



PHYTOCHEMICAL SCREENING BY QUALITATIVE AND FTIR SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF LEAF AND STEM OF *CLEMATIS TERNIFLORA* DC (RANUNCULACEAE)

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ABSTRACT

The current study is pointed to analyse the leaf and stem powder of *Clematis terniflora* through qualitative and FTIR spectroscopy method. The crude extracts were tested for the presence of active compound by using standard procedures. The presence of various phytochemicals such as phenols, alkaloid, tannin, saponin, flavonoids steroids, glycosides and terpenoids in different solvent extracts of stem and leaf. The FTIR spectroscopic studies exposed diverse characteristic peak values with different functional compounds in the leaf and stem powder. The FTIR analysis of leaf and stem powder confirmed the presence of amide, alcohols, phenols, alkanes, carboxylic acids, aldehydes, nitro, alkenes, primary amines, aromatics, esters, ethers, alkyl halides and aliphatic amines compounds. The major peaks are showed. The characteristics peak values and their functional groups are detected by spectrophotometer system in FTIR method. The results of the current study produced the qualitative analysis and FTIR spectrum profile for *C. terniflora*.

Keywords: *Clematis terniflora*; FTIR; Spectroscopy; Functional groups; Qualitative.

INTRODUCTION

Medicinal plants are used as substitute medicine for men as well as animals since the utmost of them are without side effects when compared with synthetic drugs. The plants included phytochemicals are recognizing the chemical nature and it is provided, various functional groups. It will help to analyse their medicinal properties. Ragavendran *et al.*¹ studied in various extracts of *Aerva lanata* detected functional groups by using the spectroscopic method. The crude dry powder of 11 medicinal plants used to detect saponins by using FTIR spectroscopy, which was mentioned by Kareru *et al.*². FTIR methods were used for phytochemical screening in a wide variety of plants. The compounds have types of functional groups, that are identifying by powerful tool Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR). The function of the tool was the wavelength of light absorbed and marked characteristic of the chemical bond in the spectrum. The chemical bond in a molecule was interpreting by the infrared absorption spectrum. It was reported by Ashokkumar and Ramaswamy³.

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Ramamoorthi and Kannan ⁴ reported the detection of bioactive group of chemicals in dry leaf powder of *Calotropis gigantea* to by using the FTIR method. The powder sample of leaf, stem, and root of *Eclipta alba* and *Eclipta prostrate* were used by Muruganatham *et al.* ⁵ for FTIR spectroscopic analysis.

The present study was carried out in *Clematis terniflora*, an ornamental plant of family Ranunculaceae. *Clematis* has its origin in China as well as Japan and is used in tribal medicine of those countries. Medicinally important compounds present in this plant are used for various ailments such as nervous disorders, syphilis, gout, malaria, dysentery, rheumatism, asthma. In India, *Clematis terniflora* is accepted as an ornamental plant. A survey of literature revealed that the FTIR analysis of functional groups was not done so far with the *C. terniflora*. Therefore, try to detect the functional groups of Phytoactive compounds in the leaf and stem powder by using qualitative and FTIR spectroscopic methods.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of plant

Leaf and stem samples of *C. terniflora* were collected from the Department of Botany Karyavattom, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The plant was suitably recognized with the help of authentic literature and documented with their characteristic features. The voucher specimens are deposited in the herbarium of the Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Kariyavattom (KUBH 10274).

Preparation of leaf and stem

The shade dried leaves and stem of the plant (at room temperature) were powdered in a mechanical grinder and stored in airtight bottles for further analysis.

Qualitative analysis

The plant extracts were subjected to phytochemical screening for the identification of various classes of active chemical constituents using various standard procedures^{6, 7, 8, 9, 10}

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer (FTIR)

Dried powder of plant materials was used for FTIR analysis. 10 mg of the dried powders were encapsulated in 100 mg of KBr pellet, to make translucent sample discs. The powdered form of each sample was loaded in FTIR spectroscope (Shimadzu, IR Affinity 1, Japan), with a scan range from 400 to 4000 cm⁻¹ with a resolution of 4 cm⁻¹.

