

Synthesis And Characterization Of Silver Nanoparticles Of Calotropis Gigantea

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ABSTRACT

Medicinal plants are a reservoir of biologically active compounds with therapeutic properties that over time have been discovered and used by diverse groups of people for treatment of various ailments. Phytochemical and biological activities of stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of different solvent extracts of *Calotropis gigantea* was studied *in vitro*. Various secondary metabolites were present in stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of different solvent extracts of *Calotropis gigantea*. Methanolic extract *Calotropis gigantea* showed the maximum level of phytoconstituents. GC – MS analysis of methanol extract revealed the various compounds might be exhibits various biological activities.

1. INTRODUCTION

C. gigantea is known for various medicinal properties in traditional medicinal system and use to cure a variety of diseases. In last few decades, *C. gigantea* is extensively studied for its medicinal properties by advanced scientific techniques and a variety of bioactive compounds have been isolated from the different parts of the plant and were analysed pharmacologically. Hence in the present investigation phytochemical and biological activities and synthesis and characterization of silver nano particles from *C. gigantea* was studied.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Extraction of various parts of *Calotropis gigantea*

The stem, leaf, flower and root was cleaned shade dried and coarsely powdered, latex was collected in sterile condition. Successive solvent extraction was done by cold percolation method (Harborne, 1998) by soaking in hexane, chloroform, ethyl acetate, ethanol and methanol successively in an aspirator bottle for 48 h. Aqueous extracts of all the parts of *Calotropis gigantea* were also prepared. After 48 h, the extracts were filtered by Whatman Filter paper No.1. The solvent was removed by distillation using Evapor Rotary Evaporator and the extracts were concentrated and dried in Lyode Freeze Dryer.

Phytochemical studies

Phytochemical screening of stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of *Calotropis gigantea* extracts

Qualitative tests were performed to assess the nature of phytochemicals present in various extracts of *Calotropis gigantea* namely hexane, chloroform, ethyl acetate, ethanol, methanol and

aqueousextracts.

Liebermann-Burchard Test: Extract is dissolved in minimum of chloroform. Acetic acid was added and heated. Few drops of acetic anhydride and concentrated H₂SO₄ were added. Green colour shows the presence of Steroid.

a) **Noller's Test:** Extract is treated with tin and thionyl chloride and was heated in a water bath.

Purple colour shows the presence of Triterpenoid.

b) **Shinoda Test:** Extract is dissolved in alcohol. Magnesium bits and concentrated hydrochloric acid was added. It was heated in a water bath. Magenta colour shows the presence of Flavonoid.

c) **Test for Furan:** Extract is dissolved in alcohol. p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and concentrated hydrochloric acid was added and was heated in a water bath. Pink colour shows the presence of Furanoid compound.

d) **Test for Sugar:** Extract is treated with anthrone and concentrated H₂SO₄. It was heated in a water bath. Green colour shows the presence of Sugar.

e) **Test for Coumarin:** Extract is shaken with 10% NaOH. Yellow colour shows the presence of Coumarin. The substance regenerates when concentrated H₂SO₄ is added.

f) **Test for Quinone:** Extract is treated with concentrated H₂SO₄. Red colour shows the presence of Quinone.

g) **Test for Saponin:** Extract is shaken with water. Frothing shows the presence of Saponin.

h) **Test for Tannin:** Extract is shaken with water and lead acetate solution was added. White precipitate shows the presence of Tannin.

i) **Test for Acid:** Extract is treated with sodium bicarbonate solution. Effervescence shows the presence of Acid.

j) **Test for Phenol:** Extract is dissolved in alcohol. Ferric chloride is added. Bluish colour shows the presence of Phenol.

k) **Test for Alkaloid:** Extract is taken in acetic acid and few drops of freshly prepared Dragendorff's reagent are added. A brick red or orange precipitate shows the presence of Alkaloids.

