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**EVALUATION OF THERAPEUTIC ACTION OF SUPPOSITORIES WITH PHYTOEXTRACTS AS OF RESULTS OF MORPHOLOGICAL STUDY OF PROSTATE**

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The chronic prostatitis is mainly the disease of men of young and middle age. At lifetime, about 30% of men endure chronic or acute prostatitis. Prevalence rate of chronic prostatitis in general population equals about 9% and causes 30 to 70% of all references to doctors by men in various countries [3, 5, 8].

For the first time the prostate gland pathology was given precise morphological description in 1838 Verdes, and in 1906 those data were supplemented and updated by H.H. Young and coauthors [4, 12]. The present understanding of chronic prostatitis pathogenesis considers morphological and functional prostate abnormalities [1].

The literature shows perspective of creation of preparations based on Phytoextracts [2, 7, 9, 10, 11], and the domestic urology requires an effective modern preparation for chronic prostatitis treatment.

**The work objective.** Evaluation of therapeutic action of new prostate protectors of combined structure in the form of suppositories based on phytocomplex of dried saw palmetto fruit extract (*fructus Serenoa repens*), nettle roots (*radices Urtica dioica*) and pumpkin seeds (*semenis Cucurbita pepo*), further to the results of morphological studies of medicinal preparations after treatment of experimental prostatitis.

**Materials and methods.** Prototypes of suppositories, developed at the Department of Drug Technology factory of the National University of Pharmacy under the supervision of Doctor of Pharmacy A.A. Ruban have been the object of our research.

We have studied two types of suppositories of the same phytocomposition and of different suppository base:

The first type – suppositories comprising: 0.25 g of dry saw palmetto fruit extract, 0.25 g of dry nettle root extract, 0.25 g of dry pumpkin seeds extract and fat - to suppository weighing 2.8 g.

The second type – suppositories comprising: 0.25 g of dry saw palmetto fruit extract, 0.25 g of dry nettle root extract, 0.25 g of dry pumpkin seeds extract and PEO-9 – to suppository weighing 2.8 g

The comparative preparation – analogous as of medical appointment – is the combined phytopreparation - Prostaplant Forte (forte Prostaplant (“Dr. Willmar Schwabe GmbH und Co”, Germany) in capsules, 1 capsule contains 160 mg of dry saw palmetto fruit extract and 120 mg of standardized nettle root extract.

The research has been conducted on mature white nonlinear male rats, weighing 290-300 g, bred in vivarium of Central research laboratory of the National University of Pharmacy (Kharkiv).

Suppositories with PEO- or fat-based phytoextracts has been administered rectally at a dose (as of extract total) of 600 mg/kg; comparative preparation, Prostaplant forte, has been administered intragastrically at a dose of 35 mg/kg, calculated considering the rate of species stability based on the daily dosage for humans [6].

Histological structure of dorsolateral part of prostate (area near the entrance of ductuli eferentes, prostatic part of the urinary duct) has been examined at light-optical level.

In intact control group of animals, numerous terminal branches of prostatic glands (acini), ductuli eferentes, sometimes part of urinary passage, have been microscopically identified. Epithelial lining of part of acini was covered with high cubic cells, gathered in small rare folds and contained light eosinophil secretions in the lumen. Other acini of prostatic glands in this area were lined with low cubical epithelium. There were no folds in lepidic tissue of acini walls, size thereof was

moderately varied. The secretion in the lumen was dense, granular, eosinophil. Acini of glands were located both separately and in small groups.

Around some acini, a narrow strip of smooth muscle tissue was well seen. Loose tissue (stroma) between acini glands was moderate, locally having visible small blood vessels of venous type. Transverse profiles of main parts of the excretory ducts of prostate gland were often found. There were several rows of cells lining the walls (Fig. 1).

