



**PHARMACOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF 5-HYDROXYMETHYL MELOXICAM FOR ANALGESIC AND ANTIINFLAMMATORY ACTIVITIES USING ANIMAL MODELS**

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**ABSTRACT**

Many phenolic compounds have been shown to have anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects. Flavonoids and tannins, which have been detected in phytochemical studies of natural compound ethanolic extricates, may inhibit the production of prostaglandins and bradykinins. We will use the stomach-narrowing effect of acidic corrosion to identify antinociceptive experts who function on the periphery of our nervous system. Experimenters may have discovered that extracts may reduce the number of writhes that animals experience in response to the adverse effects of the boosts. When administered to rats with carrageenan-induced paws, the chemically prepared natural substances significantly reduced inflammation.

**KEYWORDS:** phenolic compounds, inflammation, natural substances.

**INTRODUCTION**

**Analgesics**

A drug that selectively relieves pain by acting in the CNS or on peripheral pain mechanisms, without significantly altering consciousness. A wide range of drugs are used to control pain. They range from mild over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, such as aspirin and acetaminophen, to strong general anaesthetics. Drugs that relieve pain often reduce fever and inflammation that are used to treat conditions such as.

- Mild to moderate pain caused by injury or surgery.
- Fever, headaches, and painful menstruation.
- Rheumatoid arthritis (a chronic inflammatory disease of the peripheral joints).
- Osteoarthritis (a chronic disease that involves wear and deterioration of joints in the body, causing inflammation).
- Chronic pain associated with cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, or sickle cell disease.

**INFLAMMATION**

Inflammation or phlogosis is pathological response of living tissue to injuries that leads to the local accumulation of plasmatic fluid and blood cell. Although it is defense can be induced, maintain or aggravate many disease. (25) It is a complex phenomenon, comprising of biochemical as well as immunological factors. Inflammation is recognized by following symptoms.

