



Phytochemical characterization of medicinal plants-*Houttuynia cordata* and *Potentilla fulgens* Wall. Ex Sims using *in vitro* and *in silico* methods

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INTRODUCTION: India is a land of immense biodiversity with over 6000 plants used in traditional, folk, and herbal medicine, representing about 75% of the medicinal needs of the Third World countries. Several substances derived from plants are currently used as drugs. However, the pharmacological properties of many of these metabolites are still unknown. Therefore, in-depth phytochemical screening and evaluation of these plants are valuable to understand the complete action of the plant as a whole.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: *Houttuynia cordata* and *Potentilla fulgens* were collected from Meghalaya, India and extracted with 10 volumes solvent and the crude powder obtained was used for HPTLC, GCMS/MS and FTIR profiling. Compounds identified were then characterized for their adsorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity properties.

RESULTS:

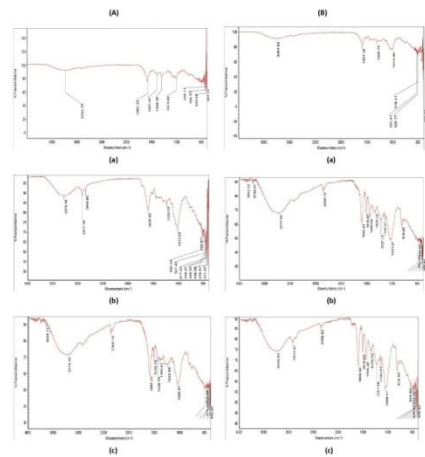


Fig1. FTIR Spectrum of (A) *Houttuynia cordata* (HC), and (B) *Potentilla fulgens* (PF)

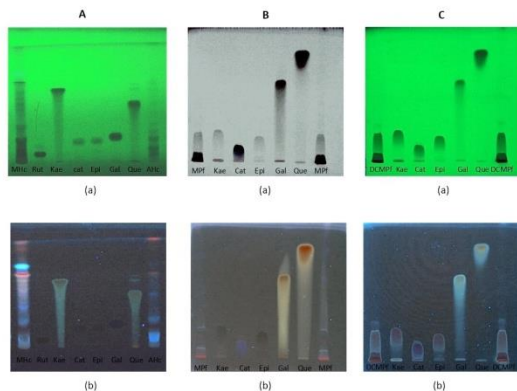


Fig2. HPTLC profiles of (A) Aqueous extract of HC (AHC), (B) Methanolic extract of HC (MHC) and (C) Dichloromethane extract of PF (DCMPF)

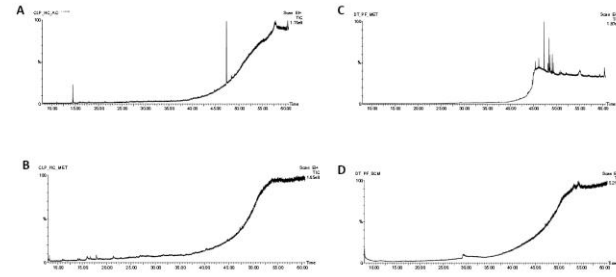


Fig3. GCMS chromatogram of HC and PF

Sl. No.	Compounds	Molecular formula	Molecular weight (g/mol)
1	1R-Alpha-pinene	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204
2	3-carene	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204
3	Alpha-pinene	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204
4	Bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-2-methyl-5-(1-methyl-ethyl)-	C ₁₈ H ₃₀	238
5	D-Limonene	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204
6	Cyclohexene, 1-methyl-5-(1-methyl-ethyl)- (R)-	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204
7	Hexanoic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester	C ₂₈ H ₅₄ O ₂	430
8	Hexanoic acid, mono(2-ethylhexyl) ester	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂	270
9	2-Ethylpiperidine	C ₁₀ H ₁₈ N	154
10	Cyclohexylamine, N-ethyl-	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ N	154
11	4-piperidinecarboxylic acid hydrate	C ₆ H ₁₁ NO ₂	143
12	Piperidine, 1-acetyl-	C ₈ H ₁₅ NO	127
13	1-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone	C ₆ H ₁₁ NO	113
14	Heptane, 1,1'-oxybis-	C ₁₄ H ₃₀	214
15	1-propanamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(3-methylbutylidene)-	C ₁₅ H ₃₁ N	226
16	1-butamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(2-methylbutylidene)-	C ₁₄ H ₂₉ N	210
17	Piperidine, 1- <i>n</i> -ethyl-2-(4-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxane-5-carbonyl)-	C ₁₈ H ₃₃ NO ₂	287
18	N-(5,5-dimethyl-7-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylmethanamine	C ₁₇ H ₂₅ N ₂ S	281
19	Cyclohexane, 2-hexyl-1,1,4-trimethyl-, cis-	C ₂₂ H ₄₀	312
20	isopropyl alcohol	C ₃ H ₈ O	74
21	(Z)-3,7-dimethyl-2,7-octadec-1-ol, propanoate(ester)	C ₂₇ H ₅₂ O ₂	424
22	Cis-1,2-dihydrocarotol	C ₁₁ H ₁₈ O	154
23	2,5-Cyclohexadiene-1,4-diol	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₂	112
24	Exo-norbornyl alcohol	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	112
25	1,2-Cyclohexanediol	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₂	112
26	Cyclohexanone, 4-methyl-	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	112
27	2-Ethyl-5-propylcyclohexanone	C ₁₃ H ₂₄ O	196
28	Cyclohexanone, 2-methyl-	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	112
29	Cyclohexanone	C ₆ H ₁₀ O	98

