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GC-MS analysis of petroleum ether extract of *Alysicarpus monilifer*- whole plant

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ABSTRACT

Alysicarpus monilifer L. (DC.) belonging to the family of Fabaceae, which is a turf forming legume and native to Africa and Asia. In India it is distributed throughout the plains- Madras, Jammu, Bombay, Punjab, Gujarat- except Kutch and Bulsar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. *Alysicarpus monilifer* considered to be as a significant folklore medicine for the various ailments. A very less scientific studies have been conducted on its medicinal, pharmacological and ethano botanical aspects of this plants. The current study was carried out to analyze the active phytoconstituents present in the petroleum ether extract of whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer*. Totally eighty four constituents was identified in the gas chromatography with mass spectroscopic analysis of petroleum ether extract of whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer*.

Keywords: *Alysicarpus monilifer*; Petroleum ether; Gas chromatography; Phytol; Tetracycline, Stearic acid.

INTRODUCTION

Botanical Description

Scientific Name: *Alysicarpus monilifer* (L.) DC.

Synonyms: *Hedysarum moniliferum* L.

Family: Fabaceae

Sub family: Faboideae

Tribe: Desmodieae

Sub tribe: Desmodiinae

Alysicarpus monilifer is a low growing much branched annual or perennial herb, 5-15 (-50) cm tall. Leaves simple; ovate, elliptical or lanceolate, cordate at the base, 2.5-7.5 cm long, prominently nerved, glabrous or sparsely pubescent beneath. Racemes spicate, axillary and terminal, 1-15 cm long; flowers lax in dense along racemes. Pods distinctly moniliform, 3-5 jointed, 1-2 cm long, calyx not longer than first joint; glabrous or sparsely pubescent; articles 2.5-3 mm long and 2-3 mm wide, with a smooth to reticulate surface sculpture¹.

Alysicarpus monilifer L. (DC.) (Fabaceae), commonly known as Samervo (Gujarati) or Juhi ghas (Hindi), is a turf forming legume and native to Africa and Asia. In India it is distributed throughout the plains- Madras, Jammu, Bombay, Punjab, Gujarat- except Kutch and Bulsar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. It is a prostrate, procumbent or decumbent perennial herb; stem of which is around 12- 60cm long, woody at the base. It is a branched; branches are terete clothed with covering trichomes. The herb is up to 50cm in length and hairy when young.

This plant is used traditionally in anti-inflammatory and in stomach ache. An antidote to snake bite. It is also used in skin diseases and as a diuretic. The leaves are used in fever and jaundice². This is an attempt to determine the

phytochemical compounds present in the Petroleum ether extract of *Alysicarpus monilifer* by Gas Chromatography and Mass Spectroscopy (GC-MS) technique.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

(i) Collection and Identification of plant material

The aerial parts of *Alysicarpus monilifer* were collected from authentic dealers from Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu. The identification of the plant materials was confirmed by consulting the Research officer- Botany (Scientist-C), Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha, Govt. Of India (Retired), Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu. The whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer* were dried under shade, segregated, pulverized by a mechanical grinder and passed through a 40 mesh sieve.

(ii) Preparation of extract

The collected plant material was dried ($30\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$) for 14 days, ground and sieved to get fine powder from which the extracts were prepared by subjecting to the successive extraction, by using a hot continuous percolation method in Soxhlet apparatus³ with petroleum ether ($60-80^\circ\text{C}$). The powdered whole plant was extracted with petroleum ether (1L). After complete extraction (18 hrs), the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The resulting extract was dried using a water bath to get semisolid.

(iii) Gas Chromatography (GC-MS) analysis

The GC-MS was performed by using Thermo GC- Trace Ultra Ver: 5.0, Thermo MS DSQ II. ZB 5- MS capillary standard Non-Polar column was used. Dimension 30Mts, ID: 0.25mm, Film: 0.25 μm . Carrier gas: He, Flow: 1.0 ML/Min. Temp Prog: Oven temp 70 C raised to 260 C AT 6 C/MIN. Injection volume: 1 micro liter.

