

## **Evaluation of Allelopathic effects of *Lantana camara*(Linn) on regeneration of *Pogonatum aloides* in culture media**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Explants obtained from the apical, middle and basal parts of Pogonatum aloides were allowed to regenerate with half knop's liquid culture medium supplemented with Lantana camara(L) leaf, stem and root extract at various concentration(i.e.5,10,15,20,30,40,50%). Maximum regeneration was observed in control . The regeneration percentage decreased with increase in extract concentration of Lantana camara (L) . The leaf extract was found to exhibit maximum inhibitory effect followed by the stem and root extracts. The apical explants showed the greatest potential for regeneration followed by the middle and basal explants.*

**Key Words** – *Pogonatum aloides*, *Lantna camra*, Regeneration.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*Lantana camara* L. (family Verbenaceae ) is the among top ten invasive weeds on the earth (Sharma et.al.,2001). In its native range in Tropical America. *Lantana camara* generally remains to small thickets up to 1m diameter (Palmer and Pullen 1995). This weeds grow well on nutrient thickets and also well on nutrient deficient barren soils(Bhatt et.al.,1994) and light availability (Gentle and Duggin.,1997). There are allelochemicals present in all parts of shrub. When released in surrounding these chemicals interfere with germination of many species ( Ambika et.al.,2003; Bais et.al. 2004; Mukesh Kumar et.al.2011) Its leaf, stem and root cotain some harmful allelochemicals which inhibited the germination and growth of Bryophytes (Mersie and Sing, 1987)

Equipped with these features *Lantana camara* has potential to prevent to natural regeneration of mosses (morton, 1994; Ambika et.al.2003). Allelopathy of *Lantana camara* may be the cause of its toxicity to living beings and its ability to cause shifts in species distribution and composition when it invades other ecosystems. *Lantana* contains about 50 species. Among them *Lantana camara* Linn, contain much

harmful allelochemicals (Chopra, and Kumar, 1961). *Lantana* is an aggressive invader of natural ecosystem (Choudhary & Bapna 1995, S.R Satish kumar *et. al.* 2011).

*Lantana* has allelopathic effect against agronomic crops and it is one of the most toxic weeds in the world (Giles, K.L. 1971 Lalfakzuala R. *et.al.* 2006 ). Keeping this problem in mind an attempt has been made together information on various constituents of *Lantana camara* Linn and the effect of allelochemicals present in different plant parts which affect regeneration in Bryophytes. Very little work has been done on allelopathic effect of *Lantana* on Bryophytes. The objective of the present study is to study the Allelopathic effects of *Lantana camara* (Linn) on *Pogonatum aloides* .

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The material were collected from various localities of Dharmshala tehsil of Kangra District ( H.P). The collected moss were carefully determined. Their identification was confirmed by matching the herbarium sheets at M.D.P.G. college , Sriganganager (Rajasthan).

### Preparation of extracts

In the present experiment , *Lantana camara* Linn. Was used aqueous extract of *Lantana camara* leaves, stem , root, were separately prepared as under 200gm of fresh leavas , stem,root were separately soaked in 100ml distilled water and kept at a room temperature of 28-30<sup>0</sup>C. After 24 hour , the aqueous extract was filtered through the sieve and than some of the extracts was diluted to make the concentration to 5,10,15,20,30,40,50% (on the basis of volume) and stored for explant treatment experiment.

### Sterilization of glassware and culture media

Conical flask, plastic petri dishes, What man's filter paper No. I and test tubes were used for the experimental work. The glassware was wrapped in an aluminum foil and sterilized dry in an oven at 120<sup>0</sup>C for 48 hours. Plastic petri dishes and What man's filter paper No. 1 were wrapped in aluminium foil and sterilized in an autoclave. Half Knop's culture medium contained in corning glass flask were also sterilized by autoclaving .

### Sterilization of explants

Before setting the experiments the gametophyte of *Pogonatum aloides* were washed repeatedly under slow running tap water to remove soil particles. Then apical, middle and basal explants were surface sterilized for 2-3 minutes in 2% solution of calcium hypochlorite or some time with chlorine water and again washed with double distilled water.

### Experimental design

Explant obtained from the apical , middle and basal parts of *Pogonatum aloides* were allowed to regenerate in Petri dishes containing filter paper moistured with half- strength knop's liquid culture Supplemented with *Lantana camra* root , stem, and leaf extracts at various concentration ( i.e. 5,10,15,20,30,40 and 50 %). The regeneration percentage were recorded on 10th 20th and 30th day.

