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Studies on Antioxidant and Anti-obesity Activity of *Salvia hispanica* (Chia) Seeds Extracts

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ABSTRACT

Obesity is a condition in which large amount of fat is stored in adipose tissue. Obesity is the greatest risk for many diseases like coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes millions associated with insulin resistance, arthritis disorder, hypertension and cancers. Currently, the available drugs for obesity have been associated with number of side effects when compared with allopathic drugs. *Salvia hispanica* was one of the member of Lamiaceae family, collected to study the antiobesity activity. Extraction of *Salvia hispanica* using different solvents was done and tested for the presence of phytochemical constituents and the antimicrobial activity was monitored to evaluate the zone of inhibition. Further, antioxidant potential activity such as DPPH, FRAP and H₂O₂ assay was studied. Percentage of inhibition of *Salvia hispanica* was calculated and was observed as in capturing the free radicals present in the body. The surface and cross-sectional morphology *Salvia hispanica* extract nanoparticles was examined by using SEM. High ALA content make chia a perfect as it is associated with lower incidence of Cardiovascular diseases. This metabolic syndrome is mediated by inflammatory pathways. Hence, the *in vitro* activity of anti-inflammatory assay was performed by inhibition of albumin denaturation and anti-obesity activity was performed by lipase inhibition assay. Thus the result indicates that the seed extracts of *Salvia hispanica* possess antiobesity activity.

Keywords: *Salvia hispanica*, anti-obesity, cholesterol, Antioxidant, lipase inhibition

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INTRODUCTION

Salvia hispanica, is a biannually cultivated plant, is categorized under the family (*Labiatae*), super division of *Spermatophyta*, and kingdom of *Plantae*. Obesity is severe metabolic disorder in which excess body fat has accumulated in our body to the extent which may cause severe side effect on health leading to increased health problems¹. Obesity is caused by an imbalance between energy intake and expenditure. Currently, no pharmacological treatment provides to reduce obesity with minimal side effects². Chia seeds are high in phenolic compounds which have been scientifically proven to exhibit antioxidant related functions³. The plant seeds showed various pharmacological activities like cytotoxic, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antiproliferate, antimicrobial, hypolipidemic and hypoglycemic activities⁴.

Chia seeds when placed in water produce a gel, this gel have good water binding capacity, oil holding capacity, viscosity

and emulsion activity. Chia seeds are a good source of fatty acids, dietary fiber, protein, minerals and antioxidants. Oil extracted from chia seeds can also be used in food³. Chia seed are high in phenolic compounds which have been scientifically proven to exhibit antioxidant related functions. Chia is one of the highest sources for omega-3, which is essential for maintaining healthy cholesterol level, brain development, immune system and it has anti-inflammatory effect. Chia seeds are better than using herbal plants and other pharmaco drugs for Obesity. A variety of natural products, including crude extracts and isolated pure natural compounds can induce body weight reduction and prevent diet-induced obesity. Therefore, they have been widely used in treating obesity⁵. It was observed that chia seeds decrease total cholesterol level and increases LDL cholesterol.

Chia seeds are a rich source of dietary fiber, which reduces the hunger sensation, and the omega-3 FA ALA, which is essential for the emulsification and absorption of the liposoluble vitamins A, D, E, and K⁶. Chia oil improved

glucose metabolism and promoted the browning process and a healthier phenotype⁷. Chia seeds may help in the prevention, treatment and management of several non-communicable diseases, improving immunity and perhaps modifying the blood clotting mechanism. If chia seeds are added to food, they may improve their nutritional value and prevent many types of diseases. The potential of natural products for treating obesity is under exploration. This may be an excellent alternative strategy for developing future effective, safe anti-obesity drugs.

The present study deals with the antioxidant and anti-obesity activity of the chia seeds which in turns helps out for the development of anti-obesity drugs with no side effects in future.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Collection of *Salvia hispanica* Seeds

The chia (*Salvia hispanica*) seeds are procured from standard health food stores, Coimbatore. The chia seeds were cleaned by removing all the impurities and damaged seeds and stored for further experiments. The seeds were crushed and flour were stored in air tight container in normal room temperature.

Preparation of Extract from *Salvia hispanica* Seeds

Chia (*Salvia hispanica*) seed powder of about 10 g was weighed and taken in Soxhlet apparatus containing 100 ml of hexane, ethyl acetate, methanol and water were run at 50°C, for about 5-6 hours. Extract was concentrated using rotary evaporator at 50°C dried using lyophilizer to obtain powder. The immiscible oil is removed from the extract using percolation with hexane and oil-free extract were obtained⁸.

