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Management of oxidative stress and behavior by probiotics in rats during DMH induced colon carcinogenesis

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The protective effects of probiotics i.e. Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG (LGG), a reference strain and AdF10 (Lactobacillus plantarum), an indigenous isolate were assessed in an experimental model of 1, 2-dimethylhydrazine (DMH)-induced colon carcinogenesis. Tumor incidence and tumor multiplicity were decreased significantly in DMH-treated animals supplemented with AdF10 and LGG probiotics. In addition, a significant reduction in colon tumor size was also noticed in DMH-treated animals supplemented with probiotics in comparison to animals treated with DMH alone. DMH treatment for a period of 16 weeks resulted in a significant decrease in the activity of antioxidant enzymes such as reduced glutathione (GSH), glutathione peroxidase (GPx), glutathione-S- transferase (GST), superoxide dismutase (SOD) and catalase. However, supplementation with AdF10 (L. plantarum) and LGG (L. rhamnosus GG) resulted in significant increase in the activity of these enzymes. Supplementation also resulted in significant reduction in the activity of glutathione reductase (GR), an enzyme which catalyzes the regeneration of reduced glutathione. To assess the effect of probiotics on behavior of animals, different behavioral parameters such as anxiety, memory, muscular strength and locomotor activity were studied. Probiotics supplementation to DMH-treated rats was able to reduce the anxiety and cognitive behavior among the rats in comparison to DMH-treated animals. Probiotic administration to DMH-treated animals also resulted in significant improvement in motor coordination and spontaneous locomotor activity as detected by rotarod and actophotometer, respectively.

Biography

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