrement in the levels of other renal profile test, ( uric acid , BUN and potassium ion ) for G2 animal group than G1 animal group . this reporting evidence of decreed nephroctomy for G2 group .high levels of renal profile test for G1 animal group associated with rapidly deteriorating Renaldo, dysfunction particularly when associated with multiorgan failure [19]. As accurse with IP Candida injection, withametelin and awithanolide showed significant antifungal activity against all fungi at maximum concentration (1000 ppm) steroid [20]. Steroidal compounds of plant origin are reported to be antifungal. They affect spore germination and germ- tube elongation[21]. Steroidal saponins isolated from the bulbs of Allium ampelosperasum exhibited antifungal activity candida albicans . Polar steroidal glycosides and steroidal glycosides from the stem bark of Holarrhenia floribundai were effective against Candida albicans .there steroids exhibited antifungal activity against Candida albicans [22]. Several species of Datura are reported to contain antifungal properties in their crude extracts. Earlier studies indicate that D.alba and D.stramonium are inhibitory against several fungi [23],[24]. Aqueous leaf extract of D. metel has already been reported to inhibit the growth of Pyricularia grisea and Helminthosporium oryzae [25]. Though previous results indicate that Datura contains potential antifungal compound(s) effective against a wide range of plant pathogenic as well as saprophytic fungi, the present results of antifungal activity of withametelin.a steroidal compound isolated from leaves of D.metel is being reported .its efficacy at a very low concentration futher indicates a possibility of its use against plant diseases under field conditions [16].

Reference


تحديد الفعالية العلاجية لمستخلص اوراق الداتورا كمضاد لبعض جراثيم الجهاز البولي مختبريا وحيويا في الأرانب

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الخلاصة

صممت هذه الدراسة لتقييم تأثير المستخلص المائي والكحولي للنبات الداتورا مختبريا وحيويا على عشيرة جراثيم مرضية موجبة وسلبية لصبغة كرام اةافة الى فطر ال Candida. أظهرت النتائج الفعالية العلاجية للمستخلصات المائية و الكحولية للنبات الداتورا ضد مجموعة من الجراثيم الموجبة لصبغة كرام متمثلة ب Klebsilla pneumonia – Proteus وبعض الجراثيم السالبة لصبغة كرام وتمثلة با (Salmonella enterica – Vibrio – Escherichia coli و بالكابنات Candida albicans). وبالاعتماد على النتائج كان طفر Candida مثالي لعلاج جراثيم البولي الذي استخدمت لا خصائص تيبرية على بعض الحيوانات المختبرية (الارانب) والتي تسببها بذور مرضية ونسبة تأثيرها تغلق في نقطة وصل الكلية أوراخية إلى أوراخ تيبرية مماثلة في الدلال الحيوية للجهاز البولي والتي شملت تركيز البوريا في المصل والكابنات والكابنات كاينيز وحمض الوريك اضافة إلى تركيز البوريا (p<0.01) في مستوى تركيز البوريا في المصل والكابنات المصابية بالمستخلص الكحولي للنبات الداتورا. بعد خفض الوريك في المستوى الرئيسي في المصل والكابنات كاينيز وحمض الوريك و بوريا اضافة إلى إصلاح النسبة المتبقية في منطقة القشرة واللب والأذن والبكتيريا الكلوية واعادة التنسج من جديد.