Mineral Analysis of *Salvia hispanica* Seeds

Mineral content like Phosphorous, Potassium, Magnesium, Manganese, Zinc, Calcium, Sulphur, Copper, Chromium, Arsenic, Nickel, Aluminium, Sodium, Ash was determined using Atomic adsorption spectrophotometer as per the method suggested by the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC)³.

Proximate Analysis of *Salvia hispanica* Seeds

The moisture content was determined by drying 2 g of chia seeds at 105°C for 24 hrs and the total ash content was determined by incineration of samples. The crude fibre was determined by drying of sample. Total lipids of chia seeds were determined by using Soxhlet extractor⁹.

Phytochemical Analysis of *Salvia hispanica* Seed Extract

The standard protocols followed for the analysis of phytochemical constituents such as saponins, tannin, phenols, flavonoids, alkaloids and lipids⁹.

DPPH Assay free radical scavenging activity

1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging activity was used for evaluating the radical scavenging activity according to the established protocol¹⁰. Extracts solution of 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 µg/ml were prepared using their respective solvents. Each test tube contained one ml of the sample and 2ml freshly prepared DPPH solution of 40 µg/ml in methanol. Negative control tubes were the same as the test tubes, except that they did not include DPPH. Absorbance of the mixture was recorded at 517nm after 30 minutes. Ascorbic acid was used as a positive control. All samples were assayed in triplicate. The % inhibition activity was calculated as follows:

$$\% \text{ inhibition} = \frac{[\text{Absorbance of control} - \text{Absorbance of sample}]}{\text{Absorbance of control}} \times 100$$

FRAP Assay (Ferric Reducing Antioxidant Power)

The ability of the seed extracts to reduce Fe³⁺ in ferric chloride to Fe²⁺ is visualized as a change in colour from yellow to green and was determined with minor modifications⁸. Approximately 1ml of either extract or standard (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 µg/ml) was added to 2.5 ml of PBS (pH 7.4, 0.2M) and 2.5ml of 1% potassium ferricyanide [K₃Fe(CN)₆] and incubated for 20 min at 50°C. Afterwards, 2.5 ml of 10% trichloroacetic acid was added and the samples were centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 min. From this, 2.5 ml of the supernatant plus 2.5 ml distilled water and 0.5 ml ferric chloride was mixed in a tube and the absorbance was measured at 700nm. Ascorbic acid was used as standard and the assay was performed in triplicate. The standard for Ferric reducing antioxidant Power is expressed as the number of equivalents of ascorbic acid.

Hydrogen peroxide scavenging activity

The ability of seed extracts to scavenge hydrogen peroxide can be estimated¹⁰. A solution of hydrogen peroxide (40mM) is prepared in phosphate buffer (50mM pH 7.4). The concentration of hydrogen peroxide is determined by absorption at 230 nm using a spectrophotometer. Extract (20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 µg/ml) in distilled water is added to hydrogen peroxide and absorbance at 230nm is determined after 10 min against a blank solution containing phosphate buffer without hydrogen peroxide. The percentage of hydrogen peroxide scavenging is calculated as follows:

$$\% \text{ scavenging H}_2\text{O}_2 = \frac{[A_i - A_t]}{A_i} \times 100$$

Where A_i is the absorbance of control and A_t is the absorbance of test.

Determination of phenolic content

The concentration of phenolics in chia seed extracts was determined using spectrophotometric method. Different solvent extracts in the concentration of 1 mg/1 ml was used in the analysis. The reaction mixture was prepared by mixing 0.1 ml of different solvent extract. To that add 2.5 ml of 10% Folin-Ciocalteu's reagent dissolved in water and also 2.5 ml of 7.5% NaHCO₃. Blank was concurrently prepared without extract. The samples were then incubated in a temperature at 45°C for 45 min. The absorbance was determined using spectrophotometer at the wavelength of 765 nm. The samples were prepared in triplicate⁸.

Determination of flavonoid content

Total flavonoid content in the chia seed extract was measured by the aluminium chloride colorimetric assay. An amount of 1 ml of different solvent extracts and standard solution of quercetin (1mg/ml) was added to the test tube containing 4 ml of distilled water. To this, 0.3 ml 5% NaNO₂ was added and 0.3 ml 10% AlCl₃ was added after incubation for 5 min. After the incubation for 1 min, 2 ml of 1 M NaOH was added to the test tube and the total volume was made up to 10 ml with the distilled water. The solution was mixed well and the absorbance was measured against prepared reagent blank at 510 nm. Total flavonoid content of seed extracts expressed as mg quercetin equivalents (QE)/100 g fresh weights. All samples were analysed in triplicates¹¹.

