



Screening Of Phyto-Chemical and Antibacterial Activity of *Cayratia Trifolia* (L.) Domin

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Abstract

The screening and study of selected Indian medicinal plant *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin., were selected for phytochemical screening and antibacterial studies. The solvents used for the extraction of plant tubers were ethanol, benzene, chloroform, acetone, petroleum ether and distilled water. The in vitro antibacterial activity was performed by agar well diffusion method. The most susceptible Gram-Positive and Gram-negative bacteria were tested. The extracts of *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin. inhibited the growth of the bacterial strains investigated. The most active extracts were compared with the *Yeast candida*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas fluorescence*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Streptococcus pyogenes*. The results obtained in the present study suggest that preliminary phytochemical analysis detected the presence of Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Steroids, Coumarins, Carbohydrates and Tanins. The *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin. could be used in treating diseases caused by the test organisms.

Keywords: Medicinal plants, Phytochemicals, Antibacterial activity, *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin., and Pathogens.

INTRODUCTION

Medicinal plants represent a rich source of antimicrobial agents. Plants are used medicinally in different countries and are a source of many potent and powerful drugs. In developing countries, low income people such as farmers, people of small isolate villages and native communities use folk medicine for the treatment of common infectious diseases. These plants are ingested as decoctions, teas or juice preparations¹. Medicinal plants are moving from fringe to main stream use with a greater number of people seeking remedies and health approach². It is no wonder that the world's one-fourth population i.e. 1.42 billion people, are dependent on traditional medicines for the treatment of various ailments³.

Preliminary studies on phytochemicals and antimicrobial activity of solvent extracts of *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms. They had study the fresh plant contain alkaloids, flavonoids, phenols, sterols, terpenoids, anthoquinones and protein⁴. Preliminary phytochemical screening of different solvent extracts of stem Bark and roots of *Dennetia tripetala* G. Baker⁵. Preliminary phytochemical and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectral analysis and Antimicrobial Studies of solvents extracts of *Urginea indica* (Roxb.) Kunth (Liliaceae) and *Cyclea peltata* Arn. ex Wight (Menispermaceae), results were clearly revealed that the plant contained different bioactive compounds such as of Alkaloids,

Anthoquinones, Coumarins, Steroids and Flavonoids compounds were rich in the extracts of *Urginea indica* (Liliaceae) and *Cyclea peltata* (Menispermaceae) are connected with defense mechanism against many microorganisms⁶. Antibacterial, antifungal and insecticidal activities of the bark of *Milletia ovalifolia*. The ethyl acetate fraction of the extracts of stem bark of *Milletia ovalifolia* was evaluated for their antibacterial, antifungal and insecticidal activities⁷. The leaves of *Milletia auriculata* have antimicrobial activity against some gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria such as *B. subtilis*, *E. coli*, *S. typhi*, *S. aureus*⁸.

The most essential of these bioactive constituents of plants are alkaloids, tannins, flavonoids and phenolic compounds. Many of the indigenous medicinal plants are used as spices and food.⁹ Traditionally herbal extracts were known to be effective against microorganisms as a result; plants form the basis of modern medicine. Plants produce phytochemicals to protect themselves; but recent studies indicate that many phytochemicals can also protect humans against infectious diseases¹⁰⁻¹³

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant collection

The following medicinal plants were selected and collected for the study from the local area of Uttamsagar forest of Betul district. The *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin. was collected from

follow land in and around Uttamsagr forest brought into the laboratory for further processes. The collected samples were carefully stored in sterile polythene bags and used for the further study.

Sterilization of Plant Materials

The disease free roots and tubers were selected for this investigation. About 2gm dried roots and tubers were taken. Then, surface sterilized with 0.1% mercuric chloride and alcohol for few seconds. Again the materials were washed thoroughly with distilled water.

