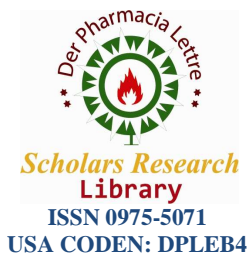




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Identified bioactive constituents on leaf of *Andrographis echiodies* grown on Vellore District, Tamil Nadu

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we carried out the pharmacognostical evaluation, preliminary phytochemical and GC-MS analysis of *A. echiodies* leaf which was collected from Vellore district. In the present study crude extracts of petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, methanol and aqueous were prepared from the leaves of *A. echiodies* by using Soxhlet apparatus hot continuous percolation method. The crude extracts were subjected to pharmacognostical and phytochemical analysis. Preliminary phytochemical screening reveals the presence of flavonoids, terpenoids, carbohydrate, protein, glycosides and phytosterols in *A. echiodies*. The physicochemical constants and its fluorescence properties of the leaf powder were observed and documented in this study. Further the leaf extracts were analysed by GC-MS. The GC-MS analysis reveals 3, 26 and 22 bio active compounds from Pet ether, ethyl acetate and methanol respectively.

Keywords: *Andrographis Echiodies*, Pharmacognostical, Fluorescence, Phytochemical, GC-MS analysis

INTRODUCTION

Andrographis echiodies (L.) Nees belongs to the Acanthaceae family. In local it is known as Gopuramthangi [1]. This plant is a small herb widely located in dry places like India and Sri Lanka. This *Andrographis* genus contains plenty of medicinal properties and is used to treat goiter, liver diseases, fertility problems, bacterial, malarial and fungal disorders [2]. Leaf extract of *A. echiodies* is used as a medicine for fever. The leaf juice boiled and mixed with coconut oil is used to prevent falling and graying of hair [3]. Leaf powder and rice water is used for snake bite and eczema [1]. This plant leaf extract is used for dengue against larvae of mosquito. [4] and also shows diuretic activity [5]. In addition, it possesses the anthelmintic activity to treat various parasitic worms [6]. *A. echiodies* shows pharmacological activities such as diuretic, antimicrobial, anti-ulcer, hepatoprotective and antioxidant effect [7]. The present study is focused on the evaluation of pharmacognostical parameters and phytochemical analysis of leaves of the *A. echiodies*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Plant collection

The plant materials were collected from Chendrapalli land Vellore district. The collected plant was identified and authenticated from the flora of Madras Presidency Reg. No: PARC/2014/2057.

2.2 Pharmacognostical Evaluation of *A. echiodies*

Pharmacognostical parameters such as fluorescence analysis and physicochemical values like ash content and loss on drying were evaluated as per the standard protocol. [8]

2.3 Preparation of crude extracts from *A.echioides* leaves

The plant leaves were collected and washed with distilled water then the washed leaves were dried for two weeks and ground into coarse powder. The powder is extracted with solvents like petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, methanol and water using Soxhlet apparatus.

2.4 Phytochemical screening of *A.echioides*

Phytochemical analysis of *A.echioides* was carried out as per the standard protocols. [9]

3. CHARACTERIZATION

GC-MS analysis was carried out on a Perkin elmer clarus 680 GC-MS instrument employing the following condition: column elite-5MS (30.0m, 0.25 mm ID, 250 μ m, operating in electron impact mode; helium was used as a carrier gas at a constant flow and split ratio is 10:1 ; injector temperature is 250°C; flow rate is 1 ml/min; oven temperature is initially 60°C for 2 min, ramp 10°C/min to 300°C, hold for 6 min. Total run time is 32.00 min The molecular weight and structure of the compounds were ascertained by interpretation using the database of National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST).[10]

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Pharmacognostical Evaluation of *A.echioides*

4.1.1 Physicochemical constants of *A.echioides*

Quantitative analysis of Pharmacognostical parameteris useful for setting standards for the crude drug. From results we found that 9.57, 81.12, 55.48 and 38.54 of LOD, total ash content water soluble ash content and acid insoluble ash content respectively(**Table.1**). The moisture content of *A.echioides* is not more than 14% (9.57% found) as per the African pharmacopoeia (1986).[11]

