

**“HEPATOPROTECTIVE ACTIVITY OF ALCOHOLIC EXTRACT OF COLDENIA  
PROCUMBENS LINN. AGAINST PARACETAMOL INDUCED HEPATOTOXICITY  
IN RATS”**

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The alcoholic extract of *Coldenia procumbens* in normal saline (Vehicle) was evaluated for hepatoprotective activity in Wistar albino rats by inducing hepatic injury with paracetamol (2g/kg body weight orally). Paracetamol induced hepatic damage was manifested by a significant increase in the activities of marker enzymes. Biochemical data exhibited significant hepatoprotective activity of alcoholic extract of *Coldenia procumbens* at oral dose of 200 and 400 mg/kg against paracetamol. Silymarin was used as reference standard also exhibited significant hepatoprotective activity against paracetamol. The biochemical observations were supplemented with histopathological examination of rat liver sections.