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The role of Cydonia oblonga, Portulaca oleracea, and Artemisia dracunculus on hypoxia

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خلاصه مقاله:

Background: Hypoxia exists in some malignancies and is a prognostic risk factor contributing to tumor growth and metastasis. Anti-hypoxic compounds may improve this situation and be considered anti-cancer agents. In previous reports, Cydonia oblonga, Portulaca oleracea, and Artemisia dracunculus showed anti-cancer activity. So, we investigated the anti-hypoxic activities of C. oblonga, P. oleracea, and A. dracunculus to evaluate the possible mechanism of the plant's effectiveness in treating cancer. **Methods:** Total phenolic and flavonoid contents and HPLC analysis were performed on C. oblonga leaves, P. oleracea, and A. dracunculus aerial parts extract. Anti-hypoxic activities were evaluated in asphyctic, haemic, and circulatory hypoxia models. **Results:** A. dracunculus extract (at 250 mg/kg) significantly improved the survival time compared to the normal saline ($P < 0.0001$) in asphyctic hypoxia, even its effect was significantly better than phenytoin in this dose ($P = 0.0005$). Although the extracts increased the survival time in other doses, their effects were not significant ($P > 0.05$). In haemic hypoxia, the extracts were ineffective at any

dose ($P > 0.05$). At 250 mg/kg, *P. oleracea* and *A. dracunculus* significantly increased the survival time ($P < 0.001$ and $P < 0.05$, respectively) in circulatory hypoxia. Their effects were similar to propranolol ($P > 0.05$). Conclusions: The anti-cancer effects of *C. oblonga* are not dependent on the anti-hypoxic effects. *P. oleracea* and *A. dracunculus* have anti-hypoxic effects only in high doses, indicating their extracts' weak anti-hypoxic ability or the presence of potent anti-hypoxic compounds with low concentrations in them.

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