

**TIME : TWO HOURS****MAX MARKS : 100****SECTION I**Attempt **ANY 40** of the following.

Select the most appropriate answer from the alternatives provided;

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1. The "curving" of outer tracks in a TLC is primarily due to ;  
 a) inadequate chamber saturation      b) inappropriate solvent system      c) loading higher volume of sample      d) None of these
2. The important right of a subject in clinical trial is;  
 a) subject can withdraw from trial with permission of PI      b) subject can withdraw from the trial giving any reason      c) subject can withdraw from trial at any time      d) subject can withdraw from trial without giving any reasons
3. The consent of a subject in clinical trial is obtained in form of ;  
 a) Consent agreement      b) Informed consent document      c) Informed permission statement      d) Consent declaration
4. As per Indian regulations, the minimum members required in an ethics committee is  
 a) 10      b) 5      c) 12      d) 7
5. Passive Transport needs \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) ATP      b) Na+K+ pumps      c) enzymes      d) None of these
6. Clones are identified by hybridizing them with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) vector      b) probe      c) virus      d) antibody
7. The bond between the sugar, base and phosphate group in DNA is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 5'-3' phosphodiester linkage      b) 3'-5' ester linkage      c) hydrogen bond      d) 3'-5' phosphodiester linkage
8. Turbidometry is based on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) Absorption of light      b) Transmittance of light      c) scattering of light      d) reflectance of light
9. Median of 10, 20, 19, 21, 14, 10, 15 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 21      b) 15      c) 10      d) none of these
10. The purity of subcellular fractionation i.e. nucleus checked by the use of marker enzyme.  
 a) glucose-6-phosphatase      b) hexokinase      c) DNA polymerase      d) glutamate dehydrogenase
11. Impairment in the synthesis of dopamine by the brain is a major causative factor for the disorder \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) Goiter      b) Parkinson's disease      c) Cushing's syndrome      d) Addison's disease
12. In competitive inhibition, the  $k_m$  value \_\_\_\_\_ whereas  $V_{max}$  \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) both  $k_m$  and  $V_{max}$  decreases      b)  $K_m$  decreases and  $V_{max}$  increases      c)  $K_m$  increases and  $V_{max}$  remain unchanged      d)  $K_m$  unchanged while  $V_{max}$  lowered
13. The mucopolysaccharides \_\_\_\_\_ serves as a lubricant and shock absorbant in joints.  
 a) chitin      b) chondroitin 4-sulfate      c) hyaluronic acid      d) keratin sulfate

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28. Which of the following affects the secondary structure of proteins and changes its electrophoretic mobility ?  
 a) Polyacrylamide                      b) Urea                      c) SDS                      d) Ammonia
29. The application of genetic engineering in producing therapeutic products is called  
 a) Pharmacology                      b) Molecular farming                      c) Molecular pharming                      d) Pharmacoe engineering
30. The octadecyl bonded stationary phase \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) is non polar                      b) is highly polar                      c) has lowest polarity                      d) is moderately polar
31. In reversed phase HPLC the first eluted solutes are  
 a) least polar                      b) most polar                      c) intermediately polar                      d) non polar
32. The color of light given off when a sample of an element is heated corresponds to  
 a) the amount of energy added during the heating                      b) The energy difference between the ground state and excited state                      c) the calorific value of the sample                      d) the amount of energy lost from the sample
33. Adding SDS to gel electrophoresis is advantageous because  
 a) SDS reduces disulfide bonds                      b) SDS colors the proteins for visualization                      c) SDS allows proteins to be separated on the basis of their mass                      d) None of the above
34. Functionality of a protein is determined by its  
 a) Amount of proline                      b) N-terminal amino acids                      c) Structure                      d) None of the above
35. The rate of migration of a solute through a stationary phase is determined by its  
 a) distribution ratio                      b) mobility ratio                      c) separation ratio                      d) molecular radius
36. The process by which a solute is transferred from the mobile phase to the stationary phase is called;  
 a) adsorption                      b) desorption                      c) exclusion                      d) inclusion
37. The most common form of silica used in Chromatographic columns is  
 a) aminopropyl                      b) octadecyl                      c) cyanopropyl                      d) nitrile
38. A reversed phase chromatography column is used for samples that are soluble in  
 a) inorganic solvents                      b) organic solvents                      c) water                      d) Acids
39. Changes the pH and the charge of the solute will promote elution in  
 a) affinity chromatography                      b) thin layer chromatography                      c) paper chromatography                      d) ion exchange chromatography
40. Quantitative and qualitative separation of ionic compounds is easily possible with  
 a) electrophoresis                      b) centrifugation                      c) HPLC                      d) GC
41. For obtaining a patent, the patent application should;  
 a) be submitted at the patent office with full technical specifications that cannot be amended afterwards.                      b) be submitted at the patent office after complying to the formal and technical requirements                      c) be submitted at the patent office after demonstrating that the invention works.                      d) be submitted at the patent office mentioning the date on which the invention was first "reduced to practice".