## RESULTS

1. Regeneration from Apical Explants of *Pogonatum aloides* with Leaf, Stem and Root Extract of *L. camara* in Half Knop's Liquid Culture Medium on 10th, 20th and 30th day (Table 1.1a&1.1b): On 10th day, control shows 60.00 per cent regeneration which was the highest. In leaf, stem and root extract, the regeneration was observed up to 30 % (6.67) concentration only. The mean values for regeneration per cent was maximum for root extract (30.00), followed by stem extract (25.00) and leaf extract (20.83). Regeneration occurred from 5 % concentration to 30 % concentration.

On 20th day, the maximum 66.67 per cent regeneration occurred in control. The percentage of regeneration was observed only up to 30 % (6.67) concentration of leaf extract, up to 40 % (13.33) concentration of stem extract whereas root extract shows regeneration in all the concentration up to 50 % (6.67). The mean value for regeneration per cent was maximum for root extract (40.00) followed by stem (35.00) and leaf extract (27.50). Further it is seen from the mean value that regeneration occurred up to 50 % concentration of the various extracts.

On 30 day, control resulted in the maximum per cent of regeneration i.e. 80.00 %. In leaf extract, the percentage of regeneration was observed up to 40 % (6.67) concentration. In stem extract, the percentage of regeneration was recorded up to 50 % (6.67) concentration and in root extract it was up to 50 % (13.33) concentration. The mean value for regeneration per cent was maximum for root extract (46.67), followed by stem (40.83) and leaf extract (34.17). Mean value also shows that regeneration took place up to 40 % leaf extract and up to 50 % of stem and root extracts.

Statistical analysis shows that difference between the different extracts was not significant, difference between different concentrations was always significant, but their interaction was not significant.

2. Regeneration from Middle Explants of *Pogonatum aloides* with Leaf, Stem and Root Extract of *L. camara* in Half Knop's Liquid Culture Medium on 10th, 20th and 30th day (Table 1.2a&1.2b):

.On 10th day, Table shows that the highest regeneration was recorded in control, which was 46.67 per cent. The percentage of regeneration was recorded only up to 15 % (6.67) concentration of leaf extract, up to 20 % (6.67) concentration of stem and up to 20 % (20.00) of root extract. The mean value for regeneration percentage was minimum for root extract (20.83), followed by stem (16.67) and leaf extract (11.67). There was complete inhibition of regeneration in 30 % of concentration and above.

On 20th day, the maximum per cent of regeneration was observed in control i.e. 53.33 %. In leaf extract the percentage of regeneration was recorded up to 20 % (20.00) concentration, up to 30 % (13.33) concentration of stem and root. The mean value for regeneration percentage was maximum for root extract (34.17), followed by for stem (29.17) and for leaf extract (25.00). Regeneration occurred up to 30 % concentration of various extracts.

On 30th day, it was concluded by Table (1.2a) that the percentage of regeneration increased with the passage of time. Control shows the maximum per cent of regeneration i.e. 66.67 %. In leaf extract, the percentage of regeneration was recorded up to 30 % (13.33) concentration, whereas up to 30 % (20.00) concentration of stem extract and up to 40 % (13.33) concentration of root extract. The maximum mean value for regeneration percentage was recorded for root extract (34.17) followed by stem extract (29.17) and leaf extract (25.00). Increases in concentration of each extract resulted in respective decrease of regeneration per cent.

**Table1.1a.: Showing the effect of different concentration of leaf, stem and root extract of *Lantana camara* on apical explants of *Pogonatum aloides* on 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> day in Half Knop's Liquid culture medium.**

Concentration	10 <sup>th</sup> day				20 <sup>th</sup> day				30 <sup>th</sup> day			
	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean
Control	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
5%	40.00	46.66	53.33	46.00	46.66	53.33	60.66	53.33	53.33	60.00	66.66	60.00
10%	26.66	40.00	46.66	37.77	40.00	46.66	53.33	46.66	46.66	53.33	60.00	53.33
15%	20.00	26.66	40.00	28.88	33.33	40.00	46.66	40.00	40.00	53.33	53.33	48.88
20%	13.33	20.00	33.33	22.22	26.66	33.33	40.00	33.33	33.33	40.00	46.66	40.00
30%	6.66	6.66	13.33	6.66	6.66	26.66	26.66	20.00	13.33	20.00	33.33	22.22
40%	0.00	0.00	6.66	0.00	0.00	13.33	20.00	1.11	6.66	13.33	20.00	13.33
50%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.66	2.22	0.00	6.66	13.33	6.66
Mean	20.83	25.00	30.00	25.27	27.50	35.00	40.00	34.09	34.16	40.83	46.66	40.55
SEm±	6.8	6.8	6.8	3.93	7.45	7.45	7.45	4.3	7.33	7.33	7.33	4.23
CD 5 %	19.35	19.35	19.35	11.17	21.19	21.19	21.19	12.14	24.84	20.84	20.84	12.03
Extract medium (A)SEm±	2.41				2.64				2.59			
CD 5 %	6.84				7.49				7.36			

