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Protective and anti-inflammatory effects of silymarin on paraquat-induced nephrotoxicity in rats

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Introduction: Paraquat is a quaternary nitrogen herbicide which induces kidney toxicity due to producing oxidative stress. We have investigated the potential protective effects of silymarin on paraquat-induced renal toxicity. **Methods:** Twenty-four male rats were divided into three groups, group ۱, control group; group ۲, rats that received paraquat only (۲۵ mg/kg b.w./day, po); animals in group ۳, was treated with paraquat (۲۵ mg/kg b.w./day, po) and silymarin (۵۰ mg/kg b.w./day, po). Then, the serum and tissue parameters of the oxidative stress and renal histopathological changes were examined. **Results:** In group ۲ which received paraquat only, a remarkable increase ($P<0.05$) was observed in serum creatinine, urea, malondialdehyde (MDA), protein carbonyl, and tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- α). Also, there was a significant decrease in renal superoxide dismutase, catalase (CAT), ferric reducing ability of plasma (FRAP) and vitamin C in the second group. Oral administration of silymarin significantly decreased serum urea, creatinine, protein carbonyl, MDA, and TNF- α as well as renal histopathological changes. **Conclusion:** The present study suggests that silymarin has anti-inflammatory and nephroprotective effects against nephrotoxicity caused by paraquat.

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