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ANTIDIABETIC ACTIVITY OF THE FRUITS POWDER OF CISSUS ROTUNDIFOLIA ON ALLOXAN-INDUCED DIABETIC RABBITS.

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Abstract

Halas Cissus Rotundifolia (Vitaceae), has been widely used as an traditional medicine in Yemen. This study was designed to assess the efficacy and safety of three doses of Cissus Rotundifolia fruits powder (CRFP) compared with glibenclamide. Hypoglycemic effects of CRFP were also investigated on alloxan-induced diabetic rabbits. CRFP and the standard drug glibenclamide were orally administered to diabetic rabbits for four weeks. Blood glucose levels were determined. The oral administration of CRFP didn’t cause any signs of clinical abnormalities in the treated rabbits. Thus the given dose of drug appears to be safe. CRFP (1, 2 and 3 g/kg.p.o) showed a significant reduction (P< 0.05) in blood glucose level in 30 days. A maximum reduction of blood glucose level was occurred at the dose of 3 g/kg. Phytochemical analysis indicated that Cissus rotundifolia fruits contains Fibers, protein, lipids, hydrolyzable carbohydrates, soluble sugars, free aminoacids, phenolic, tannin, anthocyanin, carotenoid, Vitamin C, Vitamin A, Macroelements, Microelements, Essential Amino Acids and Non-Essential Amino Acids.

Introduction:

Diabetes is a serious, chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin (a hormone that regulates blood sugar, or glucose). Globally, an estimated 422 million adults were living with diabetes in 2014, compared to 108 million in 1980. The use of natural products with therapeutic properties is as ancient as human civilization and for a long time, mineral, plant and animal products were the main sources of drugs. Approximately 38 million US adults use herbal and dietary supplements. Natural products and their derivatives represent more than 50% of all drugs in clinical use in the world. Higher plants contribute no less than 25% of the total during the last 40 years.

The family Vitaceae is a tropical and subtropical family with 12 genera and about 700 species. The genus Cissus L. (Vitaceae) comprises 350 species distributed in all tropical areas with a few species reaching temperate climates. Many researchers investigation indicated that therapeutics Cissus species could treat many disease. Cissus rotundifolia (CR) belongs to family vitaceae genus cissus. CR is found throughout East Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, parts of Central Africa, Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula. CR commonly called in Yemen alhals, alfaq; used as herbal product. In Yemen the boiled leaves are eaten with meals.

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southern region of Saudi Arabia, their leaves are widely consumed after cooking by local people as leafy vegetables

Biological studies reported on the species of cissus rotundifolia used for treating malaria. Analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antulcerative, antioxidant and hepatoprotective activity. Anti-diabetic activity. Phytochemical screening of cissus rotundifolia leaves and stem extracts is steroids, flavonoids, proteins, β-sitosterol, Magnificol, β-sitosterol-D-glucoside, Quercetrin, Linarin, Quercetin, Isoorientin and Vitamins C & E.

Nutritional evaluation of wild plant Cissus rotundifolia showed that it contains an appreciable amount of protein, fat, crude fiber and minerals. Protein fraction contains a relatively high level of essential amino acids; fat contains a high concentration of unsaturated fatty acids; Macroelements (Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium and Microelements (Iron, Zinc, Manganese, Copper, Chromium). Nutritional and phytochemical content of investigated wild fruit:

Materials and methods:-
Chemicals:
Alloxan monohydrate was obtained from Sigma Co (St. Louis, MO) and glibenclamide from alharery pharmacy. Alloxan was dissolved in saline solution for intraperitoneal administration.

Plant material.
The fruits of Cissus rotundifolia was collected from alkhofej area, Tor ALbaha district, Lahj, Yemen. after collecting the fruits, it was washed and cut into small pieces, then it was dried in order to change it into powder. The plant was identified and authenticated by taxonomist in Botany of Aden Univ. yemen.

Experimental animals:
The animals (locally rabbits) were purchased from the local market in Lahj governorate, Yemen. The rabbits were divided into sex groups comprising of 10 animals weighed 1200-1350g in each group. They were allowed to acclimatize for two weeks and were maintained. All animals were given free access to standard chow and tap water. The fruits powder suspension was administered orally twice per day.

Induction of experimental diabetes:
Diabetes mellitus was induced in rabbits by single intraperitoneal injection of freshly prepared solution of alloxan (120 mg/kg b.w) in physiological saline after overnight fasting for 12 h. Marginal ear vein blood glucose levels were measured, 7, 15 and 30 days after alloxan injection. The rabbits were fed by the preparations by gastric intubation.

