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# Anticoagulant and antilipaemic activities of polysaccharides from marine algae

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### Abstract

In this review the research on the anticoagulant and antilipaemic activity of sulfated and synthetically modified polysaccharides extracted from marine macro algae between 1913 and 2018 was summarized and the results were compared with a long known natural polysaccharide from animal sources, heparin which contain *N*-sulfate group. The highest anticoagulant activity of algal sulfated polysaccharide was obtained from *Dictyota menstrualis*, red alga, found to be 4.8 times more active than heparin. Antilipaemic activity of some algal sulfated polysaccharides showed similar activity as heparin.

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### Introduction

Anticoagulants are important therapeutic agents for thrombotic disorders. The first natural anticoagulant is glucosamine and galactose sulfate ester, which was isolated from liver, heart and bovine of animals and activities were determined (McLean 1916; Howell and Holt 1918). The well known anticoagulant heparin contains *O*-sulfate and *N*-sulfate groups in the carbohydrate skeleton, on the other hand, sulfate containing algal polysaccharides have various carbohydrate components without *N*-sulfate groups.

The assessment of anticoagulation properties of sulfate containing polysaccharides from marine algae has been conducted by several medical assays such as Heptest, Hepocloth, thrombin time (TT) (Pitney and Dacie 1953), the Prothrombin time (PT) (Quick 1945), the partial thromboplastin time (PTT) and activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) (Margolis 1958) to measure

how quickly blood clotting takes place and to compare with heparin. The fibrinolytic activity is measured with fibrin plat method (Astrup and Mullertz 1952) and platelet aggregation for blood clotting assays (Deacon-Smith and Rogers 1982).

Antilipaemic agents are lipid-lowering substances that are used in the treatments of hyperlipidemia. This activity is measured by Baker method (Baker 1957).

Algal polysaccharides were identified based on metachromasy (Lison 1935). This phenomenon was found by Ehrlich (1877). Agar, alginic acid and carrageenan (including iota-, lambda- and kappa-) were identified by this method (Güven and Güvener 1985a; 1985b). Sulfate content of polysaccharides were determined as inorganic sulfate liberated after acid hydrolysis (Dodgson and Price 1962).

In this paper, anticoagulant and antilipaemic activities of algal polysaccharides were reviewed in accordance with their taxa, that is, class order, family, and species as well as active compounds.

### **Anticoagulant activities of macro algal polysaccharides**

#### Chlorophyta

Marine green algae especially *Monostroma*, *Ulva*, *Enteromorpha*, *Codium* and *Caulerpa* are very important sources of sulfate containing polysaccharides.

Maeda *et al.* (1991) examined 23 green algae for anticoagulant activity and the extract of *Monostroma nitidum* had 3.3-fold higher activity than that of standard heparin. Hayakawa *et al.* (2000) found the same activity for this alga. A high anticoagulant activity was found in *M. latissimum* (Maeda *et al.* 1991; Hayakawa *et al.* 2000; Zhang *et al.* 2008). Two fractions of *M. nitidum* extract including 1,2- linked 1-rhamnose substituted sulfate group at C-3/C-4 position exhibited a high activity (Mao *et al.* 2008; 2009).

*Codium fragile* also showed a high anticoagulant activity, >300 APTT (Athukorala *et al.* 2007). Strong anticoagulant activities of *C. dwarkense*, *C. tomentosum*, *C. indicum*, *C. iyengarrii*, *C. tomentosum*, *C. tenue*, *C. decorticatedum* and *C. geppei* (Siddhanta *et al.* 1999; Shanmugam *et al.* 2001a; 2001b; Shanmugam *et al.* 2002), *C. latum* (Uehara *et al.* 1992), *C. stranglatum* (Costa *et al.* 2010), *C. fragile* ssp. *tomentosoides* (Deacon-Smith *et al.* 1985; Rogers *et al.* 1990; Jurd *et al.* 1995) were shown. *C. pugniformis* and *C. cylindricum* showed lower anticoagulant activities than heparin tested by TT, AT and APT (Matsubara *et al.* 2000; 2001). A highly sulfated pyranosic  $\beta$ -arabinan from green seaweed *C. vermilara* exhibited some anticoagulant activity (Ciancia *et al.* 2007; Fernández *et al.* 2013). *Codium fragile*, *C. divaricatum*, *C. latum* possess weak anticoagulant activity with lower sulfate content (Maeda *et al.*

1991; Ciancia *et al.* 2007). Another study reported *C. divaricatum* possesses a high anticoagulant activity *in vitro* of which sulfated polysaccharide mainly composed of (1→3)- $\beta$ -d-galactopyranose residues, branched by single (1→)- $\beta$ -d-galactopyranose units attached to the main chain at C-4 positions (Li *et al.* 2015). *C. divaricatum* also had *in vitro* fibrinolytic enzyme with a high anticoagulant activity (Matsubara *et al.* 2000).