1. Rubor (redness)
2. Tumor (Swelling)
3. Calor (heat)
4. Dolor (pain)

5. Functio laesa (Loss of functions)

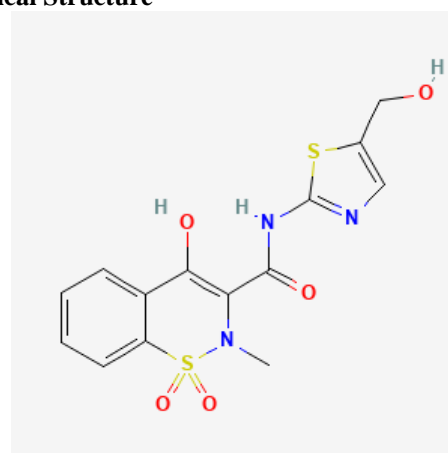
**Compound**

**5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam**

**Molecular Formula** C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

**Molecular Weight** 367.4

**Chemical Structure**



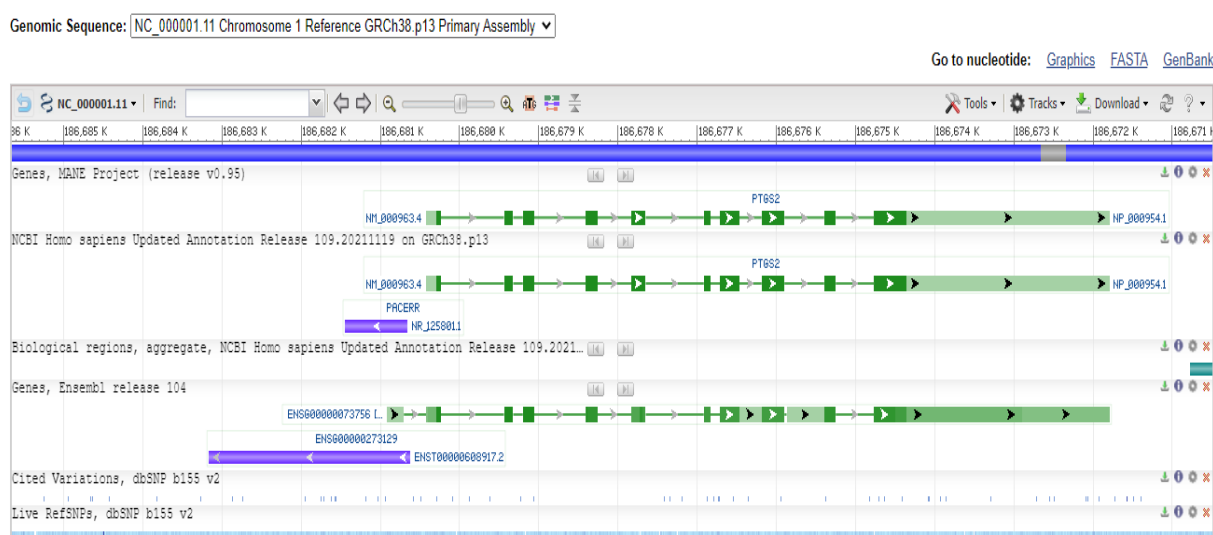
**IUPAC Name**

4-hydroxy-N-[5-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]-2-methyl-1,1-dioxo-1λ6,2-benzothiazine-3-carboxamide

**CAS**

130262-92-9

**Gene**  
**PTGS2 prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2**  
**[ *Homo sapiens* (human) ]**  
 Gene ID: 5743



## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Animal approval

The study was conducted after obtaining from committee for the purpose of control and supervision on animals (CPCSEA) and institutional animal ethics committee (IAEC).

### Animals

Swiss albino mice weighing 20-25 gm wistar rats weighing 150- 200 gm were used for this study. The animals were obtained from animal house, Nandha College pharmacy, Erode, Tamilnadu, India. On arrival, the animals were placed randomly and allocated to treatment groups in polypropylene cages with paddy husk as bedding. Animals were housed at a temperature of  $24 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and relative humidity of 30-70%. A12: 12 light: day cycle was followed. All animals were allowed to free access to water and bed with standard commercial pelleted chow. All the experimental procedures are protocols used in this study will be reviewed by Institutional Animal Ethics Committee of Shadan Women's college of Pharmacy, and were accordance with the guidelines of the IACE.

## PHARMACOLOGICAL STUDIES

### ANALGESIC ACTIVITY

#### HOT PLATE METHOD IN MICE

The hot plate assay method was employed for the purpose of preferential assessment of possible centrally mediated analgesic effects of compounds. The central analgesic drug MELOXICAM was used for positive control group. In this experiment, Swiss albino mice (20-25 g) were placed on a hot plate maintained at room temperature for 15 min. Food was withdrawn on the preceding night of the experiment.

Each animal was then individually placed gently on Eddy's hot plate at  $55^\circ\text{C}$ . Latency to exhibit nociceptive responses such as licking paws or jumping off the hot plate were determined at 30, 60, 90 and 120 min after administration of the drugs or vehicle.

#### TAIL IMMERSION TEST

This method assessment was used to evaluate the centrally mediated analgesic effects of compounds. The animals were placed into individual restraining cages leaving the tail hanging out freely. The lower 5cm portion of the tail is marked and this part of the tail was immersed in a water bath containing water at a temperature of  $55 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ . Withdrawing the tail from the hot water showed the analgesic effect. The reaction time was noted on a stop-watch. Each animal served as control. The average of the two values was the initial reaction time.

The reaction time of the groups were taken at 0, 30, 60, 90 and 120min. The cut off time of the immersion was 15seconds. The reaction time was measured.

#### ACETIC ACID INDUCED WRITHING RESPONSE IN MICE

This method was used to preferentially evaluate possible peripheral analgesic effects of compounds. Swiss albino male mice were fasted overnight prior to start the experiment with free access to water. The peripheral analgesic drug Diclofenac sodium (10 mg/kg) was used as a positive control.

After 30 min of treatment, the mice were injected intra peritoneally with 0.1 ml of 1% acetic acid solution to induce the characteristic writhings. The mice were then placed in an observation box and the numbers of writhing were counted in a 5min period. The response of

the extract and Diclofenac sodium treated groups was compared with those of animals in the control group<sup>(44)</sup>.

### ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY CARRAGEENAN-INDUCED PAW EDEMA IN RATS

Acute inflammation was produced by injecting 0.1 ml of 1% (w/v) carrageenan suspension into the sub planter region of the right hind paw of the rats. The animals were pre treated with the drug 1hour before the administration of carrageenan. The paw thickness was measured at 1, 2, 3 and 4 h after carrageenan injection by using digital vernier callipers.

### COTTON PELLETT INDUCED GRANULOMA METHOD IN RATS

Cotton pellets, weighing 5mg each were sterilized. Under ether anaesthesia, the pellets were introduced subcutaneously through a skin incision on the back of the

animals. Starting from 30 min after the implantation of cotton pellet for all the rats.

The test drugs were administered daily for 7days. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the animals were sacrificed with diethyl ether. The granulomas were removed and the weighed.

### EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

24 rats are divided into 4 groups of six rats each (n=06) and treated orally as follows –

Group-1: (normal): it was used as a normal saline rats seven days.

Group-2: (CMC): rats received distilled water orally daily for seven days,

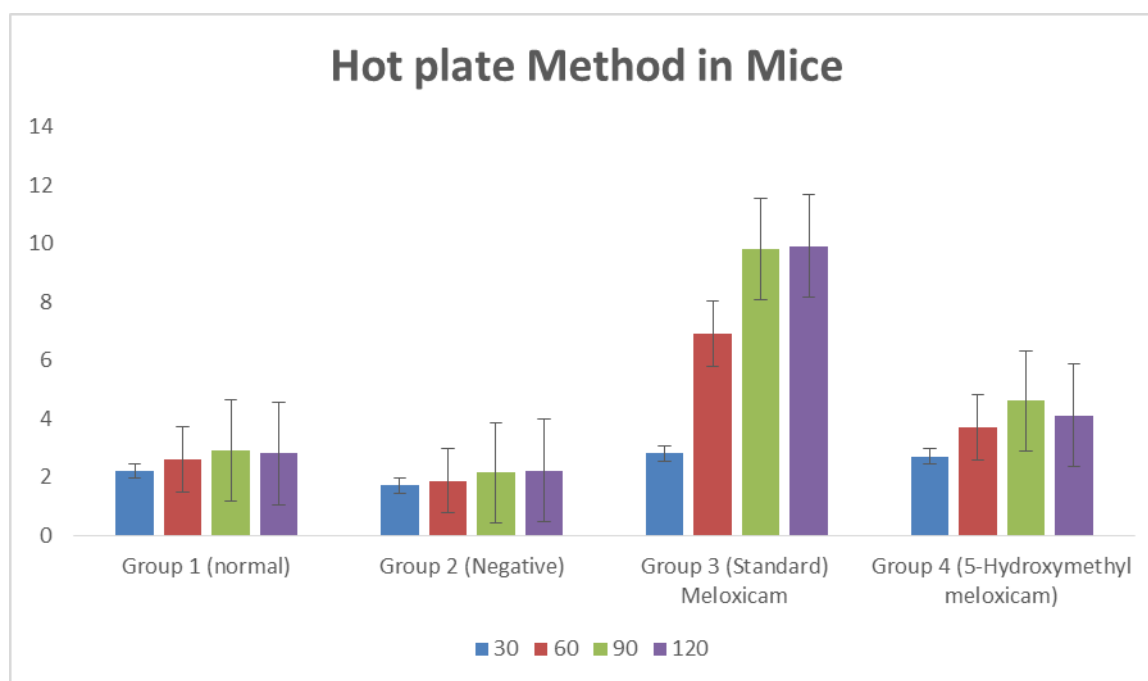
Group – 3: (CMC + MELOXICAM): rats received MELOXICAM orally daily for seven days

Group-4: (CMC kg + 5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam): rats received extract orally for seven days

