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## STUDY OF ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY AND PHYTOCHEMICAL EVALUATION OF *JATROPHA GOSSYPIFOLIA*, *SAPIUM SEBIFERUM*, *KIRGANELIA RETICULATA*, *PHYLLANTHUS FRATERNUS* AND *PEDILANTHUS TITHYMALOIDES*

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**ABSTRACT:** Present investigation deals with the evaluation of the antimicrobial activity of extracts of *Jatropha gossypifolia* Linn., *Sapium sebiferum* (L.) Roxb., *Kirganelia reticulata* (Poir) Baill., *Phyllanthus fraternus* Webster and *Pedilanthus tithymaloides* (Linn.) Poit. against *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus* and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum*. The antibacterial activity was tested by the disc diffusion method and the antifungal (antidermatophytic) activity by the method of Abubacker *et al.* It was observed that only DMSO extracts of the leaves of *K. reticulata* and the flowers of *P. tithymaloides* inhibited the growth of *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus* with MIC at 200 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>. The extracts did not inhibit the growth of *T. mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum*. The phytochemical analysis of these extracts indicated that the tannin and saponin contents were highest in the leaves of *K. reticulata* (6.0 and 12.04 % respectively) whereas, the flavonoid and steroid and triterpenoid contents were highest in the flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (41.20 % and 46.74 %). The MIC values of extracted tannins from the leaves and flowers of *P. fraternus* and *P. tithymaloides* respectively were found to be 40 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (against *S. aureus*) whereas, that of extracted tannins and flavonoids from leaves of *K. reticulata* were 50 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (against *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus*). TLC of extracted tannins showed presence of 4 common components, the flavonoids showed 3 and the saponins showed 2 common components. TLC of steroids and triterpenoids did not show presence of any common components.

**INTRODUCTION:** The use of medicinal plants plays a vital role in covering the basic health needs in developing countries and these plants may offer a new source of antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral agents with significant activity against infective microorganisms<sup>1</sup>.

*Jatropha gossypifolia* Linn. (= *Jatropha gossypifolia* L.<sup>2</sup>) is used in the traditional system of medicine for the treatment of various ailments, viz. arthritis, asthma, washing wounds, blood purifier, bronchitis, carbuncles, diarrhoea, dysentery, as an antidote for snake bite, in piles, eczema, fever, gum infections, inflammation, itching, leprosy, stomach ache and ulcer<sup>3</sup>. Bark of root and leaf of *Sapium sebiferum* (L.) Roxb. [= *Triadica sebifera* (L.) Small<sup>2</sup>] are used against eczema, wounds, edema and snake bites<sup>4</sup>. The leaves of *Kirganelia reticulata* (Poir) Baill. (= *Phyllanthus reticulatus* Poir., family Phyllanthaceae<sup>2</sup>) are diuretic and their juice is used

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in diarrhoea in infants. Powdered leaf is applied to sores, burns, suppurations and chafing of skin<sup>5</sup>. *Phyllanthus fraternus* Webster (= *Phyllanthus fraternus* G.L. Webster, family Phyllanthaceae<sup>2</sup>) is useful for treatment of hepatitis, tuberculosis, viral infections, liver diseases, anemia, dysentery and for bacterial infections such as cystitis, prostatitis, venereal diseases and urinary tract infections<sup>6</sup>. The decoction of leaves of *Pedilanthus tithymaloides* (Linn.) Poit. (= *Euphorbia tithymaloides* L.<sup>2</sup>) is used in abdominal disorder. The latex is used in the treatment of venereal diseases and to relieve sprain<sup>7</sup>.

The chemistry of the Euphorbiaceae is among the most diverse and interesting of flowering plant families and is comparable to the biological diversity of the family Euphorbiaceae<sup>8</sup>. Various chemical constituents present in *K. reticulata*, *P. fraternus* and *P. tithymaloides* were earlier reported<sup>6, 9, 10</sup>. Hence, present study was undertaken to correlate the chemical constituents and their antibacterial activity of extracts of the different parts of *K. reticulata*, *P. fraternus*, *P. tithymaloides*, *J. gossypifolia* and *S. sebiferum* against *Escherichia coli* (NCIM No. 2931), *Proteus vulgaris* (NCIM No. 2813), *Staphylococcus aureus* (NCIM No. 5021) and *Bacillus cereus* (NCIM No. 2106) and antifungal activity against the dermatophytes, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum* (causing superficial dermatophytoses).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS:

### Collection of plant material:

The plant materials were collected from Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili, Vasai, Malad and Matunga, Mumbai and authenticated by studying the morphological characters and by comparing with the Blatter Herbarium specimens. The materials were collected every year from 2009 to 2013 to check the reproducibility of the results. The plants were washed under running water, dried in the shade, powdered and sieved (mesh size 1mm).

