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**CORONOPUS DIDYMUS LINN.: AN INSIGHT INTO CURRENT
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himanshuetw58@gmail.com⁴, nikki.phr28@gmail.com⁵**Department of Pharmacology, Shri R.L.T Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology,
Etawah, Affiliated to AICTE and PCI**Article Received:** January 2023**Accepted:** January 2023**Published:** February 2023**Abstract:**

Coronopus didymus was investigated for its activity against cancer, diabetes, infectious bacteria, and oxidative stress. Medicinal plants are commonly used to treat a wide range of infectious human diseases. To test the anticancer, antibacterial, and diabetic activity of the *Coronopus didymus* extract, four different concentrations of each extract were prepared in acetone, ethanol, and methanol. The greatest antiproliferative and alpha glucosidase inhibition actions were observed in the ethanol-based extracts, whereas the best antioxidant activities were found in the methanol-based extract. Stem extracts in N-hexane, ethanol, and water were found to contain flavonoids, polysaccharides, anthra-glycosides, and saponins, Anthra-glycosides, cardiac glycosides, terpenoids, and saponins were all found in the N-hexane, ethanolic and aqueous extracts of the roots. Thus, it was determined that since *Coronopus didymus* is rich in secondary metabolites, it could be used in medicine.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Natural active compounds from plants, such as secondary metabolites and antioxidants, are abundant [1]. In Karnataka, India, *Coronopus didymus* (CD) has been utilized as a traditional medicine to treat wounds and allergies. CD has been found to contain 0.003% benzyl cyanide [2], glucotrapaeolin, a glucoside of benzyl isothiocyanate [3] 1,8-dihydroxy anthraquinone [4] at a concentration of glucotrapaeolin, flavones, chrysoeriol, and chrysoeriol-6 (OAc)-4-b-D-glucoside[5]. The most frequent secondary metabolite in plants, phenolic chemicals are crucial for the pigmentation, growth, and reproduction of the plant as well as its resistance to diseases and predators. This is largely because of their strong astringency and phytoalexin properties. Their anti-allergic, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, hepatoprotective, antiviral, and anti-carcinogenic activities have been established [6].

Among the leading causes of death globally, cancer is second to only cardiovascular disease in affluent nations (World Cancer Report, 2014). Humans are known to be affected by more than 200 distinct types of cancer. The National Cancer Institute estimates that simply in the U. S., there will be 5.9 million cancer-related deaths and around 16.8 million new cases of cancer reported in 2016. Due to population growth and ageing, the burden of cancer is projected to increase to 21.7 million new cases and 13 million cancer deaths worldwide by 2030, making it the largest hazard to public health among non-contagious diseases. As a result, a lot of money is being spent on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The primary objective of several pharmaceutical companies and organizations, like the National Cancer The discovery and development of anticancer agents by identification of cytotoxic compounds is the main focus of many pharmaceutical companies as well as groups like the British Cancer Research Campaign, the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, and the National Cancer Institute in the United States [7].

Coronopus didymus a weed of the Brassicaceae family is commonly known as “wartcress” or “swinecress” [8]. Cough, bruises, trauma, arthrosis, bronchitis, external ulcers, cancer, rheumatism, stomach, and urinary issues have all been traditionally treated with this herb. It has been used to relieve fever and inflammation, purify the blood, ease muscle discomfort, and eliminate catarrh [9, 10]. Additionally, *Coronopus didymus* has been said to have anti-inflammatory, anti-tumor, anti-malarial, antioxidant, and anti-fungal effects. Due to its high biomass, it is also said to have phytoremediation

properties for zinc, lead, and cadmium in addition to its medicinal and curative qualities [11].

2. Plant profile

2.1. Biological source

It consist of the flower and fruit of *coronopus didymus*

2.2. Geographical Source

The continent of South America

2.3. Family

Brassicaceae

2.4. Common name

Lesser swine cress, swine wartcress [12]

3. Taxonomy

Kingdom-Plantae

Phylum- Tracheophyta

Class-magnoliopsida

Order-Brassicales

Genus-Lepidium L.[13].

4. Macroscopy

Annual or biannual, 15 to 30 cm long, scattered or procumbent, frequently slightly foetid, mainly branching from below, glabrous or hairy. Upper leaves are similar or pinnatifid and only 3-5-jugate, 1.5-3 cm long, sessile or subsessile; lobes sinuate serrated, frequently only on one side. Basal and lower leaves are rosulate, pinnatisect, stalked, 6-10 jugate, and 5-10 cm long. Racemes 30–60 flowers per raceme, thick, fruit racemes up to 8 cm long (often considerably shorter). Little, 1 mm wide flowers on a short, filiform pedicel that is 3–4 mm long in fruit. There are no petals and only 2 or 4 viable stamens. Siliculae are 1.5 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, broader than long, and bilobed; valves are globose, reticulately [14].