Analysis of the different extracts of stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of *Calotropis gigantea* by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS)

GC-MS technique was used in this study to identify the phyto components. GC-MS analysis of the fractions was performed using GC-MS-

QP2010 (Shimadzu) and gas chromatograph interfaced to a mass spectrometer (GC-MS) equipped with Elite -1 fused silica capillary column (Length : 30.0 m, Diameter : 0.25 mm, Film thickness : 0.25 µm composed of 100 % Dimethylpoly siloxane). For GC-MS detection, an electron

ionization energy system with ionization energy of 70 eV was used. Helium gas (99.999%) was used as the carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1.51 ml/min and an injection volume of 1 µl was employed (split ratio: 10), Injector temperature 240 °C; Ion-source temperature 200 °C. The oven temperature was programmed from 70 °C (isothermal for 3 min), with an increase of 300 °C for 10 min. Mass spectra were taken at 70 eV; scan interval of 0.5 sec with scan range of 40 – 1000 m/z. Total GC running time was 35 min. The relative percentage amount of each component was calculated by comparing its average peak area to the total areas. Software adopted to handle mass spectra and chromatograms was a GC-MS solution ver. 2.53.

Identification of phytochemicals

Interpretation of mass spectrum GC-MS was conducted using the database of National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST08) and WILEY8. The spectrum of the unknown components was compared with the spectrum of known components stored in the library. The name, molecular weight and structure of the components of the test materials were ascertained.

Quantitative estimation

Estimation of total phenols

Folin-Ciocalteu reagent method was used to determine the total phenolic compounds with slight modifications (Zinshen. J et., al., 1999). One hundred µL of water dissolved methanol extract of latex (1 mg/mL) was mixed with 900 µL of methanol and 1 mL of Folin-Ciocalteu reagent (1:10 diluted with distilled water). After 5 min, 1 mL of 20% (w/v) of Na₂CO₃ solution was added. The mixture was then allowed to stand for 30 min incubation in dark at room temperature. The absorbance was measured at 765 nm in UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The total phenolic content was expressed in terms of gallic acid equivalent (µg/mg of extract), which is a common reference compound.

Estimation of total flavonoids

The total flavonoid content was determined using aluminium chloride reagent method with slight modification (Ahmed. D et., al., 2014). Five hundred µL of water dissolved methanol extract of latex (1 mg/mL) was mixed with 500 µL of methanol and 500 µL of 5% (w/v) sodium nitrite solution followed by 500 µL of 10% (w/v) aluminium chloride solution was added and incubated for 5 min at room temperature. Then 1 mL of 1 M NaOH solution was added and the total volume was made up to 5 mL with distilled water. Absorbance was measured at 510 nm in UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The result was expressed as (µg/mg of extract) quercetin equivalent.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Preliminary phytochemical analysis of different solvent extract of Methanolic extract of stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of *Calotropis gigantea* exhibited flavonoid, steroid, alkaloid, saponin, triterpenoid, quinone, tannins, coumarin, and phenol. Likewise ethanol extract of stem, leaf, flower, root and latex of *Calotropis gigantea* exhibited flavonoid, steroid, alkaloid, saponin, triterpenoid, quinone, tannins and coumarin respectively. Maximum level of phytoconstituents was observed at methanol extract of latex of *Calotropis gigantea*; Whereas in hexane, chloroform, ethylacetate and aqueous showed the moderate level of phytoconstituents (Table 1-5). Methanol extract of latex showed the total phenols and flavonoids was found to be 0.351 and 0.142 GAE/100g.

GC – MS analysis of methanol extract of root, stem, leaf, flower and latex of *Calotropis gigantea* revealed the presence of various bio active compounds such as 2,4,4-trimethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-5a-(3-methyl-but-2-enyl)-cyclohexene,9,19-cycloergost-24(28)-en-3-ol, 4,14-dimethyl-,acetate,(3.beta.,4.alpha.,5.alpha.),2r-acetoxymethyl-1,3,3-trimethyl-4t-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-1t-cyclohexanol,lup-20(29)-en-3-ol,acetate,(3.beta.),cholest-22-ene-21-ol, **3,5-dehydro-6-methoxy-,pivalate,4,4,6a,6b,8a,11,11,14b-octamethyl-1,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydro-2,urs-12-en-24-oicacid,3-oxo-,methylester,(+)-,2h-pyran,2-(7-heptadecyloxy)tetrahydro, (-)-isolongifolol,acetate,3-o-acetyl-6-methoxy-cycloarteno,2r-acetoxymethyl-1,3,3-trimethyl-4t-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-1t-cyclohexanol,12-oleanen-3-ylacetate,(3.alpha.),9,19-cycloergost-24(28)-en-3-ol,4,14-dimethyl-,acetate,(3.beta.,4.alpha.,5.alpha.)-a'-neogammacer-22(29)-ene,4,4,6a,6b,8a,11,11,14b-octamethyl-1,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydro-2,hop-22(29)-en-3.beta.-ol,**3H-1,5-Benzodiazepine,** 2,4-dimethyl,Isobutyricacid,2-isopropoxyphenyl,Propenamide, 2-acetamido-3-phenyl-N-(3-hydroxypropyl),**2-(1H-Benzimidazol-2-methylsulfanyl)-4,6-dimethyl-nicotinonitrile,**(Table 6-10 & Fig 1-5).**

