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Abstract

Objective: The purpose of present study was to investigate the protective efficacy of star anise seed (SAS) on oxidative stress induced by cadmium in rats.

Methods: Thirty five of white male albino rats were divided to 5 groups: negative, CdCl₂ (5mg/kg b.w) control, CdCl₂ + SAS (50g/kg diet), CdCl₂ + SAS (100g/kg diet) and CdCl₂ + SAS (150 g/kg diet). The rats were feeding on star anise seeds daily for a period of 6 weeks. The variation in lipid profile, the biomarkers of liver and renal function, lipidperoxidation , SOD, total antioxidant capacity and acetylcholinesterase concentration were studied. As well as, histological assay of liver, kidney and brain in rats.

Result: Cadmium toxicity induces significant increase in serum lipid profile parameters except HDL-C, ALT, AST, urea, creatinine, uric acid, MDA, AChE levels. Moreover, significant decrease in body weight gain, HDL-C, SOD and total antioxidant capacity. Results of the histological examination of liver, renal and brain also support the above findings.

Conclusion: The current study suggests that star anise seed powder may be beneficial with promising prospect as a preventative antioxidant agent to resist oxidative damages induced by cadmium in rats.

Keywords: Star anise, cadmium chloride; oxidative stress; acetylcholinesterase; lipid peroxidation

INTRODUCTION

Both humans and animals reacts with their environments every day and also are exposed to a wide range of synthesis chemicals existing in the air, food and water (**Kaoud et al., 2010**). One of the most widespread metals that cause the toxicity of the environment and contaminated from industrial

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is cadmium, a heavy intoxicating metal evolves an early oxidative damage which, later contributes to the development of disease status to the most serious problems (**Elgaml and Hashish, 2014**). Various authenticated reports have shown that cadmium caused diverse genotoxicity effects including, chromosomal distortions and DNA deterioration, renal damage, bone disease and various kinds of cancer are imputed to excessive exposure to cadmium (**Oyinloye et al., 2016**). Even though, there are plenty of studies that examined the effect of cadmium in experimental animals and few studies on emergence and the beginning of cadmium pollution in communities, its molecular mechanization of work are not completely explicated (**Skipper et al., 2016**). Cadmium chloride associated with oxidative stress which led to serious problems in different organs. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has been deemed it as a human carcinogen and falls within the first batch of metals causing cancer (**Onwuka et al., 2010**). Cadmium toxicity in human beings commonly happens by inhaling tobacco smoke and consumed of polluted food and water. Severe poisoning of cadmium associated with lung, renal and hepatic disorders (**Kasuya et al., 2000**). Meanwhile deep-seated toxicity may result in crippling of lung injury, disruption of metabolism, dysregulation of the pressure of blood, renal dysfunction and immune disorders (**Morshedi et al., 2014**).

Free radicals play a major role in causing many human illnesses, including atherosclerosis, nerve, carcinoma and senility disorders. Free radicals and reactive oxygen particles are produced by different endogenous systems in our body as a result of exposure to some chemical or pathogens (**Singh et al., 2015**). An antioxidant is known as a molecule steady enough to donate an electron to a free radical and equalized it, therefore decreasing its ability to causing harm to different tissues. These molecules prevent or postponed cell damage fundamentally through their activity as free radical scavenging (**Attia et al., 2014**). The word of oxidative stress is the status of oxidative damage creating when the balance between free radical obstetrics and antioxidant system is undesirable, resulting injury to various molecular

types such as proteins, fats and nucleic acids (**Breitenbach and Eckl, 2015**).

To date, there is no effective medication to treat cadmium toxicity (**Elgaml and Hashish, 2014**). Interest has increased recently to discover the functional activities of the various medicinal plants herbs which return to its natural source, efficacy and slight adverse effects (**Singh, 2011**). Medicinal and aromatic plants as herbal and spices, are consider as gift of nature, and use to protect from different disorders and infections since ancient times due to containing huge numbers of vital compounds with free radical scavenging molecules (**Goel, 2013**). Only minority of these plants species studied for biochemical characteristics and laboratory experiments are even less (**Lalitha et al., 2010**). Plant kingdom represents an extraordinary resource of innovative molecules (**Madhu et al., 2014**). Among myriad of plants staranise seeds (*Illicium verum Hook*) of *Magnoliaceae* family is a small evergreen tree, and commonly named star anise, star aniseed. The star anise is used as spice throughout the world. It is native of Egypt, Greece, Crete and Asia Minor and was transported by the ancient Egyptians to different parts of the world (**Mohamed et al., 2015**). The plant used widely in food and curative intents, therefore take as a natural therapy by some patients. The plant was used in conventional remedy for remediation of skin inflammation, colic, puke, rheumatic troubles, sleeplessness, antiulcer and antibacterial (**Matsui et al., 2007; Huang et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2011; Sung et al., 2012 and Hussaini et al., 2013**).

various contemporaneous pharmaceutical clues have asserted bioactive compounds founded in star anise such as polysaccharides, essential oils and vital acids and considered it as unique spice thus, the plant is used in numerous applications such as anti-oxygenic, anticarcinogenica and Hypolipidemic properties (**Liu et al., 1997; Li et al., 2006; Li et al., 2008; Shu et al., 2010; Madhu et al., 2014; Bi et al., 2015 and Park et al., 2015**).