42. With respect to IPR, the acronym "PCT" stands for ;  
 a) Patent Cooperation Treaty      b) Patents and Copyrights Treaty      c) Patent Compliance Terms      d) Patents Confidentiality Treaty
43. Phylogenetic relationships between species can be depicted by ;  
 a) Dendrogram      b) Family Flowchart      c) Evolutionary tree      d) Missing links
44. WAN means –  
 a) Wide Area Network      b) Wired Area Network      c) Wide Available Network      d) Within Area Network
45. 'OS' abbreviation in computers usually means;  
 a) Order of Signaling      b) Open Software      c) Operating System      d) Optical Sensor
46. In Computer network, "terminal" refers to ;  
 a) device used to give power supply to a computer      b) Point at which data may leave or enter the computer      c) point where wires are interconnected      d) an input/output device
47. The most widely used commercial programming computer language is  
 a) PASCAL      b) BASIC      c) FORTRAN      d) COBOL
48. In computer terminology, VGA is  
 a) Video Graphics Array      b) Visual Graphics Array      c) Visual Graphics Adapter      d) Video Graphics Adapter
49. MICR stands for  
 a) Magnetic Ink Character Reader      b) Magnetic Ink Code Reader      c) Magnet Identified Character Reader      d) Magnified Individual Character Recognition
50. UNIVAC is  
 a) Unique Automatic Computer      b) Universal Automatic Computer      c) Universal Array Computer      d) Unvalued Automatic Computer
51. Insertion of cry gene in plant genome provides :  
 a) Drought resistance      b) Herbicide resistance      c) Virus resistance      d) Insect resistance
52. Acidic amino acids are  
 a) Nonpolar and negatively charged at physiological pH      b) Nonpolar and positively charged at physiological pH      c) Polar and negatively charged at physiological pH      d) Polar and positively charged at physiological pH
53. The most convenient and popular source of plant protoplast is the :  
 a) Coleoptile      b) Leaf      c) Root nodules      d) Shoot tips
54. HEPES buffer is used in :  
 a) Animal Tissue culture medium      b) Plant tissue culture medium      c) Acterial nutrient medium      d) Yeast nutrient medium.
55. The first bioinformatics database was created by  
 a) Pearson      b) Richard Durbin      c) Dayhoff      d) Michael J.Dunn

56. BLOSUM matrices are used for  
 a) Pair wise sequence alignment      b) Multiple sequence alignment      c) Phylogenetic analysis      d) All of the above
57. A data base of current sequence map of the human genome is called  
 a) OMIM      b) HGMD      c) Golden path      d) Gene Cards
58. Mitochondrial DNA is now a "HOT" topic of research in bioinformatics because;  
 a) It contains over 50% of the genes in the human genome      b) It is only present in vertebrates closely related to humans      c) It replicates by synthesizing an mRNA that then acts as a DNA polymerase      d) It mutates rapidly and allows us to study evolution over short time scale
59. Submission to Genbank are made using  
 a) BankIt and BankIn      b) BankIt and Sequin      c) Sequin and BankIn      d) Entrez
60. A comprehensive database for the study of human genetics and molecular biology is  
 a) PSD      b) OMIM      c) PDB      d) STAG

## SECTION II

Attempt ANY THREE of the following;

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- Q1. Write an essay on the Indian Herbal pharmacopeia and the Ayurvedic Formulary of India. How are they useful in ensuring quality of drugs prescribed under ISM.
- Q2. What is the role of an interface in a hyphenated method? Explain the working of ESI in LC-MS system.
- Q3. How is sterility testing done for injectables? Add a note on the sources of microbial contamination during drug manufacture?
- Q4. "IPR treats creativity of human brain as a personal property." Comment. Add a note on the various options available for protecting intellectual property and owning IPR?
- Q5. What is partition coefficient? How does it influence sample processing during bioanalysis?
- Q6. What is a gene library? How do bioinformatic tools help in identifying functional genes?
- Q7. "A nutraceutical is not a drug but it has significant role in managing lifestyle diseases." Comment giving suitable examples.
- Q8. What are Trademarks and Service Marks? What are the two main characteristics of a trademark? What are the advantages of obtaining trademark protection?

