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Phytochemical and FT-IR spectral analysis of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper and *Macrotyloma uniflorum* (Lam.) Verdc

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ABSTRACT

Legumes are considered as the prime source of proteins with desirable nutritional qualities. The qualitative phytochemical and FT-IR spectrum analysis of two different legume cultivators of *Vigna mungo* and *Macrotyloma uniflorum* were collected from Kanyakumari district, Tamilnadu. Qualitative phytochemical analysis shows the presence of various phytochemicals like protein, tannins, steroids, alkaloids, phenols, glycosides, saponins and carbohydrates. FTIR peaks showed the presence of alkenes, carboxylic acids and alkanes. Further, mechanistic studies on pharmacological evaluation are needed for development of active compounds from these legumes for the therapy and treatments.

KEYWORDS

FTIR spectrum, phytochemical analysis, qualitative phytochemical screening, Macrotyloma uniflorum, Vigna mungo



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INTRODUCTION

Legumes are edible seeds which are important source for human nutrition. They are cultivated for grains, fodder for livestock and as green manure¹. The seeds of *Vigna mungo* contains carbohydrate, fat, protein, fibre and flavonoids². They are also used for manufacturing pharmaceutical products³. The seeds of *Macrotyloma uniflorum* have various bioactive compounds, which possess significant and physiological effects on humans⁴.

Phytochemical analysis mainly helps to standardize of herbal drugs. Pharmacological analysis of pulse extracts have immuno-stimulatory activity⁵. Legumes produce primary and secondary metabolites such as polyphenols which exhibits various pharmacological effects⁶. A variety of spectroscopic techniques are used to characterize the bioactive compounds in legumes. FT-IR technique is the basic tool to characterize the functional groups of the various bioactive compounds present in the legumes. The present study was to determine the phytochemicals present in *V. mungo* and *M. uniflorum* and their functional groups by using FT-IR spectral analysis.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Description of *Vigna mungo*

*Vigna mungo*⁷ is an erect annual herb with trifoliate ovate leaflets. The inflorescence has a long peduncle and bears yellow, small, papilionaceous flowers and produce a cylindrical erect pod.

Description of *Macrotyloma uniflorum*

*Macrotyloma uniflorum*⁷ is a densely growing, climbing slender herbaceous legume with trifoliate leaves, leaflets ovate, rounded at the base, acute or slightly acuminate, terminate leaflet, symmetrical, softly tomentose on both surfaces, yellow flowers, single or in short, sessile or subsessile, 2-4 flowered axillary racemes with linear pods.

Collection of the seeds

The seeds of *V. mungo* and *M. uniflorum* were harvested from the home-gardens of Kanyakumari District. The healthy seeds were dried and grounded with the help of a mixer.

Preparation of extract

The dried seeds are powdered and subjected to extraction by using Soxhlet apparatus using acetone, chloroform, ethanol and distilled water. After extraction each of these solvent extracts was weighed and preserved in room temperature.

Phytochemical Screening

Qualitative phytochemical analysis of the acetone, chloroform, ethanol and aqueous extracts of two legumes were carried out to determine the presence of phytochemicals



which includes carbohydrates, protein, alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, tannins, steroids, phenolic compounds, saponins, and glycosides⁸.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1. Phytochemical analysis of *V. mungo* seed

S. No.	Phytochemical constituents	Acetone	Aqueous	Chloroform	Ethanol
1	Carbohydrate	+	+	-	+
2	Protein	-	+	-	+
3	Alkaloids	-	-	-	-
4	Flavonoids	-	+	+	+
5	Terpenoids	+	+	-	+
6	Tannins	+	-	-	-
7	Steroids	+	-	+	+
8	Phenols	+	+	-	+
9	Glycosides	+	-	+	+
10	Saponin	-	+	-	-

Table 2 Phytochemical analysis of *M. uniflorum* seed

S. No.	Phytochemical constituents	Acetone	Aqueous	Chloroform	Ethanol
1	Carbohydrate	-	+	+	+
2	Protein	-	+	-	-
3	Alkaloids	-	-	+	+
4	Flavonoids	-	-	-	-
5	Terpenoids	-	-	-	-
6	Tannins	+	+	-	-
7	Steroids	+	+	+	+
8	Phenols	-	+	+	+
9	Glycosides	-	+	+	-
10	Saponin	-	+	-	-

The acetone extract of *Vigna mungo* seed possesses carbohydrate, terpenoids, tannins, steroids, phenols and glycosides; aqueous extract contain carbohydrates, protein, flavonoids, terpenoids, phenols and saponin; chloroform extract had flavonoids, steroids and glycosides and ethanol extract showed the presence carbohydrate, protein, flavonoids, terpenoids, steroids, phenols and glycosides were present. In *Macrotyloma uniflorum* seed, acetone

Qualitative analysis

The results of phytochemical analysis of two legume seeds are tabulated (Table 1 & 2).

extract showed the presence of tannins and steroids; aqueous extract showed the presence of carbohydrates, protein, tannins, steroids, phenols and glycosides; chloroform extract has carbohydrate, alkaloids, steroids, phenols and glycosides; and ethanol extract shows the presence of carbohydrate, alkaloids, steroids and phenols.

Preliminary phytochemical screening mainly focus on the qualitative analysis of



the bioactive compounds from the mixture compounds as they may be used for various pharmaceutical practices⁹. Phytochemicals such as carbohydrate, protein, alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, tannins, steroids, phenols, glycosides and saponins were determined in acetone, aqueous, chloroform and ethanol extracts. The phytochemical analysis of *Vigna mungo* seed extracts presence of protein, carbohydrate, flavonoids, alkaloids, terpenoids, tannins, steroids, glycosides, phenols and saponins. Analysis of phytochemicals in *Macrotyloma uniflorum* seed extracts presence of protein, tannins, carbohydrate, steroids, alkaloids, phenols, glycosides and saponins. The phytochemical screening was achieved by many researchers in legumes^{10, 11, 12}.

FT-IR analysis

The FT-IR spectral analysis for the seeds powder of *V. mungo* and *M. uniflorum* have been taken. The wave number (cm^{-1}) of spectrum is plotted against percentage of transmittance. Nineteen peaks were found in the FTIR chromatogram of *Vigna mungo*. Among these, 3 was found in high peaks 992.16, 2850.91 and 2919.44 (Figure 1). Nineteen peaks were found in the FT-IR chromatogram of *Macrotyloma uniflorum* (Figure 2). FT-IR spectra shows the similar values for both the species studied. Alkenes, the peak value of 992.16

($\text{RCH}=\text{CH}_2$) and alkanes the peak value of 2850.91 and 2919.44 (RCH_2CH_3) were well represented in both *Vigna mungo* and *Macrotyloma uniflorum* seeds. The functional groups of plants can be used to quantify the phytoconstituents^{13,14}. Carbonaro et al.¹⁵ analysed the secondary structure of legumes (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L. and *Lens culinaris* L.) seed flour by using FTIR analysis. They also studied the relationship between digestibility and secondary structure of raw and thermally treated legume proteins by using FT-IR analysis¹⁶.

CONCLUSION

Phytochemical analysis of *V. mungo* and *M. uniflorum* seeds showed the presence of various phytochemicals such as carbohydrate, protein, alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, tannins, steroids, phenols, glycosides and saponins, whereas FT-IR spectrum depicted the occurrence of the functional groups. The identification of phytochemical constituents of this two legumes having therapeutic properties and could be used as nutraceuticals.



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