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Introduction:

Herbal medicine has its origins in ancient cultures. It involves the medicinal use of plants to treat disease and enhance general health and wellbeing. In fact, many pharmaceutical medications are based on man-made versions of naturally occurring compounds found in plants. Herbal medicines contain active ingredients. The active ingredients of many herbal preparations are as yet unknown. Some pharmaceutical medications are based on a single active ingredient derived from a plant source. Practitioners of herbal medicine believe that an active ingredient can lose its impact or become less safe if used in isolation from the rest of the plant. Herbal products are medicinal agents obtained from the plants. It's all started 1000 years ago by ancient people. Since synthetic medicine are not yet invented by that time, ancient people had invented medicine out of the plants. Through generations the original herbal medicine had been modified due to the new knowledge discovered and technologies invented. People often choose Herbal Medicine over the prescribed and conventional medicine when they have a lifelong health complication. More so, Herbal Medicine is not just to cure such health problems, it also improves the overall well-being, many health enthusiasts use herbal medicine to preclude illness or to assure a healthier lifestyle.

The people are more attracting towards the use of herbal drugs to cure various types of diseases. For treatment of several diseases of human beings, plant drug 'Rasayana' has always played a vital role. According to World Health Organization (WHO) more than 80% of the world populations are dependent on traditional medicine for their primary health care needs. Herbal medicine, also called botanical medicine or phytomedicine, refers to the use of plant parts such as seeds, berries, roots, leaves, bark, or flowers for medicinal purposes. Plants which are used for medicinal purposes contain various phytochemicals with beneficial biological activity such as antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer, antioxidant, antidiarrheal, analgesics and wound healing activity.

Brief History of Herbal Medicine :

Herbal Medicine is the oldest form of healing to the mankind. Herbal medicine had been used by all the ancient civilizations—Chinese, Egyptian, Greek, Indian, Mesopotamian and

Roman. The first famous Herbalist was Hippocrates, known as the 'Father of Medicine' who stressed the importance of nature in healing .

HerbalMedicinecanbe broadlyclassified intothefollowingvariousbasic systems .

1. TraditionalChineseHerbalism,whichispartofTraditionalOriental Medicine.
2. Herbalism,whichisderivedfromAyurveda,and
3. Western Herbalism, which originally came from Greece and Rome to Europe andthen spread Ayurvedic to North and South America.

In the early 19th century, when methods of chemical analysis first became available,scientists began extracting and modifying the active ingredients from plants. Later, chemists began making their own version of plant compounds, beginning the transition from raw herbs to synthetic pharmaceuticals. Over time, the use of herbal medicines declined in favor of pharmaceuticals.

Importance of herbal medicine:

1. Plays an important role in prevention and treatment of various diseases.
2. People are greatly concerned about the efficacy and side effects of many synthetic drugs and hence choose herbal medicines for providing a safe and natural alternative treatment for many health problems.
3. Herbal medicines are not addictive or habit forming.
4. Herbal medicines combine with the immune system of the human body to create an even detoxification process.
5. It does not have any significant side effect compared to semi-synthetic drugs.

Limitations of herbal medicine:

1. Longer period of time is required for treatment of diseases by herbal medicines than most prescription drugs.
2. Optimized in a laboratory for effectiveness and due to this naturalness
3. It cannot heal appendicitis or heart attack effectively as no diagnostic tests or surgery is involved in it.

The liquorice root has a long tradition of medicinal use for the treatment of different types of diseases. Biologically active substances from the liquorice root exhibit the following effects: Antioxidant, expectorative, anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, healing, spasmolytic, antiviral, antibacterial, and antiproliferative, etc. The dominant biologically active substances from *Glycyrrhizae radix* are glycyrrhizic acid (triterpene saponosides), chalcones (licurosid), and flavonoids (liquiritin, and liquiritigenin) [9-12]. Therefore, the development of drugs from the liquorice root with antimicrobial activity for local use is an actual task. The aim of this work was to carry out complex studies in the field of obtaining of a hydroalcoholic extract with antimicrobial activity from liquorice root for local use both, in medical and veterinary practice.

Review of literature:

Origin of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*:

The roots are unearthed in the autumn of the fourth season. It is grown in India, Spain, Iran, Russia, China and Italy.

Ecology-*Glycyrrhiza glabra*:

Glycyrrhiza glabra enjoys fertile, sandy, and clay soil near a river or stream where enough water is available for the plant to flourish in the wild, or under cultivation where it can be irrigated.

Morphology: *Glycyrrhiza glabra*

Glycyrrhiza glabra is a herbaceous perennial, growing to 1 m in height, with pinnate leaves about 7–15 cm long, with 9–17 leaflets.

The flowers are 0.8–1.2 cm long, purple to pale whitish blue, produced in a loose inflorescence. The fruit is an oblong pod, 2–3 cm long, containing several seeds.

The *Glycyrrhiza* shrub is a member of the pea family and grows in subtropical climates in rich soil. Below ground, the *Glycyrrhiza glabra* plant has an extensive root system with a main taproot and numerous runners. The main taproot, which is harvested for medicinal use, is soft, fibrous, and has a bright yellow interior.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTIONS:

G. glabra is a typical herbaceous perennial, growing to 1 m in height, presenting pinnate leaves with a length of 7 to 15 cm. The flowers are purple to pale whitish blue, being arranged in a hermaphrodite inflorescence, whereas the fruit is an oblong legume with 2 to 3 cm of length and containing several seeds.

The genus *Glycyrrhiza* (Fabaceae) consists of about 30 species, such as *G. glabra*, *G. uralensis*, *G. inflata*, *G. aspera*, *G. korshinskyi*, or *G. eurycarpa*. Like the other plants of Fabaceae, *G. glabra* is able to fix nitrogen, due to symbiosis with bacteria of the

genus *Rhizobium*, at the root level, being suitable for sandy and clay soils, though preferring humid soils. Since the Egyptian age, the therapeutic properties of *G. glabra* are well documented). The roots are the most used parts whereas leaves are considered an agrochemical waste. However, in the last years, different authors studied the phytochemical composition of *G. glabra* leaves, demonstrating that certain compounds present in the roots are also identified in leaves, although in smaller quantities

<i>G. aspera</i>	<i>G. bucharica</i>
<i>G. echinata</i>	<i>G. eurycarpa</i>
<i>G. glabra</i>	<i>G. iconica</i>
<i>G. inflata</i>	<i>G. korshinskyi</i>

Phytochemicals: Compounds from the plants:

Phytochemicals are defined as bioactive non-nutrient plant compounds in fruits, vegetables, grains, and other plant foods. They may provide desirable health benefits beyond basic nutrition to reduce the risk of chronic diseases. The prefix ‘phyto’ of phytochemicals is from a Greek word meaning plant. (<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/43972>)

Various mechanisms of action of phytochemicals have been suggested. Phytochemicals exist in different forms such as antioxidants, hormonal action, stimulation of enzymes (stimulating certain enzymes may help reduce the risk of breast cancer), interfere with DNA replication (which would prevent multiplication of cancer cells), anti-bacterial properties, and lastly, by preventing physical adhesion of pathogens to cells in our body.

Main Classes of phytochemicals:

1 .Alkaloids :

Alkaloids are nitrogen-containing compounds widely distributed in various types of plant groups. Most are optically active. Alkaloids are classically defined as being plant derived, pharmacologically active, basic compounds derived from amino acids that contain one or more heterocyclic nitrogen atoms. Alkaloids have various pharmacological applications.

Cocaine is a powerful nervous system stimulant. It is found in the leaves of *Erythroxylon coca*.

Caffeine is the most widely consumed central nervous-system stimulant. Morphine exhibit narcotic effects; reserpine is an antihypertensive agent; atropine is a smooth muscle relaxant and strychnine is a nerve stimulant.

2. Flavonoids:

Flavonoids are a group of polyphenolic compounds with different chemical structure and Characteristics. They are widely distributed in the various plants. More than 4,000 different flavonoids have been identified within the major flavonoid classes which include anthocyanidins, catechins, chalcones, flavonols, flavones, flavanones, isoflavones, dihydroflavonols, etc. In plants, Flavonoids act as antioxidants, antimicrobials, photoreceptors, visual attractors, feeding repellants, and for light screening. It is also found that flavonoids exhibit various biological activities like anti-allergenic, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, and vasodilating actions.

3. Glycosides:

Glycosides are defined as the condensation products of sugars (including polysaccharides) with a host of different varieties of organic hydroxy compounds. Salicin is an example of an alcoholic glycoside. Salicin is an anti-inflammatory agent that is produced from willow bark. Digitoxin is a cardiac glycoside. It is used for treatment or prevention of cardiac arrhythmias. Barbaloin is found in *Aloe vera*. Barbaloin exhibit various pharmacological activity such as strong inhibitory effect on histamine release, anti-inflammatory, cathartic, antiviral, antimicrobial, anticancer, antioxidant activity and alternative for pharmaceutical or cosmetic applications.

4. Phenolics:

Phenolics are widely distributed in the various plant flora and are the most abundant secondary metabolites of plants. phenolic compounds can be divided into three classes:

- 1. Shortly distributed (as simple phenols, pyrocatechol, hydroquinone, resorcinol, aldehydes derived from benzoic acids that are components of essential oils, such as vanillin),

- 2. Widely distributed (divided into flavonoids and their derivatives, coumarins and phenolic acids, such as benzoic and cinnamic acid and their derivatives) and
- Polymers (tannin and lignin)

Polyphenols are primarily recognized for their antioxidant activity and they also have other various biological activities like anti-inflammatory, anti-histamine, antibacterial and antiviral activities.

5. Saponins:

When saponin containing plants are agitated in water, they form a soapy lather and so they are called saponins.

They are used also in beverages, food ingredients, shampoos, liquid detergents, toothpastes and extinguishers as an emulsifier and long-lasting foaming agent. Glycyrrhizin is a sweet-tasting triterpene saponin which is isolated from the Glycyrrhiza plant and it is used as a medicine and as a sweetener and flavor enhancer in foods and cigarettes. Steroidal saponins are pharmaceutically very important due to their relationship to compounds such as the sex hormone, cortisone, diuretic steroids, vit. D and cardiac glycosides.

6. Tannins:

Tannins have a protective function in the bark of the roots and stems, or any outer layers of plants. Because of their high polyphenol content, tannins are astringent in nature. Tannins are mainly divided into two categories: hydrolysable tannins and condensed tannins.

Hydrolysable tannins, upon hydrolysis, produce gallic acid and ellagic acid and depending on the type of acid produced, the hydrolysable tannins are called gallotannins or ellagitannins. Condensed tannins are dimers or oligomers of catechin, epicatechin or similar units. Mixtures of these oligomers are powerful antioxidants known as oligomeric proanthocyanidins.

Tannins are used for medicinal purposes due to their astringent properties. They promote rapid healing and the formation of new tissues on wounds and inflamed mucosa.

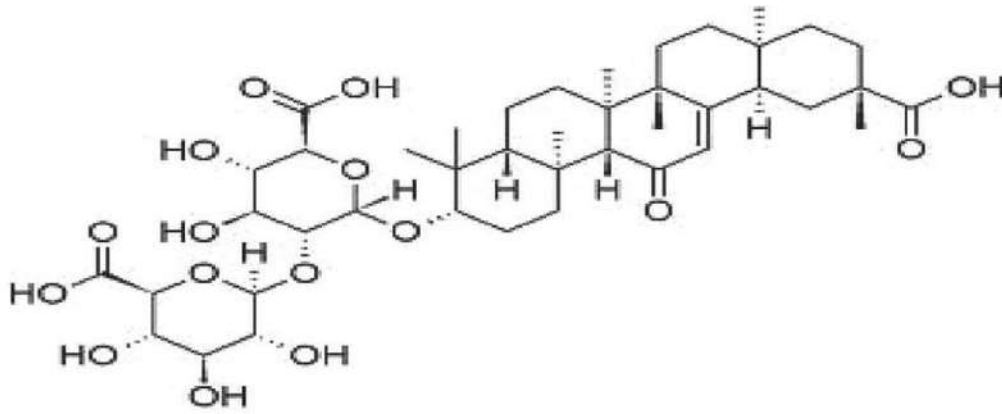
7.Terpenoids:

Terpenes are a large class of natural hydrocarbon secondary metabolites which consists of five-carbon isoprene units linked together most commonly in a head-to-tail arrangement.