Table.1 Physicochemical constants of *A.echioides*

S.No	Parameters	Observations
1	Loss of drying	9.57%
2	Total ash content	81.12%
3	Water soluble ash content	55.48%
4	Acid insoluble ash content	38.51%

4.1.2 Fluorescence analysis of *A.echioides*

Fluorescence analysis of leaf powder was performed using UV short and long wavelength with different chemical reagents. The plant exhibit characteristic colors when it is treated with different reagents. This variation of color indicates the presence of active nutrients (functional groups) in the *A.echioides*. The results are given in (**Table.2**)

Table.2 Fluorescence analysis of *A.echioides*

S.No	Reagent	Visible light	Short UV(254nm)	Long UV(336 nm)
1	Powder	No change	Green	Black
2	Powder+con.HCL	No change	Dark green	Black
3	Powder+con.HNO ₃	No change	Black	Dark black
4	Powder+conH ₂ SO ₄	No change	Dark green	Black
5	Powder+NaOH	No change	Light green	Black
6	Powder+water	No change	Light green	Black
7	Powder+alcohol	No change	Green	Bluish green
8	Powder+acetic acid	No change	Greenish	Dark green

4.1.3 Nature and yield of crude extracts of *A.echioides* leaf

The extraction was carried out using Soxhlet apparatus (hot continuous percolation) with different polarity of solvent. Extraction yield of different solvent varied from 5.58% to 25.03% and ranked from low to high petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, methanol and aqueous extracts. The yield is increased with the ratio of solvents, sample extraction and temperature. The nature and yield of extracts are shown in (**Table.3**).

Table.3 Nature and yield of crude extracts of *A.echioides* leaf

Crude Extracts	Color	Duration	Solvent consumed	Yield %
Petether	Brown	27days	8.1 lit	5.58%
Ethylacetate	Dark brown	13 days	3.9 lit	13.31%
Methanol	Green	8 days	2.4 lit	25.03%
Aqueous	Brownishblack	3 days	0.9 lit	19.31%

4.1.4 Phytochemical analysis of *A.echioides* leaves

Preliminary phytochemical screening of petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, methanol and aqueous extracts of were carried out as per the standard protocol. From the preliminary screening chemical compounds like flavonoids, phytosterols, saponins, terpenoids and carbohydrate were detected in this *A.echioides*. The results were tabulated in (Table 4).

Table.4 Phytoconstituents of crude extracts of *A.echioides*

S.No	Phytoconstituents	PET extract	Ethylacetate extract	Methanol extract	Aqueous extract
1	Phenols	-	-	-	-
2	Flavonoids	-	+++	++	-
3	Alkaloids	-	-	-	+
4	Carbohydrate	+	++	+	++
5	Proteins	-	+	+++	++
6	Glycosides	+	+	+	+
7	Phytosterols	+++	+++	+++	++
8	Saponins	++	++	++	+
9	Terpenoids	++	++	++	++
10	Tannins	-	+++	+++	+
11	Fats and oils	+++	-	+	-

(-) - absent (+) - Weak (++) - Moderate (+++) - strong;

4.2.1 GC-MS analysis of PET ether crude extract

The GC-MS chromatogram of petroleum ether *A.echioides* leaf extract shows major peaks which is given in (Fig.1). And the compound name retention time and molecular formula are given (Table.5).