Synthesis and Characterization of Silver Nano Particles

To 90 ml of 3mM AgNO₃ solution, 10 ml of seed extract of the solvents (methanol and water) was added separately to two conical flasks, stirred at 200 rpm using magnetic stirrer

for 3hrs and kept under dark at room temperature for 24hours. Characterization of silver nanoparticles was done using UV-vis spectroscopy and SEM analysis. The surface and cross-sectional morphology of the *Salvia hispanica* seed extracts particles were examined by using Scanning Electron Microscopy¹².

Estimation of Total Cholesterol of Seed Extracts

The total cholesterol level in different seed extracts was analysed by Zak's method to identify the amount of cholesterol present in seed extracts. In this, 5 ml of 0.5% Ferric chloride in acetic acid reagent and 5 ml of standard solution of 1 mg/ml cholesterol was taken into well cleaned dry test tube marked as B and S. 5 ml of different seed extracts was added into the test tube marked as T₁, T₂ & T₃. 3 ml of concentrated H₂SO₄ was added to all the test tubes and allowed to stand for 20 min at room temperature. The intensity of reddish pink colour developed was measured calorimetrically at 560 nm.

Effect of *Salvia hispanica* seed extract on Lipase inhibition activity

Lipase inhibition activity was measured using p-nitrophenyl butyrate (p-NPB) as a substrate. Stock solutions (1mg/ml) were prepared by 0.1mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 6.0) and the solutions were stored in -20°C. The extracts of different concentrations and orlistat (same concentration used for extracts) as a positive control were preincubated at potassium phosphate buffer for 1h at 30°C before assaying the activity. The reaction was started by adding the 0.1µL NPB as substrate, in all the tubes. After incubation at 30°C for 5minutes, the activity was measured at 405nm using UV-Visible spectrophotometer¹³.

$$\% \text{inhibition} = \frac{[\text{Absorbance of control} - \text{Absorbance of sample}] \times 100}{\text{Absorbance of control}}$$

Inhibition of albumin denaturation

The reaction mixture was consisting of the test extract at different concentration and 1% aqueous solution of bovine albumin fraction. pH of the reaction mixture was adjusted using small amount of 1N HCl. Diclofenac sodium (10 mg) was used as a standard drug. The samples were incubated at 37°C for 20 minutes and then heated at 57°C for 20 minutes. After cooling the samples, the turbidity was measured spectrophotometrically at 660nm. The experiment was performed in triplicate¹⁴.

Percentage inhibition of protein denaturation was calculated as follows:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{(\text{Control}_{OD} - \text{Test}_{OD}) \times 100}{\text{Control}_{OD}}$$

Where Control_{OD} is the absorbance without sample, Test_{OD} is the absorbance of sample extract / standard.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Extraction of Phytochemical Constituents from *Salvia hispanica*

The crude extracts were obtained from soxhlet apparatus using polarity based solvents and it was powdered using lyophiliser. The seed extracts of *Salvia hispanica* were tested for the presence of bioactive ingredients (phytochemicals) and the results were showed in the Table 3.1. The preliminary phytochemical screening tests of *Salvia hispanica* seed extracts were useful in lead to the drug discovery and development in the future.

Table 3.1 Phytochemical analysis of *Salvia hispanica* extracts

Phyto constituents	Hexane	Ethyl acetate	Methanol	Water
Saponins	+	+	+	+
Phenols (Ferric chloride)	+	+	+	+
Tannins (Gelatin's test)	+	+	+	+
Flavonoids (Alkaline reagent test)	-	-	+	+
Alkaloids (Hager's test)	-	-	-	-
Lipids	+	+	+	+
Carbohydrate (Fehling's test)	-	-	+	+
Steroids	-	-	+	+

Mineral and Proximate Analysis of the Chia Seeds

Mineral analysis shows the presence of macro elements and microelements such as Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, Sodium, Zinc in *Salvia hispanica*. Our results resemble like ³. They play a vital role in various metabolic activities and responsible for normal growth and function of various organ systems and it is associated with prevention of cardiovascular diseases. The amount of proximate content present in *Salvia hispanica* seeds is given in the Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Proximate chemical composition (%) of *Salvia hispanica* seeds

Chemical composition	Mean±Standard deviation
Moisture	7.82±0.06
Ash	4.77±0.09
Crude protein	18.65±0.06
Total lipids	35.80±0.15
Crude fibre	22.78±0.98

Table 3.3 Evaluation of mineral content in *Salvia hispanica* seeds

Minerals/100g	Amount present (mg)
Calcium	631
Iron	7.72
Magnesium	335
Phosphorus	860
Potassium	407
Sodium	16
Zinc	4.58
Copper	0.11
Chromium	9.53
Arsenic	0.16
Nickel	0.19

Phenolic Estimation

Phenolic compounds are commonly found in plants and its seeds are reported to have various biological activities Table

