ABSTRACT

Objective: The combination between the stem bark powder of Chirabilva and Veerataru is used ethno folklore for the management of anticonvulsant by tribal people. To standardise the evidently used polyherbal formulation in a systemic way for supporting the identity, quality, purity, safety and efficacy concern with modern technique.

Methods: Microscopic anatomical examination and powder microscopy were performed fresh and dried plant materials respectively. The compound polyherbal formulation is processed by organoleptic characterization, macro-microscopic evaluation, physico-chemical, phytochemical testing, DNA fingerprinting and high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC) profiling employing a standard methodology. Chromatographic fingerprinting after visualisation the data are exploited by multivariate chemometric technique.

Results: Results of the experiment provided diagnostic characteristics to identify quality and purity and standardise the polyherbal formulation along with respective ingredients. The RAPD analysis of Dichrostachys cinerea and Holoptelea integrifolia showed some similar bands at the same base pair indicate the presence of genetical identity may take into consideration of the control the ingredients. HPTLC technique utilised to distinguish the ingredient and polyherbal formulation based on the presence or absence of certain target phytochemical (flavonoid, polyphenol, etc.) constituents, manifested as peaks or bands from the chemical fingerprint profiles. Visualized chromatographic profile of polyherbal formulation along with its constituents applying the multivariate chemometric technique is easily discriminated of respective retardation factor in principal component score space.

Conclusion: The findings from this study will provide systemic evaluation for this anticonvulsant formulation and also serve as a master document to control the quality of polyherbal formulation.

Keywords: Anticonvulsant, Chemometrics, DNA fingerprinting, HPTLC, Pharmacognosy

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda, the science of life is one of the ancient and comprehensive systems of health care originated in India. The World Health Organization estimates that 70-80% of people worldwide rely chiefly on traditional, largely herbal medicines to meet their primary health care needs. All medicines, whether synthetic or of plant origin, should fulfil the basic requirements of being safe and effective [1, 2]. Standardisation of herbal medicines is the process of prescribing a set of standards or inherent characteristics, constant parameters and definitive qualitative and quantitative values that carry an assurance of quality, efficacy, safety, and reproducibility. Maximum classical texts have quoted Veeraturu to be effective in the disorders as Vata Roga. And Chirabilva is also indicated in Charaka, Sushruta classical treatise and other traditional systems for the treatment of Shotha, Amlapitta, Aruchi, Ethiopia, Udarshoola, Krumi,cardio, Switra, Kustha, Shleepada, Madhumeha, Arsha, and Amavata. One of these formulations contains aqueous extract of a combination of stem bark powder of Chirabilva (L) and Veerataru (V) for the management of convulsion. Dichrostachys cinerea belongs to the family Mimosae [3] a subfamily of Leguminosae covering 951 species in India. Dichrostachys cinerea Linn, [4] amongst the one found to be present throughout in India especially in dry areas. It is a shrub or small spiny much branched tree with bipinnate leaves, leaflets linear to oblique, acute, gland-dotted; flowers are hermaphrodite, short dense, axillary spikes with two coloured mainly yellow at the base and white or purple at the top. [5] Holoptelea integrifolia belongs to the family Ulmaceae, having 15 genera and about 200 species, distributed over tropical and temperate regions of Northern hemisphere including Indian peninsula to Indo-China and Sri Lanka [6]. It is medium sized to a large graceful deciduous tree, 15-25 m in height with whitish or yellowish grey bark exfoliating in irregular flakes and with an offensive smell when freshly cut [7]. There is no monograph on the standardisation of Verrataru and although this drug combination explained in Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India (Part IId Formulations). There is no report on the standardisation stem bark of combination as well as the individual respective plant. On the other hand, the natural plants are a complex multicomponent mixture. Their phytochemical composition is not constant because of inherent variability and external influences. Nowadays, various scientific efforts have been made to establish the standards for such type of tribal/evidential claims through modern analytical techniques. The evident folklore claims should be validated and authenticate by using standard scientific methodologies. Contrariwise, natural product extract are a complex mixture that contains various class of compounds. In that circumstances the present study, individual drug along with combination was subjected to morphological and micro-macrophical, physico-chemical, phytochemical and DNA fingerprinting, high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC) study represent the systemic elementary quality control to establish a systemic roadmap for standardisation herbal formulation. This study revealed the conventional analytical approaches along with chromatographic fingerprint technique is focused on the holistic characterization of a complex system by well-known chemometrics method, Principal component analysis. It is useful for botanical or plant identification and authentication of crude plant materials along with mixer as part of an effort and regulator system for standardisation and quality control.
MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection and identification of plant samples

