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Keywords: High-performance thin-layer chromatography, Homoeopathy, *Mangifera indica*, Physicochemical, Phytochemical, Ultraviolet spectroscopy

INTRODUCTION

Mangifera indica L. belonging to the family Anacardiaceae^[1] is one of the important tropical fruits with nutritional and medicinal value.^[2,3] It is cultivated throughout the country.^[4] India is exclusively famous for its exotic mango varieties. In India, about 1500 varieties of mango grown and each of the main varieties of mango have a unique taste and flavor. In the present study, we used *Mang. ind.* stem bark for the study. Mango trees are evergreen plant which withstands in dry periods very efficiently. It can be used as food supplement.^[5] The different parts of *Mang. ind.* have been utilized for medicinal uses throughout the globe. *Mangifera indica* is believed to possess diverse pharmacological activities such as antioxidant,^[6] antitumor, immunomodulatory, antiHIV,^[7] antiviral,^[8] inhibit bowel carcinogenesis,^[9] antipyretic activity,^[10] anticancer,^[11] antidiabetic,^[12] anthelmintic,^[13] antimicrobial,^[14] antibacterial,^[15] and neuroprotective activity.^[16] *Mang. ind.* is one of the indicated medicines for passive hemorrhages, uterine, renal, gastric, pulmonary, and intestinal in homoeopathic literature.^[16]

Chemical profiling of majority of plants refers to the generation of qualitative and quantitative molecular description of the whole extract, that is, mother tincture of plant secondary metabolites to establish plant identity and product quality using chemical analytical method such as high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC) and ultraviolet (UV)-visible spectroscopy.^[17] The fingerprint is a unique pattern which chemically represents a sample, based on detected compounds, and reflects the entire chemical profile of the different constituents within the plant material. Each individual plant has its own fingerprint and much evidence is found for fingerprint profile of *Mang. ind.* homoeopathic mother

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tincture. HPTLC fingerprint profiles of mother tincture are becoming widely accepted as an effective method to describe the complexity of components present in the plants. Hence, in the present study, we have worked on identification of mangiferin in homoeopathic mother tincture using HPTLC and UV spectroscopy.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of plant materials

The stem bark of *Mang. ind.* was collected by the botanist at Centre of Medicinal Plants Research in Homoeopathy (CMPRH), Emerald, Tamil Nadu, and authenticated by the botanist of CMPRH. Mangiferin ($C_{19}H_{18}O_{11}$), rutin hydrate, and ascorbic acid were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (India), sodium hydroxide pellets sodium nitrite and aluminum chloride anhydrous powder were purchased from Merck (India). Solvents ethyl acetate, glacial acetic acid, formic acid, chloroform, and methanol were of analytical grade purity (Merck Ltd.), Folin–Ciocalteu’s phenol reagent was purchased from M/s Merck Ltd., Germany, and HPLC water from ELGA Lab Water.

Physicochemical study

Stem bark was dried and coarsely powdered and subjected for the determination of loss on drying at 105°C. Total ash, acid-insoluble ash, physicochemical parameters, and UV spectroscopy study were performed by standard methods.

Preparation of mother tincture

To 100 g of coarsely powdered bark, 670 mL strong alcohol and 360 mL water were added to make 1000 mL of mother tincture using percolation method (as per the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India, Volume VII).^[18]

Preparation of standard solution

The stock solution was prepared by weighing accurately 10 mg in 10 mL volumetric flask followed by dilution in methanol. The concentration of standard is 1000 µg in 1000 µL.

HPTLC studies

For HPTLC analysis, HPTLC CAMAG Linomat V (Switzerland) with vision CATS software was used as analytical instrument. HPTLC analysis were performed using different solvent systems, and finally, ethyl acetate: glacial acetic acid: formic acid: water (7:1:1:1, v/v/v/v)^[19,20] was used for the identification of mangiferin in in-house sample (B) (track 7–9) and market sample (C and D) (track 10–14) with reference standard mangiferin (A) (track 1–6). Twenty-five milliliters of mother tincture were taken in a 50 mL beaker. To remove the ethanol, solution was evaporated on water bath and extracted 3 times with 20 mL chloroform. Chloroform extract was combined and concentrated up to 2 mL volume. HPTLC of chloroform extract of mother tincture and reference standard mangiferin was carried out on silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plate using mobile phase ethyl acetate: glacial acetic acid: formic acid: water (7:1:1:1, v/v/v/v). Camag Linomat V was used as sample applicator; for the development of mobile phase, a saturating chamber Camag Twin Trough glass chamber (20 × 10) was used. The concentrated chloroform

