

Abstracts of some researchers papers of Seabuckthorn

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Since hundreds of millions of dollars are now pouring into research we expect to add to this list on regular basis. We would greatly appreciate any help in bringing to attention research we have not yet presented.

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Abstracts

1 Adaptogenic evaluation of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) fruit extracts on rats using C-H-R animal model

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) is a well-known high-altitude shrub (2500-4000 m), native to Europe and Asia. Seabuckthorn has many nutritional and medicinal benefits and all the parts of the plant are a good source of bioactive substances. Seabuckthorn fruits are rich source of vitamin C and E, folic acid, carotenoids and various saturated and unsaturated fatty acids. The beneficial effects of seabuckthorn are well reported against cardiovascular diseases, mucosal injuries, and skin disorders. The present study was conducted to evaluate adaptogenic potential of various extracts of seabuckthorn fruit using Cold-Hypoxia-Restraint (C-H-R) animal model. C-H-R is a unique model in which the animal can be exposed to three different stresses-cold (5°C), Hypoxia (428 mm Hg) and restraint conditions. Thus adaptogenicity of any compound can be well established using this model. Both dry

and fresh fruit-pulp was collected and vacuum-dried aqueous and alcoholic extracts were prepared. The different extracts of fruits were evaluated for their dose dependent adaptogenic activity on rats using C-H-R animal model. Various doses of the extract were administered in rats orally 30 minutes prior to C-H-R exposure. Out of these extracts the potent adaptogenic activity were found in seabuckthorn fresh fruit serial alcoholic extract (100 mg/Kg body wt.) and seabuckthorn dry .fruit aqueous extract (75mg/ Kg body wt.) .The HPLC analysis of the -fruit extract showed presence of ascorbic acid and rutin which are potent antioxidants. I lence these antioxidants may be reTowilllc For Ilie iidaptogenic activity rotind vx(i.;10.

2 In vitro and in vivo seed germination of Leh Berry (*Hippophae rhamnoides*); seedling establishment and their utilities

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Hippophaerhainnoides L. commonly known as Seabuekthorn or Leh Berry is a unique plant of cold desert of Ladakh region having enormous nutraceutical, pharmaceutical and environmental usage. The plant is also a store house of many important cold tolerant genes. As the plant grows in far-flung areas of Ladakh any biochemical, molecular biological and genetic engineering research on this plant demands easy access of the living plant. This is possible only when the plant can be easily grown under both in vitro and in vivo conditions at distant places. Seed germination and seedling establishment of this plant is the primary requisite in this direction. Seeds of *Hippophae rhamnoides* L. collected from Leh were germinated aseptically under in vitro condition in various medium supplemented With MS (Murashige and Skoog) and without MS nutrients. Around 80 — 90 % seed germination was recorded in both nutrient rich and non-nutrient medium under controlled in vitro condition within 5-7 days. However seedling growth and development was better in MS medium as compared to non-nutrient medium. Seed germination was also tried under in vivo conditions at various ratios of soilrite, vermicompost, sand and soil composition. A maximum of 64v/ci:sted germination was recorded within a week under in vivo condition containing only soilrite at 16 C and 60 — 70 % R.H and 40.5p.moles rn s' light intensity. Healthy seedlings of around 4 5 cm were raised within a month after proper irrigation with water every alternate day. These seedlings would be nurtured and raised to maturity under controlled green house condition at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

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3 Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) - Frankia : A novel association below the ground

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) of the family Elacagnaceae is a hardy, angiospermic, deciduous, dioecious, drought-and cold-tolerant shrub whose berries pulp contains essential minerals, antioxidants, vitamins A, B-complex and C, and seed

oil is rich in vitamin E. Below the ground, though its roots bear nodules and fix atmospheric N₂ symbiotically by Frankia, an-endophytic actinomycefe. The actinorhizal plants are classified into 8 families and 25 genera comprising more than 220 species. About 80% of the total N, accumulated in the plants, estimated to about 200-350 kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹, can be fixed by Frankia-actinorhizal root nodules. Frankia is a sporulating, gram +ve, filamentous bacteria of the Actinomycetales (family-Frankiaceae). Isolation of pure culture from root nodule can be obtained by isolating single — spore — derived colonies on BPA medium with some modifications in carbon sources. Four main subdivisions (i) a large group mainly including Frankia "aim" and other typical nitrogen-fixing strains belonging to the Alnus and the Casuarina host infection groups, respectively, (ii) uncultured endophytes of Dryas, Coriaria, and Datisca species, (iii) strains of the Eleagnus host infection group, and (iv) atypical nonnitrogen-fixing strains have been established using a comparative sequence analysis of PCR-amplified 16S ribosomal DNA. Phenotypic properties like susceptibility to antibiotics, production of pigments and isoenzymes are used to differentiate between Frankia strains. Frankia may be considered as plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) because it possesses not only endophytic symbiotic N₂ fixation but also the other mechanisms of plant growth stimulation by secretion of Indole acetic acid like hormones methanol, Indole-3-ethanol and Indole-3-lactic acid), nutrient acquisition, particularly Fe, by production of Fe-chelating siderophores, and prevention of soil born phytopathogens like oomycete Phytophthora sp. and the fungal Botrytis cinerea, Fusarium culmorum, Rhizoctonia solani and Heterobasidium alMOS11112 Frankia has synergistic interaction with Gigasporum margarita (an arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus) and Pseudomonas put/c/a and P. aeruginosa. A novel antibiotic, demethyl (C-11) cezomycin, produced by the Frankia is of major attraction because it belongs to calcimycin class of antibiotics and structurally close to cezomycin..

It is strongly active against Gram+ve pathogenic Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. Sepeccionis bacteria and several other plants pathogenic fungal strains similar to the antimicrobial activities of calcimycin metabolites isolated from Streptomyces and Dactylosporangium strains. Its novel effectiveness against growth of Streptococcus pyogenes, Staphylococcus aureus and methicillin-resistant aureus strains have shown that it is not affected by the resistance mechanisms of the antibiotic — resistant bacterial strains. Also, this enzyme may be a better alternative as a Ca²⁺ channel antagonist to revolutionize new drug therapies for cardiovascular diseases without any side effect.

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In conclusion Seabuckthorn Frankia association has great importance for rejuvenation of eroded, less fertile, undulated and unutilized barren lands by seabuckthorn plantations under harassed conditions. Further researches are needed on Frankia for its utilization as PGPR as well as for the development of novel antibiotics in benefit of humankind.

4 As a Potential Radio protector

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The whole body exposure to ionizing radiation results in multi-organ dysfunction syndrome (MODS). Development of a prophylactic drug (radioprotector) to prevent MODS caused by lethal doses of irradiation, has remained a challenge to the scientific community till date. The molecular or synthetic drugs (comprising of single molecule or a small group of molecules) have not yielded desirable results. Such drugs have either lacked the required efficacy or have exhibited unacceptable level of toxicity to one or more vital body systems at the concentrations very close to the effective concentration. Therefore, the worldwide efforts are still in progress to develop safe, non-toxic yet effective radioprotector for human use.

Hippophae rhamnoides L. (common name Sea buckthorn) is a natural bio-factory of a large number of protective molecules having medicinal properties viz. polyphenols and flavonoids, vitamin E, C, and K, metallothioneins, superoxide dismutase (SOD) and phytosterols. A preparation from *Hippophae* leaves, developed in our laboratory, offered protection to > 90% population of whole body irradiated (⁶⁰Co-gamma-ray, 10 Ely) mice, in comparison to the 100% lethality in untreated, irradiated (10 Ely) control population. A single dose of our drug, when administered intra-peritoneally, could render 94% radioprotection. Our radioprotective formulation, developed from *Hippophae* leaves, offered radioprotection to Erythrocyte and haemopoietic system; activated proliferation of haemopoietic stem cells; scavenged superoxide radicals and hydroxyl radicals. It counteracted the radiation induced inflammation, haemolysis of RBCs and was non-mutagenic and non-recombinogenic. These studies suggested that our drug promoted radioprotection by more than one intracellular and systemic mechanism. This study has implications in development of an herbal radioprotective drug from *Hippophae* leaves.

5 Seahuckthorti pulp oil ameliorates isoproterenol induced myocardial damage in rats

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Present study was aimed to evaluate the cardioprotective potential of seabuckthorn (SBT) pulp oil on hemodynamic, cardiac injury markers, enzymatic and non enzymatic antioxidants, lipid peroxidation, histopathological and ultrastructural changes in isoproterenol (ISO) induced cardiotoxicity in rats. Subcutaneous injection of ISO (85 mg/kg) administered for 2 days at an interval of 24h was used for induction of cardiotoxicity. ISO administration showed cardiac dysfunction discernible by decrease in arterial pressure indices, maximal positive and negative rate of developed left ventricular pressure ($-\pm LVdP/dt$, a marker of myocardial contraction and relaxation respectively) and an increase in left max ventricular end-diastolic pressure (LVEDP a marker of pre-load). Additionally, significant enhanced lipid peroxidation and depletion of cardiac injury marker enzymes, superoxide dismutase, catalase and glutathione level were observed in myocytes of ISO treated rats. Oral pretreatment with SBT pulp oil (5, 10 and 20 ml/kg/day) favorably modulated the studied parameters in dose dependent manner. However, the effect was more pronounced at 20 ml/kg/day than that of other two doses. Histopathology and ultrastructural studies of myocardium further validated the protective effect of SBT pulp oil in ISO treated rats. Thus, the present study revealed that SBT pulp oil mitigates myocardial damage in ISO-induced cardiac injury by maintaining

hemodynamic, biochemical, histopathological and ultrastructural perturbations owing to its free radical scavenging and antioxidant activities. Diet containing SBT pulp oil may be beneficial for the patients who are at a higher risk of developing myocardial injury.

6 Identification and characterization of Immunomodulatory potential of flavones of Seabuckthorn fruitberry.

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Consumption of food rich in flavonoids is associated with a lower incidence of certain degenerative diseases, including cardiovascular disease. Flavones of Seabuckthorn (SBT) (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) fruits can modulate the production and level of several signaling molecules associated with immune function and inflammation *in vitro*, including several cytokines. We have evaluated the immunomodulatory activity of ethanolic solution of SBT flavone in human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs). The SBT flavone was found to stimulate production of interleukin-6 (IL-6) and tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) in PBMCs. However, increased expressions of p-IK. NE-KB. and p-p38 were found in flavone-treated human PBMCs with significantly suppressed expression of CD25 (IL-2R). There was no alteration found in the nitric oxide (NO) production in mouse macrophage cell line RAW 264.7. These observations suggest that stimulation of IL-6 and TNF- α secretion may contribute to the putative beneficial effects of dietary flavone against microbial infection.

7 Phytochemical studies on *Hippophae silicifolia* from Sikkim Himalayas Chinchu

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In addition to nutraceuticals, seabuckthorn (SBT) is also a source of high-value products of clinical importance. There is increasing interest in India on the multi Curious use of this under utilized plant. *Hippophae rhamnoides* (111?) is the most dominant species of SBT in India. Logistically, collection of FIR presents many problems such as its occurrence in difficult accessible places, presence of thorns etc. Bioprospection for SBT shows that another species of sal-, namely *H. so/kilt:ilia* (HS) occurs in substantial quantities in Himachal Pradesh, Uttanchal and Sikkim in more accessible locations and also has less thorns. Compared to HR. much less is known on the agrotechnology. nutraceuticals and bioactive principles of HS. In order to expand the biosource base for SBT, studies on the nutraceutical and bioactive principles from HS has been undertaken. A comparative study of HR and HS will lead to a more realistic commercial potential of these species. Compared to HR, 'US leaves contain more 1%-carotene. The sterols (sitosterol) and triterpenoids (ursolic acid) contents of both the plants were more or less similar. The polar fraction of HS contained free gallic acid and glycosides. Hydrolysis of the extract gave quercetin, gallic acid and trace quantity of isorhamnetin and glucose. This is in sharp contrast with HR where isorhamnetin is the major flavonoid with less amount of quercetin and kaempferol. A detailed analysis of seed oil of HS (yield 7.0%) by N MIZ, UV and IR was carried

out. The results will be discussed. This presentation deals with the study on leaves of HS from Lachen, Sikkim.