## RESULTS

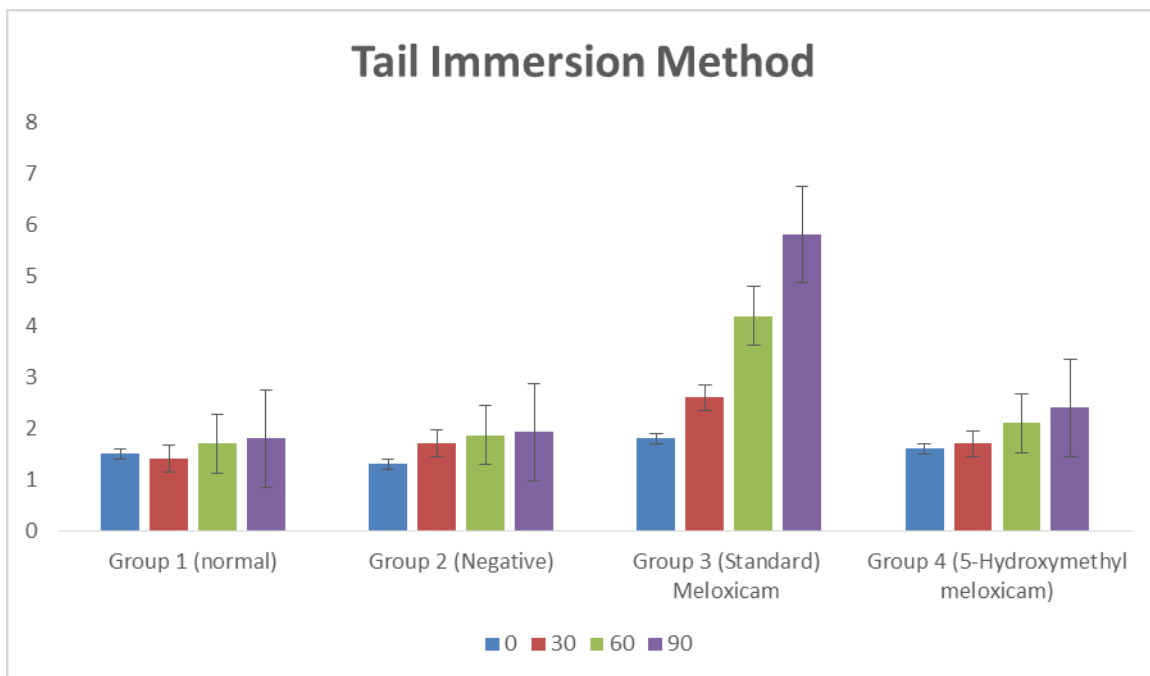
### Hot plate Method in Mice

Treatments	30	60	90	120
Group 1 (normal)	2.2 ± 0.29	2.6 ± 0.43	2.9 ± 0.11	2.8 ± 0.09
Group 2 (Negative)	1.7 ± 0.12	1.868 ± 0.27	2.14 ± 0.10	2.21 ± 0.14
Group 3 (Standard) Meloxicam	2.8 ± 0.18	6.9 ± 0.16	9.8 ± 0.09	9.9 ± 0.13
Group 4 (5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam)	2.7 ± 0.19	3.7 ± 0.15	4.6 ± 0.05	4.1 ± 0.19



