

## GC-MS/MS ANALYSIS OF PHYTOCHEMICALS IN MUNTINGIA CALABURA L, ANTIMICROBIAL ASSAY

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### ABSTRACT

The plant *Muntingia calabura* an economically important plant, used by common people for general purpose. Since, this plant is of beneficial, its phytochemical analysis is important to explore its therapeutic significance. In the present study, the leaf of *Muntingia calabura* was shade dried, powdered, and extracted with ethanol for the analysis of GC-MS/MS and also for its antimicrobial activities. According to our results, the plant *Muntingia calabura* leaf showed highest peak area for Propane, 1, 1-diethoxy- compared to other 11 compounds identified. Likewise, the leaf extract of *Muntingia calabura* showed more zone of inhibition with fungus *Aspergillus niger*. This shows its antiseptic nature which might have been induced because of the components present.

**KEYWORDS:** Chromatography, Ethanol, Leaf, Mass spectrometry, *Muntingia calabura*.

### INTRODUCTION

Natural antioxidants in fruits, vegetables slows the oxidative damage. Cherries are rich in anthocyanin, quercetin, hydroxycinnamates, potassium, fiber, vitamin C, carotenoids, melatonin and very low in calorie content. The *Muntingia calabura* leaves have been reported for its antibacterial, free radical scavenging, anti-nociceptive, anti-pyretic, anti-inflammatory, anti-staphylococcal, antihypertensive, antiulcer activity.<sup>[1-4]</sup> Plants rich in bioactive compounds are essential in food, research industry as it reduces oxidation of lipids, aids in improving the nutritive value of the food. Hence, the present study was planned to know the

phytochemicals present in the ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf and also its antimicrobial activity.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Sample collection

Fresh *Muntingia calabura* leaf samples were collected, shade dried, and powdered. 25grams of powdered leaf sample was used for ethanol extraction. The extracted sample was used for phytochemical analysis through GC-MS/MS, anti-microbial activity. The plant was authenticated by Dr. A. Balasubramanian. The authentication number was AUT/PUS/068 dated 17/12/2014.

### Analytical method

GC-MS/MS was performed on a Scion 436-GC Bruker carrying Triple quadruple mass spectrophotometer with fused silica capillary column BR-5MS (5% Diphenyl95% Dimethyl poly siloxane), 30m x 0.25mm ID x 0.25m df. The column oven temperature program was as follows: 80°C hold for 2 min, Up to 160°C at the rate of 20°C/min-No hold, Up to 280°C at the rate of 5°C / min-No hold, Up to 300°C at the rate of 20°C/min-10 min hold, Injector temperature 280°C, Total GC running time was 41 min. The inlet temperature was set at 280°C, source temperature 250°C; ionization mode, ionization at 70-eV ionization energy; For single scan analysis, the scan range was set from m/z 40 to 600; Solvent Delay: 0-3.5 min; and the injection volume was 2µl. The GC-MS/MS was performed by Institute of crop processing technology, Tanjavur.

### Antimicrobial assay

The antimicrobial activity was assessed by means of Kirby- Bauer technique.<sup>[5]</sup>

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

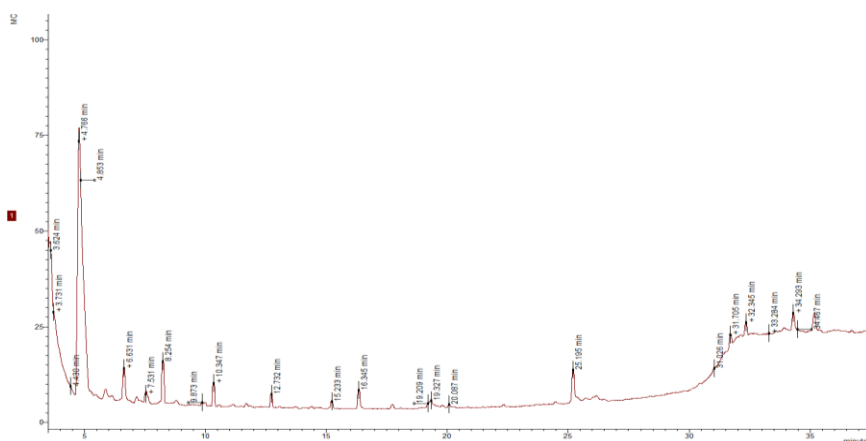
The results of compounds identified are shown in Table.1.

