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ABSTRACT

PHYTOCHEMICAL SCREENING OF Parkia speciosa SEEDS

Parkia speciosa seeds were used in this research to investigate Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) profile and its ability for antibacterial activity as well as to identify the secondary metabolites present through phytochemical screening. The seeds undergo cold extraction process after grinding into powder. The powdered seeds were macerated successively into hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol for 72 hours at room temperature and were concentrated by rotary evaporator to obtain the crude extracts. Each crude extracts were tested by using a suitable solvent polarity ratio to obtain the best respective TLC profile before proceed to phytochemical screening tests to confirmed the presence of flavonoid, alkaloid, terpenoid, phytosterol, steroid, phenol, tannin, saponin and glycoside. Ratio of hexane: ethyl acetate (2:3) eluent was the best to fractionate methanol crude extract meanwhile for ethyl acetate crude extract, hexane: acetone (3:2) was the most suitable eluent. For hexane crude extract, hexane: chloroform (1:4) was identified. Methanol crude extract showed positive results for the presence of flavonoid, alkaloid, terpenoid, steroid and glycoside. Whereas, tannin, phenol, steroid and terpenoid were present in ethyl acetate crude extracts. Only phytosterol was present in hexane crude extract. Two types of bacteria, Gram positive (Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus subtilis) and Gram negative (Salmonella typhi and Escherichia coli) were used in the antibacterial activity using disc diffusion method. Streptomycin and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) involved as the positive and negative control respectively. Only methanol crude extract of P. speciosa seeds showed the highest inhibition zone against B. subtilis with 11.5 mm while the lowest inhibition zone was against S. typhi with 7.5 mm for its antibacterial activity.