

Anti-inflammatory and anti-hyperalgesic activities of *Acanthopanax trifoliatum* (L) Merr leaves

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ABSTRACT

Context *Acanthopanax trifoliatum* is a ginseng-like plant, which has been widely used to treat various diseases including inflammatory-related diseases. **Aims** The present study has been designed to investigate the anti-inflammatory and anti-hyperalgesic effects of various fractions of *Acanthopanax trifoliatum* leaves ethanolic extract in rats.

Materials and Methods Anti-inflammatory activity was studied by using carrageenan-induced edema on rat paw whilst anti-hyperalgesic was assessed by using carrageenan-evoked thermal hyperalgesia on plantar test. **Statistical Analysis** Used Data were analyzed using Student t-test to compare with control. Multiple comparisons for difference between control and extract-treated groups were evaluated by Tukey HSD (Honestly Significant Difference) test. P values less than 0.05 ($P < 0.05$) is considered significant. **Results** Among three different fractions i.e., hexane, dichloromethane, and methanol tested, methanolic fraction displayed the most potent fraction amongst those three. It gave significant anti-inflammatory effect at highest dose, 500 mg/kg, with 77.24% of inhibition. Whilst for anti-hyperalgesic activity, methanolic fraction showed the highest efficacy at 375 mg/kg. Administration of methanolic fraction of *Acanthopanax trifoliatum* inhibited paw edema in a dose- dependent manner. The inhibition for both activities might be due to possible composition of polar compounds, which are flavonoids and phenolics content. **Conclusions** Methanol fraction of *Acanthopanax trifoliatum* leaves has potential effect as anti-inflammatory and anti-hyperalgesia in acute inflammation model.

KEYWORDS

Acanthopanax trifoliatum . anti-hyperalgesic carrageenan-evoked thermal hyperalgesia . plantar test

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