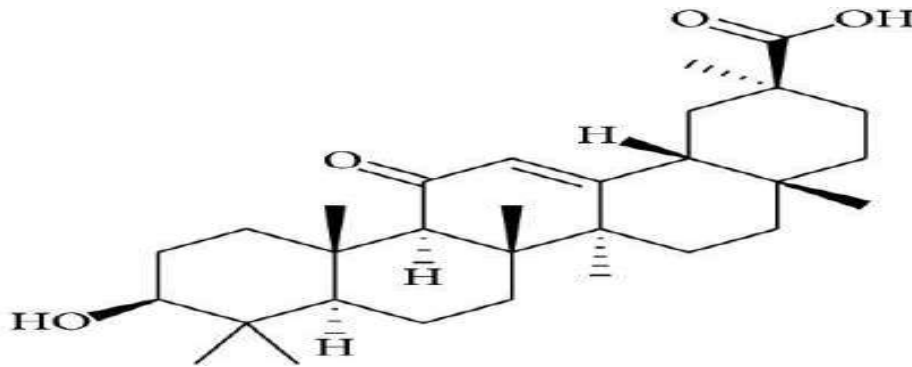
Terpenes are thus classified by the number of five-carbon units they contain : Hemiterpenes (C5), Monoterpenes (C10), Sesquiterpenes (C15), Diterpenes (C20), Sesterterpenes (C25), Triterpenes (C30), Carotenoids (C40).

Terpenoids exhibit a wide range of biological activities against cancer, inflammation, malaria, and a variety of infectious diseases. (Ali Esmail Al-Snafi, 2018)

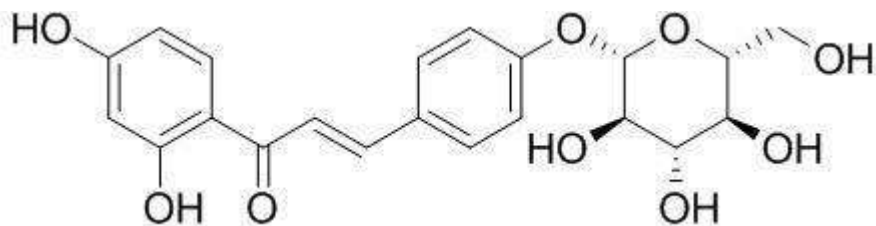
Structure of phytochemicals of *glycyrrizaglabra*



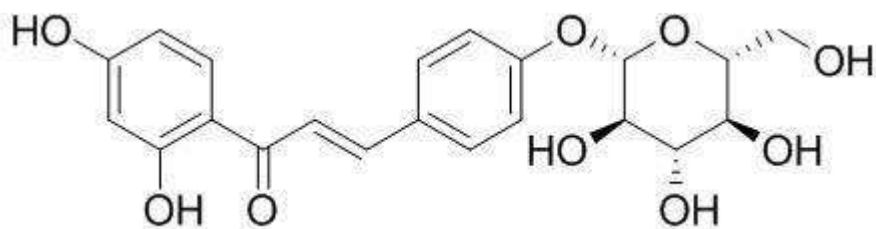
Glycyrrhizin



Glycyrrhetic acid



Liquiritin



Isoliquiritin

Since the beginning of human cultivation practices, the role of plants in medicine has been of huge importance. *Glycyrrhiza glabra* is one of the most popular medicinal plants belonging to the Fabaceae family (also known as Leguminosae), and its members are now commonly used as feed and food. The genus *Glycyrrhiza* is derived from the Greek words *glykos* (sweet) and *rhiza* (root). It is also called licorice, liquorice, glycyrrhiza, sweet wood. Licorice commonly known as *Yashthimadhu* in Ayurveda is one such plant. Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) symbolises all that is wonderful in nature because, it is used as traditional medicine for household remedy against various human ailments from antiquity. Licorice was supposed to have life-enhancing properties.

This species is a native of Mediterranean areas, but it is now also present in India, Russia, and China. The extracts are currently used in pharmaceutical and food industries. In the last few decades there has been an exponential growth in the field of herbal medicine. It is getting

popularized in developing and developed countries owing to its natural origin and lesser side effects. Plant derivatives had been employed by population to prevent different kinds of diseases for centuries. The knowledge of plant properties was acquired by ancient civilization that passed down from generation to generation until today. Plant showed wide range of pharmacological activities including antimicrobial, antioxidant, anticancer, hypolipidemic, cardiovascular, central nervous, respiratory, immunological, anti-inflammatory, analgesic antipyretic and many other pharmacological effects (Nicole Wittschier a, Gerhard Faller, 2009)

According to analysis of previous study which is done on licorice. Most of the study is reported on different part of licorice like root, stem and leaves. There is much study done on root, leaves than stem. Different part shows much similarities in phytochemical, antimicrobial and antioxidant properties. The phytochemical screening of the *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root revealed the presence of alkaloids, glycosides, carbohydrates, starches, phenolic compounds, flavonoids, proteins, pectin, mucilage, saponins, lipids, tannins, sterols and steroids. It showed memory enhancement, antidepressant, antimicrobial, anticancer, antioxidant, protective, anti-inflammatory, anti-ulcer, anti-diabetic, hypolipidemic and many other pharmacological effects. It was used to have the functions of nourishing, alleviating pain, and relieving coughing. The canvas of the pharmacological activities when compiled it stands out strongly as a drug of choice in various disorders. The main taproot, which is harvested for medical use is soft, fibrous, and has a bright yellow interior.

Antioxidant Property:

Glycyrrhizin possesses the good antioxidant activity as it has the ability to scavenge the free radical wherever present in the blood circulation. (D Thakur, Abhilasha, 2016) Glycyrrhizin possesses the good antioxidant activity as it has the ability to scavenge the free radical wherever present in the blood circulation. The radical scavenging activity may be defined as scavenging action of compound onto the free radical ions or reactive oxygen species (ROS) produced in human body. (D Thakur, Abhilasha, 2016). Hydromethanolic root extract of *G. glabra* which consists of plenty of polyphenolic components can exhibit antioxidant activity and chemo preventive properties (D.M. Biondi, C. Rocco, 2003)

Antimicrobial Activity:

Currently one of the major problems is multidrug resistant microorganism that spread rapidly and also the chronic conditions that caused by them. Glycyrrhiza Linn and its species are recognized to have selective antimicrobial activity due to isoprenoid phenols present in it. according to Varsha and Sonam (2013) this antimicrobial activity due to flavonoids, whereas Singh et al. (2015) reported that mostly isoflavones, Most recent studies have shown that there are significant antibacterial properties against gram positive and gram negative pathogens in hydromethanolic extracts of *G. glabra*. (H. Haraguchi, K. Tanimato, 1998)

Antibiofilm Activity :

Licorice compounds have also been suggested to be beneficial for dental caries and periodontal disease, through their anti-adhesion. glabridin and licochalcone A were found to exert antifungal activity towards *C. albicans*. (Celine Messier and Daniel Grenier, 2011). Licorice extract evidenced inhibitory potential against the nine tested *Candida* strains, but no pronounced effect was observed by testing the most abundant individual phenolic compounds. *Candida tropicalis* strains were the most sensible, followed by *Candida glabrata*, *Candida parapsilosis* and, then, *Candida albicans*. (Natalia Martins, Sonia Silva, 2015)

Anti-inflammatory activity:

The anti-inflammatory activity of *G. glabra* and its use in the treatment of inflammatory diseases have been documented since ancient times (R. Yang, Yuan, Ma, Zhou, & Liu, 2017). It has the positive effects of *G. glabra* on the treatment of the upper respiratory tract and gastric system diseases. These pharmacological effects were due to an increase in the secretion of serotonin and prostaglandins in the stomach that led to a decrease of gastric inflammation (Bahmani et al., 2014). Furthermore, *G. glabra* is used in renal and liver complications on the basis of its strong anti-inflammatory effects (Y. Xiao et al., 2010). Y. Xiao et al. (2010) reported the inhibition of liver granuloma formation and the inflammatory cytokine production by glycyrrhizin, whereas X. R. Wang, Hao, and Chu (2017) described the anti-inflammatory effects on endometriosis. Moreover, Liu et al. (2017) proved the anti-inflammatory activity of glabridin on RAW cells

Antiulcerative activity:

The use of *G. glabra* extract as antiulcerative is widely known. For the gastrointestinal system, it is used in gastric and duodenal ulcers (Bardhan, Cumberland, Dixon, & Holdsworth, 1978), whereas for the treatment of spasmodic pains of chronic gastritis. The major compound responsible for this activity is glycyrrhizin, which can raise the concentration of prostaglandins in the digestive tract, promoting stomach mucus secretion (Jafarian & Ghazvini, 2007). In addition, liquorice prolongs the lifespan of stomach surface cells, demonstrating an antipepsin effect (Ram, Lachake, Kaushik, & Shreedhara, 2010).

Antiviral activity:

The antiviral activity of *G. glabra* extracts against different viruses has been reported, including herpes simplex, Varicella zoster, Japanese encephalitis, influenza, and vesicular stomatitis virus (L. Wang, Yang, et al., 2015). It involved in the propagation of the cellular response to inflammation, activating T lymphocyte proliferation, and suppressing host cell apoptosis (L. Wang, Yang, et al., 2015). The antiviral mechanisms of both compounds are similar, inhibiting the adsorption and penetration of the virus in the early steps of the replicative cycle. Recently, the antiviral activity of glycyrrhizin against severe acute respiratory syndrome virus was evaluated (Cinatl et al., 2003). Glycyrrhizin affects the cellular signalling pathways such as protein kinase C, casein kinase II, and transcription factors, namely, activator protein 1 (Cinatl et al., 2003). Glycyrrhizin can also be used as a novel therapeutic method to control porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus (PEDV) infection, inhibiting the infection of Vero cells (namely, the entry and replication of PEDV) and decreasing the mRNA levels of proinflammatory cytokines (Huan et al., 2017).

Hepatoprotective activity :

The hepatoprotective activity of glycyrrhizin and 18 β -glycyrrhetic acid by inhibition of free-radical generation and lipid peroxidation has been extensively reported (Huo et al., 2011). According to Rizzato et al. (2017), glycyrrhizin and glycyrrhetic acids prevent drug-induced liver injury and ensure the disruption of bile acid metabolism in humans. Indeed glycyrrhetic acid has been reported as anti-inflammatory and hepatoprotective compound (Yin et al., 2017), whereas glycyrrhizin, when compared with the placebo, induced a significant reduction in the serum aminotransferases and improved the liver

histology (van Rossum et al., 1998). It has also been reported that the long-term use of glycyrrhizin prevents the development of hepatocellular carcinoma in chronic hepatitis C (van Rossum et al., 1998).

Anticarcinogenic and antimutagenic activity:

Different studies suggest that the extract of *G. glabra* may be a potential supplemental source for different cancer treatments. C. S. Lee et al. (2008) demonstrated the toxic effect of *G. glabra* against the human cervix and uterus tumour cell line SiHa cells. Glycyrrhizin and glycyrrhetic acids are effective compounds in gastric cancer treatment, whereas glycyrrhizin suppresses thromboxane A₂ in lung cancer cell with low toxicity (Deng, Wang, Zeng, Chen, & Huang, 2017). According to S. Wang et al. (2017), 18 β - glycyrrhetic acid has antitumour activities in breast and ovarian cancer, gastric tumours, and leukaemia. In liver cancer, the compound inhibits the proliferation of HepG2 cells without affecting the normal liver cell line. . Also, the anticancer activity in human leukaemia, by inducing the apoptosis of HL-60 cells through the activation of extrinsic and intrinsic apoptotic pathways, was proved by Y. C. Huang et al. (2016)

Neuroprotective activity:

findings suggest that Licorice stem extract has possible neuroprotective role of licorice in the prevention of diseases such as Alzheimer. The basis of Alzheimer is the chronic inflammation of certain brain regions. Thus, the anti- inflammatory activity of licorice might contribute to the observed memory-enhancing effects (Yokota, Nishio, Kubota, & Mizoguchi, 1998). Also, oxygen free radicals are implicated in the process of aging and could be responsible for the development of Alzheimer's disease in elderly persons. The protective role of licorice extract may be attributed to its antioxidant properties, resulting in reduced brain damage and improvement of neuronal function and memory. The combination of anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activities with neuroprotective role could lead to memory-enhancing effects.

