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INVESTIGATION OF ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF METHANOLIC EXTRACT AND ISOLATION OF STEROL AND TRITERPENOID FROM *GREWIA TILIAEFOLIA* VAHL LEAF

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ABSTRACT

Objective: In the present study, we have discussed the antibacterial activity of methanolic extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl leaf and the isolation of pure phytochemicals by using column chromatography.

Methods: The powdered material was extracted with methanol using a soxhlet extractor and isolation of compounds by column chromatography. Evaluation of antibacterial activity determined the zone of inhibition by disc diffusion method.

Results: Three compounds were isolated from methanolic extract of the leaf of *Grewia tiliaefolia* using column chromatography, namely daucosterol, lupeol, and friedelin were purified after isolation and characterized by using UV, FTIR, NMR, MASS spectroscopic techniques, and antimicrobial activity was carried out on the crude methanolic extract a higher zone of inhibition was observed against *Staphylococcus aureus* with a zone diameter of 34.1 ± 0.513 mm at a concentration of 10 mg/ml.

Conclusion: The results observed in this research work conclude that the methanolic extract showed good antibacterial activity may be due to the compounds isolated like daucosterol, lupeol, and friedelin.

Keywords: *Grewia tiliaefolia*, Antibacterial activity, Lupeol, Friedelin, Daucosterol, Column chromatography

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INTRODUCTION

Plant products, either as pure compounds or as homogenous plant extracts are getting popularity and extraordinary importance because of vast opportunities for new drug discoveries [1]. *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl belongs to the family Tiliaceae. There are around 50 genera and 450 species in the family, Tiliaceae. Many plant species of genus *Grewia* were known for their medicinal properties to treat several diseases. Ayurveda refers to the utilization of various plant portions of the variety *Grewia* to fix aggravation, consuming sensation, fever, blood issues, wound mending, ulcerative colitis, heavy menstrual flow, and diabetes [2-4]. Triterpenoids, steroids, glycosides, flavones, lignans, phenolics, alkaloids, lactones, anthocyanins, flavones, and organic acids have been isolated from various species of this genus. The extracts and preparations from the various plants, which are expectantly safe, exhibited various biological effects, e. g. anti-oxidant, antibacterial, hepatoprotective, anti-inflammatory, anti-emetic, anti-malarial, and analgesic. Phytochemicals present in natural products have been proved to cure many complicated diseases so the researchers have always focused on the isolation of bioactive molecules from medicinally important herbs and trees. Many pharmaceutical companies are focusing on the scope for incorporating new drugs in the market [5-9].

In the present investigation, the methanolic extract was tested for antibacterial activity and due to the presence of phytoconstituents, it is subjected to column chromatography for isolation and characterization of compounds isolated from high polar methanolic extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl leaf.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instruments

Rotavap (Buchi Labortechnik AG, CH-929 Flawil 1, Switzerland), Vacuum Pump (Millipore) Vacuum PR, Pump 4 BAR, UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific UV-10), Fluorescent UV, all melting points were determined in the OptiMelt automated melting point apparatus, UV spectra were taken on systemic UV visible

spectrophotometer, IR spectra were recorded in KBR pellet on JASCO FT/IR interferometer, Mass spectra were recorded with Shimadzu LCMS-2010 series instrument. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded with Bruker 300 and 400 MHz instruments in 1H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra the chemical shifts are given in δ ppm.

Source of chemicals and drugs

Glass column, test tubes, boiling tubes, conical flasks, beakers, TLC plates, TLC chambers, capillaries, different reagents for preliminary screening, solvents like hexane, ethyl acetate, methanol. All chemicals and solvents were of the analytical grade obtained from SD Fine Chemical Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, Sigma Chemical Company, U. S. A., and Loba Chemic, Mumbai, India. Silica gel G for TLC-Merk India, Silica gel G for Column Chromatography (60-120 mesh size)-Merk India, Glass column, TLC plates (10x2 cm, 20x5 cm), Chemical reagents (AR grade) were purchased from Merk Chemicals, Mumbai; Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, U. S. A.

Source of micro-organisms

Staphylococcus aureus NCIM-2079, *Escherichia coli* NCIM-2065, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* NCIM-2037, *Bacillus subtilis* NCIM-2063. Cultures were obtained from the national collection of industrial microorganisms (NCIM) which were available as a stock culture in the pharmaceutical biotechnology division, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

Collection and preparation of plant extract

The plant material was collected from the Kambala Konda forest area of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, and authenticated by Dr. S. B. Padal, taxonomist, Department of Botany, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam with the voucher specimen number A. U. (B. D. H), No.22231 was deposited in the herbarium. Freshly collected leaves were washed with tap water for the removal of earthy matter wiped out the excess water with a muslin cloth and followed by shade drying. Then the shade-dried leaves were coarsely powdered using a Wiley mill. The powdered material was extracted with methanol using a

soxhlet extractor to get a crude methanolic extract. The liquid fractions were filtered using a vacuum pump using Whatman filter paper no. 1 and then the filtrate collected was evaporated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (Buchi R-210) at a temperature of 45°C until a soft mass was obtained which is collected in a china dish and placed on a water bath for the removal of excess of solvent. The extract which is completely free from solvent was weighed and stored in a desiccator and used for further investigation.