(iv) Identification of compounds

Interpretation mass spectrum of GC-MS was conducted using the database of National Institute Standard and Techniques (NIST) which consist of more than 62,000 patterns. The relative percentage amount of each component was calculated by comparing its average peak area to the total areas. The spectrum of the unknown component was compared with the spectrum of the known component inherent in the NIST library. The name, molecular weight and structure of the components of the test materials were ascertained.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

GC-MS chromatogram of the petroleum ether extract of whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer* (Fig.1) clearly showed the presence of 21 compounds. GC-MS chromatogram of the petroleum ether extract of whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer* (Fig.1) clearly shows 21 peaks indicating the presence of 21 phytochemical compounds. The identification of the phytochemical compounds was based on the peak area, retention time and molecular formula. The table 1 shows the compound name with its probability, molecular weight, molecular formula, run time and % area. The results reveal the presence of 1-Methoxy-3-pentene, 5-Nonanone, 3-Methylbut-3-en-2-ol, 2-Propenoic acid, 6-chlorohex-2-en-1-ol, 1,3-Propanediamine N,N-dimethyl-, 2,6-Dideutero-pyridine, 1S(-)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)hydroxylamine, benzene-1,3,5-D3, (Z)-2-Cyano-2-butene, 4-d1-3-Cyclohexen-1-ol, 2-Vinylpent-3-en-1-ol, Fenchone, 1-Phenylethyl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate, 3-Pentanone, 2-methyl-4-phenyl, benzene, (1,2,2-trimethyl-3-butenyl)-, 5-[R-1-Phenethylsulfanylmethylene]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione, N-BZ-2aminocinnamate, 1-(α -Methylbenzyl)-2-(methoxymethyl)-aziridine, 4-Cyclopropylcarbonyloxytridecane, 2,2,3,3-Tetraethyloxirane, Butane, 1,2-dichloro-2-methyl-, Dodecane, 1-chloro-, dimethyldiphenyltethylidyl pyrrolidine, 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione, 6-(methylamino)-, Benzeneacetic acid, 4-tetradecyl ester, Octadecane, 1-chloro-, Hexadecane, Acetic acid, 1=(1'-methylallenyl)-2-ethenylcyclohexane, α -ylangene, α -Guaiene, 2,7-dimethyl-3,6-dimethylene-1,7-octadiene, undecane, 7,7-dichlorobicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-en-6-one, 10,12-Tricosadiynoic acid, methyl ester, 2-[9-(But-3-enyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-yl]acetaldehyde, N-Carboethoxy-7-azabicyclo[3.2.1]nonan-9-ol, 1-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-5-(ethoxyethoxymethyl)uracil, S-Methyl-3-(2-naphthyl)thiacyclobutenium Trifluoromethanesulfonate, 2-Methyl-5-nitrobiphenyl, Octadecane, 3,7,11,15-Tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol, Neophytadiene, Phytol, acetate, Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester, Octadecanoic acid, methyl ester, Ethyl linoleate, 11,14-Eicosadienoic acid, methyl ester, Heptadecanoic acid, 15-methyl-, ethyl ester, Neophytadiene, Phytol, Isophytol, acetate, Methyl sandaracopimarate, 4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenoic acid, methyl ester, Ethyl 6,9,12,15,18-heneicosapentaenoate, Kaur-16-en-18-oic acid, methyl ester, (4a), Docosane, 9-octyl, 3-Methyltricosane, Tetracosane, Heptacosane, Nonacosane, Pentacosane, Tricosane, Octacosane, Pentatriacontane, STEVIOL METHYL ESTER, 23-Hydroxy-2,16-dehydroretuline, 1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(6'-methyl-tetrahydropyran-2'-yl) anthraquinone, Variocolol, Taxamairin B, Docosanoic acid, methyl ester, Tetracycline, 1H-Benzo[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2-b]pyrrole, Stearic acid, 4',7-Dimethoxyflavone, 2-Hexene, 2,5-dimethyl, N'-Cyano-N,N-dimethyl-guanidine, 1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone, Ergosta-5,7,22-trien-27-ol, 3-methoxymethoxy, 6-(3-Methoxymethoxy-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-1H-cyclopenta(a)phenanthren-17-yl)-(6-hydroxy-1,4,5-trimethylhex-2-enyl-1)-, 1,8,15,22-Tetraaza-

2,7,16,21-cyclooctacosanetetron, Anthiaergosta-5,7,9-trien-3-one, Cholest-5-en-3-ol. The phytochemical compounds recognized through GC-MS analysis showed many biological activities are listed in **Table 1**.

