Comparative valuation of the antimicrobial activities of *Artemisia* princeps var. orientalis and *Angelica sp.* on selected bacteria

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Abstract

The importance of screening natural preservative has increased in recent years. The natural preservatives have been used in the field of foods, cosmetics and pharmacology. In the present work, Artemisia sp. and Angelica sp., well recognized for their effect of antimicrobial activity, were extracted by water and methanol for selecting only water-soluble compounds that can be used as additives in food and cosmetics. Antimicrobial activities of six different water extracts from shoot and leaf of Artemisia princeps var. orientalis, shoot and root of Angelica gigas and Angelica were investigated by the disc diffusion method. Three gram negative bacteria (Escherichia. coil, Agrobacterium tumefaciens and Pseudomonas putida) and two gram positive bacteria (Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus subtilis) were used for antimicrobial activity studies. The water-soluble compounds from methanol extract showed higher antimicrobial activity than only water extract to these bacteria. Comparative evaluation of water-soluble metabolite profiles with caffeic acid that is known as an antimicrobial compound from Artemisia sp. and Angelica sp. was performed by high performance liquid chromatography with photo-diode array detection.

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