

## COCCINIA GRANDIS FRUIT EXTRACT GEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF MOUTH ULCER ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED WOUND AND INFLAMMATION

DEOKAR GITANJALI S<sup>\*1</sup>, NAGARE SUJATA<sup>1</sup> PRATIKSHA DEORE<sup>1</sup>,  
KSHIRSAGAR SANJAY.J.<sup>1</sup> AHIRRAO SAPANA P<sup>1</sup>, KULKARNI PRASAD K<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Department of Quality Assurance,  
MET's Institute of Pharmacy, Bhujbal knowledge City,  
Adgaon Nashik, Maharashtra (India)

**Abstract:** Culinary utility of the *Coccinia grandis* (Cucurbitaceae) indicates the use of fruits in the form of different recipes. *Coccinia grandis* (Cucurbitaceae) is a perennial plant popularly known as kundru, Tondlee, Ivy gourd, Bimbi and Scarlet gourd etc. This herb is used in folk medicine in the form of intact fruits for healing oral ulcers. So the present work was done with an objective to develop a gel formulation from hydroalcoholic extract of *coccinia grandis* fruit for the treatment of ulcer and for healing of associated wound and inflammation. Molecular docking study was carried out for lupeol and taraxerone, the chemical constituents contained in the fruits. The dock score values were found to be -51.83 and -35.87 respectively for antiulcer activity. For wound healing activity the values found were -27.25 and -27.17 respectively for the two components, whereas the dock score values obtained for the anti-inflammatory activities were -58.6632 and -58. respectively for lupeol and taraxerone. The negative dock score value shows better affinity to bind receptor site. Application of hydroalcoholic extract gel of (20%w/w) for antiulcer and wound healing activities caused a significant reduction in ulcer and wound area when compared with the untreated controls and marketed formulation. Topical application of gel at 20%w/w concentration showed significant reduction in carrageenan induced rat paw edema. Studies carried out for Antiulcer, Wound Healing and Anti-Inflammatory activities showed promising results proving the standardized utilization of traditional herb having culinary applicability. Moreover the data was also supported by the results of computational studies of major constituents responsible for the said activities. The approach in the present study was fruitful to prove the prospectives of hydroalcoholic extract gel of *Coccinia grandis* fruit as the effective treatment for ulcer and healing associated with wound and inflammation.

**Keywords:** Antiulcer, Anti-inflammatory, *Coccinia grandis*, Culinary herb, High Throughput Screening, Molecular docking, Wound healing,

### 1 INTRODUCTION

*Coccinia grandis* (Linn) Voigt belonging to family cucurbitaceae, commonly known as “Ivy gourd, and synonym *Coccinia grandis* var. wightiana M poem Greb (www.theplant list.org) scarlet gourd” (English), “Kanduri, kundru (Hindi) and “Bimbi, tundika” (Sanskrit) is distributed throughout the hotter parts of India. In the literature, *Coccinia grandis* is described to have wide range of medicinal applications. Cucurbitacins comprise of a group of tetracyclic triterpenoids found in the Cucurbitaceae family. Plants containing cucurbitacins are found to

possess anti- inflammatory, antipyretic, analgesic, anti-tumor and anti microbial, antiulcer, wound healing), antifungal, antidiabetic activities. Indian system of traditional knowledge i.e. Ayurveda is well known for its effective herbal treatments. The plant *Coccinia grandis* has been widely used in traditional Indian medicinal system (Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha) since very ancient time. Traditional data base also reports many formulations containing different parts of plant of *Coccinia grandis* (Linn) Voigt as the medicinal component. *Coccinia* includes 29

---

\* Corresponding Author

additional species and they are found only in tropical Africa.

This herb is used in folk medicine in the form of intact fruits for healing oral ulcers. But the standardized approach to check the applicability through molecular docking studies and then to validate the predicted activities was not observed in the literature till date so the aim of the present research work was to use the standard approach to prove the utility of the herbal medicine for the treatment of Mouth Ulcer along with associated wound and inflammation.

## 2 MATERIALS AND METHOD

### 2.1 Excipients

Polyethyleneoxide were obtained from ColorCon Ltd, Goa India. Methyl paraben, Mannitol and Glycerin were obtained from Thomson bekar.

### 2.2 Drug and Extract

Lupeol were obtained from Natural Remedies, Bangalore. Hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* Fruit Extract were obtained from Green Chem Herbals, Bangalore.

### 2.3 Animals

A total healthy wistar rats weighing 150-250g of either sex, bred locally in the animal house of BKC MET's IOP, Nashik were selected for the antiulcer and wound healing studies and also used for primary skin irritation. Swiss albino mice (26-35gm) were used in Anti-inflammatory experiments test.

They were housed under controlled conditions of temperature ( $23 \pm 2$ ) °C, humidity ( $50 \pm 5$ ) % and 10-14 hours of light and dark cycles. The study was conducted after obtaining the approval from Institutional Animal Ethical Committee. ( Reg. No.1344/AC/10/CPCSEA/IAEC Project Approval No.MET/BKC/IOP/IAEC2014-15Pr.05) as per the Indian CPCSEA guidelines.

## 3. EXPERIMENTATION

### 3.1 High Throughput Screening

Molecular Docking Study of chemical constituent of *Coccinia grandis* for antiulcer, wound healing and anti-inflammatory activities.

Computational study for lupeol and taraxerone were carried out using Vlife MDS software. The results are mentioned in **table 2** and **figures 1-6**.

#### Hardware and Software

All Docking studies and conformational analysis were performed using the Molecular Design Suite (VLife MDS software package, version 4.3; from VLife Sciences, Pune, India)

#### Structure Conformation Generation

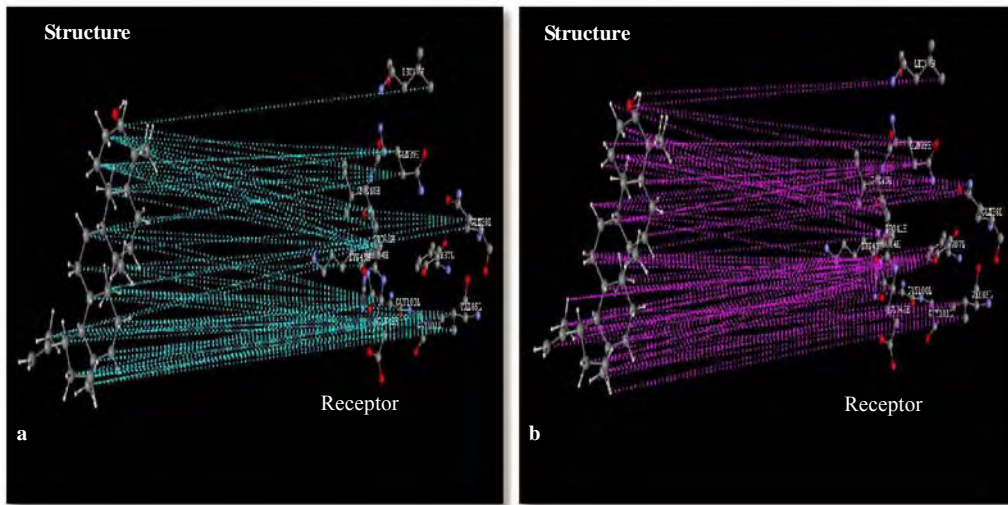
Structures of compounds were sketched using the 2D structure draw application(Vlife2D draw) and converted to 3D structures. All the structures were minimized and optimized with the AMBER method taking the root mean square gradient (RMS) of 0.01 kcal/molÅ<sup>°</sup> and the iteration limit to 10,000. Conformers for each structure were generated using Monte Carlo by applying AMBER force field method and least energy conformer was selected for further study.