### Preparation of extracts:

20% extracts of dry and fresh parts of the plants were prepared in different solvents (distilled water, ethanol, methanol, petroleum ether and DMSO) by crushing the material and filtering it through Whatman No. 1 filter paper first and then through

Millipore filter (0.45µm). The extracts were prepared in triplicates. For *S. sebiferum*, the extracts of dry material were prepared as the fresh material was not available at the time of study.

## Antimicrobial activity Study:

### Antibacterial activity assay and determination of MIC of the extracts:

The antibacterial activity was tested by the disc diffusion method<sup>11, 12</sup> with amoxycillin-10 mcg/disc as the antibiotic obtained from Hi-Media and nutrient agar plates were inoculated separately with *E. coli*, *P. vulgaris*, *S. aureus* and *B. cereus*. The MIC of extracts exhibiting inhibition of growth of organisms i.e. diameter of ZOI > 10 was determined by testing 5%, 10%, 15% and 20% extracts using pour plate method<sup>13</sup> (with 6.0 mm wells each with 20µl of extract). The 2 µg of amoxycillin was used for *S. aureus* and 10 µg for *E. coli*, *P. vulgaris* and *B. cereus*. The antibacterial activity of 100% ethanolic extracts of tannins and 20% ethanolic extracts of flavonoids, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids extracted from the leaves of *P. fraternus* and *K. reticulata* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* was determined by testing 5% extracts using pour plate method. The MIC of extracts of tannins and flavonoids was determined by testing 1%, 2%, 3%, 4% and 5% extracts using pour plate method. All the experiments were replicated thrice for the confirmation of results.

### Antifungal (antidermatophytic) activity assay:

The antifungal activity was carried out by the method used by Abubacker *et al* (2008) and Webster *et al* (2008)<sup>14, 15</sup>. One ml of 20 % extracts of fresh and dry plant materials prepared in distilled water (DW) and ethanol (20 % EtOH) were added separately to four ml of SDA medium supplemented with chloramphenicol and cycloheximide<sup>16</sup>. 0.2 ml (about 0.25 –0.4 x 10<sup>6</sup> spores/ml) of fungal spore suspension of *T. mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum* were transferred separately on the plates and spread evenly. 10 mg/ml of Clotrimazole solution (Canesten obtained from Bayer Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.) was used as standard antifungal agent. The plates were incubated at 30±2 °C for 21 days and the plates were checked every day for fungal growth (if any). The experiments were repeated thrice for confirmation of results.

**Phytochemical screening:**

Plant extracts exhibiting activity were screened for the presence of different classes of compounds including tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, saponin glycosides, steroids and triterpenoids, carbohydrates and proteins<sup>17, 18</sup>.

**Extraction of tannins, flavonoids, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids:**

The tannins were extracted using the method prescribed by Brindha *et al*<sup>19</sup>, flavonoids by the method of Edeoga *et al*<sup>20</sup>, saponins by the method used by Malu *et al*<sup>21</sup> and steroids and triterpenoids by the method of Bai *et al*<sup>22</sup>. These compounds were extracted and estimated in the leaves of *P. fratenus* and *K. reticulata* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* showing antibacterial activity.