The anticoagulant activity of some extracts of *Caulerpa* species *C. cupressoides*, *C. prolifera*, *C. sertularioides* were assayed by PPT and PT, but only *C. cupressoides* was found active (Costa *et al.* 2010; Selim *et al.* 2015). A certain polysaccharide with high sulfate value from *C. cupressoides* was found with an anticoagulant activity (Rodrigues *et al.* 2011). *C. peltata* showed the highest activity among *Caulerpa* species with heparin unit of ~151 I.U./mg (Shanmugam *et al.* 2001c) but *C. okamurae* had a weak activity (Maeda *et al.* 1991). *C. cupressoides*, *Anadyomene stellata* presented potent anticoagulant activities same as heparin (De Lara-Isassi *et al.* 2004). *C. lentillifera* has a potential anticoagulant activity as heparin (Arenajo *et al.* 2017).

A water soluble polysaccharide isolated from *Enteromorpha clathrata* showed high activity (Qi *et al.* 2012). Two sulfated polysaccharides with anticoagulant activity were isolated from *E. linza* (Qi *et al.*, 2013) and one was effective in *in vitro* APTT and TT assays (Wang *et al.* 2013). *E. compressa* and *E. intestinalis* exhibited weak activities (Maeda *et al.* 1991).

*Ulva conglobate* with high anticoagulant activity (Mao *et al.* 2006), *U. lactuca* crude extract with some anticoagulant properties (Elmegeed *et al.* 2014) a weak activity of *U. arasaki* (Maeda *et al.* 1991) and a prolonged APTT for a sulfated polysaccharide from *U. fasciata* have been reported (Shonima *et al.* 2012; Faggio *et al.* 2016; Ibrahim *et al.* 2016). *U. pertusa* showed good anticoagulant properties (Kang *et al.* 2016).

The other examined algae *Udotea indica*, *U. flabellum*, *Cladophora fascicularis*, *C. gracia*, *Boodlea composita*, *Chaetomorpha media*, *C. torta*, *Valoniopsis pachynema* and *Bryopsis plumosa* were found with moderate activities (Shanmugam *et al.* 2001c). *Cladophora flexuosa* var. *densa*, *Cladophora rugulosa*, *Chaetomorpha crassa* showed a potent activity whereas the extracts of *Chaetomorpha spiralis*, *Spongomorpha duriuscula*, *Bryopsis maxima* showed weak activities (Maeda *et al.* 1991). A sulfated polysaccharide containing rhamnose (49.7%), galacturonic and glucuronic acid (32% of total sugar) with 20% sulfate content with an anticoagulant activity mediated by heparin cofactor II was obtained from *Arthrospira platensis* (Majdoub *et al.* 2009).

## Phaeophyta

Brown algae are rich sources of sulfated fucans (fucoidans) which are potent anticoagulant agents with heterogeneous structures that contain sulfate ester groups and *L*-fucose units. The most studied group of fucoidan was first isolated by Kylin (1913) named as fucoidin from *Laminaria digitata* and later anticoagulant activity of fucoidan isolated from green, red and especially brown algae: *Fucus serratus*, *F. platycarpus*, *Halidrys silicosa*, *Laminaria saccharine*, *Himantalia lerea*, *Ascophyllum nodosum* and *Cordaria flagelliformis* demonstrated by Elsner (1938). Crude and purified fucoidans possess antithrombin activities (Schuler and Springer 1957; Springer *et al.* 1957; Bernardi and Springer 1962). The fucoidans have the potent anticoagulant activity mediated by antithrombin and heparin cofactor II (Mourao 2004). The anticoagulant activity of fucoidan was found to be more potent than heparin for the first time by Springer *et al.* (1957).

