



Evaluation of anti-helminthic activity of leaves extract of *Triadica Sebifera*

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Abstract

The present work was done on Anti-helminthic activity of leaves of *Triadica sebifera*. The objective of this study was to evaluate the anthelmintic efficacy of crude methanolic extracts and crude chloroform extracts of leaves of *T.sebifera* was carried put against Indian adult earthworm *Pheretima posthuma*. Albendazole is used as the standard reference. The time taken to induce paralysis and time to induce death of the worms after extracts treatment was documented.

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Introduction

The word helminth is obtained from the Greek language which means worm. The problem associated with worms/helminths is known as Helminthiasis having unique types and transmitted from various sources. These mainly affect the health of humans in intestine causing problems and leads to complications in health. Some sufferings of helminthiasis are ascariasis, intestinal helminth and hookworm, followed by schistosomiasis and lymphatic filariasis. These causes various problems to humans which relates to their health and sometimes they lead to death, some may show blind, skin diseases, deformities in new born babies. So, these causes more problems, hence, the awareness and medications should be present more, especially for people living in underdeveloped places and countries.

Helminthiasis, or worm infestation, is one of the most prevalent disease and one of the most serious public health problems in the world. Hundreds of millions if not billions of human infections by helminths exist worldwide and increased world travel and immigration from the developing countries. It produces a global burden of disease and contribute to the prevalence of malnutrition, anemia, eosinophilia and pneumonia.

Anthelmintics are the agents that either stun or kill parasitic worms (helminths) from the body. People living in poverty in developing countries often suffer from helminthic infections, which more often physically impair their hosts than kill them. Although majority of infections due to worms are generally limited to tropical regions, they can occur to travelers who have visited those areas and some of them can develop in temperate climates.

In the present study we evaluated the potential Anthelmintic activity of crude methanolic and chloroform extract from the leaves of *Triadica sebifera* against *Pheretima posthuma*.

Requirements

Collection of Plant leaves

For the current investigation, *Triadica sebifera* leaves have been collected from Vaageswari College Karimnagar district. The plant was identified and authenticated by Dr. E. Narasimha Murthy, Specimen Accession No: ENM-100134. The leaves were shade dried and stored at room

temperature. It was powdered, passed through sieve no.40 and it should be stored in air tight container.

Choice of Worms

Indian adult earthworms (*Pheretima posthuma*) are used to study anthelmintic activity. The earthworms are collected from moist soil and washed with distilled water to remove all excess carvel matter. They have same morphological characteristics similar to the human intestinal worms.

Management of Albendazole

Albendazole was collected and taken (10mg/ml) is prepared by using 1%v/v Tween 80 as a suspending agent as it is per methodology of extract.

Preparation of Tween 80 (1%v/v)

The suspending agent is taken by dissolving the 1ml of Tween 80 in 100ml distilled water.

Administration of extract

The suspension of both methanolic and chloroform extracts of *Triadica sebifera* leaves of different concentrations (10,20,30mg/ml) were prepared using 1%v/v of Tween 80 act as suspending agent. Albendazole is used as standard. Groups of approximately equal size worms consisting of one earthworm in each group were released into different concentrations of samples containing 20ml of desired concentrations of drug and extract preparations in the petri dishes.

Experimental design

The anthelmintic activity is performed on adult Indian earth worm *Pheretima posthuma* has anatomical and physiological resemblance with the intestinal round worm parasites of human beings. *Pheretima posthuma* placed in petri dish containing three dissimilar concentrations (10, 20, 30mg/ml) of both methanolic and chloroform extracts of leaves of *Triadica sebifera*. Worms were placed in petri dish and observed for paralysis time and death time.

Time for paralysis is noted when no movement of any sort is observed, except when worms was shaken vigorously. The time of death of worm is recorded after ascertaining those

worms neither moved when shaken nor when given external stimuli. The results were compared with reference compound Albendazole (10mg/ml) with test samples.