Evaluation of antibacterial activity

Determination of zone of inhibition by cup plate method

The cylinder plate assay of drug potency is based on the measurement of the diameter of the zone of inhibition of microbial growth surrounding cylinders (cups), containing various dilutions of test compounds. A sterile borer was used to prepare cups in the agar medium spread with the micro-organism. Accurately measured (0.05 ml) solution of each concentration and reference standards were added to the cups with a micropipette. All the plates were kept in a refrigerator at 2 to 8 °C for 2 h for effective diffusion of test compounds and standards. Later, they were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The presence of a definite zone of inhibition of any size around the cup indicated antibacterial activity. The solvent control was run simultaneously to assess the activity of dimethyl sulphoxide and water which were used as a vehicle. The experiments were performed three times. The diameter of the zone of inhibition was measured and recorded [10].

Column chromatography (CC)

Chromatography is a laboratory technique for the separation of a mixture. The mixture is dissolved in a fluid called the mobile phase, which carries it through the stationary phase. The various constituents of the mixture travel at different speeds according to their R_F values, causing them to separate [11-13]. Open column chromatography plays an important role in the separation of compounds from natural product extracts. The separation takes place through the selective distribution of the components between a mobile phase and a stationary phase.

Thin-layer chromatography (TLC)

Thin Layer Chromatography is a very effective technique for the separation of phytoconstituents of an extract and their identification. The history of TLC has been reviewed by various authors [14, 15]. A breakthrough in this field was the commercial availability of convenient precoated plates in the early '70s. Pharmacopeia is increasingly employing this technique for assessing the quality and purity of compounds of both synthetic and natural origin. TLC profiles developed for an extract from a definite solvent system and other parameters could be used as a fingerprint in comparative qualitative evaluation of herbal drugs. The trend of evaluation by this method is becoming popular because of its simplicity and reproducibility. In this technique, the different components are separated by the differential migration of solute between two phases—a stationary phase and a mobile phase. Here, the principle of separation is adsorption and the stationary phase acts as an adsorbent. Depending on the particular type of stationary phase, its preparation, and use with different solvents, separation can be achieved based on the partition or a combination of partition and adsorption.

The selection of the solvent system was based on an increase in the order of polarity. Based on the chemical tests and the nature of phytoconstituents present, the solvent systems were selected. The different spots developed in each system were detected using R_F-specific reagents and an iodine chamber.

Isolation of compounds using column chromatography

Preparation of column: A cotton plug was placed at the bottom of the pre-cleaned and dried column. Low polar solvent hexane was poured slowly and then the silica gel (ACME, 60-120 Mesh) was activated at 105°C added by continuous stirring to the solvent hexane in the column, and allowed to set up (Dry Packing).

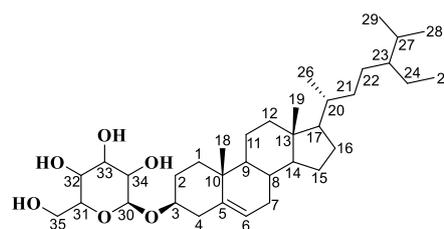
Preparation of the sample: The concentrated methanolic extract of 50 g was mixed with a sufficient amount of silica gel (ACME, 60-120

Mesh) of column chromatography grade and dried in air. It was then introduced at the top of the silica gel column and the sample bed was covered with a cotton plug it was placed on it gently to avoid air bubbles.

Gradient elution technique: To isolate compounds in a pure state based upon the solubility, the gradient elution technique was used. Initially, the column was eluted with low polar solvent hexane, and the polarity was increased using ethyl acetate:methanol (hexane:ethyl acetate, ethyl acetate:methanol, pure methanol). Each fraction containing a volume of 250 ml was collected; the solvent was recovered by distillation. The fractions obtained were monitored by TLC trying with different solvent systems depending upon the eluent used. The TLC spots were visualized using various visualizing agents like 5% H₂SO₄, UV chamber, and iodine chamber. The collected fractions were concentrated and kept for crystallization. The course of the chromatogram is given in the following table [16].

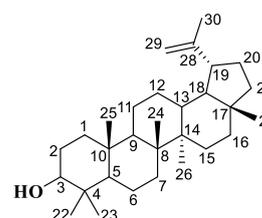
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Structure elucidation of the compound GT-01 revealed the IR spectral data as broadband at 3435.45 cm⁻¹ and other absorption bands at 1636.71, C=C stretching frequency. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed a doublet at for anomeric proton signal, which confirmed β-anomeric configuration. The ¹³C NMR indicated the presence of 35 carbon resonances. Out of which six-carbon signals for the steroidal nucleus of the aglycone moiety including the anomeric carbon peak and olefinic carbons six-carbon peaks are similar with those of β-sitosterol β-D-glucoside, which indicates the presence of β-D-glucoside or Daucosterol comparing with the reported ¹³C NMR data of β-sitosterol [17-21].