Many studies have been published on anticoagulant activity of fucoidans and it was found that the sulfate content/position (Dobashi *et al.* 1989; Nishino *et al.* 1989; Kitamura *et al.* 1991; Chevolut *et al.* 1999; Pereira *et al.* 1999; Haroun-Bouhedja *et al.* 2000; Pereira *et al.* 2002a; Albuquerque *et al.*, 2004; Mourao 2004; Cumashi *et al.* 2007; Zhang *et al.* 2014), and molecular weight (Chandía and Matsuhira 2008) play an important role for the activity. The relationship between structure and anticoagulant activity of algal fucans is not simply a function of charge density, but depends critically on the pattern of sulfation and monosaccharide composition (Mourao 2004). Fucoidan expresses both antithrombin activity (Mourao 2004) and platelet aggregation (Cheng and Wang 2003; Yoon *et al.* 2007; Li *et al.* 2008). PT, TT test of fucoidans showed similar activity with heparin (Athukorala *et al.* 2006). A study demonstrated that fucoidan is not toxic in Sprague–Dawley rats (Kim *et al.* 2010). Fractionation of enzyme hydrolysate of fucoidan isolated from *Ascophyllum nodosum* brought out the structure may be responsible for anticoagulant activity (Mauray *et al.* 1995; Nardella *et al.*, 1996; Chevolut *et al.* 1999; Millet *et al.* 1999; Chevolut *et al.* 2001; Trento *et al.* 2001; Collic-Jouault *et al.* 2003; Cumashi *et al.* 2007; Durand *et al.* 2008). Heterofucans from the brown algae *Canistrocarpus cervicornis* with its anticoagulant activities were reported (Camara *et al.* 2011). Fucan isolated from *Cordaria firma* has an anticoagulant activity (Takemori 1957a; 1957b). A galactofucan fraction of *Dictyota menstrualis* polysaccharide was 4.8 times more active than the low molecular weight heparin (Albuquerque *et al.* 2004). The sulfated heterofucans of *D. cervicornis*, *D. deliculata*, *D. mertensis* showed important activities (Costa *et al.* 2010). Fucoidan, laminaran and mannuronan mixture from *Dictyopteris polypodioides* has a significant activity (Karaki *et al.* 2013). Enzymatic hydrolysate of sulfated polysaccharide from *Ecklonia cava* was found as active as heparin (Athukorala *et al.* 2006;

Jung *et al.* 2007; Wijesinghe *et al.* 2011). A high anticoagulant activity of sulfated fucoidans and their fractions from *E. kurome* (Nishino *et al.* 1989; 1999) and *Eisenia bicyclis* (Usui *et al.* 1980) was reported.

Fucoidan from *Fucus vesiculosus* showed similar anticoagulant activity to heparin (Soeda *et al.* 1992; Nishino *et al.* 1994; Trento *et al.* 2001; Kuznetsova *et al.* 2003; Costa *et al.* 2010). Highly purified fucoidan fraction obtained from *F. vesiculosus* showed potent anticoagulant and fibrinolytic properties with only minor platelet activating effect (Durig *et al.* 1997). *F. evanescens*, *F. serratus* and *F. distichus* fucoidans (Cumashi *et al.* 2007) and *F. serratus* and *F. spiralis* extracts (Deacon-Smith and Rogers, 1982; Deacon-Smith *et al.* 1985a; 1985b) exhibited strong antithrombin activity in platelet aggregation. Anticoagulant activity of fucoidan from *Hizikia fusiforme* (Dobashi *et al.* 1989; Li *et al.* 2008) and *H. fusiformis* were reported (Athukorala *et al.* 2007).

*Laminaria angustata* var. *longissima* (Kitamura *et al.* 1991) showed high anticoagulant activity. The fucoidan with low sulfate content from *L. brasiliensis* has a very high activity (Pereira *et al.* 1999). Fucan containing 2,3-disulfated, 4-linked unit from *L. cichorioides* has a potent anticoagulant activity in APTT assay (Yoon *et al.* 2007). *L. digitata*, *L. hyperborea* and *L. saccharina* extracts completely inhibited platelet aggregation of Ristocetin (Deacon-Smith and Rogers 1982; Deacon-Smith *et al.* 1985a; 1985b; Cumashi *et al.* 2007). The fucoidan fraction from *L. bongardiana* had a very strong anticoagulant activity (Bilan *et al.* 2016). Low molecular weight fucoidan fractions from *L. japonica* and *L. ochotensis* showed high activities (Athukorala *et al.* 2007; Wang *et al.* 2010). Fucans from *L. saccharina* (Ushakova *et al.* 2009) and *Lessonia vadosa* presented a good inhibition of coagulation (Chandía and Matsuhira 2008).