Figure 1. GC-MS Analysis of PET Ether Extract

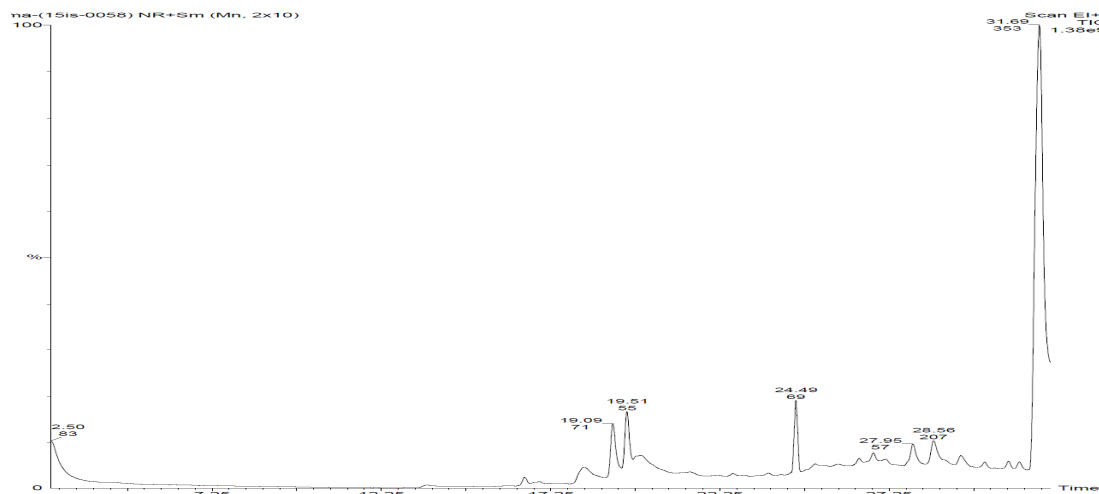
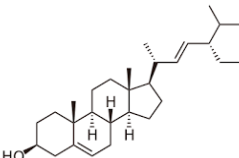
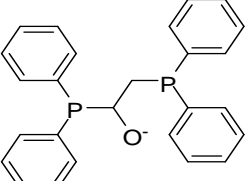


Table 5.GC-MS data for *Andrographis echiodies* PET ether Extract

NO	Compound Name	Rt (min)	MW	Molecular formula	structure
1	STIGMASTEROL	24.49	412	C ₂₉ H ₄₈ O	
2	PHOSPHINE OXIDE,1,2 ETHANEDIYLBIS[DIPHENYL]	31.70	430	C ₂₆ H ₂₄ O ₂ P ₂	
3	2R-ACETOXYMETHYL-1,3,3-TRIMETHYL-4T-(3-METHYL-2-BUTEN-1-YL)-1T-CYCLOHEXANOL	28.56	282	C ₁₇ H ₃₀ O ₃	-

4.2.2 GC-MS analysis of ethyl acetate crude extract

The GC-MS chromatogram of ethyl acetate *A. echiodies* leaf extract gave some major peaks are shown in fig 2 and the compound name retention time and molecular formula are given table 6.