**Separation of compounds extracted by TLC:**

The extracted tannins, saponins (ethanolic) and flavonoids, steroids and triterpenoids (20% aq. ethanolic) were applied on TLC plates of silica gel 60 F 254 of E. MerckKGaA with CAMAG Linomat IV HPTLC applicator (syringe). The pre-saturation time was 45 min for tannins, 20 min for saponins and 10 min for flavonoids and steroids and triterpenoids. The run distance was 80 mm. The plates were scanned at 200 nm, 254 nm and 366 nm before derivatization and at 366 nm and 540 nm after derivatization. The R<sub>f</sub> values were measured by the CAMAG TLC scanner. The mobile phases and spraying reagents as well as the track positions and the volume of extracts used for TLC is tabulated (**Tables 1 and 2** respectively) as follows:

**TABLE 1: MOBILE PHASES AND SPRAYING REAGENTS FOR TLC**

Compounds	Mobile phase	Ratio of Mobile phase	Spraying reagent
Tannins <sup>23</sup>	Toluene: Acetone: Formic acid (85%)	6:6:1	Alcoholic FeCl <sub>3</sub> reagent
Flavonoids <sup>24</sup>	Ethyl acetate: Formic acid: Glacial acetic acid: Water	10 : 0.5 : 0.5: 1.3	Anisaldehyde sulphuric acid reagent
Saponins <sup>25</sup>	Chloroform: Acetic acid: Methanol: Water	6.4 : 3.2 : 1.2 : 0.8	Anisaldehyde sulphuric acid reagent
Steroids <sup>26</sup>	n-butanol : methanol : water	3 : 1 : 1	10% Sulphuric acid in methanol
Triterpenoids <sup>27</sup>	n-hexane : ethyl acetate	1 : 1	10% Sulphuric acid in methanol

**TABLE 2: TRACK POSITIONS AND VOLUME OF EXTRACTS APPLIED**

Name of Plant	Tannins		Flavonoids, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids			
	Track no.	Vol. of extracts $\mu$ l	Track no.	Vol. of extracts $\mu$ l	Track no.	Vol. of extracts $\mu$ l
Standards	1	7	-	-	-	-
<i>K. reticulata</i>	2	7	1	2	2	5
<i>P. fratenus</i>	3	7	3	2	4	5
<i>P. tithymaloides</i>	4	7	5	2	6	5

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:****Antimicrobial activity:****Antibacterial activity assay and determination of MIC of the extracts:**

The antibacterial activity of the extracts of *J. gossypifolia*, *P. fratenus* and *S. sebiferum* did not inhibit the growth of bacteria except the DMSO

extract of the fresh leaves of *P. fratenus* that showed the inhibition of *S. aureus* (the diameter of ZOI = 13mm), the MIC being 150 mg ml<sup>-1</sup><sup>28</sup>. Following are the results of the antibacterial activity of the fresh and dried parts of *K. reticulata* and *P. tithymaloides* and their MIC determination.

**TABLE 3: ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF EXTRACTS OF *K. RETICULATA* AND *P. TITHYMALOIDES* EXPRESSED AS DIAMETER OF ZONE OF INHIBITION (ZOI IN MM)**

Organism	Reference antibiotic Amoxicillin +ve Control	Solvent Control	<i>K. reticulata</i>						<i>P. tithymaloides</i>							
			Entire		Root		Leaf		Entire		Root		Leaf		Flower	
			Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr	Fr	Dr
<b>Aqueous extracts</b>																
<i>E. coli</i>	15.0-21.0	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	11.0-21.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0
<i>S. aureus</i>	34.0-41.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0
<i>B. cereus</i>	6.0-10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ethanollic extracts</b>																
<i>E. coli</i>	18.0-25.0	6.0-7.6	6.0	6.0	6.6	-	6.0	-	-	8.0	-	8.0	-	7.0	8.0	-
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	6.0-18.0	-	7.0	-	-	7.0	10.0	-	-	-	9.0	7.0	-	-	6.0	7.0
<i>S. aureus</i>	37.0-40.0	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	-	-	-	8.0
<i>B. cereus</i>	7.0-16.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	-	6.0	-	-	-	8.0	-	-	7.0	-
<b>Methanolic extracts</b>																
<i>E. coli</i>	19.0-23.0	6.0-7.3	6.0	-	6.0	-	6.0	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	7.6	-
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	6.0-21.0	-	6.0	-	-	-	8.67	9.0	-	7.0	-	-	-	7.0	-	10.0
<i>S. aureus</i>	35.0-41.0	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	9.0	-	-	-	8.0	-	-	-	10.0
<i>B. cereus</i>	6.0-9.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	-	-	7.0	-
<b>Petroleum ether extracts</b>																
<i>E. coli</i>	20.0-22.0	6.0	6.0	-	6.0	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	6.0-20.0	-	-	-	6.0	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>S. aureus</i>	33.0-42.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	6.0	-	-	-	-
<i>B. cereus</i>	6.0-13.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-
<b>DMSO extracts</b>																
<i>E. coli</i>	18.0-22.0	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	6.0-21.0	-	7.0	10.0	6.0	7.0	11.0	13.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.0	12.0
<i>S. aureus</i>	31.0-39.5	-	-	7.0	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	9.0	-	-	-	7.0	16.0
<i>B. cereus</i>	7.0-10.0	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	7.0



