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PHYTOCHEMICAL INVESTIGATION AND GC-MS ANALYSIS OF ALCOHOLIC EXTRACT OF CYNODONDACTYLON

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ABSTRACT

Cynodondactylon is an important medicinal plant, belonging to the family Poaceae. The whole plant possesses various medicinal properties. The present work was carried out to investigate the phyto-constituents of ethanolic extract of cynodondactylon by GC-MS method. Total twelve compounds were identified from the ethanolic extract of aerial parts of cynodondactylon by GC-MS analysis. The results of preliminary phytochemical analysis revealed the presence of glycosides, flavonoids, saponins, phytosterols and terpenoids in the ethanolic extract of aerial parts of cynodondactylon.

Key words: cynodondactylon, phytochemical, GC-MS, ethanol extract.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cynodondactylon is a perennial grass, belong to family Poaceae¹. It is commonly known as Bermuda grass, Durva or Doob in India. The plant is widely distributed throughout India², found almost everywhere in tropical, subtropical and even in semi-arid climates. Whole plant of Cynodondactylon possesses various medicinal properties. Cynodondactylon is traditionally used for diabetes, jaundice, urinary disease, kidney problem, abdominal pain, constipation, gastrointestinal disorder³, to stop bleeding in piles and skin infections⁴. Previous studies reported that the aqueous extract of plant have anti-inflammatory, diuretic, anti-emetic and purifying properties^{5,6}. The ethanolic extract of plant reported to have C.N.S depressant and anti-oxidant activity⁷. In folk medicine, Cynodondactylon is used for calculus, carbuncles, cough, hypertension, snake bites, gout and rheumatic affections⁸. The juice of the plant is reported to have astringent property and can be applied externally to fresh cuts and wounds to stop bleeding. Whole plant of Cynodondactylon is used for diarrhea and dysentery⁹. The plant is reported to contain crude proteins, carbohydrates, mineral constituents, beta sitosterol, flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides and terpenoids. The aim of the present study is to investigate bioactive constituents of ethanolic extracts of Cynodondactylon by GC-MS analysis.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Collection of plant material

The aerial parts of Cynodondactylon were collected from in and around Umiyagirls college campus, rau Indore. The collected plant material was washed in running tap water, rinsed with distilled water and shade dried at room temperature for three days. The shade dried material was kept in hot air oven at 40°C for three hours to complete dryness. The dried plant material cut into small pieces and powdered in a mixer grinder.

Preparation of extract

250 gm dried powder of Cynodondactylon was defatted with 500 ml of petroleum ether for about 24 hours at room temperature. The extract was filtered with the help of whatman no. 1 filter paper and the residue was dried. The dried residue is used for extraction with 70 % ethanol by cool maceration technique. The extraction procedure was repeated three times to obtained complete extraction. The extract was filtered, evaporated to dryness. The dried extract was stored at low temperature until used.

Phytochemical analysis

Ethanol extract of *Cynodondactylon* was screened for the detection of alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, saponins, phenolic compounds and terpenoids by using standard methods of analysis^{10, 11}. Results of the phytochemical analysis are shown in table 1.

Gas chromatography- Mass spectroscopic analysis (GC-MS)

GC-MS analysis of ethanol extract of *Cynodondactylon* was carried out at Pinnacle biomedical research institute, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The GC-MS analysis of the extract was performed using Agilent 7890A GC with 5975C MS (GC-MS) equipped with HP-5 column (Agilent J&W HP-5, 10 m × 0.32 mm, 0.25 μm (p/n 19091J-413) cut with 5 m retention gap). Composed of (5%-Phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane. For GC-MS Detection an electron ionization energy system with ionization energy of 70eV was used. Helium gas (99.999%) was used as the carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1ml/min. and an injection volume of 2μl was employed (split ratio of 10:1). Injector temperature, Ion source temperature according to standard method of HP5 (General_1_HP5_80_DEG.M). Mass spectra were taken at 70eV; a scan interval of 0.4 sec. programmed at 80 °C (1 min), 2 °C/min to 140 °C (0 min), 7 °C/min to 335 °C (30 min). Total GC running time was 30min.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of preliminary phytochemical analysis and GC-MS analysis are given in table 1 and table 2 respectively. The GC-MS chromatogram is shown in Figure 1. Total twelve compounds were identified from the ethanol extract of aerial parts of *Cynodondactylon* by GC-MS analysis. Interpretation of mass spectrum is done using the database of National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) having more than 62,000 patterns. Retention time, % peak area, molecular formula, molecular weight and name of identified compounds are given in table 2. The results of preliminary phytochemical analysis revealed the presence of glycosides, flavonoids, saponins, phytosterols and terpenoids in the ethanol extract of aerial parts of *Cynodondactylon*.