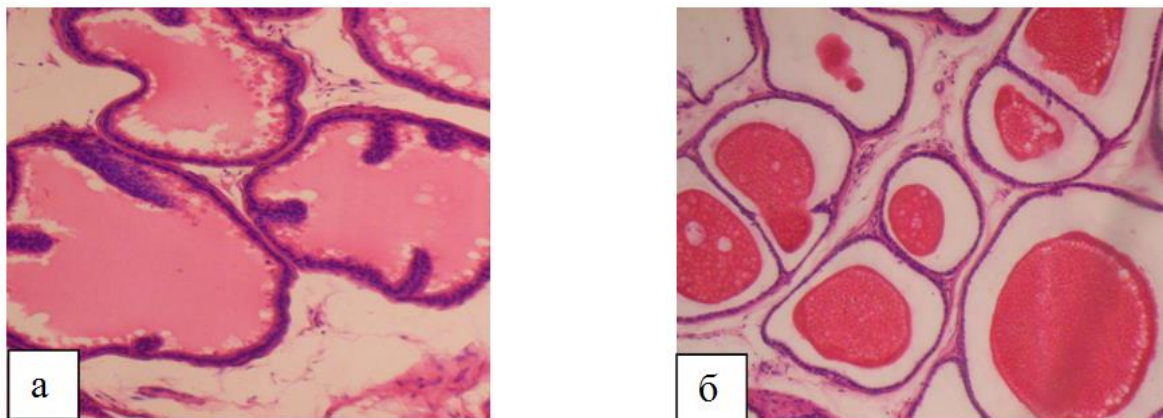


Figure 1. Dorsolateral part of intact rat prostate. Normal state of prostatic glands. Haematoxylin and eosin. x200.

Double rectal administration of turpentine with dimexidum caused distinct hemodynamic and inflammatory disorders in the studied area of prostate in most rats. In interacinal stroma, around the main parts of excretory ducts near ductuli eferentes, well-marked infiltrates containing eosinophilic cells with mixed lymphocytes and histiocytes were seen. There were signs of productive inflammation in external tissue of prostate. Abrupt enlargement and plethora of blood vessels of different caliber was noted, often blood stasis and perivascular round-cell infiltrates. Acini of prostatic glands were often clearly prolated, sometimes deformed, secretion was often thickened. Accumulation of cellular detritus could be seen in lumen of some acini. All those signs could be regarded as stress of functional state of glands (Fig. 2, Fig. 3).

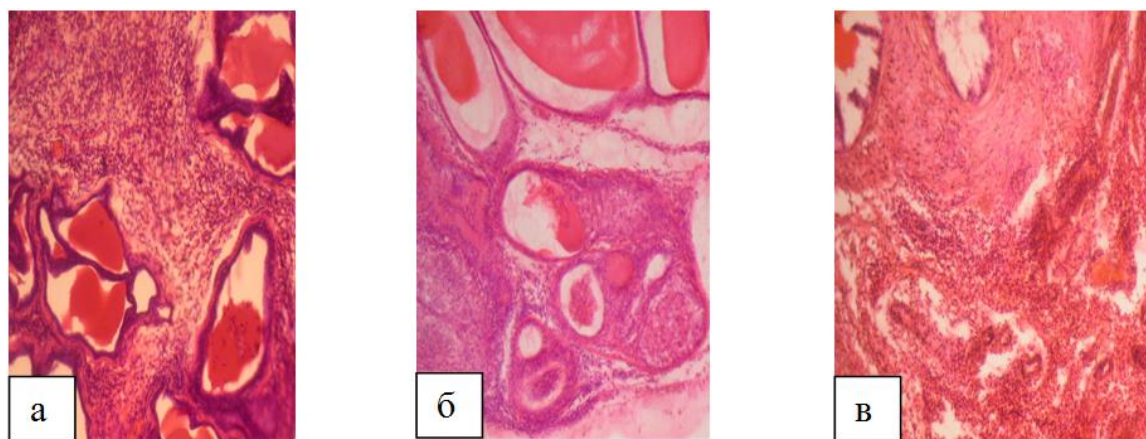


Figure 2. Signs of prostatitis in dorsolateral part of rat prostate after rectal administration of turpentine and dimexidum mixture: significant productive inflammatory interacinal reaction (a), around the main parts of excretory ducts of glands (b), in tissue at urethral duct (c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