#### Preparation of protein

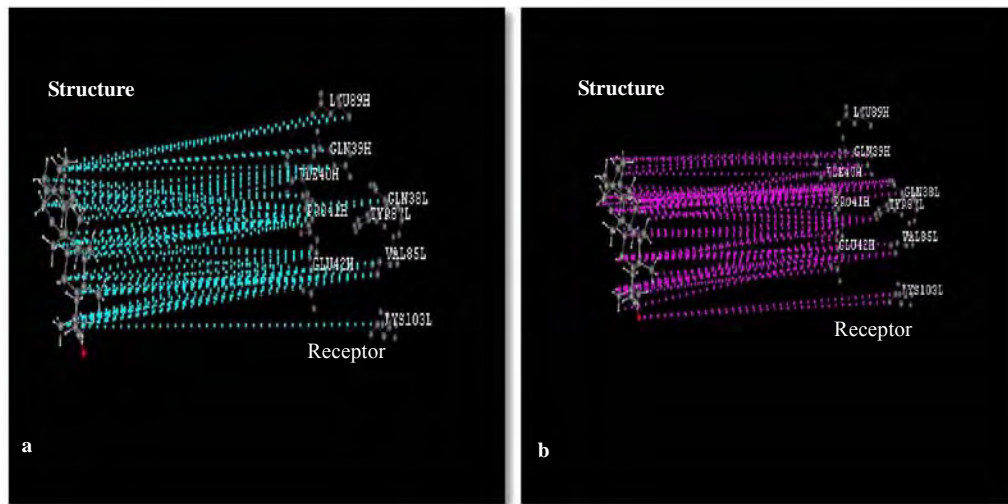
The PDB structures [2PRG, 2MKG, 2J67, 3CFC, 4QDH] were downloaded ([www.rcsb.org/pdb/home](http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/home)) and energy minimization of the protein complex was performed. All the bound water molecules, ligands, and cofactors were removed (preprocess) from the proteins which were taken in .pdb format. The tool neutralized the side chains that were not close to the binding cavity and did not participate in salt bridges. This step was then followed by restrained minimization of co-crystallized complex, which reoriented side-chain hydroxyl groups and alleviated potential steric clashes. The complex obtained was minimized using AMBER force field. The minimization was terminated after either completion of 5,000 steps or after the energy gradient converged below 0.05 kcal/mol.

#### Preparation of ligands

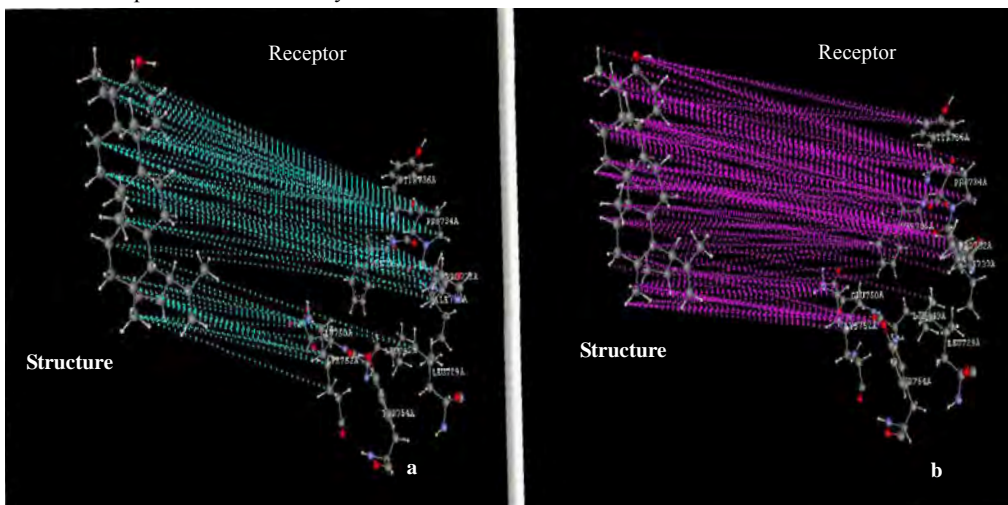
Structures of the LUPEOL and TARAXERONE ligands were sketched using built Vlife2D draw taken in.mol2 format which converts it into 3D structure and perform a geometry



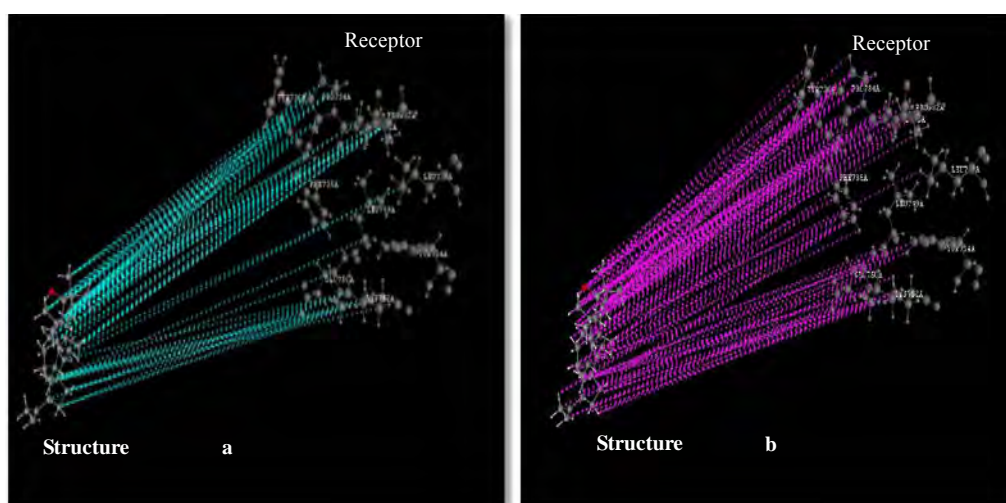
**Fig. 1:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Lupeol with Active Site of Receptor antiulcer activity



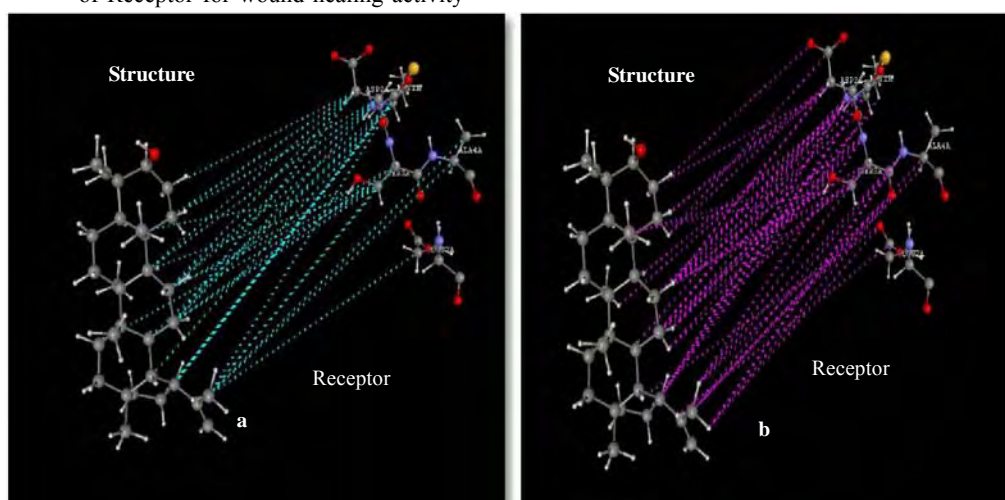
**Fig. 2:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Taraxerone with Active Site of Receptor antiulcer activity