3.4 revealed that methanolic extract of 46.126 ± 0.027 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ shows higher phenolic content as compared to other solvent extracts followed by water extract of 44.717 ± 0.025 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. This report shows that phenolic compounds are more in methanol and water extracts than other solvent extracts. Phenols act as primary antioxidants or free radical scavengers. Further they are responsible for the activities like inhibition of lipid accumulation and differentiation or induction of apoptosis. ¹¹ revealed the presence of high contents of phenolic in the methanol and water extract compared to other extracts. Hence it prevent the cells from cell damage during oxidative stress

Flavonoid estimation

Flavonoid compounds are commonly found in plants and its seeds it is reported to have various biological activities including antioxidant activity. Methanolic extract of chia seeds shows better activity of 88.975 ± 0.033 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ as compared to other seed extracts and followed by water extract of chia seed shows better activity of 76.876 ± 0.020 next to methanolic extract were represented in the Table 3.5. The compound quercetin is used as standard which contain flavonoids. It enables to scavenge the free radicals. ¹¹ revealed the presence of high contents of phenolic in the methanol and water extract compared to other extracts. Presence of these compounds in *Salvia hispanica* prevents the cells from cell damage during oxidative stress.

Table 3.4 Phenolic estimation of different extracts

Concentration	40	80	120	160	200
Std values	1.015	1.495	2.298	2.968	3.097
HEXANE					
OD@765nm	0.156	0.375	0.550	0.661	0.755
Equilance of Gallic acid($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-4.69 ± 0.03	9.26 ± 0.02	20.26 ± 0.03	27.30 ± 0.03	33.21 ± 0.02
ETHYL ACETATE					
OD@765nm	0.169	0.351	0.517	0.627	0.735
Equilance of Gallic acid($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-3.87 ± 0.02	7.66 ± 0.02	18.17 ± 0.01	25.11 ± 0.03	31.94 ± 0.016
METHANOL					
OD@765nm	0.249	0.464	0.656	0.780	0.950.7369
Equilance of Gallic acid($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1.21 ± 0.02	14.83 ± 0.02	26.99 ± 0.0312	32.05 ± 0.02	46.126 ± 0.02
WATER					
OD@765nm	0.251	0.352	0.551	0.662	0.810
Equilance of Gallic acid($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	1.18 ± 0.03	7.75 ± 0.02	20.34 ± 0.03	27.32 ± 0.04	44.71 ± 0.02

Table 3.5 Flavonoid estimation of different extracts

Concentration	40	80	120	160	200
Std values	0.652	0.865	1.234	1.312	1.518
HEXANE					
OD@420nm	0.342	0.453	0.736	0.837	0.890
Equilance of quercitin($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-24.9 \pm 0.4	-4.28 \pm 0.03	48.12 \pm 0.03	66.70 \pm 0.03	70.6 \pm 0.01
ETHYL ACETATE					
OD@420nm	0.347	0.527	0.643	0.780	0.851
Equilance of quercitin($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-24 \pm 0.04	9.29 \pm 0.01	30.83 \pm 0.02	56.20 \pm 0.01	69.29 \pm 0.035
METHANOL					
OD@420nm	0.455	0.546	0.657	0.893	0.962
Equilance of quercitin($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-3.91 \pm 0.1	12.87 \pm 0.028	33.49 \pm 0.03	66.086 \pm 0.04	88.97\pm0.03
WATER					
OD@420nm	0.161	0.345	0.646	0.751	0.870
Equilance of quercitin($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	-58 \pm 0.03	-24.3 \pm 0.044	31.395 \pm 0.04	50.59 \pm 0.03	76.87\pm0.02

Antimicrobial Activity

Antibacterial activity

Extracts of seed were tested against bacteria. Hexane and ethyl acetate extract shows higher antimicrobial activity against the pathogen bacteria. In the methanol extract of

chia seeds highest zone of inhibition was found at 25mm and followed by ethyl acetate extract was found at 22mm for *S.aureus*, revealed that both the aqueous and methanolic extract of *Salvia hispanica* exhibited high antibacterial effect against the pathogenic bacteria¹⁵.

Table 3.6 Antibacterial activity of seed extracts

Zone of inhibition(mm)				
Microorganisms	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>K.pneumonia</i>	<i>B.subtilis</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>
Hexane Extract	19 \pm 0.04	14 \pm 0.05	16 \pm 0.04	18 \pm 0.09
Ethyl acetate Extract	10 \pm 0.04	17 \pm 0.02	12 \pm 0.12	22 \pm 0.08
Methanol Extract	16 \pm 0.06	15 \pm 0.08	20 \pm 0.06	25\pm0.03
Water Extract	18 \pm 0.07	16 \pm 0.09	11 \pm 0.07	15 \pm 0.09

Antifungal activity

The antifungal activity was performed against the fungus by using the different solvent extracts of *Salvia hispanica*. Methanol extract shows better antifungal activity than other seed extracts against *C. albicans*. The antifungal activity of

methanolic extract of *Salvia hispanica* shows inhibition against bacterial pathogens such as *Trichoderma* (9 \pm 0.04mm), *A.oryzae* (7 \pm 0.06mm), *C.albicans* (4 \pm 0.09mm), *C. tropicans* (11 \pm 0.03). The results predicted that in methanol extract and followed by hexane extract shows better zone of inhibition for the pathogen *C. Tropicans*.