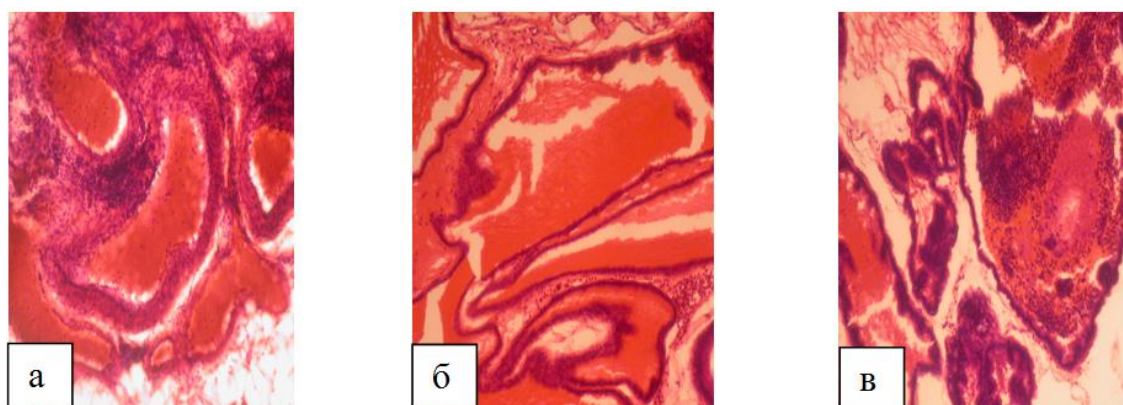


Fig. 3. Signs of prostatitis in dorsolateral part of rat prostate after rectal administration of turpentine and dimexidum mixture: inflammatory reaction and homeostasis in external tissue of prostate (a) clearly prolated acini, interacinal cellular infiltrates (b), cellular detritus in acini lumen (c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

Introduction of suppositories with PEO-based phytoextracts under research prevented or significantly reduced severity of inflammation signs of interacinal stroma, external tissue of prostate, around excretory ducts of glands and ductuli eferentes relatively to control disease. There were no destructive changes of the prostatic glands acini; only a slight increase of some of them was noted. Local hemodynamic disturbances were less distinct (Figure 4, Figure 5).

After rectal administration of suppositories with fat-based phytoextracts, positive effect on the state of researched areas of rats prostate was also noted. Structural integrity of acini was persisted, the size thereof varied moderately. Significance of inflammation was also reduced relatively to control disease, however, compared to PEO-based phytosuppositories, that was greater (Figure 6, Figure 7).

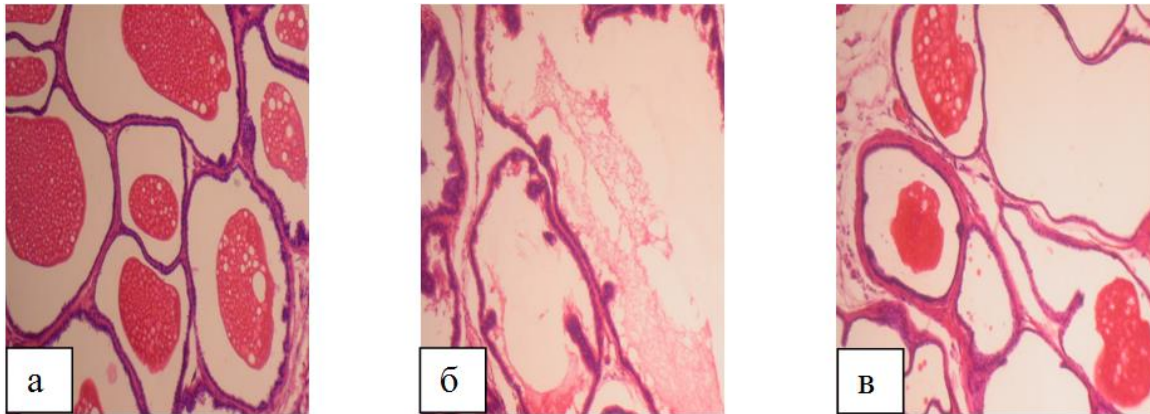


Figure 4. Dorsolateral part of rat prostate after treatment of experimental turpentine and dimexidum prostatitis by administering suppositories with PEO-based phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds: normal state of prostatic glands (a-b), slight increase of part thereof (b-c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

Introduction to laboratory animals of Prostaplant forte preparation on the background of turpentine prostatitis resulted in normalization of structural and functional condition of the vast majority of prostate glands in the studied department of prostate in all rats. Inflammation processes were significantly reduced at all problematic lobe areas. Blood vessels were moderately plethoric; no perivascular infiltrates (Figure 8, Figure 9).