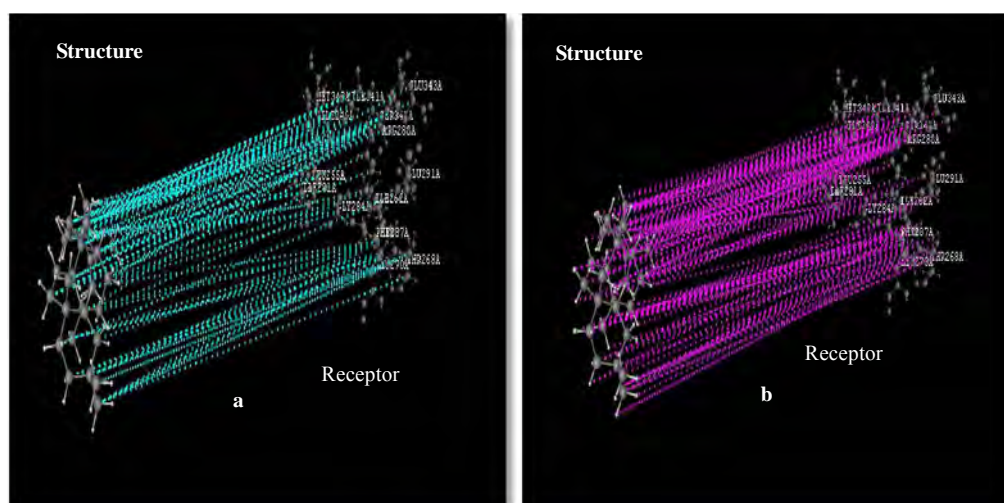
**Fig.3:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Lupeol with Active Site of Receptor Wound healing activity



**Fig. 4:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Taraxerone with Active Site of Receptor for wound healing activity



**Fig. 5:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Lupeol with Active Site of Receptor Anti-inflammatory Activity



**Fig.6:** (a) Hydrophobic Interaction and (b) Vander Waal Interaction of Taraxerone with Active Site of Receptor Anti-inflammatory Activity

minimization of the ligands. AMBER Force Fields with default settings were used for the ligand minimization.

### Docking methodology

Docking study was performed on VLifeMDS version 4.3 on Lenovo computer, i3 processor with XP operating system. The Grip ligand docking with approximated a systematic search of positions, orientations, and conformations of the ligand in the enzyme binding pocket via a series of hierarchical filters. The minimum dock score of example may not be exactly reproducible. However changing the different input parameters in Grip Parameters dialog box (like Number of Generations, Translation, Rotation limits etc.) can result in dock scoring energies within desired range and improvement in the orientation of docked ligand as close to that of co-crystallized ligand as possible.

### Interpretation of docking studies

[PDB ID: 2PRG, 2MKG, 2J67, 3CFC, 4QDH]. Docking studies were carried out and scoring functions, their binding affinities and orientation of designed compounds having blocking property of active site of the receptor were calculated and interpreted.

## 3.2 Estimation of drug content in Hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis*

### 3.2.1 Preparation of standard solution

Lupeol (5mg) was taken and dissolved in 10 ml of Phosphate buffer 6.8 pH (Stock solution 1). From this stock solution, dilutions were prepared using micropipette and diluted with 10 ml Water: Ethanol (70:30) mixture [stock solution-2]. The dilutions prepared were of the concentration range 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100 mcg/ml respectively. The absorbance was measured at 255 nm against water: ethanol as blank.

### 3.3.2 Preparation of test solution of *Coccinia grandis* extract

Content estimation of extract was done by the following procedure: Stock solution (1000ig/ml) was prepared in 6.8 pH phosphate buffer, then working dilutions (50ig/ml) was prepared using

water:ethanol (70:30) as a solvent ratio in triplicate. The absorbances of resulting dilution were measured at 255 nm l max using Uv-visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, 1800) against respective solvent blank. Mean of absorbance 50ig/ml were put in Equation of standard Lupeol  $Y=0.0035x+0.0248$  and the content of lupeol in hydroalcoholic extract of *coccinia grandis* fruit extract was calculated. l Max of Lupeol in water:ethanol (70:30) and calibration curve are shown in **figure. 7**

### 3.3.3: Preparation of Gel Formulation:

The gel formulation was prepared by using polyethylene oxide as base. Polymer prehydrated for 12 hours was dissolved in 40 ml of distilled water with constant stirring for about one hour. Then 15 ml ethanolic solution of extract of *coccinia grandis* fruit was added. On continued stirring glycerine, mannitol, methyl paraben were dissolved in the above polymer drug solution. Volume was made up with distilled water till the weight of the gel reached to 100 gm. Composition of optimized batch oral gel and its evaluation is given in **Table-3**

## 3.3 Evaluation of gel

The results are mentioned in table 3

### 3.3.1 Physical Examination

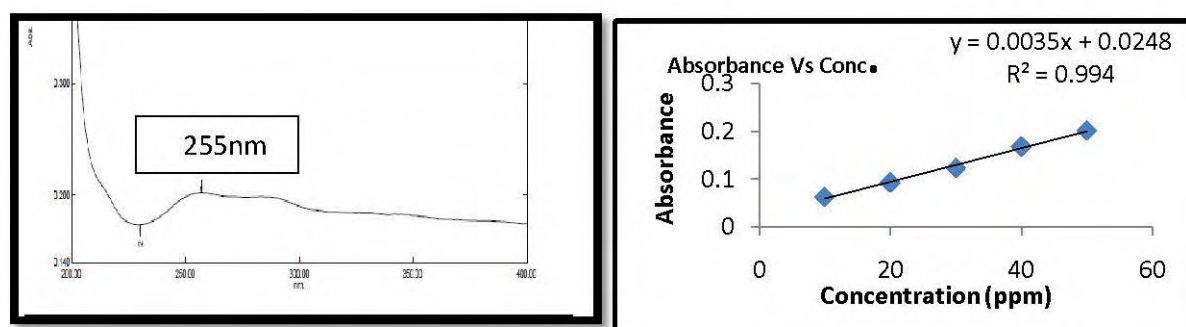
The optimized gel formulations were inspected visually for their physical appearance.

### 3.3.2 Measurement of pH

The pH of optimized formulations was determined by using calibrated pH meter (Systronic pH meter). Gel (1gm) weighed and taken in 50 ml beaker, 10ml of water was added to it and the gel was disperse properly. pH was determined in triplicate.

### 3.3.4 Viscosity

The viscosity of optimized oral gel formulation was determined at room temperature using a Brook field viscometer. The viscosity was measured by using Spindle No. 2012)



**Fig.7:** Determination of 1 Max of Lupeol in water:ethanol (70:30) and calibration curve

**Table 1.** Study Protocol for Ulcer and Wound Healing

Group 1 (Control)	Group 2 (Standard)	Group 3 (Test)	
	Marketed formulation application	Optimized batch (10%w/w gel)	Optimized batch (20%w/w gel)
3 animal	3 animal	3 animal	3 animal

**Table 2.** Dock Score of Lupeol and Taraxerone

Sr. No.	Activity	Active constituent	Receptor	Dock Score
1	Antiulcer	Lupeol	3CFC	-51.8369
		Taraxerone		-35.8751
2	Wound healing	Lupeol	2J67	-27.2525
		Taraxerone		-27.1426
3	Anti-inflammatory	Lupeol	2PRG	-58.6632
		Taraxerone		-58.66315