Sedative activity:

Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) is the major inhibitory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, being GABA receptors a target for anaesthetics and neuroleptic, anxiolytic, and anti-convulsant compounds (Simmler et al., 2013). *G. glabra* acts as a modulator of

GABAA receptors (Hoffmann, Beltrán, Ziemba, Hatt, & Gisselmann, 2016), being able to induce sedative and anxiolytic effects.

Antidepressive activity:

Liquorice extract may have potential therapeutic value for the treatment of depressive disorders. Recent studies have shown that liquorice extract produces significant antidepressant effects in mice during forced swim test (FST) and tail suspension test (TST). The precise mechanisms by which liquorice extract produced this effect are not completely understood. However, it is suggested that the extract may interact with α 1-adrenoceptors and dopamine D2 receptors, increasing the levels of norepinephrine and dopamine in the mice brain (Dhingra & Sharma, 2006).

Skin effects:

The main skin benefits reported for *G. glabra* are based on the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities as well as on the ultraviolet (UV) protection (Halder & Richards, 2004). Liquorice mainly for skin eruptions, including dermatitis, eczema, pruritus, and cysts.

. Besides, glabrene acts as a tyrosinase inhibitor, preventing the formation of melanin in melanocytes, probably acting as skin-lightening agent. Saeedi et al. (2003) exposed that liquorice extract could be considered as an effective agent in the treatment of atopic dermatitis. Finally, the hydro-alcoholic extract of liquorice promotes hair growth, being safely used in herbal formulations for the treatment of various types of alopecia (Saumendu, Raj, Suvakanta, Jashabir, & Biswajit, 2014).

Objectives:

1. Phytochemical extraction from Liquorice plant (stem) by using various methods.
2. Purification of phytochemicals.
3. Characterization of extracted phytochemicals.
4. Antimicrobial activity of liquorice plant (stem) extract against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ,
staphylococcus aureus.
5. Growth curve of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* , *staphylococcus aureus* against liquorice
plant (stem) sample.
6. Effect of PH and Temperature on liquorice plant (stem) sample.
7. Stability study of formulated gel against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ,
staphylococcus aureus.
8. GC-MS analysis.
9. FTIR analysis.

GLYCYRRHIZAGLABRA.



A. Materials and methods:

Plant sample:

For studies, we used plant stem sample purchased from local Ayurvedic store. Stem sample is further crushed by using grinder to make a fine powder. This powder is further used for extraction.



1. Preparation of plant extract:

- a) **Methanolic extract** : Add 10gm (Bark &Cork) of licorice stem extract and add in 100ml of methanol and put for extraction overnight on next day mixture is filtered with Whatman filter paper no. 1, filtrate collected in flask used to detect antimicrobial activity.
- b) **Ethanolic extract** : Add 10gm (Bark &Cork) of licorice stem extract and add in 100ml of ethanol and put for extraction overnight on next day mixture is filtered with Whatman filter paper no. 1, filtrate collected in flask used to detect antimicrobial activity.

- c) **Petroleum ether** : Add 10gm (Bark&Cork) of liquorice stem extract and add in 100ml Petroleum ether of and put for extraction overnight on next day mixture is filtered with Whatman filter paper no. 1, filtrate collected in flask used to detect antimicrobial activity.
- d) **Chloroform** : Add 10gm (Bark&Cork) of liquorice stem extract and add in 100ml of chloroform and put for extraction overnight on next day mixture is filtered with Whatman filter paper no. 1, filtrate collected in flask used to detect antimicrobial activity.
- e) **Sterilewater** : Add10gm (Bark&Cork)of liquoricestem extract and add in 100ml of sterile water and put for extraction overnight on next day mixture is filtered with Whatman filter paper no. 1, filtrate collected in flask used to detect antimicrobial activity.



FIG.Preparationofplant(stem)extract:

2. Phytochemical tests of plant extract:

a) Test for alkaloids :

3 ml of extract was evaporated to dryness and residue was heated on boiling water bath with 2N HCL (5 ml) after cooling the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was divided into two equal portions. One portion was treated with the few drops of Mayer's Reagent and other with equal amount of Warner's Reagent). The sample was then observed for the presence of turbidity or precipitation. '+' score was recorded if the reagent indicated the presence of compound. '-' score was recorded for absence of compound.

b) Test for flavonoids :

5 ml of each extract was treated with few drops of concentrated 2N HCL and Magnesium turnings (0.5 gm). Presence of flavonoids was indicated if pink or magenta colour developed within 3 min.

c) Test for Glycosides:

Small amount of alcoholic extract of sample dissolved in 1ml water & then addition of aq. Sodium hydroxide, yellow colour indicates the presence of glycosides.

d) Test for steroids [salkowski's test]:

prepare the extract with 2 gm of plant powder and 50 ml chloroform and evaporate it, then add chloroform same flask and add sulfuric acid observe for lower layer reddish brown colour and at interface the presence of steroid ring.

e) Test for cardiac glycosides [kellerkilliani's test]:

100mg of extract dissolved in 1ml of glacial acetic acid containing one drop of ferric chloride solution & 1ml of concentrated sulfuric acid added. A brown ring observed at the interface indicates the presence of a deoxy sugar characteristic of cardenolides.

f) Test for Resins :

2ml of chloroform or ethanolic extract 5 to 10 ml acetic anhydride added & dissolved by gently heating. After cooling 0.5 ml of H_2SO_4 was added, Bright purple colour was produced; it indicates the presence of resins.

g) Test for phenols [ferric chloride test]:

1ml of alcoholic solution of sample, 2ml of D/W followed by a few drops of 10% aq. Ferric chloride solution was added. Formation of blue or green color indicated the presence of phenols.

h) Tannin test:

A test tube containing about 5ml of an aqueous extract a few drops of 1% solution of lead acetate was added. Formation of a yellow or red precipitate indicated the presence of tannins.

i) Test for Terpenoids:

2ml of chloroform & 1ml of conc. H_2SO_4 was added to 1mg of extract & observed for reddish brown color that indicated the presence of terpenoid.

j) Test for saponin:

About 2.5 gm of dried sample powder was extracted with boiling water. After cooling the extract was shaken vigorously to froth and then allowed to stand for 15 to 20 min. and classified for saponin content as follows. No froth = negative; froth less than 1 cm = weakly positive; froth 1.2 cm high = positive; and froth greater than 2 cm high = strongly positive

k) Test for coumarin :

3ml of 10% NaOH was added to 2ml of aqueous extract formation of yellow colour indicates coumarin.

l) Amino acid:

ninhydrin test: to the 2ml extract 2ml ninhydrin reagent was added to boil for few minutes, formation of blue colour indicates the presence of amino acid.

m) Diterpenes:

copper acetate test: extract was dissolved in water and treated with 10 drops of copper acetate solution, formation of emerald green colour indicates presence of diterpenes.

n) Leucoanthocyanin:

5ml isoamyl alcohol added to 5ml of aqueous extract, upper layer appears red in color indicates the presence of Leucoanthocyanin.

3. Antimicrobial study of prepared phytochemical extract:

The antibacterial activity of the various organic solvents extracts such as chloroform, methanol, petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, ethanol and aqueous extract was carried out by agar cup method. From each extract ethanolic extracts were chosen for further studies. The reference microorganisms for antibacterial activity testing were used as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus* for present study. From ethanolic solvent extract 100 µl of sample was added in a well and their respective solvent as control. Plates were kept for diffusion of sample in refrigerator for 10 min and then incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. After incubation period plates were observed for zone of inhibition.

4. Purification of plant extract by using Column Chromatography :

Activation of column :

50gm of silica gel (with mesh size- 60 to 120) washed 2 times with ethanol. Dried in oven overnight. Set column chromatography, 3ml of plant extract sample was added. Run the sample. Collect 3ml fractions in 60 skew cork test tubes. Evaporate fractions at 60 degree centigrade in oven. Check the fractions for antimicrobial activity.



FIG. Column chromatography

Antimicrobialactivity:

Antimicrobial activity of collected fractions were done by disc diffusion method. Paper disc deep inside respective fractions for overnight. Next day disc is kept on media Mueller Hinton for *pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *staphylococcus aureus*. plates were kept for 24hrs incubation. And check for zone of inhibition.

5. TLC analysis:

The TLC analysis were carried out for the liquorice stem extract. The modified mobile system is used like ethyl acetate: toluene: methanol in 1:8:1 for analysis.

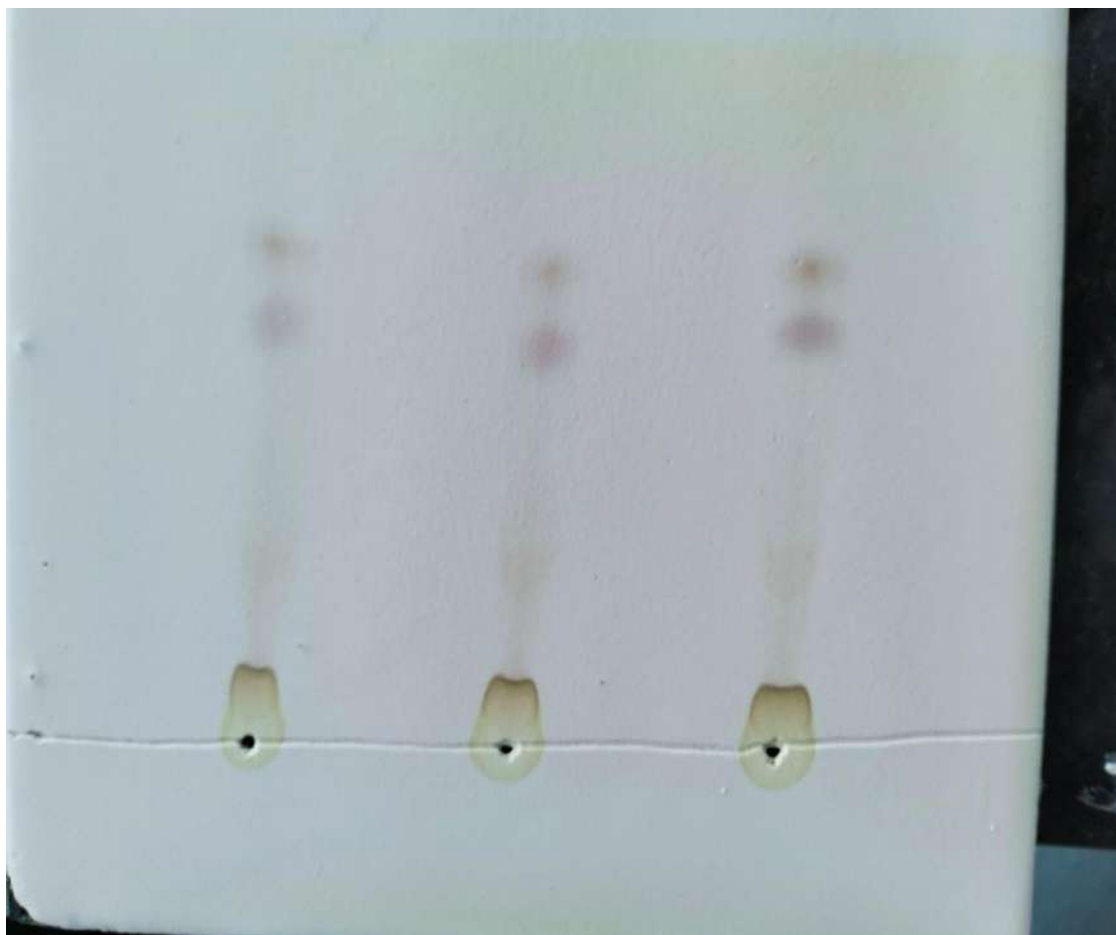


FIG. Thinlayer chromatography

Antimicrobial activity :

Antimicrobial activity of separated bands were done by well diffusion method. All three bands were scratched by using capillary and collected in ethanol as a solvent. The tubes were kept for settling overnight and the sample was used for further studies. . From collected tubes 100 μ l of sample was added in a well. Plates were kept for diffusion of sample in refrigerator for 10 min and then incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. After incubation period plates were observed for zone of inhibition.