Table 3.7 Antifungal activity of seed extracts

Zone of inhibition(mm)				
Microorganisms	<i>Trichoderma</i>	<i>A.oryzae</i>	<i>C.albicans</i>	<i>C.tropicans</i>
Hexane Extract	4 \pm 0.01	7 \pm 0.03	5 \pm 0.04	10 \pm 0.07
Ethyl acetate Extract	5 \pm 0.03	8 \pm 0.02	2 \pm 0.07	9 \pm 0.08
Methanol Extract	9 \pm 0.04	7 \pm 0.06	4 \pm 0.09	11\pm0.03
Water Extract	6 \pm 0.07	6 \pm 0.03	9 \pm 0.08	4 \pm 0.09

Analysis of Antioxidant Activity

DPPH Assay

The DPPH assay was performed to evaluate the reducing power of free radicals. The free radical scavenging activity was tested by its ability to bleach the stable DPPH radical. For the estimation of radical scavenging activity of *Salvia hispanica*, ascorbic acid is used as standard at different concentration ranges (20, 40, 60, 80, 100 µg/ml). The

percentage inhibition of different extracts for *Salvia hispanica* at various concentration 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 µg/ml were calculated. From the resultant graph, it was found that methanol extract showed maximum free radical scavenging activity while hexane extract is least potent. ¹¹ deliberated that highest free radical scavenging observed in methanol fraction (12.75 µg/ml) since it contains highest amount of polyphenols & flavonoids when compared to other extracts.

%inhibiton analysis of DPPH assay

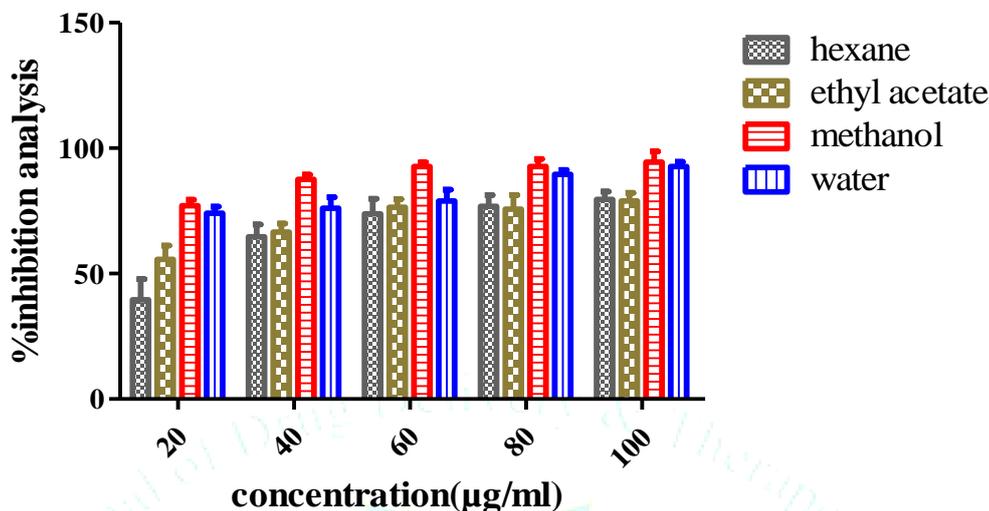


Figure 1: Evaluation of (%) inhibition analysis of DPPH assay for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica*

FRAP Assay

In this present study, the ferric reducing ability of plasma as a measure of antioxidant power was analysed through reducing the free radicals. The Ferric reducing ability of plasma was performed with different seed extracts and

compared with standard Gallic acid. The triplicate values are noted and the mean values were calculated. From the Figure-2 it was shown that methanol extract of *Salvia hispanica* shows more reducing potential as antioxidants than the other extract. ¹¹ revealed that maximum inhibition activity observed in methanol extract.