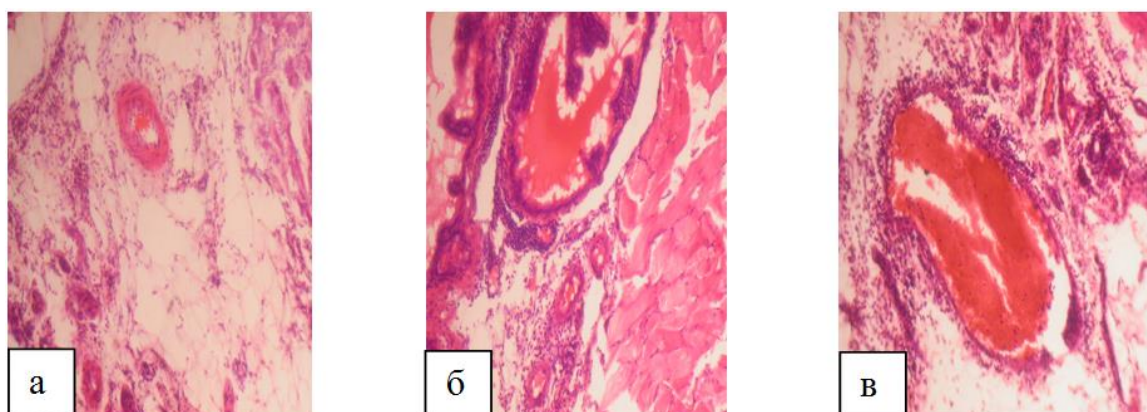


Figure 5. Dorsolateral part of rat prostate after treatment of experimental turpentine and dimexidum prostatitis by administering suppositories with PEO-based phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds: fine-local cellular infiltration in external tissue of prostate (a) interacinal stroma (b) and perivascular (c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

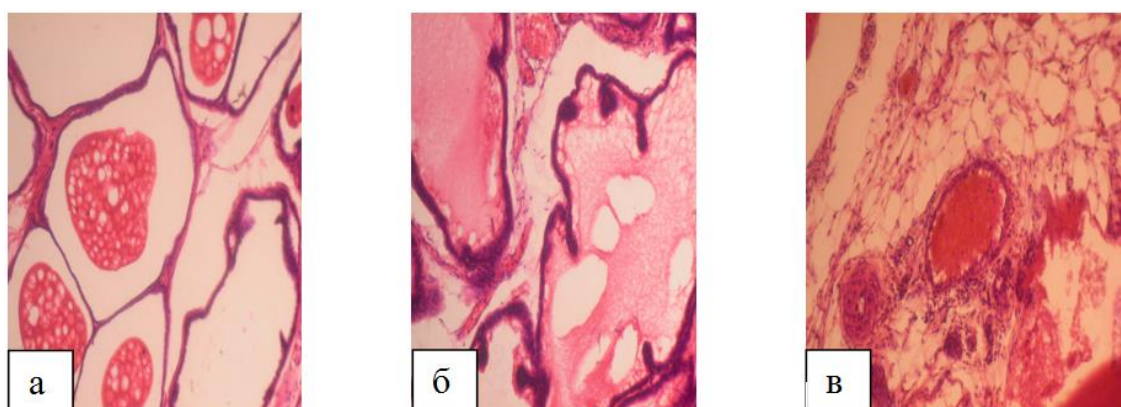


Figure 6. Dorsolateral part of rat prostate after treatment of experimental turpentine and dimexidum prostatitis by administering suppositories with fat-based phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds: moderate increase of the fully functional acini of prostatic glands (a-b), fine perivascular infiltrate (c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