**Table1.1b: Mean square of different days for regeneration in apical explants.**

Source	d.f	10 <sup>th</sup> day	20 <sup>th</sup> day	30 <sup>th</sup> day
Between extracts (A)	2	505.55	938.88	938.88*
Between concentrations (B)	7	4456.35**	4149.21**	5647.62**
A X B	14	80.15	56.34	30.952
Error	48	138.88	166.66	161.11

\* Significant at 5 % level of significance, \*\* Significant at 1 % level of significance

LLE= *Lantana Leaf Extract*

LSE= *Lantana Stem Extract*

LRE= *Lantana Root Extract*

It is revealed from statistical analysis that difference between the different extracts was significant on 10th day. Difference between concentrations was also significant at all time periods, but their interaction was not significant.

3. Regeneration from Basal Explants of *Pogonatum aloides* with Leaf, Stem and Root Extracts 'of *L. camara* in Half Knop's Liquid Culture Medium on 10th, 20th and 30th day (Table 1.3a&1.3b): On 10th day, Table indicates that addition of different extracts of *Lantana* resulted in decreases in regeneration percentage as compared to control (53.33 %). The per cent of regeneration was observed only up to 20 % (6.67) concentration of leaf extract, up to 30 % (6.67) concentration of stem extract whereas up to 30 % (6.67) of root extract. The mean value for regeneration percentage was maximum for root extract (25.83), followed by stem extract (22.50) and leaf

extract (15.00), It is evident from mean values that 40 % and above concentrations of various explants show total inhibition of regeneration.

On 20th day, the maximum percentage of regeneration was observed in control i.e. 60.00 %. In leaf extract regeneration per cent occurred up to 30 % (13.33) concentration, up to 30 % (20.00) concentration of stem extract and 40 % (13.33) concentration of root extract. The mean value for regeneration per cent was maximum for root extract (33.33), followed by stem (28.33) and leaf extract (22.50). It was observed from mean value that leaf and stem extract shows regeneration upto 30 %, concentration, while root extract shows regeneration upto 40 % concentration.

On 30th day, control resulted in the maximum per cent of regeneration i.e. 73.33 %. In leaf extract regeneration was observed upto 40 % (6.67) concentration, in stem up to 50 % (6.67) concentration and in root extract up to 50 % (13.33) concentration. The mean value for regeneration per cent was maximum for root extract (41.67) followed by stem extract (36.67) and leaf extract (30.00). Regeneration per cent increased with the passage of time.

It is revealed from statistical analysis that difference between the different extracts was significant on 10th day. Difference between different concentrations was always significant, but their interaction was not significant.

**Table1.2a: Showing the effect of different concentration of leaf, stem and root extract of *Lantana camara* on middle explants of *Pogonatum aloides* on 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> day in Half Knop's Liquid culture medium.**

Concentration	10 <sup>th</sup> day				20 <sup>th</sup> day				30 <sup>th</sup> day			
	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean
Control	46.66	46.66	46.66	46.66	53.33	53.33	53.33	53.33	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66
5%	26.66	33.33	40.00	33.33	33.33	40.00	46.66	40.00	40.00	46.66	53.33	46.66
10%	13.33	26.66	33.33	24.44	26.66	33.33	40.00	33.33	33.33	40.00	46.66	40.00
15%	6.67	20.00	26.66	17.77	20.00	26.66	33.33	26.66	26.66	33.33	40.00	33.33
20%	0.00	6.66	20.00	8.88	20.00	20.00	26.66	22.22	20.00	26.66	26.66	24.44
30%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.33	20.00	11.11	13.33	20.00	26.66	20.00
40%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.33	4.44
50%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mean	11.66	16.66	20.83	16.38	19.16	23.33	27.50	23.33	25.00	29.16	34.16	29.44
SEm±	5.09	5.09	5.09	2.94	6.53	6.53	6.53	3.71	6.53	6.53	6.53	3.77
CD 5 %	14.48	14.48	14.48	8.35	18.56	18.56	18.56	10.71	18.56	18.53	18.53	10.71
Extract medium (A)SEm±	1.8				2.31				2.31			
CD 5 %	5,11				6.56				6.56			

**Table1.2b: Mean square of different days for regeneration in apical explants**

Source	d.f	10 <sup>th</sup> day	20 <sup>th</sup> day	30 <sup>th</sup> day
Between extracts (A)	2	505.55*	416.66	505.55
Between concentrations (B)	7	2742.06**	3250.79**	4390.48**
A X B	14	80.15	48.41	35.71
Error	48	77.77	127.77	127.77

\* Significant at 5 % level of significance, \*\* Significant at 1 % level of significance