%inhibiton analysis of FRAP assay

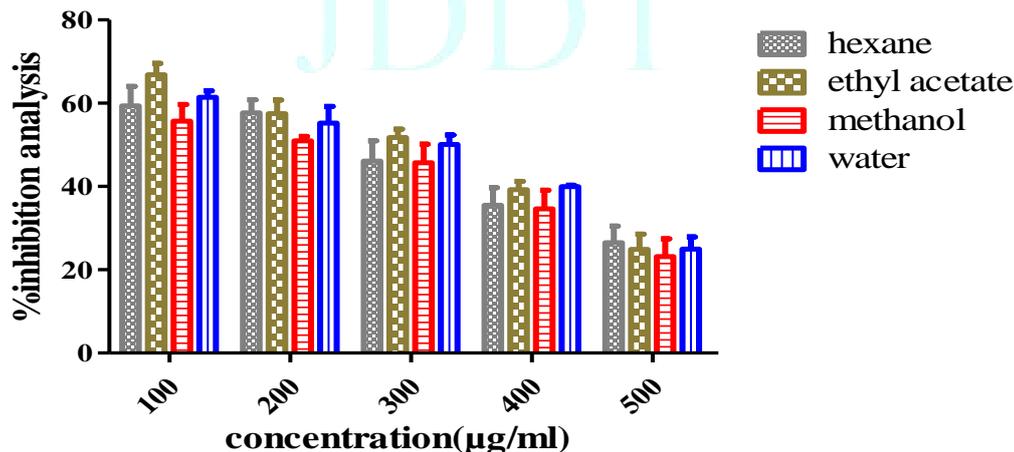


Figure 2: Evaluation of percentage (%) inhibition analysis of FRAP assay for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica*

Hydrogen peroxide radical scavenging activity

Hydrogen peroxide has the ability to cross the cell membrane. Ascorbic acid is used as standard at different concentration ranges (20, 40, 60, 80, 100 µg/ml). The % inhibition of different extracts for *Salvia hispanica* at various concentrations (20 µg/ml to 100 µg/ml) was shown in the

Figure 3. It implies that methanol extract of *Salvia hispanica* shows similar antioxidant to water extract. Our results are in line with ⁸ when the concentration increases, the percentage inhibition for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica* also increases. It shows a maximum inhibition at the concentration of 100 µg/ml.

%inhibiton analysis of Hydrogen peroxide assay

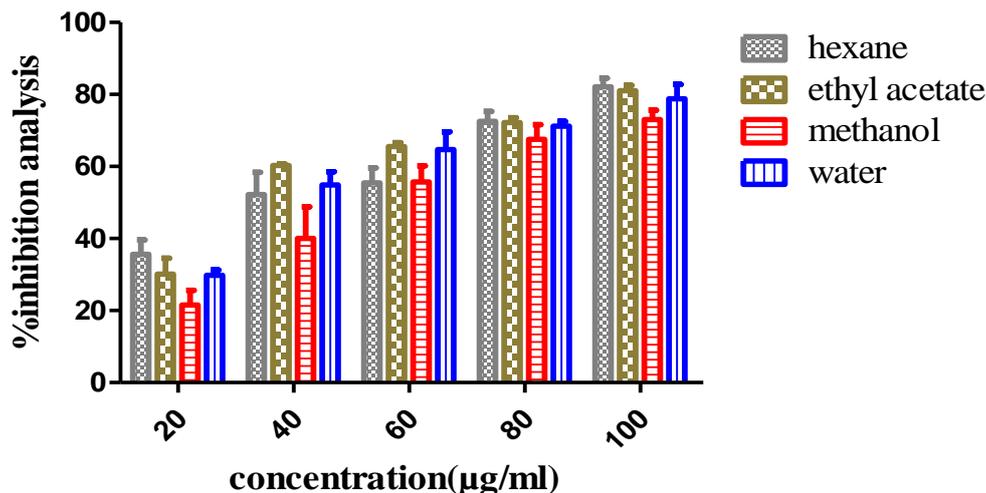


Figure 3: Evaluation of percentage (%) inhibition analysis of Hydrogen peroxide assay for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica*

Characterization of Silver Nano Particles

UV-Visible Spectroscopy analysis

The absorption spectrum of the produced silver nanoparticles for the methanol and water extracts were found to be respectively. Generally AgNPs have high absorbance value in the visible range of 415-470 nm. It was similar to that of ^{12, 16} revealed that the ethyl alcohol extract has highest peak value of 445 nm respectively. The peaks with respect to water and methanol are noted as 1.903,1.849 respectively.

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analysis

The SEM image in figure 4 showed the density of silver nano particles (Ag-NPs) synthesized by *Salvia hispanica*. The typical SEM image shows the product mainly consist of spherical like particle size in the range 50 nm. The surface deposited silver nanoparticles are seen at magnification 588X. The morphological structure was studied and the images are taken at the acceleration voltage of 4.00kV. It has revealed that spherical shaped size AgNPs was reported to have 44-56 nm under magnification of X65,000.