**Table 3.** Composition and Evaluation parameter for Prepared Gel

Ingredients	Optimized batch from 10%w/w formulation	Optimized batch 20%w/w formulation
<i>Coccinia grandis</i> Fruit (extract*)	10 gm	20 gm
Glycerin	2.21 gm	3.63 gm
Polyethylene Oxide	5.27 gm	5.05 gm
Mannitol	1 gm	1 gm
Methyl Paraben	0.05 gm	0.05 gm
Ethanol	15 ml	15 ml
Distilled water (Quantity Sufficient)	To make up to 100 gm	To make up to 100 gm
<b>Evaluation of Gel Formulation</b>		
Physical appearance	Brown colour	Brown colour
pH	6.69±0.266	7.01±0.117
Rheological properties at (2.5rpm)	1088cPs	1178 cPs
Spreadability	17.423gm.cm/sec	8.765gm.cm/sec
Content Estimation	88.378±0.758	85.992±0.989
% Release	89.96	82.46

\*= Hydroalcoholic extract of

### 3.3.5 Spreadability

One of the criteria for gel to meet the ideal properties is that it should possess good spreadability. The spreadability of the optimized

formulation was determined using an apparatus described in the literature. This apparatus was fabricated in our laboratory. The apparatus consisted of two glass slides (7.5×2.5 cm), one of which was

fixed onto the wooden board and the other was movable, tied to a thread which passed over a pulley carrying a weight. One gm of formulation was placed between the glass slides. 100 gm weight was allowed to rest on the upper slide for 1 to 2 minutes to expel the entrapped air between the two slides and to provide a uniform film of the formulation. The weight was removed and the top slide was subjected to a pull obtained by attaching 20 gm weight over the pulley. The time required for moving slide to travel premarked distance i.e. 10 cm was noted. The readings obtained were indications of relative spreadability of different formulations. It is term expressed to denote the extent of area to which gel readily spreads on application to skin or affected part. The therapeutic efficacy of a formulation also depends upon its spreading value. Spreadability is expressed in terms of time in seconds taken by two slides to slip off from oral gel and placed in between the slides under the direction of certain load. Lesser the time taken for separation of two slides, better the spreadability.

### 3.3.6 Content Estimation

Optimized gel formulation (50 mg), containing approximately 10 mg of drug (lupeol) for 20% gel was taken in a 100ml volumetric flask and diluted with Phosphate buffer (6.8pH) and shaken to dissolve. From this stock solution 1ml was taken and diluted to 10 ml Water: Ethanol (70:30). The content of the drug was estimated spectrophotometrically by using standard curve lupeol plotted at 255 nm.

### 3.3.7 Permeability studies

*In vitro* diffusion was carried out by Lab Fabricated diffusion cell. A glass cylinder with both ends open, 10 cm height, 3.7 cm outer diameter and 3.1 cm inner diameter was used as diffusion cell. An egg membrane (soaked in phosphate buffer 24 hours before use) was fixed to one end of the cylinder with the aid of an adhesive to result as a diffusion cell. One gm of gel was taken in the cell (donor compartment) and cell was immersed in a beaker containing 100 ml of phosphate buffer pH 6.8 as receptor compartment. The entire surface of the cell was in contact with the receptor compartment which was agitated using magnetic stirrer and a temperature of  $37\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  was maintained.

Samples (5 ml) were withdrawn from the receptor compartment at 10 min interval of time over a period 90 min with same amount replaced to maintain sink condition. From 5ml withdrawn samples solution, 1ml sample was again withdrawn, then diluted upto 10 ml with Water:ethanol (70:30) and was analyzed at 255 nm against blank water:ethanol(70:30) using UV Spectrophotometer. Drug Released at various time intervals was calculated.

### 3.3.8 Primary skin irritation test

This study was carried out on healthy wistar rats of either sex. The animals were divided into three groups i.e. control, test and standard each group containing 3 rats. The back skin of area was shaved before one day of starting the study. Formalin was used as standard. The study was carried out for 2 days. At the end of study, the animals were observed for any skin irritation like erythema or rashes.

## 3.4. Antiulcer and wound healing activity studies of gel

### 3.4.1 Formulations:

The optimized batches from 10%w/w and 20% w/w gel were selected. The gel was prepared by incorporating 10g and 20g of hydroalcoholic extract of *Cocciniagrandis* fruit respectively into 100g of gel.

### 3.4.2 Marketed formulation:

Oracep gel and Soframycin Cream (FramycetinSulphate IP) - 1% w/w were selected as antiulcer and wound healing activity standards.

### 3.4.3 Treatment schedule:

Optimized batches from 10% w/w and 20% w/w gel applied twice a day to experimental animal until they were cured.

### 3.4.4 Study Protocol:

3 Groups were used. Each group consisted of 3 animals as referred in **table 1**

### 3.4.5 Burn Wound:

Partial thickness burn ulcer and burn wound were inflicted on animal by heating glass rod on burner; the glass rod was placed on the lower jaw of the animal covering an area upto (40 mm<sup>2</sup>) in circular area and for wounds hot molten wax was poured at 80 °C temp. The wax was poured on the shaven back of the animal using a glass rod area upto (40 mm<sup>2</sup>) in circular area. The wax was allowed to remain on the skin till it got solidified. Immediately after injury and subsequent days, gel was applied topically.

### 3.4.6 Measurement of ulcer and wound area:

The ulcer and wound were traced on camera on the day of subsequently on alternate 3

days until healing was complete. Changes in the ulcer and wound area were calculated giving an indication of the rate of ulcer and wound contraction. The number of days required for falling of the wound was determined as period of epithelization. The appearance of wound healing on day - 0, 3, 6, and 9, days is shown in photographs. Table no.4 & 5 and figures 8,9,10 for antiulcer activity and

$$\% \text{ Wound Contraction} = (\text{Healed Area}) / (\text{Total Area}) \times 100$$

### 3.4.7 Statistical analysis

The results are presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation, when applicable. Results for antiulcer and wound activity groups were compared with a paired Student–Newman–Keuls test carried out by using INSTAT software. Considering values of p d” 0.05 statistically significant. Anti-inflammatory ANOVA

**Table 4.** Ulcer area

Conc. Hydroalc. Extract	Day 1	Day 3	Day6	Day9	Epithelization time - (In days)
Control	8.9 $\pm$ 4.365	7.38 $\pm$ 3.398	5.021 $\pm$ 1.782	3.520 $\pm$ 1.086	11.33 $\pm$ 0.57
Test(10%w/w)	9.1533 $\pm$ 7.76	8.561 $\pm$ 7.775	2.1466 $\pm$ .225	0.672 $\pm$ 0.603	11 $\pm$ 1
Test (20%w/w)	2.902 $\pm$ 1.025	2.419 $\pm$ .7636	1.985 $\pm$ .774	0.261 $\pm$ 0.43	9.66 $\pm$ 0.57
Standard (Marketed )	6.751 $\pm$ 1.128	6.30 $\pm$ 1.168	2.276 $\pm$ 1.069	1.270 $\pm$ 0.813	10.66 $\pm$ 0.57

Values are mean  $\pm$ SD of 3 readings

**Table 5.** Ulcer contraction area

Days	Control(mm) (mean)%	Test(mm)		Marketed(mm) (mean)%
		10%w/w gel	20%w/w gel	
1	100	100	100	100
3	91.46	95.73	91.57	96.58
6	76.21	50.65	82.42	67.66
9	67.02	23.46	17.52	42.15

**Table 6.** Wound area

Conc.Hydroalc. Extract	Day 1	Day 3	Day 6	Day 9	Epithelization time (In days)
Control	20.14 $\pm$ 7.86	15.04 $\pm$ 5.057	10.72 $\pm$ 3.17	6.34 $\pm$ 1.249	12 $\pm$ 1
Test (10%w/w)	38.465	29.89 $\pm$ 2.832	5.956 $\pm$ 5.943	-	7.66 $\pm$ 0.57
Test (20%w/w)	43.43 $\pm$ 18.17	31.98 $\pm$ 18.86	5.42 $\pm$ 8.756	-	6.66 $\pm$ 1.15
Standard (Marketed )	31.66 $\pm$ 5.89	19.756 $\pm$ 3.92	8.43 $\pm$ 4.819	-	8 $\pm$ 1

