

In-Vitro Antioxidant and Anti-Neoplastic Activity of Leaves Extract of *Adina Cardifolia*

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Abstract

This study of the antioxidant properties of *Adina cardifolia* were successfully investigated using DPPH radical scavenging, nitric oxide radical scavenging, Superoxide anion radical scavenging, total antioxidant activity by ABTS*+ radical scavenging and lipid peroxidation inhibitor assays and compared with the standards. Also the anti-neoplastic activity was study by MTT assay using MCF7 Cell line. Percentage growth inhibition by MTT assay using MCF-7 cell line were found to be 65.54±1.05 by PEAC extract respectively compared to 83.03±1.0% by standard drug Methotrexate.

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Introduction

Those chemicals that attach with free radicals and their impact from causing harm to biological molecules. Endogenous antioxidants are generated by our body which is utilized to different free radicals. These days, numerous oral supplements are accessible in the market named as dietary antioxidants¹. The alternative medicine deals with a wide assortments of herbal plants, which may fill in as key to open the numerous puzzles behind human pathologies. The developing countries relies upon conventional plants for wellbeing necessities, dietary supplements, nutraceuticals, herbal plant extracts and phytoconstituents find wide application in rewarding afflictions going from normal to uncommon infectious and non-infectious diseases^{2,3}.

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Adina cardifolia is medicinal plants possess various therapeutic characteristics belonging to the family Rubiaceae. Large deciduous tree grows up to 20 meters in height⁴. It has various properties like antioxidant effect⁵, anti-neoplastic effect⁶ and anti-fertility properties⁷, anti-amoebic effect⁸.

I. Material and Methods

Collection and Authentication of the leaf

Adinacardifolia leaves were collected from garden of Ashtang Ayurvedic College, Indore and authentication by Dr. Shakun Mishra, Head of Department, S.S.N Govt. P.G. College, Khandwa and under guidance of Dr. Manmeet Singh Saluja, Professor, SunRise University, Alwar, Rajasthan, India.

Preparation of Crude Drug for Extract

Adinacardifolia leaves were kept and dried under shade and grounded. The grounded plant leaves were sieved through sieve no.40 and stowed in a

sealed vessel for extraction⁹.

Preparation of extracts of *Adinacardifolia*

The grounded and sieved plant leaves about 1000gm were sequentially extracted using petroleum ether, ethanol, hydroalcoholic (1:1) and distilled water in soxhlet apparatus material were concentrated After about forty siphons of each solvent extraction step^{10, 11}.

Drugs and Chemicals

DPPH, sodium nitroprusside, sulphanilamide, naphthylethylene diamine dihydrochloride, Curcumin, nitroblue tetrazolium, NADH, phenazine methosulphate, Catechin, ferric chloride, L-ascorbic acid, trichloroacetic acid, thiobarbituric acid, butylated hydroxy anisole, TROLOX, ABTS, potassium persulfate obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. Ltd, USA. All chemicals and solvents were of reagent grade.

Preliminary Phytochemical Screening

Adinacordifolia extracts were qualitative tests of various active constituents' viz. carbohydrate, glycoside, alkaloid, amino acids, flavonoids, fixed oil, tannins, gum and mucilage, phytosterols etc.

Free Radical Scavenging and Antioxidant Activity

The antiradical and antioxidant activities of the different extracts in five in-vitro models, including DPPH radical scavenging, Nitric oxide radical scavenging, Superoxide anion radical scavenging, total antioxidant activity by ABTS●+ radical scavenging and lipid peroxidation inhibitor assays were investigated.

DPPH radical Scavenging Activity

DPPH i.e. 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl, an organic chemical compound. This free radical, stable at room temperature, and get reduced in the presence of an antioxidant molecule, that give rise to colorless solution DPPH, were read at 517 nm (Blois MS 1958). To a 0.1mM solution of DPPH in methanol add 3ml methanolic solution of different extract in concentration of 10, 20, 30,

40, 50 and 100 µg and incubate for 30 min at 517nm and check the absorbance. The percentage reduction initial and final absorbance of each solution.

