Abstract

Objective: The present study was aimed to evaluate antiparkinson activity of hesperetin and pyridoxine against olanzepine and manganese induced Parkinsonism rat model.

Material and Methods: Olanzepine (20 mg/kg) and manganese (100 mg/kg) were used for the induction of Parkinsonism for 28 days. Test groups receive simultaneous treatment of hesperitin (10 mg/kg) and pyridoxine (10 mg/kg). Then the level of enzymes viz. LPO, SOD, GSH, catalase and level of neurotransmitters such as dopamine and acetylcholine were evaluated. Selegiline (30 mg/kg) was used as standard drug in reference to the vehicle control and test groups.

Results: Among all the test groups (T1, T2 & T3), group T3 maintain the level of enzymes (LPO, SOD, GSH, Catalase) and neurotransmitters (Dopamine and Acetylcholine) statistically significant as compared to vehicle control group.

Conclusion: From the results of the present study hesperetin and pyridoxine may act as potential antioxidants in treatment of Parkinsonism

Keywords: Parkinsonism, Hesperetin, Pyridoxine, Antioxidants.

Introduction

Parkinsonism is 2nd commonest neurodegenerative disease in the world. It was estimated that the number of people suffering with it will rise from 4.1 to 4.6 million in 2020. In Asia there are expected to increase the Parkinsonism patients from 2.757 million in 2005 to 6.17 million in 2030 [1]. It is neurodegenerative disease in which degeneration of dopaminergic neuron in the substantia nigra of brain and characterized by movement disorders like rigidity, bradikinesia, postural instability, tremors [2]. Progressive loss of dopamine containing neuron is common signs of aging so it is started commonly in the age of 60. In the early stage of disease the face may show less expression and arms may not swing when walk and speech may become soft or slurred. In this stage there is about 80% loss of dopamine and lead to Parkinsonism [3]. Catabolism is the main Mechanism for deactivation of Dopamine. It involves multiple pathways like oxidative deamination by MAO and COMT and conjugation by sulfotransferase and glucuronidase [4]. Energy metabolism, oxidative stress, chronic infection, programmed cell death, neurotoxins and excitotoxicity are also responsible for Parkinsonism [5].

From the literature review it was found that flavonoids, tannins and phenolic constituents from plant origin are potential antioxidants and play an essential role in the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases. A direct relationship between antioxidant activity and phenolic content of plant extracts has been reported. In recent years, there has been increasing interest in investigating polyphenols from botanical source for possible neuroprotective effects against neurodegenerative disease. Antioxidant activity of flavonoids is attributed to their hydrogen-donating ability. Indeed, the phenolic groups of flavonoids serve as a source of a readily available “H” atoms such that the subsequent radicals produced...
can be delocalized over the flavonoids structure. Therefore, the present study was aimed to evaluate antiparkinson activity of pyridoxine and hesperetin against olanzepine and manganese induced Parkinsonism rat model [6, 7].

**Materials and Methods**

**Equipments and chemicals**

The equipments were used from Shimadzu, Narang Scientific Works Pvt. Ltd., Inco Ambala, Remi motors Ltd. Mumbai, Olympus. All chemicals were analytical grades used in the study and purchased from RANKEM; MERCK; CDH; LOBA CHEM. Drugs were used in the study such as Selegilline (HIMEDIA), Olanzepine (SIGMA ALDRICH), Hesperitine (TCI).

**Animals**

Westar albino rats of body weight 150-250 gm and 6 month of age of either used for study. The animals were housed in standard polypropylene cages and maintained under controlled room temperature (22±2oc) and humidity (55±5%) with 12:12 hour light and dark cycle. All the animals were provided with commercially available rat normal pallet diet and water ad libium. The guidelines of the committee for the purpose of control and supervision of experiment on Animals (CPCSEA) of India was followed and prior permission for granted by the institutional Animal Ethics Committee (Reg No. 273/CPCSEA) for conducting the animal experimental studies.

**Protocol**

Albino Wister rats are divided into six groups and each group had five animals. The study protocol was carried out for 28 days. Inducer drugs were Manganese (100mg/kg) and Olanzepine (20mg/kg).

Group 1: (Normal; n=5) Animals received normal saline
Group 2: (Control; n=5) Manganese (100mg/kg) and Olanzepine (20mg/kg)
Group 3: (Standard; n=5) Inducer drug with Selegilline (30mg/kg)
Group 4: (Treatment Group-T1; n=5) Inducer drug with Pyridoxine (10mg/kg)
Group 5: (Treatment Group-T2; n=5) Inducer drug with Hesperetin (10mg/kg)
Group 6: (Treatment Group-T3; n=5) Inducer drug with Hesperetin (10mg/kg) + Pyridoxine (10mg/kg)

**Estimation of antioxidant & neurotransmitter level**

Animal was fasted overnight and brains are removed quickly and placed in ice cold saline and are quickly dissected out on a Petridis chilled on crushed ice. The tissue are weighed and homogenized in 0.1M Phosphate buffer (PH 7.2). The homogenate was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 min and resultant cloudy supernatant liquid was used for biochemical estimation. These biochemical parameters were Reduced glutathione [8], Lipid per oxidation [9], Catalase [10]. Superoxide have ability to inhibit auto-oxidation of epinephrine to adrenochrome at PH 10.2. This inhibition can be measured spectrophotometer at 480nm. The radio immune essay was developed by Solomon A. Berson and Rosalyn S. in 1950. It is a technique for measurement of the level of neurotransmitters.