Stems of Chirabilva (Holoptelea integrifolia Planch; family-ulmaceae) and Veerataru (Dichrostachys cinerea Linn, family-mimosoideae) were collected of IPGT and RA campus and Raka-Khitia, Jamnagar respectively and subsequently identified and authenticated from Pharmacognosy department (Phm-6186/2016, and Phm-6187/2016). After proper washing, it was dried under shade at a room temperature for seven days and then grinded with a mechanical grinder. Finally, the coarse powders were separated by sieving using 40 meshes and stored in an airtight container for further use.

Preparation of plant extract

The individual raw drug powders were passed separately through a sieve (#44). Each ingredient was weighed separately and mixed together in the proportion specified; the mixture was passed through sieve number 44 to obtain a homogenous blend and packed in an air-tight container. After that the fresh coarse powders were individually as well as polyherbal formulation subjected to macerated with methanol (Merck, Germany) in a ratio of 1:5. The extracts were filtered and the solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure.

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Macroscopic analysis

Natural habitat and morphological character of the respective plants studied under systematic way. Transverse sections of stem bark of both plants were taken and microscopically characters were noted down after proper mounting and staining with the respective specific chemical reagents: lignified cell wall (phloroglucinol/HCl), calcium oxalate (chloral hydrate), starch (N/50 iodine), tannin (ferric chloride) and suberized cell wall (Sudan red TS)[8]. The powder microscopy of the polyherbal containing formulation, for identification, was carried out by following routine procedure. The images were processed using Photoshop imaging system. Consequently, the histochemical analysis was done on the powdered plant materials to observe the presence of certain microscopic structures using above explaining reagent. All slides were deposited in the micro technique of Pharmacognosy laboratory, University Gujarat Ayurveda, Gujarat.

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Table 1: List of RAPD primers used for the analysis of two leaves DNA sample

| S. No. | Primer | Sequence 5'-3' | Tm (°C) |
|-------|--------|----------------|---------|
| 1     | OPN-04 | GACCCGGCCA   | 27.0    |
| 2     | OPN-09 | TGGCGGCTTG   | 27.0    |
| 3     | OPO-07 | CAGCAGTGAC   | 25.0    |
| 4     | OPO-10 | TCAGAGGGCC   | 27.0    |
| 5     | OPO-08 | ACATGCGCCA   | 25.0    |
| 6     | OPO-09 | GGTTGCGCCA   | 25.0    |
| 7     | OPO-09 | GCCTAAAGGA   | 25.0    |
| 8     | OPR-05 | QACCCTAGTGG  | 25.0    |
| 9     | OPR-06 | GTCTACGCCA   | 25.0    |
| 10    | OPR-06 | TGCCAGCCG    | 25.0    |
| 11    | OP-05  | TTTGGGGGCT   | 25.0    |
| 12    | OTP-01 | QGGCCACTCA   | 25.0    |

High-performance thin layer chromatographic (HPTLC) profiling

Sample application

Band wise with Automatic TLC Sampler, 3 tracks, band length 10 mm, track distance 10 mm, distance from left edge 20 mm, distance from lower edge 8 mm, application volume 7.2 μl for an analytical profile of the respective sample.

Chromatography

In the twin trough chamber saturation (with filter paper) for 20 min and after plate conditioning at 47% relative humidity for 10 min using a solution in methanol, development toluene: chloroform: acetone (4.2.5:3.5 v/v) with up to the migration distance of 80 mm (from lower plate edge) drying for 5 min.

Documentation

With the TLC Visualizer under short UV 254 nm and long UV 366 nm.

Densitometry

TLC Scanner 3 and win CATS, absorption measurement at 254,366, etc nm, slit dimension 5.00 x 0.30 mm, scan speed 20 mm/s, spectra recording from 190 to 780 nm. Also simultaneously densitogram of the experimental plate is taken respected visible range (500-680) nm at the 20 nm interval wavelength after vanillin-sulfuric acid visualising agent.

Multivariate analysis

The search for natural groupings among the samples is a preliminary way to study the chromatography data sets. The chromatographic profiling was subjected to exploratory data analysis, performed by applying principal component analysis (PCA) using Unscrambler®9.7 (CAMO SA, 108 Osks, Norway). The entire visible range densitogram is treated as a unique multivariate fingerprint, ie. Multidimensional vector, without identification of special peaks. Principal component analysis uses to discriminate with polyherbal mixer along with respective ingredient.