Percentage scavenging of DPPH radical was calculated using the formula

$$\% \text{ Scavenging of DPPH} = \frac{[\text{Abs Control} - \text{AbsTest}]}{[\text{AbsControl}]} \times 100$$

Nitric oxide radical Scavenging Activity

Sodium nitroprusside in aqueous solution generate Nitric oxide that reacts with oxygen to yield nitrite ions which were measured by the Griess reaction. Nitric oxide with oxygen leading to reduced production of nitric oxide^{12, 13}. Reaction mixture (3ml) was prepared by mixing sodium nitroprusside (10 mM) in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and the extracts in different concentrations (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 100 µg). These mixtures were incubated at 25⁰C for 150 min. At an interval of every 30 min, 0.5 mL of the incubated extracts was removed and 0.5 mL of Griess reagent (1% sulphanilamide, 0.1% naphthylethylene diamine dihydrochloride in 2% H3PO4) was added. The chromophore formed was measured at an absorbance of 546 nm. All the analyses were performed in triplicate and the results were averaged. The percentage inhibition of nitric oxide generated was measured by comparing the absorbance values of control and test. Curcumin were used as a reference compound.

Superoxide anion radical Scavenging Activity

A reaction mixture was prepared by adding 1 mL of nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) solution (156 µM NBT in 100 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4), 1 mL of NADH solution (reduced form of β-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide) (468 µM in 100 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4) and 0.1 mL of extracts in different concentration (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 100 µg) in distilled water. The reaction was started by addition of 100 µl of phenazine methosulphate (PMS) solution (60 µM PMS in 100 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4). This reaction

mixture were incubated at 25°C for 5 min and measured the absorbance at 560 nm against blank samples. An increase in superoxide anion scavenging activity was indicated by decreased absorbance of the reaction mixture. Catechin used as reference compound. All the experiments performed in triplicate and the results averaged. The percentage of inhibition was determined by comparing the results of control and test samples¹⁴.

Lipid Peroxidation Inhibitory Activity

For this activity, proper formation of liposome was ensured by sonicating 300 mg of egg lecithin with 30 ml of phosphate buffer, pH 7.4 in an ultrasonic sonicator for 30 min. This sonicated solution, plant extracts and standard (ascorbic acid) of different concentrations (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 100 µg/mL) were added and incubated for 10 min. The induction of lipid peroxidation was done by adding ferric chloride (0.5 ml, 400 mM) and L-ascorbic acid (0.5 ml, 400 mM) and incubated for 1 h at 37°C. The reaction was stopped by adding hydrochloric acid (2 mL, 0.25 N) containing trichloroacetic acid (TCA, 150 mg/mL), thiobarbituric acid (TBA, 3.75 mg/mL) and butylated hydroxy anisole (BHA, 0.50 mg/mL). Heat the reaction mixture at 80°C for 20 min, cooled, centrifuged for 10 min and the absorbance of the supernatant liquid was measured at 532 nm¹⁵. Experiments were performed in triplicate and averaged; the % inhibition at varying concentration was calculated by the following formula-

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = [1 - (V_t/V_c)] \times 100$$

Where, V_t = mean absorption of test, V_c = mean absorption of control

The IC₅₀ value was derived from the % inhibition at different concentration.

Total Antioxidant Activity

Antioxidant activity of plant extracts were compared with standard antioxidant TROLOX (6-hydroxy-2, 5, 7, 8-tetramethylchroman-2-carboxylic acid) to scavenge ABTS●+ cation

radical. ABTS●+ [2, 2'-azinobis-(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid)] is a radical cation generated directly in stable form through the reaction between ABTS and potassium persulfate. When this radical reacts with plant extract containing antioxidants, it reduces, and thus the extent of radical's inhibition is determined and calculated relatively to standard TROLOX.