4. CONCLUSION

Calotropisjuiterpenol, calotropisesterterpenol, calotrobenzofuranone, calotronaphthalene, were the chief phytochemical compounds from the root extract of the *Calotropis gigantea*. Pharmacological activity includes Neuropharmacological activity, cytotoxic activity, antitumor activity, antibacterial activity, antidiarrheal activity, anticonvulsant and central nervous system activity, antiinflammatory activity, procoagulant activity, wound healing activity, hepatoprotective activity etc. Herbs provide many unique qualities that are very limited in conventional medicine, such as anticancer, antiviral, and immunoregulation properties. *Calotropis gigantea* is a constant herb with a long past of use in traditional medicine. This proves to be a posh bequest with such dynamic phytochemical compounds.

Table 1 Phytochemical screening of stem extract of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Phytochemical tests	Hexane	Chloroform	Ethylacetate	Ethanol	Methanol	Aqueous
1	Liebermann-Burchad test(Steroid)	-	-	-	-	+	-
2	Noller's test(Triterpenoid)	-	+	-	+	+	-
3	Shinoda test(Flavonoid)	-	+	-	+	+	-
4	Furan test	-	-	-	-	+	-
5	Coumarin test	-	-	-	-	+	-
6	Sugar test	-	-	-	-	-	+
7	Quinone test	-	-	+	-	-	-
8	Saponin test	-	-	-	-	+	-
9	Acid test	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Tannin test	-	+	-	-	+	-
11	Phenol test	-	-	+	+	+	-
12	Alkaloid test	-	+	-	+	-	-

Table 2 Phytochemical screening of leaf extract of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Phytochemical tests	Hexane	Chloroform	Ethylacetate	Ethanol	Methanol	Aqueous
1	Liebermann-Burchad test(Steroid)	-	-	-	-	+	-
2	Noller's test(Triterpenoid)	-	-	+	+	+	-
3	Shinoda test(Flavonoid)	-	-	+	+	+	-

4	Furan test	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Coumarin test	-	-	-	+	+	-
6	Sugar test	-	-	-	-	+	+
7	Quinone test	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Saponin test	-	-	-	+	+	-
9	Acid test	-	-	-	-	+	-
10	Tannin test	-	-	-	-	+	-
11	Phenol test	-	-	+	-	+	+
12	Alkaloid test	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3 Phytochemical screening of flower extract of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Phytochemical tests	Hexane	Chloroform	Ethylacetate	Ethanol	Methanol	Aqueous
1	Liebermann-Burchad test(Steroid)	-	-	-	-	+	-
2	Noller's test(Triterpenoid)	-	-	+	+	+	-
3	Shinoda test(Flavonoid)	-	-	-	+	+	+
4	Furan test	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Coumarin test	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Sugar test	-	-	-	+	+	+
7	Quinone test	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Saponin test	-	+	+	-	+	-
9	Acid test	-	-	+	+	+	+
10	Tannin test	-	+	-	-	+	-
11	Phenol test	-	-	-	+	+	-
12	Alkaloid test	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4 Phytochemical screening of root extract of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Phytochemical tests	Hexane	Chloroform	Ethylacetate	Ethanol	Methanol	Aqueous
1	Liebermann-Burchad	-	-	-	+	+	-