Daucosterol

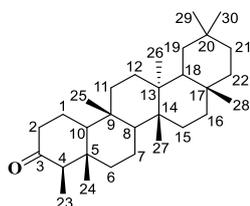
The compound was obtained as white powder, mp 210°C, and analyzed ESI-MS: Mol. For: C₃₀H₅₀O, found *m/z* 427.90 [(M-H)⁺], 100.00%, calcd. 426.73. The absorptions under UV were found to be λ_{max} 350 nm and the R_F value was found to be 0.64. The IR spectrum has shown broadband at 1023.35, 1456.68, 1646.32, 2928.97, 3426.57, 3747.67, cm⁻¹. The ¹³C NMR spectral data revealed the presence of 30 carbons where seven methyl, ten methylene, six methine carbons, five quaternary carbons, and two olefinic carbons. The olefinic methylene protons on 29th carbon are seen as singlets at 4.54 (1H, s, =CH-29b) ppm, 4.79 (1H, s, =CH-29a) ppm. The ¹³C NMR data were in complete agreement with the existence of an isopropenyl group and a vinylic carbon atom. This supports the olefinic methylene protons seen as singlets at 4.54 and 4.79 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum was found to be consistent with the known compound lupeol. Synonym of Lupeol, Fagarasterol, Clerodol, MonogynolB, Fragnasterol.



Lupeol

The compound was obtained as white crystals. It showed a positive Liebermann-Burchard test for steroids and/or triterpenes. Melting Point 2630C, UV λ_{max} 267 nm, R_F value 0.56 were obtained. The mass spectrum of the compound showed a molecular ion [M-H]⁺ at *m/z* 427.30, which corresponds to the molecular formula C₃₀H₅₀O.

The IR spectrum showed a band at 596.02, 660.91, 727.63, 756.03, 798.43, 861.89, 894.62, 953.06, 1018.59, 1039.09, 1138.46, 1203.15, 1241.04, 1283.58, 1311.71, 1353.07, 1425.20, 1458.95, 1610.97, 1644.68, 1667.87, 2588.20, 2874.03, 2956.55, 3440.69 cm⁻¹. Synonym(s) of friedelin were Friedelin; Friedeline; 559-74-0; D: Friedooleanan-3-one; Friedelan-3-one



Friedelin

Among natural products, triterpenoids have been considered a promising class for cancer chemoprevention and chemotherapy

[22-24] and they have been highlighted as antineoplastic agents [25, 26]. Previous studies reported Lupeol a pentacyclic triterpene, occurs in many medicinal plants, such as in leaves of *Maytenus salicifolia* Reissek (Celastraceae) [27]. This compound has displayed anti-inflammatory property protective effect during low-density lipoprotein (LDL) oxidation [28, 29] and anticancer activity against different cell lines [melanoma (G361, 451Lu, and WM35), T-lymphoblastic leukemia (CEM), breast carcinoma (MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231), lung carcinoma (A-549), multiple myeloma (RPMI 8226) and cervical carcinoma (HeLa) [30, 31]. Polyphenolic compounds, like flavonoids, tannins, saponins, and phenolic acids, commonly found in plants, have been reported to possess multiple biological effects. The methanolic extract showed good antibacterial activity against Gram-positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. The phytoconstituents such as daucosterol, lupeol, and friedelin and many mixtures of compounds were isolated from the leaf extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl [32]. Hence this plant extract can be used for further isolation of compounds and the isolated compounds can be used for curing many ailments.

Table 1: Column chromatography of crude methanolic extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl

Fraction no	Eluant composition	Compound isolated
1-8	Pure hexane (100%)	GT-1
9-20	Pure hexane (100%)	GT-2
21-35	Pure hexane (100%)	Orange color waxes
36-40	1 % Ethyl acetate in hexane	GT-3
41-46	2 % Ethyl acetate in hexane	Orange color matter
47-50	5% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Orange color waxes
51-60	10% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Mixture
61-66	20% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Mixture
67-70	30% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Orange color waxes
71-75	40% Ethyl acetate in hexane	yellow color waxes
76-79	50% Ethyl acetate in hexane	yellow color waxes
80-90	60% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Reddish yellow color waxes
91-99	70% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Reddish-brown matter
100-109	80% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Reddish-brown matter
110-119	90% Ethyl acetate in hexane	Reddish-brown matter
120-128	100% Ethyl acetate	Mixture
129-132	2% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Mixture
133-133	5% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Mixture
134-140	10% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Mixture
141-148	20% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Mixture
149-155	30% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Mixture
156-160	40% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Intangible mass
161-166	50% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Intangible mass
167-175	60% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Green residue
176-180	70% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Intangible mass
181-190	80% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Green residue
191-198	90% Methanol in ethyl acetate	Green residue
199-210	100% Methanol	Sticky matter

Table 2: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm of daucostertol, Lupeol, Friedelin