Due to the antioxidant activities of star anise seed, it was thought to be worthwhile to study the possible effects on oxidative stress induced by

cadmium in rats. Therefore, the current work was carried out to evaluate the effect of star anise seed with different levels on biochemical parameters and oxidative stress in cadmium exposed rats.

Materials and Methods

Materials

Star anise seeds (*Illicium Verum*), were purchased as dried material from local herbs market in Cairo Egypt.

Cadmium chloride (CdCl_2), was obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. (St Louis, Mo, USA).

Animals: Thirty five male rats of *Sprague-Dawley* strain, their weighted $145 \pm 5\text{g}$. The animals were kept in standard condition, cages of plastic, maintained on a natural light-dark cycle at room temperature of $26 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and fed basal diet according to (**Reeves *et al.*, 1993**) and water *ad libitum*. Animals were retained to acclimatize for a period of one week.

Methods:

Preparation of plant seed: Star anise seeds were crushed in a blender to give a powder and kept in dusky stoppered bottles of glass in a dry place and dark location till use, according to (**Russo, 2001**).

Proximate analysis: Star anise seed was analyzed for the moisture, fat, protein, ash, and fiber contents. The carbohydrates as nitrogen free extract were determined as described in (**AOAC, 2000**).

Experimental protocol:

The experiment was carried out in Animal House in the Food Technology Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center, Giza. After the acclimatization period, animals were divided randomly to two major groups, the first major group: (n= 7 rats) fed on standard diet only as negative (normal group) and intraperitoneally injected with saline solution. While, the second major group (n= 28 rats) were injected intraperitoneally with CdCl_2 (5 mg/kg b.wt) daily to induce Cadmium chloride toxicity, according to (**Hew *et al.*, 1993**). Then, divided into 4 subgroups each comprising of 7 rats as follows:

CdCl₂ control group: was kept without any treatment as (CdCl₂ group) and fed on basal diet.

CdCl₂ + SAS (50g/kg diet) group: intoxicated rats with CdCl₂ that fed on standard diet contained 5% star anise seeds

CdCl₂ + SAS (100g/kg diet) group: intoxicated rats with CdCl₂ that fed on standard diet contained 10% star anise seeds

CdCl₂ + SAS (150g/kg diet) group: intoxicated rats with CdCl₂ that fed on standard diet contained 15% star anise seeds

Throughout the duration of experiment body weight was monitored weekly and feed intake was measured daily and both were determined according to (Chapman *et al.*, 1959).

Blood serum collection:

Animals were sacrificed by ether anesthesia at the end period of the study (6 weeks), samples of blood were collected from hepatic vein, small part was taken into heparinised tube and the remainder were centrifuged at 3000 rpm to take serum that separated carefully and transferred to clean plastic tubes and frozen at - 20°C until analysis.

Biochemical assays:

Determination of serum lipid profile: Triglyceride, Total cholesterol, high density lipoprotein, very low density lipoproteins and low density lipoproteins were carried out by colorimetric method according to (Fossati and Prencipe, 1982; Allian *et al.*, 1974; Fnedewaid, 1972 and Lee & Nieman 1996), respectively.

Determination of liver enzymes: Serum aspartate and alanine aminotransferases were estimated according to (Reitman and Frankel 1957).

Determination of renal functions: Serum urea, uric acid and creatinine, uric acid and urea were determined according to (Patton and Crouch, 1977; Fossati *et al.*, 1980 and Bohmer, 1971), respectively.

Determination of serum antioxidant parameters and acetylcholinesterase: Malondialdehyd, total antioxidants capacity and

superoxide dismutase activity were determined according to (Ohkawa *et al.*, 1979; Cao *et al.*, 1993 and Nishikimi *et al.*, 1972), respectively. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) activity was determined according to (Knedel and Boottger 1967).

Histological Examination: At the end of the study, tissue samples of all rats from liver, kidney and brain were collected and fixed in neutral buffered formalin, processed by conventional method according to (Bancroft *et al.*, 1996).

Statistical analysis:

Data were statistically analyzed using SPSS (Soft-Ware, SAS Institute, Cary, NC). Effects of different treatments were analyzed by one way ANOVA (Analysis of variance) test using Duncan's multiple range test and $p < 0.05$ was used to indicate significance between different groups (Snedecor and Cochran, (1967).