*Padina gymnospora* contains heterofucans which are compounds of glucuronic acid, L-fucose and D-xylose units with sulfation at C-3 positions of L-fucose and presented anticoagulant activity (Silva *et al.* 2005). Anticoagulant and antithrombin activities of low molecular weight fucoidan extracted from *Pelvetia canaliculate*, xylofucan sulfate and *Punctaria plantaginea* were reported (Colliec *et al.* 1991; Ustyuzhanina *et al.* 2016).

Sargassan is a sulfated polysaccharide with a high anticoagulant activity and isolated from *Sargassum linifolium* (Abdel-Fattah *et al.* 1973; 1974). Fermentation process of *S. fulvellum* increased the anticoagulant activity of its sulfated polysaccharide (de Zoysa *et al.* 2008). Sulfated polysaccharide fucan isolated from *S. vulgare* exhibited high antithrombin action and prolonged APTT (Dore *et al.* 2013). Low molecular weight (LMW) polysaccharides from *S. fusiforme* possessed anticoagulant activity (Sun *et al.* 2018). Hot water extracts of *S. horneri* and *S. siliquastrum* showed high activities. On the other

hand, hot water extracts of *S. thunbergii*, *S. fulvellum*, *S. coreanum* and *Scytosiphon lomentaria* presented weak anticoagulant activity (Athukorala *et al.* 2007). Antithrombotic features of algal sulfated galactofucan from the *Spatoglossum schröderi* have been reported (Rocha *et al.* 2005; Almeida-Lima *et al.* 2010; 2011).

Orally administrated fucoidan from *Undaria pinnatifida* had also significant effect on coagulation assays (Irhimeh *et al.* 2009; Faggio *et al.* 2015).

### Rhodophyta

Activity mechanisms and potency of red algal polysaccharides were discussed as follows. A sulfated galactan extracted from *Botryocladia occidentalis* with 2,3-disulfated and 2-sulfated of each 1/3 ratio were found that its anticoagulant activity was attributed mostly to the 2,3-disulfated units (Farias *et al.* 2000; Pereira *et al.* 2002a). Investigation on the mechanisms of anticoagulant activity of sulfated galactans is achieved mainly through potentiation of plasma cofactors which are the natural inhibitors of coagulation proteases. Anticoagulant activity of sulfated galactan was attributed to the sulfation at *O*-2 and *O*-3 position of the  $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl residues requiring molecular size between 16 and 46 kDa (Melo *et al.* 2004).

Sulfated polysaccharides contained in red algae are galactans, carrageenan, agar, porphyrans, funoran and other specific polysaccharides (Percival and McDowell 1967). These polysaccharides contain  $-O-SO_3H$  group which is important for inhibition of blood clotting (Demole and Reinert 1930; Fischer 1931; Chargaff *et al.* 1936). Earlier red algal anticoagulant activity studies showed galactans from *Iridae laminarioides* (Chargaff *et al.* 1936), carrageenan, agar and galactan (Elsner *et al.* 1937).

Galactan was first isolated from *Iridae laminarioides* (Hassid 1933). Carrageenan of *Corallina rubens* was more active than that of galactan (Güven *et al.* 1974b). A sulfated galactan of *B. occidentalis* has the same anticoagulant potency with heparin (Farias *et al.* 2000; 2001; Melo *et al.* 2004).

