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Abstract:

Recent efforts to develop cure for chronic diabetic complications have led to the discovery of potent inhibitors against aldose reductase (AKR1B1, EC 1.1.1.21) whose role in diabetes is well-evident. In the pre-sent work, two new natural products were isolated from the ariel part of *Ocimum basilicum*; 7-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3-methyl-8-b-O-D-glucoside-2H-chromen-2-one and E-4-(60-hydroxyhex-30-en-1-yl)phenyl propionate (2) and confirmed their structures with different spectroscopic techniques including NMR spectroscopy etc. The isolated compounds (1,2) were evaluated for in vitro inhibitory activity against aldose reductase (AKR1B1) and aldehyde reductase (AKR1A1). The natural product (1) showed better inhibitory activity for AKR1B1 with IC<sub>50</sub> value of  $2.095 \pm 0.77$  mM compare to standard sorbinil (IC<sub>50</sub> =  $3.14 \pm 0.02$  mM). Moreover, the compound also showed multifold higher activity (IC<sub>50</sub> =  $0.783 \pm 0.07$  mM) against AKR1A1 as compared to standard valproic acid (IC<sub>50</sub> =  $57.4 \pm 0.89$  mM). However, the natural product showed slightly lower activity for AKR1B1 (IC<sub>50</sub> =  $4.324 \pm 1.25$  mM). Moreover, the molecular docking studies of the potent inhibitors were also performed to identify the putative binding modes within the active site of aldose/aldehyde reductases.

*Ocimum basilicum*, commonly called as basil, member of the Lamiaceae family, which is cultivated commercially in several regions around the world. More than 150 species of the genus *Ocimum* are known, among them basil is the major crop cultivated in many countries of the world. From ancient time until now, basil has been utilized as a popular culinary and medicinal herb. The leaves and flowers have been extensively used for the treatment of coughs, headaches, diarrhoea, kidney malfunctions as well as for its galactagogue, carminative, antispasmodic and stomachic properties [1–3]. Traditionally, basil has been extensively utilized in food as a flavouring agent, in perfume and medical industries. Due to its diuretic and stimulating properties, basil has applications in pharmacy. An infusion of basil is considered to be diaphoretic, anti-helminthic, anti-diarrheic and anti-emetic. The juice of basil shows stimulant, carminative actions. While its essential oil also possesses anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, and insecticidal effects. The flowers of this plant are also diuretic, stimulant and demulcent in action. The flowers of basil are also considered to be anti-spasmodic, carminative and digestive stimulant. Basil essential oils mainly contain the group of terpenoid components, which includes sesquiterpenes, monoterpenes and their oxygenated derivatives. The essential

oil mainly exhibits anti-fungal and anti-insecticidal activity. Various researchers have reported that both *Ocimum* essential oil and its various extracts were exhibiting antibacterial activities against gram positive and gram negative bacteria. *Ocimum basilicum* is a rich source of bioactive chemicals. Because many of them are largely free from adverse effects and have excellent pharmacological actions, they could lead to the development of new classes of possibly safer anti-diabetic agents and anti-diabetic complications. Additionally, some coumarins and polyphenols and their sugar derivatives are found to be effective on the inhibitory aldose reductase. Diabetes mellitus (DM) is an incessant disease worldwide. Nearly half a billion world population is affected by DM, rather about 80% affected masses belong to developing and under developed countries. The close biological and epidemiological proximity of DM and cancer suggest that DM also enhances the possibility of onset and proliferation of various cancer types. Diabetic complications associated with hyperglycemia are majorly comprised of diabetic retinopathy, cancer, neuropathy, mood disorders, nephropathy and others. Hyperglycemia leads to non-insulin dependent uptake of glucose and triggers the polyol pathway. The polyol pathway is primarily involved in the NADPH dependent reduction of glucose to sorbitol via aldose reductase (AKR1B1). The metabolic conversion of sorbitol by sorbitol-dehydrogenase enzyme and the reduced penetration of sorbitol increase the flux of glucose. This increased flux results in high osmotic stress and hence the associated secondary complications arise. The aldehyde reductase (AKR1A1) and aldose reductase (AKR1B1) belong to aldo-ketoreductase (AKR) superfamily catalyzing the reduction of corresponding aldehydes and ketones involved. Both the closely related enzymes AKR1A1 and AKR1B1 have 65% structural similarity and differ only at the active site. While AKR1B1 is mainly involved in polyol pathway, AKR1A1 is responsible for reductive detoxification of reactive aldehydes, and metabolizes methyl glyoxal and 3-deoxyglucosone which have a role in the formation of toxic glycation end products. Aldehyde reductase (AKR1A1) being a member of AKR superfamily has a significant role in various biological processes such as regulation of proinflammatory response through the reduction of aldehyde phospholipids. Since many aldose reductase inhibitors (ARIs) have been reported, but none of them get success in advance clinical trial, and so far only one has been marketed; Epalrestat, ONO Pharmaceutical, Osaka, Japan. Use of isolated natural products would be potentially beneficial to find good lead as ARIs. Evidence showed that the inhibition of polyol pathway is an attractive challenge to alleviate the diabetic complications.

and aldose reductase inhibitors (ARIs) can play significant role in that. A large number of ARIs mainly hydantoin and carboxylic acid derivatives have entered into clinical trials, the only marketed drug is Epalrestat which is rhodanine based. During clinical trials the unfavourable profile of AKR is attributed to their non-selectivity and adverse side effects. AKR1A1 selective towards AKR1B1 with safe pharmacophore are highly desirable to suppress polyol pathway and hence reduce chronic diabetic complications. In our current study, we designed to isolate some new natural products from the above mentioned plant (basil) and characterized them with different spectral techniques such as  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^2\text{D}$  NMR spectra, IR and mass spectrometry. The natural product contains coumarin and glucose scaffolds while compound (2) structure is simply a functionalized benzene ring. A range of coumarin based compound of plant origin has been reported as AKR1B1 inhibitors. In our recent study, we have reported coumarin compounds as aldose reductase (AKR1B1) inhibitors. The structure an active molecule. The isolated compounds were evaluated as anti-diabetic agent via inhibition assay of aldose reductase.

#### Conclusion:

Two new natural products 7-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3-methyl-8-benzyl-6-O-d-glucoside-2H-chromen-2-one and E-4-(6-hydroxyhex-3-en-1-yl)phenyl propionate has been isolated from *Ocimum basilicum*. The isolated compounds were evaluated for their inhibitory activity against aldose reductase (AKR1B1) and aldehyde reductase (AKR1A1). The compound 1 containing coumarin and glucose scaffold was found to be more potent against AKR1B1, a key enzyme of polyol pathway which flux glucose, with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of  $2.095 \pm 0.77$  mM compare to standard sorbinil ( $\text{IC}_{50} = 3.14 \pm 0.02$  mM). The natural product 2, although a simple functionalized benzene ring based molecule, yet showed activity ( $\text{IC}_{50} = 4.324 \pm 1.25$  mM) slightly less than standard sorbinil and can be modulated via simple chemical modifications. Altogether, the current study provides two molecules which could potentially serve as lead for the development of AKR1B1 inhibitor for the cure of diabetic complications.