To perform this assay, dissolve ABTS in water to make a 7 mM stock solution. The ABTS●+ radical cation was formed by reaction between ABTS stock solution with 2.45 mM potassium persulfate. Allow this mixture to stand up to 12–16 h in the dark at room temperature, then check the absorbance, once the absorbance becomes stable then it was ready to use. The ABTS●+ solution was diluted with water and equilibrated to 0.70 (± 0.02) at 30°C. Add 10 µL of plant extracts and 0–15 µL of standard TROLOX separately to 1 ml ABTS●+ solution and analyze the absorbance at 734 nm after 6 min, perform this experiment at least three times^{16,17,18}. Calculate the percentage inhibition of absorbance and was plotted as a function of the concentration of standard and sample to calculate the TROLOX equivalent antioxidant concentration (TEAC).

For calculation of TEAC, the gradient of the plot for the sample was divided by the gradient of the plot for TROLOX and scavenging activity of the samples calculated by the formula-

$$S\% = [(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{sample}})/A_{\text{control}}] \times 100$$

Where A_{control} is the absorbance of the blank control (ABTS●+ solution without test sample) and A_{sample} is the absorbance of the test sample.

In-Vitro Cytotoxicity Activity by MTT assay Method

In vitro cytotoxicity activity of plant extracts by MTT assay method using MCF 7 cell line. MTT assay is based on the supposition that dead cells or their products do not reduce tetrazolium. The assay relies on both the mitochondrial activity per cell and number of cells present. The assay is based on the principle that the mitochondrial

enzyme succinate dehydrogenase present in living cells cleaves 3-(4, 5 dimethyl thiazole2yl)-2, 5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) into a blue formazan derivative. The amount of cells was found to be proportional to the extent of formazan production by the cells used¹⁹.

Cells were seeded in a 96-well flat-bottom plate (5000 cells/well) and permitted to adhere for 24h at 37°C with 5% CO₂ atmosphere. Different drug concentration was added and incubated further for 48hrs. Before 4h of the completion of incubation, 20µl of MTT (5mg/ml) was added. Dead cell percentage was determined using an ELISA plate reader set to record absorbance at 570nm. The percentage growth inhibition was calculated using the formula given below²⁰.

% growth inhibition = 100 X (Control OD-

Sample OD/Control OD)

Sample OD=Absorbance of treated cells (Plant Extracts and Standard Drug)

Control OD=Absorbance of control (untreated)

III. Results and Discussion

Photochemical Screening

The extraction were performed by using different solvents ranging from polar to non polar for eg. Distilled water, hydroethanolic (1:1), ethanol, and petroleum ether. The abbreviations used for the extracts along with the extractive values are reported in the Table 1. The phytochemical screening of all extracts showed positive reaction for the flavonoids, phenols, saponin, alkaloids, triterpanoids and tannins. The results of phytochemical analysis depicted in the Table 2.

Table No. 1: Abbreviation for extracts and extractive value of extracts

S.NO.	Plant	Extract	Abbreviation used	Extractive values
1.	Adina cardifolia	Pet. Ether	PEAC	34.26
		Ethanol	ETAC	38.96
		Hydro alcohol	HAAC	42.66
		Distilled Water	DWAC	41.08

Table No. 2: Photochemical analysis of leaves extract of A.cardifolia by using different solvents.

S.N.	Photochemical	PEAC	ETAC	HAAC	DWAC
1.	Steroids	-	-	-	-
2.	Fatty acids	++	+	-	-
3.	Alkaloids	++	+++	++	++
4.	Phenols	+	++	++	+
5.	Flavanoids	+	+++	+++	+++
6.	Saponins	++	+++	+	+++
7.	Tannins	++	++	+	++

Where symbol (+++) indicates presence in high concentration, symbol (++) indicates presence in moderate concentration, symbol (+) indicates presence in trace concentration and symbol (-) indicates absence of the respective phytochemical.

DPPH free radical Scavenging assay

To the various extracts HAAC have shown more significant inhibition of DPPH by 43.18±0.03% compared to 67.45 ± 3.467% inhibitions by standard Ascorbic acid. Table No.3. Shows percentage inhibition of DPPH.