	test(Steroid)						
2	Noller's test(Triterpenoid)	-	-	+	+	+	-
3	Shinoda test(Flavonoid)	-	-	-	+	+	-
4	Furan test	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Coumarin test	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Sugar test	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Quinone test	-	+	-	-	+	-
8	Saponin test	-	-	+	-	+	-
9	Acid test	-	-	-	+	+	+
10	Tannin test	-	+	-	+	+	-
11	Phenol test	-	-	-	+	+	+
12	Alkaloid test	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5 Phytochemical screening of latex extract of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Phytoche-mical tests	Hexane	Chloroform	Ethylacetate	Ethanol	Methanol	Aqueous
1	Liebermann-Burchad test(Steroid)	-	-	+	+	+	+
2	Noller's test(Triterpenoid)	-	-	-	+	+	+
3	Shinoda test(Flavonoid)	-	+	-	+	+	+
4	Furan test	-	-	+	-	+	+
5	Coumarin test	-	-	+	+	+	+
6	Sugar test	-	+	+	+	+	+
7	Quinone test	-	-	+	+	+	+
8	Saponin test	-	-	-	-	+	+
9	Acid test	-	-	-	+	+	+
10	Tannin test	-	-	+	+	+	+
11	Phenol test	-	+	+	+	+	+
12	Alkaloid test	-	-	-	-	+	+

Table 6 GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of *Calotropis gigantea* stem

S. No	Compound Name	Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula
1	urs-12-en-28-ol	222	C15H26O
2	2,4,4-trimethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-5a-(3-methyl-but-2-enyl)-cyclohexene	424	C30H48O
3	9,19-cycloergost-24(28)-en-3-ol, 4,14-dimethyl-, acetate, (3.beta.,4.alpha.,5.alpha.)-	468	C32H52O2
4	2r-acetoxymethyl-1,3,3-trimethyl-4t-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-1t-cyclohexanol	282	C17H30O3
5	lup-20(29)-en-3-ol, acetate, (3.beta.)-	264	C32H52O2

Fig.1GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of stem of *Calotropis gigantea*

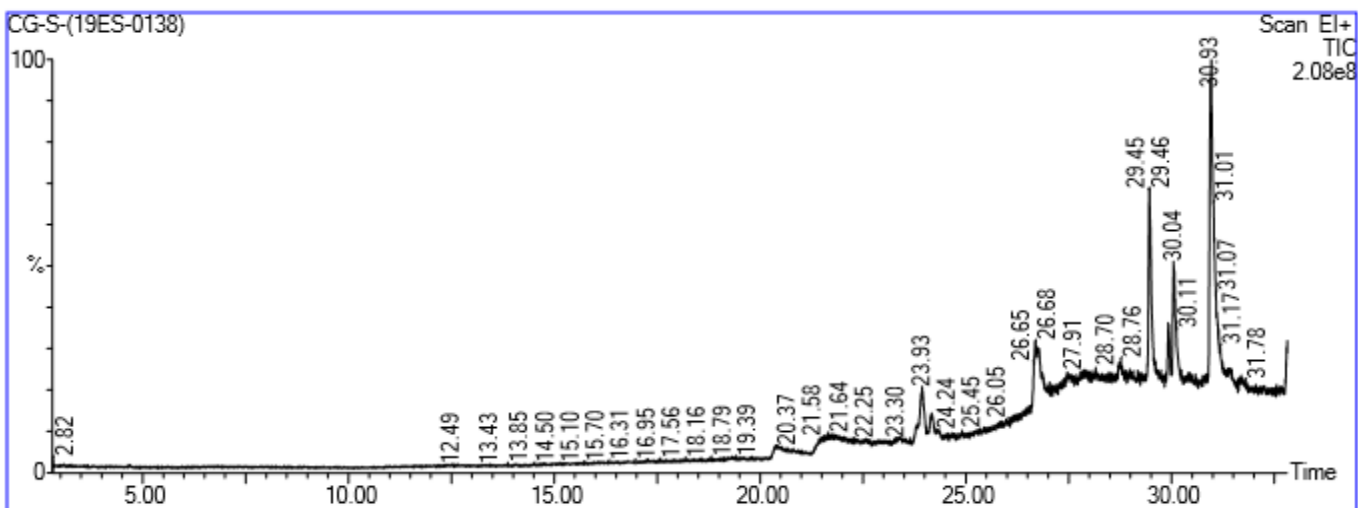


Table 7 GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract leaf of *Calotropis gigantea*