Table.1 shows the result of photochemicals identified in *Muntingia calabura* leaf. Totally 12 compounds were identified in the ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf. The identified compounds were as follows: Propane, 1,1-diethoxy- ( RT 4.76, Molecular formula C7H16O2, MW 132, Peak area % 60.67), Cyclohexasiloxane, dodecamethyl- ( RT 6.63, Molecular formula C12H36O6Si6, MW 444, Peak area % 4.08), 3-Isopropoxy-1,1,1,7,7,7-hexamethyl-3,5,5-tris(trimethylsiloxy)tetrasiloxane (RT 8.25, Molecular formula C18H52O7Si7, MW 576, Peak area % 2.93), 3,4-Dihydroxy- $\alpha$ -(isopropylaminomethyl)-

benzyl alcohol –isoproterenol (RT 10.34, Molecular formula C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, MW 211, Peak area % 4.08), Tetradecanoic acid (RT 12.73, Molecular formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MW 228, Peak area % 1.41), Dodecanoic acid, ethyl ester (RT 16.34, Molecular formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MW 228, Peak area % 2.09), 6-Methyloctahydrocoumarin (RT 19.32, Molecular formula C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MW 168, Peak area % 1.60), Cyclononane (RT 20.08, Molecular formula C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O, MW 140, Peak area % 0.47), t-Butyl hydrogen phthalate (RT 25.19, Molecular formula C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, MW 222, Peak area % 0.79), Stigmasteryl tosylate (RT 31.70, Molecular formula C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S, MW 566, Peak area % 7.85), Stigmastan-3,5-diene (RT 32.34, Molecular formula C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>48</sub>, MW 396, Peak area % 5.90), Stigmasterol (RT 34.29, Molecular formula C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O, MW 412, Peak area % 9.97). The components identified in *Muntingia calabura* contribute for its pharmacological properties. The antioxidant activities<sup>[6,9]</sup> and air pollution tolerance index,<sup>[7,9]</sup> qualitative,<sup>[8]</sup> phytonutrient<sup>[8]</sup> analysis of plant leaves were reported by Krishnaveni et al.

**Table.1. Components in ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf.**

S.No	RT	Name of the compound	Molecular Formulae	MW	Peak area %
1.	4.76	Propane, 1,1-diethoxy-	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	132	60.67
2.	6.63	Cyclohexasiloxane, dodecamethyl-	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>6</sub>	444	4.08
3.	8.25	3-Isopropoxy-1,1,1,7,7,7-hexamethyl-3,5,5-tris(trimethylsiloxy)tetrasiloxane	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	576	2.93
4.	10.34	3,4-Dihydroxy- $\alpha$ -(isopropylaminomethyl)-benzyl alcohol (isoproterenol)	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	211	2.25
5.	12.73	Tetradecanoic acid	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	228	1.41
6.	16.34	Dodecanoic acid, ethyl ester	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	228	2.09
7.	19.32	6-Methyloctahydrocoumarin	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	168	1.60
8.	20.08	Cyclononane	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O	140	0.47
9.	25.19	t-Butyl hydrogen phthalate	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	222	0.79
10.	31.70	Stigmasteryl tosylate	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	566	7.85
11.	32.34	Stigmastan-3,5-diene	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>48</sub>	396	5.90
12.	34.29	Stigmasterol	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O	412	9.97



**Fig. 1 shows the GC- Chromatogram of ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf.**

**Table. 2 Antimicrobial activity of ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf**

Plant used	Microbes tested	Zone of inhibition (mm)
<i>Muntingia calabura</i> leaf	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	-
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	08
	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	15
	<i>Candida albicans</i>	12

The results of antimicrobial activity of ethanol extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf was shown in Table.2. The sensitivity of the extract was studied using bacteria, fungi as well as with fungi. The bacteria used were *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and the fungi used were *Aspergillus niger*, *Candida albicans*. The extract of *Muntingia calabura* leaf was found to act against fungi rather than bacteria. The zone of inhibition observed was 8mm for *Staphylococcus aureus* while no zone was observed for *Escherichia coli*. The zone of inhibition observed with fungi was 15mm for *Aspergillus niger*, 12mm for *Candida albicans*.

## CONCLUSION

The plant *Muntingia calabura* offers many health benefits. The results of the present study also says that it might be a good source of antiseptic as it acts against microbes. This property might be attributed due to the presence of phytochemicals present in the *Muntingia calabura* leaf.

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