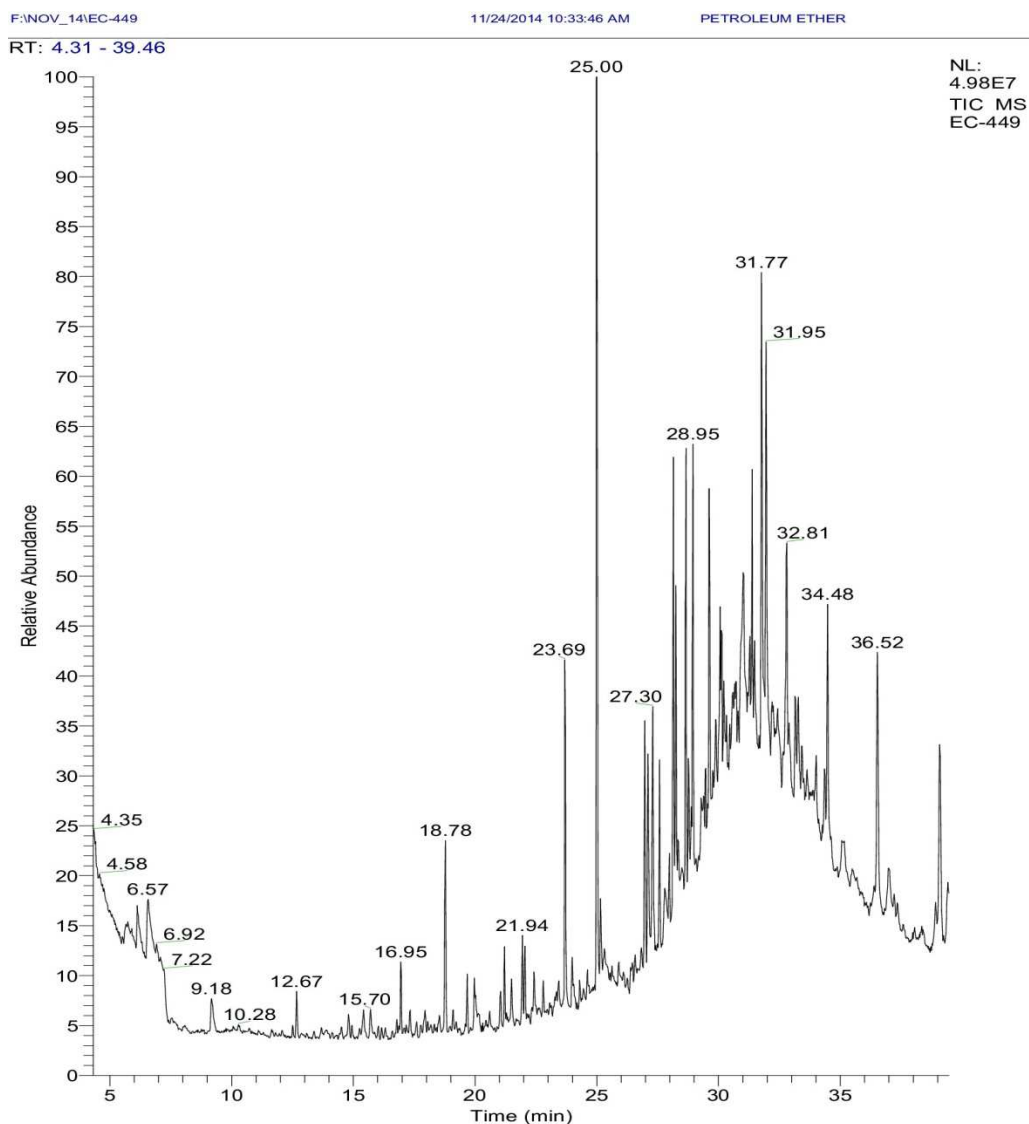


Fig.1: The GC-MS chromatogram of petroleum ether extract of *Alysicarpus monilifer*

Table 1. Phytochemical compounds identified in petroleum ether extract of *Alysicarpus monilifer*

