

# Preliminary Phytochemical Screening of Different Solvent Mediated Medicinal Plant *Sida sivarajani* (Malvaceae) Extracts Evaluated

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Medicinal plants have bioactive compounds which are used to cure various diseases. In the present investigation involves the preliminary phytochemical analysis to find out the various chemical constituents from the plant sample of *Sida sivarajani*. Four different solvents viz. Acetone, water, n-hexane and methanol were used to obtain extracts from plant leaves. The extracts were subjected to preliminary phytochemical screening using standard procedure. The phytochemical screening reveals the presences of carbohydrates, cardiac glycosides; phenol & terpenoids are present in all four solvents. Among all the four extracts, maximum phytochemicals were found dissolved in water, n-hexane and methanol.

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Phyto constituents are the natural bioactive compounds found in plants. This phyto constituent's work with nutrients and fibers to form an integrated part of defense system against various diseases and stress conditions. Phyto chemicals (Handral *et al.*, 2012) are basically divided into two groups, i.e. primary and secondary constituents; according to their functions in plant metabolism. Primary constituents comprise common sugars, amino acid, proteins and chlorophyll while secondary constituents consist of alkaloids, terpenoid, steroids and flavonoids, so on.

Plants are nature's "Chemical factories" providing the richest source of organic chemicals on earth. The world is blessed with a great variety of natural vegetations, some of which are used as traditional medicine to cure various sicknesses and diseases. But, considering richness of the plant world, the knowledge of plants acquired by man is still insufficient. World Health Organization (Ujowundu *et al.*, 2010) describes a medicinal plant as any plant in which one or more of its organs contains substances that can be used for therapeutic purposes or which are precursors for the synthesis of useful drugs. Many of our official drugs have come through the research work of the botanists, chemists and ethnobotanists. Since botanists specialize in gathering knowledge of plants. Consequently they form a bridge between the natives and plants, eventually utilization of plants are possible when a chemist acts as a bridge between the botanists and the users.

#### **Morphology of *Sidasivarajanii* (Tambde *et al.*, 2020)**

Erect, branched, undershrub, 1 m tall. Stem terete, green, minutely pubescent with small stellate hairs. Leaf blades on younger shoot much larger, concolorous, obovate or suborbicular, truncate or rounded at base, margins serrate to ciliate, entire towards base, sub-obtuse or acute at apex; those on flowering shoots smaller, rhomboid to lanceolate, 3-nerved from base, lateral nerves 3–6 pairs, nerves raised on the lower surface, densely stellate-tomentose beneath, sparsely pubescent above, petiolate, stipulate. Flowers axillary, solitary; pedicelate. Calyx 3–6 mm across, campanulate, 5-lobed; the lobes, ovate, acuminate at apex,

tomentose with minute stellate hairs. Corolla orange-yellow; petals obovate, retuse or emarginate at apex, minutely stellate hairy at base. Staminal column 2–2.5 mm long, stellate pubescent; antheriferous at apex, filaments 1–2 mm long, anthers reiform, pale-yellow. Ovary 1–1.5 mm diameter, conical, stellate hairy; styles 5, covered by minute stellate hairs, stigma capitate, yellow. Schizocarps 2–3 mm long, ovoid-ellipsoid, raised at centre, green when immature, light brown at maturity, grooved between mericarps; mericarps 5, 3–4 × 1.5–2 mm, completely included in the calyx, completely covered densely with long stellate and sparsely with simple hairs; awns 1–1.5 mm long, covered with stellate hairs. Seed one per mericarps, brownish to black, laterally compressed, glabrous at the hilum (Figure 1).

**Phenology:** Flowering from September to February; fruiting from October to March.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### **Plant Collection and Identification**

The plant species were collected from Tumsar regions of Bhandara District, Maharashtra, India during the months of August, September and October in the year 2019.

### **Processing of plant samples**

The plants leaves of *Sidasivarajanii* (Malvaceae) were taken from Tumsar regions of Bhandara District, crushed to powder form, and then taken in the Soxhlet apparatus for hot extraction with organic solvents such as Acetone, water, n-hexane and methanol.