Carrageenan is a linear sulfated polysaccharide built up of alternative 1-3 and 1-4 linked  $\beta$ - or  $\alpha$ -galactopyranosyl units. The former contains 2- and 4-sulfates or not, 1-4 linked contains 2- and 6- mono or disulfates, 2,6-anhydride and 3,6-anhydride 2-sulfate. It has various types depending on the sulfate content, gelling properties and substitution as:  $\lambda$ - (lambda),  $\kappa$ - (kappa),  $\iota$ - (iota),  $\mu$ - (mu),  $\nu$ - (nu),  $\theta$ - (theta),  $\zeta$ - (xi). Carrageenan from *Delesseria sanguinea* (Elsner, 1938), *Chondrus crispus* and *I. laminarioides* (Springer *et al.* 1957) expressed anticoagulant activity. *Furcellaria festigiate*, *Eucheuma spinosum*, *Gigertina acicularis*, *G. pistillata*, *G. radula* extracts were compared and the highest

anticoagulant activity was shown by the extract from *G. acicularis* which was more active than heparin (Houck *et al.* 1957). Anticoagulant activity of *Phyllophora nervosa* extract was demonstrated by Howell time test on rabbit (Güven and Aktin 1962). A degraded carrageenan from *Eucheuma spinosum*,  $\lambda$ - and  $\kappa$ -carrageenan from *C. crispus*, *Polyides rotundus* showed anticoagulant activity in rabbits. The degraded carrageenan was less toxic and  $\lambda$ -carrageenan was more toxic than  $\kappa$ -carrageenan (Anderson *et al.* 1965). *Corallina rubens* extract and its fraction showed high anticoagulant and fibrinolytic activity (Güven *et al.* 1973). In contrary to these findings, anticoagulant and fibrinolytic activities of carrageenan rank as  $\lambda$ -,  $\kappa$ -,  $\iota$ -carrageenan (Sigma), carrageenan from *Grateloupia dichotoma* and alginic acid (Roth) were tested and *G. dichotoma* carrageenan and  $\lambda$ -carrageenan (Sigma) showed similar anticoagulant and fibrinolytic activity in all biological tests applied (Güven *et al.* 1991). Sulfated polysaccharides from the cloned *G. filicina* had a good potential as anticoagulant agents (Chen 2015).

Carrageenans prolonged the clotting time, inhibited amidolytic activity of thrombin coagulation factor x-(Xa)-catalyzed amidolysis potentiated the *in vitro* inactivation of thrombin and Xa by antithrombin III (Kindness *et al.* 1979a; 1979b). Carrageenan does not have an antithrombin effect, it inhibits fibrin aggregation or polymerization and its effect can be blocked by protamine (Schimpf *et al.* 1969). It activates Hageman factor in human plasma and promotes blood coagulation (Schwartz and Kellermeyer 1969). According to the activity degrees of carrageenan  $\lambda$ -type was the most potent followed by  $\iota$ -type and  $\kappa$ -type (Hawkins and Leonard 1962; 1963; Anderson *et al.* 1965). Other studies proposed that the potency of the types were as  $\iota > \lambda > \kappa$  (Winter *et al.* 1962; McMillan *et al.* 1979). In contrary to these findings, anticoagulant and fibrinolytic activities of carrageenan rank as  $\lambda > \kappa > \iota$  (Güven *et al.* 1991).

Purified sulfated polysaccharide isolated from *Grateloupia indica* possesses potent PT, CT, BT and hemostatic activities (Sen *et al.*, 1994). *G. elliptica*, *G. lanceolata*, *Sinkoraena lancifolia*, *Halymenia dilatata*, *Lomentaria catenata*, *Martensia denticulate*, *Schizymenia dubyi*, *Chondrus crispus* showed the highest anticoagulant activities than the other examined algae species *Pterocladia capillacea*, *Prionitis cornea*, *Capopeltis affinis*, *Gloiopeltis furcata*, *Laurencia okamurae*, *Gelidium amansii*, *Ahnfeltiopsis flabelliformis*, *Gracilaria textorii*, *Chondria cassicaulis*, and *Acrosorium flabellatum*. Enzymatic digestion of *S. dubyi* and *L. catenata* polysaccharide fractions exhibited the most potent anticoagulant activity (Lee *et al.* 2008). A sulfated polysaccharide of *Botryocladia occidentalis* was found more potent than *Gelidium crinale* extract (Pereira *et al.* 2005). A fraction of *Pterocladia capillacea* (*G. latifolium*) extract showed anticoagulant activity by RT, PT, ELT assays (Güven *et al.* 1979b; Abou Zeid *et al.* 2014).