Preparation of Plant Extracts

The organic solvent extract was prepared by adding 5 gm powder of ethno veterinary medicinal plants in 250 ml of organic solvent (Absolute Alcohol, Acetone, Petroleum Ether, Benzene, chloroform and Distil Water) for 6 hrs. by Soxhlet method and filtrate was evaporated in controlled conditions of temperature of active constituents of preparations. Dried extracts were stored in labelled sterile wide mouthed screw capped bottle at 40c and used for further study.

Preliminary Phytochemical screening

Phytochemical screening were performed to assess the qualitative chemical composition of different crude extracts using commonly employed precipitation and coloration reactions, the methods of Harbone¹⁴, Trease and Evans¹⁶ were used to identify the major secondary metabolites like Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Saponins, Carbohydrate, Protein, Phenols, Steroids, Tannins, Glycosides, Terpenoids, Phlobatannins, Coumarins, Emodins, Anthoquinones, Anthocyanins, Leucoanthocyanins in the extracts.

Antimicrobial screening

All solvent extracts were screened *in vitro* growth inhibitory activity against different microbes *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus*, *Yeast candida*, *Aspergillus niger*. using disc-diffusion method. The bacteria rejuvenated in Nutrient broth (Hi-media – laboratories, Mumbai, India) at 37°C for 18 hrs. and then stored at 40°C on Nutrient agar subcultures were prepared from the stock for bioassay.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Table 1:- Preliminary Phytochemical screening of various extracts of *Cayratia trifolia* (L.) Domin.

Plant parts	Test / Reagents Used	Ethanol extract E	Benzene extract B	Chloroform Extract C	Acetone extract A	Petroleum Ether P	Distil Water extract W
Tuber	Alkaloids (Hager's Test)	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Glycosides (Liebermann's Test)	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Phenols	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Saponins (Foam Test)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Tannins (Braymer's Test)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Flavonoids	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Terpenoids	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Steroids (Salkowski Test)	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Phlobatannins (Precipitate Test)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Coumarins	+	-	-	+	-	-
	Proteins (Xanthoprotic Test)	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Emodins	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Carbohydrates (Molisch Test)	+	-	-	+	+	-

Present -- +ve Absent -- -ve

Table 2 : Antimicrobial activity of tuber extracts of *Cayratia trifolia* by Disc Diffusion Method (Zone of Inhibition in mm at 100 µg/disc)

S.No	Microorganism	Ethanol	Benzene	Chloroform	Acetone	Petroleum ether	Distil water
1	YC	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	AN	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SA	7	0	0	7	0	0
4	EC	0	8	0	18	0	0
5	ST	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BS	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	PF	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	KP	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	SP	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Data represented in mean of three replicates.

YC = *Yeast candida*, **AN** = *Aspergillus niger*, **SA** = *Staphylococcus aureus*,

EC = *Escherichia coli*, **ST** = *Salmonella typhi*, **BS** = *Bacillus subtilis*,

PF = *Pseudomonas fluorescense*, **KP** = *Klebsiella pneumoniae*,

SP = *Streptococcus pyogenes*

Figure 1 : Analysis of antimicrobial sensitivity of tuber extract of *Cayratia trifolia*