### **Preparation of Extract**

The *Sida sivarajanii* (Malvaceae) leaves were separated and cleaned well. Cleaned leaves were then dried under shade. The drying was done until all the water molecules evaporated and leaves became well-dried for grinding. After drying, the leaves were ground well using mechanical blender into fine powder and transferred into air-tight container with proper labelling for further use. The dried and powdered leaves were extracted sequentially with acetone, water, n-hexane and methanol using Soxhlet apparatus. The plant specimen leaves powder was weighed (20 g) and successively extracted with 200 ml of solvents like

methanol (60°- 80° C), acetone, n-hexane and aqueous by soxhlation for a period of 24 hours.

#### Qualitative Phytochemicals Screening

The extract was tested for the presence of bioactive compounds by using standard methods (Sofowra, 1993; Trease, Evans, 1989; Harborne, 1973)

The methanol, acetone, n-hexane and aqueous leaves extracts were screened for different phytochemicals constituents' viz., glycosides (Aiyegroro, Okoh, 2010; Silva *et al.*, 2017), carbohydrate (Raaman, 2006; Singh, Kumar, 2017), reducing sugars (Raaman, 2006; Singh, Kumar, 2017), protein & amino acids (Silva *et al.*, 2017; Raaman, 2006), flavonoids (Singh, Kumar, 2017; Gul *et al.*, 2017), saponins (Raaman, 2006; Tiwari *et al.*, 2011; Rauf *et al.*, 2013) alkaloids (Silva *et al.*, 2017; Raaman, 2006, Auwal *et al.*, 2014; Singh, Kumar, 2017), tannins (Tiwari *et al.*, 2011; Pandey, Tripathi, 2014), phenol (Raaman, 2006; Tiwari *et al.*, 2011), terpenoids (Gul *et al.*, 2017), Gum & Mucilages (Raaman, 2006), Fixed Oils and Fat (Raaman, 2006; Nanna *et al.*, 2013), and resins (Singh, Kumar, 2017;

Kumar *et al.*, 2013).

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results obtained for qualitative screening of phytochemicals leaves extracts of *Sida Sivarajani* in four different solvents are shown in Table 1. It is seen that most of the compounds were present in the aqueous extract except Coumarin Glycosides Protein & Amino acids, Carbohydrate & Reducing Sugars, and Gum&Mucilages. The preliminary phytochemicals study reveals that the presence of Alkaloids, Tannins, Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Cardic, Anthraquioneare present in water, n-hexane and methanol solvents. The extract exhibits the presence of Alkaloids, Tannins, Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Cardic, Anthraquionein water, n-hexane and menthol extract but absent in acetone extracts. Phytochemicals tests such as tannins and phenolic compounds, polysterols, terpenoids, and resins are present in water and methanol extracts and absent in ether extract. The results of screening test revealed the presence of medically active compounds in leaves.



**Figure 1.** Photo plate of *Sida sivarajanii* Tambde, Sardesai & A.K. Pandey  
A- Habitat, B- Flowers C- Young & Mature Fruits

**Table 1:** Qualitative Phytochemicals Analysis of leaves of *Sida Sivarajani* L. f. extracts

S. No	Phytochemicals constituents	Water	n-hexane	Methanol	Acetone
1	Saponins	+	-	-	+
2	Alkaloids	+	+	+	+
3	Tannins	+	+	+	-
4	Flavonoids	+	+	+	-
5	Terpenoids	+	+	+	-
6	CardicGlycosides	+	+	-	-
7	Anthraquione	+	+	+	+
8	Coumarin Glycosides	-	-	+	-
9	Protein &Amino acids	-	-	-	-
10	Carbohydrate &Reducing Sugars	-	-	-	-
11	Fixed oil & fats	+	-	-	+
12	Gum &Mucilages	-	+	-	+
13	Resins	+	+	-	+

'+' represents the presence of compounds; '-' represents the absence of compounds

## CONCLUSION

The present study was carried out to determine the qualitative phytochemicals constituents present in the extracts of *Sida Sivarajani*. The result reveals that the aqueous extract of plant material showed maximum phytochemicals constituents. The same extract could be utilized for the isolation of further bioactive metabolites. The study also provides a strong evidence for the use of extract to treat various pharmacological activities. It was concluded that the plant is rich in phytochemicals with significant medicinal applications.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The authors declare that they have no potential conflicts of interest.

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