RESULTS

1 - Proximate composition of star anise seed powder (dry basis %)

The results in (Table.1) represented the proximate analysis of star anise seed expressed in percentage, showed the moisture was 1.37%, crude protein content was 19.64%, fat recorded 2.91%, crude fibre recorded 8.11%, total ash was 6.35% and nitrogen free extract content was 55.92%. Therefore the nutritional analysis of the star anise seed establishes that anise seed can be ranked as rich source of protein, crude fiber and ash due to their relatively high contents, which increase their nutritional value.

Table 1: Proximate composition of star anise seed (SAS) (dry basis %)

Characteristics	Content %
Moisture	1.37
Crude protein	19.64
Crude fat	2.91
Crude fiber	8.11
Total ash	6.35
Nitrogen free extract	55.92

2 - Effect of treatment with star anise seed (SAS) on feed intake and body weight gain of rats received CdCl₂

The weight was evaluated for 6 successive weeks , the results in Fig.1 showed that normal control group had the higher body weight gain , in contrary we observed that the cadmium control group represented the lower body weight , however in groups received star anise seed, it noted a significant increase in the body weight gain compared ($p < 0.05$) to cadmium (intoxicated) group. Concerning feed intake (Fig.1), the data shows that cadmium induced a reduction in feed intake when compared to negative ($p < 0.05$), whereas in the treated group with star anise seed with different levels (50, 100 and 150g/kg diet), we had observed a significant increase ($p < 0.05$) compared to intoxicated group (CdCl₂).

3 - Effect of treatment with star anise seed (SAS) on serum lipid profile of rats received CdCl₂

Serum lipid profile in rats received CdCl₂ is shown in Fig. 2. administration of cadmium chloride caused significant rise in total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL-c and VLDL-c levels in cadmium control group, Whereas, a significant diminish in the HDL level was shown in the untreated rats compared to negative rats ($p < 0.05$). These levels were found to be restored in the treated group with star anise seed and star anise seed treated group in a concentration dependent manner with 100 g/kg diet to be the most effective concentration (Fig.2).

4 - Effect of treatment with star anise seed (SAS) on some liver and renal functions of rats received CdCl₂

The data of the study (Table 2) showed that feeding on diet contained (50, 100 and 150 g/kg diet) star anise seed caused significant reduction ($p < 0.05$) in ALT and AST activities as compared to CdCl₂ rats (untreated). On other hand the activities of ALT and AST enzymes decreased gradually with increasing level of star anise seed. The 100 g/kg diet of star anise seed is more effective in reducing the concentration of ALT. treatment of CdCl₂ intoxicated rats with 50, 100 and 150 g/kg diet star anise seed decreased AST enzyme by about (46.33%, 45.01% and

43.02%) and ALT by about (48.33%, 38.67% and 46.12%) comparing with CdCl₂ control group. These results confirmed with histological findings, as shown in (Fig. 5 D, E) as the increased AST and ALT activities is linked exclusively to necrotic changes in the parenchmal cells of the liver. from these results, it could be conculded that, treating intoxicated CdCl₂ rats with star anise seed with 100 and 150 g/kg dietimproved liver enzymes which assoicated with maintended liver tissue.

A significant ($p < 0.05$) elevation in activities of renal function were observed in CdCl₂ control group (untreated), indicate renal dysfunction compared with normal rats. Treatment with star anise seed powder (50, 100 and 150 g/kg diet) showed a significant ($p < 0.05$) decrease in serum creatinine, urea and uric acid levels towards normalization and close to the negative group (Table 2). In fact, these data are in parallel with histological results (Fig. 6 D, E) that shows treatment with 100 and 150 g/kg diet star anise seed powder maintained compact glomeruli and well formed renal tubules.

5 - Effect of treatment with star anise seed (SAS) on the activities of antioxidants parametes and Acetyl cholinesterase (AChE) of rats received CdCl₂

For the SOD activity (Table 3), we can observed that cadmium poisoning induced depletion in the enzyme activity from 188.23 U/MI in normal control rats to 124.33 U/mL (cadmium control rats) ($p < 0.05$). Hence , non-significant difference of SOD was observed after treatment of rats with 150 g/kg diet star anise seed as compared to negative group, therefore the plant seed rise the level of SOD (124.33 U/mL) in cadmium control to (184.33 U/mL) in treated group star anise seed with 150g ($p < 0.05$).

The alterations occurring in total antioxidant capacity in different groups of rats are shown in (Table 3). The total antioxidant capacity concentration is significantly reduced ($p < 0.05$) in intoxicated CdCl₂ group compared to negative group. Treatment of CdCl₂ intoxicated rats with star anise seed powder at different levels had a very high significant influence in

total antioxidant capacity ($p < 0.05$) comparing with untreated CdCl₂ rats. The results of antioxidant defence system well confirmed with histology data in (Fig. 7 D, E) which showed well formed layers, epineurium and endoneurium in rat brain.