Fig. 1: Fresh leaves of *K. reticulata* (*P. vulgaris*)



Fig. 2: Dry leaves of *K. reticulata* (*P. vulgaris*)

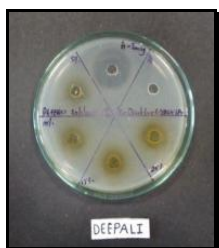


Fig. 3: Dry leaves of *K. reticulata* (*S. aureus*)



Fig. 4: Fresh flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (*P. vulgaris*)



Fig. 5: Dry flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (*P. vulgaris*)



Fig.6: Dry flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (*S. aureus*)

**TABLE 4: DETERMINATION OF MIC OF THE EXTRACTS OF LEAVES OF *K. RETICULATA* AND FLOWERS OF *P. TITHYMALOIDES* SHOWING INHIBITORY ACTIVITY AGAINST *P. VULGARIS* AND *S. AUREUS* (ZOI IN MM)]**

Amoxycillin	Solvent control	Conc. of DMSO extracts			
		5%	10%	15%	20%
<i>P. vulgaris</i>					
Fresh leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>					
11.33	-	8.00	8.33	9.33	10.67
Dry leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>					
12.00	-	8.00	9.33	10.67	11.67
Fresh flowers of <i>P. tithymaloides</i>					
10.00	-	8.00	8.33	8.67	10.00
Dry flowers of <i>P. tithymaloides</i>					
10.33	-	9.33	10.00	10.33	10.67
<i>S. aureus</i>					
Dry leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>					
21.67	-	10.33	10.67	11.33	11.67
Dry flowers of <i>P. tithymaloides</i>					
20.67	-	9.00	9.33	9.33	10.00

The results indicate that the DMSO extracts of fresh leaves of *K. reticulata* inhibited the growth of *P. vulgaris*, whereas that of its dry leaves inhibited the growth of both *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus* (Table 3) and their MIC values obtained (Table 4) were 200 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. 1 to 3). The DMSO extracts of fresh flowers of *P. tithymaloides* inhibited the growth of *P. vulgaris* alone, whereas that of dry flowers inhibited the growth of both *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus* with the diameter of ZOI (16.00 mm) being the highest against *S. aureus* and their MIC values were found to be 200 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. 4 to 6).

Eldeen *et al*(2011) and Shruthi *et al* (2010) obtained inhibitory activity of methanolic extract of dry leaves of *K. reticulata* against *E. coli* and *S. aureus*<sup>29, 30</sup>. The inhibition of growth of *S. aureus*

by the ethanolic extract<sup>31</sup> and petroleum ether extract of the dried leaves<sup>32</sup> had also been reported. Mohd *et al* (2006). Adhikary *et al* (2013) reported inhibitory activity of the methanolic extracts of *P. tithymaloides* against *E. coli* and *S. aureus*<sup>1, 33</sup>. However, no inhibitory activity of the extracts of *P. tithymaloides* was observed against these organisms in the present study. These results are supported by the findings of Chaudhari *et al* (2012)<sup>34</sup>.

Antibacterial activity of the tannins, flavonoids, saponins and steroids and triterpenoids extracted from the leaves of *P. fraternus* and *K. reticulata* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* and the determination of MIC of the same is tabulated in Tables 5 and 6.