8 Supercritical CO₂ extraction of fruit oil

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) fruit (puree) contains 10-20% Oil. Fruit oil is rich in palmitoleic acid (omega-7), palmitic acid, linoleic acid (omega-6), carotene compounds and beta-sitosterol. Seabuckthorn fruit (cit. Indian SIMIItla variety) was used in the extraction of the oil. Seabuckthorn fruit puree was prepared by mechanically removing the seeds and skin using a pulper finisher. The resulting puree was freeze-dried to produce the dry matter which was used for oil extraction. Supercritical carbon dioxide extraction (SC-CO₂) was used to extract oil from the dried Seabuckthorn fruit puree. SC-CO₂ extraction offers a low temperature, environmentally-friendly and high yielding process versus conventional solvent and cold press extraction methods. Extractions were carried out for three hours at four different pressure levels: 200, 250, 300 and 350 bars with constant temperature and flow rate of CO₂ at 40°C and 100 g/min, respectively. Oils obtained at different pressures were analyzed for fatty acid profile and other important bioactives such as sterols and tocopherols, as well as carotenoids. Up to 37% of palmitoleic acid, 34% palmitic acid, 13% linoleic acid, 545 mg/100g beta-sitosterol, 253 mg/100g alpha-tocopherol, and 103 ppm total carotenoids were achieved. Defatted cakes obtained at different pressures were analyzed for moisture content, carbohydrate, protein and residual oil; and they showed good potential for applications in the food industry.

9 Proteome analysis of Seabuckthorn, the Himalayan gold bush to fish executors of cold tolerance for crop improvement

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In spite of extensive gene expression analysis in abiotic stress, such studies have limited scope in functional genomics due to presence of many genes with unknown functions also due to absence of a 1:1 relationship between gene and protein expression. Proteins are the real executors as well as the final reflectors of gene expression. Therefore, it is important to know the protein complement or proteome. Moreover, Seabuckthorn genome is not sequenced or annotated yet therefore, it is prudent to analyze its proteome. Unfortunately, proteomics studies are hardly reported for Seabuckthorn. As it is cold tolerant a comparative proteome analysis could provide beneficial targets for crop improvement. Our group is trying to decipher the targets and mechanism of cold stress signaling in *H. rhamnoides*. Proteome of cold/freeze treated, lab grown seedlings was analyzed by 1D and 2D gel electrophoresis. Differentially expressed proteins were resolved on 2D-gels and were

identified by MALDI-TOF and LC-MS after tryptic digestion. During freezing conditions, proteins called anti-freeze proteins (APPs) are secreted in the apoplast to prevent freeze induced damage. Therefore, apo-plastome was analysed to detect freeze induced differential expression. Ice Adsorption Chromatograph (IAC) was used to purify these proteins. Antifreeze activity, as measured by splat assay and phase contrast microscopy showed significant antifreeze activity in cold stress treated apoplast. Identification of cold/freeze induced differentially expressed apoplastome by Mass spectrometry showed three putative AFP's. Interestingly, 40% of the up-regulated proteins were associated with signalling and stress. IAC Purification of apolastic extract showed 3 polypeptides of 52, 48, and 41 kDa, while berry extracts five polypeptides of 43,41,38,30 and 8 kDa. Primers were designed for all putative AFP's. PCR amplification of C repeat binding factor (CBF), a cold induced transcription factor yielded an amplicon of 655 bp. Over expression of this gene in E Coli is underway. Freeze induced AFP's activity was detected. Some putative AFP's are purified and a gene is cloned suggesting involvement of these in cold tolerance mechanism in Seabuckthorn.

10 Enhancing Vaccine Efficacy with Immunostimulatory herbal Adjuvant

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)1' Adjuvant is the substance which when co-administered with an antigen enhances the immune response. A herbal adjuvant DIP-HIP developed by DIMS is - derived from a medicinal plant which is safe, effective and comparable with commercially available adjuvants. Animals administered with DIP4HIP in formulation with different types of antigens - recombinant, conjugated or native proteins like TT, DT, OVA, I-ISP-DME, BSA etc., significantly enhanced the antigen specific antibody levels with minimum amount of antigen and single booster and the antibody sustenance is about four months. A relative contribution of Th1/Th2 type of immune response is indicated by higher titers of IgG1 and Ig G2a antibody subtypes. The cytokine profile correlated well with the Th 1 /Th2 types, supported by higher DTH response, indicating thereby the overall magnitude of Immoral and CMI response generated by DIP-HIP and its ability to evoke both the arms of immunity. Interestingly, using different. strains and species of animals, DIP-HIP responded well. Immunization of animals through different routes like i.m or i.p did not show any variation nor caused any muscular damage or granulomatous reaction. The shelf life of DIP-HIP in the extract form is for four years and as antigen formulation for three months at 4°C. There is no haemolysis caused on treatment of both humans and animal erythrocytes with W-HIP. The extract is in crude form and is being fractionated into various components using Supercritical CO₂ extraction procedure. The bioactive fractions are being analysed for their adjuvant activity. An Indian patent has been filed for the extract; and CNDA , MTA have been signed with various pharmaceutical companies, Indian as well as 1VINCs. Herbal adjuvant DIP-HIP, Technology No. 086, has qualified amongst 220 technologies selected by DRDO for accelerated global commercialisation, under DRDO-FICCI-ATA.0 program, in collaboration with IC'. University of Texas, Austin.

11 Supercritical carbon dioxide (SC CO₂) extraction of leaves of Seabuckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoides)

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Leaves of Sea buckthorn were extracted using SCCO₂ at a pressure of 200 bar and 50°C with ethanol as entrainer at 1,3 and 5% of CO₂ and resulted in extract yields of 5.1% and 4.3% for 15 hours of extraction. A parametric RSM study to optimise the extract yields with pressure (180, 280 and 380 bar) and temperature (40,50 and 60°C) and for time periods (5,10 and 15hr) was conducted based on an statistical experimental design using 3% of ethanol with SCCO₂, resulted in yields of extract ranging from 1.70 to 6.20%. The RSM contour graphs showed the extract yields increased with time, with temperature and with pressure at other extractions remaining constant. The best yield of 6.4-6.8% of total extract was observed at 280 bar, 60°C and 15 hours of extraction. The extracts were assayed for ABSTS (35.73±2.15 - 45.10±2.05 mg of Trolox/g of extract), Total phenolics (16.84-29.12 mg of GAE per gram of extract), DPPH (37.24±2.1)- 52.63±2.10 mg of Trolox per g of extract), FRAP (35.22±2.12 - 45.82±3.10 mg of Trolox per g of extract, the flavanoid content was estimated as Isorhamnetin (0.037±0.0051- 0.068±0.0049 mg per g of extract) by HPLC. The best results of the above assays were observed for extracts obtained at 350 bar and 60°C of SCCO₂. The particle size of the clusters of the extract were observed on a phase contrast microscope showed a more uniform particle size range of less than 10 μm when compared to the ethanol extracted product, providing for the smaller molecular clusters in the extract that may easily lock in with biological receptors more effectively. The extract was subjected to column chromatography and the compounds were fingerprinted for flavanoids by using LC, LC-MS and the extract fractions were subjected to column chromatography and the compounds were fingerprinted for flavanoids using LC, LC-MS and the extract fractions were subjected to NMR

12 Quality Indicators In Seabuckthorn

Comparative studies towards extraction, quantitative determination and antioxidant activity of bioactive phenolics

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Seabuckthorn is a highly valuable plant. Products from Seabuckthorn have high prices. Especially in eastern countries one of the most important quality parameters is the content on carotenoids. Prices are sometimes directly coupled to content of β-carotene. In European Community use of some carotenoids as food colorant is allowed. Thus β-carotene and capsanthin are allowed for application in foods generally. These colorants are relatively cheap compared to seabuckthorn pulp oil. We

observed that capsanthin has been found in seabuckthorn oil as well as cosmetics produced from Seabuckthorn oil. From literature is well known that different carotenoids occur beside (3 -caroten as then main carotenoid. Neither capsanthin has been reported. The aim of this work was to collect data on SET carotenoids composition. Especially dependence on varieties and occurrence of capsanthin was on focus. Samples were taken from 13 Russian varieties in Barnaul directly from orchard of Lisavenkovo institute. 4 German varieties were in addition also investigated. Oil was extracted by method of Blyer and Dyer after smashing of fruits and removing of seeds. Oil was investigated by GC for determination of fatty acid and sterol composition. Carotenoids were analysed by HPLC as well as HPTLC. Fatty acid composition varies between different brands investigated. Also differences in sterols were observed. Never the less the main sterol is P-Sitosterol. Carotenoid composition agrees with findings of Russian scientists, e.g. Novruzew et al. We cannot conclude that capsanthin is a typical component in Seabuckthorn pulp oil. We conclude that capsanthin found in Seabuckthorn pulp Oil or products containing this is an indicator of alteration,

13 Comparative studies towards extraction, quantitative determination and antioxidant activity of bioactive phenolics

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Nature has provided a fascinating array of chemical structures in the form of bioactive secondary metabolites. Among these, phenolic compounds are one of the most widely occurring groups of phytochemicals present in plants. Owing to the immense importance and several health promoting activities of phenolics, particularly their role as antioxidants, has intensified the research on these molecules. The extraction of phenolics requires special care, because of their susceptibility to oxidation and photo degradation. In this perspective, the emergence of rapid and selective techniques green methodologies such as ultrasound assisted extraction (UAE) and microwave-assisted extraction (MAE) have provided a fresh stimulus. Another area of importance in the utilization of plant nutraceuticals is the regulation of levels of active ingredients in these products for which dependable and validated analytical methods are needed. The antioxidant property of any plant is related to its polyphenol content which generally differs with the source of origin, packaging and storage. For this, reliable data composition based on a rapid test that is able to quantify total antioxidant activity of single compound and/or complex mixtures might serve as a useful tool.

Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) is a popular medicinal plant rich in various phenolics including flavonoids and their derivatives. This plant has been recognized as a versatile nutraceutical crop with diverse uses, from controlling soil erosion to being a source of horse fodder, nutritious foods, drugs, and skin-care products. Different parts of this plant are used in traditional medicine for the treatment of diseases, such as flu, cardiovascular diseases, mucosa] injuries, and skin disorders. Keeping in view the importance of phenolics, our efforts towards extraction, isolation and quantitative determination of various phenolics from *Hippophae rhamnoides* will be discussed. In addition, an account of evaluation of antioxidant activity of its different parts will be summoned up during presentation.

14 Anti-atherogenic potential of Hippophae

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Hypercholesterolemia is a predominant risk factor for atherosclerosis and associated with coronary and cerebrovascular diseases. Elevated levels of total cholesterol (TC) and low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) have been established as risk factors for atherosclerosis, which is the primary cause of cardiovascular disease. Control of cholesterol levels through therapeutic drugs has significantly reduced the risk for developing atherosclerosis. However, adverse effects are associated with therapeutic drugs. Herbal remedies have increasingly become attractive alternatives to prevent or treat hypercholesterolemia. Plants growing under extremes of environmental conditions may develop mechanisms or biomolecules which can provide protection against environmental induced dyslipidemia. In the present investigation, anti-atherogenic potential of Seabuckthorn (SBT) product was studied on rabbits fed on high cholesterol diet. The second part of the work was to compare its potential with olive oil as positive control and therapeutic drug atorvastatin in rats. The TC, triglyceride (TG), LDL-C and Atherogenic Index (AI) in all the groups at day 0 were not significantly different from each other. TC and TG levels did not show any significant change in normal rabbits following administration of SBT product for 18 days. The LDL-C, LDL/HDL ratio and AI levels were significantly decreased after SBT administration, whereas the high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) and HDL levels were found to be significantly higher than the pre-treatment values. Feeding of high cholesterol diet to the rabbits resulted in significant increase in TC, TG, LDL-C, HDL-C, AI and decline in HDL. Administration of SBT after cholesterol feeding restricted further rise of TC and caused a significant decline in TG, LDL-C, LDL/HDL ratio and AI levels. In all the three groups although HDL levels were also increased following, cholesterol administration, the rise in HDL and HDL over the basal values in SBT treated animals was significantly higher than the non-treated animals.

In second phase there was a rise of TC at day 20 as well as day 40 in control rats. All other treated groups showed decline of TC after administration. The decline was most prominent in SBT group both at day 20 and day 40. Control group showed a rise of TC both at day 20 and day 40. Rise was also found on day 20 in olive oil group but there was a decline on day 40. Decline of TG was found in statin as well as SBT treated group both at day 20 and day 40. Plasma EDI₁ showed a decline in control and olive oil groups both at day 20 as well as day 40. HDL-C level was also lower on day 20 in control group but there was a slight increase on day 40. HDL in SBT treated group there was a rise in HDL in both the days. In conclusion, the present study suggests that SBT product has significant anti-atherogenic activity when administered to normal or hypercholesterolemic animals. The cardioprotective effects of SBT may be due to the presence of Omega-3, Omega-6 and Omega-9 fatty acids, tocopherols, phytosterols and β -carotene which in combination may have synergistic effects on cardiovascular health.