Values are mean  $\pm$ SD of 3 reading

**Table 7.** Wound contraction area

Days	Control (mm <sup>2</sup> ) (mean)%	Test (mm <sup>2</sup> )		Marketed (mm <sup>2</sup> ) (mean)%
		Optimized 10%w/w gel	Optimized 20%w/w gel	
1	100	100	100	100
3	86.66	88.09	84.12	78.98
6	73.33	33.33	25.01	50.02
9	56.66	0000	0000	0000



**Table 8.** Paw Thickness (mm) for control

Sr. No.	No. of Animals	Time (Minutes)								
		0	30	60	90	120	150	180	240	300
1	3	1.22	2.14	2.28	2.48	2.66	3.02	3.14	3.28	3.42
2	3	1.24	2.16	2.42	2.62	2.78	3.12	3.23	3.44	3.48
3	3	1.18	2.16	2.26	2.44	2.58	2.88	3.26	3.42	3.48

**Table 9.** Paw Thickness (mm) for Standard

Sr. No.	No. of Animals	Time (Minutes)								
		0	30	60	90	120	150	180	240	300
1	3	1.22	2.12	2.22	2.00	1.68	1.44	1.36	1.28	1.22
2	3	1.20	2.16	2.28	2.12	1.88	1.48	1.38	1.26	1.20
3	3	1.18	2.18	2.34	2.22	2.08	1.88	1.64	1.42	1.18

**Table 10.** Paw Thickness (mm) for Test

Sr. No.	No. of Animals	Time (Minutes)								
		0	30	60	90	120	150	180	240	300
1	3	1.26	1.28	1.22	2.3	2.34	2.32	2.18	1.42	1.30
2	3	1.22	1.24	2.18	2.34	2.46	2.36	2.20	1.40	1.34
3	3	1.20	1.36	2.24	2.28	2.52	2.42	2.40	1.48	1.36

generated by INSTAT software . For 20%w/w gel the P value was found to be 0.0001, considered extremely significant by using Dunnett Multiple Comparisons Test.

### 3.5 Anti-inflammatory study of gel

#### Carrageenan induced mice paw edema

Oral gel containing *Coccinia grandis* was evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity topically using carrageenan induced Swiss albino mice paw edema method. Swiss albino mice (30-40 g) were randomly distributed into three groups of three animals each. The first group served as a control (no application of any gel), second group served as the standard (Volteran Diclofenac sodium gel topically), while the third group received topical (oral) gel from optimized batch of (20%w/w gel) formulation applied to right hind paw. After 1 hr 0.1 ml of 1% w/v suspension of carrageenan (Sigma Aldrich) was injected into the sub-plantar region of

the right hind paw to all the three groups. The paw volumes were measured using vernier caliper every hour till 5 hr after carrageenan injection, and mean increase in paw volumes were noted. The control group received only distilled water. The paw thickness was measured at 30 mins intervals for 5 hr. The results are mentioned in Tables 8, 9 and 10.

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Preliminary evaluation

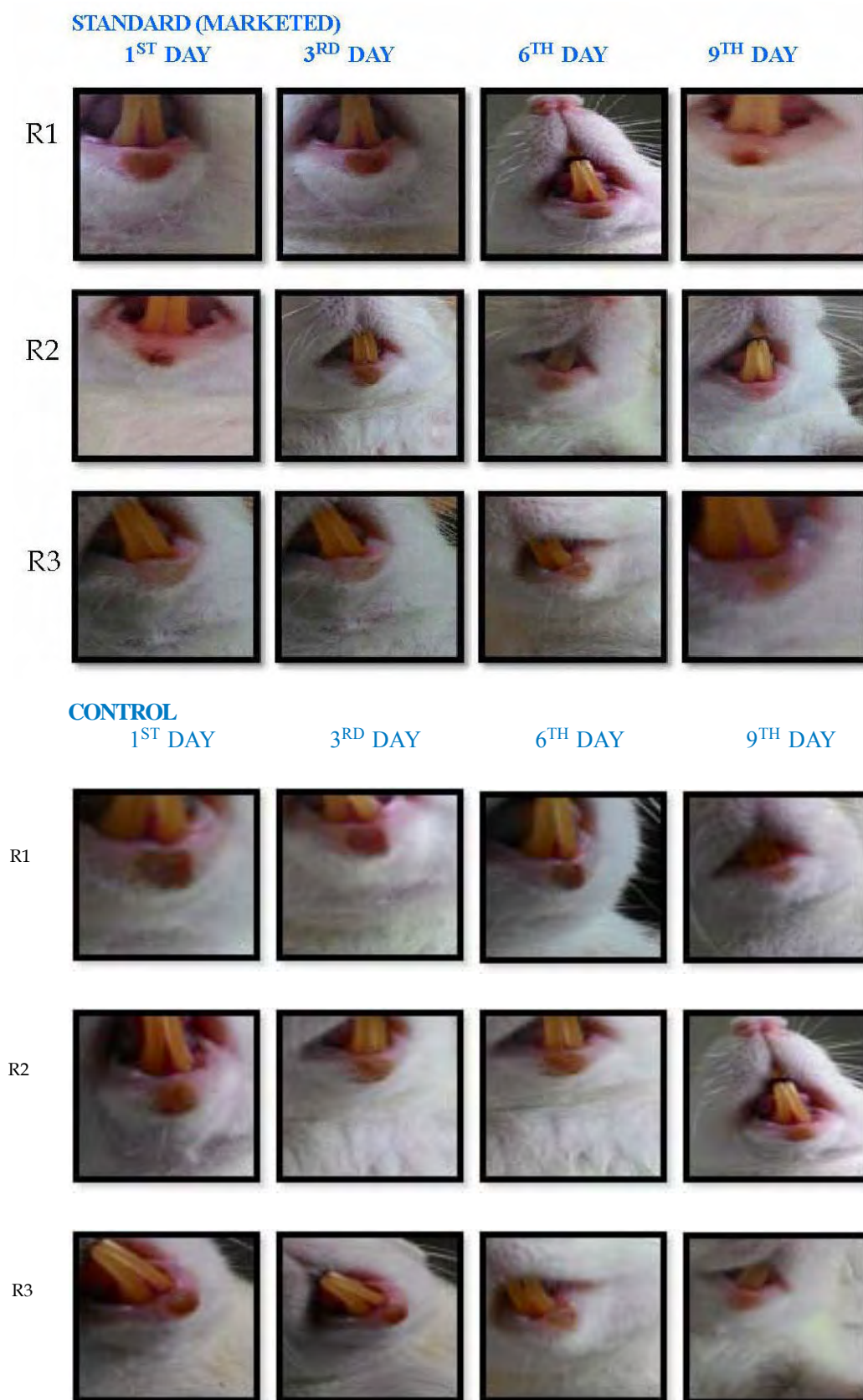
#### 4.1.1 Molecular docking

study of chemical constituent of *Cocciniagrandis* fruit result are mentioned in Table 2 and fig. 1-6 Lupeol and Taraxerone