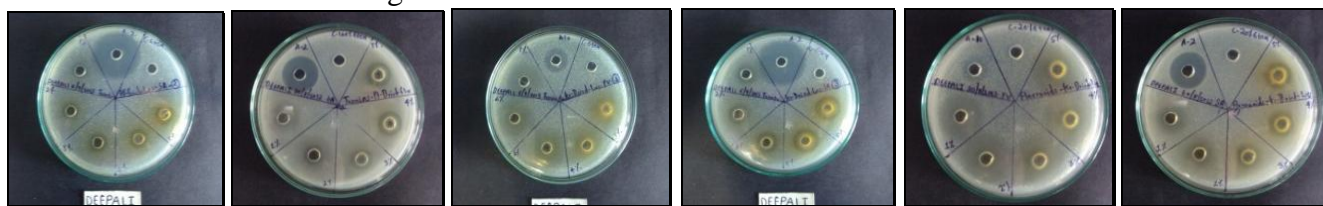


Fig.7: Tannins of leaves of *P.fraternus* (*S. aureus*)      Fig. 8: Tannins of flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (*S. aureus*)      Fig. 9: Tannins of leaves of *K. reticulata* (*P. vulgaris*)      Fig. 10: Tannins of leaves of *K. reticulata* (*S. aureus*)      Fig. 11: Flavonoids of leaves of *K. reticulata* (*P. vulgaris*)      Fig.12: Flavonoids of leaves of *K. reticulata* (*S. aureus*)

**TABLE 5: ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF TANNINS, FLAVONOIDS, SAPONINS AND STEROIDS AND TRIERPENOIDS EXTRACTED FROM PLANTS (DIAMETER OF ZOI IN MM)**

Organism	Amoxycillin	Solvent Control	Extracted compounds			
			Tannins in 100% ethanol	Saponins in 20% ethanol	Flavonoids in 20% ethanol	Steroids and triterpenoids in 20% ethanol
Leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>						
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	18.00-23.00	-	10.33	-	11.00	-
<i>S. aureus</i>	26.00-29.00	-	11.67	-	11.00	8.00
Leaves of <i>P. fraternus</i>						
<i>S. aureus</i>	26.00-29.00	-	10.67	-	-	-
Flowers of <i>P. tithymaloides</i>						
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	18.00-23.00	-	9.00	-	10.00	8.00
<i>S. aureus</i>	26.00-29.00	-	12.33	9.0	10.00	8.00

TABLE 6: DETERMINATION OF MIC OF EXTRACTED TANNINS AND FLAVONOIDS (DIAMETER OF ZOI IN MM)

Organism	Amoxicillin	Solvent Control	Conc. of extracted compounds				
			1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
Tannins							
Leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>							
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	14.67	-	9.00	9.67	10.33	11.33	11.67
<i>S. aureus</i>	24.33	-	9.33	10.67	11.67	13.33	13.67
Leaves of <i>P. fraternus</i>							
<i>S. aureus</i>	26.67	-	9.00	9.33	10.00	11.00	11.00
Flowers of <i>P. tithymaloides</i>							
<i>S. aureus</i>	24.00	-	9.33	10.33	10.67	12.00	12.00
Flavonoids- Leaves of <i>K. reticulata</i>							
<i>S. aureus</i>	24.00	-	8.67	9.00	9.67	10.67	11.00

It was observed that among the extracted compounds tested, the ethanolic extracts of tannins from the leaves of *P. fraternus* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* inhibited the growth of *S. aureus* with the highest diameter of ZOI of 12.33mm for the latter and their MIC values were found to be 40 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (Fig 7 and 8). The ethanolic extracts of tannins and flavonoids from the leaves of *K. reticulata* showed inhibition of growth of *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus* (Table 5) and their MIC values were observed to be 50 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> (Table 6) (Fig 9 to 12).

#### Antifungal (antidermatophyte) activity assay:

It was observed that none of the extracts tested inhibited the growth of *T. mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum*. Adejumo *et al* (2009) had reported the inhibitory activity of fresh leaves of *J. gossypifolia* against *T. mentagrophytes* and *T. rubrum*<sup>35</sup>.