extract was spotted in the form of band width 8.0 mm with CAMAG microliter syringe. Spots were made on silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plate (Merck) 20 × 10 cm plate with an aid of sampling machine and solvent front was run up to 70 mm height. Densitometric scanning was performed at 254 nm and 366 nm by CAMAG TCL Scanner and VISION CATS software.

UV spectrophotometer

UV analysis was performed on UV Spectrophotometer SPECORD 200 Plus with win aspect software (Analytik Jena, Germany). The samples were prepared with ethanol in the ratio of volume (1:99, v/v) (mother tincture: ethanol). Spectrophotometer set at range 190–600 nm, samples, and standard were put in cuvettes. Before analysis, cuvettes were washed with ethanol and analysis was performed on win Aspect software for the UV analysis. Samples (in-house) used for UV analysis were prepared by mixing one part of mother tincture and 99 parts of absolute alcohol (1:99) and filtered through membrane filter before U.V. analysis. Analysis peak was observed at λ_{max} 316 nm and 366 nm [Figure 1].

Antioxidant study

Determination of total phenolic content (TPC)

The TPC of the extracts was determined using the Folin–Ciocalteu’s reagent, which is expressed in terms of ascorbic acid equivalent. Ascorbic acid was used as standard compound different concentrations (0.26615–8.517 mM) of ascorbic acid were prepared and analyzed at 742 nm and calibration curve was plotted as absorbance versus concentration. For TPC determination, ascorbic acid was used as standard approximately 50 µL of the mother tincture was mixed with 5 mL 10% Folin–Ciocalteu’s (phenol reagent) and 4 mL of sodium carbonate. The mixture was allowed to stand for 1 h in dark. After 1 h, the color changed from yellow to blue. The absorbance of the solutions was measured at λ_{max} of 742 nm using a UV–visible spectrophotometer (UV Spectrophotometer SPECORD 200 Plus Analytik Jena, Germany). Ascorbic acid (0.26615–8.517 mM) was used as standard to prepare a calibration curve from which phenolic content in terms of ascorbic acid equivalent of mother tincture was determined. The TPC was calculated from the calibration curve [Figure 2], and in final results, TPC of the in-house mother tincture and two market sample was calculated

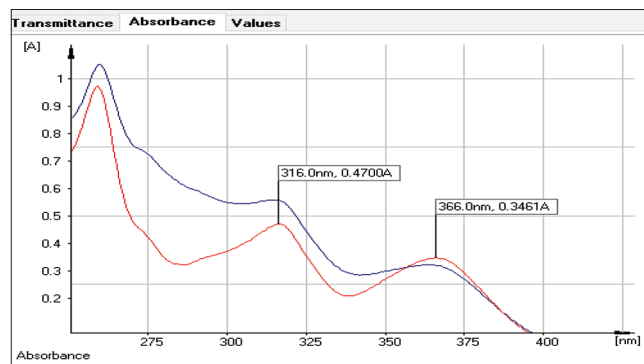


Figure 1: Ultraviolet absorption spectra (λ_{max}) of mother tincture (blue) and reference standard mangiferin (red)

as the ascorbic acid equivalents.^[21]

Determination of total flavonoid content (TFC)

TFC was estimated using aluminum chloride colorimetric assay method. Rutin hydrate was used as standard compound different concentrations (15.625–250 µg/mL) of rutin were prepared and analyzed at 508 nm and calibration curve was plotted as absorbance versus concentration. For TFC determination, an aliquot of 1 mL of the mother tincture mixed with 4 mL distilled water add 300 µl (5%) sodium nitrite in it. After 5 min, add 300 µl (10%) aluminum chloride then after 5 min add 2 mL methanol and 2 mL (1M) sodium hydroxide then add 2.4 mL distilled water to make up the volume up to 10 mL. The mixture was shaken vigorously and left to stand in dark at room temperature. The resulting mixture color changes yellow to pink. The absorbance of the reaction mixture was measured at λ_{\max} 508 nm with a spectrophotometer. A standard calibration curve was constructed using rutin hydrate standard solutions of 15.625–250 µg/mL of each standard which was treated in the same manner as the samples above to generate calibration curve [Figure 3]. The TFC of each mother tincture in-house and two market samples was determined from the curve and the results recalculated and expressed as the rutin hydrate equivalents.^[22]