Carbon number	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, daucostertol	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, Lupeol	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, frideline
1	1.23 (1H, s, CH-1a) 1.48 (1H, s, CH-1b)	1.37 (1H, m, CH-1a) 1.62 (1H, m, CH-1b)	1.84 (1H, m, CH-1a) 2.01 (1H, m, CH-1b)
2	1.42 (1H, s, CH-2a) 1.73 (1H, s, CH-2b)	1.58 (1H, s, CH-2a) 1.93 (1H, s, CH-2b)	2.15 (2H, m, CH-2)
3	3.79-3.83 (1H, m, CH-3)	1.46 (1H, s, CH-3) 3.47 (1H, t, OH-3)	---
4	2.24-2.28 (1H, m, CH-4a), 1.85 (1H, s, CH-4b)	---	2.12 (1H, m, CH-4)
5	---	1.96 (1H, s, CH-5)	---
6	5.46-5.48 (1H, t, J = 4.8 Hz, OH-6)	1.27 (1H, s, CH-6a), 1.67 (1H, s, CH-6b)	1.37 (1H, m, CH-6a) 1.62 (1H, m, CH-6b)
7	2.00-2.04 (1H, m, CH-7a), 1.77 (1H, s, CH-7b)	1.37 (1H, m, CH-7a), 1.62 (1H, m, CH-7b)	1.62 (1H, m, CH-7a) 1.42 (1H, s, CH-7b)
8	1.41 (1H, s, CH-8)	---	0.91 (1H, s, CH-8)
9	2.17-2.19 (1H, m, CH-9)	1.14 (1H, d, J = 0.8 Hz, CH-9)	---
10	---	---	0.94 (1H, s, CH-10)
11	1.37 (1H, s, CH-11a) 1.82 (1H, s, CH-11b)	1.49 (1H, s, CH-11a) 1.14 (1H, d, J = 0.8 Hz, CH-11b)	1.68 (1H, m, CH-11a) 0.98 (1H, s, CH-11b)
12	1.17 (1H, s, CH-12a) 1.37 (1H, s, CH-12b)	1.47 (1H, s, CH-12a) 0.86 (1H, s, CH-12b)	1.77 (1H, m, CH-12a) 1.00 (1H, s, CH-12b)

Carbon number	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, daucostertol	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, Lupeol	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, frideline
13	---	1.04 (1H, s, CH-13)	---
14	0.97 (1H, s, CH-14)	---	---
15	1.86 (1H, s, CH-15a) 1.61 (1H, s, CH-15b)	1.37 (1H, m, CH-15a) 1.62 (1H, m, CH-15b)	1.62 (1H, m, CH-15a) 1.37 (1H, m, CH-15b)
16	1.33 (1H, s, CH-16a) 1.58 (1H, s, CH-16b)	1.17 (1H, s, CH-16a) 1.37 (1H, m, CH-16b)	1.62 (1H, m, CH-16a) 1.37 (1H, m, CH-16b)
17	1.11 (1H, s, CH-17)	---	---
18	1.13 (3H, s, CH ₃ -18)	1.07 (1H, s, CH-18)	1.75 (1H, m, CH-18)
19	1.01 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 0.8 Hz, CH ₃ -19)	2.09 (1H, m, CH-19)	1.03 (1H, s, CH-19a) 1.22 (1H, s, CH-19b)
20	1.39 (1H, s, CH-20)	1.64 (1H, s, CH-20a), 1.39 (1H, s, CH-20b)	---
21	1.18 (1H, s, CH-21a) 1.38 (1H, s, CH-21b)	1.70 (1H, s, CH-21a) 1.45 (1H, s, CH-21b)	1.62 (1H, m, CH-21a) 1.37 (1H, m, CH-21b)
22	1.29 (1H, s, CH-22a) 1.33 (1H, s, CH-22b)	1.01 (3H, s, CH ₃ -22)	1.62 (1H, m, CH-22a) 1.37 (1H, m, CH-22b)
23	1.10 (1H, s, CH-23)	1.01 (3H, s, CH ₃ -23)	1.23 (3H, s, CH ₃ -23)
24	1.24 (1H, s, CH-24a) 1.35 (1H, s, CH-24b)	1.00 (3H, s, CH ₃ -24)	1.01 (3H, s, CH ₃ -24)
25	1.00 (3H, s, CH ₃ -25)	1.01 (3H, s, CH ₃ -25)	1.02 (3H, s, CH ₃ -25)
26	1.03 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 0.8 Hz, CH ₃ -26)	1.00 (3H, s, CH ₃ -26)	1.02 (3H, s, CH ₃ -26)
27	1.49 (1H, s, CH-27)	0.98 (3H, s, CH ₃ -27)	1.02 (3H, s, CH ₃ -27)
28	1.03 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 0.8 Hz, CH ₃ -28)	---	1.01 (3H, s, CH ₃ -28)
29	1.03 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 0.8 Hz, CH ₃ -29)	4.79 (1H, s, =CH-29a), 4.54 (1H, s, =CH-29b)	1.00 (3H, s, CH ₃ -29)
30	5.40 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 1.2 Hz, OH-30)	1.78 (3H, s, CH ₃ -30)	1.00 (3H, s, CH ₃ -30)
31	3.40 (1H, s, CH-31)	---	---
32	1.46 (1H, s, CH-32) 3.45 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 0.4, 0.8 Hz, OH-32)	---	---
33	3.69-3.70 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.2, 1.6 Hz, OH-33) 0.83 (1H, s, CH-33)	---	---
34	3.62-3.64 (1H, s, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.2, 1.6 Hz, OH-34) 1.15 (1H, s, CH-34)	---	---
35	3.47 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 1.6 Hz, H-35a) 1.08 (1H, s, CH-35b) 3.72 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 0.8 Hz, OH-35)	---	---