#### Phytochemical screening:

The phytochemical tests of the DMSO extracts of fresh and dry leaves of *K. reticulata* and that of flowers of *P. tithymaloides* showed the presence of tannins, flavonoids, saponin glycosides, steroids and triterpenoids, carbohydrates and proteins in the present study. The same compounds were reported to be present in the DMSO extracts of fresh leaves of *P. fraternus* in the previous studies<sup>28</sup>. Presence of alkaloids, tannins, flavonoids, glycosides, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids in the dry leaves of *K. reticulata* had been reported

[Narasimhudu *et al* and Gopinath *et al* (2012)]<sup>36, 37</sup>. Kantamreddi *et al* (2010) reported presence of steroid and triterpenoid in the methanolic extract of dry leaves of *K. reticulata* and absence of alkaloid and flavonoid of the same<sup>38</sup>. The DMSO extract of leaves of *K. reticulata* in the present study exhibited presence of all the tested chemical constituents except alkaloids.

Raveen *et al* (2012) had shown presence of flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, tannins, saponins, proteins, carbohydrates and glycosides in the ethanolic extracts of *P. tithymaloides*<sup>39</sup>. Prakash *et al* (2013) observed the presence of tannins and absence of flavonoids, saponins, terpenoids and steroids in the aqueous extract of dry leaves of *P. tithymaloides*<sup>40</sup>. Present study showed the presence of all the tested phytoconstituents except alkaloids in the DMSO extracts of flowers of *P. tithymaloides*. There are no reports on the phytochemical analysis of flowers of *P. tithymaloides*.

#### Estimation of tannins, flavonoids, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids:

Since the crude extracts of leaves of *K. reticulata* and *P. fraternus* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* showed presence of tannins, flavonoids, saponins, steroids and triterpenoids, these compounds were extracted and their total content was determined (Table 7).

TABLE 7: TOTAL TANNINS, FLAVONOIDS, SAPONINS AND STEROIDS AND TRITERPENOIDS IN *K. RETICULATA*, *P. FRATERNUS* *P. TITHYMALOIDES*.

Plant	% Tannins	% Flavonoids	% Saponins	% Steroids and triterpenoids
<i>K. reticulata</i> (leaves)	6.00	26.68	12.04	34.48
<i>P. fraternus</i> (leaves)	2.82	16.20	2.31	16.40
<i>Pedilanthus tithymaloides</i> (flowers)	3.26	41.20	9.82	46.74

It was observed that the tannin and saponin contents were highest in the leaves of *K. reticulata* whereas, the flavonoid and steroid and triterpenoid in the flowers of *P. tithymaloides* (Table 7). Khatoon *et al* (2006) reported very low content of tannins in the whole plant of *P. fraternus* (less than

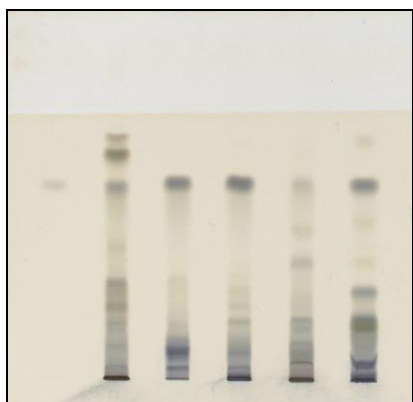
0.2%)<sup>41</sup>, however its fresh leaves in the present study showed 2.82% tannins.

**Separation of extracted compounds by TLC:**

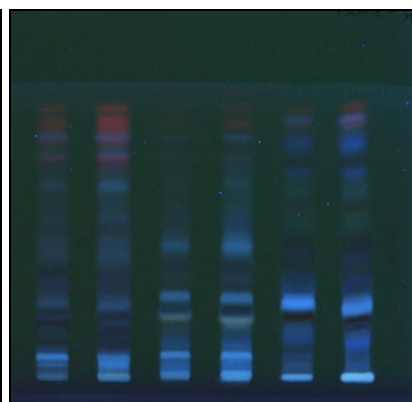
Following results in Table 8 and 9 were obtained when the TLC of compounds was carried out.

