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Column Chromatography Purified Phytochemicals Identified in *Phragmytes vallatoria* Leaf Ethanolic Extract

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ABSTRACT

Phragmytes vallatoria belongs to the family poaceae. The complexity of leaf ethanolic extract can be simplified through column chromatography. Different solvent mixtures were used in elution systems *i.e.*, hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol. The concentrated ethanolic leaf extract of 100 g was fractionated by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh). Major fractions were (hexane + ethyl acetate 9:1 and ethyl acetate + methanol 8.5: 1.5 fraction) and identified the major phytochemicals through NIST Electron Ionization Mass database. The identified compounds were 9, 12, 15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z, Z, Z)-, Androstane-11, 17-dione, 3-hydroxy-, (3.alpha. 5. alpha)-, 9,12-Octadecadienoic acid ethyl ester and 9-12-15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z.Z.Z)-. Only one peak was observed in ethyl acetate and methanol (8.5: 1.5) fraction and it was subjected to GC-MS and HPLC. The structures were (Benzenamine, 3-(methylthio)-, Morpholine, Phenanthrene and 3-Eicosene, (E).

Keywords: *Phragmytes vallatoria*, Phytochemicals, Leaf ethanolic extract, Column chromatography.

INTRODUCTION

Phragmytes vallatoria belongs to the family poaceae and it is wide spread throughout India. It has different types of applications in the field of medicine and agriculture. Medicinally it has the properties of diuretic, animistic, diaphoretic; wound healing, diabetes, arthritis, rheumatism, antiemetic and febrifuges¹. Further it is used as building material, in fibre, pulp and paper sisling. The earlier study proved that the antidiabetic activity of *Phragmytes vallatoria* leaf ethanolic extract in STZ induced Diabetic rats². *Phragmytes vallatoria* crude extract as peripheral application has wound healing activity ⁽³⁾. The GC-MS analysis of ethanolic extract of *Phragmytes vallatoria* revealed the presence of fatty acids and plasticizer compounds. Hence, the study was under taken to investigate the presence of phytochemicals in leaf ethanolic extract of *Phragmytes vallatoria* and the complexity of leaf ethanolic extract can be simplified through column chromatography.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of plant material

Phragmytes vallatoria is obtained from Chirala (Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh, India). The leaves were collected and shade dried and powdered. The powdered leaves were extracted with ethanol using soxhlet apparatus. The extract was concentrated by rotary evaporator under vacuum and was further subjected to column chromatography.

Isolation of fractions from Ethanolic extract of *Phragmytes vallatoria* leaf

Different solvent mixtures were used in elution systems *i.e.*, hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol. The concentrated ethanolic leaf extract of 100g was fractionated by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh). The fractions were collected and subjected for further analysis.

HPLC analysis of the fractions

The HPLC was run in an Alliance 1200 series apparatus using a Xterra RP-18column (250x4.6mm, 5 micron). The samples were eluted in a linear gradient of acetonitrile and water containing 0.1% TFA from 0 to 45% in 45 minutes, followed by a linear gradient of acetonitrile and water containing 0.1% TFA from c45 to 100% in 15 minutes. The flow rate was kept constant at 0.5 ml/min. The chromatogram was measured at 300nm and 360nm. All reagents employed in this investigation were of analytical grade. High-purity water was obtained by passing water though a Milli-Q treatment system (Millipore, USA) and the HPLC mobile phase was prepared using Milli-Q water.

GC-MS analysis

GC-MS analysis was performed with GC Clarus 500 Perkin Elmer equipment. Compounds were separated in Elite-1 capillary column (100% Di methyl poly siloxane), $30 \times 0.25 \times 1 \mu$ mdf. The samples were injected at a temperature of about 250 °C with a split ratio of 10: 1 with a flow rate of helium 1 ml/min. Mass detector turbo mass goldperkin elmer was used as detector.

MS-programme

The constituents were identified after comparison with those available in the computer library (NIST ver. year 2005) attached to the instrument.

Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis

Ethanolic extract of leaf was analyzed using LC-MS. The LC system consisted of an Agilent Technologies Series 1200 system (Agilent, USA) equipped with an automatic degasser, a quaternary pump, and an auto sampler. Chromatographic separations were performed using YMC-pack **ODS-Aq** (50X4.6nm, 3µm). and column the temperature was maintained at 25°C and the sample injection volume was maintained as 12 µl. The mobile phase consisted of acetonitrile and 0.1% aqueous formic acid using gradient elution (0-2 min, 45-80% acetonitrile: 2-5 min. 80% acetonitrile: 5 -5.1 min 80-45% acetonitrile) and was delivered at a flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. The mass analyser operated with an ESI source, ion mode: positive, mass range: m/z 10-1500, scan speed: 2500 u/s, ESI at 400µL/min, selected ion monitoring of m/z 609.3, scan range: 100-650 m/z. The ion source temperature was held at 650° C and target ions were monitored at m/z 609.3.

RESULTS

HPLC analysis

The samples were analyzed by HPLC coupled with a photo diode array detector (DAD). Peaks were identified by HPLC retention times and % area, which are summarized in Table-1.

DISCUSSION

From the study it can be concluded that ethanolic extract of *Phragmytes vallatoria* is having the phytochemicals, antioxidants, fatty acids and plasticizer compounds. Further, the polyunsaturated fatty acid (*Z*, *Z*)-9, 12-octadecadienoic acid (LA), a conjugated linoleic acid identified are known to have antioxidant property that can protect membranes from harmful compounds⁴. 9, 12, octadecanoic acid (z,z)-has the property of anti-inflammatory and anti arthritic as reported by earlier worker⁵.

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GC-MS Analysis of the compounds















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(Ethyl acetate + Methanol 8.5:1.5)



LC-MS Analysis of the ethanolic leaf extract

Leaf ethanolic extract analyzed by LC-MS and found the compounds with different masses.



Possible structures through NIST



(Hexane + Ethvl acetate 9:1. Peak-1)

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(mainlib) 3-Eic

12.Diethyleneimide oxide 13.Tetrahydro-1,4-isoxazine 14.Drewamine 15.NA 1760 16.NA 2054 17.UN 2054 18.Tetryhydro-2H-1,4-oxazine

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(Ethyl acetate + Methanol 8.5:1.5)