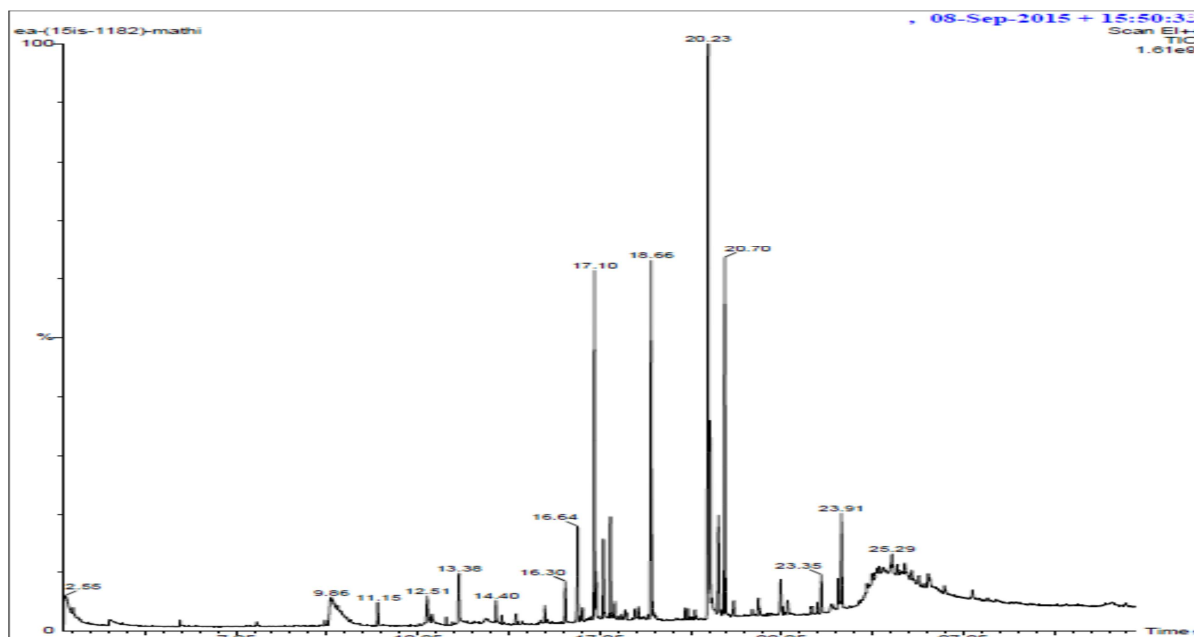


Figure 2.GC-MS analysis of Ethyl acetate extract

Table 6.GC-MS data for *Andrographis echiodies* using ethyl acetate extract

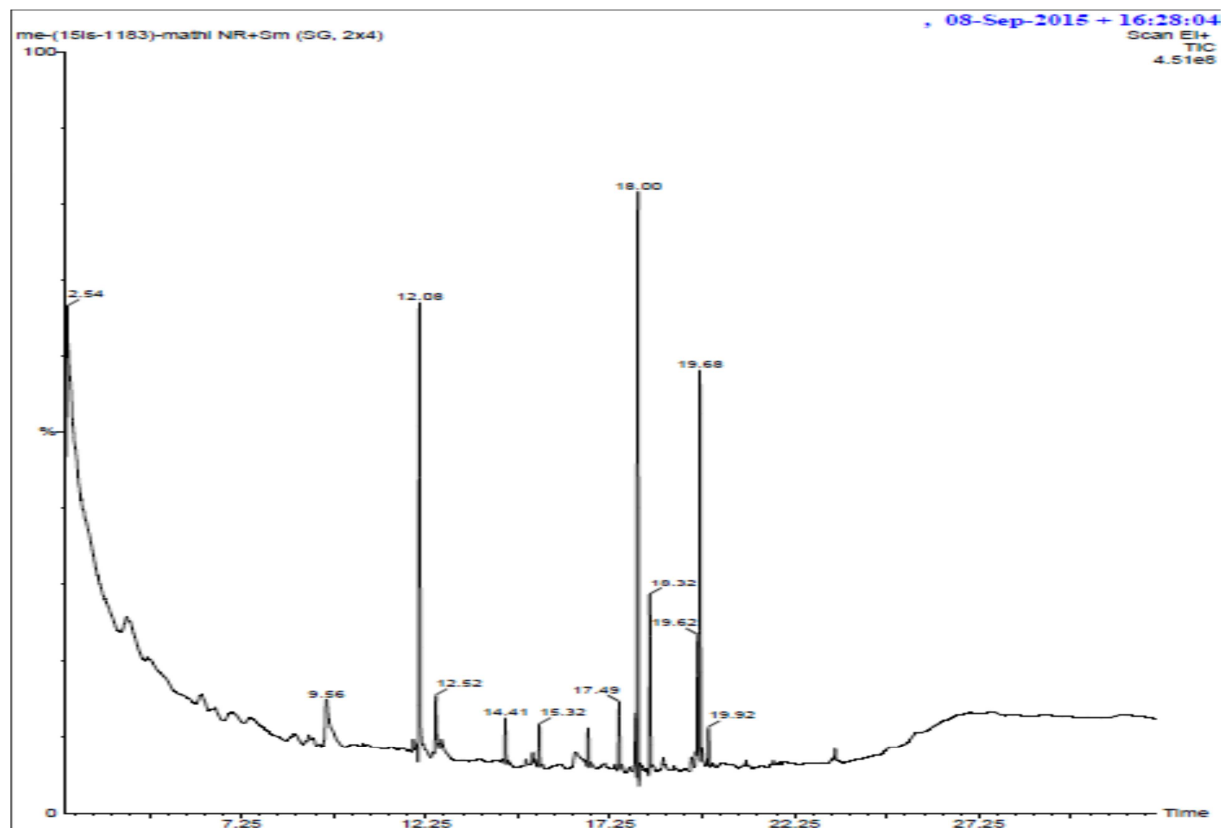
S.No	Compound Name	RT (min)	MW	Molecular formula	structure
1	PROPANAMIDE, 2-HYDROXY-	2.55	89	C ₃ H ₇ O ₂ N	
2	1,2-ETHANEDIOL, DIACETATE	9.86	146	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₄	
3	2-PROPANONE, 1-(ACETYLOXY)-	11.15	116	C ₅ H ₈ O ₃	
4	DIPHENYLMETHANE	12.50	168	C ₁₃ H ₁₂	
5	PHENOL, 2,4-BIS(1,1-DIMETHYLETHYL)-	13.37	206	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O	
6	3(4H)-DIBENZOFURANONE, 4A,9B-DIHYDRO-6-(6-HYDROXY-M-TOLYL)-8,9B-DIME	15.74	320	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₃	-
7	3,5-DIETHOXYCARBONYL-2,6-DIMETHYLPYRIDINE 894 941	16.30	251	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ O ₄ N	
8	BENZOTHIENO[2,3-D]PYRIMIDIN-4(3H)-ONE, 5,6,7,8-TETRAHYDRO-	16.30	206	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂ S	
9	E-15-HEPTADECENAL	16.64	252	C ₁₇ H ₃₂ O	
10	1-HEXADECENE	16.64	224	C ₁₆ H ₃₂	
11	1-EICOSYNE	17.10	278	C ₂₀ H ₃₈	
12	HEXADECANOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	18.66	284	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O ₂	
13	LINOLEIC ACID ETHYL ESTER	20.23	308	C ₂₀ H ₃₆ O ₂	
14	9,17-OCTADECADIENAL, (Z)-	20.23	264	C ₁₈ H ₃₂ O	
15	9,12-OCTADECADIENOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	20.23	308	C ₂₀ H ₃₆ O ₂	
16	1-OCTADECYNE	20.69	250	C ₁₈ H ₃₄	
17	EICOSANOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	22.22	340	C ₂₂ H ₄₄ O ₂	