S.No	Compound Name	Biological Activity	Probability	Molecular formula	Molecular weight	Percentage area	Run time
1	1-Methoxy-3-pentene	No activity reported	47.43	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	100	0.14	3.32
2	5-Nonanone	No activity reported	8.89	C ₉ H ₁₈ O	142	0.14	3.32
3	3-Methylbut-3-en-2-ol	No activity reported	8.54	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	100	0.14	3.32
4	2-Propenoic acid	Antioxidant activity ⁴ , reducing the risk of stomach cancer ⁵	7.55	C ₄ H ₆ O ₂	86	0.14	3.32
5	6-chlorohex-2-en-1-ol	Antiseptic and Antibacterial activity ⁶	5.63	C ₆ H ₁₁ ClO	134	0.14	3.32
6	1,3-Propanediamine, N,N-dimethyl-	Anticancer and Antibacterial activity ⁷	5.19	C ₅ H ₁₄ N ₂	102	0.14	3.32
7	2,6-Dideutero-pyridine	No activity reported	49.50	C ₅ H ₅ D ₂ N	79	97.22	3.80
8	1S-(-)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)hydroxylamine	No activity reported	9.88	C ₆ H ₁₁ NO	113	97.22	3.80
9	BENZENE-1,3,5-D3	Insecticide, Larvicide, Pesticide.	9.88	C ₆ H ₃ D ₃	78	97.22	3.80
10	(Z)-2-Cyano-2-butene	No activity reported	6.18	C ₅ H ₇ N	81	97.22	3.80
11	4-d1-3-Cyclohexen-1-ol	Antimicrobial and Antiseptic activities ⁸	4.24	C ₆ H ₉ DO	98	97.22	3.80
12	2-Vinylpent-3-en-1-ol	No activity reported	2.55	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	112	97.22	3.80
13	Fenchone	Anti alzheimeran, Anti-cholinesterase, Counterirritant, Secretolytic ⁹ .	2.45	C ₁₀ H ₁₆ O	152	97.22	3.80