**TABLE 8: NUMBER OF BANDS OBSERVED IN THE TLC OF COMPOUNDS**

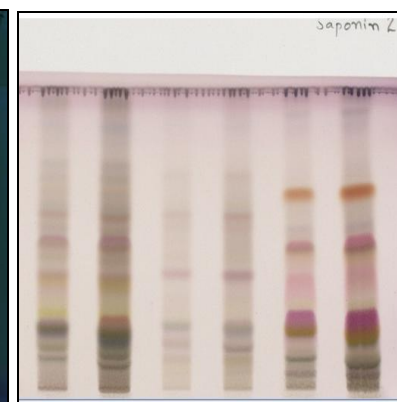
Plant	No. of compounds (represented by bands) separated on TLC plates				
	Tannins	Flavonoids	Saponins	Steroids	Triterpenoids
<i>K. reticulata</i>	6	9	10	8	2
<i>P. fraternus</i>	8	8	8	11	1
<i>P. tithymaloides</i>	6	11	10	6	1



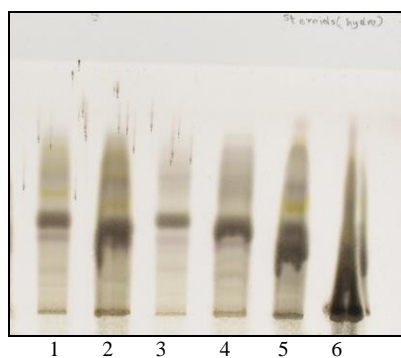
Track 1  
**FIG.13:** Separation of tannins by TLC



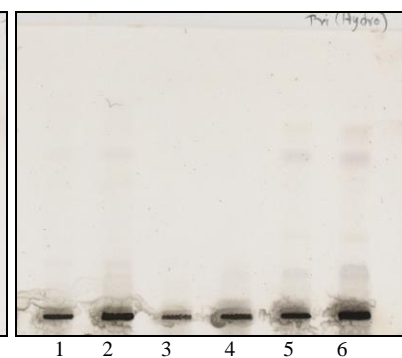
**FIG.14:** Separation of flavonoids by TLC



**FIG.15:** Separation of saponins by TLC



**FIG. 16:** Separation of steroids by TLC



**FIG. 17:** Separation of triterpenoids by TLC

**FIG. 13:** Track 1 - Gallic acid std. Track 2 - *K. reticulata* leaves Track 3 - *P. fraternus* leaves Track 4 - *Pedilanthus tithymaloides* flowers]

**FIG. 14, 15, 16 and 17:** Track 1 and 2 - *K. reticulata* leaves (2 and 5 µl respectively)  
Track 3 and 4 - *P. fraternus* leaves (2 and 5 µl respectively)  
Track 5 and 6 - *Pedilanthus tithymaloides* flowers (2 and 5 µl respectively)

**TABLE 9: COMMON COMPONENTS IN ALL THE ALL THE EXTRACT ON TLC PLATES**

TLC of compounds	Bands common in all the extracts
Tannins	4
Flavonoids	3
Saponins	2
Steroids	-
Triterpenoids	-

6, 8 and 6 components (bands) of tannins (Fig.13), 9, 8 and 11 of flavonoids (Fig.14) and 10, 8 and 11 components of saponins (Fig.15), 8, 11 and 6 of steroids (Fig.16) and 2, 1 and 1 bands of triterpenoids (Fig.17) respectively (Table 8)

Table 9 indicates that 4 components of tannins, 3 of flavonoids and 2 of saponins are present in all the extracts whereas TLC of steroids and triterpenoids did not show presence of any common

The leaves of *K. reticulata* and *P. fraternus* and flowers of *P. tithymaloides* showed presence of

components (**Table 9**) (**Fig. 13 to 17**). Sivasankar *et al* (2011) reported presence of rutin in the leaves of *K. Reticulate*<sup>42</sup> however present study did not show rutin in the TLC of flavonoids.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Present study shows that the DMSO extracts of the leaves of *K. reticulata* and the flowers of *P. tithymaloides* inhibited the growth of *P. vulgaris* and *S. aureus* and their MIC values obtained were 200 mg /ml. The extracts did not inhibit the growth of *T. rubrum* and *T. mentagrophytes*. The phytochemical analysis of these extracts indicated that the tannins and saponins contents were highest in the leaves of *K. reticulata* whereas, the flavonoids and steroids and triterpenoids contents were highest in the flowers of *P. tithymaloides*. TLC of extracted tannins showed presence of 4 common components, the flavonoids showed 3 and the saponins showed 2 common components in these plants. TLC of steroids and triterpenoids showed no common components. The chemical compounds present in these plants should be isolated and tested for their antibacterial activity

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