5. Phytoconstituent from *coronopus didymus*

The identification and quantification of polyphenols were done using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Chlorogenic acid, benzoic acid, and quercetin were all detected in the extracts in different amounts among the nine primary identified polyphenols. Chlorogenic acid, kaempferol, ferulic acid, coumarin and benzoic acid were identified in acetone-based extracts. Chlorogenic acid, HB acid, caffeic acid, benzoic acid and rutin were identified in ethanol-based extracts. Chlorogenic acid, HB acid, kaempferol, ferulic acid, quercetin and benzoic acid were identified in methanol-based extracts.

Examination of *coronopus didymus* extracts showed the presence of various phytochemicals like

flavonoids, tannins, phenols, glycosides, saponins, terpenoids and steroids. One of the major groups of plant metabolites are phenolic compounds [15].

6. Pharmacology

Antioxidant activity

Many investigations showed at Different concentrations (1 mg/mL, 0.1 mg/mL, 0.01 mg/mL, 0.001 mg/mL) of plant extracted in three solvents (acetone, ethanol, methanol) were evaluated for their free radical scavenging ability using 0.3 mM DPPH. Gallic acid (0.3 mM) was used as a standard. All the tested concentrations exhibited significant radical scavenging activity in a concentration-dependent manner. The highest concentration of 1 mg/mL of methanol- and ethanol-based extracts demonstrated a maximum radical scavenging activity of 56.7% and 52.7%. The lowest concentration of 0.01 mg/mL exhibited almost negligible antioxidant activity. Extracts dissolved in methanol and ethanol performed better than the extracts dissolved in acetone with IC₅₀ values of 0.73 mg/mL and 0.86 mg/mL, respectively.

The ethanol extract showed high radical scavenging activity towards DPPH and ABTS radicals with IC₅₀ values of (7.80×10^2) and (4.32×10^2) µg/mL, respectively [4].

Antidiabetic activity

The antidiabetic activity of *C. didymus* was evaluated using the alpha glucosidase enzyme, one of the key enzymes involved in Type II diabetes. The extract showed significant hypoglycemic activity in normal and diabetic mice in a dose dependent manner. This may be due to the presence of various constituents like saponins, flavonoids and tannins [16].

Anticancer activity

The antiproliferative potential of *C. didymus* extracts was evaluated using an MTT assay. For this purpose, different concentrations (1 mg/mL, 0.1 mg/mL, 0.01 mg/mL, 0.001 mg/mL) of plant extracted in acetone, ethanol and methanol were exposed to the Molecules 2022, 27, 6263 5 of 10 HepG2 cancer cell line. All the concentrations exhibited potential antiproliferative activity against HepG2 cells in a concentration-dependent manner. The extracts prepared in methanol and acetone at a concentration of 1 mg/mL inhibited cell proliferation by 70.22% and 69.59%, respectively. The effect on morphology of HepG2 cells are shown [11].

Anti-inflammatory activity

Coronopus didymus effectively inhibited carrageenan-induced oedema. In addition, the extract

also inhibited oedema induced by different photogenes, including substance P, PGE₂, dextran and bradykinin. Based on these reports, it could be inferred that the anti-inflammatory action of the studied extract might be due to an inhibition of the different mediators involved in the inflammatory events [9].

Antipyretic activity

A strong antipyretic effect was obtained by the aqueous extract of CD in a dose-dependent manner. The antipyretic action of the extract's flavonoids may be due to their ability to lower elevated body temperatures, as demonstrated by numerous past investigations [17, 18]. Pyrexia may be related to increased oxidative stress since, according to a previous study, a rise in body temperature is linked to higher levels of lipid peroxide. They also claimed that taking antioxidant supplements reduced the oxidation of lipids. [19].

Antiallergic Activity

In the antiallergic activity, aqueous extract of CD was found to inhibit the granulation of mast cells induced by non-immunological and immunological stimulus [20].

CONCLUSION:

This review systematically summarizes the latest findings on the botany, traditional uses, phytochemistry and pharmacology, of *Coronopus didymus*. Lesser swine-cress or *Coronopus didymus* is native to South America and has been introduced nearly worldwide. Regarding the use as a medicinal and edible plant, there are records in the dietary histories it is eaten as a vegetable, and also used as a medicinal plant, to treat a range of conditions from cancer to gangrene to hemorrhoids. This study shows that *Coronopus didymus* possess anti-cancer, antioxidant, Antidiabetic, antipyretic antiallergic, and anti-inflammatory activity. The plant can be used as a source of oral drug against respiratory tract infections; however, further studies are required to isolate the active principle from the crude extract for proper drug development. Hepatotoxin (CCl₄) produced marked liver damage, which was evidenced by substantial enzymatic changes in serum and liver samples. CD (200, 400 mg/kg) significantly re-versed the CCl₄ induced changes, and the results were comparable to that of silymarin (standard). The hepatotoxin elevated levels of AST, ALT and hepatic lipid peroxides were markedly reduced and depleted hepatic GSH levels were partly restored by the extract.

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