The fraction obtained by depolymerization of the sulfated galactan from *Schizymenia binderi* showed anticoagulant activity (Zúñiga *et al.* 2006). A degraded fraction of porphyran isolated from *Porphyra haitanensis* showed anticoagulant activity (Zhao *et al.* 2006). Porphyran isolated from *P. haitanensis* after alkali treatment and resulfation showed anticoagulant activity (Zhang *et al.* 2010; Liu *et al.* 2015). The other red algae reported possessing anticoagulant activity were *Lomentaria catenata* (Pushpamali *et al.* 2008), *Gigartina skottsbergii* (Carlucci *et al.*, 1997), *Schizymenia binderi* (Zuniga *et al.* 2006), *P. haitanensis* (Zhang *et al.* 2010) and *Nothogenia fastigiata* (Kolender *et al.* 1997). *Hypnea esperi* methanol extract effectively prevented the blood clotting time (Selim *et al.* 2015).

### **Anticoagulant activity of synthetically sulfated algal polysaccharides**

Synthetically sulfated polysaccharides were first prepared by Bergström in 1935 and 1936 (Bergström 1935; 1936). A sulfated alginate had much lower anticoagulant activity and much more toxic than heparin (Molho and Cotte 1951). When containing two sulfate groups per glucose units the alginate gave the highest anticoagulant activity (Dewar 1956). High sulfate content and low molecular weight sulfated alginates has a good anticoagulant activity (Fan *et al.* 2011). Many studies were published on synthetic laminarin sulfate which was extracted from *Laminaria* sp. and preparations with the highest sulfate groups per glucose residue had anticoagulant activities of 25-30% that of a standard heparin (O'Neill 1955) and sulfonic acid derivatives were more active than the sulfate esters (Hawkins and O'Neill 1955). A derivative of laminarin contained 1.83 sulfate groups per glucose unit showed third as potent as heparin in rabbit test and it was extremely toxic to guinea pigs (Adams and Thorpe 1957). Laminarin sulfate s.c. and i.m. applications showed some anticoagulant activity (Hawkins and Leonard 1958). Enhancement of anticoagulant properties of polysaccharides upon sulfation was shown by several authors (Doctor *et al.* 1991). Laminarin sulfates were synthesized and increasing content of sulfate groups increased the anticoagulant activity, highest activity was obtained with 1.49 sulfate groups per glucose unit (Alban *et al.* 1992). Synthetically sulfated polysaccharide from *Enteromorpha linza* showed anticoagulant activity and it was found that the activity was related to degree of sulfation and molecular weight (Wang *et al.* 2013). Sulfated alginate has 8.1 and 2.9 folds activity (Pulsawat and Tongmalee 2014).

On the contrary, native alginate did not demonstrate anticoagulant activity (Güven *et al.* 1991). After structural modifications, such as sulfonation, oxidation, and reduction, laminarans exhibited anticoagulant activity (Kraan *et al.* 2012).



## Antilipaemic activity of macro algal polysaccharides

Antilipaemic activity is clearing of visible lipemia and used in the treatment of atherosclerosis. The origin of this subject was due to realize lipase from heparin hydrolyzes triglycerides finalise with free fatty acids liberation (Shore *et al.* 1953) and free acids were determined (Duncombe 1963; 1964; Güven *et al.* 1979a).

The antilipaemic activity of fucoidan was first demonstrated and found as active as heparin and probably acts by the release of the clearing factor (Schuler and Springer 1957). Fucoidan fraction with MW 5000-15000 possesses antilipaemic activity (Springer *et al.* 1957).