Table No. 3: DPPH radical scavenging activity by *A.cardifolia*

Sample	10 µg/mL	20µg/mL	30 µg/mL	40 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	IC50
Ascorbic acid	17.64±0.03	30.41±0.02	43.53±0.13	56.80±0.04	68.43±0.02	95.25±0.03	39.29
PEAC	3.46±0.01	6.71±0.27	11.55±0.61	15.74±0.43	19.58±0.44	28.77±0.47	167.09
ETAC	10.21±0.21	18.67±0.26	21.45±0.07	26.46±0.13	29.88±0.44	41.29±0.04	120.42
HAAC	11.32±0.15	16.54±0.13	22.97±0.36	22.83±0.03	32.38±0.30	44.15±0.03	108.98
DWAC	8.40±0.01	11.56±0.04	14.94±0.07	18.70±0.06	21.49±0.14	37.70±0.25	137.4

All readings are mean ± SD, n = 3, IC50 value reported as Conc. ± SEM, P < 0.01 Vs standard

Nitrous oxide radical scavenging activity

In the Table no. 4 demonstrates the percentage inhibition of nitric oxide production by varying concentrations of plant extracts. The potent % inhibition value of extracts was found to be 48.29±0.10% exhibited by HAAC compared to standard curcumin which produce 91.42±0.22% inhibition.

Table No.4: Nitrous oxide radical scavenging activity by *A.cardifolia*

Sample	10 µg/mL	20µg/mL	30 µg/mL	40 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	IC50
Curcumin	16.12±0.24	29.86±0.14	38.42±0.02	48.76±0.04	61.35±0.32	91.42±0.22	44.57
PEAC	4.91±0.13	9.27±0.17	11.39±0.38	15.24±0.12	20.38±0.04	34.29±0.02	146.35
ETAC	13.15±0.003	18.33±0.01	23.06±0.11	27.55±0.10	31.66±0.04	44.97±0.01	118.85
HAAC	11.25±0.19	17.15±0.05	25.67±0.24	31.49±0.01	34.04±0.02	48.29±0.10	97.05
DWAC	4.38±0.06	11.68±0.06	15.54±0.01	18.61±0.02	23.09±0.09	38.52±0.21	128.51

All readings are mean ± SD, n = 3, IC50 value reported as Conc. ± SEM, P < 0.01 Vs Standard

Superoxide anion radical scavenging activity

In the Table No.5 shows the superoxide scavenging effect of plant extracts and catechin. The potent % inhibition value of extracts was found to be 53.08±0.9 % exhibited by ETAC compared to standard catechin which produce 93.14±0.34% inhibition.

Table No.5: Superoxide radical scavenging activity by *A.cardifolia*

Sample	10 µg/mL	20 µg/mL	30 µg/mL	40 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	IC50
Catechin	31.51± 0.80	49.28±0.52	65.22±0.41	76.40±1.32	89.23±0.28	93.14±0.34	39.53
PEAC	5.59±0.05	9.84±0.28	19.82±0.03	23.85±0.13	25.19±0.33	36.2±0.22	133.27
ETAC	5.38±0.14	9.83±0.12	23.32±0.18	34.1±0.61	38.5±0.43	53.08±0.9	84.19
HAAC	9.44±0.05	20.95±0.32	32.28±0.21	36.84±0.11	44.91±0.17	52.74±0.09	80.21
DWAC	9.64±0.15	20.83±0.09	26.24±0.48	31.37±0.28	33.44±0.35	45.58±0.02	105.95

All readings are mean ± SD, n = 3, IC50 value reported as Conc. ± SEM, P < 0.01 Vs Standard

Lipid Peroxidation inhibitory activity

In the Table 6. shows inhibition of radical were found to be 39.33±0.41% exhibited ETAC compared to standard Ascorbic acid which produce 99.83±0.047% inhibition.