#### 4.1.2 Content Estimation of extract

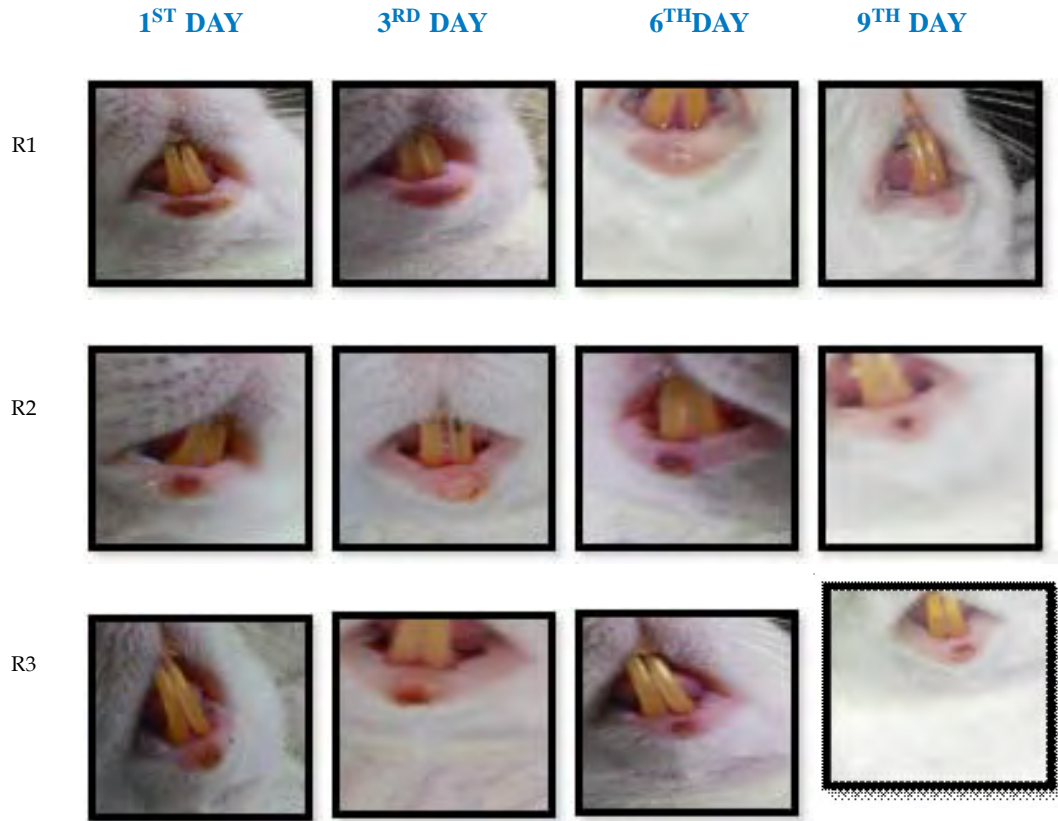
Calculated using straight line equation(Fig 7). Lupeol was found 10ig/ml in 50ig/ml of extract considering the concentration of lupeol in extract.

**Fig. 8 :** Observation of Normal animals for antiulcer activity

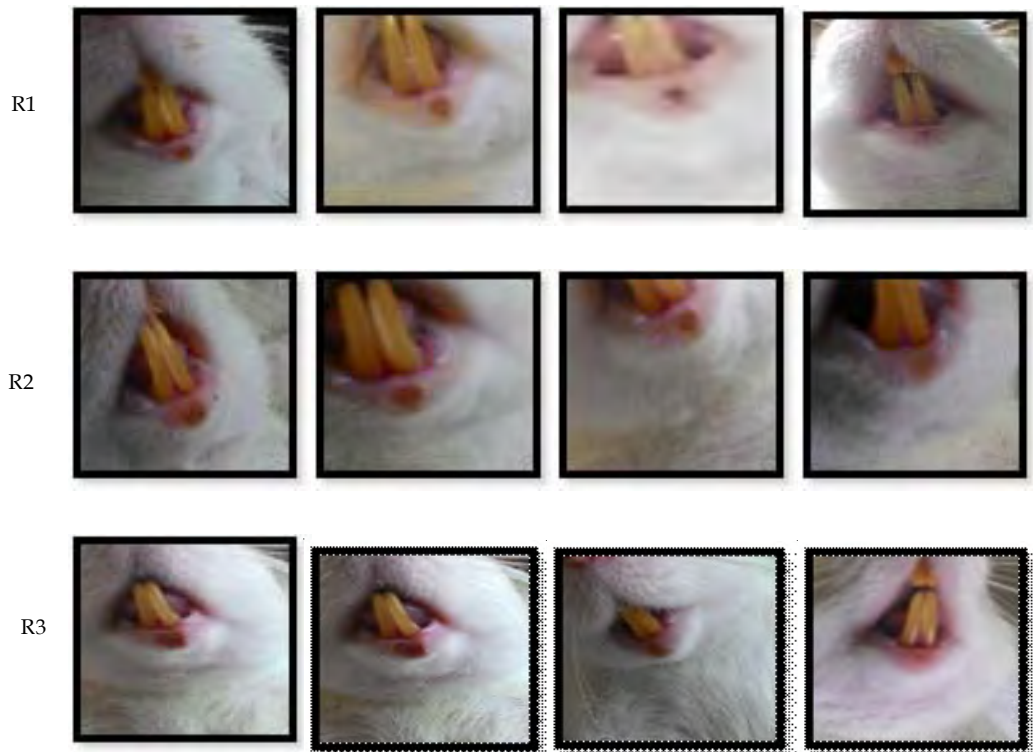


**Fig.9:** Observation of Standard and Control animal for antiulcer activity

**TEST:** (a) 10% w/w gel application



**(b) 20%w/w gel application**



**Fig.10:** Observation of 10 and 20% gel application for antiulcer activity

So the 1 gram of Hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* fruit extract was found contain 200mg lupeol.

#### 4.1.3 Evaluation of gel

Composition and Evaluation parameter for Prepared Gel

#### 4.1.4 Antiulcer, wound healing and anti-inflammatory activity studies of *Cocciniagrandis* fruit gel

The effect of *Coccinia grandis* fruit extract administered orally and topically for antiulcer and wound healing in rats with burn wound model. Ulcer and wound contraction studies in *Coccinia grandis* hydroalcoholic extract revealed that 20 %w/w of hydroalcoholic extract have maximum antiulcer and wound healing activities.

**Antiulcer activity:** In this model, *coccinia grandis* gel treated animals for ulcer were found to epithelise in 9 days while the standard (marketed) and the untreated rat's epithelise with 11 and 12 days respectively. On the 9th day, the percentage wound area reduction calculated for control rats, marketed rats and the extract treated rats 10% and 20% gel were 67.02%, 42.15% and 23.46% and 17.52% respectively. Result are shown in **Table 4 & 5** and figures 8,9,10 for antiulcer activity and **Table 6 & 7** and figures **11,12, 13** for wound healing activity.

**Wound Healing Activity:** In this model, *coccinia grandis* gel treated animals for wound were found to epithelise in 7 days while the standard (marketed) and the untreated rat's epithelise with 8 and 12 days respectively. On the 6th day, the percentage wound area reduction calculated for control rats, marketed rats and the extract treated rats 10% and 20% gel were 73.33%, 50.02% and

25.01% and 33.33 %respectively result are shown **Table 6 & 7** and figures **11,12,13**.