15 Dermal wound healing efficacy of Hippophae rhamnoides L.

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Hippophae rhamnoides L., commonly known as Seabuckthorn (SBT), growing naturally in cold-arid regions of Asia and Europe is used in preparation of health foods, cosmetics and medicines. The study was undertaken to determine the wound healing efficacy of SBT extract in acute and chronic diabetic and burn wounds in experimental rats and further its mechanisms of action were explored. Patent filed (II dia) application number — 8371DEL12009. Safety and dermal toxicity was investigated to ensure any adverse effects associated with the application of SBT extract. Phytochemical analysis and HPLC fingerprinting revealed that SBT-extract is rich in polyphenols and flavonoids and confirmed the presence of quercetin-3-galactoside, quercetin-3-glucoside, kaempferol and isorhamnetin. SBT extract was developed in two dosage forms i.e. topical ointment and extract incorporated hydrogel wound dressing. It was observed that the SBT extract possessed anti-bacterial activity against tested wound pathogens (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus*). The SBT extract augmented the healing process as indicated by significant increase in wound contraction, hydroxyproline and hexamine contents. Healing activity of SBT was found better than Silver sulfadiazine and Povidone-iodine based ointments (standard care). The treatment also up-regulates the expression of growth factors (VEGF, TGF- β), extracellular matrix protein (collagen type-III), cellular proteins and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs-2 & 9); which help in tissue regeneration and remodeling phases of wound repair. These results were further supported by histological examinations. The treatment also caused significant increase in endogenous antioxidants (GSH, SOD, CAT and vitamin C) and reduced production of reactive oxygen species in wound granulation tissue. The acute dermal toxicity studies showed that the SBT extract was safe up to a maximum dose of 2.0 g/kg body weight of the rats. In repeated dose dermal toxicity study, no adverse effects were observed in any of the experimental rats given 1.0 gm/kg body weight of SBT extract topically up to 28 days. These results suggest that the Sea buckthorn extract possesses significant wound healing activity and have no associated toxicity or side effects.

16 Development of SSR markers for assessing genetic diversity in Seabuckthorn

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Seabuckthorn is upcoming as an important crop due to the presence of some prime medicinal and nutritional compounds, and as an ecosystem restorer. Genome characterization using molecular tools has recently become an important area of Seabuckthorn research. One of the important activities in this field is the development of molecular markers for use in genome mapping, gene tagging and genetic diversity analysis. Unfortunately, this important aspect of research has largely been remained unattended in Seabuckthorn. Therefore, we have undertaken a project to develop polymorphic simple sequence repeat (SSR), also known as microsatellites, markers in Seabuckthorn and to assess their use in detecting genetic diversity in seabuckthorn populations. As a by-product of an EST sequencing project, we detected 56 probable microsatellite markers from 1584 Seabuckthorn unigenes. From our pilot study, we identified nine microsatellite markers polymorphic in 14

Hippophae accessions of DI HAR, DR DO. The EST-SSR markers also showed cross-amplification in *H. salicifolia* and *H. tibetica*. This study is being extended to assess genetic diversity in geographically diverse seabuck thorn populations collected from Leh and to find association with some morphometric traits. In another experiment, we have constructed random and microsatellite enriched genomic libraries in *H. rhamnoides*. Our method of library enrichment has proved very promising for yielding high frequency of microsatellite positive clones. These newly developed markers will be subsequently assessed for their use in seabuckthorn genome characterization.

17 Prevention of Gamma radiation induced Conditioned Taste Aversion (CTA) in Sprague-Dawley rats by Hippophae leaves

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The aim of this study was to investigate the protective effect of radioprotective herbal drug (prepared from leaves of *Hippophae rhamnoides*) on ⁶⁰Co-γ-radiation induced conditioned taste aversion (CTA) in male Sprague-Dawley rats. CTA is an easily measurable behavioral change that occurs after radiation exposure in experimental rats. The vehicle and drugs were administered intraperitoneally (i.p.) to rats, without or before whole body ⁶⁰Co-γ-irradiation (2 Gy). The CTA was assessed in terms of saccharine preference ratio (SPR). Ondansetron, a standard anti-emetic drug prescribed during radiotherapy, was used as the positive control. The in vivo biochemical alterations were evaluated using standard methods and techniques. Whole body exposure to ⁶⁰Co-γ-irradiation (2 Gy) caused loss of body weight (b.w.) and induced significant CTA and the effect was time dependent. One time i.p. administration of our drug, before irradiation, countered the radiation induced CTA as well as loss in body weight. The effect of herbal drug to counter radiation induced CTA, increased in dose dependent manner from 8 mg/kg b.w. to 12 mg/kg b.w. At 12 mg/kg b.w drug concentration, 100.3 % SPR was observed after day 3 of irradiation, which was maintained up to day 5. In comparison to Ondansetron (70.0 % SPR),

administration of radioprotective herbal drug (12 mg/kg b.w.) provided better protection (100.3 % SPR) against ionizing radiation induced CTA after day 3. ⁶⁰Co-γ-irradiation (2 Gy) significantly decreased ferric reducing ability of plasma (FRAP), increased plasma corticosterone as well as serotonin in jejunum and blood as compared to irradiated (2 Gy) animals. Administration of 12 mg/kg b.w. drug concentration, prior to irradiation increased the total antioxidant status, decreased the corticosterone levels and reduced serotonin in jejunum and plasma at 24 and 48 h after radiation exposure. Present investigation suggested that our drug prepared from Hippophae leaves could be useful in preventing radiation-induced behavioral changes.

18 Cytoprotective effect of Seabuckthorn on hypoxic stress in ghat cells: Modulation of gamma aminobutyrate synthetase

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Astrocytes protect neurons against oxidative stress. Depletion of GSH in astrocytes leads to decreased ability of the astrocytes to protect neurons in culture. Astrocytes protect neurons with precursors of GSH synthesis and are reported to have high GSH activity compared to neurons. Decreased GSH levels leave neurons vulnerable to oxidative stress and reflect the central role of astrocytes in supporting neuronal function. The present study reports the cytoprotective activity of alcoholic leaf extract of seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) by modulation of gamma glutamylcysteine synthetase against hypoxia induced oxidative stress in C6 glial cells. Exposure of cells to hypoxia (3% O₂) for 24h and 48h with subsequent reoxygenation for 1h resulted in decrease in GSH and increase in GSSG levels as well as decrease in GSH: GSSG ratio. Exposure of cells to 48h hypoxia showed more severe cellular damage as compared to 24h exposure. Pretreatment of cells with 200µg/ml alcoholic leaf extract of Seabuckthorn for 1 h. Seabuckthorn influenced the synthesis of GSH in C6 glial cells, it was found to increase GSH levels. This could be due to increase in GSH due to ability of Seabuckthorn to quench free radicals, thus sparing GSH and leading to its accumulation or inducing GSH synthesis, the mRNA levels of the catalytic and regulatory subunits of gamma glutamylcysteine synthetase, rate limiting enzyme, in GSH synthesis were determined. Treatment of cells with Seabuckthorn caused marginal increase in mRNA level of regulatory subunit and a marked increase in the mRNA levels of catalytic subunit in seabuckthorn pretreated cells confirmed that Seabuckthorn promoted GSH synthesis. These findings indicate that alcoholic leaf extract of Seabuckthorn has the ability to influence GSH synthesis.

19 Application of Seabuckthorn products as traditional medicine in Trans-Himalayas of Nepal

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Seabuckthorn is an important native plant species of dry temperate areas of Nepal Himalayas. In Nepal it grows wild and cultivation is still not in practice. Two species of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae solicifolia* and *Hippophae rhamnoides*) are found abundantly in Northern part of the country in more than 22 districts from East to West. Present paper deals with the history of uses of Seabuckthorn in traditional medicine system. Basically boiled raw juice of the berries of both species is being used by traditional doctors (Amchis) and village folks for curing various health problems particularly skin diseases, cardiovascular, digestive and many other health ailments for human beings and the domestic animals as well. The area under present study lies on Mustang, a rain shadow district behind the Himalayas of Western Nepal.

20 Protective role of Seabuckthorn pomace against cadmium induced oxidative stress in hepatic and renal tissues of the poultry

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The present study was undertaken to study hepatoprotective and renoprotective effects of Seabuckthorn pomace (SBTP) on cadmium induced oxidative stress in poultry. The study was conducted on twenty four two weeks old broiler birds and birds were divided into 4 groups: Group I (control), Group II (cadmium @25mg/kg of wafer), Group III (cadmium+SBTP 1000ppm) and Group IV (cadmium+SBTP 10000ppm), respectively. The findings of the study revealed significant ($P<0.05$) increase in malondialdehyde levels in both kidney and liver following cadmium administration and a significant ($P<0.05$) decrease in reduced glutathione (GSH) level of kidney. There was no significant change ($P>0.05$) in the levels of GSH in-liver. The supplementation of seabuckthorn pomace in the feed at both the levels significantly ($P<0.05$) decreased malondialdehyde levels in both liver and kidneys. The dietary level of Seabuckthorn pomace at 10000ppm produced a significant ($P<0.05$) increase in GSH levels of kidney, whereas, no change ($P>0.05$) was observed in the GSH levels of liver as compared to cadmium treated group. The findings of the study revealed that cadmium induced oxidative effect and its protective effect was more pronounced in kidneys.

21 Anti-microbial activity of flavonoid rich fraction of Sea buckthorn leaves

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) is currently being cultivated in various parts of the world for its nutritional and medicinal properties. All parts of the plants are considered to be a rich source of bioactive compounds with various medicinal properties, in the present study, flavonoid-rich fraction (FRF) from Seabuckthorn leaves, prepared by acid hydrolysis, was investigated for its anti-microbial property. Total flavonoid content estimated as rutin equivalent, was found to be 332.67 mg of FRF. The major flavonoid compounds of FRF including rutin, quercetin, kaempferol and isorhamnetin, were qualitatively analyzed by reverse phase - high performance liquid chromatography. Antibacterial activity of the FRF, tested against certain medically important bacterial species, showed growth inhibiting effect against *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Listeria monocytogenes*. The study indicated that FRF of SBT has potent-broad spectrum anti-bacterial property.

22 Adaptogenic evaluation of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) fruit extracts on rats using C-H-R animal model

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) is a well-known high-altitude shrub (2500-4000 m), native to Europe and Asia. Seabuckthorn has many nutritional and medicinal benefits and all the parts of the plant are a good source of bioactive substances. Seabuckthorn fruits are rich source of vitamin C and E, folic acid, carotenoids and various saturated and unsaturated fatty acids. The beneficial effects of seabuckthorn are well reported against cardiovascular diseases, mucosal injuries, and skin disorders. The present study was conducted to evaluate adaptogenic potential of various extracts of seabuckthorn fruit using Cold-Hypoxia-Restraint (C-H-R) animal model. C-H-R is

a unique model in which the animal can be exposed to three different stresses-cold (5°C), Hypoxia (428 mm HO and restraint conditions. Thus adaptogenicity of any compound can be well established using this model. Both dry and fresh fruit-pulp was collected and vacuum-dried aqueous and alcoholic extracts were prepared. The different extracts of fruits were evaluated for their dose dependent adaptogenic activity on rats using C-H-R animal model. Various doses of the extract were administered in rats orally 30 minutes prior to C-H-R exposure. Out of these extracts the potent adaptogenic activity were found in seabuckthorn fresh fruit serial alcoholic extract (100 mg/Kg body wt.) and seabuckthorn dry fruit aqueous extract (75mg/ Kg body wt.) .The HPLC analysis of the fruit extract showed presence of ascorbic acid and rutin which are potent antioxidants. Hence these antioxidants may be responsible for the adaptogenic activity found in the extract.