6. Effect of pH and Temperature on liquorice plant (stem) extract:

To check the effect of various pH and temperature on liquorice plant (stem) extract. Same experiments was repeated at various pH that is from 4 to 9. Muller Hinton agar was prepared in 6 different flask and adjusted the pH by pH meter. inoculate the 100 μ l sample in the well. kept all the plates for diffusion for 10 min. after that kept all the plates in incubator at 37 $^{\circ}$ c for 24hrs. and observe the zone of inhibition.

Experiment was carried out at various temperature 20 to 70 $^{\circ}$ c. Muller Hinton agar plates was prepared. inoculate the 100 μ l sample in the well. kept all the plates for diffusion for 10 min. After that each plate is placed at various temperature like refrigerator, room temperature, incubator and oven for 24hrs and observe the zone of inhibition.



FIG. Effect of pH

7. Stability study of formulated gel:

Preparation of liquorice gel using aloe vera. The aloe vera leaf was washed with sterile water and the outer layer was removed by using a knife. The knife was introduced into the mucilage layer. By using a spatula, the pulp was collected in a beaker. The extracted gel was filtered by muslin cloth. Different dilutions of plant extract and aloe vera gel were prepared. Dilutions like 7:3, 8:2, 9:1. Then the extracted gel was used for further studies.

Antimicrobial activity of formulated gel:

The Muller Hinton agar plates were prepared. inoculate each dilutions of 100 μ l sample in 3 different wells. kept the plates for diffusion for 10 min after that kept all the plates in incubator at 37 $^{\circ}$ c for 24 hrs. and observe the zone of inhibition. The stability study was checked for 3 months at the interval of 15 days. For stability study *pseudomonasaeruginosa*, *staphylococcus aureus* organisms used.

8. Extraction of liquorice oil:

Soxhlet apparatus is used for extraction of oil. Petroleum ether is used as solvent for this method. Exactly 10 gm of liquorice stem powder is weighed and sealed in Cellulose thimbles and packed with Whatmann filter paper. After completion of 12 cycles stop the process and collect the extracted oil with petroleum ether and kept for evaporation at 60 $^{\circ}$ c for 20 min. Then the remaining extracted oil was collected.



FIG : Soxhlet apparatus.

9. Gas chromatography mass spectroscopy (GC-MS):

The Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) instrument separates chemical mixtures (the GC component) and identifies the components at a molecular level (the MS component). It is one of the most accurate tools for analysing environmental samples. The GC works on the principle that a mixture will separate into individual substances when heated. The heated gases are carried through a column with an inert gas (such as helium). As the separated substances emerge from the column opening, they flow into the MS. Mass spectrometry identifies compounds by the mass of the analyte molecule. A library of known mass spectra, covering several thousand compounds, is stored on a computer. Mass spectrometry is considered the only definitive analytical detector.

Ethanollic plant stem extract was analysed by GC-MS. By using a mass spectrophotometer QP 5000 (Shimadzu). The ionization voltage was set at 70 eV and chromatography of sample was done by temperature programming method with a Resteck column having 0.25 mm × 30 mm; XTI-5 dimensions. The initial temperature of column was set at 40°C for 4 min and then increased upto 300°C linearly with 11°C min⁻¹ rate and held for 29 min. The temperature of injection port was set at 275°C and GC-MS interface was maintained at 300°C and helium was used as carrier and the flow rate of gas was adjusted at 1 ml min⁻¹ and 48 min run time.

10. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR):

When infrared radiation passes through a sample, some of the radiation is absorbed. The radiation that passes through the sample is recorded. The frequency range is measured as 4000 cm⁻¹. It is the most common form of infrared spectroscopy. It is based on the principle that “ - 600 cm⁻¹.”

In short, the IR spectrum is divided into three wavenumber regions: far-IR spectrum (<400 cm⁻¹), mid-IR spectrum (400-4000 cm⁻¹), and near-IR spectrum (4000-13000 cm⁻¹). The mid-IR spectrum is the most widely used in the sample analysis, but far- and near-IR spectrum also contribute in providing information about the samples analyzed.

The mid-IR spectrum is divided into four regions:

- (i) the single bond region (2500-4000 cm⁻¹),
- (ii) the triple bond region (2000-2500 cm⁻¹),
- (iii) the double bond region (1500-2000 cm⁻¹), and
- (iv) the fingerprint region (600-1500 cm⁻¹).

11. Microbial growth curve analysis:

For monitoring the microbial growth curve kinetics, the test organisms *pseudomonas aeruginosa* , *staphylococcus aureus* used. The ethanolic extract of 5ml was added to the Muller Hinton broth in the one side arm flask with 1 ml suspension of 18hr old culture of *pseudomonas aeruginosa* , *staphylococcus aureus*. The second flask was used as a control with media and extract in it. For obtaining the standard growth of organisms the third flask was used which contained Muller Hinton broth and 1 ml of suspension. The fourth flask containing only the media was used as a control. During 18hrs incubation , the absorbance (620nm) measurements were performed every hour and there regular orbital shaking at 40° at 140 rpm. The optical density was measured by using colorimeter at 620nm for both organisms.

B. Result and Discussion:

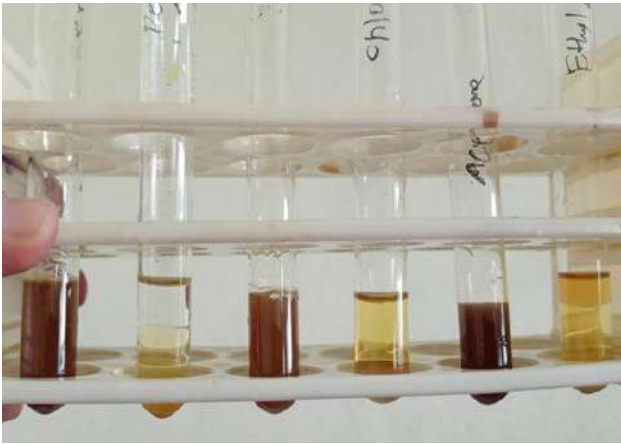
2. Phytochemical Analysis:

Liquorice is one of the most widely used and extensively researched medicinal plants of the world, A large number of biological active compounds have been isolated from *Glycyrrhiza species*. Hence we used extract of stem for the study of phytochemical extract in various solvents. It was observed that extraction of stem bark and stem cortex by using different solvents such as Ethanol, Methanol, Ethyl Acetate, Petroleum Ether, Chloroform and Sterile Water in below table.

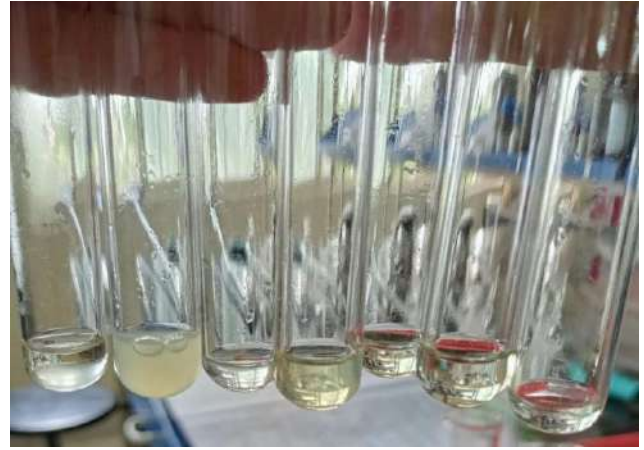
Table 1. Qualitative Analysis of Phytochemical in various solvents (Liquorice plant stem).

	Ethanol	Methanol	Ethyl Acetate	Petroleum Ether	Chloroform	Aqueous
Alkaloids	+	+	+	+	+	+
Flavonoids	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glycosides	-	+	-	+	-	+
Phenol	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tanins	-	+	-	-	-	-
Terpenoids	+	-	-	-	-	-
Cardiac glycosides	+	-	-	+	+	-
Steroids	+	-	-	-	+	-
Resins	+	+	-	-	-	+
Coumarin	-	+	+	+	+	+
Leucoanthocyanin	-	-	-	-	-	-

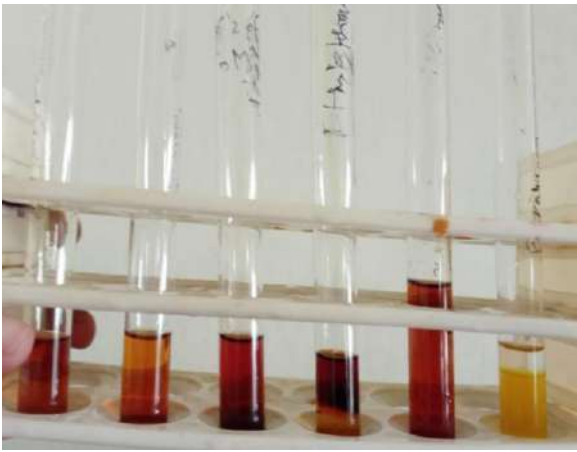
Note: '+' indicates presence and '-' indicates absence of compounds.



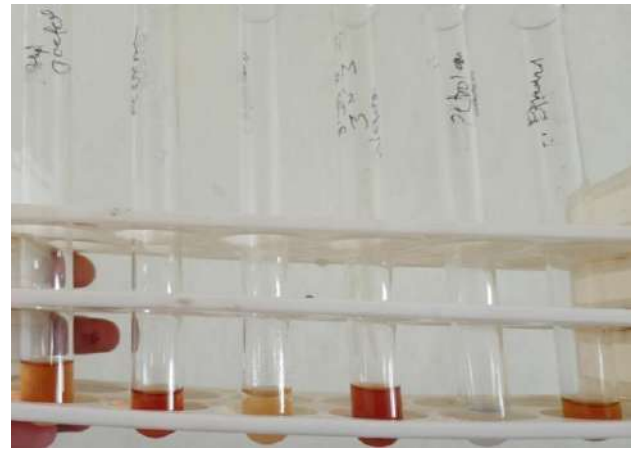
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Testfor alkaloids



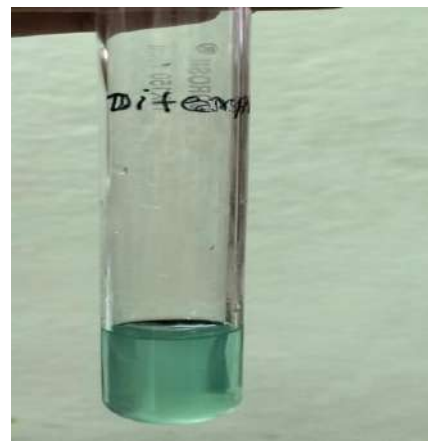
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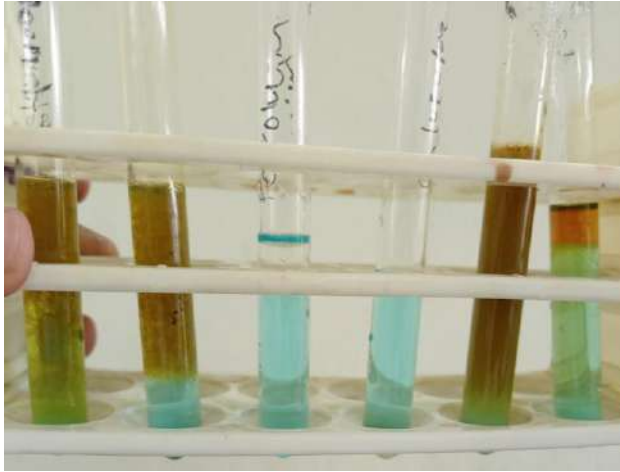
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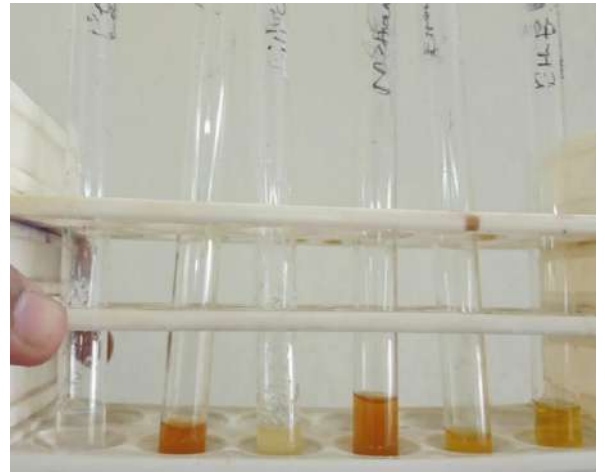
Testfor terpenoids



Testfor diterpins



Testfor resins



Testfor tanins

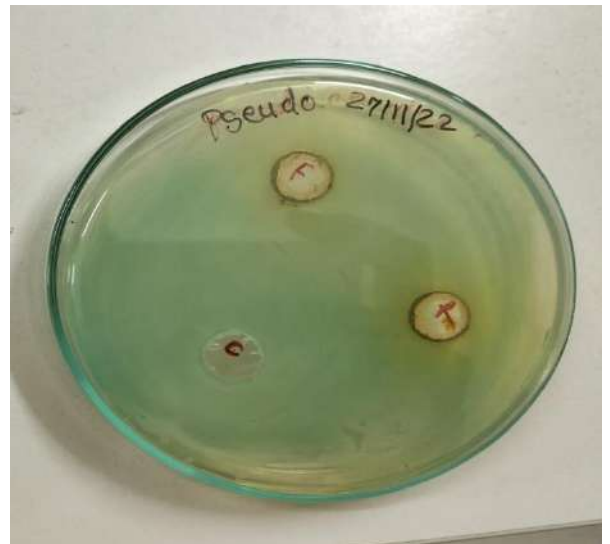
(Phytochemical test by using different solvent extract forStem sample of plant Liquorice.)

