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The effect of biosynthesized *Rhazya stricta* leaf extracts with gold nanoparticles on breast cancer cell lines

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Rhazya stricta is a popular plant used in folkloric medicine around many parts of Asia. Recent studies proved its medicinal properties against many diseases, inflammations and abnormal conditions. Many *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies showed the ability of plant extracts against different types of cancer. Our study is representing new records and novel techniques were first used for *R. Stricta*. All previous studies used whole leave extracts and alkaloidal fractions according to their famous medicinal reputation, while our present study also showed a cytotoxic effect of the non-alkaloidal fraction of the leaf extract against breast cancer MFC-7 cell line. On the other hand, we introduced in our study for the first time the cytotoxic effect of the biosynthesized extracts of *R. Stricta* leaves with gold nanoparticles against MFC-7 cell lines as aqueous whole extract, alkaloidal and non alkaloidal fractions of the extract. MTT test results showed cytotoxic effect of all nano-biosynthesized plant extracts when compared to non treated control group as represented by the percentage of cell death as follows: 82% non-alkaloidal fraction, 70% alkaloidal fraction, 52% whole aqueous extract and 0% for the control group. These results showed that the fractionations of the plant extracts were more effective than the whole aqueous extract against MFC-7 cell line and non-alkaloidal fraction as not expected gave the strongest effect against MFC-7 cell lines. In conclusion, our results were promising for the treatment of cancer and we recommend to apply it more *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies against more types of cancer with more experiments of the biosynthesis of *R. stricta* extracts alone or mixed with other medicinal plant extracts with more types of nanoparticles in different physical and chemical conditions to get the best results for this promising plant.

Biography

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