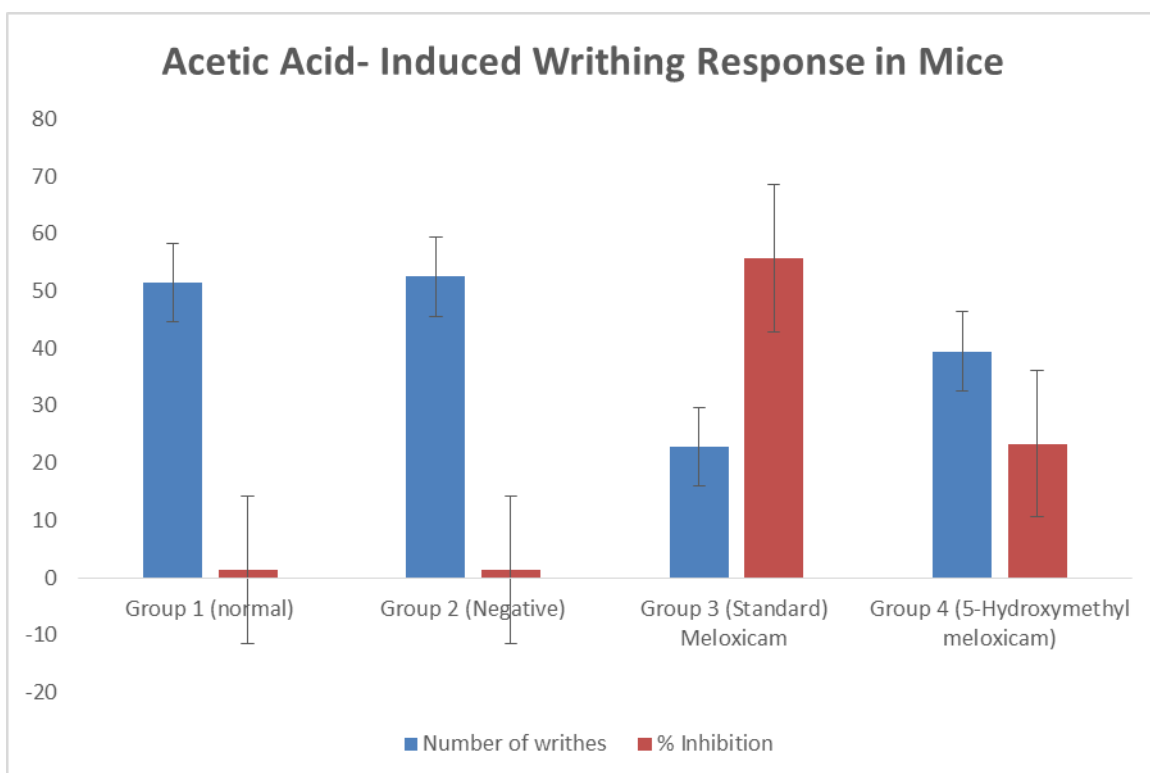
### Tail Immersion Method

Treatments	0	30	60	90	120
Group 1 (normal)	1.504 ± 0.34	1.402 ± 0.26	1.701 ± 0.28	1.803 ± 0.13	1.904 ± 0.31
Group 2 (Negative)	1.304 ± 0.36	1.705 ± 0.24	1.868 ± 0.25	1.924 ± 0.15	2.156 ± 0.24
Group 3 (Standard) Meloxicam	1.806 ± 0.37	2.604 ± 0.21	4.202 ± 0.19	5.806 ± 0.16	5.402 ± 0.22
Group 4 (5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam)	1.602 ± 0.39	1.701 ± 0.17	2.104 ± 0.25	2.402 ± 0.54	2.804 ± 0.42



**Acetic Acid- Induced Writhing Response in Mice**

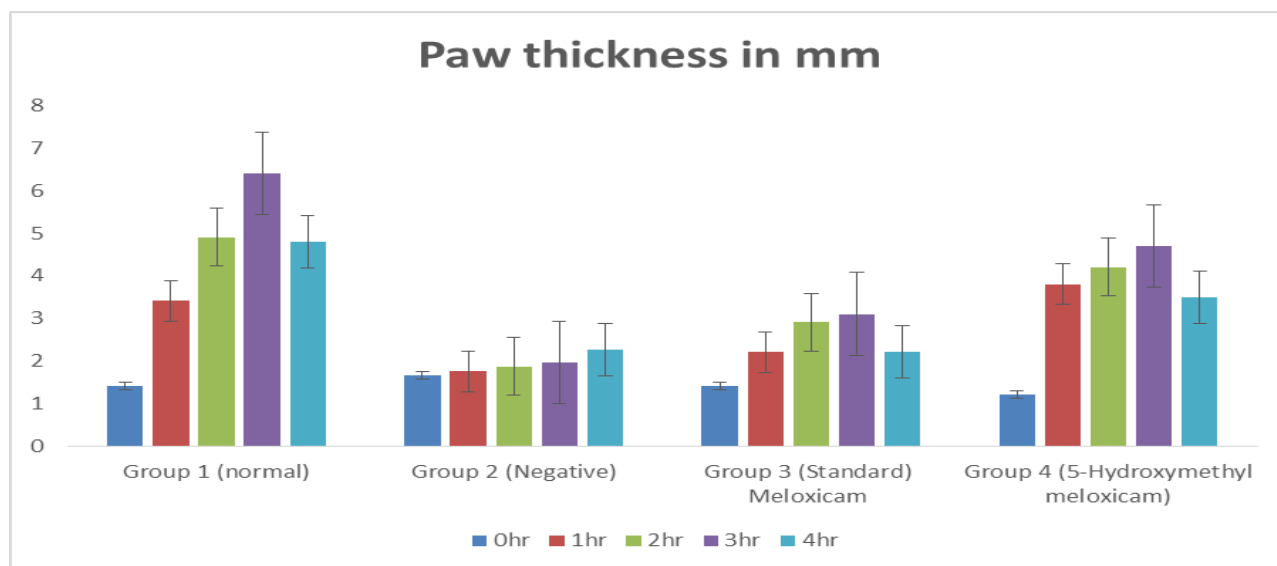
Treatments	Number of writhes	% Inhibition
Group 1 (normal)	51.464 ± 0.33	1.402 ± 0.33
Group 2 (Negative)	52.478 ± 0.26	1.412 ± 0.34
Group 3 (Standard) Meloxicam	22.819 ± 0.21	55.64 ± 0.28
Group 4 (5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam)	39.424 ± 0.34	23.34 ± 0.26