3. Antimicrobialactivityofphytochemicalextract:

The antimicrobial activity of extract was studied by the presence of inhibitory zone. The antimicrobial activity was studied by using extract against different micro-organism such as *staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.Amongst all extract ethanol extract shows good antimicrobial activity.



hylococcus aureus



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Tableno-2.Antimicrobialactivityofplant(stem)extract:

Sr.no	Organisms	Zoneofinhibition(mm)
1	<i>staphylococcus aureus</i>	12mm
2	<i>Pseudomonasaeruginosa</i>	-

The liquorice plant (stem)extract was sensitive to the *staphylococcus aureus*and resistant to the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

4.SeparationofCompoundbyusingcolumnChromatography:

The ethanol extract was used for separation of compound form these 60 fractions were separate out. The antimicrobial activity of these 60 fractions were checked out aganist *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *staphylococcus aureus*. Among these 60 fractions,fraction number45 , 58of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* shows large inhibitory zone. Fraction number 22 , 54 of *staphylococcus aureus*shows large inhibitory zone . These fraction used forfurther studies.

)Antimicrobialactivitydonebydiscdiffusionmethod-

A. *Pseudomonasaeruginosa* -



B. staphylococcus aureus.-

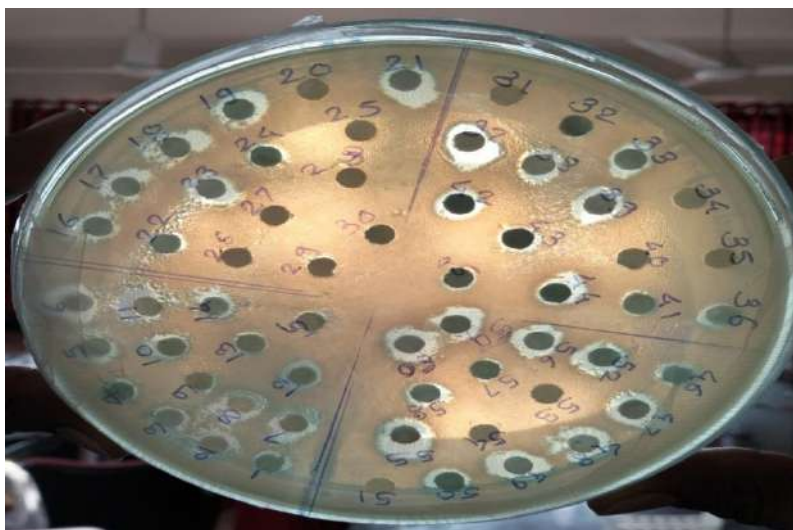


Table.3–Antimicrobialactivityofcollectedfraction:

	Organisms	Fractionnumber	Zoneofinhibition. (mm)
1.	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	45	8
		58	10
2.	<i>staphylococcus aureus.</i>	22	7
		54	6

Effect of PH on liquorice plant (stem) extract:

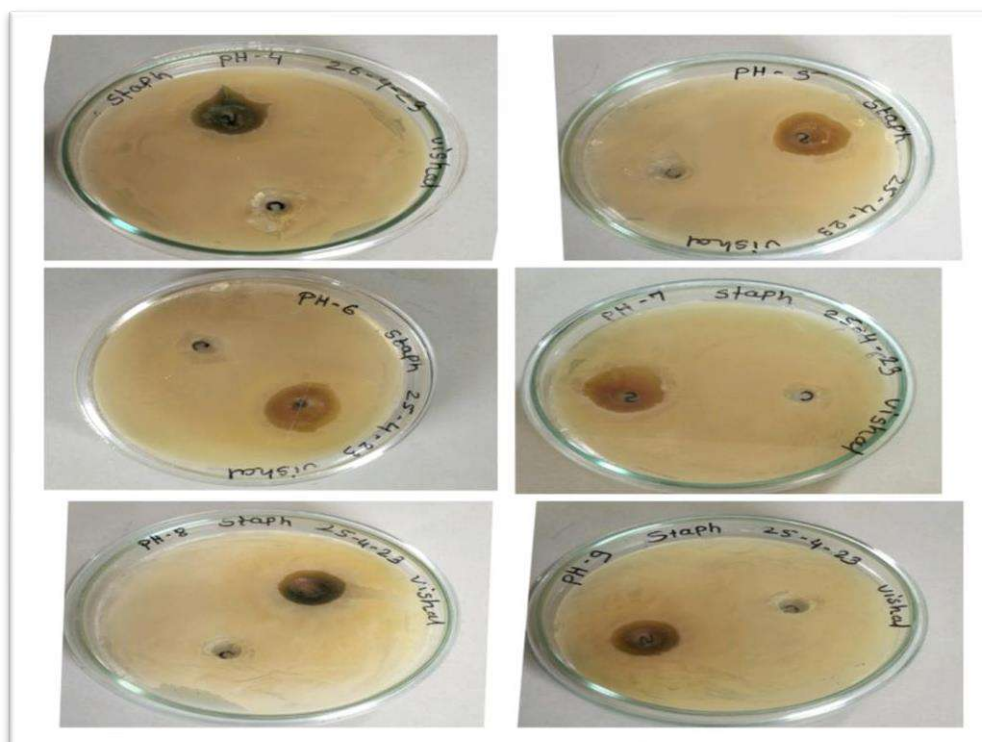


FIG. Effect of pH on plant extract against *staphylococcus aureus*

The effect of pH on plant extract which shows zone of inhibition against *staphylococcus aureus* given as follows :-

Table- 4.

PH	Zone of inhibition (mm)
4	17
5	14
6	13
7	15
8	10
9	9

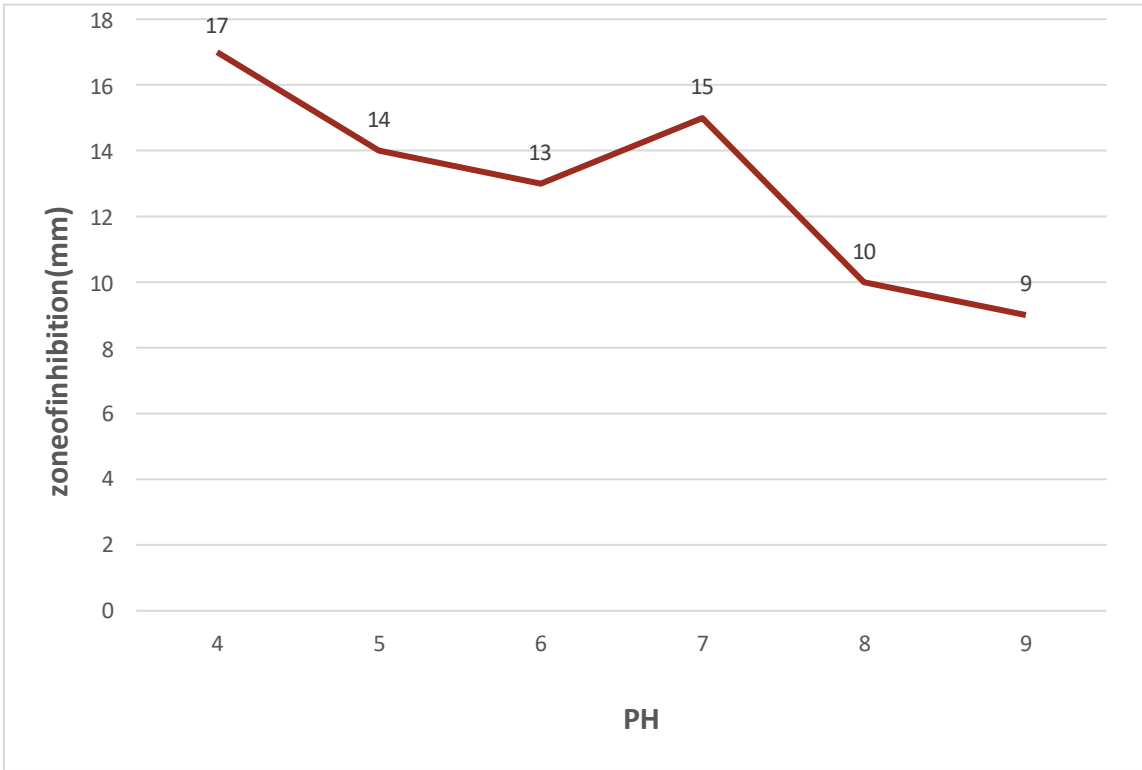


FIG-Zone of inhibition vs Effect of PH

Effect of Temperature on liquorice plant (stem) extract:

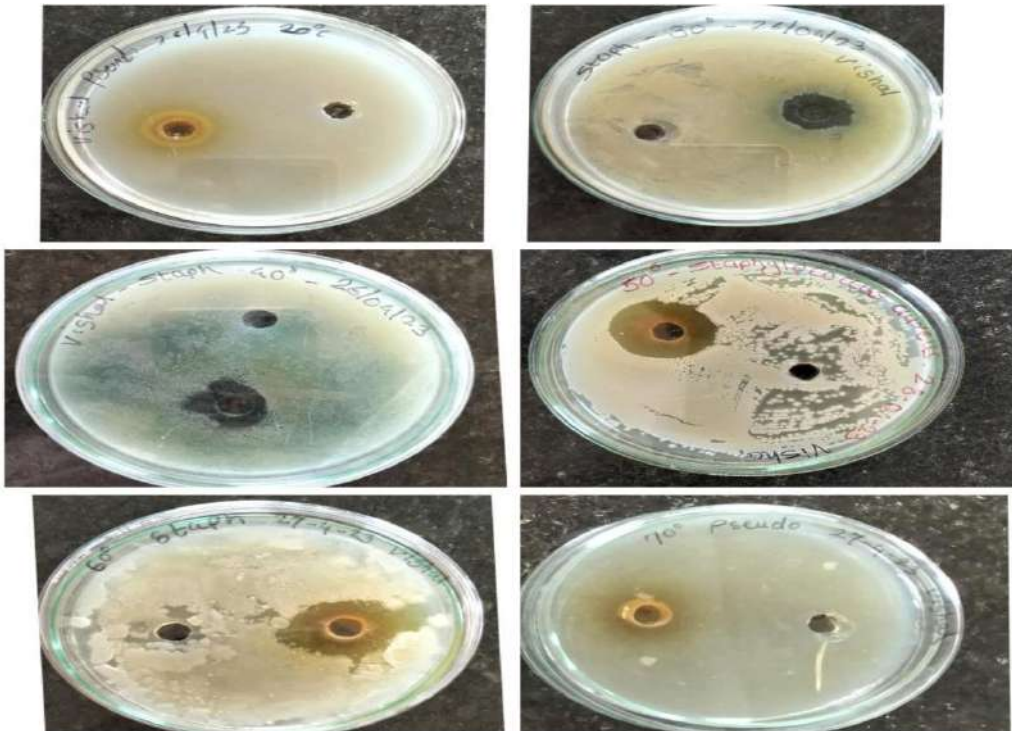


FIG. Effect of Temperature on plant extract against *staphylococcus aureus*

The effect of temperature on plant extract which shows zone of inhibition against *staphylococcus aureus* given as follows :-

Table -5.