Data analysis

In this technique, each sample of the densitogram of respective UV-Visible wavelength are taken as a sample, and the whole separation zone is demarcated an arbitrary number designating respective band (0.1, 0.1-0.3, 0.5-0.7, 0.7-0.9, 0.9) as a variable to construct
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Macroscopic analysis: anatomical study of the stem

The observation was made on the stem surfaces of two taxa. The stem bark of *H. integrifolia* is dark brown, cylindrical in shape, woody hard and having longitudinally fissured in fig. (A), while stem bark of *D. cinerea* is light brown in colour, curved, rough, longitudinally grooved and furrowed in fig. (B). Diagrammatic T. S. of the bark *Veerataru* shows, outermost brown coloured cork, white cortex with groups of stone cells, sclereids and alternate zone of phloem with fibres and medullary rays. Detailed T. S. of bark shows outermost layers of dark brown coloured cork cells. Cortex is parenchymatous and often observed with scattered groups of stone cells and sclereids. Medullary rays are multiseriate, often longitudinally across the alternate bands of phloem and thick-walled fibres. Prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate and starch grains are found throughout the section in fig. (C). Diagrammatic T. S. of the bark *Chirabilva* shows an outermost layer of cork cortex, alternate bands of fibres, phloem, and medullary rays. Detailed T. S. of bark shows 10-15 layers of cork filled with brown content at places, followed by a wide zone of cortex made up of spongy parenchyma and alternate bands of phloem and thick walled sclerenchyma fibres and longitudinally running bi-multiseriate medullary rays. Prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate and starch grains are found abundantly throughout the section in fig. (D).
Powder microscopy

The diagnostic character of the Chirabilva dried powder microscopy shows presence of Cork in surface view, stone cells, prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate, simple and compound starch grains, yellow content, fibres, crystal fibres, pitted stone cells with wide lumen, fibres passing through medullary rays, lignified fibres, oil globule, and septed fibres in fig. (E). On the Veerataru dried powder microscopy shows the presence of simple fibres, rhomboidal crystals of calcium oxalate, crystal fibres, cork in surface view, fibres passing through medullary rays, simple starch grains, brown content, pitted sclereids, pitted stone cells, normal pitted vessels, lignified fibres in fig. (F).

RAPD technique

Random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) extensively used molecular fingerprinting technique to reveal the genetic diversity among different genotypes. It is very much helpful for genetic uniformity of raw herbal materials. The fingerprinting patterns of Holoptelea integrifolia (Roxb.) Planch and Dichrostachys cinerea Linn. samples are seen as vertical columns with horizontal bright and light bands on a dark background have been depicted in the fig. (G) respectively.

Fig. E: Powder microscopy of Chirabilva stems bark. Fig. 1: Stem bark and stem bark powder, fig. 2: Fibres, fig. 3: Pitted sclereid, fig. 4: Lignified fibres, fig. 5: Sectional view, fig. 6: Stone cell, fig. 7: Prismatic crystals, fig. 8: Yellow content. Fig. F: Powder microscopy of Veerataru (Dichrostachys cinerea Linn.) stems bark fig. 1: Stem bark and powder of Veerataru fig. 2: Crystal fibres, fig. 3: Sclereids, fig. 4: Rhomboidal Crystals, fig. 5: Cork in surface view, fig. 6: Medullary rays, fig. 7: Brown content, fig. 8: Lignified crystal fibres

Fig. G: RAPD band pattern of Veerataru and Chirabilva with respect to twelve primers
All primers showed amplification. In primer 1 range of band size was observed at 200bp and 900bp; in primer 2 single band size was observed at 500bp; in primer 3 range of band size was observed from light 300bp and bright 450bp; in primer 4 single band size was observed at 500bp; in primer 5 band size was observed at 200bp and at bright 450bp; in primer 6 band size was observed at light 400bp and at bright 700bp; in primer 7 band size was observed at 200bp and at 400bp and light and band around 1500bp; in primer 8 band size was observed at light 300bp and at bright 1200bp; in primer 9 range of light band size was observed from 400bp to 900bp; in primer 10 range of band size was observed 700bp to 1500bp; in primer 11 single band size observed at light band 500bp and in primer 12 single band size observed at 800bp. On the other hand Veerataru leaves showed fingerprinting pattern in favor of primer 1 single band size was observed at 300bp; in primer 2 dark band size was observed at 400bp and light band also observed at 100bp, 200bp and 1000bp; in primer 3 band size was observed at 300bp and 400bp; in primer 4 single band size was observed at 400bp; in primer 5 band size was observed at 300bp and at 450bp; in primer 6 range of band size was observed from 450 to 1100bp; in primer 7 band size was observed at 350bp and at 900; in primer 8 single band size was observed at 500bp; in primer 9 single band size was observed at 450bp; in primer 10 band size was observed at 150bp, at 500bp and at 600bp; in primer 11 single band size observed at 200bp and in primer 12 band size observed at 100bp and at 700bp.