S. No	Compound Name	Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula
1	cholest-22-ene-21-ol, 3,5-dehydro-6-methoxy-, pivalate	498	C33H54O3
2	4,4,6a,6b,8a,11,11,14b-octamethyl-1,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydro-2	424	C30H48O
3	urs-12-en-24-oic acid, 3-oxo-, methyl ester, (+)-	468	C31H48O3
4	2h-pyran, 2-(7-heptadecyloxy)tetrahydro-	336	C22H40O2
5	(-)-isolongifolol, acetate	264	C17H28O2

Fig. 2GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of leaf of *Calotropis gigantea*

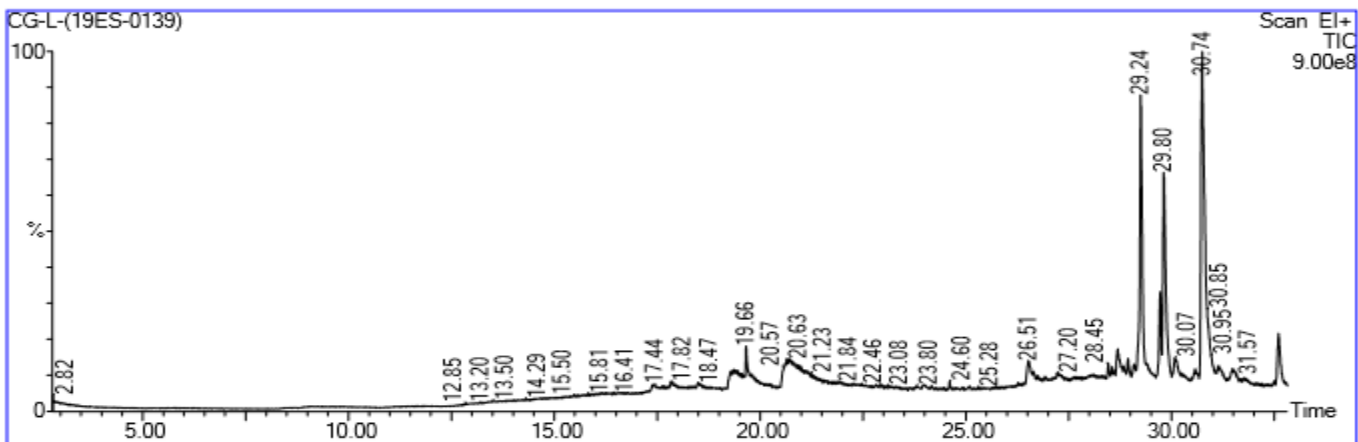


Table 8 GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of flower of *Calotropis gigantea*

S. No	Compound Name	Molecular Weight	Molecular Formula
1	3-o-acetyl-6-methoxy-cycloarteno	498	C33H54O3
2	2r-acetoxymethyl-1,3,3-trimethyl-4t-(3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl)-1t-cyclohexanol	282	C17H30O3
3	12-oleanen-3-yl acetate, (3.alpha.)-	468	C32H52O2
4	9,19-cycloergost-24(28)-en-3-ol, 4,14-dimethyl-, acetate, (3.beta.,4.alpha.,5.alpha.)-	468	C32H52O2
5	a'-neogammacer-22(29)-ene	410	C30H50

Fig.3GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of flower of *Calotropis gigantea*