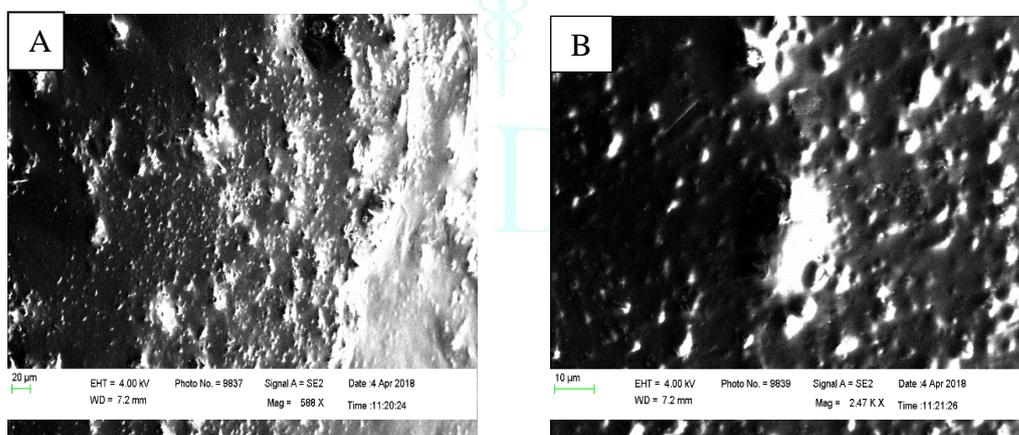


Figure 4: SEM micrographs of *Salvia hispanica* at various magnification

A. AgNPs+ Water Extract B. AgNPs+ Methanol Extract

Assessment of *In Vitro* Anti-Inflammatory Activity

Inhibition of albumin denaturation:

Salvia hispanica is well known anti-inflammatory property and followed by ⁹. This study, have shown inhibition of thermally induced protein (Albumin) denaturation in dose

dependent manner, where the inhibition value is 94µg/ml for AgNPs+ methanolic extract used diclofenac sodium as a standard. Compared to all other extracts AgNPs+methanol shows high inhibition value of anti-inflammatory activity compared to all other extracts.

Anti inflammatory Activity

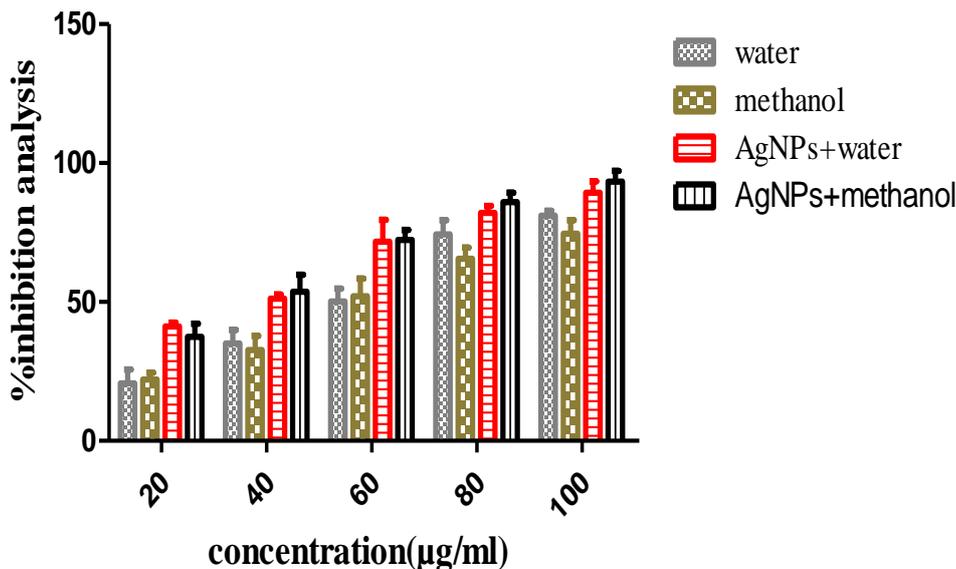


Figure 5: Determination of percentage radical scavenging activity for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica* using Protein denaturation assay

Estimation of cholesterol in extracts of *Salvia hispanica* seeds

The present study revealed the estimation of cholesterol level in hexane extract, ethyl acetate extract, methanol extract and water extract of *Salvia hispanica*. It revealed that the amount of cholesterol present in the *Salvia hispanica* extracts are very least potent. The amount of cholesterol level present in the methanol is very less amount when compared to other extracts. In 100µl concentration the equivalence amount of cholesterol present in methanolic extract of *Salvia hispanica* is 5.801±0.001 whereas in other extracts hexane is 5.94±0.006, ethyl acetate is 6.101±0.009 and water is 6.48±0.002. Our results are in line with ¹¹ who evaluated the cholesterol level of *Salvia hispanica* by Zak's method.