Temperature (°c)	Zone of inhibition (mm)
20°	19
30°	12
40°	11
50°	17
60°	15
70°	0

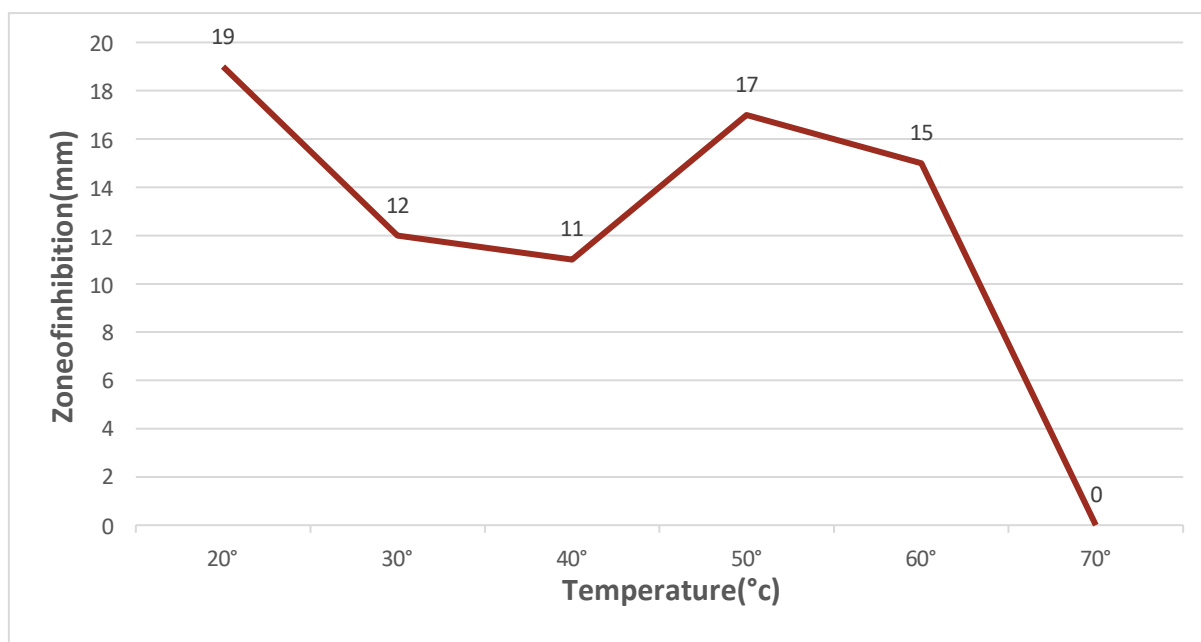


FIG -Zone of inhibition vs Effect of Temperature.

Antimicrobial activity of separated bands:

The 3 bands were observed on TLC plate. 3 bands were named as upper band 1, 2, 3. Their zone of inhibition as follows :-



FIG. Antimicrobial activity of separated bands:

Table 6-

organism	Zone of inhibition (mm)		
	I	II	III
<i>staphylococcus aureus</i>	4	5	3

Antimicrobial activity of formulated gel:

Date: 10/3/23.

Date: 25/3/23



FIG: Antimicrobial activity of formulated gel:

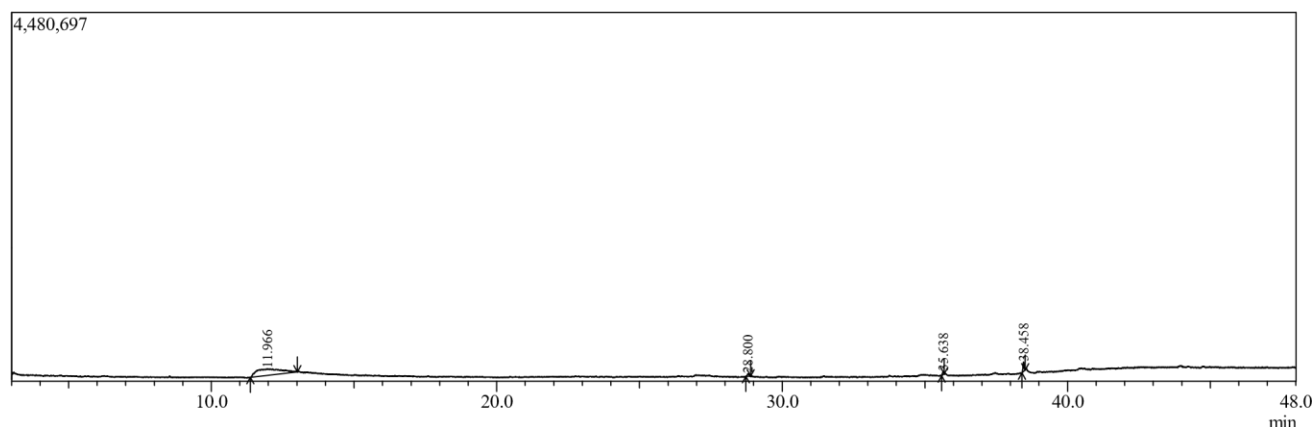
Table 7 :-

organism	Zone of inhibition (mm)			
	Date	7:3	8:2	9:1
<i>staphylococcus aureus</i>	10/3/23	6	6	5
	25/3/23	8	7	7
	9/4/23	9	10	9
	24/4/23	7	8	9

The stability study of formulated gel was checked for 2 months by performing antimicrobial activity against *staphylococcus aureus*.

8. Gas chromatography-Mass spectrometry analysis of extracted oil:

Oil was used for GCMS. The oil was extracted by using **Soxhlet apparatus**. Further GCMS profiling of the extract together revealed the occurrence of a total 4 major peaks were identified. These compounds belong to different chemical classes and most of them are reported to exhibit important biological activities. The identified compounds with their peak number, retention time (RT) and peak area (%) are presented in table.



Peak Report TIC

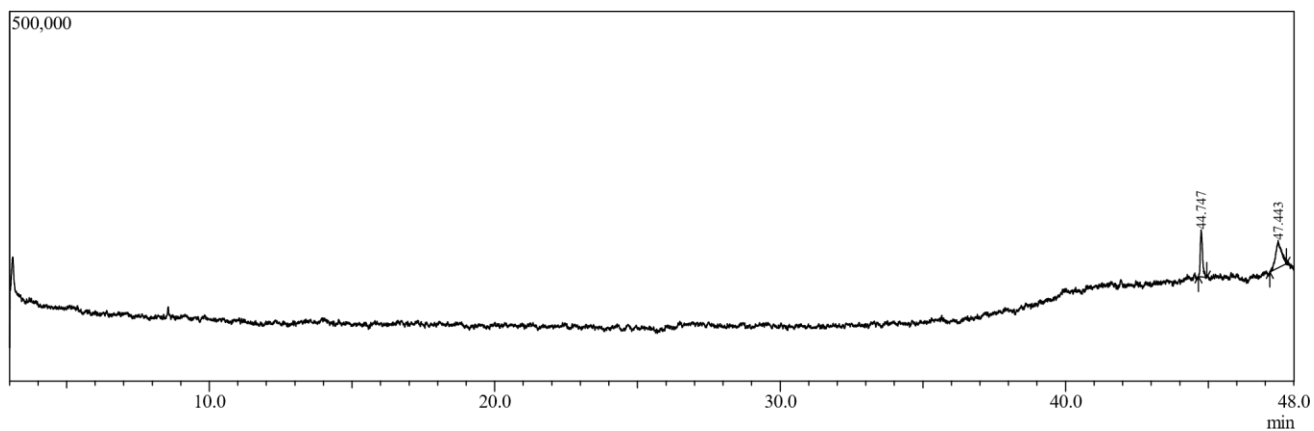
Peak#	R. Time	I. Time	F. Time	Area	Area%	Name
1	11.966	11.365	13.015	4754974	88.462	Pyrrolidinone, 1-methyl-
2	28.800	28.725	28.895	144480	2.692	6,10-Trimethyltridecane
3	35.638	35.585	35.680	1171792.18		Hexadecanoic acid, ethyl ester
4	38.458	38.405	38.515	53588596.68		Butyl 9,12-octadecadienoate

Table.8 :-

Name of compound	Biological significance
2,6,10-Trimethyltridecane	Plant metabolite and volatile oil component.
Hexadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	Used as a hair and skin conditioning agent.

9. Gaschromatography-Massspectrometryanalysisofcollectedfractions:

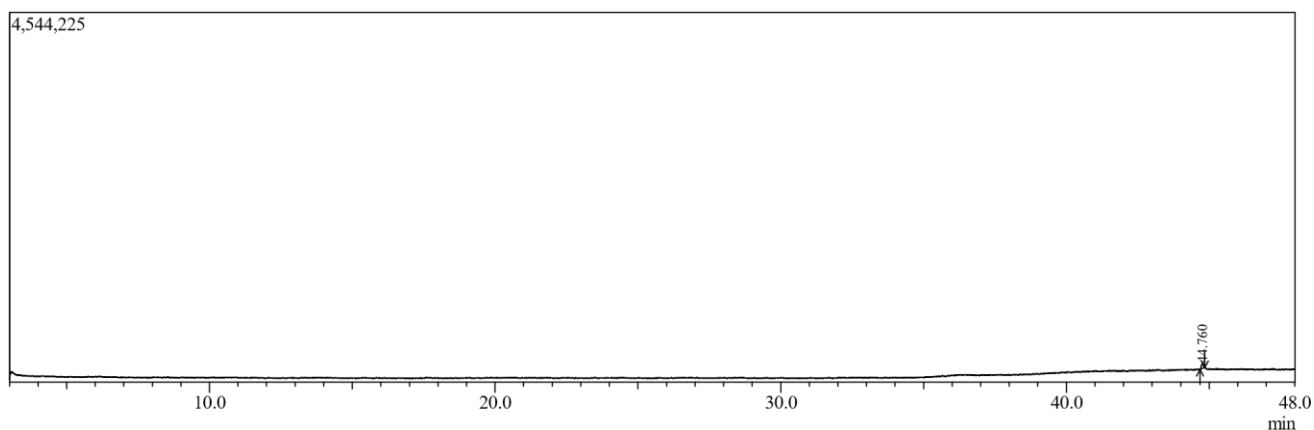
Fraction 22



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Peak#	R.Time	I.Time	F.Time	Area	Area%	Name
1	44.747	44.660	44.945	362116	39.57	Bis(2-hethylhexyl) phthalate
2	47.443	47.150	47.735	553061	60.43	.beta.- Tocopherol, O-methyl-

Fraction 45 :