Table 3: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ ppm, Daucostertol, Lupeol, Friedelin

Carbon number	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm, daucostertol	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz), δ ppm	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) δ ppm
1	36.95	37.97 (C-1)	22.76
2	29.65	27.72 (C-2)	40.37
3	78.16	75.51 (C-3)	212.18
4	39.10	39.59 (C-4)	57.39
5	141.21	54.89 (C-5)	40.96
6	122.08	18.87 (C-6)	40.22
7	31.88	35.48 (C-7)	19.34
8	35.12	41.12 (C-8)	50.83
9	50.51	51.06 (C-9)	37.70
10	38.15	37.70 (C-10)	57.70
11	22.38	21.33 (C-11)	36.56
12	39.10	26.55 (C-12)	30.00
13	43.44	37.97 (C-13)	40.00
14	58.13	41.98 (C-14)	41.70
15	24.86	28.96 (C-15)	30.45
16	28.15	35.68 (C-16)	35.93
17	56.86	42.94 (C-17)	31.18
18	19.64	49.26 (C-18)	43.59
19	13.94	48.17 (C-19)	37.21
20	36.29	30.10 (C-20)	30.13
21	35.41	39.08 (C-21)	35.34
22	28.30	23.78 (C-22)	38.85
23	45.01	23.78 (C-23)	9.57
24	24.95	17.47 (C-24)	15.78
25	12.11	16.08 (C-25)	16.08
26	18.77	17.47 (C-26)	17.47
27	31.13	23.21 (C-27)	17.47
28	19.87	151.14 (C-28)	25.29
29	19.87	109.99 (C-29)	28.60
30	101.49	21.48 (C-30)	28.60
31	76.65	---	---
32	70.46	---	---
33	74.80	---	---
34	73.84	---	---
35	62.26	---	---