Sl. No.	Compounds	Molecular formula	Molecular weight (g/mol)
1	cis-13-eicosenoic acid 5312518	C ₂₀ H ₃₈ O ₂	310
2	cis-11-eicosenoic acid 5282768	C ₂₀ H ₃₈ O ₂	310
3	Cis-10-nonadecenoic acid	C ₁₉ H ₃₆ O ₂	296
4	Trans-2-methyl-4-nonylthiobis-s-dioxide	C ₁₄ H ₂₆ S ₂	218
5	Hexanoic acid mono(2-ethylhexyl) ester	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂	270
6	Hexanoic acid bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester	C ₂₈ H ₅₄ O ₂	430
7	oleyl alcohol trifluoroacetate 88368751	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂ F ₃	364
8	oleyl alcohol heptafluorobutyrate 91754908	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂ F ₇	464
9	oleyl alcohol 5284499	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O	258
10	(Z)-14-tricosenyl formate 5364716	C ₃₂ H ₆₄ O ₂	468
11	9-octadecenoic acid-1,2,3-propionatyl ester (E,E,E)	C ₂₃ H ₄₂ O ₂	354
12	6-octadecenoic acid 5282754	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂	270
13	9-octadecenoic acid (Z)-2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl) ester	C ₁₉ H ₃₆ O ₄	328
14	n-propyl-11-octadecanoate 87131822	C ₂₁ H ₄₀ O ₂	324
15	1-propyl-9,12-octadecadienoate	C ₂₁ H ₃₈ O ₂	322
16	cis-9-hexadecenal 5364643	C ₁₆ H ₃₀ O	238
17	13-octadecenal, (Z)- 5364497	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O	258
18	oleic acid 445639	C ₁₈ H ₃₄ O ₂	282
19	butyl-9-hexadecanoate 14325762	C ₂₂ H ₄₂ O ₂	330
20	17-octadecenoic acid 1449	C ₁₇ H ₃₂ O ₂	260
21	Cis-Hexadecenal	C ₁₆ H ₃₀ O	238

Compound	Poison 1/2	LD 50 (mg/kg)	Water Solubility	# Lipinski's violations
Alpha Pinene	6654	Low	Yes	1
Bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-2-Methyl-5-(1-Methyl-ethyl)-	17668	Low	Yes	1
3-carene	26689	Low	Yes	1
D-Limonene	44097	Low	Yes	0
Cyclohexane-1-methyl-5-(1-methyl-ethyl)- (R)-	2208378	Low	Yes	0
Hexanoic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester	4048160	High	No	1
Hexanoic acid, mono(2-ethylhexyl) ester	20742	High	Yes	0
2-ethylpiperidine	94205	High	No	0
Cyclohexylamine, N-ethyl-	21469	High	Yes	0
4-piperidinecarboxylic acid hydrate	456764	High	No	0
Piperidine, 1-acetyl-	12938	High	No	0
1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone	17795	High	No	0
1-butamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(3-methylbutylidene)-	567295	High	Yes	0
1-propanamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(2-methylbutylidene)-	521517	High	Yes	0
Cyclohexane, 2-hexyl-1,1,4-trimethyl-, cis-	91695418	Low	No	1
isopropyl alcohol	2455	High	Yes	0
(Z)-3,7-dimethyl-2,7-octadec-1-ol, propanoate	5365087	High	Yes	0
Cis-1,2-dihydrocarotol	176951	High	No	0
2,5-Cyclohexadiene-1,4-diol	544772	High	No	0
Exo-norbornyl alcohol	79028	High	Yes	0
1,2-Cyclohexanediol	13006	High	Yes	0
Cyclohexanone, 4-methyl-	11525	High	Yes	0
Cyclohexanone, 2-methyl-	11419	High	Yes	0
Cyclohexanone	10400	High	Yes	0
cis-13-eicosenoic acid	5312518	Low	No	1
cis-11-eicosenoic acid	5282768	Low	No	1
Cis-10-nonadecenoic acid	5282768	Low	No	1
oleyl alcohol trifluoroacetate	88368751	Low	No	1
oleyl alcohol heptafluorobutyrate	91754908	Low	No	1
oleyl alcohol	5284499	High	No	1
(Z)-14-tricosenyl formate	5364716	Low	No	1
9-octadecenoic acid	5282754	High	No	1
n-propyl-11-octadecanoate	87131822	Low	No	1
1-propyl-9,12-octadecadienoate	5364643	High	Yes	1
13-octadecenal, (Z)-	5364497	Low	No	1
oleic acid	445639	High	No	1
butyl-9-hexadecanoate	14325762	Low	No	1
17-octadecenoic acid	1449	High	Yes	1