#### 4.1.5 Statistical analysis

ANOVA for antiulcer and wound healing test of 20% oral gel followed by Student –Newman-keuls test, the P value <0.0001 is consider as extremely significant. ANOVA for 10%w/w oral gel is not significant. ANOVA for anti-inflammatory test of 20% gel followed by Dunnett test the P value is<0.0001 is consider as extremely significant using INSTAT software. 3.5

#### 4.1.6 Anti-inflammatory Activity

The study reveals that the extract show a significant reduction in carageenan induced rat paw edema at the dose of 200 mg/kg body weight. ANOVA generated by INSTAT software indicates P value of 0.0001 which is considered extremely significant by using Dunnett Multiple Comparison test

## 5. DISCUSSION

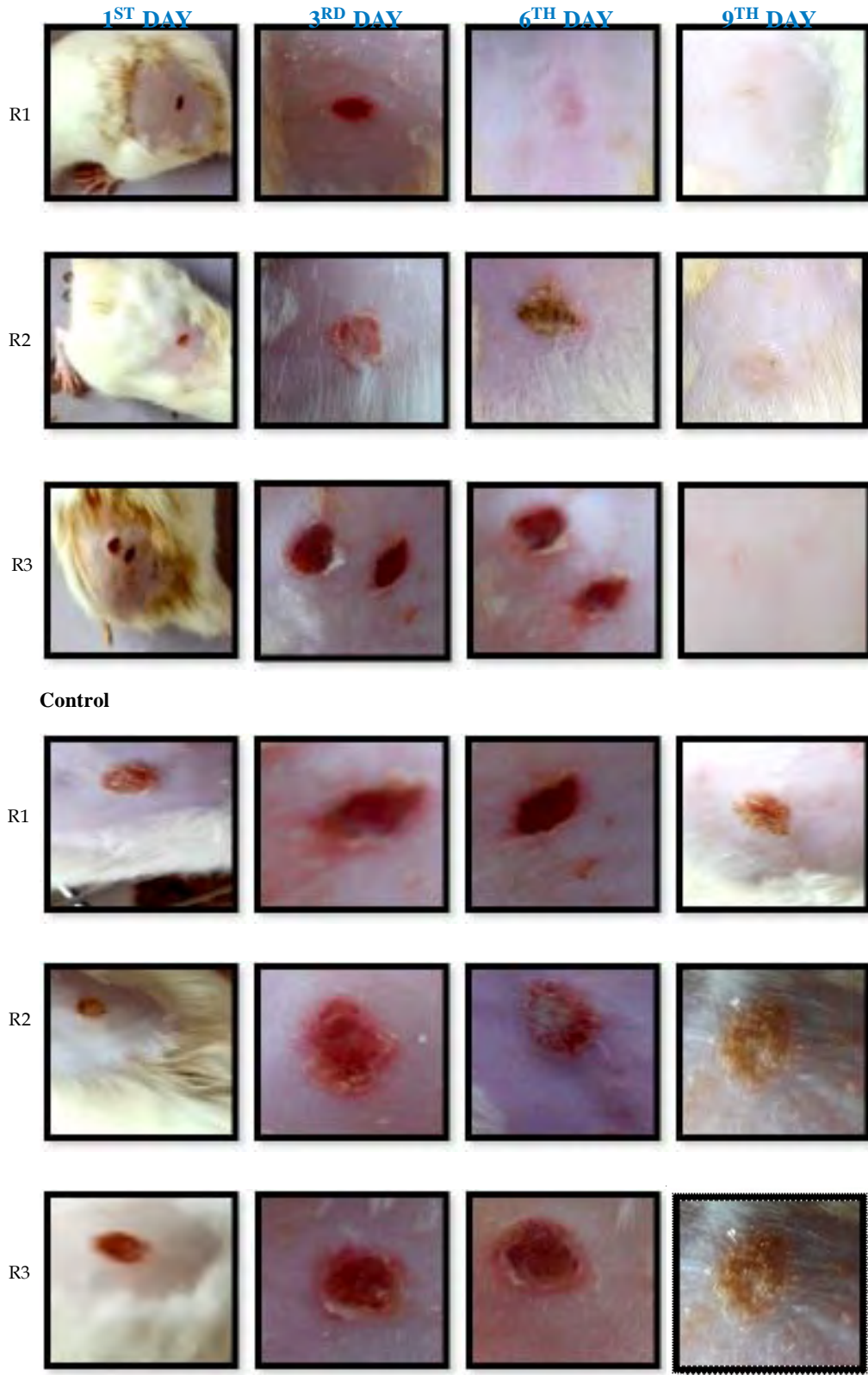
Chemical Characterization studies reported in Literature indicate the presence of Lupeol and Taraxerone in Hydroalcoholic extract of *coccinia grandis* fruit. Computational studies using V-life MDS software justifies the permecible dock score of Lupeol and Taraxerone for mouth ulcer,Wound Healing and Anti-inflammatory activities. Equally their might be presence of other chemical constituents responsible for said activities but literature reports Lupeol and Taraxerone are the constituent measurably responsible for the performed activities which was sucessfully found with the help of *in-vivo* studies.

