ABSTRACT

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Aggregation

As a part of phytochemical study of secondary metabolites of plants from family Asteraceae, 32 species from this taxonomical unit were tested for platelet aggregation and antioxidant activity. Platelet aggregation was evaluated in vitro on human thrombocytes in platelet rich plasma. The

primary used concentration of extracts was 500 μg·mL⁻¹, arachidonic acid (AA), adenosine

diphosphate (ADP), collagen (COL), and thrombin (TR) were used as agonists. Out of the tested

species, Leuzea carthamoides (leaves) was the only species which exhibited antiplatelet activity, the

extract inhibited platelet aggregation induced by ADP and COL by 33 ± 6 % and 95 ± 5 %, respectively.

None of the tested taxons showed proaggregatory effect. From 10.5 kg of dried leaves of L.

carthamoide the extracts were prepared sequentially; five compounds: LC-1 (cynaropicrine), LC-2

(chlorojanerin), LC-3 (repdiolid), LC-4 (jaceosidin), LC-5 (hispidulin) were isolated from the most

active extract (chloroform) by column and thin layer chromatography. The antiplatelet activity of

compounds (IC₅₀) was for LC-1: 336 \pm 17 μ M - ADP, 300 \pm 33 μ M - COL, 1050 \pm 34 μ M - AA,

aggregation induced by TR was not affected; for LC-2: $552 \pm 19 \,\mu\text{M}$ – COL, aggregation induced by TR,

ADP, AA was not affected; for LC-3: 630 \pm 12 μ M - ADP, 1050 \pm 25 μ M - COL, 490 \pm 30 μ M - AA,

aggregation induced by TR was not affected by repdiolid; for LC-4: 1190 \pm 31 μ M – ADP, 382 \pm 13 μ M

- COL, 136 \pm 16 μ M - AA, aggregation induced by TR was not affected; for LC-5: 1060 \pm 54 μ M - ADP,

 $100 \pm 24 \,\mu\text{M}$ – COL, $522 \pm 13 \,\mu\text{M}$ – AA, aggregation induced by TR was not affected. Compounds LC-1

and LC-2 were practically inactive in DPPH radical scavenging assay (EC₅₀ > 1000 μ M), while LC-3 was

significantly more active (EC $_{50}$ 259 \pm 14.2 μ M). Both flavonoids were also less active in comparison with standard antioxidants: LC-4 (EC $_{50}$ 411 \pm 17.8 μ M) and LC-5 (EC $_{50}$ 796.6 \pm 25.7 μ M), trolox (EC $_{50}$ 27.8 \pm 1.7 μ M), quercetin (EC $_{50}$ 25.3 \pm 1.6 μ M). In case of FRAP test the highest value showed LC-4 (39.2 μ M after 60 mins exposition) in comparison with standards: trolox (22.2 μ M) and quercetin (98.3 μ M).

Key words: Antiplatelet activity, DPPH assay, FRAP test, Asteraceae, *Leuzea carthamoides*, cynaropicrine, chlorojanerin, repdiolid, jaceosidin, hispidulin.