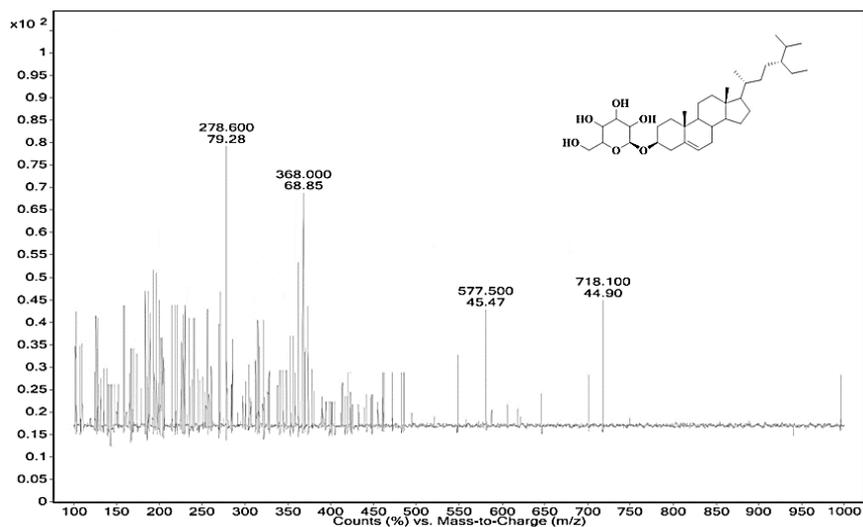


Fig. 4: Mass spectrum of the compound GT-01, daucoste

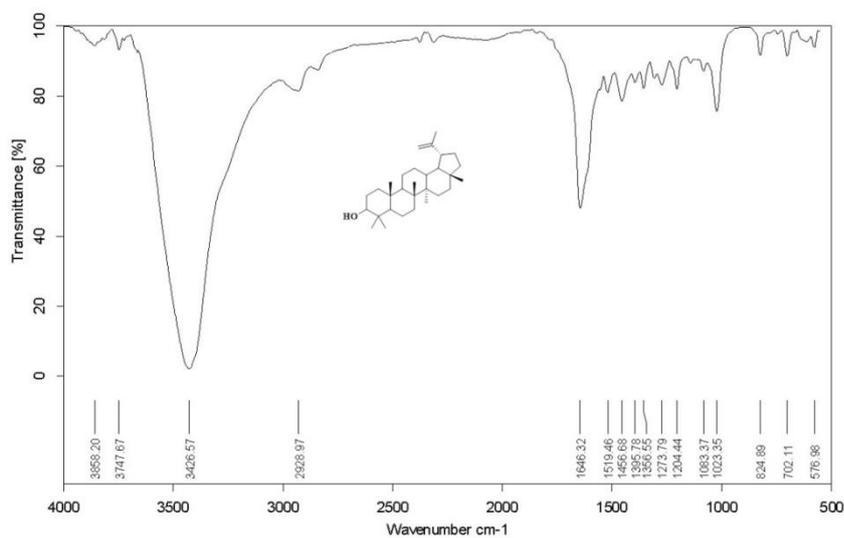


Fig. 5: FR-IR spectrum of the compound GT-02, Lupeol

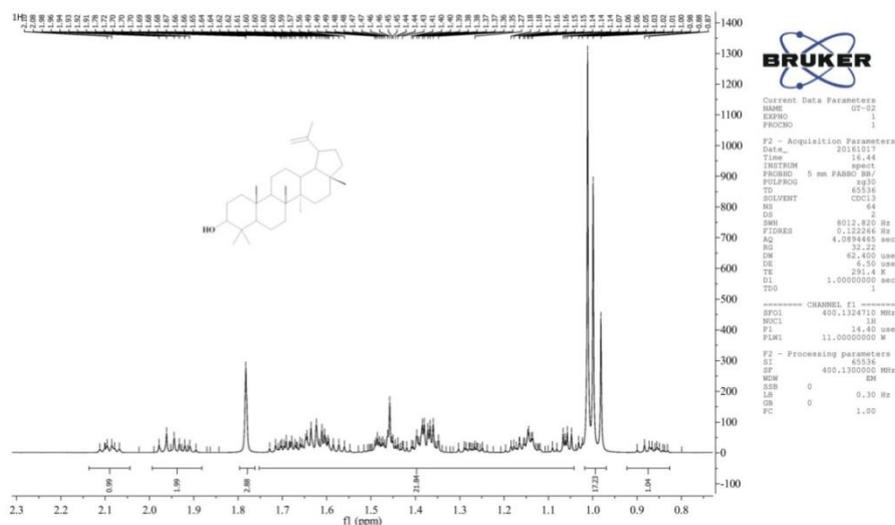


Fig. 6: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound GT-02, Lupeol

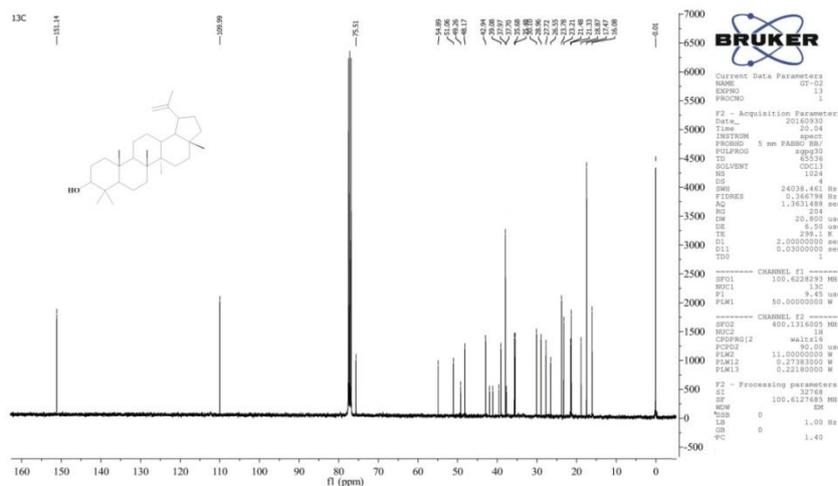


Fig. 7: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound GT-02, Lupeol