RESULTS

Physicochemical studies

The determined data under the physicochemical study for the raw drug are summarized in Table 1 and that of mother tincture preparation and its standardization in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

HPTLC fingerprinting

The results from HPTLC fingerprint for chloroform extract

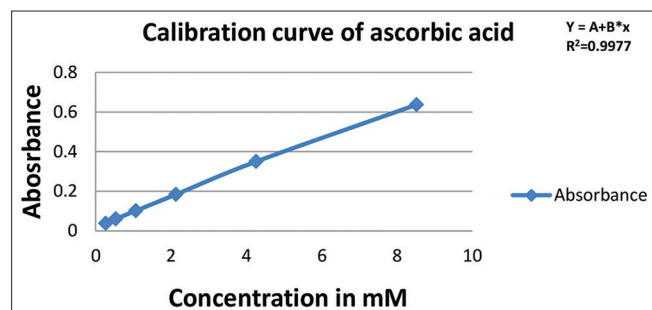


Figure 2: Ascorbic acid calibration curve at λ_{\max} 742 nm

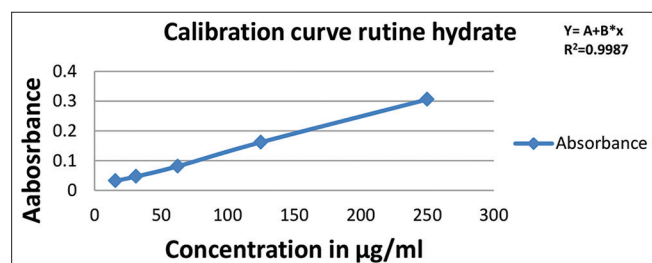


Figure 3: Rutin hydrate calibration curve at λ_{\max} 508 nm

of *Mang. ind.* bark are given in Figures 4-7. The presence of mangiferin was confirmed with R_f value 0.58 in all in-house sample (B) (track 7–9) and market samples (C and D) track (10–14). The phytoconstituents in the chloroform extracts had several visible color spots in TLC plate. The composition of the mobile phase for TLC was optimized by testing different solvent mixtures of varying polarity. The colored spots were visualized under the UV light between 254 and 366 nm with mobile phase ethyl acetate: glacial acetic acid: formic acid: water (7:1:1:1, v/v/v/v) indicates the presence of mangiferin and other phytoconstituents. At U.V white light for track (1–6), one spots appear at R_f 0.58 (reference standard mangiferin A), for in-house sample (B) track (7–9), three spots appear at R_f 0.26, 0.58 (standard mangiferin), and 0.79 (all yellow), and for sample (C) track (10–12), three spots appear R_f 0.27 (light yellow), 0.57 (yellow), and 0.64 (yellow), and for sample (D) track (13–14), two spots appear at R_f 0.58 (yellow) and 0.64 (yellow) [Figure 4]. At UV 254 nm for track (1–6), one spot appears at R_f 0.58 (reference standard mangiferin A), for in-house sample B (7–9), four spots appear at R_f 0.26, 0.58, 0.72,

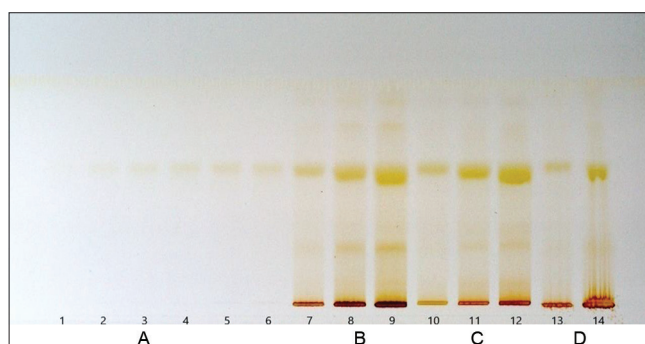


Figure 4: High-performance thin-layer chromatography fingerprints of *Mang. ind.* under white light of standard mangiferin track (1–6), track (7–9) in-house sample B, track (10–12) commercial market sample C, and track (13–14) market sample D