14	1-Phenylethyl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate	No activity reported	6.26	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ NO ₂	249	0.02	5.74	
15	3-Pentanone, 2-methyl-4-phenyl	No activity reported	4.16	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ O	176	0.02	5.74	
16	Benzene, (1,2,2-trimethyl-3-butenyl)-	No activity reported	3.36	C ₁₃ H ₁₈	174	0.02	5.74	
17	5-[R-1-Phenethylsulfanyl(methylene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione	No activity reported	2.83	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄ S	292	0.02	5.74	
18	N-BZ-2aminocinnamate	No activity reported	2.72	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₂	267	0.02	5.74	
19	1-(α -Methylbenzyl)-2-(methoxymethyl)-aziridine	No activity reported	2.62	C ₁₂ H ₁₇ NO	191	0.02	5.74	
20	4-Cyclopropylcarbonyloxytridecane	No activity reported	11.69	C ₁₇ H ₃₂ O ₂	268	0.13	6.59	
21	2,2,3,3-Tetraethyloxirane	No activity reported	9.88	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O	156	0.13	6.59	
22	Butane, 1,2-dichloro-2-methyl-	No activity reported	7.17	C ₅ H ₁₀ Cl ₂	140	0.13	6.59	
23	Dodecane, 1-chloro-	No activity reported	5.63	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ Cl	204	0.13	6.59	
24	Dimethyldiphenyltetlyldipyrrolidine	No activity reported	5.20	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ N	277	0.13	6.59	
25	1,3,5-Triazine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione, (methylamino)-	6-	No activity reported	3.98	C ₄ H ₆ N ₄ O ₂	142	0.13	6.59
26	Benzeneacetic acid, 4-tetradecyl ester	No activity reported	3.52	C ₂₂ H ₃₆ O ₂	332	0.13	6.59	
27	Octadecane, 1-chloro-	No activity reported	3.52	C ₁₈ H ₃₇ Cl	288	0.13	6.59	
28	Hexadecane	No activity reported	42.27	C ₁₆ H ₃₄	226	0.03	16.95	
29	Acetic acid	Acidulant, Antibacterial, Antitiotic, Antisalmonella, Antivaginitic, Expectorant, Fungicide, keratitogenic, Mucoytic, Osteolytic, Pesticide, Protisticide, Spermicide, Ulcerogenic, Verrucolytic ²⁷	6.57	C ₁₆ H ₂₆ O ₂	250	0.05	18.78	
30	1-(1'-methylallyl)-2-ethenylcyclohexane	No activity reported	5.80	C ₁₂ H ₁₈	162	0.05	18.78	
31	α -ylangene	No activity reported	4.56	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204	0.05	18.78	
32	α -Guaiene	No activity reported	4.21	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204	0.05	18.78	
33	2,7-Dimethyl-3,6-dimethylene-1,7-octadiene	No activity reported	3.88	C ₁₂ H ₁₈	162	0.05	18.78	
34	Undecane	No activity reported	3.73	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O	220	0.05	18.78	
35	7,7-dichlorobicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-en-6-one	No activity reported	3.29	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O	220	0.05	18.78	
36	10,12-Tricosadiynoic acid, methyl ester	No activity reported	2.52	C ₂₄ H ₄₀ O ₂	360	0.05	18.78	
37	2-[9-(But-3-enyl)-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-7-yl]acetaldehyde	No activity reported	47.14	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₃	238	0.02	20.01	
38	N-Carboxy-7-azabicyclo[3.2.1]nonan-9-ol	No activity reported	10.22	C ₁₁ H ₁₉ NO ₃	213	0.02	20.01	
39	1-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-5-(ethoxyethoxymethyl)uracil	No activity reported	9.03	C ₁₃ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₅	286	0.02	20.01	
40	S-Methyl-3-(2-naphthyl)thiacyclobutenium Trifluoromethanesulfonate	No activity reported	6.55	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ F ₃ O ₃ S ₂	362	0.02	20.01	
41	2-Methyl-5-nitrophenyl	No activity reported	4.36	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₂	213	0.02	20.01	
42	Octadecane	No activity reported	19.12	C ₁₈ H ₃₈	254	0.03	21.21	
43	3,7,11,15-Tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol	No activity reported	17.45	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	296	0.03	21.96	
44	Neophytadiene	antipyretic, analgesic, and anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant ¹⁰	9.52	C ₂₀ H ₃₈	278	0.03	21.96	
45	Phytol, acetate	Cancer preventive, Antinociceptive and antioxidant activity ¹¹ , Anticolulcent effect ¹²	2.31	C ₂₂ H ₄₂ O ₂	338	0.03	21.96	
46	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	anti inflammatory properties ¹³ , Antioxidant, Hypocholesterolemic, Nematicide, Pesticide, Lubricant, Antiandrogenic, Flavor, Hemolytic ³⁰	86.09	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₂	284	0.22	23.69	
47	Octadecanoic acid, methyl ester	Anticholesterol ¹⁴	79.52	C ₁₉ H ₃₈ O ₂	298	0.03	27.58	
48	Ethyl linoleate	No activity reported	5.44	C ₂₀ H ₃₆ O ₂	308	0.18	28.17	
49	11,14-Eicosadienoic acid, methyl ester	No activity reported	5.23	C ₂₁ H ₃₈ O ₂	322	0.18	28.17	
50	Heptadecanoic acid, 15-methyl-, ethyl ester	Antioxidant ¹⁵	9.24	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O ₂	312	0.09	28.67	
51	Neophytadiene	antipyretic, analgesic, and anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant ²²	10.83	C ₂₀ H ₃₈	278	0.09	28.95	
52	Phytol	Antimicrobial, Anticancer, Cancer preventive, Diuretic Antiinflammatory ³⁰	14.51	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O	296	0.09	28.95	
53	Isophytol, acetate	Ran Tao, Cheng-Zhang Wang and Zhen-Wu Kong ²³	1.49	C ₂₂ H ₄₂ O ₂	338	0.09	28.95	
54	Methyl sandaracopimarate	No activity reported	78.69	C ₂₁ H ₃₂ O ₂	316	0.08	29.62	
55	4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenoic acid, methyl ester	Inhibit growth of human colon carcinoma cells ²⁶	4.32	C ₂₃ H ₃₄ O ₂	342	0.10	30.09	
56	Ethyl 6,9,12,15,18-heneicosapentaenoate	No activity reported	3.81	C ₂₃ H ₃₆ O ₂	344	0.10	30.09	
57	Kaur-16-en-18-oic acid, methyl ester, (4a)	No activity reported	5.95	C ₂₁ H ₃₂ O ₂	316	0.10	30.09	
58	Docosane, 9-octyl	No activity reported	31.37	C ₃₀ H ₆₂	422	0.19	31.01	
59	3-Methyltricosane	No activity reported	8.45	C ₂₄ H ₅₀	338	0.19	31.01	
60	Tetracosane	Cytotoxic activity ²⁸	12.13	C ₂₄ H ₅₀	338	0.12	31.39	
61	Heptacosane	Antibacterial ²⁹	7.59	C ₂₇ H ₅₆	380	0.12	31.39	
62	Nonacosane	Antibacterial ²⁹	7.00	C ₂₉ H ₆₀	408	0.12	31.39	
63	Pentacosane	Antibacterial ²⁹	6.46	C ₂₅ H ₅₂	352	0.12	31.39	
64	Tricosane	Antibacterial ²⁹	6.21	C ₂₃ H ₄₈	324	0.12	31.39	
65	Octacosane	Anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-ulcerogenic ²¹	6.21	C ₂₈ H ₅₈	394	0.12	31.39	
66	Pentatriacontane	Herbistat ²⁰	5.49	C ₃₅ H ₇₂	492	0.12	31.39	
67	Steviol methyl ester	Sweetener ¹⁸ , Treatment of polycystic kidney disease ¹⁹	4.96	C ₂₁ H ₃₂ O ₃	332	0.30	31.77	