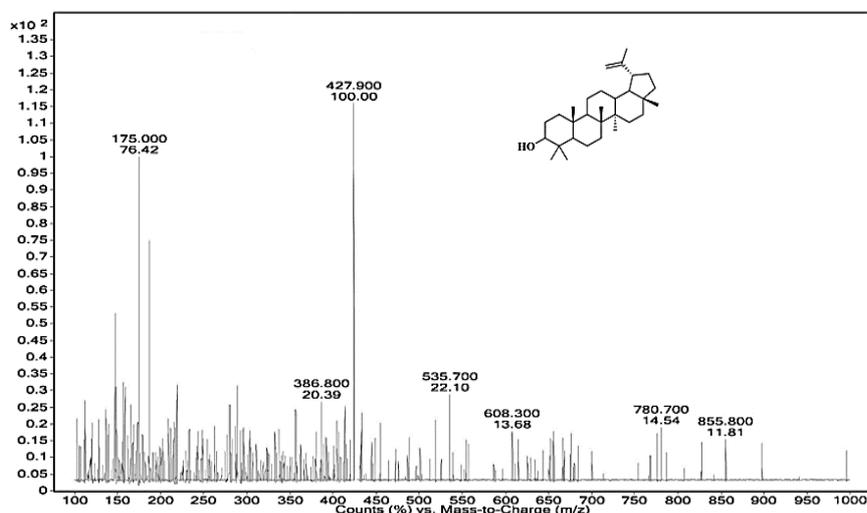


Fig. 8: Mass spectrum of the compound GT-02, Lupeol

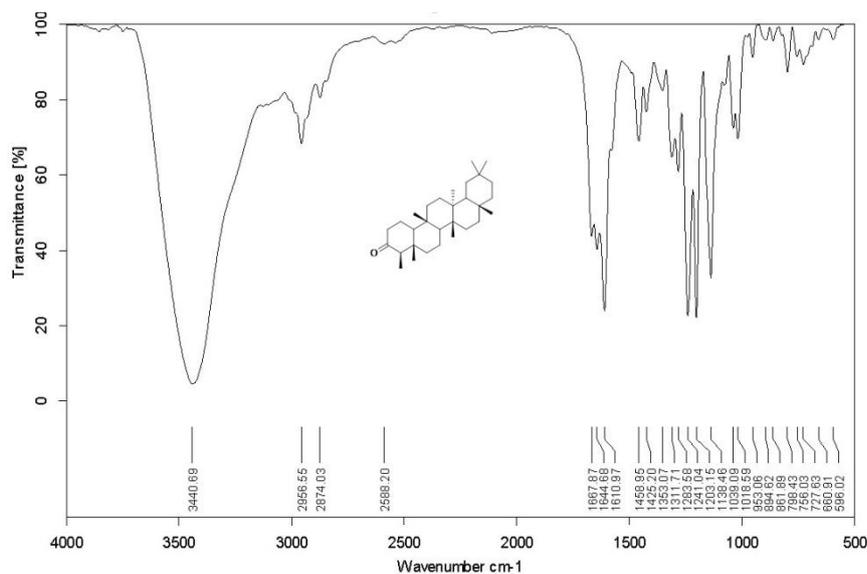


Fig. 9: FT-IR spectrum of the compound GT-03, Friedelin

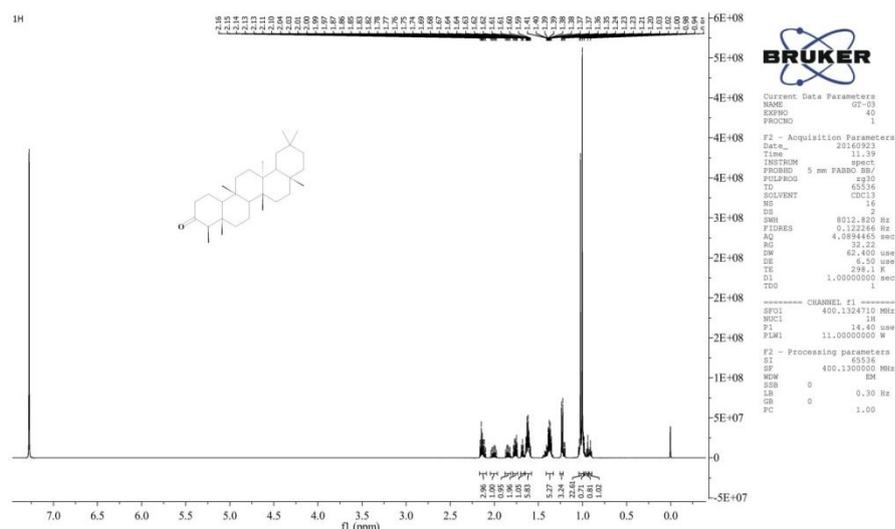


Fig. 10: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound GT-03, Friedelin

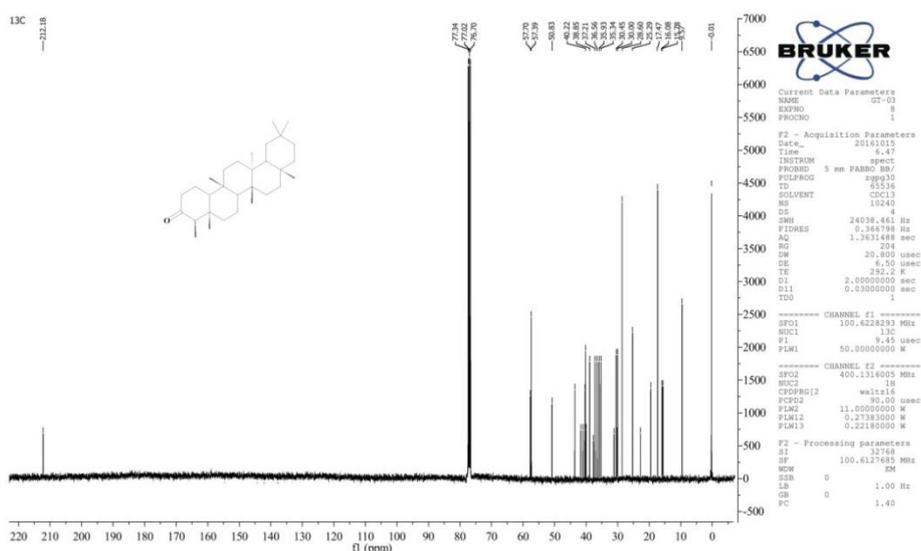


Fig. 11: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound GT-03, Friedelin