## SECTION III

Attempt ANY TWO of the following;

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- Q1. You are provided with a published research paper as an attachment to this question paper. Read the paper carefully and write an abstract for the same. (**Not more than 300 words**)
- Q2. Explain the role of bioanalyst in evaluating quality of medicinal plant raw materials?
- Q3. Explain the regulatory provisions that ensure GCP compliance in clinical trials?
- Q4. What is copyright and what does it cover? How is copyright regulated and protected?
- Q5. How is a DNA sequenced? Add a note on c-DNA library.
- Q6. Explain some important nutraceutical preparations for managing malnutrition in human.

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**PHARMACOGNOSTIC STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY PARAMETERS OF WHOLE PLANTS OF TRICHODESMA INDICUM (Linn.) R.Br.**

**INTRODUCTION**

The plant has numerous medicinal values such as anti diarrhoeal [1], cough suppressant [2] and anti inflammatory [3]. In folkore medicine the paste of the leaves of *Trichodesma indicum* along with rhizomes of *Acorus calamus* and *Allium sativum* were used for the wound healing potentials [4].

The present study aims to study the pharmacognostical charcters and to develop quality parameters of the whole plant of *Trichodesma indicum*.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Collection and authentication of the plant**

Whole plants were collected from the campus of Madurai Medical College, Madurai and authenticated by Dr. Stephenk, Lecturer in Botany, The American College, Madurai. A herbarium was deposited in the Department of Pharmacognosy as PCG/001/2010 in Madurai Medical College, Madurai.

**Pharmacognostic studies [5-7]**

Morphological characters of the leaf, stem and root were studied.

Transverse section of the leaf, stem and root were also studied. Leaf constants were also determined by using camera Lucida and stage micrometer (Table 1). The plant materials were cleaned, shade dried and powdered.

**Physicochemical evaluation [8&9]**

Various physicochemical parameters like FOM, LOD, ash values (total ash, water insoluble ash, acid insoluble ash, water soluble ash), extractive values (petroleum ether, ethanol, methanol), swelling index and foaming index of the powdered materials were established (Table 2). The behavior of the powdered materials was also determined [10, 11] (Table.3).

**Phytochemical studies [5, 7 & 12-13]**

The powdered materials were extracted with solvents like petroleum ether, ethanol and methanol and the active principles present in the extracted plant materials were determined by their respective chemical tests with suitable reagents (Table 4).

**Table 1: Quantitative analytical microscopical parameters of the leaf of T. indicum**

| S. No. | Parameters*                        | Values obtained |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1      | Stomatal number in upper epidermis | 10.17 ± 0.27    |
| 2      | Stomatal number in lower.epidermis | 15.92 ± 1.32    |
| 3      | Stomatal index in upper epidermis  | 26.5 ± 0.55     |
| 4      | Stomatal index in lower epidermis  | 23.76 ± 1.96    |
| 5      | Vein islet number                  | 10.5 ± 1.27     |
| 6      | Vein termination number            | 6.4 ± 0.86      |
| 7      | Palisade ratio in upper epidermis  | 9.25 ± 0.70     |

\* mean of 6 readings ± SEM

**Table 2: Standardization parameters of T. indicum**

| S.No | Parameters*            | Values* expressed as % |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1    | Volatile oil           | Nil                    |
| 2    | Foreign organic matter | 0.02 ± 0.12            |
| 3    | Moisture content       | 8.746 ± 0.02           |
| 4    | Ash values             |                        |
|      | Total ash              | 15.56 ± 0.56           |

|   |                          |                 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
|   | Acid insoluble ash       | 7.17 ± 0.36     |
|   | Water soluble ash        | 2.98 ± 0.90     |
|   | Water insoluble ash      | 13.75 ± 0.59    |
| 5 | <b>Extractive Values</b> |                 |
|   | Petroleum extract        | 1.473 ± 0.03    |
|   | Ether extract            | 6.180 ± 0.02    |
|   | Chloroform extract       | 4.201 ± 0.04    |
|   | Ethyl acetate extract    | 3.358 ± 0.01    |
|   | Ethanol extract          | 4.200 ± 0.03    |
|   | Methanol extract         | 8.598 ± 0.01    |
|   | Aqueous extract          | 9.913 ± 0.03    |
| 6 | <b>Foaming index</b>     |                 |
|   |                          | less than 100   |
| 7 | <b>Swelling index</b>    | expressed as mL |
|   | Initial volume           | 2.6 ± 0.10      |
|   | Final volume             | 9.3 ± 0.17      |