### Normal

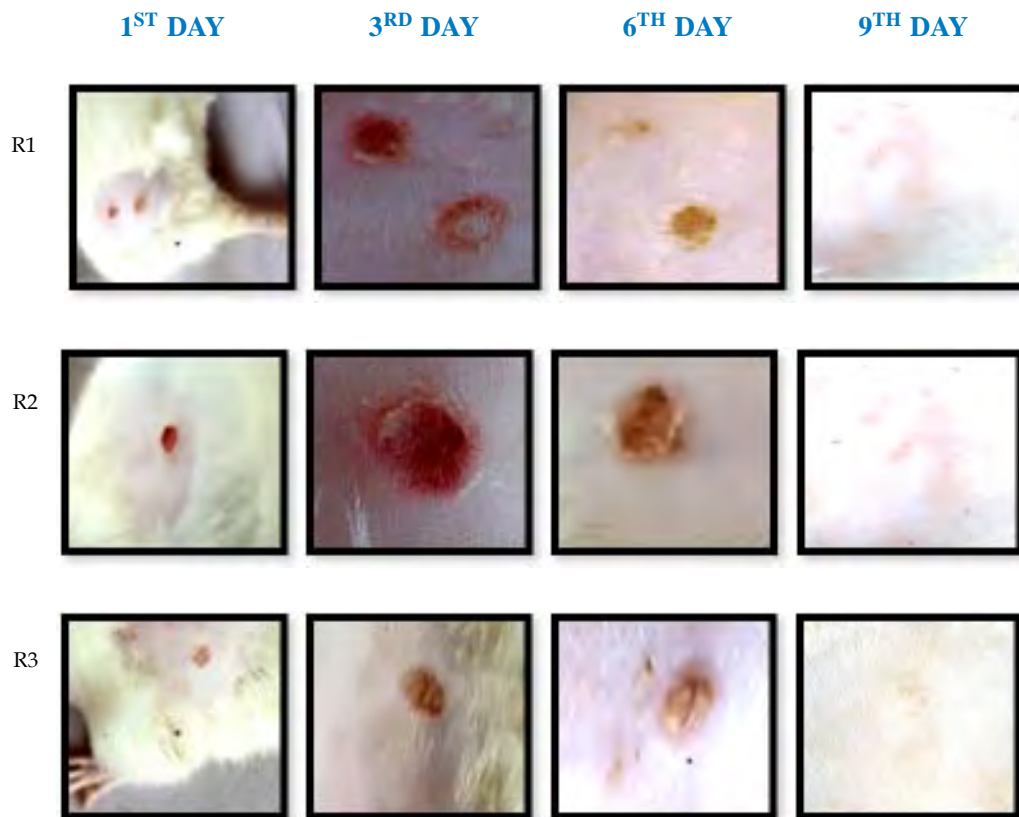


**Fig.11:** Observation of Normal animals for wound healing activity

**Standard** Soframycin Cream (Framycetin Sulphate IP) - 1% w/w.



**Fig.12:** Observation of Standard and Control animals for wound healing activity

**TEST**(a) Gel application of hydroalcoholic extract of *Cocciniagrandis* fruit (a) 10 %w/w Gel

(b) 20 % w/w optimized Gel

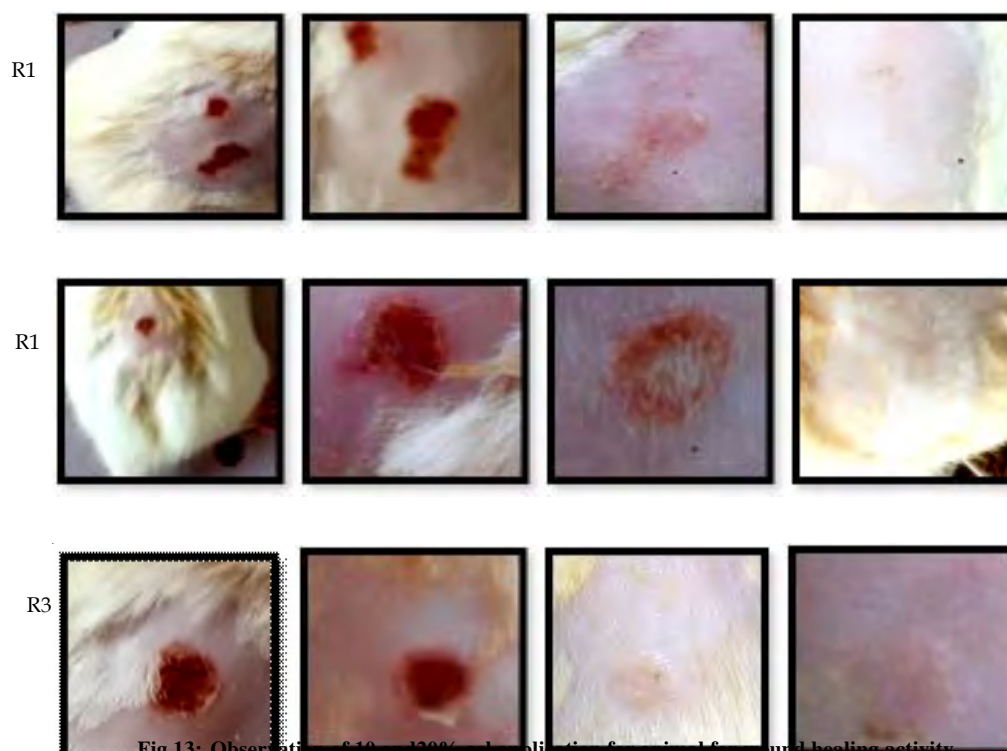


Fig.13: Observation of 10 and 20% gel application for animal for wound healing activity

Literature survey reveals that the content of Lupeol in *Coccinia grandis* fruits obtained by sun drying method is found to be 382µg/gram. Whereas in the present study the lupeol content of hydroalcoholic extract was found to be 200 mg/gram.

Present study focused on mouthulcer, wound healing, and anti-inflammatory activities of hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* fruit. Wound healing and anti-ulcer activities were carried out by using suitable models. Different percentage of oral gel 10 and 20%w/w of hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* fruit were compared with standard drug Soframycin Cream for wound healing and Orasep gel for mouth ulcer activities and observed effective wound healing and antiulcer and anti-inflammatory dose was found to be 200 mg.

## 6. CONCLUSION

Lupeol and Taraxerone are measure constituents of Hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* fruit. *In-vivo* studies performed for activities like mouth ulcer, wound healing and anti-inflammatory showed the beneficial use of 20%w/w of hydroalcoholic extract of *Coccinia grandis* fruit for the said activities. It was also supported by molecular docking study carried out for Lupeol and Taraxerone which gives better Dock score for mentioned activities.

## 7. Acknowledgements

Many thanks goes in particular to Mr. Rajendran R., M.D Green Chem Herbals, Bangalore for providing gift sample of hydroalcoholic extract of *coccinia grandis* fruit and for every help and co-operation, he has provided during the research work.

Moreover we also acknowledge Natural Remedies, Bangalore for providing Lupeol as marker sample.

## References

1. **Arielle cristina arena, et al. 2012**, Anti-inflammatory effects and acute toxicity of hydroalcoholic extract of jacaranda decurrens root in adult male rats, *Journal of Ethanopharmacology*,144 pp.802-805
2. **Ashwini, M., et al. 2012**, In vitro antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity of cocciniagrands, *International Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 4, pp.239-242.
3. **Chopade, A. R., et al. ,** Molecular docking studies of phytocompounds from phyllanthus species as potential chronic pain modulators, *Scientiapharmaceuticapp*.1-37
4. **Deepti, B., et al. 2012**, Wound healing activity of chloroform extract of *Cocciniagrands* on excision, incision and dead space wound model in rats, *International journal of research in pharmaceutical sciences*,3(3),pp.470-475
5. **Deshpande, S., et al. 2011**, A Study on anti-inflammatory activity of the leaf and stem extracts of *cocciniagrands*voigt.,*International Journal of Applied Biology and Pharmaceutical Technolog.*, 2(3),pp.247-250
6. **Emerson silva lima, et al. 2012**,Anti-inflammatory,anti-hyperalgesic anti-platelet and antiulcer activities of byrsonimajapurensis A. juss. (Malpighiaceae), *Journal of Ethanopharmacology*140.pp.282-286
7. **Gill N., S., et al. 2014**, Review on cocciniacordifoliaauct. Non (L.) Cogn. *International Journal of Advances in Pharmaceutical*,5( 4), pp.234 – 241
8. **Gupta, N., et al. 2012**, Design of akkalkara (*spilanthescmella*) Formulations for antimicrobial and opical anti-inflammatory activities, *International Journal of Pharma and Bio Sciences*, 3(4) pp. 161 – 170
9. **Karavana,S., et al. 2011**, Efficacy of topical benzydamine hydrochloride gel on oral mucosal ulcer an vivo animal study, *International journal of oral maxillofacial surgery*, pp.1-5
10. **Kirtikark.R., Indian Medicinal Plant**, International Book Distributors Book sellers and publisher, pp.1151-1154
11. **Laurence Totelin 2015** , when food become remedies in ancient Greece, The curious case of garlic and other substance, *Journal of Ethanopharmacogy*,167, pp-30-37
12. **Marcia mariadesouza, et al. 2013** ,From popular use to pharmacological validation A study of the anti-inflammatory, anti-nociceptive and healing effects of chenopodiumambrasioides extracts, *Journal of Ethanopharmacology* 145,pp.127-138
13. **Mohammed HaneefaK.P.,et al 2014**Formulation and Evaluation of Herbal Emulgel of *Pothosscandens*Linn for Burn Wound Healing Activity, *Journal of pharmaceutical science and research.*, 6(2), pp, 63-67

14. **Mujumder Papiya Mitra., Sasmal, D., Nimbi R ArivudaI 2008**, Antiulcerogenic and antioxidant effect of cocciniagrands leaves on aspirin induced gastric ulcer in rat, *Natural product radians*, 7 (1), pp.15-18.
15. **Ravindra, R. P., et al. 2012**, Design of *Akkakara (Spilanthes Acmella)* Formulations for Antimicrobial and Topical Anti-inflammatory Activities, *International Journal of Pharma and Biosciences*, 3(4), pp.161-171
16. **Sailesh, N. et al. 2011** Evaluation of the wound healing effect of herbal ointment formulated with *salvia splendens* (scarlet sage) ,*International Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 3(3) pp.195-199
17. **Setzer, W. N. and JACKSON D.A. 2013** , Selective phosphoinositide 3-kinase inhibition by natural products, A molecular docking study, *Scholars Research Library*, 5(6), pp.303-311
18. **Yadav, G., et al. 2014**, Medical properties of IVY gourd (CEPHALANDRA INDICA) a review, *International Journal of Pharma Research and Development*, 2(9), pp.92-98
19. [www.tkd1.res.in /tkd1/languagefault/common/Tkd1search.asp?GL=Eng](http://www.tkd1.res.in/tkd1/languagefault/common/Tkd1search.asp?GL=Eng) (Assed on ????)