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In vitro* effects of pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) seed extracts on *Echinococcus granulosus* protoscoleces*Zahra Hesari Sherme¹, Meysam Sharifdini¹, Mohammad Kazem Sharifi-yazdi², Bahram Nikmanesh², Shahram Mahmoudi², Mehdi Mohebbali², Saeedeh Ghafari³ and Sara Ghasemi³**¹Guilan University of Medical Sciences, Iran²Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran³Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Iran

Echinococcus granulosus parasite causes a zoonotic disease which is important for public and veterinary health. Since pumpkin seeds (*Cucurbita sp*) are used as traditional vermifuge in Iran, they may be a potential herbal anthelmintic. This study was designed to evaluate the *in vitro* scolicidal effect of *Cucurbita moschata* seeds. Hydro alcoholic and petroleum ether extracts were prepared by maceration and Soxhlet, respectively. Both extracts with four different concentrations (100, 10, 1, 0.1 mg/ml) were incubated against protoscoleces in 5, 15, 30 and 60 minutes. Maximum mortality was 16% with 1% hydro alcoholic extract in 60 minutes. Highest mortality with organic extract was 4% with 10% concentration in 60 minutes (P=0.015). Since highest mortality was 16%, the extract didn't reach to LD 50 (50% mortality). Therefore, the potency of the total extract is not sufficient as potential scolicidal drug.

Biography

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