23 Antioxidant effects of Seabuckthorn leaf based herbal formulation

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. Elaeagnaceae) is used as a medicinal plant in Tibetan and Mongolian traditional medicines. These plants are naturally grown in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir, locally known as Tsermang or tasru-wpncler plant. The leaf extract of Seabuckthorn is known to possess a significant anti-inflammatory activity and has the potential for the treatment of arthritis. Seabuckthorn based herbal formulation was made by blending different herbs and spices with Seabuckthorn leaves as the major ingredient. This herbal formulation was evaluated for its antioxidative properties in normal and acrylamide treated cells to induce oxidative stress. In vitro antioxidant properties of the Seabuckthorn leaf based herbal formulation was evaluated and found to have 4.1 mg/g of phenolics and 2.2 mg/g flavonoids with an potency of 65% at a concentration of 1 mg. These parameters were compared with commercial herbal formulations as well as standard antioxidants such as BHA and BHT also. In vivo antioxidant properties were evaluated based on the DNA damage caused due to free radicals generation by acrylamide generation by employing the comet assay (single cell gel electrophoresis, SCE). The tail length in acrylamide treated cells was 125.67±13.4p. There was comparatively less severe DNA damage seen in acrylamide + Seabuckthorn leaf based herbal formulation treated leukocytes. The comet tail length was 68.42±7.85p visa-vis the acrylamide treated rats. The seabuckthorn leaf based herbal formulation was found to be efficient in reducing DNA damage induced by strong carcinogenic and neurotoxic acrylamide. Seabuckthorn leaf based herbal formulation thus could serve as a new source of natural antioxidants or nutraceuticals with potential applications to reducing the level of oxidative stress and related health benefits.

24 Development and evaluation of Seabuckthorn leaves based herbal food formulation and baked foods

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. Elaeagnaceae) (Sill) is a nitrogen fixing deciduous shrub, native to Europe and Asia. It was used as a medicinal plant in Tibetan and Mongolian traditional medicines. The leaves and berries have been traditionally used for treating radiation damage, burns, viral infections, gastric ulcers, etc. The contents of Vitamin C, vitamin E, carotenoids, trace elements, polyphenols and flavonoids of Seabuckthorn berries and leaves are reported to be higher than the commonly used ones. A total of 18 amino acids and at least 24 phytochemicals have been identified in Seabuckthorn berries. We have developed herbal formulation and baked food viz. biscuits, rusk, cake and bun using SBT leaves as a major ingredient. The baked foods were found to be stable beyond 8 months with its rich content of antioxidants. Further, the present investigation was aimed to evaluate the therapeutic effects of the SET based herbal formulation (SEW). The studies were conducted on the effect of prefeeding of SE-IF on hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH)- induced free radical stress in rats. Six groups of 6 male rats each were maintained for 12 weeks as (1) Control; (2) HCH (300mg/kg body weight) injected (3) 1% Seabuckthorn based herbal formulation (SHF) incorporated diet (4) 1% SHF incorporated diet + HO-I (5) 2% SHF incorporated diet and (6) 2% SHF incorporated diet + I-ICI. Results revealed that HCH induction resulted in a significant lipid peroxidation with reduction in activities of glutathione (GSEIL superoxide dismutase (SOD), and Catalase and glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase. The prefeeding of SHF resulted in decreased hepatic levels of lipid peroxides and increased GSH, GSH-peroxidase, GSH reductase, SOD, Catalase and GSH-S-transferase activities. The study suggests that HCH induction resulted in free radicals, causing toxicity, which could be reduced by the incorporation of herbal formulation in diet.

25 Immunomodulatory and hemolytic activities of Seabuckthorn glycoside

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) is a member of the Elaeagnaceae family and is usually found at an altitude of 2000- 4500m in cold climates. Being an excellent source of unsaturated fatty acids, Vitamins C and E, carotenoids, phytosterols and flavonoids, it has become the most sought after medicinal shrub. In this study, we have evaluated the stimulatory and hemolytic activities of glycosides (GLS) derived from Seabuckthorn leaves. Glycosides are compounds containing a carbohydrate and a non-carbohydrate residue in the same molecule. Balb/c mice were intraperitoneally immunized with different doses of glycoside (2.25, 0.225, 0.0225 mg/kg body wt) in combination with and without antigens (TT and DT). After seven days of the 1st booster, antigen specific serum antibodies were estimated. The hemolytic activity of GLS was determined by using human red blood cells. GLS significantly stimulated the antigen specific IgG response in serum when compared with antigen alone and control groups. Hemolytic percentages of GLS treated RBCs were 1.15% and 0.15% at the concentration of 50 and 25 mg/L respectively. The results suggest that GLS significantly stimulated the antigen specific response against TT and DT in mice and showed no hemolytic effect.

26 Antioxidant activity of phenolic rich fraction of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) leaves in vitro and in vivo.

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The antioxidant activity of phenolic rich fraction (PRF) obtained from 70% ethanolic crude extract of Seabuckthorn leaves by fractionation using hexane; ethyl acetate and water were investigated in vitro and in vivo. Total phenolic content estimated as gallic acid equivalent were found to be higher in ethyl acetate fraction (319.33±7.02 mg/g of PRF). The major phenolic compounds of PRF like gallic acid, myricetin, quercetin, kaempferol and isorhamnetin were quantitatively analyzed using RP - HPLC. The antioxidant activity determined by the DPPH method revealed that PRF had the highest antioxidant activity, compared to other fractions. PRF also exhibited a significant antioxidant activity in CCL4 induced acute oxidative tissue injury animal model. Oral administration of 50 and 75 mg/kg body weight significantly protected from CCL4 induced elevation in serum AST and ALT, elevation in hepatic LPO, depletion of hepatic GSH and decrease in the activities of hepatic antioxidant enzymes SOD, CAT and GPX. The data of the present study suggests that PRF of Seabuckthorn leaves has the potent antioxidant activity against: free radicals, prevent oxidative damage to major biomolecules and afford significant protection against CCL4 induced oxidative stress and liver damage.

27 Ultrasonic cavitation technology for Seabuckthorn processing- A Review

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Conventional processing of Seabuckthorn is largely restricted to thermal treatment, which provides high shelf life products. However, the major disadvantages of thermal treatment are the undesirable changes in sensory attributes and nutritional qualities as well. In order to prevent heat induced loss of phytochemical constituents and with the growing awareness of consumers for health, increased interest is focused towards the non thermal technologies of Seabuckthorn processing. Application of ultrasonic cavitation in Seabuckthorn oil processing have resulted in improved yield of oil, minimal loss of phytochemical substances and better retaining of nutritive and sensory qualities. Ultrasonic cavitation process involves a number of physiological effects in the sample leading towards cell disintegration and facilitating release of matrix components, hence, resulting in improved yield. The area of ultrasonic cavitation is still wide open and with increased awareness the cavitation technology is also gaining importance in different applications for herbal research. This review paper presents the use of ultrasonic cavitation a non thermal processing technique for Seabuckthorn plant.

28 Genetic variability in economic traits of Seabuckthorn (Hippophae D.Don)

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Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae salicifolia* D. Don) is a dioecious plant of the family Elaeagnaceae growing naturally in the hills of Kumaon and Garhwal in Uttarakhand at an altitude ranging from 8000ft to [2500 ft (MSL). Extensive survey was carried out for collection of promising genoplasm and to study the genetic diversity among the natural population of seabuckthorn for their possible utilization in crop improvement programme. Considerable phenotypic variations were observed in plant height, fruit colour and shape, leaf size and colour. These variations were confirmed at molecular level also. Simultaneously, plants with disease and insect resistance were also identified. The genetic variability is a basic prerequisite for any of the crop improvement programme and could be utilized to develop superior genotypes for desirable traits. Selections have been made for the desired traits in natural population and a field gene bank of selected genotypes is established at Defence Institute of Bio-Energy Research, Field Station, Anti (Joshimath) at 9500ft amsl. Agronomic packages and practices are being standardized for genotypes by giving equal and additive chance. These selected genotypes will be subjected to selection, hybridization, polyploidy and genetic engineering for getting the ideal plant ideotypes of seabuckthorn with desirable traits. In conclusion, molecular assisted breeding approaches in the crop improvement of seabuckthorn will be very helpful to obtain plants with desirable traits and thus harnessing its full potential for the welfare of mankind.

29 Isolation of sex-linked genes in gender specific DNA marker in *Hippophae rhamnoides*

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Hippophae rhamnoides L. ($2n=24$), commonly known as Seabuckthorn is known to be a promising source of vitamin, vast medicinal importance, mineral substances-Sodium salt, Potassium, Calcium, sugars, organic acid, pectin and tannins, triterpenoids, phospholipids, coumarin, catechins, leucoanthocyanins, flavonols, alkaloid serotonin, as well as unsaturated fatty acids and other compounds. The oil and juice, commercially produced from its fruits have been shown to possess antibacterial, anti-ulcer, anti-inflammatory (antiphlogistic), wound healing and immunomodulatory properties. It also has positive effect on heart diseases. This is why it has caught the eyes of researchers around the globe. From commercial point of view, female plant is more important than the male one. As only —10% male plants are required in the field to produce enough fertile pollens. In Seabuckthorn, plant gender can be identified only after flowering which takes a minimum of three years. The only approach to discriminate morphologically similar sexes of Seabuckthorn is by chromosome analysis, but this is not a viable solution at commercial level. We used the technique called RDA (Representational Difference Analysis) to facilitate the isolation of sex linked marker. Compared to Subtractive hybridization, RDA has two additional elements—representation and kinetic enrichment. For RDA, the DNA was sheared in the range of 100-500bp. After end repairing of DNA, different blunt end adapters were ligated specifically to the male and female. Female adaptor specific primer was biotin labeled to facilitate subtraction in which male was treated as TESTER and female as DRIVER. With the help of streptavidin coated magnetic beads, three rounds of subtraction were made in an increasing tester to driver ratio 1:80, 1:400 and 1:1400 respectively. After each round, enriched product was amplified with male specific

primer for compensation of DNA. A-tailing was done to the enriched fragment to facilitate ligation to the pGEMT easy vector for cloning. Positive clones were picked up on the basis of blue/white selection of culture grown in LB plates containing IPTG and X gal. Around 460 positive clones were picked up and squeezed. Presently, Insilico analysis is going on with these sequences.

30 Cytoprotective and antioxidant activities of Supercritical CO₂ extract of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) leaves.

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Seabuckthorn, family Elaeagnaceae, is a widely used medicinal plant. The plant is currently being cultivated in various parts of the world for its nutritional and medicinal properties. All parts of the plants are considered to be a rich source of bioactive compounds with antioxidant properties. In the present study, an environmentally benign novel separation technique using supercritical carbon dioxide has been used for the extraction of Seabuckthorn leaves (SBT) at different extraction pressures, temperatures and by addition of ethanol as an entrainer for first time to obtain compounds with high antioxidant activity. Total phenol content, estimated as gallic acid equivalent was found to be in the range of 13.21 — 29.64 mg/g of extract. Cytoprotective and antioxidant properties of SBT were evaluated against tertiary-butyl hydroperoxide (tert-BOOH) induced oxidative stress in murine macrophages (Raw 264.7). Exposure of cells to tert-BOOH (100µM) for 111 resulted in significant increase in cytotoxicity, decrease in mitochondria] membrane potential and an appreciable increase in reactive oxygen species (ROS) production was noted, which in turn is responsible for fall in intracellular antioxidant levels and GSH/GSSG ratio. Pretreatment of cells with SBT extract (25).t.g/ml) significantly inhibited cytotoxicity, ROS production and maintained antioxidants levels similar to that of control cells. These results indicate that supercritical carbon dioxide extract of SBT has strong cytoprotective and antioxidant activities.

31 Optimization of protein extraction procedures from *Hippophae rhamnoides* for dissecting its cold tolerance

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Freezing stress is a major abiotic stress affecting crop productivity. Cold tolerant plants have developed mechanisms to cope up with the freezing conditions. For understand ing mechanism of cold tolerance in plants, *Hippophae rhamnoides*- a cold hardy shrub, was selected. It can survive freezing temperatures up to -40°C and hence can be used as a model system for deciphering freezing tolerance. For analyzing the physiological manifestation of cold tolerance, droop test analysis was done. As there is scarcity of good protein extraction procedures for Seabuckthorn, first aim was optimization of protein extraction procedures for total and apoplastic proteins. High

phenolic content interferes with the protein extraction procedures, a cleanup step was used to remove contaminants. Cold inducible changes in proteome were analyzed using SDS-PAGE and 2-DE. Up-regulated proteins were identified using MALDI-TOF/MS-MS. To test the purity of isolated apoplastic proteins, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (GPDH, a cytoplasmic enzyme) assay was done. To analyze the effect of freezing stress at protect= level, proteins were isolated from control, cold (4°C) and freeze (-5°C) treated seedlings and resolved on SDS-PAGE and 2-DE. An 80 kDa heat shock protein and a 41.9 kDa actin were down-regulated while a 20 kDa hypothetical protein was up-regulated by freezing stress at -15°C. Rubisco degradation was observed at -15 °C and 4 °C. Total of 879 spots were observed in 2-DE gel profile of total proteins out of which the expression of around 70 polypeptides was altered due to freezing stress that represent only 8% of total proteome. As it is well documented that stress related proteins are secreted in apoplast. Sub-cellular analysis was done with apoplastome isolated using vacuum infiltration method. Protein extraction procedures for laboratory grown as well as field collected material have been optimized for Seabuckthorn for its further analysis.