Fig. 3 showed the levels of MDA in plasma of received CdCL2 rats. MDA is an indicator of lipidperoxidation, after 6 consecutive weeks significant increase in MDA concentration was observed in intoxicated group (11.05 ± 1.16 mmol/L) compared to normal control group (4.37 ± 0.76 mmol/L). Hence, the MDA concentration decreased from 11.05 mmol/L for intoxicated group to 4.76 mmol/L in treated group with 150g/kg diet star anise seed. A significant reduction of MDA in groups treated with star anise at levels (50, 100 and 150 g/kg diet) comparatively to intoxicated group (cadmium alone) ($p < 0.05$).

The AChE concentrations in all groups are shown in (Fig.4). Exposure to cadmium chloride caused an increase in AChE level of the intoxicated CdCl₂ rats (control) comparing with negative group ($p < 0.05$). While after treatment with star anise seed powder with 10% and 15% in diet depleted the AChE levels by 41.1% and 66.2% which were statically significant.

Table 2: Effect of Star anise seeds on liver and kidney functions in rats received CdCl₂

Parameters	AST	ALT	Creatinine	Urea	Uric acid
Groups	(Iu/ml)		mg/dl		
Normal control	42.67±8.50 ^c	37.67±3.21 ^c	1.02±0.07 ^b	42.67±3.06 ^c	2.73±0.78 ^b
CdCl ₂ control	78.67±9.07 ^a	74.67±6.81 ^a	1.97±0.31 ^a	70.03±2.65 ^a	5.20±0.52 ^a
CdCl ₂ + SAS (50g/kg diet)	46.33±6.03 ^b	48.33±8.92 ^b	1.30±0.17 ^b	56.11±3.21 ^{bc}	2.79±0.72 ^b
CdCl ₂ + SAS (100g/kg diet)	45.01±7.32 ^b	38.67±8.08 ^{bc}	1.17±0.06 ^b	56.01±8.46 ^{bc}	2.80±0.46 ^b
CdCl ₂ + SAS (150g/kg diet)	43.02±3.46 ^c	46.12±9.64 ^{bc}	1.41±0.22 ^b	61.67±6.35 ^{ab}	3.82±0.93 ^{ab}

Values are expressed as mean ± SD SAS: Star Anise Seed

Values which don't share the same letter in each column are significantly different at $p < 0.05$.

AST: Aspartate aminotransferases ALT: Alanine aminotransferases

Table 3: Effect of star anise seeds on total antioxidant capacity and SOD activities in rats received CdCl₂

Parameters	Total antioxidants	SOD
Groups	(mmol/L)	(U/mL)
Normal control	3.14±0.75 a	188.23±12.74 a
CdCl ₂ control	1.17±0.55 d	124.33±12.01 d
CdCl ₂ + SAS (50g/kg diet)	1.93±0.65 c	147.12±13.01 c
CdCl ₂ + SAS (100g/kg diet)	2.71±0.09 b	167.01±12.10 b
CdCl ₂ +SAS (150g/kg diet)	2.93±0.68 a	184.33±14.15 a

Values presented as mean ± SD SAS: Star Anise Seed

Values which don't share the same letter in each column are significantly different at $p < 0.05$, SOD: Superoxide dismutase

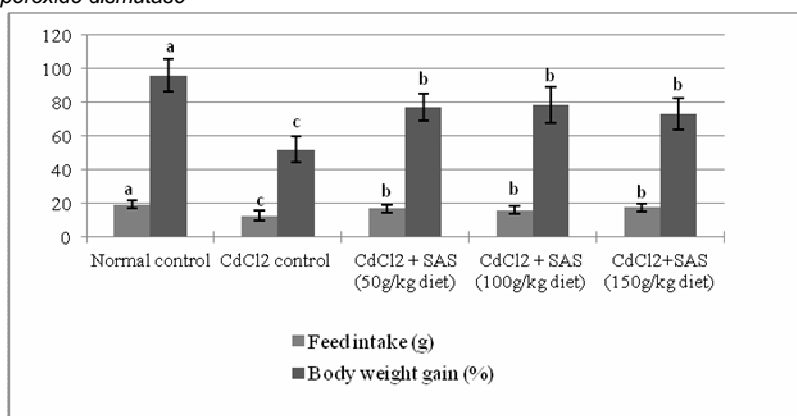


Fig. 1: Effect of star anise seed on feed intake and weight gain in received CdCl₂ rats, Values presented as mean ± SD, SAS: Star Anise Seed, The different letters in bar groups significant different at $p < 0.05$

