

Evaluation of Gastro-Protective Activity of Ethanolic Extract of Roots of *Vernonia Cinerea* Less

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Abstract: Background: *Vernonia cinerea* Less is a little shrub that belongs to the Asteraceae family and is found all throughout India. It grows to a height of 0.5 to 3 feet and has purple or pink flowers that bloom during the rainy season. *Vernonia cinerea* root has been reported to be useful against stomach acidity.

Aim: To evaluate gastro-protective activity of ethanolic extract of roots of *vernonia cinerea* less.

Method: The gastro-protective activity of ethanolic fraction of root of *Vernonia cinerea* less plant was tested by using screening technique of anti-ulcer activity.

Results and Conclusion: Administration of ethanolic extract of *Vernonia cinerea* less shows significant Anti-ulcer activity in a dose dependent manner (100mg/kg and 200mg/kg), when compared to control which is evident by decrease in ulcer index. When compared to the control, the ethanolic extract of *Vernonia cinerea* roots exhibits less substantial anti-ulcer action in a dose-dependent manner, as evidenced by a drop in ulcer index. The ulcer index of *Vernonia cinerea* roots ethanolic extract is 3.16 0.600 at 100 mg/kg and 1.91 0.396 at 200 mg/kg. In comparison, the standard (Lansoprazole) mean ulcer index is 1.83 0.459. This result suggests that ethanolic extract of root of *Vernonia cinerea* less plant possess gastro protective (anti-ulcer) activity..

Keywords: Gastro protective activity, *Vernonia cinerea* Less, Aspirin, lansoprazole, peptic ulcers

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