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Evaluating the effect of aquatic extraction of *Cannabis sativa* seed on spatial memory consolidation

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Background

The existence of an endocannabinoid system in the central nervous system that consists of G protein-coupled CB1 cannabinoid receptor and endocannabinoids, including arachidonylethanolamide and anandamide and 2-rachidonoylglycerol, has gained general acceptance. Recent reports suggest that this system may serve several physiological functions thus, this research has tried to examine the role of Tetrahydrocannabinol on learning process and spatial memory consolidation.

Materials and methods

40 male wistar rats (3-4 month, 320-260 g) were completely divided into 4 experimental groups and control group. *Cannabis sativa* seed was extracted with Soxhlet apparatus. To test spatial memory, Morris water maze (7 days, 4 trails) was used experimental groups with 50 mg.kg⁻¹, 100 mg.kg⁻¹, 150 mg.kg⁻¹, 210 mg.kg⁻¹ were injected in the peritoneal (IP) respectively and after one hour of injection spatial memory was done.

Results

The results show that experimental groups (50 mg.kg⁻¹, 100 mg.kg⁻¹, 150 mg.kg⁻¹ doses), for learning time have significant level deduction in the comparison of control group ($p < 0.05$), but experimental group with 210 mg.kg⁻¹ dose has not significant level in the comparison of control group ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusions

The research findings show that, Cannabinoid components Injected dose dependent, can be effective on memory and learning processes in Morris water maze test.

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