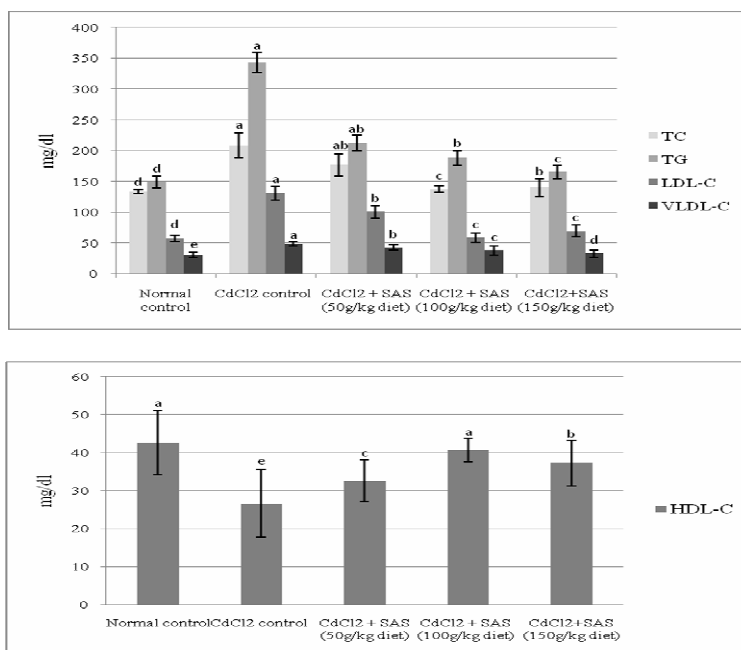


Fig. 2: Effect of star anise seed on serum lipid profile in received $CdCl_2$ rats, Values presented as mean \pm SD, SAS: Star Anise Seed, The different letters in bar groups significant different at $p < 0.05$

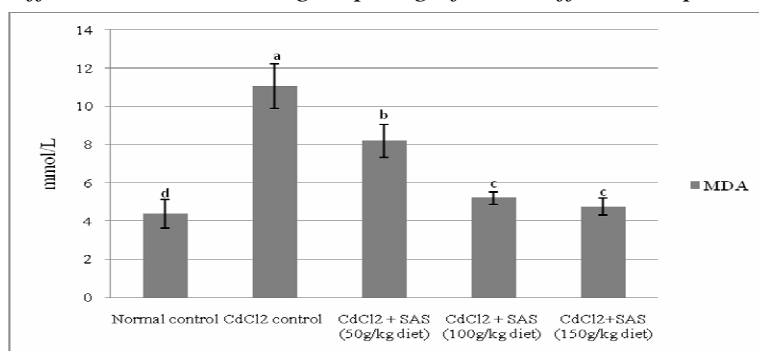


Fig. 3: Effect of star anise seed on serum lipid peroxidation (MDA) in received $CdCl_2$ rats, Values presented as mean \pm SD, SAS: Star Anise Seed, The different letters in bar groups significant different at $p < 0.05$, MDA: Malondialdehyde

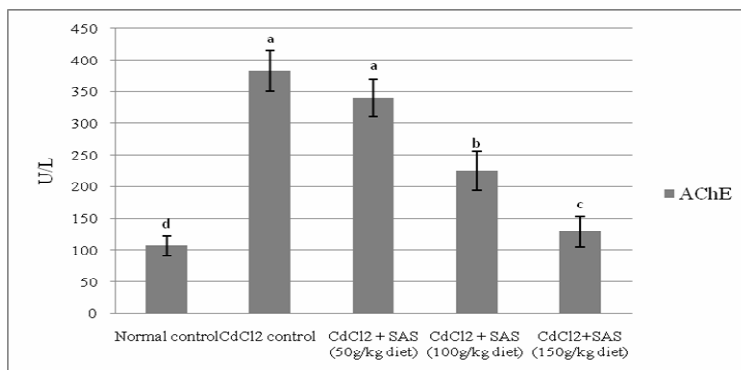


Fig. 4: Effect of star anise seed on serum acetylcholinesterase (AChE) in received CdCl₂ rats, Values presented as mean \pm SD, SAS: Star Anise Seed, The different letters in bar groups significant different at $p < 0.05$

DISCUSSION

Currently, antioxidative remedy, basically, antioxidants from natural sources are used as reasonable curative application for the protecting and curing of different disorders related to oxidative stress that contribute on starting and development of tissues injuries (Li *et al.*, 2015). Medicinal plants possess their preventive effects by reduce oxidation and improvement antioxidant system. Oxidative stress induced by cadmium is considered as the first stage of causing damage to different organs (Liu *et al.*, 2008 and Oyinloye *et al.*, 2016). Cadmium represents a major occupational risk found in soil, air, water and food. Various studies indicated that cadmium chloride enhance the capability that affect in activation of different coding pathways and in free radicals production, which direct to oxidative stress condition in experimental animals (Valko *et al.*, 2005 and Somade *et al.*, 2014).