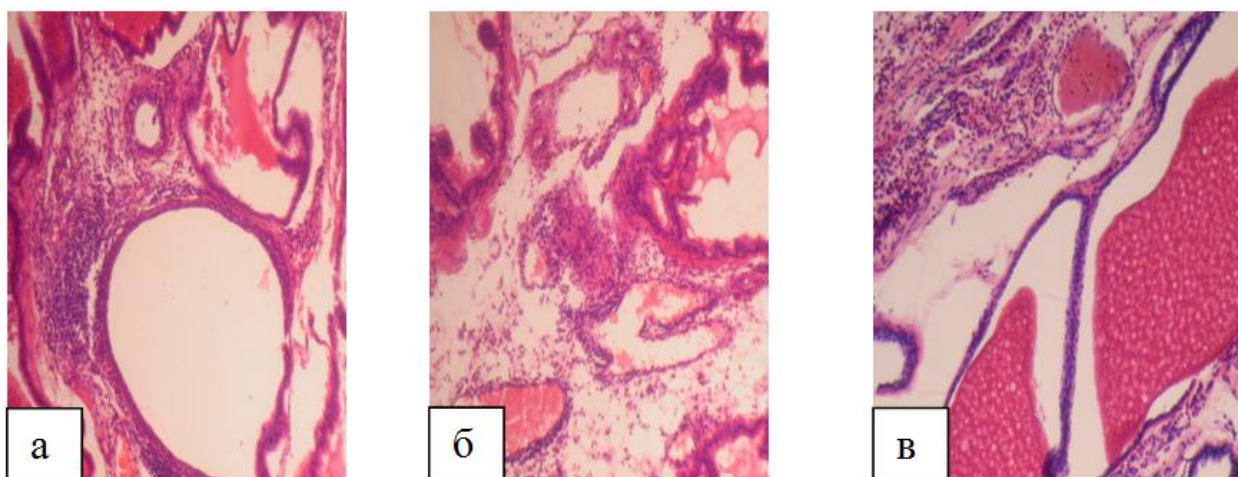


Figure 7. Dorsolateral part of rat prostate after treatment of experimental turpentine and dimexidum prostatitis by administering suppositories with fat-based phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds: of different inflammation level in interacinal stroma in different zones of the researched part (a, c - rather expressive, b - moderate). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

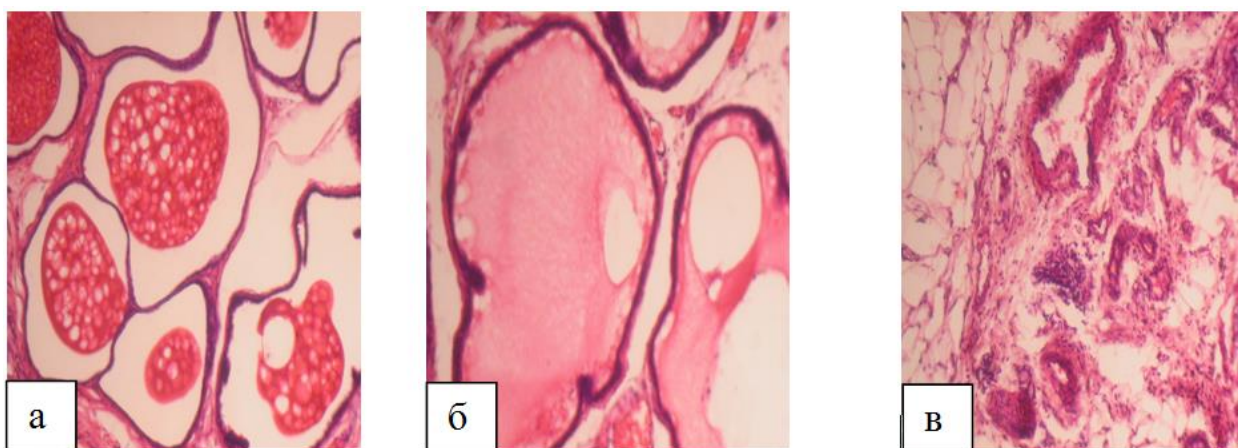


Figure 8. Dorsolateral part of prostate of rat, which, on the background of turpentine prostatitis, was administered with Prostavent forte: moderate increase of functionally normal acini of prostatic glands (a-b), no vascular reaction, significant decrease of inflammatory reaction in external tissue of prostate (c). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