32 Antioxidant activity of flavonoid rich fraction of Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) leaves; Quantitative analysis of its major components by RP-HPLC.

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In recent years, there has been a wide interest in finding natural compounds that could replace synthetic antioxidants, because of its possible toxicity and due to a suspected action as promoters of carcinogenesis. Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae Rhamnoides*) is currently being cultivated in various parts of the world for its nutritional and medicinal properties. All parts of the plants are considered to be a rich source of bioactive compounds with antioxidant properties. In the present study, flavonoid-rich fraction (FRF) from Seabuckthorn leaves was prepared by acid hydrolysis process. Antioxidant activity of FRF was evaluated using 2, 2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) and ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP) assays. Averaged mg of Trolox equivalent (TE)/g of extract were found to be 390.71 and 372.70 as determined by DPPH and FRAP assays respectively. The reducing power of FRF increased with increasing amount of FRF; the equation of reducing power (y) and amount of FRF (x) was $y = 2.4684x + 0.0351$ ($r^2 = 0.99$), indicating that reducing ability correlated well with amount of FRF. Chemical composition of FRF in terms of total flavonoid content was determined by a colorimetric method. Total flavonoid content estimated as rutin equivalent was found to be 332.67 mg of FRF. The major constituents of FRF including myricetin, quercetin, kaempferol and isorhamnetin, was analyzed by reverse phase - high performance liquid chromatography carried out on C18 column, using acetonitrile: methanol (75:25) and water: orthophosphoric acid (99.7:0.3) as mobile phase with gradient elution and by ultra-violet detection at 370nm. Myricetin, quercetin, kaempferol and isorhamnetin, were found to be in the range of 0.62 — 11.49 mg/g of FRF.

33 Development of green extraction process for Seabuckthorn bioactives

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Increasing efforts are being made to develop extraction processes with minimal ecological impact leading to reduced production of waste or avoiding the use of hazardous or toxic organic chemicals. Supercritical fluid extraction represents an efficient and ecofriendly technique for isolation of active components from different plant sources. Seabuck-thorn (SBT) (*Hippophae than-mai* & L.) seed oil having high nutraceutical and therapeutic activity has been extracted from dried SBT seed powder using supercritical carbon dioxide (SC-CO₂). The combined effect of three independent process variables (temperature, pressure and time) on SBT active extraction was examined using Box-Behnken design. Extraction was carried out at pressure ranging from 150- 350 bar, temperature from 35-55°C, and time of extraction from 30-90 min. The extract obtained was estimated for tocopherol (by HPLC) and carotene (by Spectrophotometry) content and compared with petroleum ether extract obtained by Soxhlet extraction. The antioxidant activity was estimated in terms of DPPH radical scavenging activity. The optimized conditions resulted in extraction efficiency of 82.87 ± 1.94 and $55.38 \pm 3.21\%$ for tocopherols and carotenes, respectively, while free radical scavenging activity was 57.44 ± 2.84 mg/mL. Further use of 2-propanol as an entrainer at 30% v/w of dried SBT seed powder at optimized conditions increased the extraction efficiency to 91.14 ± 0.36 and $69.61 \pm 1.61\%$ for tocopherols and carotenes, and lowered the free radical scavenging activity to 38.97 ± 1.06 mg/mL.

34 Transcriptome analysis and development of microsatellite markers in seabuckthorn

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High adaptability to extreme environmental conditions of temperature, drought and salinity has generated keen interest among plant researchers in seabuckthorn. Therefore, our laboratory initiated a project to develop an EST (Expressed Sequence Tag) database for seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) to identify stress responsive genes. As a prerequisite, we developed a modified CTAB based method for the isolation of high quality RNA from seabuckthorn. Subsequently, sequencing of about 4500 cDNA clones facilitated submission of 3412 high quality sequences in the EST database of NCBI. To overcome redundancy, ESTs were clustered using CAP3, yielding 1665 unigenes. Functional annotation was performed by BLAST analysis against various public databases. Unigenes showing no similarity with existing entries

were considered as =buckthorn specific. Gene Ontology terms were assigned to respective unigenes using BLAST2G0 suite. About 50 unigenes showed high similarity to known proteins involved in various abiotic stress pathways. High throughput next generation sequencing is being currently used to generate comprehensive seabuckthorn transcriptome. Fifteen genes involved in abiotic stress tolerance were selected for real time expression analysis by screening Arabidopsis microarray experimental data using Genevestigator software. Genevestigator. We are also using serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) for differential gene expression profiling. Our seabuckthorn transcriptome research will contribute significantly towards understanding abiotic stress management in plants, particularly seabuckthorn. Towards development of SSR (microsatellite) markers, EST-based SSRs were initially evaluated for assessing =buckthorn genetic diversity. Screening of 1584 unigene sequences using a microsatellite search tool, MISA, identified 56 microsatellite positive sequences. PCR primers were designed for the amplification of 30 microsatellite loci. Two to five alleles were revealed by nine and eleven primer pairs in *H. rhamnoides* and *H. salicifolia* genotypes, respectively. None of the primer pairs detected polymorphism in *H. tibetana* genotypes. In another approach, random and microsatellite enriched genomic libraries have been constructed in *H. rhamnoides* for further isolation of microsatellite markers. For enriched libraries, seabuckthorn DNA was exposed in digestion ligation reaction with specific adaptors, followed by microsatellite repeat sequence capture with biotin labeled oligos and streptavidin beads. Microsatellite positive sequences were subsequently cloned and sequenced. Our method of library enrichment has proved very promising yielding a high frequency of microsatellite positive clones. These newly developed markers will be subsequently assessed for their use in seabuckthorn genome characterization and diversity analysis, for which plant samples have been collected from diverse ecological conditions from Leh and Lahaul-Spiti representing variations for altitude, soil texture, water availability and sunlight exposure. Morphometric data have also been recorded on these collections. Keywords: Transcriptome, ESTs, molecular markers, SSRs, genetic diversity

35 Study on the morphological variations in seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* ssp. *turkestanica*) populations growing in Lahaul-Spiti, dry temperate Himalayas

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In India, *Hippophae rhamnoides* subsp. *turkestanica* grows naturally in the high altitude regions of the Jammu & Kashmir; Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand provinces. The Lahaul-Spiti district (31°44'57" and 32°59'57" N Latitudes and 76°46'29" and 78°41'34" E Longitudes: 11835 km² geographical area) in Himachal Pradesh forms the part of cold desert and extends from 2400-7000 m amsl. In most woody plants, morphological and physiological characteristics are extremely variable across environmental gradients, particularly across altitudinal gradients. *Hippophae rhamnoides* subsp. *nakeshunea*, a deciduous species, occupies a wide range of habitats and altitude (2400-4500 m amsl) in the Lahaul-Spiti districts in the Himachal

Pradesh. Fifty five (55) female accessions and thirty seven (37) male accessions were studied in naturally growing population of seabuckthorn in Lahaul-Spiti district. *Hippophae rhamnoides* subsp. *turkestanica* grows in the Lahaul-Spiti district as shrub and tree form and mean height of female plants 115 ± 0.16 m and male plant height 2.23 ± 0.20 m. In female accessions leaf length ranged from 15.1-82.4 cm (Mean 51.81 ± 0.17 cm) and width from 0.42-0.75 cm (Mean 0.56 ± 0.01 cm) and petiole length from 0.23-3.07 cm (Mean 2.13 ± 0.72 mm) and in male accessions leaf length ranged from 3.14-73.6 cm (Mean 50.6 ± 0.18 cm) and width from 0.41-1.14 cm (Mean 0.61 ± 0.03 cm), and petiole length from 1.17-3.31 cm (Mean 2.29 ± 0.08 mm). The mature fruits are yellow, red and orange coloured along with persistent stylar end and acute, round and depressed shape of fruit tip. Fruit arrangement on secondary branches is profuse and zigzag. Fruit length varies from 0.67-9.6 cm (Mean 6.46 ± 0.18 mm) and width from 0.50-7.56 mm (Mean 5.74 ± 0.15 mm) and peduncle length from 1.15-3.33 mm (Mean 2.07 ± 0.07 mm). Total soluble solids ranged between 9.0-14.4° Brix. (Mean 12.02 ± 0.21 ° Brix.) and weight of 100 fruits varies from 8.0-29.5 g (Mean 13.14 ± 0.56 g). Seeds are deep red, brown and black coloured along with one longitudinal furrow. Seed length varies from 2.75-5.83 mm (Mean 4.02 ± 0.09 mm) and width from 0.96-3.33 mm (Mean 2.42 ± 0.06 mm) and weight of 100 seeds varies from 0.69-1.86 g (Mean 0.96 ± 0.03 g). The correlation between altitude and quantitative parameter of female accessions (i.e. plant height, canopy diameter, leaf length and width, pedicel length, fruit length and width, peduncle length and seed length and width) were tested and only some parameters showed significant correlation. A significant negative correlation has been found between the altitude and plant height ($r = -0.329$, $p < 0.02$, $n = 55$) and altitude and leaf length ($r = -0.560$, $r = 0.01$, $n = 55$). Leaf length shows significant positive correlation with leaf width ($r = 0.74$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 55$) and pedicel length ($r = 0.448$, $r = 0.01$, $n = 55$). Fruit length shows significant positive correlation altitude ($r = 0.327$, $p < 0.02$, $n = 55$); fruit width ($r = 0.602$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 55$) and pedicel length ($r = 0.470$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 55$); and significant negative correlation with plant height ($r = -0.429$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 55$) and canopy diameter ($r = -0.414$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 55$). Seed length shows significant positive correlation with fruit length ($r = 0.317$, $p < 0.05$, $n = 55$) and seed width ($r = 0.570$, $p < 0.01$, $n = 35$). The cluster analysis of accessions has been done based on quantitative morphological characters of female accessions studied in Lahaul-Spiti. The cluster analysis of 55 female accessions resulted into seven (7) morphotypes of the *Hippophae rhamnoides* subsp. *turkestanica*. It has been observed that plant height and leaf length decreased with increasing the altitude and petiole length of the leaf depends on the length of the leaf. Fruit length affected by altitude, plant height and canopy spread. The length of peduncle shows directly proportional relation to the length of fruit. Seed length depends on the fruit length. Dioecism and wind pollination make this species an obligate out-crosser. The two features coupled with occasional sexual polymorphism serve as the basis of genetic variation. This variation exists at the morphological, cytological, ecological and molecular levels. It is concluded that wide variations exist in different populations of seabuckthorn growing in this region. Therefore, conservation of the varied morphotypes is required by in-situ and ex-situ methods.

36 Influence of origin, harvesting time, and growth location on contents of inositols and methylinositols in sea buckthorn berries

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Occurrence of inositols and methylinositols in sea buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) berries has been reported recently. These compounds play an important role in human physiology and may be important contributors to the widely shown health effects of sea buckthorn berries. Two studies were carried out to investigate the influence of subspecies/origin, harvesting date, and growth location on the abundance of inositols and methylinositols in sea buckthorn berries. In study I, the contents of inositols and methylinositols in berries of three subspecies of *rhamnoides* were compared. The influence of harvesting date and the impact of climatic conditions at growth sites on the content of these compounds were investigated in wild Chinese berries. The wild Chinese berries (*rhamnoides* ssp. *sinensis*) contained higher levels of L-quebrachitol (L-2-O-methyl-chiro-inositol) and methyl-myo-inositol (average 615 and 58 mg/100 ml juice, respectively) than the Finnish (*H. rhamnoides* ssp. *rhamnoides*, 276 and 16 mg/100 ml juice, respectively) and the Russian (*H. rhamnoides* ssp. *mongolica*, 228 and 16 mg/100 ml juice, respectively) berries ($P < 0.001$). The content of myo-inositol was higher in the Chinese and the Russian berries than in the Finnish berries (26 and 20 mg/100 ml juice vs. 8 mg/100 ml juice, $P < 0.001$). In the Chinese berries, the contents of methyl-myo-inositol and L-quebrachitol increased, whereas that of myo-inositol decreased from late September to late November. The content of L-quebrachitol in the Chinese berries correlated negatively with the air temperature and the number of frost-free days. In the second study, wild berries of *H. rhamnoides* ssp. *sinensis* were collected and analyzed from nine natural growth sites in China in three consecutive years to investigate the influence of the latitude and altitude on the contents of inositols and methylinositols in the berries. The abundance of L-quebrachitol in the berries (mg/100 ml juice) followed the order: Inner Mongolia (1000) > Hebei (850) > Heilongjiang (720) > Qinghai (680) > Shanxi (590) > Sichuan (290). The berries from Heilongjiang (140 mg/100 ml juice), Hebei (90 mg/100 ml juice), and Shanxi (80 mg/100 ml juice) were richer in methyl-myo-inositol than those from Qinghai (40 mg/100 ml juice), Inner Mongolia (40 mg/100 ml juice), and Sichuan (30 mg/100 ml juice). Myo-inositol content was the highest in berries from Heilongjiang around 50 mg/100 ml juice, whereas the levels in berries from other provinces were typically 20 mg/100 ml juice. The content of L-quebrachitol in the wild Chinese berries correlated strongly and positively with the latitude and negatively with altitude. The two studies showed consistent results suggesting that the content of L-quebrachitol increases with elevation in latitude and decreasing temperature of growth location. The results indicate potential role of the compound in cold resistance of sea buckthorn.