Cadmium pollution is growing increasingly and considered serious concern to public health all over the world (Hao *et al.*, 2015). Several studies documented that long-term exposure to cadmium results in numerous severe side effects in different organs functions including liver, brain, renal, lung, cardiovascular, immune, hematopoietic and reproduction system (Fowler, 2009 and Satarug *et al.*, 2010). Exposure to cadmium chloride shows a significant reduction in body weight gain of CdCl₂ control

rats. The results was in agreement with previous work by **Milton Prabu et al. (2012)** who indicated a marked decline in body weight on cadmium chloride treated experimental animals.

The current study showed that exposure to cadmium mutate the lipid profile as noticed in levels of TG, TC, LDL-c and VLDL-c which significantly elevated and deminished HDL-c level in CdCl₂ group. In various studies cadmium has been linked with dyslipidemia and the data of the current work were also in harmony with these reports obtained by (**Rogalska et al., 2009; Chatterjee et al., 2013 and Abdel Moneim et al., 2014**). After feeding with star anise seed the abnormalities of lipid profile were ameliorated in cadmium intoxicated rats. Furthermore (**Park et al., 2015**) who reported that star anise considered alternative curative strategy in hyperlipidmia associated with atherosclerosis disorders. In addition **Vecchio et al., (2016)** indicated that star anise contains phytochemical compounds as anethole that shows many functions such as antihyperlipidemic and antioxidative activities.

Liver enzymes levels in serum represented trusted approach for diagnosis the damage of liver. Two liver enzymes studied, ALT and AST detected an ascending tendency in cadmium exposure rats in the current study. Similar finding was observed earlier (**Hristev et al., 2007 and Hassan et al., 2012**). Meanwhile, feeding CdCl₂ intoxicated rats with star anise seed decrease AST and ALT levels near to normal levels. In addition (**Yadav and Bhatnagar, 2007; Aggarwal et al., 2008 and Aboelnaga, 2015**) reported that serum AST, ALT and ALP levels decreased by anise seed treatment that increased antioxidants activity in rats which suffer from hepatotoxicity.

The above results of hepatic enzymes biomarkers exhibited a significant positive correlation with histological findings of liver, as observed in the present work, exposure of CdCl₂ caused hepatocellular injury as observed of sever hepatocyte necrosis, degeneration signals and leakage the cell inflammation. These results were similarlly to previous reports (**Ayensu and Tchounwou, 2006; Jadhav et al., 2007; Gong et al.,**

2008; Renugadevi and Prabu, 2010 and El-Refaiy & Eissa, 2013) since they documented that CdCl₂ resulted in sever hepatic dysfunction.

Biochemical parameters assessed in the present study for renal function revealed pronounced elevation in some kidney function, uric acid, urea and creatinine levels in CdCl₂ control animals confirmed kidney dysfunction. These results were well upheld by findings of (Toman *et al.*, 2011; Usuda *et al.*, 2011 and Alam and Hendawi, 2015). However star anise seed consumption at levels of 10% and 15% reduce the damage and inverted the drop of renal dysfunction induced by CdCl₂ in rats. These data are agree with other report by (Aboelnaga, 2015) who stated that creatinine, uric acid and blood urea nitrogen levels decreased by anise seed treatment to rats which suffer from hepatotoxicity.

Antioxidant enzymes are very necessary for cellular response to tackle oxidative stress under normal and histopathological conditions. Thus, SOD enzyme is used as indicator to evaluate the oxidative stress status (Li *et al.*, 2015). In this study, star anise seed caused to weaken the formation of MDA and increased SOD activity which possibly related to its intrinsic antioxidant properties. Results are compatible with findings obtained by (Kanter *et al.*, 2009 and Attia *et al.*, 2014). Lipidperoxidation is one of the main causes of free radical interpose damage that directly destroy neuronal membranes and produced a number of secondary products responsible for wide cellular injury (Sultana *et al.*, 2013). It has been reported that cadmium caused toxicity via various courses resulted to rise in lipidperoxidation in erythrocytes and tissues membranes, which including liver, renal, testis and brain (Somade *et al.*, 2014).

Alterations in Acetylcholinestrase activity are symptomatic to decline cholinergic function (Slecht and Pokora, 1995). Data in current work observed that cadmium exposure caused significant increase on activity of AChE in rat plasma which is in parallel with findings obtained by (Carageorgiou *et al.*, 2004; Shagirtha *et al.*, 2011 and Alam & Hendawi, 2015). Meanwhile the results are disagreement with (Rajkumar Milton, 2011 and Gupta *et al.*, 2016) who indicated the AChE activity was

decreased in rats exposure to cadmium at dose of 2 mg/kg b.w, the variation of results may related to the change in the course of administration or the large dose associated with different response of AChE activity in rats.

The present study revealed that feeding on star anise seed powder with 10% and 15% to CdCl₂ exposure rats increased total antioxidant, SOD and decreased AChE activities, as well as alleviated lipidperoxidation as confirmed by diminished MDA concentration. Hence, it was revealed that treating with star anise seed showed curative activity against cadmium induced changes in biochemical parameters and oxidative stress. Treatment with SAS may give protection against oxidative stress by boosting antioxidant defense system. These findings suggest the protective role of star anise seed which may be due to the antioxidant action of bioactive compounds from the seed that act by neutralizing ROS (Yang *et al.*, 2012; Aboelnaga, 2015 and Aly *et al.*, 2016).