Organoleptic study and physico-chemical constant

Organoleptic study of the respective sample is depicted in table [2]. The physico-chemical parameters are helpful in judging the purity and quality of the drug. The foreign matters were present in a negligible amount in the formulation. This may be due to the first-collection of plant material from the non-polluted area. Loss on drying signifies the considerable amount of moisture; ash values were used to detect the presence of siliceous contamination and water soluble salts. Acid insoluble ash which reveals the possibility of the presence of non-physiological ash. The water and alcohol soluble extractive indicating the percentage of soluble polar and moderately polar component. The physico-chemical finding of the polyherbal formulation along with its respective ingredients depicted in table [3].

Table 2: Organoleptic characters of test drugs

| Character       | Stem bark powder of | Stem bark powder | Stem bark powder |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Chirabilva (C)  | Veerataru (V)       | of (C+V)          |
| Colour          | Yellowish brown     | Brown             | Light brown      |
| Odour           | Slightly aromatic   | Aromatic          |
| Touch           | Coarse, rough       | Coarse, rough, fibrous | Coarse, rough, fibrous |

Table 3: Physico-chemical constants of raw materials used for the preparation of polyherbal powder

| Name of the ingredients | Results expressed as % w/w (n = 3) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | FM       | LOD     | TA        | AIA       | WSE       | ASE       |
| Veerataru               | 5.03±0.12 | 12.85±0.41 | 0.25±0.20 | 8.08±0.20 | 7.1±0.20 |
| Chirabilva              | 11.05±0.10 | 9.05±0.10 | 3.1±0.02 | 10.04±0.10 | 12±0.05 |
| Polyherbal mixer        | 10.02±0.12 | 9.7±0.10   | 0.45±0.02 | 12.5±0.31 | 11±0.10 |

FM = foreign matter; LOD = loss on drying; TA = total ash; AIA = acid insoluble ash; WSE = water soluble extractive, ASE = alcohol soluble extractive.

Phytochemical analysis

The preliminary phytochemical screening of polyherbal formulation along with respective ingredient gave the various secondary class of materials (carbohydrate, flavonoids, polyphenol, protein and steroids). The phytochemical finding demarcated in table [4].

Chromatographic analysis

In this study, a combination of toluene, chloroform and acetone (8:5:7 v/v/v) as the mobile phase of HPTLC analysis of individual component shows maximum resolution insolvent system. Depending on the number of spots, we can depict the number active principle present.

Table 4: Preliminary phytochemical screening of polyherbal extract along with individual ingredient

| Phytochemical screening                  | Response | Veerataru | Chirabilva | Polyherbal mixer |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------------|
| Flavonoid glycosides(Vanillín-HCL test) | Positive | Positive  | Positive   | Positive         |
| Steroid glycoside (Salkowaski test)     | Positive | Positive  | Positive   | Positive         |
| Phenolic compound (Ammonia, Shinoda)    | Positive | Positive  | Positive   | Positive         |
| Carbohydrate (Molish test)              | Positive | Positive  | Positive   | Positive         |
| Amino acid (Biuret test)                | Positive | Positive  | Positive   | Positive         |

Table 5: List of uv-vis sensitive compound alignment of registered wavelength [12]

| Chromophore         | Transition | Structure          | λmax  |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| Aldehyde            | n-π, π-π*  | CHO                | 280-300 |
| Carboxyl            | n-π       | C=O                | 270-285 |
| Benzene             | π-π*       | Aromatic ring      | 204-255 |
| Anthracone          | π-π*       | Fused aromatic ring| 252   |
| Two-conjugated      | π-π*       | Grotionaldehyde    | 220-322 |
Fig. H. Separation of methanol extracted Polyherbal formulation on HPTLC Si 60 F254 with toluene, chloroform, acetone (8+5+7, v/v), chamber saturation, stained with the vanillin-sulfuric acid reagent. Tracks: 1. v extract, 2. c extract, 3. cv extract, A-Day light, B–Short UV (254 nm), C–Long UV (366 nm), D–After Visualizing agent, E and F spectral comparison of individual ingredient along with polyherbal mixer formulation.