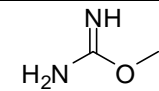

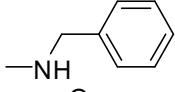
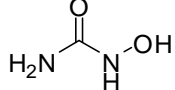
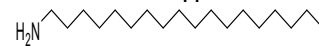
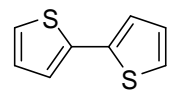
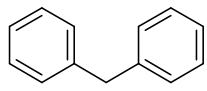
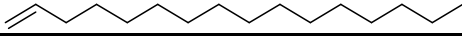
18	2-PROPEN-1-ONE, 1-(2,6-DIHYDROXY-4-METHOXYPHENYL)-3-PHENYL-, (E)-	22.42	270	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₄	
19	1,2-BENZENEDICARBOXYLIC ACID, MONO(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ESTER	23.34	278	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ O ₄	
20	OCTADECANOIC ACID, ETHENYL ESTER	25.29	310	C ₂₀ H ₃₈ O ₂	
21	PHTHALIC ACID, 2-METHOXYETHYL TETRADECYL ESTER	25.83	420	C ₂₅ H ₄₀ O ₅	
22	BENZENEACETIC ACID, 3-METHOXY-4-[(TRIMETHYLSILYL)OXY]-, ETHYL ESTER	26.11	282	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₄ Si	
23	BENZENE, 2-[(TERT-BUTYLDIMETHYLSILYL)OXY]-1-ISOPROPYL-4-METHYL	26.24	264	C ₁₆ H ₂₈ O _{Si}	
24	E-11(13-METHYL)TETRADECEN-1-OL	26.28	226	C ₁₅ H ₃₀ O	-
25	Z-8-PENTADECEN-1-OL ACETATE	26.28	268	C ₁₇ H ₃₂ O ₂	
26	3-OXA-4-(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)BORNANE	26.28	208	C ₁₀ H ₁₅ O _F ₃	-