**Carrageenan-Induced Paw Edema in Rats**

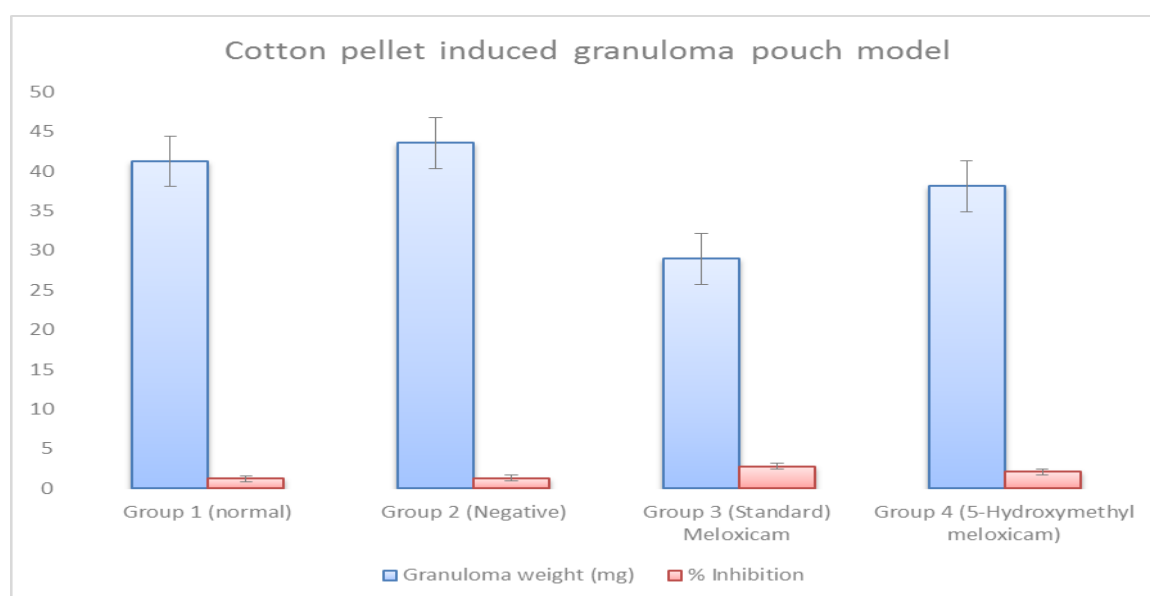
**Anti inflammatory activity of ethanolic extract of Organic compounds on Carrageenan induced paw edema method.**

Treatments	Paw thickness in mm				
	0hr	1hr	2hr	3hr	4hr
Group 1 (normal)	1.403 ± 0.02	3.406 ± 0.22	4.906 ± 0.04	6.405 ± 0.05	4.802 ± 0.08
Group 2 (Negative)	1.658 ± 0.03	1.749 ± 0.21	1.868 ± 0.07	1.957 ± 0.11	2.256 ± 0.09
Group 3 (Standard) Meloxicam	1.404 ± 0.05	2.203 ± 0.13	2.904 ± 0.09	3.102 ± 0.13	2.204 ± 0.05
Group 4 (5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam)	1.202 ± 0.04	3.804 ± 0.04	4.203 ± 0.05	4.701 ± 0.15	3.504 ± 0.18

**Cotton Pellet-Induced Granuloma Method in Rats**

**Anti inflammatory activity of ethanolic extract of Organic compounds on Cotton pellet induced granuloma pouch model.**

Treatments	Granuloma weight (mg)	% Inhibition
Group 1 (normal)	41.24 ± 0.04	1.2 ± 0.09
Group 2 (Negative)	43.58 ± 0.02	1.3 ± 0.07
Group 3 (Standard) Meloxicam	28.94 ± 0.03	2.8 ± 0.02
Group 4 (5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam)	38.14 ± 0.02	2.1 ± 0.05



**DISCUSSION**

Inflammation is a critical physiological response that occurs in response to many different types of harmful agents, including physical trauma, bacterial infection, chemicals, and physical phenomena, with the ultimate goal of minimising damage and facilitating tissue healing. Tissue regeneration, immune monitoring, and repair all work better when inflammation is present after damage (Vodovotz *et al.*, 2008). We are protected by the inflammatory response, which releases cells and mediators to eliminate invaders and stop infections.

Meloxicam and its Derivatives inhibited Carrageenan-induced inflammations in rat models, indicating that it has potent anti-inflammatory effects, according to the study's findings.

**CONCLUSION**

In order to determine the effectiveness of natural substances in reducing inflammation, the carrageenan-induced paw edema model is often used. The current investigation demonstrated that paw edema volume was generated by Carrageenan injection, and that the amount of edema seen was greatest at the 4-hour mark. The edema seen in the acute phase of inflammation was reduced by the 5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam.

5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam's effects come from its ability to prevent the production of leukotrienes. 5-Hydroxymethyl meloxicam restrained Carrageenan-induced inflammations in rodent models, demonstrating that it has powerful anti-inflammatory impacts, concurring to the study's discoveries.

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