Results

"The results indicate that *Triadica sebifera* exhibits potent anthelmintic activity, whereas *Pheretima posthuma* required a longer duration for mortality. The earthworm selected for the anthelmintic study was highly sensitive to the different solvent extracts, namely the chloroform and methanol leaf extracts of *Triadica sebifera*. The anthelmintic activity results revealed dose dependent paralysis ranging from loss of motility to loss of response to external stimuli, which

eventually progressed to death at 10mg/ml, 20mg/ml and 30mg/ml concentrations. Paralysis time was observed respectively at 123,105,75min and death time at 150,140,120min in methanolic extract and similarly in chloroform extract the paralysis time was observed respectively at 135,122,90min and death time at 174,154,138min. The standard drug (Albendazole) shows paralysis within 40min and time of death 75min in the solvent extracts. The observation of result show that the anthelmintic activity of methanolic extract is more potent than chloroform extract. The results are furnished in the table I

Table-I

Group	Treatment	Concentration (w/v) mg/ml	Pheretima posthuma	
			Paralysis time (mins)	Death time (mins)
1	1% Tween 80 (control) (ml)	20	150±5	-
2	Albendazole (Standard)	10	40±5	75±5
3	MSLE	10	123±5	150±5
		20	105±5	140±5
		30	75±5	120±5
4	CSLE	10	135±5	174±5
		20	122±5	154±5
		30	90±5	138±5

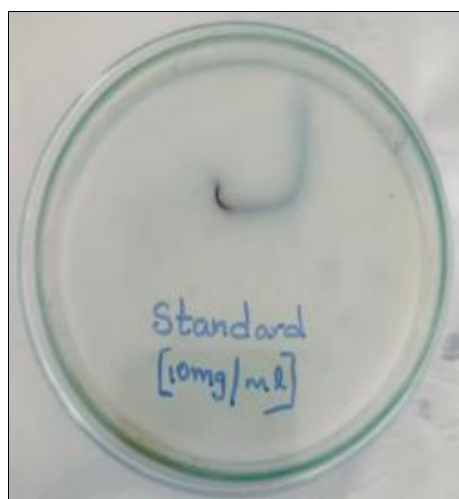


Fig 1: (Albendazole)



Fig 2: (Tween 80)

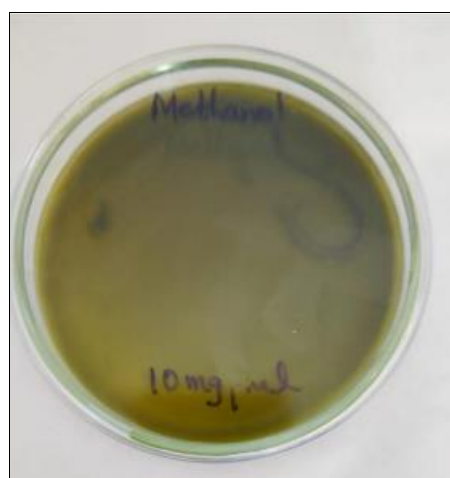


Fig 3: Methanolic extract (10mg)

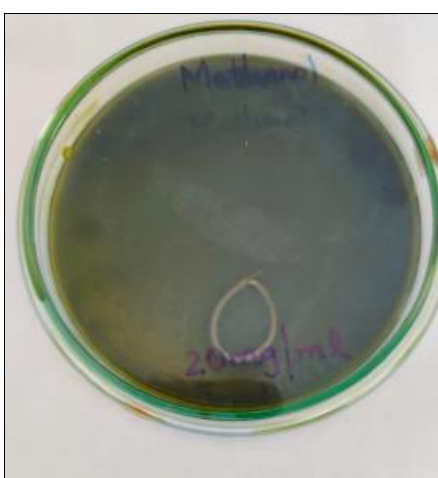


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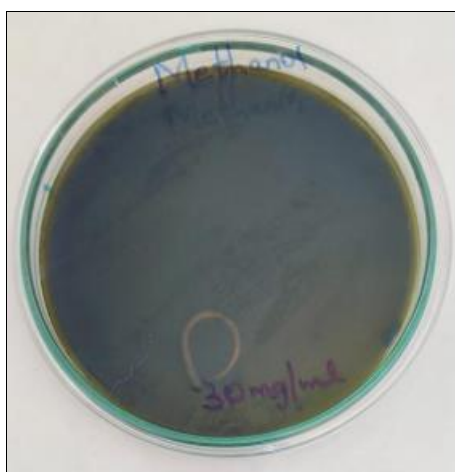