Effect of *Salvia hispanica* seed extract on lipase inhibition activity

The anti-lipase activity was investigated at the different concentrations (20,40,60,80,100 µg/ml) for lipase inhibition. The different extracts such as hexane, ethyl acetate, methanol, water examined; methanolic extracts from seed at a concentration of 100 µg/ml, significantly inhibited Lipase *in vitro* activity. Among the four of the extracts AgNPs+methanolic extracts showed a relatively high anti lipase activity of more than 70% respectively followed by AgNPs+water extract. Treatment with Orlistat as a positive control, a well-known anti-lipase agent significantly inhibited activity up to 82% used to compare the inhibitory activity of the extracts. ¹³ revealed that methanolic and aqueous extracts has high lipase inhibition activity in 20 µg/ml

Table 3.8 Estimation of cholesterol in different extracts of *Salvia hispanica*

Concentration	20	40	60	80	100
Std values	0.396	0.65	1.172	1.889	1.947
HEXANE					
OD@560nm	0.0118	0.0261	0.0316	0.046	0.0516
Equivalence of cholesterol(µg/ml)	4.02±0.04	4.7±0.2	5.02±0.07	5.676±0.009	5.94 ±0.006
ETHYL ACETATE					
OD@560nm	0.0128	0.0315	0.0457	0.0527	0.0548
Equivalence of cholesterol(µg/ml)	4.07±0.05	4.975±0.004	5.66±0.02	6.001±0.001	6.101±0.009
METHANOL					
OD@420nm	0.012	0.0218	0.0308	0.0387	0.0486
Equivalence of cholesterol(µg/ml)	4.03±0.04	4.50±0.04	4.94±0.04	5.234±0.001	5.80±0.01
WATER					
OD@420nm	0.017	0.036	0.0467	0.0506	0.0628
Equivalence of cholesterol(µg/ml)	4.275±0.2	5.19±0.02	5.17±0.01	5.898±0.005	6.48 ±0.02

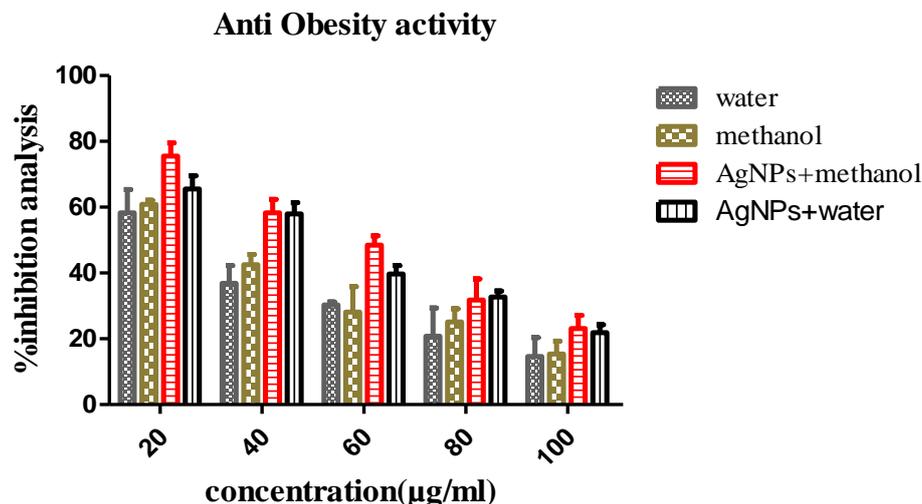


Figure 6: Determination of Anti-obesity activity for different extracts of *Salvia hispanica* using lipase inhibition assay

CONCLUSION

The *Salvia hispanica* seed samples were extracted using polarity based solvents such as Hexane, Ethyl acetate, Methanol, Water using soxhlet apparatus. The results of present studies indicate that Methanolic extract shows highest antibacterial activity in *S.aureus* and highest antifungal activity in *C.tropicans*. Compare to all solvents, methanolic extract shows highest antioxidant activity in DPPH, FRAP, H₂O₂. Hence, supplement of *Salvia hispanica* seeds rich in compounds such as polyphenol and flavonoids can protect the cell from damage due to free radicals. The current studies provide a basis for further experiments on the identifications and characterization of specific compounds by silver Nano particle synthesis with relatively high antimicrobial and antioxidant activity. The particles were examined by using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) to evaluate surface morphology. The synthesised particle was able to inhibit the inflammation. The AgNps+methanol shows highest inhibitory by albumin denaturation. In anti-obesity estimation the highest inhibition activity by lipase inhibition assay was possessed by AgNps+methanol at 20µg/ml when compared to all other extracts. Among all the extracts, the methanol extract had highest fat inhibition activity. Thus the result indicates that the *Salvia hispanica* extracts possess antiobesity activity.

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