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PHAMACOGNOSTIC AUTHENTICATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF CRUDE PRODUCTS FROM ZINGIBERACEAE AND RUTACEAE

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ABSTRACT

This research project attempts to make an authentic records for all parts (BARK, ROOT, LEAVES, FRUITS AND FLOWERS) of medicinal plants used in Ayurvedic medcine for their identification, authentication and standardization criteria.

<u>Aegle marmelos</u> (Beli), <u>Feronia Limonia</u> (Divul), <u>Alpinia</u> <u>galanga</u> (Aratta) and <u>Kaempferia galanga</u> (Hinguru piyali) were studied. For all parts of each plant, Thin Layer Chromatography, TAS (Thermal Extraction, transfer and application method for substances on a micro scale according to Stahl) analysis and Gas Liquid Chromatography were done in order to find the best profiles for this purpose. In addition to these Physico chemical properties of each plant material were also evaluated.

Each plant is described in a particular chapter and those are formatted in the form of Monographs.

Experiments were done according to the methods described in the relevant standards analytical books and the methods used were described in the Chapter Six (6). These TLC and TAS/TLC profiles developed for each plant material reveal characteristic colour zone under UV and after treatement with a particular spray reagent. GLC profiles of essential oil extract of each plant material show their characteristic peaks with their retention times. But for some plant materials, essential oil content were not detectable according to the method described.

Some of these profiles developed are very characteristic for a particular plant and can therefore be used to distinguish different plant material from each other and test their presence in Ayurvedic medicinal preparations.

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