Fig 5: Methanolic extract (30mg)



Fig 6: Chloroform extract (10mg)

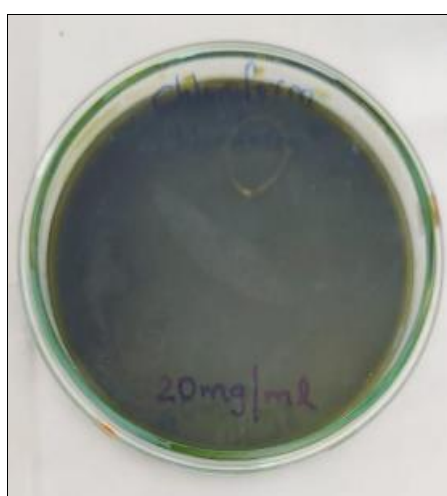


Fig 7: Chloroform extract (20mg)

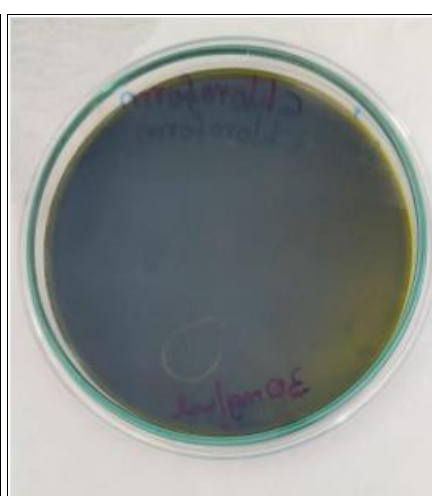
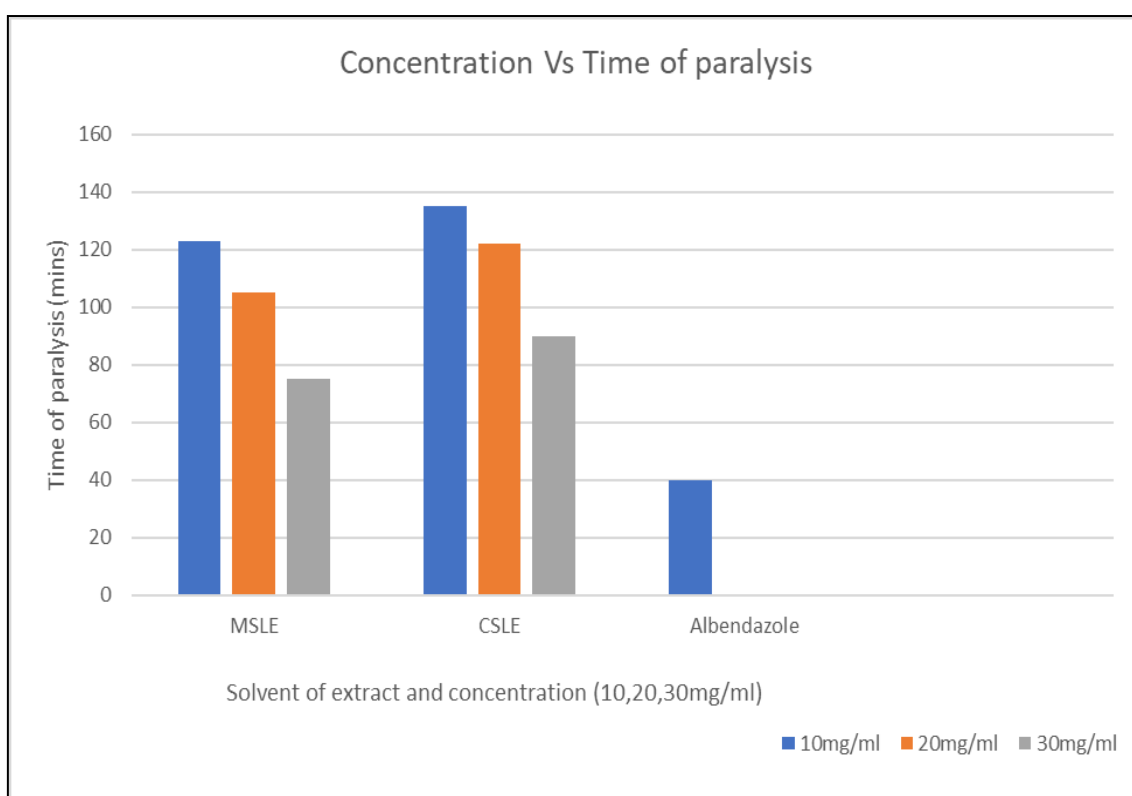
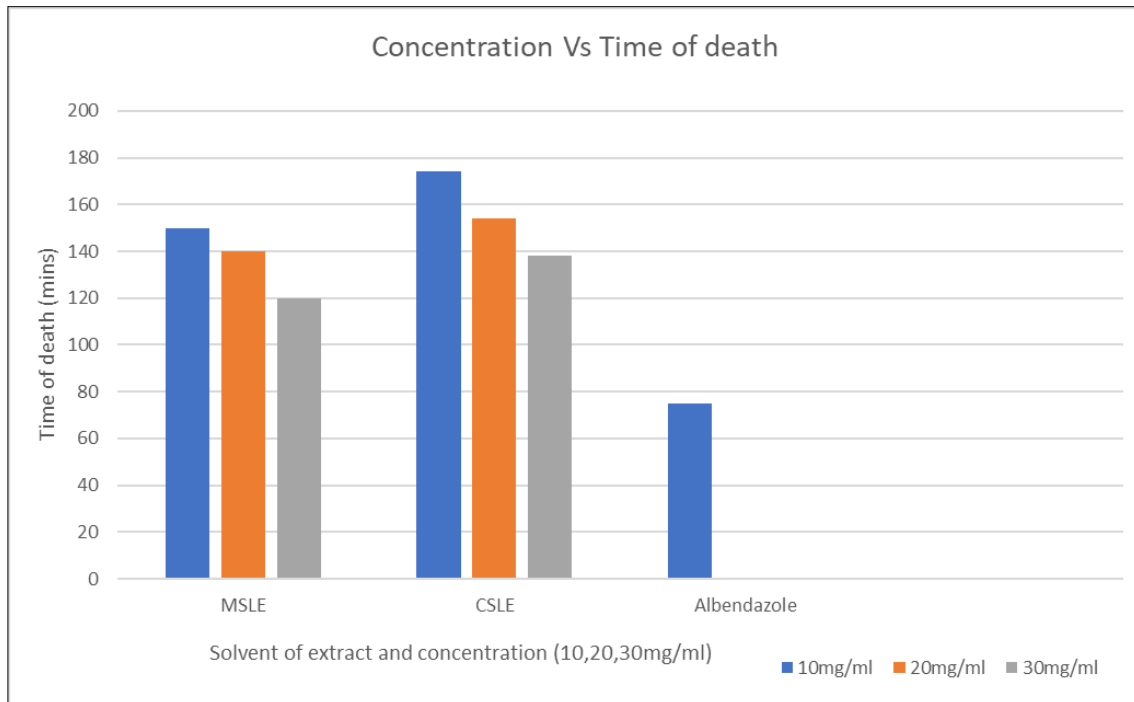


Fig 8: Chloroform extract (30mg)





Conclusion

The comparative studies of both methanolic and chloroform extracts was observed. The methanolic extracts of *Triadica sebifera* had shown more potent results than chloroform extract. These methanolic extracts are dose dependent anti-helminthic activity. These methanolic extracts was more effective in causing death of the worms as well as paralysis compared to standard.

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