Fig. I. HPTLC densitometry chromatogram (at 254 nm, 366 nm) of methanolic extracts of veertaru, chirabilha, polyherbal mix and 3D densitogram with toluene, chloroform, acetone (8+5+7, v/v) as the mobile phase. Fig. 1, fig. 2, fig. 3, fig. 4, fig. 5, fig. 6, fig. 7, fig. 8, fig. 9 respectively.
Multivariate analysis

Principal component analysis

PCA was performed to provide a data structure study in a reduced dimension, covering the maximum amount of information present in the data. It is worth mentioning that PCA is among the most versatile of all chemometric methods as it involves a mathematical procedure that reduces data dimensionality. The data matrix corresponding to the chromatographic data Table was submitted to PCA in order to show possible trends in their values and emphasise the similarities and differences between samples on a score plot. The score plot in fig. 1 (A) showed that the authenticated Chirabilva, Veerataru and Mix herbal samples were clearly discriminated in PC1 vs. PC2 space. In the upper left quadrant the mixer adsorption chromatograph profile (after visualization) of the score plot, though some wavelength scanning profile of mixed samples, 500 nm, 540 nm, 560 nm and 580 nm appear below the horizontal line of the score plot. Authenticated Chirabilva samples were well separated from the mixer samples scattered in the lower right quadrant except for 565 nm mix which appeared the lower left quadrant. However, the sample Veerataru were scattered upper right quadrant. From the loading plot in fig. 1 (B), it appeared that the 0.1, 0.1-0.3, 0.3-0.5, 0.5-0.7, 0.9 separating chromatographic bands contributing to the grouping of experimental samples, and that these attributes corresponded to the PC1 and PC2 which explained about 74% of the total variance. It should be noted that genuine mix samples are differentiated from other samples by decrease their no of spot in 0.5-0.7 RF (band) region with respect to Chirabilva and Veerataru.
Table 6: Chromatographic data table of respective sample of registered wavelength

| Wave length | Sample       | 0.1-0.3 | 0.3-0.5 | 0.5-0.7 | 0.7-0.9 | More than 0.9 |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 254 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 1       | 3       | 0             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 3       | 1       | 2       | 1             |
|             | Mixture      | 1       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 1             |
| 366 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 1       | 2       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 2             |
|             | Mixture      | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 2             |
| 500 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 2       | 2       | 1       | 4       | 1             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 4             |
| 520 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 2       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 3       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 1       | 1       | 2       | 1       | 4             |
| 540 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 2       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 4       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 2       | 1       | 4             |
| 560 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 2       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 3       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 2       | 0       | 3             |
| 565 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 2       | 2       | 0       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 2       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 2             |
| 580 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 2       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |
| 600 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |
| 620 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |
| 640 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |
| 660 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 3             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |
| 680 nm      | Veerataru    | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Chirabilva   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 4             |
|             | Mixture      | 2       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 3             |

CONCLUSION

Results from this study provide important information and data for systematic and authentication of the stem bark of Dichrostachys cinerea and Holoptelea integrifolia. Transverse section of the fresh plant material would give the most accurate identification of the two representative ingredients of polyherbal mixer formulation based on their characteristic differences of anatomical features in terms of the type of cork, stone cell, prismatic and calcium oxalate crystal. The powder microscopic character is easily identified by their characteristic feature. The RAPD analysis of Dichrostachys cinerea and Holoptelea integrifolia showed some similar bands at the same wavelength indicate the presence of the similar chemical moieties may take into consideration of genetically identical fingerprinting. The physicochemical constant and phytochemical screening showed purity, identity and presence of a variety of fatty acid respectively. However, HPILC technique could be utilised to distinguish the powders of three different classes based on the presence or absence of certain target phytochemical (flavonoid, polyphenol, etc) constituents, manifested as peaks or bands from the chemical fingerprint profiles. The samples are discriminated after visualising agent due to various concentration levels of class materials. Similar because of the virtue of co-solubility of various secondary plant metabolite. Proper identification and authentication of raw plant materials to be used in the polyherbal evident based mixer would ensure well-defined and consistent quality, safety and efficacy of herbal preparation and products.

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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