Table 1: Phytochemical analysis of *Cynodondactylon*-

S.No.	Phytochemicals	Test performed	Ethanol extract
1.	Alkaloids	Dragendorff's test	Absent
2.	Glycosides	Borntrager's test	Present
3.	Flavonoids	Lead acetate test	Present
4.	Saponins	Froth test	Present
5.	Tannins	Gelatin test	Absent
6.	Phytosterols	Liebermann- Burchard's test	Present
7.	Terpenoids	Chloroform test	Present

Table 2: GC-MS profile of *C. dactylon*

S.No.	Phyto-components	Molecular formula	Molecular weight	Retention time (min)	Peak area %
1.	Benzaldehyde-3-(Chloroacetoxy)-4-methoxy	C ₁₀ H ₉ ClO ₄	228	16.634	1.15
2.	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	C ₁₇ H ₃₄ O ₂	270	16.727	1.07
3.	9,9-Dimethoxybicyclo [3.3.1] nona-2,4-dione	C ₁₁ H ₁₆ O ₄	213	17.071	10.58
4.	n-Hexadecanoic acid	C ₁₆ H ₃₂ O ₂	256	17.146	7.83
5.	Decanoic acid, ethyl ester	C ₁₂ H ₂₄ O ₂	200	17.272	0.58
6.	Hexadecanoic acid, ethyl ester	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₂	284	17.339	1.68
7.	Octadecanoic acid, methyl ester	C ₁₉ H ₃₈ O ₂	298	18.413	3.61
8.	9,12-Octadecadienoic acid, ethyl ester	C ₂₀ H ₃₆ O ₂	308	18.690	5.32
9.	13-Docosamide,(Z)-	C ₂₂ H ₄₃ NO	337	23.379	1.16

10.	9,12-Octadecadienoic acid (Z,Z)-,methyl ester	C ₁₉ H ₃₄ O ₂	294	23.227	1.56
11.	Hexadecanal	C ₁₆ H ₃₂ O	240	23.127	1.18
12.	Apigenin-7-glucoside	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₁₀	432	28.597	28.09

Sample ID:EX-S1-CD-01

Instrument: Agilent 7890A GC with 5975C MS system

Abundance

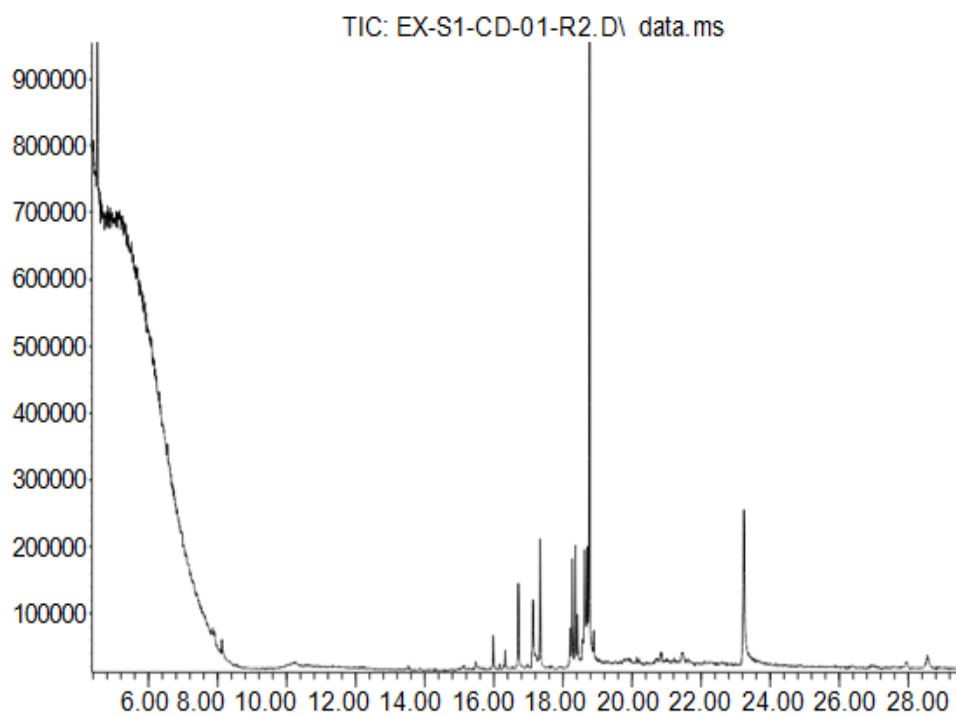


Figure 1: GC-MS chromatogram of ethanolic extract of *Cynodondactylon*

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