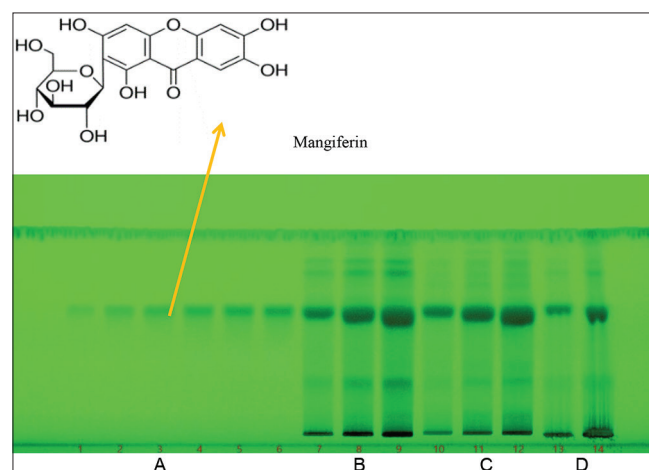


Figure 5: High-performance thin-layer chromatography fingerprints of *Mang. ind.* at UV 254 nm of standard mangiferin track (1–6), track (7–9) in-house sample B, track (10–12) commercial market sample C, and track (13–14) market sample D

Table 1: Standardization of raw drug

Parameters	Quantitative values
Loss on drying at 105°C	Not more than 22.3% w/w
Total ash value	Not more than 6.18% w/w
Acid-insoluble ash	Not more than 0.84% w/w
Alcohol-soluble extractive value	Not less than 14.15% w/w
Water-soluble extractive value	Not less than 16.3% w/w

Table 2: Formulation of mother tincture (percolation technique used)

Drug strength	1/10
Preparation	
<i>Mang ind. coarse powder</i>	100 g
Strong alcohol	670 mL
Purified water	360 mL

Table 3: Standardization of mother tincture

Parameters	Observations
Organoleptic properties	
Appearance	Clear liquid
Color	Brownish color
Odor	Characteristic
Physicochemical tests	
Sediments	Nil
Wt. per mL	0.9191 g
Total solid	1.09% w/v
Alcohol content	64.6% v/v
pH	6.00

and 0.79 (all brown), for sample (C) track (10–12), four spots appear at R_f 0.27, 0.57, 0.64, and 0.72 (all brown), and for sample D track (13–14), two spots appear at R_f 0.59 and 0.76 (all brown) [Figure 5]. While at UV 366 nm for track (1–6), one spot appears at R_f 0.58 (reference standard mangiferin), for in-house sample (B) track (7–9), four spots appear at R_f 0.24 (yellow), 0.58 (yellow), 0.67 (blue), and 0.77 (yellow), for sample (C) track (10–12), four spots appear at R_f 0.24 (yellow), 0.57 (yellow), 0.68 (blue), and 0.78 (yellow), and for sample (D) track (13–14), five spots appear at R_f 0.22 (light blue), 0.27 (light yellow), 0.58 (yellow), 0.67 (blue), and 0.76 (yellow) [Figure 6]. Spectral studies revealed that the peaks obtained from both the standard and for sample were identical [Figures 1 and 7]. Isometric chromatogram of *Mang. ind.* reference standard mangiferin (A), in-house sample (B), and market sample (C) and (D) [Figure 7] is vital fingerprint parameters to ensure the reliability and reproducibility of the drug and considered valuable standards in pharmacopoeia.