**Results**

In the present study Parkinsonism was induced by administration of manganese (100mg/kg) and olanzepine (20mg/kg) and shown decreased level of dopamine, superoxide dismutase, reduced glutathione and enzyme catalase while increased level of acetylcholine and lipid peroxide in control group as compared to the normal vehicle group. In standard group after administration of selegiline (30mg/kg) there was marked rise in level of dopamine, superoxide dismutase, reduced glutathione and enzyme catalase whereas decreased level of acetylcholine and lipid peroxide as compared to the control group. Furthermore, in treatment groups T1, T2, T3 were shown significant increased level of protecting neurotransmitters and enzymes after treatment. Moreover, in treatment group T3 among all the groups resulted statically significant increased level of dopamine, superoxide dismutase, reduced glutathione and enzyme catalase and decreased level of acetylcholine and lipid peroxide.

| Groups     | DA Level | Ach Level | LPO Level | SOD Level | Reduced glutathione Level | Enzyme Catalase Level |
|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Normal     | 1.25±0.44| 19.56±2.85| 54.33±10.39| 64.33±10.39| 66.72±13.05                | 0.333±0.33            |
| Control    | 5.75±034 | 65.14±2.51| 84.31±0.39| 55.53±35.33| 90.03±35.35                | 0.11±0.79             |
| Standard   | 1.59±0.35| 23.05±0.78| 74.33±87.39| 77.36±2.68 | 68.08±15.35                | 1.766±0.26            |
| T1         | 64.7±0.25| 66.79±3.53| 94.32±70.87| 67.07±0.36 | 202.29±23.24               | 7.166±2.72            |
| T2         | 5.00±0.08| 59.35±2.70| 94.34±10.39| 71.58±0.48 | 202.57±32.37               | 7.895±0.68            |
| T3         | 5.22±0.43| 57.44±2.89| 90.33±12.89| 76.09±2.04 | 196.31±3.18                | 10.165±0.87           |

**Table 1**: Neurotransmitters level and biochemical analysis.
The statistical significance of difference between means was calculated by ANOVA followed by Dennett’s post hoc test. Values are expressed as Mean±SEM; n=5 in each group. DA-dopamine; Ach-acetylcholine; LPO-lipid peroxide; SOD-superoxide dismutase.

**Discussion**

Parkinson’s develops gradually and starting with a tremor in just one hand, but while tremor may be well known sign of Parkinson’s disease. The disorder also commonly causes stiffness or slowing of movement. In the early stage of disease the face may show less expression and arms may not swing when walk and speech may become soft or slurred. In the Parkinsonism presence of protein alpha-syncline, which are also called lewy bodies are founds in mid brain, brain stem and olfactory bulb. These area of brain correlate to non motor function such as smell and sleep regulation and these functions are also disturbed in Parkinsonism [11].

The antioxidants have ability to decrease the oxidative stress which is one of the significant approaches to overcome the symptoms of Parkinson’s. Hesperetin is natural falconoid and has antioxidant properties. Flavonoids are group of polyphenolic compounds of low molecular weight (200–600g/mol). They have various pharmacological properties and act as scavengers of free radicals by OH groups in their molecular structure [12]. Several studies have reported that hesperetin have anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, anti-carcinogenic, and neuroprotective effects. Hesperetin is a compound with 3 hydroxyl groups that maintain greater antioxidant potency and ability to activate cellular antioxidant preventing enzymes [13, 14]. Pyridoxine (Vitamin B6) is required for the synthesis of neurotransmitters and myelin formation. Several activities such as anti-oxidant, anti-thyroid, anti-inflammatory, ant autism etc. were reported in the literature [15, 16].

The present study was aimed to evaluate antiparkinson activity of pyridoxine and hesperetin against olanzepine and manganese induced Parkinsonism rat model. The olanzepine is an antipsychotic drug and cause parkinsonism like symptoms in long term use, it binds transiently to D2 receptor this transient binding is sufficient for antipsychotic effects to take place but they also inhibit the natural present dopamine thus produce parkinsonism. Manganese is heavy metal and cause neurotoxicity. It decreases the concentration of dopamine in the dopaminergic neuron and due to low level of dopamine in the brain generation of Parkinsonism like symptoms. Selegiline (30mg/kg) administered as a standard drug and it was found that the level of dopamine, reduced glutathione, superoxide dismutate and enzyme catalase were significantly increased while level of acetylcholine and LPO were decreased as compared to control group. In the treatment groups viz. T1, T2, T3 according to the protocol pyridoxine (10mg/kg) and hesperetin (10mg/kg) individually (T1 and T2) and in combination of both (T3) were administered orally for 28 days. The blood samples were withdrawn to evaluate different parameters such as level of enzymes and level of neurotransmitters. Furthermore, among all these treatment groups the T3 group shown statically significant results as compared to control group in terms of increased level of dopamine, reduced glutathione, superoxide dismutate and enzyme catalase while level of acetylcholine and lipid peroxides were decreased.

**Conclusion**

The antioxidants have ability to decrease the oxidative stress which is one of the significant approaches to overcome the symptoms of Parkinsonism. So the combination of hesperetin and pyridoxine may be one of the beneficial approaches in the treatment of Parkinsonism.

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