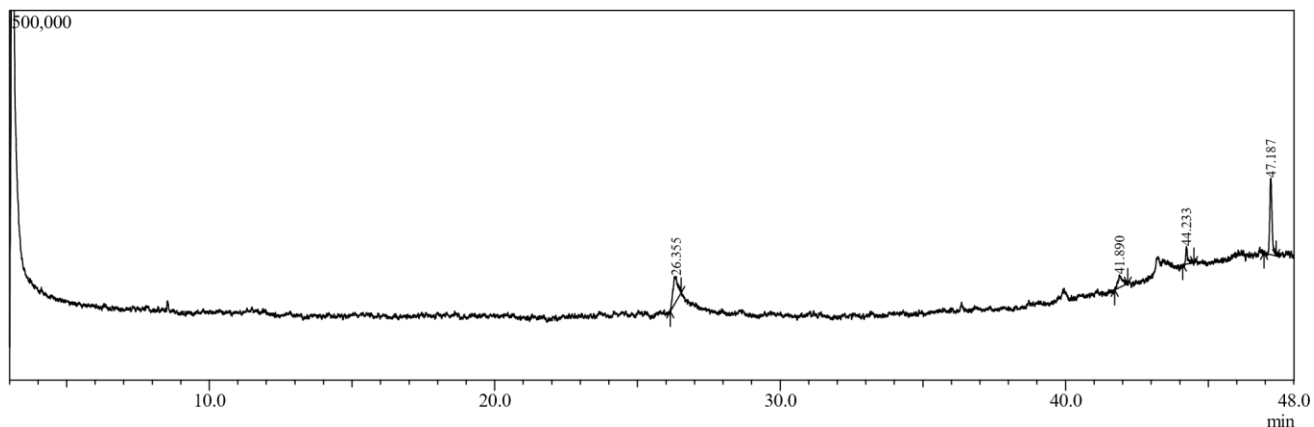


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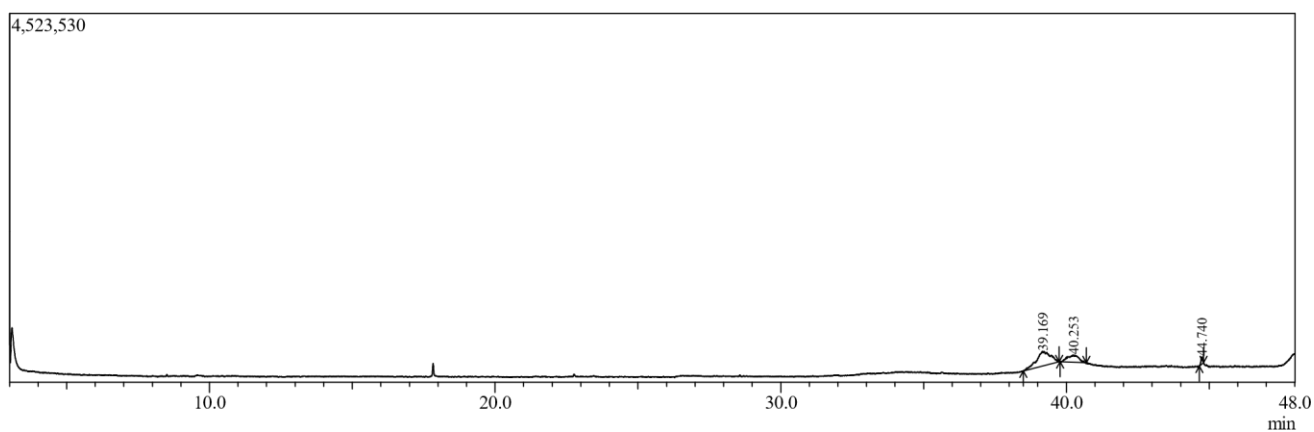
Fraction54:



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Peak#	R.Time	I.Time	F.Time	Area	Area%	Name
1	26.355	26.155	26.535	46956133.50		Diethyl Phthalate
2	41.890	41.720	42.180	20327814.50		.alpha.-Tocospiro B
3	44.233	44.100	44.495	115057	8.21	Hexanedioicacid,bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester
4	47.187	46.950	47.375	61379643.79		Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate

Fraction58:



PeakReportTIC

Peak#	R.Time	I.Time	F.Time	Area	Area%	Name
1	39.169	38.485	39.750	5999379	68.75	.alpha.-Amyrin
2	40.253	39.780	40.700	2372917	27.19	Betulinaldehyde

3 44.740 44.650 44.800 354212 4.06 Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate

Table no 9.

Nameof compound	Biological significance
.beta.-Tocopherol,O-methyl-	Antioxidant activity and increases oil stability.
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Apoptosis inhibitor,involved in cell proliferation.
DiethylPhthalate	Teratogenic agent, a neurotoxin and a plasticiser.
alpha.-TocospiroB	Anti-inflammatoryactivity.
Hexanedioicacid,bis(2-ethylhexyl)ester	Used in production of plastics and pharmaceuticals.
.alpha.-Amyrin	It has anti-infiammatory,anti-nociceptive,gastroprotective and hepatoprotective properties.
Betulinaldehyde	Effectiveforadjuvanttherapytotreatlung cancer.

10. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) analysis of collected fractions :

Fraction 22

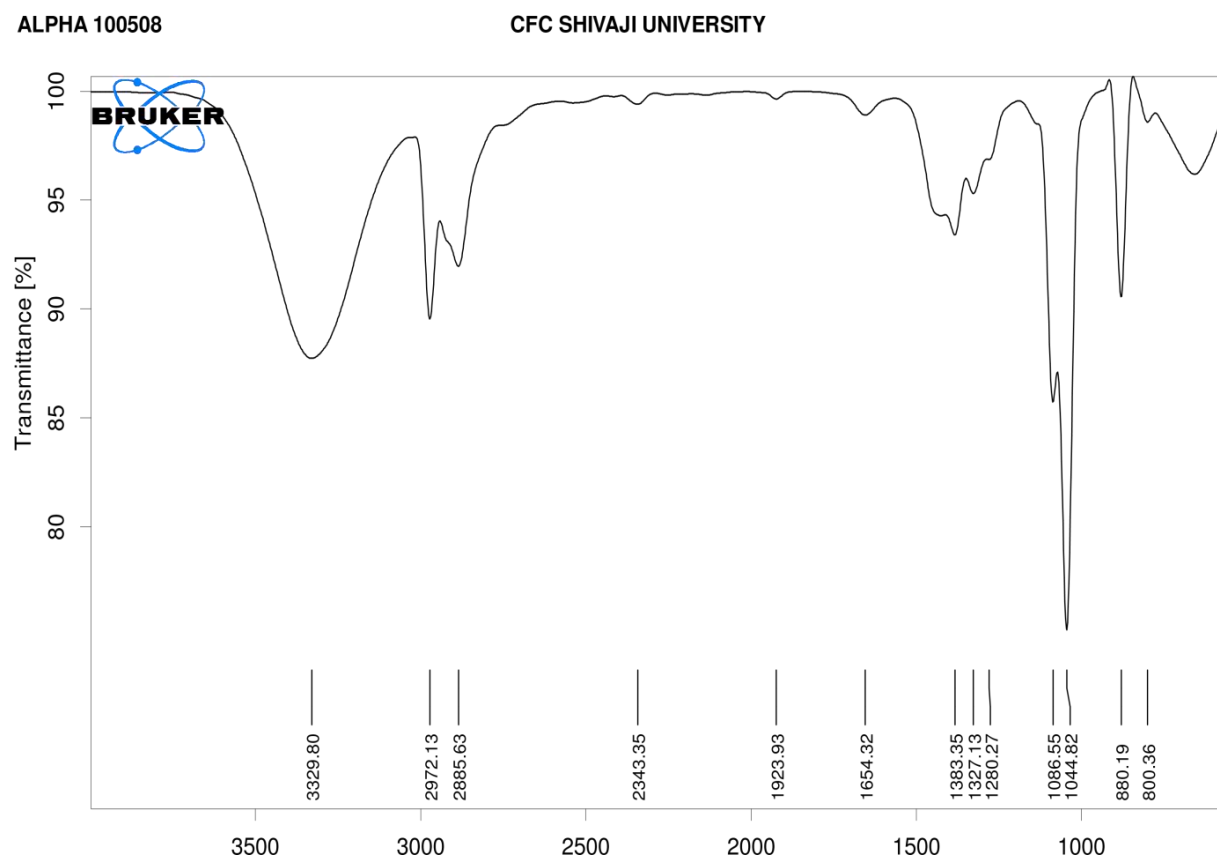


Table 10.1

Wavelength (cm ⁻¹)	Functional group
880.19	Phenyl derivative
1086.55	Alcohol and phenol
2972.13	Carboxylic acid
3329.80	Amine

Fraction 45

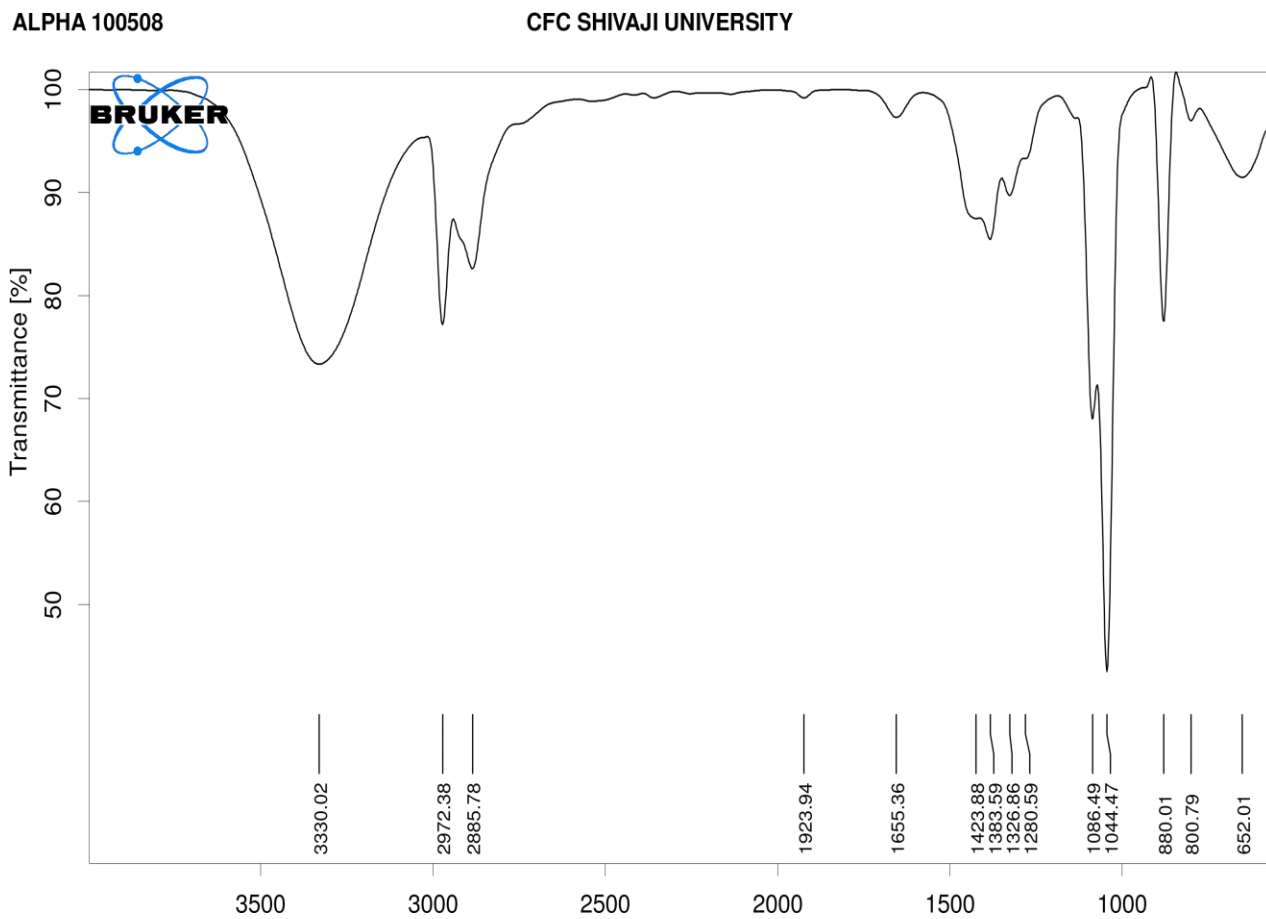


Table 10.2

Wavelength(cm ⁻¹)	Functionalgroup
880.01	Phenyl derivative
1044.47	Alcohol and phenol
2972.38	Carboxylic acid
3330.02	Amine