Antioxidant study

After optimization of the conditions for the spectrophotometric determination of phenolic using the Folin–Ciocalteu reagent, TFC using aluminum chloride colorimetric assay method, all parameters analyzed showed adequate results [Tables 4 and 5]

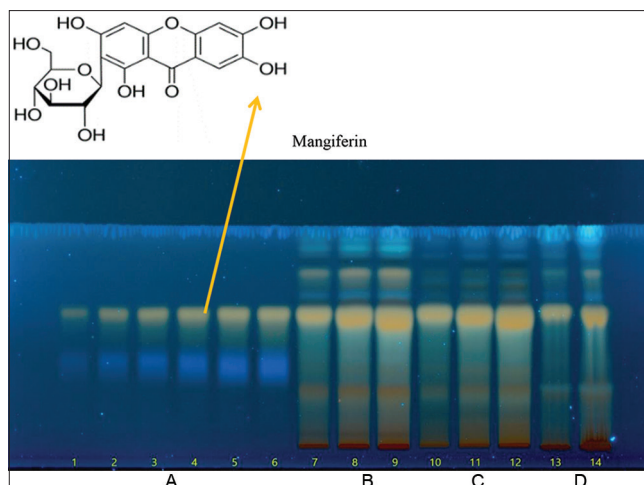


Figure 6: High-performance thin-layer chromatography fingerprints of *Mang. ind.* at UV 366 nm of standard mangiferin track (1–6), track (7–9) in-house sample B, track (10–12) commercial market sample C, and track (13–14) market sample D

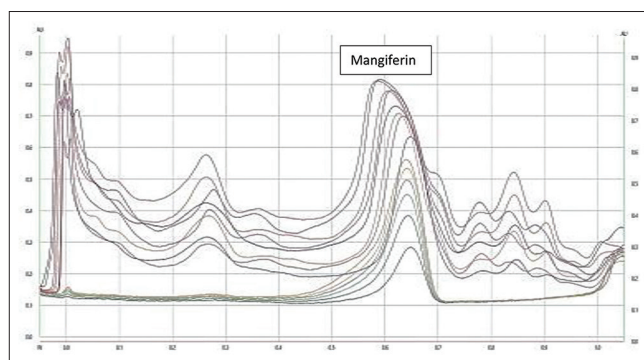


Figure 7: High-performance thin-layer chromatography isometric chromatogram of standard mangiferin (A), in-house sample (B), and commercial market samples C and D of *Mang. ind.* bark chloroform extracts

[Figures 2 and 3]. The UV–Vis spectrophotometric method described here was successfully validated as suitable for the determination of TPC and TFC of *Mang. ind.* This methodology using the Folin–Ciocalteu and aluminum chloride colorimetric assay reaction complies with the requirements for analytical use and for ensuring the reliability of the results.

DISCUSSION

The results obtained from the study could be utilized for scientific validation and formulating standards for the quality assurance of the drug. Based on extensive literature reviews, various combinations of solvent systems were studied with an aim to have an appropriate mobile phase composition for best and efficient HPTLC chromatographic separation of mangiferin in *Mang. ind.* chloroform extract but no appropriate resolution of band observed, whereas in mobile phase ethyl acetate: glacial acetic acid: formic acid: water (7:1:1:1, v/v/v/v), efficient band resolution of mangiferin observed with improved R_f value of 0.58. Thus, it was finalized the best appropriate

Table 4: Quantity of total phenolic content (ascorbic acid equivalents) in in-house and market samples

S. No.	Sample	Concentration in mM	Absorbance
1.	In-house sample	40.47	2.9728
2.	Market sample C	32.71	2.4078
3.	Market sample D	42.52	3.1225

Table 5: Quantity of total flavonoid content (rutin hydrate equivalents) in in-house and market samples

S. No.	Sample	Concentration in µg/mL	Absorbance
1.	In-house sample	2159.6	2.5604
2.	Market sample C	1818.81	2.1580
3.	Market sample D	2498.52	2.9603

mobile phase composition for entire HPTLC qualitative study. UV spectroscopic study exhibits, prominent peaks, which serve as characteristic standards. The present study reveals that as part of pre-formulation study, the mother tincture of stem bark of *Mang. ind.* showed promising physicochemical characteristics. The study suggests the chloroform extract of *Mang. ind.* of xanthanoid (mangiferin) medicinal importance that justifies its medicinal usage in homoeopathy. This is the reason for cure and healing property of stem bark of *Mang. ind.* mother tincture.

CONCLUSION

HPTLC fingerprinting analysis confirms the presence of mangiferin, whereas UV spectroscopic analysis plays an important role for the determination of TPC and TFC in *Mang. ind.* in-house prepared homoeopathic mother tincture and two market samples.

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Conflicts of interest

None declared.

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