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Abstract

Objective: The present study was performed to investigate the protective effect of blackberry and pomegranate as polyphenolic compounds for managing dry eye in experimental animal model.

Materials and Methods: The blackberry and pomegranate were dried in air oven. Forty eight male rabbits (1000-1300g) were divided into six groups: G1: normal control, G2: dry eye, G3: normal fed on blackberry, G4: normal fed on pomegranate, G5: dry eye feed on blackberry and G6: dry eye feed on pomegranate. Dry eye induced by atropine sulphate 1% drops (2 drops in each eve twice daily) for 2 months, blackberry or pomegranate was taken as 20% of the main diet. Polyphenolic compounds of blackberry and pomegranate were analyzed by using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Tear production measured using Schirmer test and tear break up time (TBUT). Tears were collected from all groups using 5-µL silanated microcapillary pipettes. At the end of experiments, rabbits were fasted overnight and blood was withdrawn. The levels of reduced glutathione (GSH), malondialdehyde (MDA), nitric oxide (NO) and interlukin-1beta (IL-1\beta) were estimated in the tears and blood. In addition catalase (CAT) and superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity were determined in the blood. Cornea excised and examined by light microscope. Evaluation of tears protein fractions by sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) was also identified.

Results: Significant improvements were noticed in Schirmer I score and TBUT of dry eye rabbits fed on 20% dried blackberry or 20% dried pomegranate compared to dry eye group. There was a significant (p < 0.05) decrease in serum and tears IL-1 β , NO

and a statistically increase in the blood GSH, plasma CAT in dry eye rabbits fed on 20% dried blackberry or 20% dried pomegranate compared to dry eye rabbit group.

In conclusion: Supplementation with dried blackberry or pomegranate is effective against the dry eye syndrome by decreasing ocular inflammation and increasing antioxidant contents in tears of experimental animal model.

Key words: dry eye, polyphenolic compounds, atropine sulphate, blackberry, pomegranate oxidative stress, antioxidant

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List of Abbreviations

AAP	4-aminophenazone
ALP	alkaline phosphatase
ARVO	The Association for Research in Vision and
	Ophthalmology
CAT	Catalase
DE	Dry eye
DED	Dry eye disease
DHBS	3,5- Dichloro -2- hydroxybenzene sulfonic acid
DTNB	5, 5' dithio-bis-2-nitrobenzoic acid
ELISA	Enzyme linked immune sorbent assay
EP	Epithelial cells
GSH	Reduced Glutathione
GSSG	Oxidized Glutathione
GSHPx	Glutathione peroxidase
HCEP	Human corneal epithelium
HNE	4-hydroxynonenal
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
HRP	Horeseradish peroxidase
IL-1 α	Interleukin 1α
IL-1β	Interleukin 1β
iNOS	Isoform nitric oxide synthase

KCS	Kerato-conjunctiviti ssicca
LASIK	Laser-assisted insitu kertomileusis
LDL	Low density lipoprotein
LOO•	Peroxyl radical
MAD	Malondialdehyde
MAPK	Mitogen-activted protein kinase
MGD	Meibomian gland dysfunction
MMPs	Metalloproteinases
mtROS	Mitochondrial reactive oxygen species
N3•	azide
NADP	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
Na ₂ EDTA	Disodium ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid
NFkB	Nucler factor-kB
NO	Nitric oxide
•OH	hydroxyl
ONOO-	Peroxynitrite
OS	Oxidative stress
PHS	Physicians 'Health Study
ROO•	peroxyl
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
SDS-PAGE	Sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel
	electrophoresis
sIgA	Secretory immunoglobin A

SOD	Superoxide dismutase
SS	Sjögren's syndrome
TBA	Thiobarbituric acid
TBUT	Tear break up time
TMP	3, 3',5 ,5'-tetramethylbenzidine
TNF-α	Tumor necrosis factor-α
UV	Ultraviolet
Vit	Vitamin
WHS	Women's Health Study

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