Fraction 54

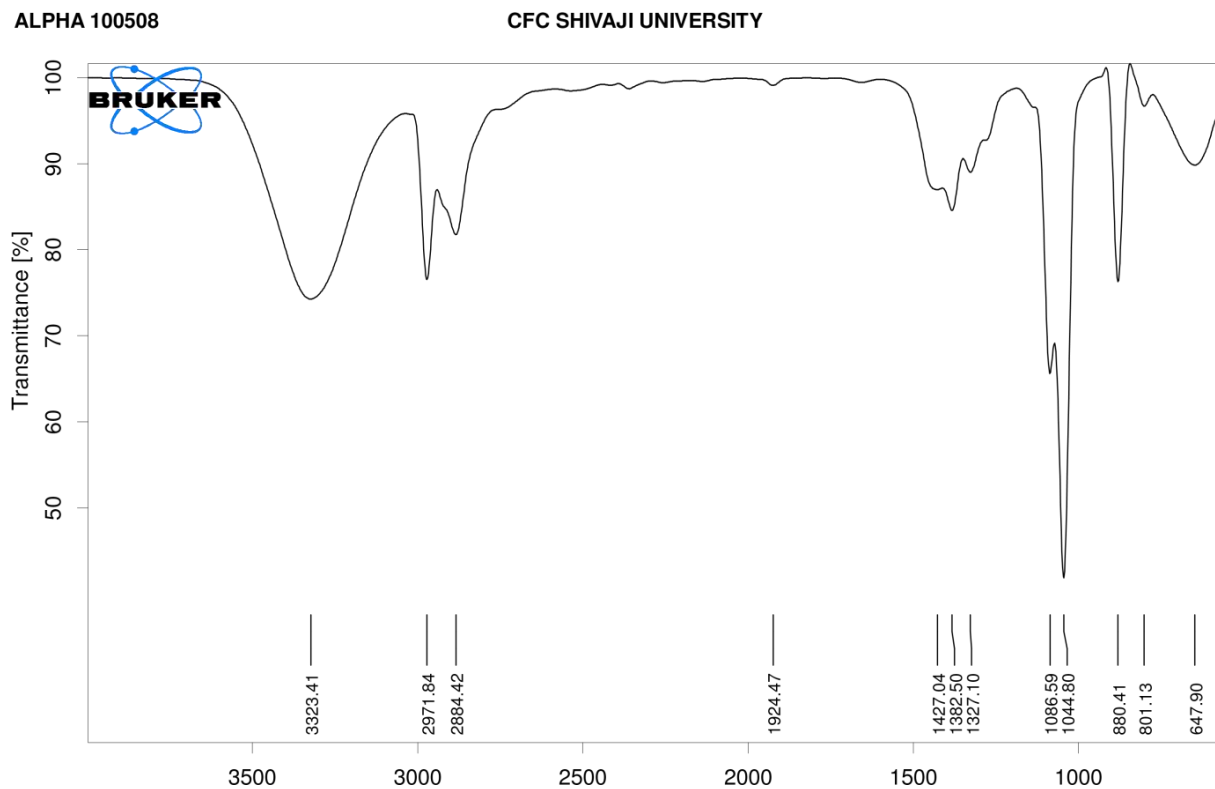


Table 10.3

Wavelength(cm ⁻¹)	Functionalgroup
880.41	Phenyl derivative
1044.80	Alcohol and phenol
2971.84	Carboxylicacid
3323.41	Amine

Fraction 58

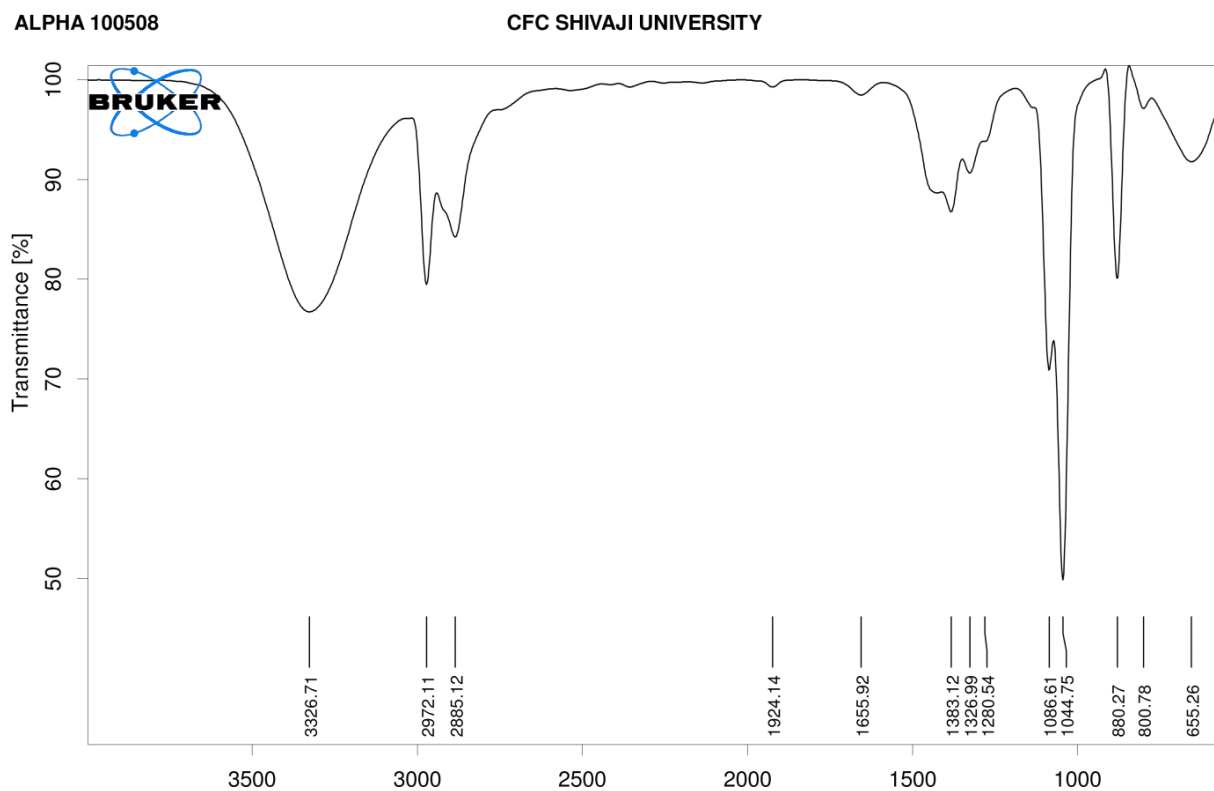


Table 10.4

Wavelength(cm ⁻¹)	Functionalgroup
880.78	Phenyl derivative
1044.75	Alcohol and phenol
2972.11	Carboxylic acid
3326.71	Amine

11. Microbial growth curve analysis:

The microbial growth curve analysis of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* with liquorice plant (stem) extract and without extract. From this experiment, we observe that more bacterial growth without extract or less bacterial growth with extract.

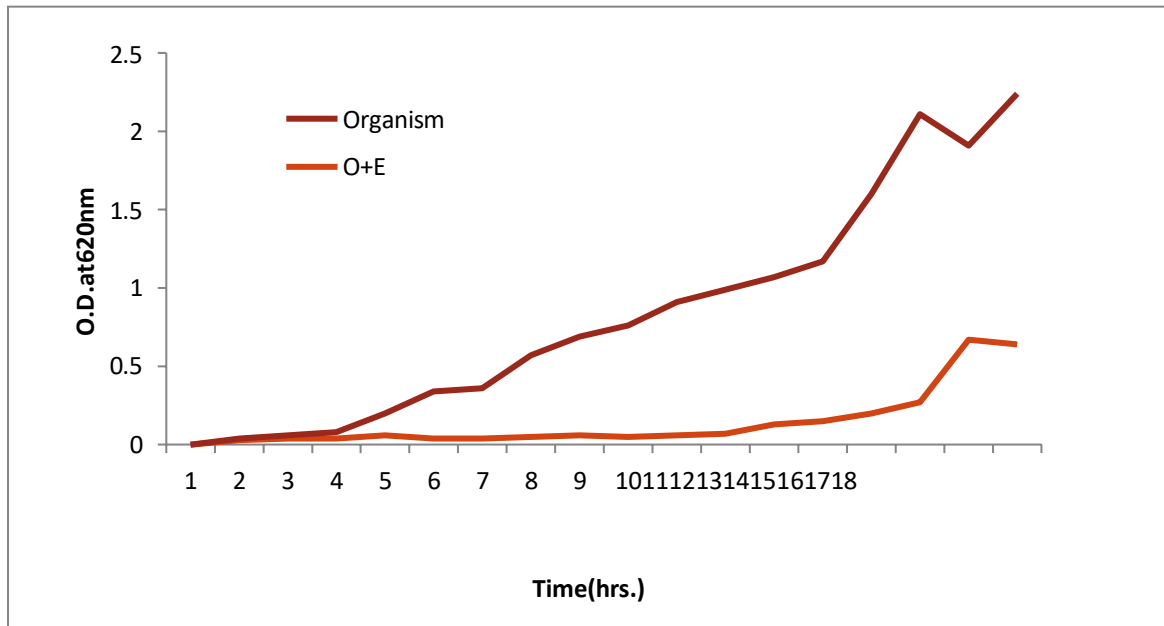


FIG. Growth curve analysis of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with extract and without extract

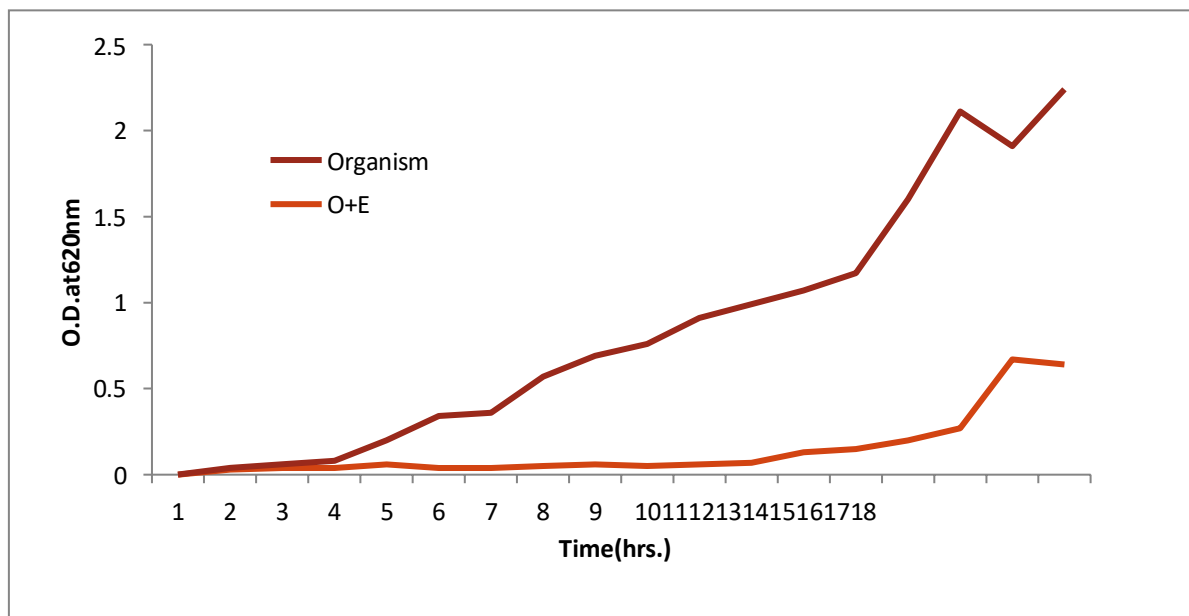


FIG. Growth curve analysis of *Staphylococcus aureus* with extract and without extract.

Conclusion:

This plant has been broadly used as a traditional medicine and food industry ingredient, particularly as a flavour and sweetening agent. The stem of plant (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) tested for phytochemical analysis, antimicrobial activity and identification of phytochemicals by GC-MS. The microbial growth kinetics was studied against plant (stem)extract by using organisms like *pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *staphylococcus aureus*. In present investigation of Phytochemical analysis showed presence of Alkaloids, Diterpenes, Glycosides and Resins. The extract showed Antimicrobial activity against *pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *staphylococcus aureus* organisms. As the current information it is evident that Liquorice has pharmacological function It is also possible that Liquorice might be useful in the development of new drugs for the treatment of various disease.

The compounds separated from this plant (stem) extract like beta.-Tocopherol, O-methyl, alphaamyrin, alpha-tocospiro B and betulinaldehyde which has biological significance like antioxidant activity, anti-inflammatory activity and effective to treat lung cancer. So this plant is medicinally more important.

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