Compound	Mutagenicity	Teratogenicity	Subchronic	Acute	LD50	Protein/Weight
Alpha Pinene	None	None	High	Low	None	None
Bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-ene-2-Methyl-5-(1-Methyl-ethyl)-	None	None	Low	Low	None	-2.3721
3-carene	None	None	High	Low	None	-2.5058
D-Limonene	None	None	None	Low	None	-1.855
Cyclohexane-1-methyl-5-(1-methyl-ethyl)- (R)-	None	None	None	None	None	-21.805
Hexanoic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester	None	High	None	High	None	-17.965
Hexanoic acid, mono(2-ethylhexyl) ester	None	High	None	High	None	-17.917
2-ethylpiperidine	None	None	None	None	None	-6.18211
Cyclohexylamine, N-ethyl-	None	None	None	High	None	-4.8375
4-piperidinecarboxylic acid hydrate	None	High	None	None	None	-1.0003
Piperidine, 1-acetyl-	None	None	Low	None	None	1.4505
1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone	None	None	None	High	None	4.639
1-butamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(3-methylbutylidene)-	None	None	None	None	None	-4.9564
1-propanamine, 2-methyl- <i>n</i> -(2-methylbutylidene)-	None	None	None	None	None	1.7467
Cyclohexane, 2-hexyl-1,1,4-trimethyl-, cis-	None	None	None	None	None	-17.048
isopropyl alcohol	None	None	None	None	None	-11.976
(Z)-3,7-dimethyl-2,7-octadec-1-ol, propanoate	None	None	None	High	None	-15.929
Cis-1,2-dihydrocarotol	None	None	None	None	None	-17.029
2,5-Cyclohexadiene-1,4-diol	None	None	None	None	None	-15.929
Exo-norbornyl alcohol	None	None	None	None	None	-1.0003
1,2-Cyclohexanediol	None	None	None	None	None	-13.941
Cyclohexanone, 4-methyl-	None	High	None	None	High	-11.941
Cyclohexanone, 2-methyl-	None	None	None	Low	None	-7.6662
Cyclohexanone	None	None	None	None	None	-6.0122
cis-13-eicosenoic acid	None	None	None	None	None	-26.101
cis-11-eicosenoic acid	None	None	None	None	None	-26.971
Cis-10-nonadecenoic acid	None	None	None	None	None	-26.971
oleyl alcohol trifluoroacetate	None	None	None	None	None	-14.0432
oleyl alcohol heptafluorobutyrate	None	None	None	None	None	-12.4
oleyl alcohol	None	None	None	None	None	-27.866
(Z)-14-tricosenyl formate	None	None	None	None	None	-26.596
9-octadecenoic acid	None	None	None	None	None	-27.531
n-propyl-11-octadecanoate	None	None	None	None	None	-27.264
1-propyl-9,12-octadecadienoate	None	None	None	None	None	-21.152
13-octadecenal, (Z)-	None	None	None	None	None	-17.962
oleic acid	None	High	None	High	None	-28.971
butyl-9-hexadecanoate	None	None	None	None	None	-28.122
17-octadecenoic acid	None	None	None	None	None	-15.971

CONCLUSION: As per the FTIR (Fig.1), HPTLC (Fig.2), and GCMS/MS analysis(Fig.3), several phytochemicals were found to be present in *H.cordata* and *P.fulgens*. These metabolites have been associated with numerous

pharmacological functions such as antibacterial, antiprotozoal, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, antiviral, cytoprotective, vasoactive, hypolipidaemic, antiplatelet, antispasmodic, and antihypertensive. The compounds also had positive pharmacological properties which justifies their use as medicinal plants.

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