

Evaluation of Antioxidant and Antibacterial properties Of MANILKARA Z APOTA (Chiku)

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ABSTRACT:-

The aim of this study was to evaluate antioxidant properties of Manilkara zapota. The results of this studies revealed that methanol extracts of bark, fruit and leaves of Manilkara zapota have been reported to possess antioxidant activities. Ethyl acetate fraction of bark extract (BE) exerted strong antioxidant activities with EC_{50} values of BE were 1.42, 4.83 and 53.2 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ in DPPH, ABTS⁺, superoxide radicals scavenging methods, respectively. The bark of Manilkara zapota may be utilized as effective and safe antioxidant source searching for further bioactive compounds.

Keywords-Manilkara zapota, DPPH radicals scavenging, ABTS⁺, antibacterial activity.

INTRODUCTION:- Medicinal Plants represents one of the most important fields of traditional medicine all over the world. The study of plants requires the effective integration of information on chemical composition of extracts, pharmacological activities of isolated compounds, as well as indigenous knowledge of traditional healers¹. Despite the discovery of natural products from higher plants, the interest of chemists, Pharmaceutical scientists and Pharmacologists turned to the production of synthetic compounds. In the late 19th century, research was focused mainly on the modification of natural products, to enhance biological activity to increase selectivity and to decrease toxicity and side effects. In more recent years, industry has showed more interest in field of natural product research².

Plants are rich in a variety of natural compounds that influence antioxidant and antimicrobial properties have been used for medicinal and food preservative purposes³. These natural products provide clues to synthesize new structural types of antimicrobial and

antifungal chemicals that are relatively safe to man. The effect of plant extracts on bacteria have been studied by a large number of researchers in different parts of the world^{5,6}.

Manilkara zapota (Family: Sapotaceae) has traditionally been used for its medicinal activity. Several studies showed that different parts of Manilkara zapota such as leaves, fruit, seed, bark and flower possess antimicrobial activity. The leaves of plant contain a bitter principle alkaloid that comprise a stable antioxidant activity. The flower has been used for traditional medicine to relieve as well as prevents the respiratory disorders, fever and pulmonary complaints⁷. The leaf of plant is used to cure common cold, diarrhea, fever, wound and ulcer etc.⁸. Fruits are edible, sweet with rich fine flavor. Fruit of Manilkara zapota has also been used as anti-diarrheal,

hemorrhoid aid. Bark is used in the treatment of diarrhea, peludism and dysentery⁹.

Materials and Methods-

Collection and Identification of Plant:- The bark, fruits and leaves of M. zapota were collected from Local area of Doraha, District Ludhiana, Punjab. A specimen copy was deposited to Department of Chemistry, Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh for future.

Preparation of the Methanol Extract

The dried (60°C, 48 h) and finely ground samples of bark, leaves and fruits (6 g each) were separately extracted with 35 ml of 100% methanol for 12 h at room temperature with shaking. After filtration, the plant materials were extracted twice in the same conditions. The methanol extracts obtained from each sample were collected, filtered, dried under vacuum and then re-dissolved in methanol and stored under refrigeration for further analysis.

DPPH radical scavenging assay

Free radical scavenging activity of extracts was determined using the 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) method¹⁰. The measurement was performed using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

Total antioxidant activity (ABTS assay)

The total antioxidant activity values of *M. zapota* extracts were measured by the improved ABTS^{•+} method as described by Baltrusaityte (2007)¹¹ with minor modification

assayed by the method of Lau et al. (2002)¹² with minor modifications.

RESULT- The bark extract possessed higher antioxidant activity than other parts, it was further separated into fraction BH, BE and BW. Fraction BE was the most effective in scavenging DPPH and ABTS^{•+} free radicals, scavenging superoxide radicals generated in PMS-NADH system as shown in (Table-1).

As summarized in (Table 2), methanol extracts of bark, fruits and leaves showed antibacterial activity. The bark extract possessed significantly higher antibacterial activity than fruits and leave extract

PMS-NADH system superoxide-radical scavenging assay

The superoxide scavenging ability of extracts was a

Table (1): Antioxidant effect (EC₅₀) of *M. zapota* extracts in DPPH radical scavenging, ABTS^{•+} radical scavenging and PMS-NADH superoxide radical scavenging assays.

EXTRACTS	EC ₅₀ (µg/ml)		
	ABTS ^{•+} assay	DPPH assay	PMS-NADH assay
Bark	3.6 ± 0.0 _d	6.9 ± 0.1 _d	87.5 ± 2.8 _d
Fruits	8.2 ± 0.1 _c	6.3 ± 0.0 _d	169 ± 2.8 _c
Leaves	9.2 ± 0.0 _b	20.4 ± 0.1 _b	213 ± 2.2 _b
BH	255 ± 10.1 _a	369 ± 13.0 _a	>1000 _a
BE	1.4 ± 0.0 _e	4.2 ± 0.0 _e	53.2 ± 1.3 _f
BW	3.8 ± 0.0 _d	10.6 ± 0.1 _c	73.9 ± 2.8 _e
Trolox	0.5 ± 0.0 _f	4.4 ± 0.0 _e	181 ± 5.8 _c

Concentration of samples in assays was expressed as final concentration; superscript letters with different letters in the same column indicate significant difference (P<0.05). Each value in the table was expressed as mean ± SD (n=3). (BH, BE and BW were hexane, ethyl acetate and water fractions of bark extract of *M. zapota*, respectively)

Table 2 Antibacterial activity of different extracts (a)of *M. zapota* and ampicillin (b)using Disc Diffusion Method (inhibition zones, mm)

Bacteria	Bark	Fruits	Leaves	BE	Ampicillin
<i>Bacillusbrevis</i>	16.5±2.5b	10.3±0.0c	10.9±1.4c	17.2±2.4b	33.5±0.5a
<i>Bacilluscereus</i>	13.7±1.2a	11.8±1.0a	9.9±0.1b	14.5±2.5a	-----
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	14.3±1.3b	10.9±0.1c	12.4±0.5c	16.8±1.8b	28.0±0.0a
<i>Eschenchia coli</i>	16.8±0.8b	10.2±0.4c	6.5±0.0d	15.0±0.5b	25.0±0.5a
<i>Mycobacterium avium</i>	---	-----	-----	7.1±0.8b	32.5±0.5a

Each value in the table is represented as mean ± SD (n=2); Superscript letters with different letters in the same low indicate significant difference (P<0.05); a= 400µg/disc of each extract (dispersed in water) used to load the sterile disc;b= 1 µg/disc of ampicillin (dissolved in water) was used to load the sterile disc; "—" indicated no inhibitionzone

DISCUSSION-

The results in this study revealed that the methanol extracts from bark, fruits and leaves of *M. zapota* showed strong antioxidant and antibacterial effects and contained high amounts of phenolic compounds. Ethyl acetate fraction of bark extract (BE) exerted strong antioxidant effects and EC₅₀ values of BE were 4.2, 1.4 and 53.2 µg/ml in DPPH, ABTS[•], superoxide radicals scavenging methods, respectively.

CONCLUSION:-

Antioxidant and antibacterial activities were evaluated by the extracts of *Manilkara zapota*, which is one of the traditional medicinal plant and food additives in Asia and worldwide. Results showed that methanol extracts of bark, fruits and leaves of *M. zapota* exhibited excellent antioxidant activities and also possessed antibacterial activity against tested Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Ethyl acetate fraction of bark extract (BE) exerted strong antioxidant and antibacterial activities.

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