CONCLUSION

In a nutshell, cadmium exposure results in adverse effects on all biochemical parameters. The data of the current work demonstrated that star anise seed have ameliorated effect on oxidative stress disorders caused by cadmium chloride intoxication by rising the endogenous antioxidant defence system with subsequent restoration of MDA, SOD, AChE and total antioxidant capacity. In addition star anise seed restored the histological structure of liver, renal and brain. These effects could be due to the antioxidant potential of star anise seed, which was related to their content of bioactive molecules. Furthermore studies to identify the bioactive components of star anise and evaluate their therapeutic effects in human models.

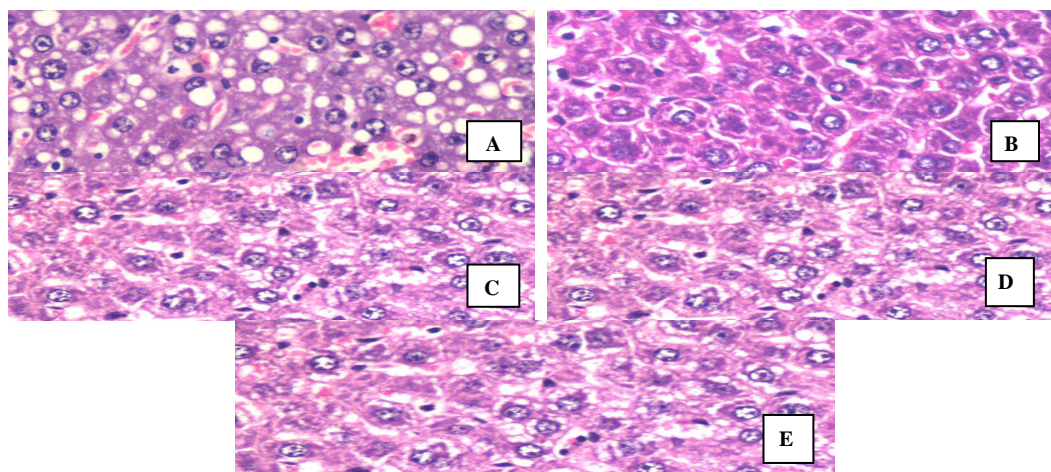


Fig. 5. (A) liver in negative group showed normal histology structure of hepatic lobule (H and E X400), CdCl₂ rat shows enlargement in sinusoidal leucocytosis (H and E X400) (B), CdCl₂ +50g star anise /kg diet shows kupffer cells activation (H and E X400) (C), (D) CdCl₂ +100g star anise /kg diet cuboidal hepatocytes were seen (H and E X400) and (E) CdCl₂ +150g star anise/kg diet showed hexagonal hepatocytes and clear nucleus (H and E X400).

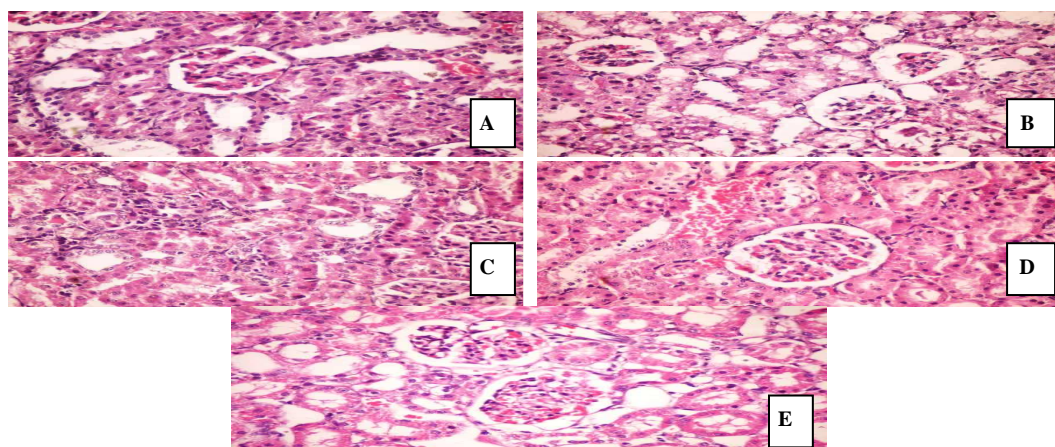


Fig. 6. (A) Renal of normal rat shows normal histological structure of kidney parenchyma (H and E X400), Bowman's capsules showed distension in glomerular tuft in CdCl₂ rats (B), (C) CdCl₂ +50g star anise /kg diet showed glomerular tuft was atrophied and swelling of Bowman's space (H and E X400), (D) CdCl₂ +100g star anise /kg diet showed improvement in Bowman's capsules with glomeruli (H and E X400), and (E) CdCl₂ +150g star anise/kg diet maintained compact glomeruli and well formed renal tubules (H and E X400).

