



THE COMPARATIVE PHYTOCHEMICAL SCREENING BETWEEN *DATURA STRAMONIUM* LINN. AND *LANTANA CAMARA* LINN.

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ABSTRACT

Phytochemical screening is valuable for the development of new drugs by which different diseases can be treated. The *Datura stramonium* and *Lantana camara* are the most useful plants because their parts are a good source of secondary metabolites. The seeds of *Datura stramonium* and leaves of *L. camara* were used for phytochemical screening and hexane, chloroform, methanol and distilled water were used for the extraction of secondary metabolites by cold percolation method. The seeds of *D. stramonium* have alkaloids, glycosides, sterols and tannins while leaves of *L. camara* have alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, phenol, lignins, saponins, sterols and tannins. Generally, both plants have shown different pharmacological activities against albino rats and also used indetermination of larvicidal activity of mosquitoes.

KEY POINTS: Secondary Metabolites, *Datura stramonium* Linn. and *Lantana camara* Linn.

INTRODUCTION

Plants are the most important source of food products and also provide the medicinal contents from their parts. Each part has different metabolites that allowing defense mechanism. These types of plants belong to medicinal plant category and they are used since ancient times according to our holy and historical books. These books provide information about the treatment of diseases. The medicinal plants are also used in the treatment of typical diseases such as asthma, cancer, diabetes etc. Some plants have two types of characteristics one of which is medicinal and another toxic. Both characteristics depend upon the quantity of dose in which limited quantity provide good effect while more quantity damage the tissues or organs of the body. The leaves' juice of *D. stramonium* was used with warm milk to expel intestinal worms, specifically tapeworm (Rajbhandari KR; 2001). These plants have metabolites that can be used in the prevention of crops against infectious diseases.

In this research, the seeds of *Datura stramonium* and green leaves of *Lantana camara* were selected for the study of secondary metabolites. These plants have both medicinal and toxic effects on human health. *Datura stramonium* belongs to *Solanaceae* family that grows in temperate, tropical and subtropical regions (Berkov S. *et al.*; 2006). The seeds of *D. stramonium* develop into a bucket like pericarp. The seeds are dull and dark in color (Preissel U *et al.*; 2002, Das S *et al.*; 2012). Its improper

consumption affects the central nervous system with symptoms such as confusion, bizarre behavior and subsequent amnesia but death is rare (Norton S.; 2008).

Lantana camara is a small perennial shrub that is cultivated in tropical, subtropical and temperature climates. The leaves of *L. camara* have shown antimicrobial, fungicidal and insecticidal properties (Chavan and Nikam; 1982). Various metabolic contents have been identified by phytochemical studies (Venkatachalam *et al.* 2011; Kensa, 2011; Kalita, 2011; Bhakta, 2009). The parts of this plant have been used in the development of traditional herbal medicines that are used in the treatment of cancer, skin itches, leprosy, rabies, chicken pox, asthma and ulcer (GISD; 2014). *L. camara* is also a toxic to livestock such as cattle, sheep, horse, dogs and goats.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Collection of Plant Material

The seed of *Datura stramonium* and leaves of *Lantana camara* were selected for the phytochemical screening of metabolic contents. These parts were collected from Mandsaur, District Mandsaur. Mandsaur forms the northern projection of Madhya Pradesh. It lies between the parallels of latitude 23° 45' 50" North and 25° 2' 55" North, and between the meridians of longitude 74° 42' 30" East and 75° 50' 20" East.

that indicates the presence of phenols (Gibbs R.D., 1974).

Test for Lignins

Lignin test: 2 ml of 2% (w/v) furfuraldehyde was added into the test solution. Formation of red colour indicates the presence of lignin (Gibbs R.D., 1974).

Labat test: 2 ml test solution was mixed with gallic acid; it developed olive green colour that indicates the positive reaction for lignin (Gibbs R.D., 1974).

Test for saponins

Foam Test: 2 ml extract was diluted with 20 ml of distilled water and was shaken in a graduated cylinder for 15 minutes. A 1 cm. layer of foam, indicates the presence of saponins (Kokate C. K. *et al.*; 2001).

Haemolysis Tests: Took one drop of extract on the glass slide and added one drop of blood. Both are mixed with wood stick and observed. Hemolytic zone appeared (Kokate C.K., 1994).