LLE= *Lantana Leaf Extract*

LSE= *Lantana Stem Extract*

LRE= *Lantana Root Extract*

**Table1.3a: Showing the effect of different concentration of leaf, stem and root extract of *Lantana camara* on basal explants of *Pogonatum aloides* on 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> day in Half Knop's Liquid culture medium.**

Concentration	10 <sup>th</sup> day				20 <sup>th</sup> day				30 <sup>th</sup> day			
	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean	LLE	LSE	LRE	Mean
Control	53.33	53.33	53.33	53.33	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	73.33	73.33	73.33	73.33
5%	26.66	40.00	46.66	37.77	33.33	46.66	53.33	44.44	46.66	53.33	60.00	53.33
10%	20.00	33.33	40.00	31.11	26.66	40.00	46.66	37.77	40.00	46.66	53.33	46.66
15%	13.33	26.66	33.33	24.44	20.00	33.33	40.00	33.33	33.33	40.00	46.66	40.00
20%	6.66	20.00	26.66	17.77	13.33	26.66	33.33	26.66	26.66	33.33	40.00	33.33
30%	0.00	6.66	6.66	4.44	6.66	20.00	20.00	17.77	13.33	26.66	26.66	22.22
40%	0.00	0.00	6.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.33	4.44	6.66	20.00	20.00	13.33
50%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.66	13.33	6.66
Mean	15.00	22.50	25.83	21.11	22.50	28.33	33.33	28.06	30.00	36.66	41.66	36.11
SEm±	5.44	5.44	5.44	3.14	6.53	6.53	6.53	3.77	7.07	7.07	7.07	4.08
CD 5 %	15.48	15.48	15.48	8.93	18.56	18.56	18.56	10.71	20.11	20.11	20.11	11.61
Extract medium (A)SEm±	1.92				2.31				2.50			
CD 5 %	5.42				6.56				7.10			

**Table1.3b: Mean square of different days for regeneration in apical explants**

Source	d.f	10 <sup>th</sup> day	20 <sup>th</sup> day	30 <sup>th</sup> day
Between extracts (A)	2	738.88	705.55	822.22*
Between concentrations (B)	7	3352.38**	3681.75**	4365.08**
A X B	14	78.57	57.93	22.22
Error	48	88.88	127.77	150.00

\* Significant at 5 % level of significance, \*\* Significant at 1 % level of significance

LLE= *Lantana Leaf Extract*LSE= *Lantana Stem Extract*LRE= *Lantana Root Extract*

## DISCUSSION

Regeneration process affected by allelochemicals is in the decreasing order of leaf, stem and root extracts of *Lantana camara*. Process of regeneration was very little affected by *Lantana camara* root extract, while leaf extract affected the process more adversely. Similar result were observed by Rahbar, and Chopra(1982) who studied the allelopathic effect of *L. camara* on regeneration of a liverwort *Asterella angusta*. Bhansali (2002) also concluded that leaf, stem and root extract of *L. camara* proved inhibitory for the regeneration of moss *Physcomitrium japonicum*. Chaudhary and Agrawal (2003) reported that leaf, stem and root extracts of *Lantana camara* prepared in Half Knop's liquid culture medium and water extracts inhibited the spore germination of *Plagiochasma appendiculatum*. Leaf extract is the most potent inhibitor followed by stem and root extracts.

The phytotoxicity of *Lantana* leaf extracts was the maximum due to complex interactions between its 14 phenolic compounds (Gedenas. 2001). Glandular trichomes present on the leaf surface might be storing these chemicals is the second reason, and third reason was the more solubility of allelochemicals present in leaves as compared to stem and root. Absence of glandular and non glandular trichomes on the root may result in lesser solubility of these allelochemicals content as cellular constituents of the root cells. According to Schuster(1980) allelopathy partially provides protection against decay and imparts dormancy to weed seeds

present in the soil and thus they remain viable for several years. The weeds affect plants through release of phytotoxins from seeds decomposing residues may exert allelopathic effect on neighbouring plants due to (a) Inhibition of biological nitrogen fixation, (b) Inhibition of seed germination, growth and yield.

The inhibition of regeneration process in different explant of *Pogonatum aloides* was found in the decreasing order of apical, basal and middle explant. The results are in conformity with Patidar, and Kaul (1993) and Agarwal (2003) in liverwort *Riccia billardieri* and Chohan(2002) in liverwort *Asterella angusta*. Apical explants least affected by all three extracts due to presence of higher concentration of auxin in this region. Basal explants has higher concentration of growth hormones in comparison to middle part, so basal part shows higher regeneration as compared to control and middle explants. Fulford,M (1956) found out the synthesis of auxins in the apical region of leaves. Polar transport of auxins is a well established phenomenon. The capacity of regeneration increases with passage of time which may be due to degradation of allelochemicals present in different extracts of *Lantana*.

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