37 Trace elements accumulation in sea-buckthorn fruits

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Element complex of fruits of Siberian sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. *mongolica* Rousi) growing in endemic conditions have been studied. Absolute content and biological absorbance coefficient (SAC) of 22 elements: potassium (K), calcium (Ca),

scandium (Sc), titanium (Ti), vanadium (V), chromium (Cr), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), cobalt (Co), nickel (Ni), copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), arsenic (As), selenium (Se), bromine (Br), rubidium (Rb), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), Zirconium (Zr), niobium (Nb), molybdenum (Mo) and lead (Pb) have been determined by X-ray fluorescence method with application of synchrotron irradiation (RFAS1). It was established that uptake level of Ti, Nb and Cr by sea-buckthorn fruits exceeds the same of mean Earth phytomass from 450 to 500%. Sea-buckthorn fruits absorbance coefficient of K, Fe, Ni, Mo, Br, Se, As and Zr is similar the same of mean Earth phytomass. Decreased fruits absorbance have been found for Mn (SAC is 28.6 times below than the same in Earth phytomass), Co (20.4 times below), V (16.4 times below), Ca (12.3 times below), Pb (10.8 times below), Sr (4.8 times below), Cu (3.4 times below), Rb (3.2 times below) and Zn (2.7 times below). It was shown that sea-buckthorn fruits do not concentrate both toxic elements Pb and

38 Trace elements accumulation in sea-buckthorn root tubercles

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Elements complex of root tubercles of Siberian sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. ssp. *mongolica* Rousi) growing in endemic conditions have been studied. Absolute content and biological absorbance coefficient (BAC) of 22 elements: potassium (K), calcium (Ca), scandium (Sc), titanium (Ti), vanadium (V), chromium (Cr), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), cobalt (Co), nickel (Ni), copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), arsenic (As), selenium (Se), bromine (Br), rubidium (Rb), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), zirconium (Zr), niobium (Nb), molybdenum (Mo) and lead (Pb) have been determined by X-ray fluorescent method with application of synchrotron irradiation (RFAS1). It was established that root tubercles uptake level (SAC) of several elements studied extremely exceeds the same of mean Earth phytomass: Zr (990 times more), Nb (640 times more), Ti (535 times more), Cr (135 times more), Fe (61.4 times more) and Mo (26.4 times more). Next elements were of less accumulation: Co (467%), Sr (423%), Ni (348%) and Br (325%). Sea-buckthorn root tubercles accumulation of Cu, Zn, Rb, V, Pb, As and Se is similar the same of mean Earth phytomass. Decreased root tubercles absorbance have been found for Mn (SAC is 3.3 times below than in Earth phytomass), Ca (2.9 times below) and K (2.2 times below).

39 Trace elements accumulation in sea-buckthorn leaves

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Elements complex of leaves of Siberian sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. ssp. *mongolica* Rousi) growing in endemic conditions have been studied. Absolute content and biological absorbance coefficient (SAC) of 22 elements: potassium (K).

calcium (Ca), scandium (Sc), titanium (Ti), vanadium (V), chromium (Cr), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), cobalt (Co), nickel (Ni), copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), arsenic (As), selenium (Se), bromine (Br), rubidium (Rb), strontium (Sr), yttrium (Y), zirconium (Zr), niobium (Nb), molybdenum (Mo) and lead (Pb) have been determined by X-ray fluorescent method with application of synchrotron irradiation (REAM). It was established that uptake level (BAC) of a range of elements significantly exceeds the same of mean Earth phytomass: Nb (1895%), Cr (910%), Ti (725%), Zr (635%), Sr (399%) and Fe (223%). Sea-buckthorn leaves accumulation of K, Ca, Ni, Br and As is similar to the same of mean Earth phytomass. Decreased leaf absorbance has been found for Co (SAC is 8.3 times below than in Earth phytomass), Rh (6.7 times below), V (5.5 times below), Se (5.1 times below), Mo (4.8 times below), Mn (3.8 times below), Cu (3.8 times below), Pb (3.3 times below) and Zn (2.7 times below). It was shown that sea-buckthorn leaves do not concentrate both toxic elements Pb and As.

Effect of solvent strength on total phenol content and DPPH scavenging activity of seabuckthorn extract

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Subject, i.e. research objective: Effect of solvent strength on total phenol content and DPPH scavenging activity of Seabuckthorn extract
Experimental materials and methodology: Preparation of Extracts of *Hippophae rhamnoides*: using hydro-alcoholic solvent of various strengths; Estimation of total phenol content; Evaluation of DPPH radical scavenging activity. Hypothesis used in the Research: Seabuckthorn extracts have been found to show significant amount of phenolic compounds which may be responsible for its various activities including anti oxidant activity. Hydro-alcoholic extracts prepared by using solvent of various strengths may influence the total phenolic content which may be responsible for variation in different activities of Seabuckthorn extract like anti oxidant activity. Main conclusions: The data provides variation in total phenolic content as well as in DPPH scavenging activity of Seabuckthorn extracts prepared by using hydro-alcoholic solvent of various strengths. Key words: Seabuckthorn, total phenol content DPPH scavenging, hydro alcoholic extract, solvent strength

40 Detection of 5-hydroxytryptamine hydrochloride of *Hippophae rhamnoides*

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ukaaio tmcn Samna), 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT), is a monoaminergic neurotransmitter.

To our best knowledge, it plays wide biological roles in our body system, including cardiovascular system, respiratory system and the intestines system. Therefore it is critical to our metabolism. Sea buckthorn is a unique species that obtains abundant of

Serotonin. In this study, the content of 5-hydroxytryptamine hydrochloride of different parts of sea buckthorn from different areas of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau was determined by a novel, simple HPLC based pre-column derivatization method. The method was found to be simple, precise and rectilinear over a relatively wide range of concentrations (8.11×10^{-5} — 1.297×10^{-3} mg/L). This method can be applied to quality control tool of relative sea buckthorn industry.

Keywords: 5-hydroxytryptamine hydrochloride; HPLC; Hippophae rhamnoides L.; pre-column derivatization

41 Cleavage of β -carotene to flavor compounds by the microorganism from seabuckthorn juice

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This paper presents the first description of a bacteria exhibiting β -carotene cleavage activity isolated from seabuckthorn juice. The kinetic of degradation of β -carotene by the strain and enzyme has been studied, and the volatile compounds from degradation of β -carotene in cultures with the bacterial and mycelium-free culture media have been analyzed by the GC-MS. Nearly complete degradation of the substrate was observed with culture media of the strain after incubation for 24 h. About 40% of the initially added β -carotene in mycelium-free culture had been degraded at 20 min after the start of incubation. The norisoprenoids, such as 2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-3-buten-2-one, 4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-3-buten-2-ol, which may be from degradation of β -carotene, can be determined in submerged cultures with the bacterial and mycelium-free culture after incubation. The phylogenetic tree of the strain was produced on the basis of morphology observation, experimental results of physiology, biochemistry and analysis of 16S rDNA sequence. The strain was identified as *Staphylococcus* sp. Key words: β -carotene bioconversion, enzymatic degradation, norisoprenoids, seabuckthorn juice, *Staphylococcus* sp

42 Determination of glucose, fructose and sucrose in seabuckthorn fruit honey by HPLC-ELSD

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HPLC-ELSD was applied to the determination of glucose, fructose and sucrose in seabuckthorn fruit honey. The methods were studied and optimum conditions were found. After an appropriate ultrasonic pretreatment with water, the sugars were separated on a Zorbax-NH2 column (4.6 x 250 mm, μ m) by using acetonitrile: water (90:10, v/v) as the mobile phase, and flow rate was 1 ml/min, evaporator temperature was 70°C, evaporator gas flow was 1.5 L/min. The average recoveries for three analytes ranged from 96% to 103%, and the response value was linear between 1000 Rg and r was 0.992 to 0.997. With an average RSD of 1.41, 1.54, 1.83% ($n=5$) were obtained.

43 Selective and sensitive determination of fatty acids and amino acids in Hippophae rhamnoides L. fruit using pre-column derivatization HPLC method

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A novel, sensitive and selective HPLC based method was developed for determination of 20 amino acids (AA) and 18 fatty acids (FA) in Hippophae rhamnoides L. fruit (sea buckthorn fruit). The method is based on reaction of adding amino acids and 2-(2-dibenzocarbazole)-ethoxy] ethyl chloroformate to borate buffer of pH 8.5 to yield a highly fluorescent derivative, which could be measured at 390nm (Excitation wavelength:300 nm), and fatty acids react with acridone-9-ethyl-p-toluene sulfonate in presence of K₂CO₃ to yield a highly fluorescent derivative, which could be measured at 505 nm (Excitation wavelength: 272nm). The separation of the derivatized fatty acids and derivatized amino acids has reached good baseline resolution by our established method. The detection limits was high, which reached to 1.0 nmol (calculated as the signal-to-noise ratio: 3) in both experiments. Excellent fidelity was observed with coefficients > 0.9990.

Keywords: Fatty acid; Amino acid; Hippophae rhamnoides L.; HPLC; Pre-column derivatization

44 Seabuckthorn for protection against high altitude stress

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Ascent to high altitude in man is associated with a variety of hypoxia induced disorders like acute mountain sickness, high altitude pulmonary edema, high altitude cerebral edema. Monts' disease, pulmonary hypertension besides causing a marked reduction in physical and mental performance. Although a variety of factors like extreme cold climatic conditions, low humidity, higher amounts of solar and ultraviolet radiations, and high wind velocity operate at high altitude-, the decline in barometric pressure leading to low availability of oxygen is the major contributory factor towards high altitude related ailments. At sea level, hypoxic stress leading to tissue hypoxia is a major life threatening complication during cerebral or cardiac ischemia. Since seabuckthorn (SBT) is able to grow under hypoxic conditions and natural wild growth of seabuckthorn is well documented up to an altitude of 4800m in Western Himalayas, the plant may provide protection against hypoxic stress at high altitude and also at sea level. When C-6 glioma cell were exposed to hypoxia for 12h the hypoxic stress caused a marked increase in NO and ROS generation and decline in antioxidant levels, besides causing a reduction in mitochondria] transmembrane potential. Seabuckthorn leaf extract provided a fair degree of protection to C-6 glioma cells suggesting that it has significant neuro protection activity under hypoxic environment. hypoxia induced DNA damage in the rat leukocytes could be prevented by treatment of animals with SBT leaf extract. The

hypoxic stress also caused activation of NF- κ B DNA binding which in turn resulted in an increase in secretion of inflammatory mediators like TNF- α , IL-6, IL-10 and MCP-1 in the rat lungs. Both SBT seed oil and leaf extract were able to inhibit hypoxia induced NF- κ B DNA binding and interleukin production thereby inhibiting hypoxia induced inflammatory processes. Similarly, hypoxia induced activation of hypoxia inducible factor-1 α (HIF-1 α), vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS) could be downregulated by pretreatment of animals with SBT seed oil or leaf extract. Not only the VEGF gene expression but also the VEGF secretion in the lungs and plasma of animals subjected to hypobaric hypoxia could be curtailed by seabuckthorn extracts. Maintenance of body temperature is most crucial for survival of any organism under stressful environment. When rats are exposed to cold-hypoxia-restrain stress, the animals can enter into a state of hypothermia if the rectal temperature falls below 37°C. The SBT extracts were able to delay onset of hypothermia and recovery was faster in animals which received SBT preparations suggesting that hypoxia induced hypothermia can be prevented by SBT pretreatment. Similarly, when animals were exposed to lethal hypoxia of 9750m, pretreatment with SBT leaf extract or seed oil delayed onset of gasping and hypoxic survival time suggesting that SBT is able to enhance resistance to hypoxic stress. The hypoxia protection activity of seabuckthorn may be due to a variety of reasons like curtailments of oxidative damage, inhibition of stress hormone secretion and vasorelaxant activity which in turn may inhibit transvascular fluid leakage into the lungs and brain by maintaining membrane permeability. These studies suggest that seabuckthorn based preparations have high potential to be used for protection against high altitude hypoxia induced disorders.