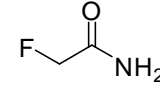
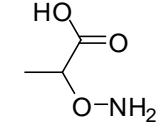
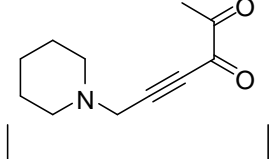
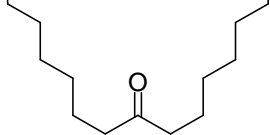
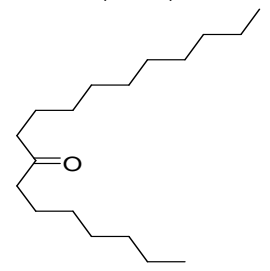
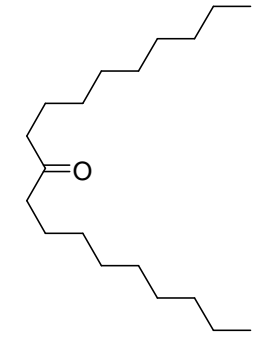
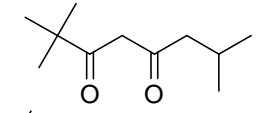
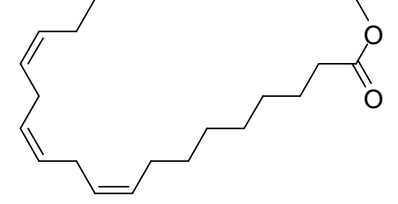
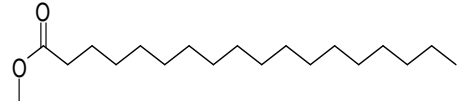
GC-MS analysis of methanolic extract crude extract

The GC-MS chromatogram of methanolic extract *A. echinoides* leaves extract gave some major peaks are shown in fig 3 and the compound name retention time and molecular formula are given table 7.

Figure 3.GC-MS analysis of Methanolic extract

Table 7.GC-MS data for *Andrographis echinoides* using Methanolic extract

S.No	Compound name	RT (min)	MW	Molecular formula	structure
1	O-METHYLISOUREA	3.08	74	C ₂ H ₆ O ₂ N ₂	
2	SILANE, DIMETHYL-	3.08	60	C ₂ H ₈ Si	
3	BENZENEMETHANAMINE, N-METHYL-	9.56	121	C ₈ H ₁₁ N	
4	HYDROXYUREA	11.78	76	CH ₄ O ₂ N ₂	
5	1-OCTADECANAMINE	11.90	269	C ₁₈ H ₃₉ N	
6	2,2'-BITHIOPHENE	12.07	166	C ₈ H ₆ S ₂	
7	DIPHENYLMETHANE	12.52	168	C ₁₃ H ₁₂	
8	1-HEXADECENE	14.40	224	C ₁₆ H ₃₂	

9	ACETAMIDE, 2-FLUORO-	14.96	77	C ₂ H ₄ ONF	
10	PROPANOIC (AMINOXY)-ACID, 2-	14.96	105	C ₃ H ₇ O ₃ N	
11	2-BUTYNONE, 1-ACETYL-4-[1-PIPERIDYL]-	15.15	179	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ ON	
12	8-PENTADECANONE	15.32	226	C ₁₅ H ₃₀ O	
13	8-OCTADECANONE	15.32	268	C ₁₈ H ₃₆ O	
14	1,6;3,4-DIANHYDRO-2-DEOXY-.BETA.-D-LYXO-HEXOPYRANOSE	15.32	128	C ₆ H ₈ O ₃	-
15	10-NONADECANONE	17.49	282	C ₁₉ H ₃₈ O	
16	3,5-OCTANEDIONE, 2,2,7-TRIMETHYL-	17.49	184	C ₁₁ H ₂₀ O ₂	
17	9,12,15-OCTADECATRIENOIC ACID, METHYL ESTER, (Z,Z,Z)-	19.68	292	C ₁₉ H ₃₂ O ₂	
18	OCTADECANOIC ACID, METHYL ESTER	19.91	298	C ₁₉ H ₃₈ O ₂	