Test for Sterols

Salkowski's Test: 2ml extract was taken into a test tube and added 2 ml chloroform. Then conc. H₂SO₄ was added into test tube side by side. The layer of red chloroform and acid shows greenish yellow fluorescence. It indicates the presence of sterols (Kokate C. K. *et al.*; 2001).

Test for Tannins

Gelatin Test: 1 ml Gelatin (gelatin dissolves in warm water immediately) solution was added into 2 ml extract. Formation of white precipitate indicates the presence of tannins (Treare GE, Evans WC. 1985).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The cold percolation method is one of the effective methods for the extraction of primary and secondary metabolites. Four solvents i.e. hexane, chloroform,

methanol and distilled water were used for the extraction of secondary metabolites from seeds of *Datura stramonium* and leaves of *Lantana camara*. The result of phytochemical screening of *Datura stramonium*'s seeds and leaves of *L. camara* were mentioned in Table-1 and 2. In the solvent of methanol, alkaloids, glycosides, sterols and tannins presented in the seeds of *D. stramonium* while alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, phenol, lignins, saponins and sterols presented in the screening analysis of *L. camara*. Methanol and distilled water are an effective solvent that have the capacity to extraction of secondary metabolites in 48 hrs while chloroform is mild solvent for extraction of secondary metabolites from both plant's parts.

Each secondary metabolic content such as alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins etc. has specific pharmacological activity. Flavonoids have shown anti-allergic, antimicrobial and anticancer activity by which it can be used for different diseases found in bark. It has been proved that tannins have general antimicrobial and antioxidant activities (Rievere *et al.*, 2009).

Tannins may have potential value such as cytotoxic and antineoplastic agents (Aguinaldo *et al.*, 2005). Saponins have antifungal properties (Aboada and Efuwape, 2001; Mohanta *et al.*, 2007) that have different types of activity against different pathogens. Therefore, it can be used in the treatment of diseases. Saponins are also used in treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, antioxidant, anticancer, anti-inflammatory and weight loss activity etc. according to medical field. It is a bioactive antibacterial agent of plants (Mandal *et al.* 2005; Manjunatha, 2006). Steroids possess insecticidal and antimicrobial properties that are generally used in herbal medicines and cosmetic products (Callow; 1936). Phenolic compounds have shown anti-oxidative, antidiabetic, anticarcinogenic, antimutagenic and anti-inflammatory (Arts and Hollman; 2005, Scalbert *et al.*; 2005).

Table-1 Phytochemical Analysis of *Datura stramonium* Plant Seeds

Solvent	Hexane	Chloroform	Methanol	D.W.
Alkaloids				
Iodine test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Dragendorff test	-ve	+ve	+ve	-ve
Wagner test	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve
Flavonoids				
Pews test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Shinoda test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
NaOH test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Glycosides				
Keller Killani test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Molish test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Phenol				
Ellagic test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Phenol test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve

Lignins				
Lignin test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Labat test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Saponins				
Foam test	-ve	-ve	-ve	+ve
Haemolysis test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Sterols				
Salkowaski test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Liebermann-Burchard Test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Tannins				
Gelatin test	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve

(+) Presence

(-) Absent

Table-2 Phytochemical Analysis of *Lantana camara* Plant Leaves

Solvent	Hexane	Chloroform	Methanol	D.W.
Alkaloids				
Iodine test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Dragendorff test	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve
Wagner test	-ve	+ve	-ve	-ve
Flavonoids				
Pews test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
Shinoda test	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
NaOH test	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve
Glycosides				
Keller Killani test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ test	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Molish test	-ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Phenol				
Ellagic test	-ve	+ve	-ve	-ve
Phenol test	-ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Lignins				
Lignin test	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve
Labat test	-ve	+ve	+ve	-ve
Saponins				
Foam test	-ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
Haemolysis test	-ve	+ve	+ve	-ve
Sterols				
Salkowaski test	-ve	+ve	+ve	-ve
Tannins				
Gelatin test	-ve	+ve	-ve	+ve

(+) Presence

(-) Absent

CONCLUSION

Cold percolation method is one of most important method for the extraction of secondary metabolites from plant's parts. The seeds of *Datura stramonium* and leaves of *Lantana camara* were used for the extraction of secondary metabolites. Alkaloids, glycosides, sterols and tannins present in the seeds of *D. stramonium* while alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, phenol, lignins, saponins, sterols and tannins present in the screening analysis of *L. camara*. These contents have specific

activity against specific diseases. In the four solvents, the methanol has good property for extraction of metabolic contents.

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