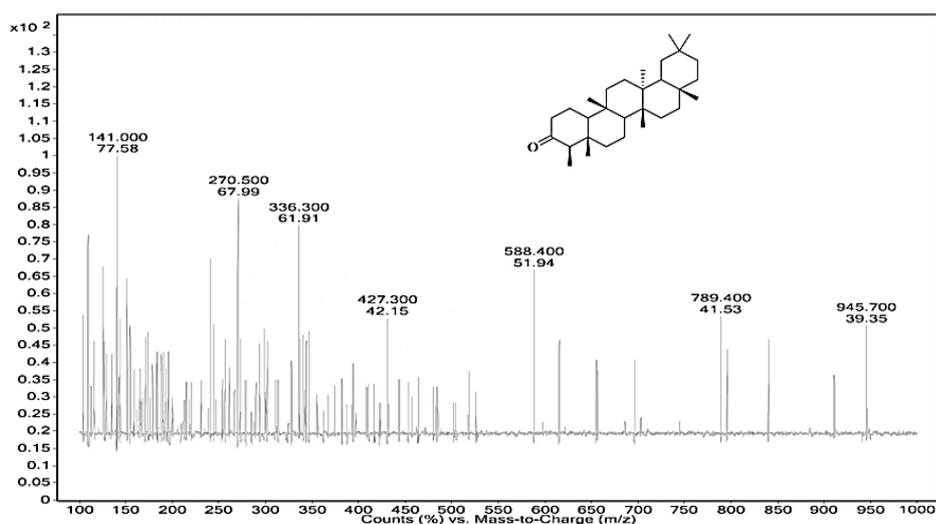


Fig. 12: Mass spectrum of the compound GT-03, friedelin

The antibacterial activity of the crude methanolic extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl against Gram-positive (*Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*), and Gram-negative (*Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) was carried out. Moorthy et al. reported that the *Wrightia tinctoria* (Roxb.) R. Br zone diameter obtained with petroleum ether

extracts showed 25.0±1.01 mm, and for the methanolic extract of it was 27.2±0.91 mm [33]. A higher zone of inhibition was observed in *Staphylococcus aureus* with a zone diameter of 34.1±0.513 mm at a concentration of 10 mg/ml. The standard amikacin showed 35 mm at a concentration of 2 mg/ml shown in [table 4 and fig. 13].

Table 4: Antibacterial activity of methanolic leaf extract of *Grewia tiliaefolia* vahl

Treatments	Concentration (mg/ml)	Zone of growth inhibition (mm)			
		gram (+) ve		Gram (-)ve	
		<i>B. s</i>	<i>S. a</i>	<i>E. c</i>	<i>P. a</i>
Methanolic extract	2	15.1±0.9	28.1±1.0	10.8±0.8	20±1.2
	4	16±0.8	29.1±0.54	12.6±0.6	21.2±0.84
	6	17.2±1.2	32.1±0.88	13.4±1.2	22.3±0.4
	8	18.03±1.2	33.1±0.9	14.5±1.3	23.4±0.8
	10	19.3±0.7	34.1±0.513	15.3±1.0	24.6±0.9
Amikacin	2	30.5±0.9	35±0.25	34±0.51	35.2±0.8

Mean±SD, where n=3, *S. a*=*Staphylococcus aureus*; *E. c*=*Escherichia coli*; *P. a*=*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *B. s*= *Bacillus subtilis*.

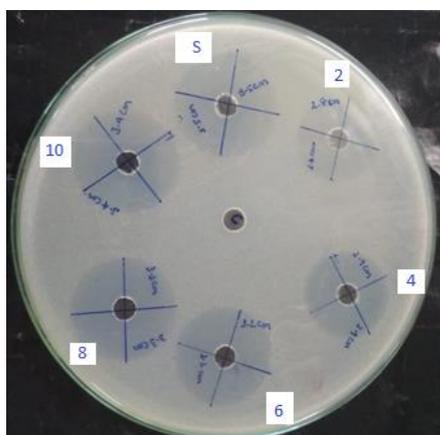


Fig. 13: Growth inhibition of methanolic extract against *Staphylococcus aureus*

CONCLUSION

Extraction of crude methanolic extract was done successfully and three compounds were isolated from methanolic extract of the leaf using column chromatography, namely daucosterol, lupeol, and friedelin. Characterization of isolated compounds was done by using UV, FTIR, NMR, MASS spectroscopic techniques, and antimicrobial activity was carried out on the crude methanolic extract Gram-positive (*Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*), and Gram-negative (*Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) was carried out. Against *Staphylococcus aureus* with a zone diameter of 34 mm at a concentration of 10 mg/ml was observed. Hence *Grewia tiliaefolia* Vahl methanolic extract has potent phytoconstituents and acts as a selectively potent antibacterial agent.

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