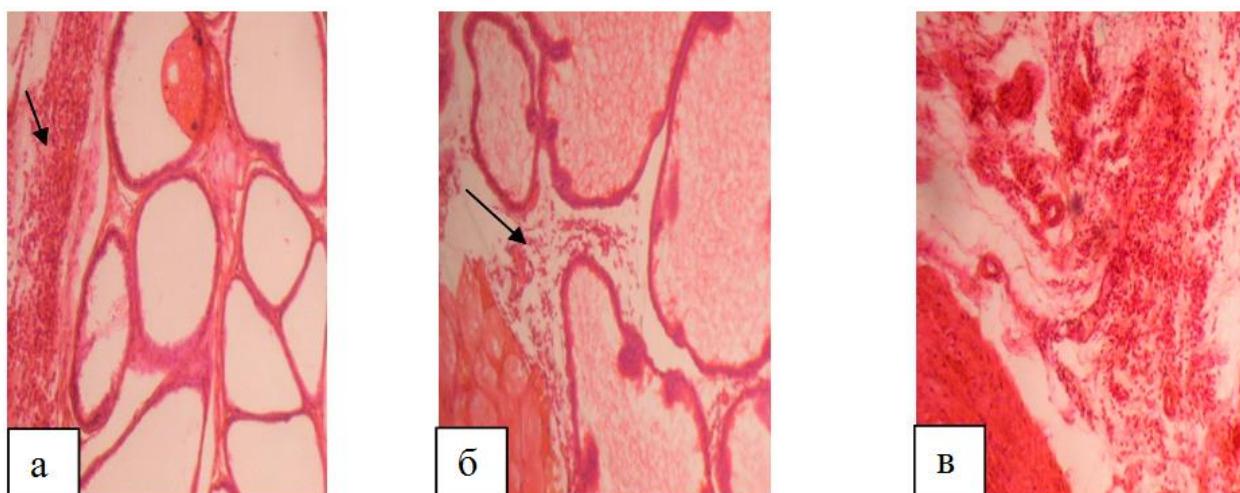


Figure. 9. Dorsolateral part of prostate of rat, which, on the background of turpentine prostatitis, was administered with Prostaplan forte: moderate cellular infiltration in interacinal stroma (a-b), around the wall of ductuli eferentes (a). Haematoxylin and eosin. x100.

At analysis of morphological studies results, it could be concluded that two time rectal administration of turpentine and dimexidum mixture caused pathological changes in the prostate gland in rats on the 13<sup>th</sup> day after the first day of the agent introduction (particularly in the area adjacent to the rectum anterior wall), occurrence of subacute inflammation, destructive changes in a number of end sections of prostate glands, functional stress of other glands.

Suppositories with PEO- and fat-based Phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds, administered to laboratory rats on the background of turpentine prostatitis, developed under rectal administration of turpentine and dimexidum mixture, significantly reduced inflammatory and vascular reactions, prevented destructive changes of prostatic glands acini. PEO-based phytosuppositories were somewhat more effective than fat-based phytosuppositories as of their anti-inflammatory action.

PEO-based phytosuppositories were better than prostaplan forte comparative preparation, and fat-based phytosuppositories were almost equal to that, as of expressive positive impact on morphological state of prostate gland.



## Conclusions

Summarizing the results of this research phase, the following conclusions can be made:

1. At prostatitis model caused by rectal administration of turpentine and dimexidum mixture of suppositories of PEO-based and fat-based phytoextracts of saw palmetto fruit, nettle root and pumpkin seeds at a dose of 600 mg / kg (the total extracts), have expressed prostate protective effect: prevent development of inflammation, vascular reaction and destruction of Dorsolateral part of prostate glandular tissue.

2. As of expressiveness of prostate protective action, suppositories with fat-based phytoextracts do not have probable distinctions with suppositories with PEO-based Phytoextracts as of all the studied parameters.

3. Suppositories with fat-based and PEO-based phytoextracts, in large, are no worse than Prostaplant forte comparative preparation as of their prostate protection; as of their positive impact on morphological state of the gland, PEO-based phytosuppositories are better than the comparative preparation.

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## ОЦІНКА ЛІКУВАЛЬНОЇ ДІЇ СУПОЗИТОРІЇВ З ФІТОЕКСТРАКТАМИ ЗА РЕЗУЛЬТАТАМИ МОРФОЛОГІЧНОГО ВИВЧЕННЯ ПРОСТАТИ

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Супозиторії з фітоекстрактами плодів пальми сабаль, кореня кропиви і насіння гарбуза на поліетиленоксидній (ПЕО)- і жировій основі, які вводили лабораторним щурам на фоні хронічного простатиту, що виник в результаті ректального введення скипідарно-дімексидної суміші, зменшували прояви запальної та судинної реакцій, попереджали деструктивні зміни ацинусів простатичних залозок. По виразності протизапальної дії фітосупозиторії на ПЕО-основі були трохи більш ефективними, ніж фітосупозиторії на жировій основі. По виразності позитивного впливу на морфологічний стан простати фітосупозиторії на ПЕО-основі перевищують препарат порівняння Простаплан-форте, а фітосупозиторії на жировій основі практично не поступаються йому.

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фитосупозитории на ПЭО-основе были несколько более эффективными, чем фитосупозитории на жировой основе. По выраженности положительного влияния на морфологическое состояние простаты фитосупозитории на ПЭО-основе превышают препарат сравнения Простаплан-форте, а фитосупозитории на жировой основе практически не уступают ему.

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