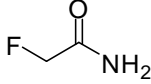
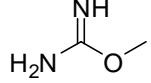
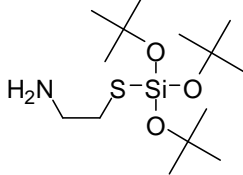
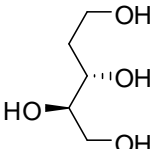
19	ACETAMIDE, 2-FLUORO-	20.92	77	C ₂ H ₄ ONF	
20	O-METHYLISOUREA	21.67	74	C ₂ H ₆ ON ₂	
21	S-[TRI-T-BUTOXYSILYL]-2-MERCAPTOETHYLAMINE	23.30	323	C ₁₄ H ₃₃ O ₃ NSSi	
22	D-ERYTHRO-PENTOSE, 2-DEOXY-	23.30	134	C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₄	

Table.8 identified compounds and their reported uses

S.No	Compound	Uses
1	STIGMASTEROL	antipyretic, antineoplastic, inhibition of tumour growth and control of cholesterol[12]
2	2R-ACETOXYMETHYL-1,3,3-TRIMETHYL-4T-(3-METHYL-2-BUTEN-1-YL)-1T CYCLOHEXANOL	This compound responsible for various pharmacological actions like antibacterial, anti-inflammatory activities[13]
3	1,2-ETHANEDIOL, DIACETATE	Fragrances, cleaners and detergents[14]
4	PHENOL, 2,4-BIS(1,1 DIMETHYLETHYL)-	Antifungal activity, Antimicrobial, Antioxidant, and antimalarial activity[15]
5	DIPHENYLMETHANE	oxidizing agents[16]
6	E-15-HEPTADECENAL	Antimicrobial[17]
7	1-HEXADECENE	Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Activities[18]
8	HEXADECANOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	Antioxidant, Hypocholesterolemic Nematicide, Pesticide, Lubricant, Antiandrogenic, Flavor. [19]
9	LINOLEIC ACID ETHYL ESTER	Hypocholesterolemic, Nematicide, Antiarthritic, Hepatoprotective Antiandrogenic, Antihistaminic, Anticoronary[20]
10	9,17-OCTADECADIENAL, (Z)-	antibacterial and antifungal [21]
11	9,12-OCTADECADIENOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	Antihistaminic, Anticoronary, Insectifuge, Antieczemic, Antiacne[20]
12	1-OCTADECYNE 857 877	Antimicrobial activity[22]
13	EICOSANOIC ACID, ETHYL ESTER	cosmetic and topical medicinal preparations[23]
14	1,2-BENZENEDICARBOXYLIC ACID, MONO(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ESTER	Plasticizer for PVC and other resins.[24]
15	OCTADECANOIC ACID, ETHENYL ESTER 413 722	antimicrobial activity[25]
16	O-METHYLISOUREA	enzymic activity.[26]
17	HYDROXYUREA	therapy for sickle cell disease.[27]
18	1-HEXADECENE	Antimicrobial.[28]
19	PROPANOIC ACID, 2-(AMINOXY)-	antimicrobial, antiviral, antioxidant and antiinflammatory agents.[29]
20	D-ERYTHRO PENTOSE, 2-DEOXY	Preservative[30]

CONCLUSION

The pharmacognostic investigations on physicochemical characteristics and fluorescence analysis has a crucial role in standardization shows that *A. echioides* crude drugs prevents the adulteration and substitution and also it. The preliminary phytochemical screening of this leaves shows the presence of preliminary important secondary metabolites. In addition the GC-MS analysis shows the identification of medicinally active compounds in the leaf extracts of *A. echioides* identified bioactive compounds indicates that *A. echioides* for various treatments in future. Hence the future research is focused on this plant to isolate the the identified bioactive compounds from the leaf extracts.

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