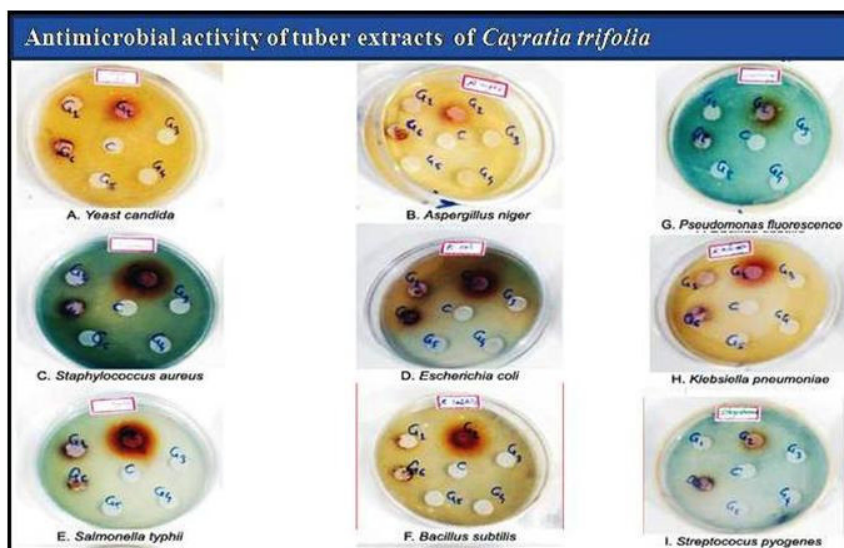
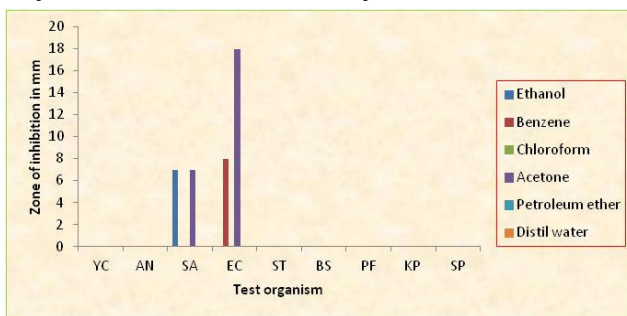


Figure 2 : Antimicrobial activity of tuber extracts of *Cayratia trifolia* by Disc Diffusion Method.

Phytochemical screening:-

From the above table no. 1 it is clear that,

Alkaloids

It was found that concentration of alkaloids have been extracted in Ethanol and Acetone extract. This is evident from the positive test with Hager’s

reagent. Benzene, Chloroform, Petroleum ether and Distil water extracts have shown negative test for alkaloid.

Glycosides

All extracts have shown positive test for Glycosides with Libermann's reagent.

Phenols

All extracts have shown negative test for Phenols.

Saponins

All extracts have shown negative test for Saponin.

Tannins

All extracts have shown negative test for tannins with Braymer's reagent.

Flavonoids

It was found that concentration of flavonoids have been extracted in Ethanol and Acetone extract. This is evident from the positive test. Benzene, Chloroform, Petroleum ether and Distil water have shown negative test for flavonoids.

Terpenoids

It was found that concentration of terpenoids have been extracted in Ethanol and Acetone. This is evident from the positive test. Benzene, Chloroform, Petroleum ether and Distil water have shown negative test for terpenoids.

Steroids

All extracts have shown positive test for Steroids with Salkowski reagent.

Phlobatannins

All extracts have shown negative test for Phlobatannins.

Coumarins

It was found that concentration of Coumarins have been extracted in Ethanol and Acetone extract. This is evident from the positive test. Benzene, Chloroform, Petroleum ether and Distil water have shown negative test for Coumarins.

Proteins

All extracts have shown positive test for Proteins with Xanthoproteic reagent.

Emodins

All extracts have shown negative test for Emodins.

Carbohydrates

It is found that concentration of Carbohydrate have been extracted in Ethanol, Acetone and Petroleum ether extract. This is evident from the positive test with Molisch reagent. Benzene, Chloroform and Distil water have shown negative test for Carbohydrates.

Antimicrobial activity:-

The ethanol extracts was inhibitory against *Staphylococcus aureus*. The maximum zone of inhibition of 7 mm was observed in ethanol extracts against pathogen *Staphylococcus aureus*. Ethanol extracts was found non reactive to other test organisms. The benzene extracts showed positive results against *Escherichia coli*. The maximum zone of inhibition of 8 mm was

observed in benzene extracts against pathogen *Escherichia coli*. The benzene extracts was found non reactive to other test organisms. The acetone extracts also showed positive results against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. The maximum zone of inhibition of 18 mm was observed in acetone extracts against *Escherichia coli*. The acetone extract was more effective with broad spectrum of antibiotics against *Escherichia coli*. The acetone extracts was found non reactive to other test organisms excepts *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. Chloroform, Petroleum ether and aqueous extracts showed no any response to the all test organisms and reactions were nullified.

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