RESULTS

The existence of various phytochemicals such as phenols, alkaloid, tannin, saponin, flavonoids steroids, glycosides and terpenoids in different solvent extracts of stem and leaf (Table 1). More Phyto constituents are present in distilled water and ethyl acetate extraction of leaf and stem. The FTIR spectrum of leaf and stem powder are given in Fig 1 and 2. The data on the peak values and the possible functional groups (obtained by FTIR analysis) present in the leaf and stem powder of *C. terniflora*. FTIR spectral data interpretation of leaf powder exhibited a characteristic bands at 651.94 (-C (triple bond) C-H: C-H bend, Alkynes), 677.01 (CH'oop', Aromatics), 1001.06 (O-H bend, Carboxylic acids), 1037.70 (C-N stretch, Aliphatic amines), 1072.42 (C-O stretch, Ethers), 1101.35 (C-O stretch, Esters), 1139.93 (C-N stretch, Aliphatic amines), 1203.58 (C-H wag, Alkyl halides), 1737.86 (C=O stretch, Saturated aliphatic), 2243.21 [C (triple bond) N stretch, Nitriles], 2694.56 (H-C=O: C-H stretch, Aldehydes), 3051.39 (= C-H stretch, Alkenes), 3111.18 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3147.83 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3597.24 (N-H stretch, Amide), 3624.25 (O-H stretch, Free hydroxyl, Phenols), 3701.40 (O-H stretch, Alcohol), 3726.47 (O-H stretch, Alcohol). The stem powder characteristic absorption band were exhibited at 599.86 (C-Br stretch, Alkyl halides), 617.22 (-C (triple bond) C-H: C-H bend, Alkynes), 651.94 (=C-H bend, Alkenes), 1014.56 (C-O stretch, Carboxylic acids), 1319.31 (C-N stretch, Aromatic amines), 1342.46 (N-O symmetric stretch, Nitro compounds), 1367.53 (C-H roc, Alkanes), 1390.68 (C-C stretch, Aromatics), 1411.89 (C-C stretch (in-ring), Aromatics), 1452.40 (C-H bend, Alkanes), 1512.19 (N-O asymmetric stretch, Nitro compounds), 1537.27 (N-O asymmetric stretch, Nitro compounds), 1627.92 (N-H bond, Primary amines), 1643.35 (-C=C stretch, Alkenes), 3147.83 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3169.04 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3184.48 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3205.69 (O-H stretch, Carboxylic acids), 3223.05 (O-H stretch Carboxylic acids), 3244.27 (O-H stretch Carboxylic acids), 3263.56 (N-H, Primary, secondary amines), 3282.84 (-C (triple bond) C-H: C-H stretch, Alkynes (terminal)), 3302.13 (-C (triple bond) C-H: C-H stretch, Alkynes (terminal)), 3321.42 (-C (triple bond) C-H: C-H stretch, Alkynes (terminal)), 3342.64 (N-H stretch, Primary, secondary amines), 3360 (N-H stretch, Primary, secondary amides),

3381.21 (O-H stretch, H-bonded Phenols), 3404.36 (O-Hstretch, H-bonded Phenols), 3539.38 (O-Hstretch-bonded , b Phenols), 3562.52 (O-Hstretch, H-bonded, Phenols), 3591.46 (O-H stretch-bonded, Phenols), 3622.32 (O-H stretch, free hydroxyl, Phenols), 3666.68 (O-H stretch, Alcohol), 3699.47 (O-H stretch, Alcohol), 3728.40O (-H stretch, Alcohol).



Habit



Stem powder



Leaf powder

Table:1 Qualitative analysis of leaf and stem extraction of *C. terniflora*

LEAF	STEM									
Phytochemicals	PE	C	EA	ET	DW	PE	C	EA	ET	DW
Alkaloids	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Steroids	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Phenols	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+
Flavanoids	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Terpinoids	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Tannin	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Saponin	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Glycosides	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Anthraquinone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emodin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phlobatanins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antracene glycosides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+ sign indicates the presence of phytochemical; - sign indicates the absence of phytochemical; PE – petroleum ether, C-chloroform, EA-ethyl acetate, E-ethanol, DW-distilled water