\* mean of three readings

Table 3: Behavior of the *T. indicum* powder with various chemical reagents

| Powder + Reagents          | Colour / Precipitate | Presence of active principle |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Picric acid                | Yellow precipitate   | Protein present              |
| Conc. sulfuric acid        | Reddish brown color  | Phyto sterols present        |
| Lieberman Burchard reagent | Reddish brown color  | Phyto sterols present        |
| Aqueous ferric chloride    | Greenish black color | Tannins present              |
| Iodine solution            | Blue color           | Starch present               |
| Mayer's reagent            | No cream color       | Absence of alkaloids         |
| Spot test                  | No stain             | Fixed oils absent            |
| Sulfosalicylic acid        | White precipitate    | Protein present              |
| Aq. Sodium hydroxide       | Yellow color         | Flavanoids present           |
| Mg - HCl                   | Magenta color        | Flavanoids present           |
| Aq. Lead acetate           | White precipitate    | Presence of tannins          |

Note: - Colour reactions are viewed under natural light by naked eye

Table 4: Preliminary phytochemical tests for various crude extracts of *T. indicum*

| S. No. | Chemical Test               | Petroleum ether extract | Methanol extract | Ethanol extract |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.     | Terpenoids                  | -                       | -                | -               |
| 2.     | Flavones                    | -                       | +                | +               |
| 3.     | Steroids                    | +                       | +                | +               |
| 4.     | Anthraquinones              | -                       | -                | -               |
| 5.     | Glycosides                  | -                       | -                | -               |
| 6.     | Sugars                      | -                       | +                | +               |
| 7.     | Alkaloids                   | -                       | -                | -               |
| 8.     | Quinones                    | -                       | -                | -               |
| 9.     | Phenols                     | -                       | +                | +               |
| 10.    | Tannins                     | -                       | +                | +               |
| 11.    | Saponins                    | -                       | +                | +               |
| 12.    | Proteins & free amino acids | -                       | +                | +               |

Note: (+) Present (-) Absent

## RESULTS

The leaf is a dorsiventral and hypostomatic with anomocytic stomata. It has amoeboid outlined epidermal cells. It has a thick epidermal trichomes and the midrib is deeply grooved on adaxial side with a semi circular abaxial part. It has well defined vein islets and once or twice forked vein termination on its venation pattern.

The microscopical studies of the young stem showed thin layer of narrow rectangular epidermal cells and vascular bundles whereas thick stem showed well preserved epidermal cells and also has primary, secondary xylem cylinders with phloem and vessels up to 40µm wide.

The microscopical studies of the young root showed solid central secondary xylem cylinder with thin layer of secondary phloem. It also has lignified xylem fibers. The narrow vessels are 40µm and wider ones are 130µm in diameter. The thick root showed secondary xylem as major component and also has narrow central core of vessels and fibers with few islands of less stained phloem elements.

Evaluation of powder microscopy showed non glandular, unbranched, unicellular trichomes with 350-900µm long. Xylem

fibers are also seen narrow one is 500µm long and wider one is >500µm long. It has a peculiar character of fiber - tracheids cells it has a multi seriate pits resembling the tracheids. The vessel elements vary from 50-480µm in length and 70-130µm in width. It has masses of starch grains when seen under a polarizing microscope.

## DISCUSSION

The present study deals with the macroscopical, microscopical, physicochemical and phytochemical evaluation of the whole plant materials of *Trichodesma indicum*. The microscopic characters revealed that the leaf was dorsiventral in shape with hypostomatic (anamocytic stomata). The stem on its thick stage showed the presence of both primary and secondary xylem elements. The root section showed the presence of islands of less stained phloem. The powder microscopy showed the presence of unicellular, unbranched covering trichomes, starch grains and fibre-tracheids. The behavior of the powder, phytochemical examination of the ethanol and methanolic extracts indicate the presence tannins, phenolic compounds, flavonoids, sugars, saponins, mucilage, proteins and free amino acids. A detailed information will be useful for the development of standardization parameters, isolation of

phytoconstituents, screening of preclinical and clinical investigation, manufacturing of formulations and also distinguishing it from its closely related species.

#### CONCLUSION

*Trichodesma indicum* Linn R.Br was used in the folklore medicine as a anti inflammatory. Hence this study provide useful information for the identification of this plant for the future plan and also give standardization parameters for the development of herbal formulation.

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