

**ANTI ULCEROGENIC ACTIVITY OF *SOPHORAINTERRUPT*,
SOLANUM PUBESCENS AND *TABEBUIA ROSEA* LEAVES ON INVIVO
TEST MODEL IN RATS**

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Abstract

The present research work is pharmacological properties of the *Sophorainterrupta*, *Solanumpubescens* and *Tabebuiarosea* plants with their phytochemical study and antiulcer activity. The study was carried by using the cold stress induced gastric lesions in rats. Ethanomedical information leads to new drug discovery from the herbal medicine and shows potential results for the treatment of gastric ulcers. Results shown a reduction in gastric juice, total acidity and increase in the P^H, for all the three plants but their efficacy differs for all the *Sophorainterrupta* *Solanumpubescens* and *Tabebuiarosea* leaves and among all the three plants *Tabebuiarosea* showed significant antiulcer activity.

Key Words: Antiulcer, Cold Stress Induced Model, Rats, *SophoraInterrupta* *SolanumPubescens* and *TabebuiaRosea*

INTRODUCTION

The major gastro-intestinal 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 10-12 years characterized by recurring episode of healing and reexacerbations. Anxiety, emotional stress, hemorrhagic surgical shock, burns and trauma are also known to result in 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 regard. Therefore reduction of gastric acid production as well as protection of gastric mucosa has been the major approaches for treatment of peptic ulcer¹.

Sophora Interrupta belongs to the family fabaceae which is commonly called as edwarriamadarasapatnawight, piliGirgoli. There are approximately 219 species in this genus sophora. *Sophorainterrupta* which is available exclusively in seshachalam hill ranges of tirumala. This plant is woody perineal shrub with pinnate leaves, broadly ovate and golden yellow flowers. It has multifarious medicinal properties including antibacterial, anticancer and anti-inflammatory. From the preliminary phytochemical studies it was identified that it has constituents like alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, phenols, carbohydrates and proteins².

Solanum pubescens belong to the family solanaceae was commonly used in

India by tribal people for the treatment of liver disorders, diarrhoeal diseases and cancer. It is commonly called as pajarito. The extract has been already proved with some phytoconstituents like flavonol-B-o-methyl ethers, solanopubamine a steroid alkaloid and with different pharmacological property³.

Tabebuia rosea (bertol) D.C, belong to the family bignoniaceae⁴ commonly known as pink trumpet Tree, grow upto 15 meter and well known for its beautiful flowers. Tea made from the leaves and bark is known to have a fever reducing effect. The herbal products obtained from the bark of tabebuia trees are called Taheebo, lapacho, pandarco and iperoxo. Traditionally, it has been used for treating ulcers, syphilis, gastrointestinal problems, candidiasis, cancer, diabetics, prostatitis, constipation and allergies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials:

The leaves of *Sophorainterrupta*, *Solanumpubescens* and *Tabebuia rosea* were collected in October 2013 from Trupathi, andhra pradesh and were authenticated by Dr. Madhavachetty, A voucher specimen was deposited in Department of Phytopharmacy and Phytomedicine, Sri Indhu, College of Pharmacy, Ibrahimpatnam, Hyderabad, India.

Preparation of Extract:

The leaves of *Sophorainterrupta*, *Solanumpubescens* and *Tabebuia rosea* were dried under shade and then made into a coarse powder. Air dried powdered material apparatus. Marc was dried and extracted again with methanol for 18 hrs till the solvent become colourless. Extract obtained was concentrated in vacuum under reduced pressure using rotary flask evaporator. It was further concentrated

and dried in the dessicator for further studies.

Preliminary Phytochemical Investigation:

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

Test animals:

Wistar albino rats of either sex weighing between 150-250 g (6-8 weeks old) were used for the study. They were kept in the departmental animal house at $25\pm2^{\circ}\text{C}$ 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 the food was withdrawn 18-24 h before the experiment though 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.

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 $3-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 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 stress⁵.

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:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{\frac{\text{UI}_{\text{ulcer control}} - \text{UI}_{\text{treated}}}{\text{UI}_{\text{ulcer control}}}}{\text{UI}_{\text{ulcer control}}} \times 100$$

Statistical Analysis:

All the values are expressed as mean \pm 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. 01. Antiulcer activity of Methanolic extract of leaves of *Solanum pubescens*, *Sophora interrupta* and *Tabebuia rosea* on Cold stress test in mice.

S.No	Ulcer Index	Volume of Gastric Juice	pH	Total Acidity
Control	4.5 \pm 1.26	3.5 \pm 0.925	2.3 \pm 0.193	66.16 \pm 1.647
Standard	0.85 \pm 0.269***	1.5 \pm 0.186**	3.73 \pm 0.203***	42.6 \pm 1.75***
MESI	1.9 \pm 0.36**	2.78 \pm 0.293*	3.4 \pm 0.224***	49.5 \pm 2.19***
METR	0.96 \pm 0.25***	2.9 \pm 0.37*	3.46 \pm 0.216***	47.5 \pm 1.36***
MESP	1.56 \pm 0.24**	1.93 \pm 0.58*	3.75 \pm 0.196***	45.3 \pm 1.59***

Each value is the mean \pm SEM for 6 mice, * $P<0.5$, ** $P<0.01$, *** $P<0.001$.

Compared with control, data were analysed by using one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnet's test, standard (Diazepam 10mg/kg, of B.W), METR- Methanolic extract of *Tabebuia rosea*, dose

(500mg/kg of B.W), MESI- Methanolic extract of *Sophora interrupta* (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 result of auto digestion of gastric mucosal barrier, accumulation of HCl and generation of free radicals⁶. MESI, 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.

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