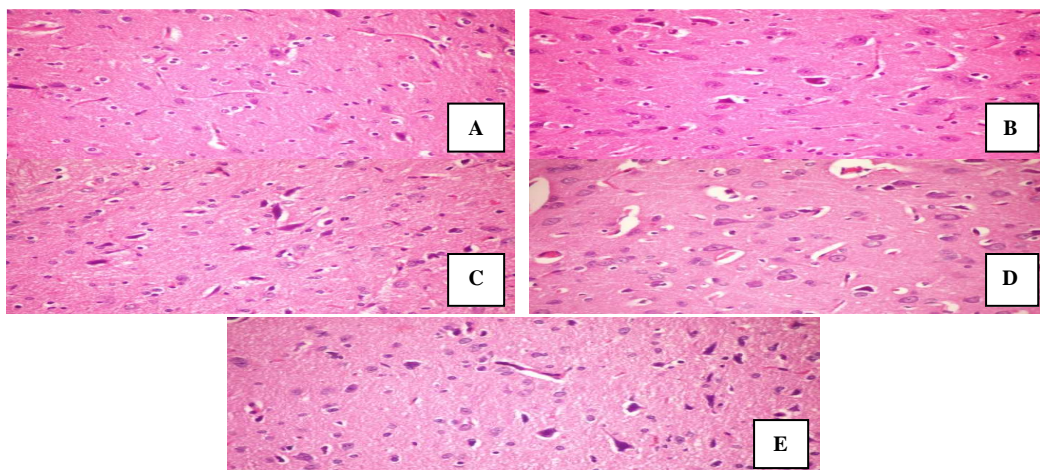


Fig. 7. (A) Normal rat showed no histopathological changes (H and E X400), CdCl₂ exposure caused neuronal degeneration and neuronophagia (H and E X400) (B), CdCl₂ +50g star anise/kg diet showed less recovery in brain cells (H and E X400) (C), (D) CdCl₂ +100g star anise showed vacuoles in endoneurium (H and E X400) and (E) CdCl₂ +150g star anise showed well formed layers, epineurium and endoneurium (H and E X400).

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التأثير الوقائي لبذور اليانسون النجمى على التغيرات التى يحدثها الكادميوم فى القياسات البيوكيميائية للفئران

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يهدف هذا البحث الى دراسة التأثير الوقائي لبذور نجمة اليانسون ضد التسمم بالكادميوم الناتج عن الاجهاد التأكسدى فى الفئران. وقد استخدمت ٣٥ من ذكورفئران (الالبينو البيضاء) و قسمت عشوائيا الى خمس مجموعات ، المجموعة الضابطة السالبة، المجموعة المصابة بتسمم الكادميوم (٥ ملجم/كجم من وزن الجسم)، المجموعة المصابة والمعالجة ببذور نجمة اليانسون (٥٠ جم / كجم / الوجبة)، المجموعة المصابة والمعالجة ببذور نجمة اليانسون (١٠٠ جم / كجم / الوجبة) والمجموعة المصابة والمعالجة ببذور نجمة اليانسون (١٥٠ جم / كجم / الوجبة) لمدة ٦ اسابيع، وقد تم دراسة التغيرات فى نشاط صورة الدهون و مؤشرات وظائف الكبد والكلية و المألونالدهيد و السوبراكسيد ديسموتيز و مضادات الاكسدة الكلية والاستيل كولين استريز وكذلك الفحص الهستولوجى لكلامن الكبد والكلية والمخ.

وقد أظهرت النتائج ان تسمم الكادميوم ادى الى ارتفاع ملحوظ فى مستويات الكوليسترول الكلى ، الجليسريدات الكلية و الكوليسترول منخفض الكثافة و الكوليسترول المنخفض الكثافة جدا و الاسبرتات ترانسفريز و الالانين ترانسفريز و اليوريا وحمض اليوريك و الكرياتينين والاستيل كولين استريز وكذلك لوحظ انخفاض ملحوظ فى الوزن النوعى للجسم و الكوليسترول مرتفع الكثافة و انزيم السوبر اكسيد ديسموتيز ومضادات الاكسدة الكلية عند المعالجة ببذور نجمة اليانسون بنسبة ١٠% و ١٥% ، وقد أكد ذلك بالفحص الهستولوجى لكلامن الكبد والكلية والمخ.

وتوصى الدراسة ان المعالجة بمسحوق بذور نجمة اليانسون بالنسب المختارة ذو فائدة وقائية كمضادات الاكسدة للحد والاقلال من الاجهاد التأكسدى المحدث بالكادميوم فى الفئران.

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