45 Health effects of sea buckthorn berries:

investigations at the University of Turku, Finland

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Sea buckthorn (SB) has been a target of scientific investigations at the University of Turku since 1980s. In addition to taxonomic, chemical and sensory research of the berries, their health effects have deserved special attention. Nutritional effects of both entire berries and of their oil and ethanol soluble fractions have been investigated. Many of the hypotheses were based on traditional, especially on Chinese traditions, claims and knowledge. Berries in the Scandinavian countries, both cultivated and wild ones, are commonly regarded as health promoting food ingredients also in Finland. The major genera are *Vaccinium* (bilberry, lingonberry), *Rubus* (cloudberry, raspberry, arctic bramble), *Ribes* (currants), *Empetrum* (crowberry) and *Elaeagnus* (sea buckthorn). Sea buckthorn berries rich in flavonoids, oil soluble antioxidants and vitamin C were shown to lower concentration of the sensitive CRP in plasma. In addition, consumption of the juice indicated increase of the ratio of HDL cholesterol to LDL cholesterol and elongation of the lag phase of LDL cholesterol oxidation. Berries and especially their ethanol-soluble fraction suppressed the postprandial insulin peak. It was further shown, that the bioavailability of flavonoids was increased by coincide supplementation of sea buckthorn oil. The results of consumption of SB thus indicate possible reduction of the risk of cardiovascular diseases in healthy

people. Sea buckthorn seed and pulp oils have been of special interest. The very recent studies showed the unexceptionally high protective, antioxidative effects of SB oils on the isolated DNA in vitro. The same was the case with DNA of rat liver homogenate in vitro. Whether the positive effects of sea buckthorn oils on dry eyes and atopic skin have the same mechanistic background, is not known. The oils investigated have all been isolated by aseptic CO₂ extraction.

46 Isolation and synthesis bioactive flavonols from Indian seabuckthorn.

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In India seabuckthorn (5131) is represented by two main species, viz. *Hippophae rhamnoides* L. and *H. salicifolia* alone with smaller amounts of *H. tibetana*. Fruit and seeds are known for its nutraceutical properties. The leaves of SBT are reported to possess many bioactivities such as radioprotection, cancer prevention, wound healing and beneficial effects in cardiovascular conditions. Since most of the work was carried out using crude extracts, it is difficult to relate the activities to their constituents. Also there is lot of variations in the constituents of SBT from different sources. Therefore it was felt that a careful phytochemical analysis of extract of Indian seabuckthorn is warranted. The leaves were extracted with a battery of solvents! solvent mixtures to bring about broad separation depending on polarities. Since many of the activities were attributed to flavonoids, particular attention was paid to polar constituents. The extracts containing tannins and flavonoid glycosides were separated by the use of judicious mixture of solvents. Protocols using Gel Permeation chromatography were also developed. The constituents were separated. The gallo- and ellagitannins were isolated. Glucose and rhamnose were identified as sugars. Flavonoids were present as rhamnosides or glucosides. Isorhamnetin was the major constituents followed by quercetin and kaempferol with trace amount of myricetin. In contrast to *H. rhamnoides*, the leaves of *H. salicifolia* contained mainly quercetin followed by kaempferol and isorhamnetin. Since isolation of compounds from natural sources often present logistic problems (such as difficult accessibility, variation of constituents, seasonal occurrence), we developed a new short synthesis of polyhydroxy- as well as partial methyl ethers of flavonols. The isolation of active compounds and synthesis of flavonol library will be presented. Since antioxidative activities are important in imparting bioactivities, the antioxidant activities of isolated compounds, extracts and synthetic compounds were determined using free radical scavenging activity (DPPH).

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47 Cosmetic use of *Hippophae rhamnoides* winter twigs extracts to lighten skin pigmentation.

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Although Seabuckthorn fruit or seed oils, and fruit extracts are used in cosmetics formulations as emollients and antioxidants, the potential of branch extracts had not yet been examined. The present study showed that Hippophae rhamnoides winter twigs extracts have the highly valuable property to inhibit pigment formation in skin cells, whereas an extract of twigs collected in summer and bearing leaves had practically no effect. Young Seabuckthorn branch extremities and shoots were harvested in winter (February or April) or summer (early September) in The Netherlands coastal dunes, particularly taking care not to collect too much woody material. After freeze drying, the twigs were ground to a powder which was extracted overnight either with methanol, 70% ethanol-water, or water. The dry extracts were then partitioned between water and butanol, and the fractions were characterized by HPLC and TLC. The different fractions were thereafter submitted to special tests on cultures of melanocytes (skin cells producing pigment) which allow to evaluate the amount of melanin pigment synthesized. These tests have shown that: seabuck-thorn winter twigs polar extracts inhibit the biosynthesis of melanin pigments by skin cells, a seabuckthorn summer twig extract has practically no activity on melanogenesis, the active compounds responsible for the whitening effect of Hippophae rhamnoides winter twig extracts are water soluble molecules, these active molecules seem to be indole derivatives. Therefore, Hippophae rhamnoides winter twigs extracts could be developed for brightening or whitening cosmetic formulations (Patent Application filed on February 28, 2011). This new utilization of Seabuckthorn is bound to further increase its economic importance by providing an industrial exploitation during the winter season.

48 Evaluation of effect of Seabuckthorn extract on cognitive impairment

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Research objective: Evaluation of effect of Seabuckthorn extract on cognitive impairment. Experimental materials and methodology: Extraction and characterization of Hippophae rhamnoides extract, toxicity/ Safety studies on lab animals. Efficacy studies of this extract on Scopolamine induced cognitive impairment. Hypothesis used in the Research: Seabuckthorn, being a treasure house of a number of nutrients and phenolic compounds having excellent antioxidant and nutritional properties, will prevent/reduce cognitive impairment. Main conclusions: The data indicates that Seabuckthorn extract has very useful nutrients like B Vitamins (including Vitamin B12), cobalt and folic acid. It was found to be safe and effective in cognitive impairment.

Key words: Seabuckthorn, Cognitive impairment, Phenolic compounds.

49 Possible mechanism of sea buckthorn fruit extract as a functional food in restraint-induced behavioral deficits and brain serotonin metabolism: Focus on 5-HT_{1A} receptors in depression

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Sea buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L. spp. *Turkestanica*) has been used for centuries in Europe and Asia as a folk medicine for its incredible nutritional and medicinal profiles. Natural products exhibiting antidepressant properties and accordingly, natural medicinal plants may be important sources of novel antidepressant drugs and the usage of plant extracts may be proven better in the management of stress and depression. Depression is an important global public-health issue and is associated with substantial disability. It is a chronic illness and has been estimated to affect up to 21% of the world's population. The present study was designed to investigate the antidepressant-like effects of aqueous fruit extract of SBT in animal models of depression. In first phase of study test rats were treated with oral administration of SRI-I-E (40 mg/kg P.O.; 2 weeks) and controls received an equal volume of fresh water. In next phase for one week, two groups of animals were exposed to repeated restraint stress (one group from water treated and other group from SRI-FE treated). All groups of animals were separately submitted to forced swim test (PST), open field test (OFT) and elevated plus maze (EPM) tests for the bio-screening of fruit extract with antidepressant profile. Results revealed that the immobility time in the EST was significantly ($p < 0.05$) reduced and prolonged struggling (numbers of jumps) was observed particularly in rats orally administered with SHT-FE (40 mg/kg P.O.) following one week stress when compared with their respective controls. Open field ambulation, numbers of entries in GA and % time spent in OA were also significantly ($p < 0.01$) increased and were more pronounced in SRI-FE treated rats following exposure to repeated restraint stress when compared with their controls. It is concluded that aqueous fruit extract of Sea buckthorn exhibited significant antidepressant-like effects in animal models of depression. This effect is supposed to be mediated via modulation of 5-HT_{1A} receptors in rat brain and possibly explains the antidepressant-like effect of SRT3T1FE. Thus it is suggested that SRT fruit extract play a beneficial therapeutic role and combat against a mental illness that is globally known as depression.

50 Effect of feeding seabuckthorn leaves for milk production in cross bred animals

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The study was conducted to evaluate the effect of seabuckthorn leaves on the milk production by replacing the Crude Protein (CP) of the concentrate at 40 and 80 percent in two experimental groups. The control (inup was offered the dry grass s- oat green grass concentrate (1-1). The other groups were offered the same roughage diet except the concentrate CP' replaced with the seabuckthorn leaves at the rate of 40 and 80 per cent levels in the group T 2 and T3 respectively. The each group was consisting of 5 milk animals selected in a randomized block design. The replacement of the seabuckthorn leaves was done slowly and slowly by increasing 10 per cent

leaves after every 3 days to meet the total replacement of 40 and 80 percent after 12th and 24th day of the experiment in the two treatment groups. The milk production trial was conducted for 60 days after achieving the 80 per cent level of seabuckthorn leaves in the last group. At the start of the experiment the milk yield, fat and protein was estimated keeping the animals on the routine ration of the University Dairy farm. 6th day onward the treatment ration were offered as mentioned above, At the end of the trial, for 10 days the milk yield, fat and protein per cent was estimated along with the 5 days digestibility trial. In fore the start of the experiment the milk yield (titer/day) was recorded for 5 days for the selected animals offering them the feed being offered by the University Dairy and after that the 3 groups were made in a randomized design pattern, it was observed that there was no significant effect in the milk yield, milk protein and milk fat per cent in all the animals. The daily record of the milk yield was kept. The milking was done twice a day. At the end of the 60 days experiment the milk was again tested for 5 days for milk protein, fat, total solids, lactose and ash per cent along with FCM yield and milk yield. Milk production efficiency kg milk/ kg DM intake and kg FCM /kg DM intake was calculated from the data collected. At the end of the experiment the milk yield was 6.344, 7.21, 6.98 and 7.23 in respect to T1, T2 and T3 treatment groups respectively and were highly significant ($P < 0.05$) among the different treatment groups. An increase 9.46 and 14.03 per cent was observed in case of milk production in the T2 and T3 treatment groups as compared to T1 treatment group. The increase of 2.34 and 8.26 and 7.94 and 20.25 per cent was observed in case of milk protein and milk fat in T2 and T3 treatment groups as compared to T1 treatment group. The milk production efficiency (kg milk/kg DM) and (kg FCM/kg DM) values were also found to be significantly ($P < 0.05$) in the T2, and T3 treatment groups as compared to T1 treatment group. There was significant ($P < 0.05$) increase in the milk production (lit/day) after the experiment and similar trend was seen in case of milk protein and milk fat per cent. There was a significant ($P < 0.05$) increase in milk yield, protein and fat in both the treatment groups T2, and T3 as compared to T1 treatment group where the seabuckthorn leaves were added. This increase was 16.85 and 25.78 per cent in respect to milk yield and 13.25 and 23.31 per cent in respect to milk protein and 11.05 and 23.11 per cent was observed in the treatment groups T2, and T3 as compared to T1 treatment group.