This review is not only focused on the sulphated polysaccharides but synthetically sulfated algal polysaccharides as well (Besterman and Evans 1957). Laminaran is a non-sulfated polysaccharide found in brown algae. There are two forms of laminaran as soluble and non-soluble. A low level of sulfation gave laminarin antilipaemic properties similar to those of heparin (Besterman and Evans 1957). Total fat,  $\beta$ -lipoprotein, esterified cholesterol levels decreased after parenteral administration of laminarin sulfate or of heparin (Mookerjea and Hawkins 1958). Sulfated alginic acid showed some antilipaemic potency as heparin (Constantinides *et al.* 1954). Clearing effects of various algae *Furcellaria festigiata*, *Euclima spinosum*, *Gigartina acicularis*, *G. pistillata*, *G. radula* and *Iridae* sp. were examined and found no activity (Houck *et al.* 1957). Synthetically sulfated polysaccharide polymannourides depresses hyperlipidemia in human (Constantinides *et al.* 1960). Laminaran sulfate prepared by sulfation of polysaccharides of the brown alga, *Eisenia bicyclis*, *Laminaria digitata* and carrageenan obtained from *Chondria crispus* showed antilipaemic and anti atherogenic activities in rabbit (Murata 1961; 1962). Degraded polysaccharides isolated from *L. cloustoni* were sulfated and examined their antilipaemic activities (Adams *et al.* 1962). Sulfated laminarin prepared from *L. cloustoni* is valuable in the treatment of lipemia and atherosclerosis (Gollin *et al.* 1965). Zha *et al.* (2012) reported that crude polysaccharides from *L. japonica* at a dose of 400 mg/kg/day caused a reduction in total serum cholesterol, TG, high density lipoprotein (HDL)-cholesterol, and LDL in serum. Lipolytic activity of algal extracts: some fractions of *Phyllophora nervosa* (Güven *et al.* 1972), *Corallina rubens* (Güven *et al.* 1973; 1974b; 1975), *Pterocladia capillacea* (*Gelidium latifolium*) (Güven *et al.* 1979b), *Sargassum vulgare*, *Polisiphonia subuliera* (Aktin and Güven 1965), *Halopytis curvus* (Güven and Kızıl 1986), *Cystoseira barbata* (Güven and Aktin 1964; Güven *et al.* 1974a), *C. crinite* (Ben-Gara *et al.* 2017), *Gracilaria verrucosa* and *Gelidium latifolium* (Aktin and Güven 1969) extracts showed activities. Various algae (1 green, 21 brown and 4 red) were investigated for

their antilipaemic activities and found appreciable suppression were observed (Ren *et al.* 1994). The polysaccharide Ulvan from *Ulva pertussa* has been utilized in old China for various medicinal purposes and this polysaccharide decreased LDL-cholesterol level and has antilipaemic effect (Pengzhan *et al.* 2003). The acetylation of ulvans from *U. pertussa* by acetic anhydride showed higher antihyperlipidemic activity than natural ulvans, especially with regard to causing a decrease in TG and LDL-cholesterol levels (Yu *et al.* 2017). Polysaccharides extracted from *U. prolifera* exhibited pancreatic lipase inhibition activity (Yuan *et al.* 2018). Cao *et al.* (2016) reported that porphyran from *Pyropia yezoensis* at a dose of 200 mg/kg/day can decrease the percentage of body weight gain and serum lipid profiles of mice, similar to the effect of a hypolipidemic drug.

In conclusion, the first anticoagulant agent heparin was introduced for thrombosis therapy. The clearing of visible fat in the blood by heparin is accompanied by changes in lipoprotein metabolism. Chemically it is a sulfated polysaccharide and composed of sulfated uronic acid and *N*-sulfate-glucosamine. On the other hand, algal sulfated polysaccharides contain only -O-SO<sub>3</sub>H groups and these groups were essential for the anticoagulant effect and may be important for antilipaemic effect, thus many studies have been undertaken on the algal polysaccharides. However, these experiments were only on animals, these polysaccharides have very high molecular weights (100,000-300,000) and they have high toxicities.

## **Deniz alglerinden elde edilen polisakkaritlerin antikoagulan ve antilipemik etkileri**

### **Öz**

Deniz makro alglerinin sülfatlı polisakkaritlerinin antikoagulan etkileri üzerindeki 1913-2018 yılları arasında yapılan çalışmalar bu derlemede toplanmıştır. Bu çalışmalara doğal olarak sülfat içermeyen fakat sentetik olarak sülfatlanmış polisakkaritler de eklenmiştir. In vivo ve in vitro olarak yapılan çalışmalarda, sonuçlar hayvansal ürün olan ve tıpta 100 senedir kullanılan heparin ile karşılaştırılmıştır. En yüksek antikoagulan etki kırmızı alg *Dictyota menstrualis*'ten elde edilen sülfatlı polisakkaritte bulunmuştur ve heparinden 4.8 kat daha etkindir. Bazı alg polisakkaritleri heparin seviyesinde antilipemik etki göstermişlerdir. Bu konudaki ülkemizde yapılan çalışmalar da derlemeye eklenmiştir.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Antikoagulan, antilipemik, polisakkaritler

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