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DETERMINATION OF BIOACTIVE COMPOUNDS FROM *PIPER BETLE* L BY USING FT-IR SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS

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Abstract:

The wide spread use of herbal remedies and health care preparations obtained from commonly used traditional herbs and medicinal plants have been raised due to the occurrence of natural products with medicinal properties. Even though pharmacological industries have produced a number of new antibiotics in the last three decades, resistance to these drugs by the microorganisms have also increased. In this Present Study the bioactive compounds from the plant Piper betle were determined by using FT-IR Spectroscopic methods. **Key words:** Piper betle, Bioactive Compounds FT-IR.

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INTRODUCTION:

Medicinal plants play a vital role in meeting the medical and health needs of people, especially in the developing countries. In developed countries, they are used as templates for manufacturing modern pharmaceutical drugs whereas, in developing countries they are an important resource for the treatment of various maladies and illnesses, and are a major component of treatment within the primary health care systems [1]. Ethno medical practices are preferred largely because the medicinal plants are less expensive, readily available and reliable, and they are considered to have fewer side effects the modern medicines. A few reports on ethno medicinal uses of plants by the Kani tribals were available [2-6] in the adjoining areas of Kanyakumari District[7]. Medicinal plants are being used since ancient time without knowing about its active ingredients. The healing power of certain plant was understood and accepted before mankind discovered the existence of microorganisms [8]. Herbal drugs constitute a major part in all traditional systems of medicines and are a triumph of popular therapeutic diversity[9]. In India, thousands of plant species are known to have medicinal properties and the use of different parts of several medicinal plants to cure specific ailments have been in vogue since ancient time Piper betle L. is one of the popular plants which are integrated with cultural and traditional values in India. The plant is widely cultivated in different parts of India, China, Malaysia, Srilanka, Thailand [10] and the other Pacific Asian Nations. The plant belongs to the family *Piperaceae*. The leaves are used traditionally in treating hysteria, headache, swelling of gum etc., The parts of Piper betle L. utilized are leaves, root, stem, stalks and fruits. Piper betle L. has light yellow aromatic essential oil, with sharp burning taste[11]. The chemical constituents and their pharmacological activities of the principle ingredients in the betle quid have been studied by many works [12]. Betle leaves were reported to contain volatile oil such as betel phenol and chavicol [isomeric with eugenol], tannin, sugar, vitamin-C, starch and diastase [13]. Betle phenols possess the property of reducing the central nervous stimulation, sialogogue and local anesthesia. Piper betle L. leaves extract contains large number of bioactive molecule like polyphenol, alkaloids, steroids, saponin and tannin [14].

MATERIALS AND METHOD:

Sample Collection

In this present study, the plant *Piper betle* L. leaves and seeds were collected in Kadyal, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu. An adult, fresh leaves were picked out from the plant and also the matured seed were collected from the plants and transported to the laboratory for work.

The collected leaves were subjected to surface cleaning by rinsing the samples with sterile water, in order to remove dust particles present on the plant materials. The samples such as leaf and seeds were allowed to shade dry to remove moisture content. The dried samples were used for further studies.

Preparation of Plant Extracts

The leaves were cut into small pieces and seeds were made powdered using electric mixer grinder. The samples were subjected to soxhlet extraction using five solvents such as Acetone, Chloroform, Dimethyl sulfoxide, Ethanol and Distilled water. Each 5grams of plant material was filled separately in the thimble and extracted successively with 60ml of solvents using a soxhlet extractor for three hours. After solvent evaporation, each of these solvent extract was weighed and preserved in room temperature until further use.

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer [FTIR] Analysis

The leaf and seed samples were analyzed in ATR model FTIR Spectrophotometer [Bruker Co., Germany]. The spectrum [400-4000 nm] was recorded using Attenuated Total Reflectance [ATR] technique beach measurement.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The leaf of *Piper betle* L. showed twelve 12 functional groups was present and the peak values are 530.57, 603.67, 879.90, 1044.52, 1086.27, 1274.91, 1327.35, 1380.34, 1655.01, 2883.57, 2972.47 and 3327.52 [Fig 1]. The fruit of *Piper betle* L. showed ten [10] functional groups was present and the peak values are 610.86, 880.12, 1044.61, 1086.33, 1275.01, 1327.63, 1380.27, 2882.96, 2972.28 and 3323.71 [Fig 2].

In the present study, Leaf of *Piper betle* L. contained twelve 12 functional groups, the major peaks were [cm-1] 879.90, 1044.52, 1086.27 and 2972.47; and the seed of *Piper betle* L. ontained ten 10 functional groups, the major peaks were [cm-1] 880.12, 1044.61, 1086.33 and 2972.28. In the entire sample, four major peaks were commonly found ranging from [cm-1] 879.47 - 880.12; 1044.34 - 1044.61; 1086.12 - 1087.09 and 2926.53 - 2972.71. The peak values 879.47 - 880.12 cm-1 are C–H "oop"bond of aromatics groups, 1044.34 - 1044.61cm-1 and 1086.12 - 1087.09cm-1are C–N stretch of aliphatic amines groups and 2926.53 - 2972.71 cm-1are C–H stretch of alkanes groups.



Fig: 1 FTIR Chromatogram of Piper betle L. Leaf

CONCLUSION:

In modern days, medicinal plants are becoming probable sources of important drugs and pharmaceutical industries. Nowadays, they have come to consider traditional medicine as a source of bioactive agents which can be used in the preparation of synthetic medicine.. Almost all the members of Piperaceae are used in the traditional medicinal system.

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Fig: 2 FTIR Chromatogram of Piper betle L. Fruit

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