51 Experimental study of proanthocyanidins extract from seabuckthorn seed on the effect of immune regulation in mice

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This Study investigated the effects of immune regulation of proanthocyanidins extract from Seabuckthorn seed in mice. The dosages in mice was 10, 20, 30 folds of human dosage (0.433, 0.867, 1.300g/kg). In addition the negative control and solvent control were designed. Kunming mice (SPF degree) were continuously administered orally, and then started the experimental observation. The experimental data were evaluated by T-test and $P < 0.05$ was considered to be statistically significant. The results showed that compared with solvent control group and negative control group, the proanthocyanidins extract from Seabuckthorn seed significantly enhanced Con A-induced spleen lymphocyte proliferation of mice, and significantly increased DIO-induced delayed allergy, it also significantly increased serum hemolysis, and

significantly enhanced the ability of peritoneal macrophage phagocytizing chicken erythrocytes and enhanced the ability of carbon clearance in mice, In addition this extract significantly enhanced the function of antibody producing cells. On the other hands compare with the negative control and solvent control group, each dosage of the extract had no effect on spleen and thymus. In conclusion, Proanthocyanidins extract from Seabuckthorn seed can significantly improve the immune system of mice, at the same time it will not affect the immune organs of mice, and has negative impact. Key words: Seabuckthorn; Proanthocyanidin; Immune

52 Prophylactic efficacy of seabuckthorn oil and omeprazole in gastric erosions and ulcerations in dogs

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In the present study the comparative prophylactic efficacy of seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) seed oil and omeprazole in reducing the severity of dexamethasone-induced gastric erosions and ulcerations (GUE) was evaluated in dogs. 16 adult healthy dogs were randomly divided into 4 equal groups. To induce GUE, Inj. 'Dexamethasone was administered @ 1 mg/kg intravenously once a day to all the animals for a period of 15 days. After 15 days, group I was kept as negative control and no treatment was given and spontaneous healing time of GUE lesions was recorded. Whereas, seabuckthorn seed oil @ 5 ml/kg in group II, omeprazole @ 0.7 mg/kg in group III and the omeprazole @ 1.5 mg/kg in group IV twice a day were administered orally starting from day I and continued till gastric lesions healing. The development of gastric lesions (erosions/ulcers) and their subsequent healing course was periodically evaluated by clinical, haematological and endoscopic examinations and compared in between the groups. The clinical symptoms of gastric erosions/ulceration and endoscopic ulcer index were significantly lesser in group IV followed by group II as compared to other groups till 12th day. The gastric lesions healing after discontinuance of dexamethasone on 15th day was fastest in group IV followed by group II, III and I, however it was not much different in groups I and III. Key words: Seabuckthorn, dog, gastric erosions and ulcerations

53 Effects of seabuckthorn polysaccharide on blood glucose of Normal Mice and Diabetic Mice

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Research objective: to explore the effects of Seabuckthorn crude polysaccharide on the glucose tolerance in normal mice, as well as on the hyperglycemia in diabetic mice. Methodology: according to the mouse glucose tolerance model, with seabuckthorn polysaccharide as the experimental drug, to respectively observe the

effects on normal mice's blood glucose with overload dose of sucrose, glucose, maltose, starch; to respectively observe the effects of different doses of seabuckthorn polysaccharide on the model mice of alloxam-induced hyperglycemia and streptozotocin-induced hyperglycemia. By analysis of the data collected from the former group (Glucose Tolerance Mice Model Group) and the latter group (alloxan (streptozotocin) model group), the starch group's blood glucose lowers most significantly ($P < 0.01$), followed by the sucrose group ($P < 0.05$); for the alloxan (streptozotocin) model group, after 2 weeks' and 4 weeks' drug administration, the hypoglycemic effect is more obvious for the high-dose group ($P < 0.01$, $P < 0.05$) and the efficacy rate of reduction is 31.72% (33.14%) and 45.70% (43.78%); the low-dose group ($P < 0.05$, $P < 0.05$)'s efficacy rate of reduction is 28.02% (27.07%) and 39.38% (36.43%). Main conclusion: Seabuckthorn polysaccharide can improve glucose tolerance in normal mice. Seabuckthorn polysaccharide has a good hypoglycemic effect on alloxan-induced and streptozotocin-induced hyperglycemia in mice, and the effect is proportional to the dose.

Key words: Seabuckthorn crude polysaccharide, mice, glucose tolerance, the animal model of hyperglycemia

54 Immunomodulation by dietary seabuckthorn

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The incorporation of medicinal herbs in various medicaments has been the hallmark of Indian traditional health care system. The herbs are being used since antiquity on the empirical basis. Therefore, there is immense need of pharmacological and scientific validation of the folklore claims of various herbal medicaments.

Seabuckthorn has a long history of its usage in various Indian and Chinese health care systems. Many of its therapeutic uses such as anti-atherosclerotic, antiarrhythmic, hepato-protective, skin protective and anti-idiogenic actions have been vividly described. In this paper immunomodulatory actions of dietary seabuckthorn are described. The immunomodulation was assessed on the basis of humoral, cellular and non-specific immunity parameters. White albino rats were fed dietary levels of 200, 400 and 800 ppm of powdered berries of seabuckthorn over a period of 2 months (56 days). There was significant increase in total serum protein and serum globulin and A:G ratio. A significant increase ($P < 0.05$) was observed in the haemagglutination titres at 800 ppm on day 42 of feeding. The macrophage function was significantly increased in rats fed 400 and 800 ppm in a dose dependent manner. The delayed hypersensitivity reaction to CAFE was found to be significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) at 48 and 72 h in rats fed 800 ppm. The histopathology of lymph node and spleen revealed a marked increase in B cell activity. In poultry birds dietary levels of 500 and 1000 ppm of seabuckthorn berries were fed in ration for a period of 62 days. Seabuckthorn did not influence the growth of the poultry birds at the given dietary levels.

Seabuckthorn fed birds had higher A:G ratio in seabuckthorn fed birds at both the dietary levels. Significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) HI titres against NCD virus and NBT positive cells indicating macrophage function) were also observed at both the dietary levels. A significantly higher delayed hypersensitivity reaction to DNFB was also observed in seabuckthorn fed birds. A significant lymphocytosis was observed in birds fed seabuckthorn at 1000 ppm dietary levels. The weight of spleen, bursa and

thymus were higher ($P < 0.05$) in seabuckthorn fed animals. Histopathology of the skin of seabuckthorn fed birds showed sloughing of epidermis, formation of erosive and ulcerative lesions and infiltration of mononuclear cells apart from lymphofollicular reactions. The experimental studies have, thus, indicated stimulation of immune response following dietary intake.

55 Experimental study on effect of Tianguai Gengnian Soft Capsule on the mitochondrial functioning influence in aged female rats

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To investigate the effect of Tianguai Gengnian Soft Capsule (TGC), which mainly consists of seabuckthorn fatty acid, on respiratory chain electron transport and oxidative phosphorylation of liver mitochondrial respiratory chain in aged female rats, in order to explore the mechanism of anti-aging. Methods Low (1.125g/kg), middle (2.25g/kg) and high (4.5g/kg) dose of TGC were administered by gavage to young and aged (20 months old) female rats for 90 days, and diethylstilbestrol (0.02mg/kg) was used as a positive control. The activities of respiratory chain complexes, ATP synthase, succinate dehydrogenase (SDH), Ca^{2+} -ATPase and respiratory function (PCR-ADP/O) were detected. Results The intervention of TGC could cause increase of respiratory chain complex I, III, ATP synthase, Ca^{2+} -ATPase activities and ADP/O, which were significantly different to that in the aged group ($P < 0.05$). There was no obvious effect of SDH activity level ($P > 0.05$). Conclusion The anti-aging effect of TGC is possibly realized by way of improving mitochondrial respiratory function and facilitating ATP synthesis, thus to adjust each system comprehensively. Key words: TianGui Gengnian Soft capsule; mitochondrion; energy metabolism; anti-aging

56 Investigation of antibacterial properties of seabuckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoides L.) leaf extracts against common skin and wound microbial pathogens

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Different parts of seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) plant are reported to have antimicrobial properties. In this study, hot and cold methanolic extracts of *H. rhamnoides* leaves were tested against bacterial and fungal species commonly associated with skin and wound infections of domestic animals. Total 130 clinical bacterial and 15 fungal clinical isolates obtained from skin and wound infections including *Staphylococcus aureus* (70), *Streptococcus pyogenes* (3), *Klebsiella* spp. (13), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (10), *Protonos* spp. (12), *Bacillus* spp. (23), *Mycosporum gypseum* (0), *Trichophyton menthiforme* (4) and *Epidermophyton floccosum* (3) were tested by disc diffusion method. Different concentrations of leaf extracts i.e. 0.50%, 2.0%, 3.0%, 4.0% and 5.0% were tested against 108 different bacteria inoculated on Muller-Hinton agar (MHA). Different bacterial and fungal species showed varied level of growth inhibition by seabuckthorn leaf extracts but all isolates

of *Klebsiella* spp. *Bacillus* spp. were found resistant against both types of leaf extracts. The inhibitory effect of SAT leaf COMM at 5% concentration was observed to be maximum as compared to the standard drugs used as positive control. All the tested fungal isolates were found to be least sensitive to inhibitory effects of seabuckthorn leaf extracts. When comparing the two types of extracts, the methanolic cold extract was observed to have better antimicrobial activities than the methanolic hot extract, may be due higher concentration of active ingredients. Minimum inhibitory concentration of leaf extract VMS also determined against various bacterial isolates by resazurin reduction method. The MIC against leaf extract sensitive bacterial isolates was found to be in range of 3% to 4%. These results showed the potential of seabuckthorn leaves ingredients to be used as alternate antimicrobial agents.

57 Studies on effects of seabuckthorn (*Hippophae* L.) leaf extract and seed oil on infected cutaneous wound healing process in rabbit experimental model

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Wound healing properties of leaves and seed oil of seabuckthorn (*Hippophae* L.) plant was investigated using rabbits as 171.4111%0 experimental model. Methanolic extract from seabuckthorn green leaves and seed oil by cold press method was obtained from the local land races of the plant. Excision cutaneous wounds in 12 rabbits, divided into 4 groups including controls were surgically created on dorsal side. Wounds on all test animals were inoculated with pyogenic *Staphylococcus aureus* strain at 200 du per ml dose rate. In group-I. wounds were dressed with a sterilized vasalene base, while in group-II, 5% leaf extract was used for dressing. In group-III, dressing was done with seed oil and in group-IV wounds were dressed with 5% povidone iodine. The effects of topical applications were graded by clinical observations. haematological parameters and per cent wound contraction in all groups. These observations were further corroborated by histopathological examination of biopsies taken from the skin. Results from these findings suggested that seabuckthorn leaf extract and seed oil may be used as natural antimicrobial agents and also they significantly enhance the rate of wound healing process in rabbits model.

58 Enhanced cAMP/PKA pathway by seabuckthorn fatty acids in aged rats

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Seabuckthorn fatty acids were extracted by crushing and centrifuging from china seabuckthorn fruit. We detected cyclic nucleotides concentration in serum of different

stages in aged rats (from 16 to 21 months), cyclic nucleotides concentration, PRA activity and PM activity in hepatic tissue in aged rats by seabuckthorn fatty acids. Our data showed that the serum cAMP concentration decreased, accompany with the cGMP concentration increased and the imbalance of the cAMP/cGMP ratio in aged process. This kind of change equally in the hepatic tissue, the cAMP concentration decreased, PRA activity also decreased, but no change of the cAMP/cGMP ratio. And the SBFAs raised serum cAMP level in different stages, and raised the cAMP concentration and PICA activity of hepatic tissue, but did not effect the cAMP/cGMP ratio. Our study demonstrated that it is imbalance of the cAMP/cGMP ratio in aged process. SBFAs enhanced the cAMP/cGMP pathway, regulated cAMP/cGMP ratio in aged rats.

59 Modulation of Hypoxia-Induced Pulmonary Vascular Leakage in Rats by Seabuckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.)

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Cerebral and pulmonary syndromes may develop in unacclimatized individuals shortly after ascent to high altitude resulting in high altitude illness, which may occur due to extravasation of fluid from intra to extravascular space in the brain, lungs and peripheral tissues. The objective of the present study was to evaluate the potential of seabuckthorn (SBT) (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) leaf extract (LE) in curtailing hypoxia-induced transvascular permeability in the lungs by measuring lung water content, leakage of fluorescein dye into the lungs and further confirmation by quantitation of albumin and protein in the bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF). Exposure of rats to hypoxia caused a significant increase in the transvascular leakage in the lungs. The SBT LE treated animals showed a significant decrease in hypoxia-induced vascular permeability evidenced by decreased water content and fluorescein leakage in the lungs and decreased albumin and protein content in the BALF. The SBT extract was also able to significantly attenuate hypoxia-induced increase in the levels of proinflammatory cytokines and decrease hypoxia-induced oxidative stress by stabilizing the levels of reduced glutathione and antioxidant enzymes. Pretreatment of the extract also resulted in a significant decrease

in the circulatory catecholamines and significant increase in the vasorelaxation of the pulmonary arterial rings as compared with the controls. Further, the extract significantly attenuated hypoxia-induced increase in the VEGF levels in the plasma, BALF (ELISA) and lungs (immunohistochemistry). These observations suggest that SBT LE is able to provide significant protection against hypoxia-induced pulmonary vascular leakage.