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# The synergistic hepatoprotective effect of herbal extracts of *Thymus vulgaris* and *Solanum lycopersicum* in paracetamol induced hepatotoxicity in rats

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Abstract

Background

#### **Objective:**

To study the synergistic hepatoprotective effect of herbal extracts of *Thymus vulgaris* and *Solanum lycopersicum* in paracetamol induced hepatotoxicity in rats.

## **Materials and Methods:**

The study was carried out on wistar rats and were fed high fat diet for 15 days. Extract of plant *Thymus vulgaris* and *Solanum lycopersicum* in combination was administered in dose of 100 and 200 mg/kg, p.o. for 7 days after timeline of acclimation. On the 7th day, one dose of the toxicant (paracetamol) was given enteral route that is oral route to each group, except the saline or water control group 1 h after test drug administration. Serum biochemical parameters (SGPT, SGOT, ALP, Serum cholesterol, Serum total bilirubin) which are also known as markers of liver toxicity are determined in order to evaluate the hepatoprotective activity.

## **Results:**

There was a significant reduction in the levels of serum biochemical parameters i.e. Serum glutamate pyruvate transaminase (SGPT) or (ALT), Serum glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (SGOT) or (AST), Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP), Serum cholesterol, Serum total bilirubin significantly has compared to paracetamol treated group. Treatment with lower dose and higher dose of selected plant extracts produced dose dependent reduction in PCM induced rise in bio chemical parameters. The

Extract of plant *Thymus vulgaris* and *Solanum lycopersicum* possesses hepatoprotective properties in paracetamol induced groups. The animals were sacrificed & histopathological study was done. **Key Words:** hepatoprotective activity, SGOT, PCM.

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