Table No. 6: Lipid peroxidation inhibitory activity by *A. cardifolia*

Sample	10 µg/mL	20 µg/mL	30 µg/mL	40 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	IC50
Ascorbic Acid	9.04±0.30	21.47±0.03	31.64±0.43	40.60±0.36	53.26±0.36	99.83±0.047	49.03
PEAC	3.60±0.18	6.86±0.40	11.24±0.09	15.15±0.17	19.29±0.41	26.75±0.21	182.95
ETAC	6.79±0.21	6.86±0.40	13.62±0.09	23.96±0.56	28.48±0.26	39.33±0.41	123
HAAC	8.61±0.21	16.36±0.12	23.05±0.76	26.33±0.42	30.19±0.44	37.02±0.17	132.9
DWAC	6.22±0.18	8.57±0.49	11.93±0.23	18.15±0.33	22.75±0.17	30.00±0.42	165.27

All readings are mean ± SD, n = 3, IC50 value reported as Conc. ± SEM, P < 0.01 Vs Standard

Total antioxidant activity

In the Table.7. Shown the comparative analysis of outcome. Inhibition of radical were found to be 39.60±0.06% exhibited by HAAC compared to standard TROLOX which produce 97.09±0.29 % inhibition.

Table No.7: Total antioxidant activity by *A. cardifolia*

Sample	10 µg/mL	20 µg/mL	30 µg/mL	40 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	IC ₅₀
TROLOX	25.51±0.54	34.73±0.43	44.57±0.71	53.87±0.43	62.76±0.79	97.09±0.29	37.76
PEAC	4.14±3.65	7.90±0.28	13.41±0.46	17.18±0.21	21.71±0.22	30.80±0.33	158.63
ETAC	5.80±0.30	9.10±0.15	14.69±0.41	17.53±0.35	23.86±0.27	32.33±0.47	152.51
HAAC	6.47±0.41	12.06±0.36	17.50±0.56	25.86±0.54	32.30±0.54	39.60±0.06	117.66
DWAC	9.08±0.34	13.26±0.17	17.71±0.53	22.55±0.10	28.49±0.19	36.27±0.19	136.99

All readings are mean ± SD, n = 3, IC50 value reported as Conc. ± SEM, P < 0.01 Vs Standard

In-Vitro Antineoplastic activity by MTT assay Method on MCF7 Human Breast Cancer Cell line

The effect of different plant extract on the growth of MCF-7 cell line were investigated and compared with standard drug Methotrexate by the MTT assay.

The highest percentage inhibition value obtained at 500µg concentration were 65.54±1.05% by PEAC compared with 83.03±1.0% by standard drug. Table.8 shows results of MTT assay.

Table No. 8: In-vitro cytotoxic activity of extract of *A. cordifolia* by MTT assay

Concentration (µg/ml)	% growth Inhibition				
	PEAC	ETAC	HAAC	DWAC	MXT
500	65.54±1.05	62.13±1.08	60.85±1.58	40.45±0.70	83.03±1.0
166.66	52.66±1.32	50.56±1.21	50.09±0.67	25.31±0.16	69.26±1.04
55.55	50.30±1.66	48.80±0.28	48.01±0.95	23.54±0.76	65.64±0.62
18.52	47.05±2.87	46.90±1.18	45.95±0.97	22.30±1.07	63.08±0.99
6.17	44.51±2.42	43.71±0.83	43.64±1.1	20.40±1.29	59.82±0.37
2.06	41.91±2.75	41.52±0.44	41.45±0.90	18.39±0.55	57.57±0.99
0.68	39.60±2.76	39.22±0.62	39.27±1.00	16.20±0.74	55.02±0.90
0.23	37.54±2.65	37.21±0.64	37.43±0.50	14.25±0.74	52.70±1.06
0.076	35.11±3.14	35.26±0.82	35.36±0.47	12.60±0.90	50.45±1.72
0.025	33.10±3.10	33.07±0.46	33.53±0.84	10.41±0.97	48.43±1.51

Values are expressed as mean ± SEM, n=3, P<0.01 Vs Standard

Conclusion

The hydroalcoholic extracts specify the more affirmative results for its antioxidant activity in-vitro models while petroleum ether extract shows major in-vitro anticancer activity by MTT assay. This research reveals that the plant base medicine have excellent antioxidant activity and encouraging anticancer activity and also in further drugs in pharmaceutical area, different biologically active constituents and secondary metabolites are precious for further analysis.

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