68	23-Hydroxy-2,16-dehydroretuline	No activity reported	26.27	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃	352	0.10	32.79
69	1-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-2-(6'-methyl-tetrahydro-2'-yl) anthraquinone	Digester additive in paper maker ¹⁷	13.60	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₅	352	0.10	32.79
70	Variecolol	No activity reported	8.78	C ₂₅ H ₃₈ O ₂	370	0.10	32.79
71	Taxamairin B	No activity reported	7.79	C ₂₂ H ₃₄ O ₄	352	0.10	32.79
72	Docosanoic acid, methyl ester	No activity reported	54.19	C ₂₃ H ₄₆ O ₂	354	0.06	33.26
73	Tetracycline	Antibiotic ¹⁶	9.86	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₈	444	0.04	33.99
74	1H-Benzo[3,4]cyclobuta[1,2-b]pyrrole	No activity reported	4.99	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ Cl ₄ N	335	0.04	33.99
75	Stearic acid	Lowering plasma cholesterol levels ²⁴	4.60	C ₃₀ H ₇₈ O ₃	594	0.04	33.99
76	4',7-Dimethoxyflavone	No activity reported	10.48	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₄	282	0.03	35.12
77	2-Hexene, 2,5-dimethyl	No activity reported	8.85	C ₈ H ₁₆	112	0.03	35.12
78	N'-Cyano-N,N-dimethyl-guanidine	No activity reported	4.30	C ₄ H ₈ N ₄	112	0.03	35.12
79	1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone	No activity reported	3.63	C ₁₅ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₄	360	0.03	35.12
80	Ergosta-5,7,22-trien-27-ol, 3-methoxymethoxy	No activity reported	9.79	C ₃₀ H ₄₈ O ₃	456	0.05	37.01
81	6-(3-Methoxymethoxy-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-1H-cyclopenta(a) phenanthren -17-yl)-(6-hydroxy-1,4,5-trimethylhex-2-enyl-1)-	No activity reported	9.41	C ₃₀ H ₄₈ O ₃	456	0.05	37.01
82	1,8,15,22-Tetraaza-2,7,16,21-cyclooctacosanetetron	No activity reported	6.45	C ₂₄ H ₄₄ N ₄ O ₄	452	0.05	37.01
83	Anthiaergosta-5,7,9-trien-3-one	No activity reported	5.07	C ₂₈ H ₄₂ O	394	0.05	37.01
84	Cholest-5-en-3-ol	It serves as a precursor for the biosynthesis of steroid hormones, bile acids, and vitamin D ¹⁵	39.07	C ₂₇ H ₄₆ O	386	0.08	39.57

CONCLUSION

In the present study, Eighty four phytochemical compounds have been identified from the petroleum ether extract of whole plant of *Alysicarpus monilifer* by Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis. Isolation of individual phytochemical constituents and subjecting it to biological activities are being undertaken.

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