Experimental design:
1. Group I: Normal control rabbits received normal saline 10 ml/kg/day and free food for 30 days
2. Group II: Diabetic control rabbits received alloxan in single dose (120 mg/kg, i.p.), did not any treat.
3. Group III: Treated diabetic rabbits received CRFP (1g/kg/body weight, in 2 ml distilled water daily, for 30 days.
4. Group IV: Treated diabetic rabbits received CRFP (2g/kg/body weight, in 2 ml distilled water daily, for 30 days.
5. Group V: Treated diabetic rabbits received CRFP (3g/kg/body weight, in 2 ml distilled water daily, for 30 days.
6. Group VI: Diabetic rabbits treated with glibenclamide (5 mg/kg/body weight, in 2 ml distilled water daily, for 30 days.)
Statistical analysis:-
The results are expressed by the means and standard deviations (SD). The statistical analysis was carried out using paired t-test and One-way analysis (ANOVA). Statistical P. value at the level of <0.05 was considered to be significant.

Results:-
The oral administration of CRFP of Cissus rotundifolia leaves didn’t cause any signs of clinical abnormalities in the treated rabbits. Thus the drug dose given appears to be safe. Continuous treatment with CRFP (1, 2 and 3g/kg) for a period of 30 days showed a significant decrease in the blood glucose level in diabetic rabbits. A maximum reduction of blood glucose level was occurred at the dose of 3 g/kg. p. o. of CRFP. Table NO (1).

| Groups            | DAY: 7       | DAY:15      | DAY:30      |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Normal control    | 75.38±0.89   | 73.40±1.5   | 81.80±0.87  |
| Diabetic control  | 208.8±2.93   | 265.9±1.378 | 336.3±4.06  |
| Glibinclamide     | 222.5±0.48   | 172.8±7.19  | 132.5±1.96  |
| CRFP(1g/kg)       | 221.3±2.95   | 190.6±3.64  | 163.3±4.14  |
| CRFP (2g/kg)      | 230.6±5.25   | 167.8±3.48  | 118.6±3.52  |
| CRFP (3g/kg)      | 225.7±1.96   | 141.3±1.56  | 98.4±3.14   |

Discussion:-
NO lethality or any toxic reactions were found at any of the selected CRFP doses until the end of the study period. The oral administration of CRFP of Cissus rotundifolia fruits didn’t cause any signs of clinical abnormalities in the treated rabbits. Thus the CRFP dose given appears to be safe. Toxicity Studies did not show any side effects of cissus genus 25. Alloxan has been observed to cause a massive reduction of the β-cells of the islets of Langerhans and induce hyperglycemic 26, 27. The mechanism behind alloxan diabetogenic effect is not very clear. However, it has been suggested that it damages pancreatic beta cells through formation of superoxide anions and hydrogen peroxide but not hydroxyl radicals 28, 29. This causes DNA strand-breaks (30) and depletes NAD+ stores 31, 32. One study suggested that the generation of free radicals through redox cycling with glutathione was not enough to cause diabetes by alloxan ,but it seems that hydrophilicity of this compound is a necessary condition for its diabetogenecity 33. Some reports indicate that the formation of superoxide and hydroxyl radicals is responsible for the alloxan-induced cytotoxicity 34, 35, 36. Pancreas from alloxan-induced diabetic animals showed a 70% reduction of beta cells areas. At the same time, there was an increase in the areas occupied by delta cells, and no alteration in glucagon-producing cells 37.

Mechanism of action of the standard drug glibenclamide:
Binding of glibenclamide with its receptor leads to the closure of the potassium channels which opens calcium channels for influx of Ca2+ ions into the cytoplasm and release of insulin from the pancreatic islets. These K+ channels are responsive to ATP/ADP ratio and close when the ratio increases because of an increase in glucose metabolism 38, 39. Sulphonylureas such as glibenclamide stimulate insulin secretion from pancreatic β cells principally by inhibiting ATP-sensitive K+ channels 40.

Possible Mechanism of action of the phinolic compounds found in Cissus rotundifolia: This study showed that the CRFP of Cissus Rotundifolia cause a significant hypoglycemic effect in alloxan diabetic rabbits. The maximum reduction in fasting blood glucose (FBG) was observed at a dose of 3 g/kg b.w. Thus, g/kg/ w. was found to be the optimum dose of CRFP on FBG of diabetic animals. These findings are supported by those of 21,22,23. There were a lot of studies that support the anti- hyperglycemic or anti-diabetic effect of several medicinal plants worldwide 41, 42, 43. A number of researchers have reported that genus cissus have antidiabetic properties in various studies 44,45,46,47,48,49,50. The cissus genus (vitaceae) extracts are characterized by a high content of flavonoids. An important source of flavonoids in the diet and the flavonoids found in cissus genus are known to be strong antioxidants 51.

Conclusion: The antihyperglycaemic activity may be due to the presence of several bioactive anti-diabetic principals.
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