



**COMPARISON OF *PTERODON pubescens* BENTH.  
(SUCUPIRA) DICHLOROMETHANE AND ETHANOLIC  
EXTRACTS EVALUATED IN ANTINOCICEPTIVE AND  
ANTIINFLAMMATORY EXPERIMENTAL MODELS**  
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**Purpose:** Crude *Pterodon pubescens* Benth. fruits extracts are commercially available at Brazilian medicinal market used in folk medicine as anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and anti-rheumatic preparations [1]. Herein a chemically friendly approach considering green chemistry strategies for production of standardized *Pterodon pubescens* extract products is reported. Therefore a comparative evaluation of the antinociceptive and anti-inflammatory properties of dichloromethane and ethanol standardized extracts were determined to establish the feasibility of extract production with a non-toxic solvent. **Methods and Results:** Dichloromethane crude extract (EBD) and ethanol crude extract (EBE) were produced from *P. pubescens* fruits. Swiss mice (25-35 g) were used in the experimental models (Ethics protocol 3725-1). The samples dose-response curves (30, 100, and 300 mg/kg, p.o.) in the formalin test demonstrated that on phase I (neurogenic phase), EBD (300 mg/kg) and EBE (100 and 300 mg/kg) were effective in reducing the reaction time of mice compared to the control group. In the second phase (inflammatory pain) both extracts demonstrated antinociceptive activities with EBD (ED<sub>50</sub> 63.5 mg/kg) significantly more potent than EBE (ED<sub>50</sub> 110.5 mg/kg) (P<0.001). In the carrageenan test, the p.o. treatments with 100 and 300 mg/kg of EBD and EBE extracts were effective in reducing paw edema compared to the control group (vehicle), especially 4 and 6h after carrageenan injection (P<0.01). The positive control group tested dexamethasone (5 mg/kg, i.p.) demonstrated effectiveness in all time points evaluated. **Conclusion:** Results showed herein provided consistent data to consider the use of *P. pubescens* ethanolic extracts for development of herbal medication with similar efficiency observed for the dichloromethane extract.

[1]Spindola, H.M., Servat, L., Rodrigues, R.A.F., Sousa, I.M.O., Carvalho, J.E., Foglio, M.A. 2011. Geranylgeraniol and 6 $\alpha$ ,7 $\beta$ -dihydroxyvouacapan-17 $\beta$ -oate methyl ester isolated from *Pterodon pubescens* Benth.: Further investigation on the antinociceptive mechanisms of action. Eur. J. Pharmacol. 656: 45-51.