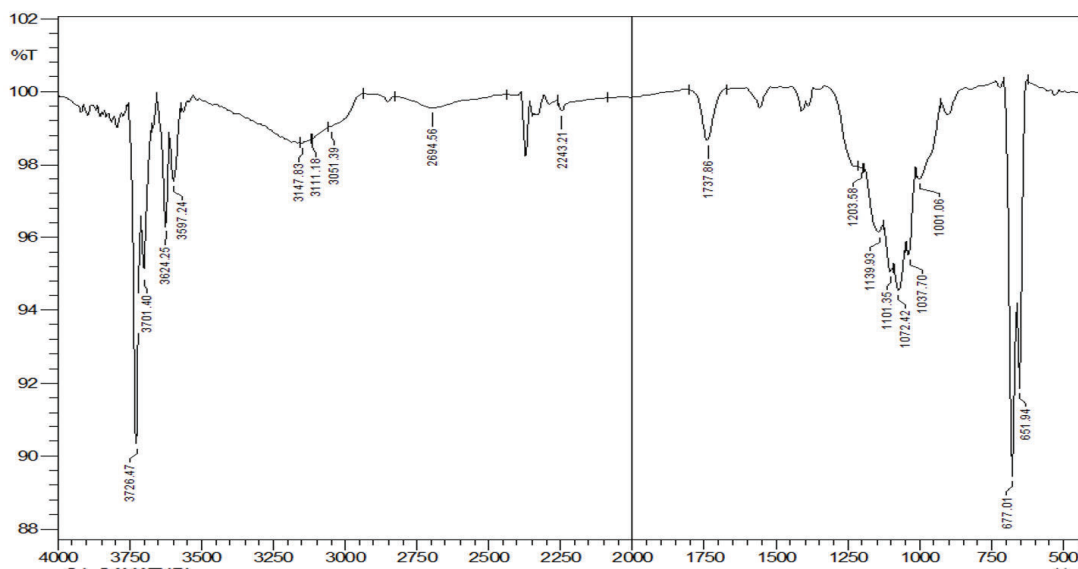


Fig: 1 FTIR spectrum of leaf powder of *C. terniflora*

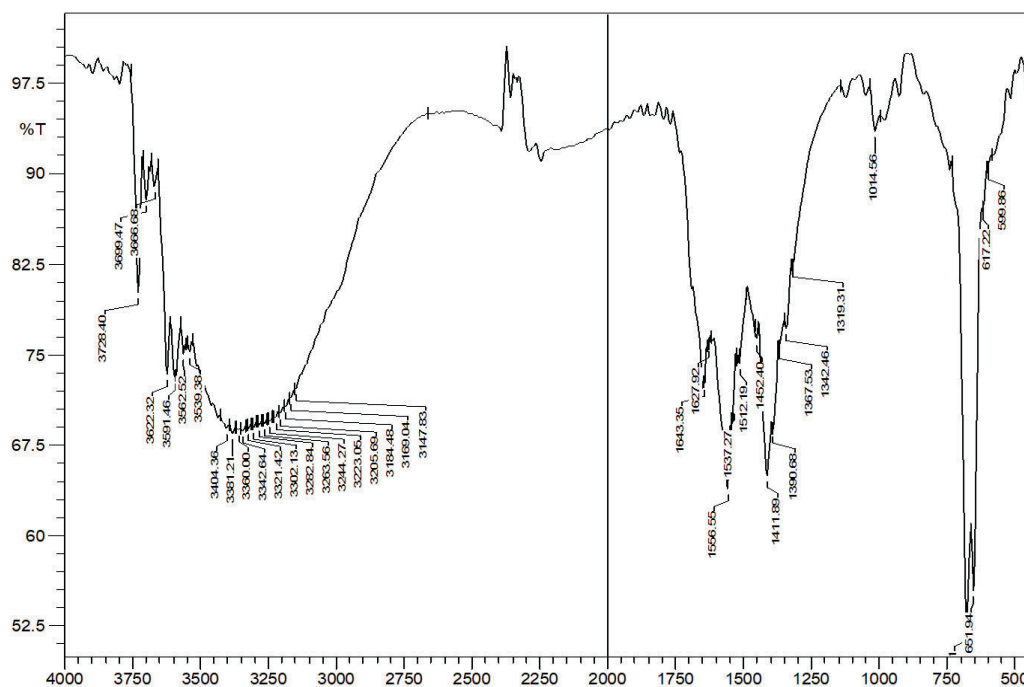


Fig: 2 FTIR spectrum of stem powder of *C. terniflora*

Discussion

The qualitative analysis of leaf and stem extraction of different solvents confirmed many phyto constituents are present. Flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, tannin and steroids are present in ethyl acetate extraction of leaf and stem. Alkaloids, phenols, flavonoids, glycosides and tannins are present in distilled water extraction of leaf and stem. Medicinal plants have therapeutic efficiency, so these plants have various phytochemicals such as terpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, alkaloids etc. ¹¹. Huge number of studies reveal that many plants have antioxidants, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial and antitumor activities. The activities are contributed by phytochemicals. ^{11,12} The FTIR analysis of leaf and stem powder of *C. terniflora* confirmed the presence of amide, alcohols, phenols, alkanes, carboxylic acids, aldehydes, nitro, alkenes, primary amines, aromatics, esters, ethers, alkyl halides and aliphatic amines compounds, that showed major peaks. . Similarities can be observed in the results of study that the, FTIR and EDS spectral analysis of various plant parts of *Eclipta alba* and *Eclipta prostrata*. It was reported by Muruganatham *et al.* ⁵. *Eclipta alba* and *Eclipta prostrata* have characteristic functional groups of sulphur derivatives, polysaccharides, nitrates, chlorates, carboxylic acids, amines, amides, and carbohydrate. The functional group are responsible for different medicinal properties of both herbal plants. The FTIR method was used to screen the medicinal properties of functional groups in *Aerva lanata*, reported by Ragavendran *et al.* ¹. Many medicinal plants are used for FTIR analysis and reported functional group.



The spectrum analysis of aqueous and methanolic leaf extracts of *Bauhinia racemosa* showed the occurrence of tannins, carbohydrate protein, phenolic compounds, oil, fats flavonoids and saponins, as major functional groups ¹³. The ethanolic extracts of *Ichnocarpus frutescens* was used to analyse FTIR, revealed many functional groups such as carboxylic acid, halogens, carbonyl compounds, amino acids organic hydrocarbons, amides and amines. The transition metal carbonyl compounds and aliphatic fluoro compounds were only present in the methanolic extract of *Ampelocissus latifolia* that result obtained from FTIR analysis, was reported by Pednekar and Raman ¹⁴.

Conclusion

The leaf and stem powder and extraction of *C. terniflora* observed the various phyto-constituents and functional groups. Among the functional groups observed in the powder, OH group was found to be more than in stem powder comparable to leaf of plant. The presence of OH group has become the ability of forming hydrogen bonding capacity. The OH group had shown inhibition to microorganisms, so the results revealed that plants have higher anti-microbial activity.

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Conflict of interest

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