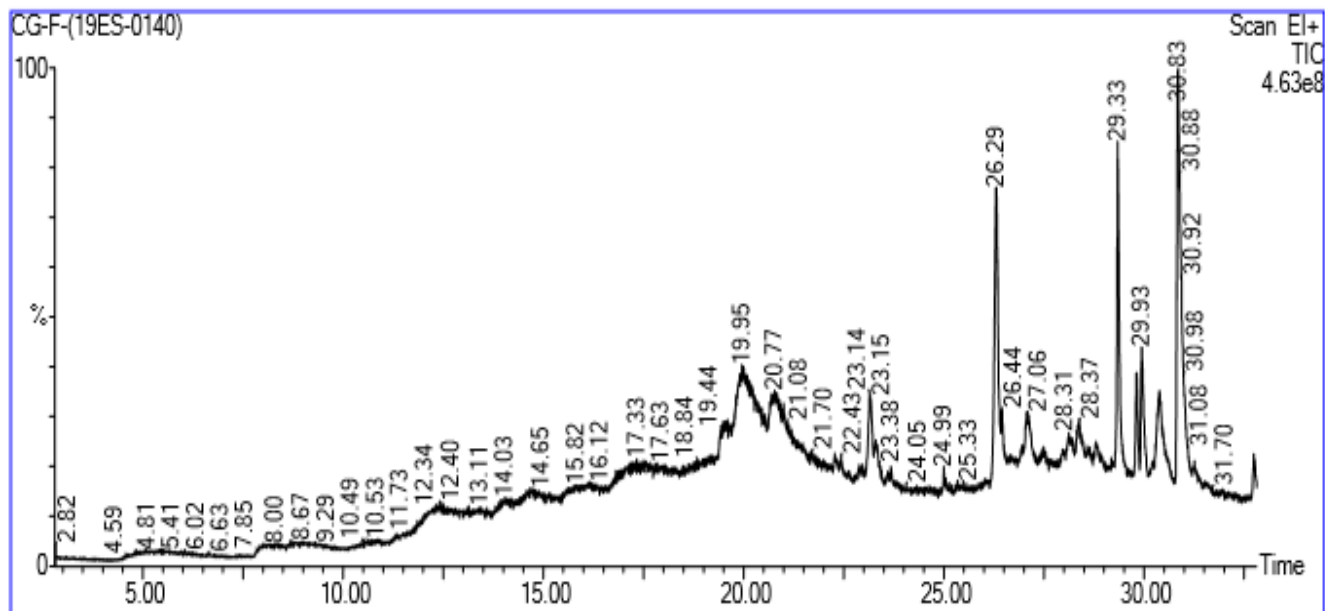


Table 9 GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of root of *Calotropis gigantea*

S.no	Compound name	Molecular weight	Molecular formula
1	4,4,6a,6b,8a,11,11,14b-octamethyl-1,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydro-2	424	C ₃₀ H ₄₈ O
2	3-o-acetyl-6-methoxy-cycloartenol	498	C ₃₃ H ₅₄ O ₃
3	hop-22(29)-en-3.beta.-ol	426	C ₃₀ H ₅₀ O

Fig.4GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of root of *Calotropis gigantea*

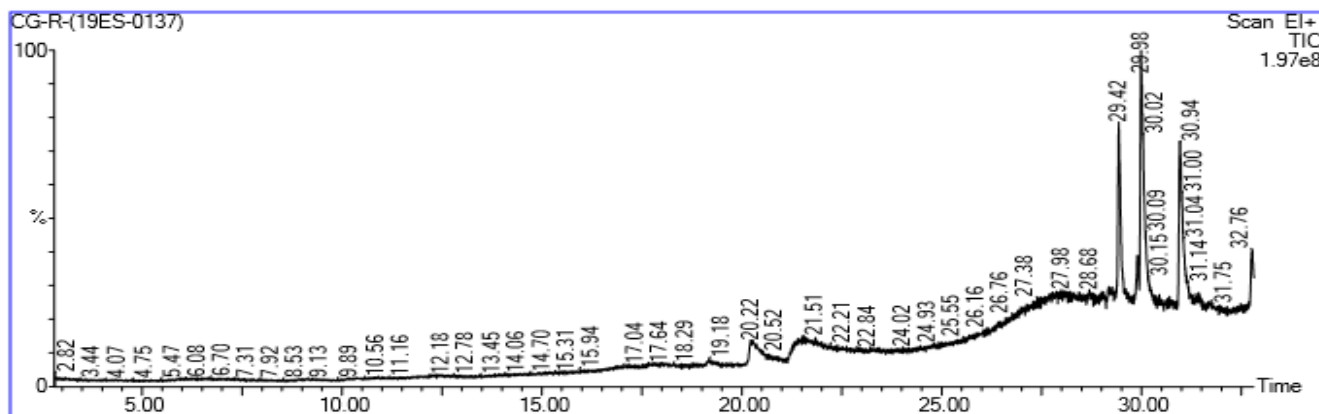
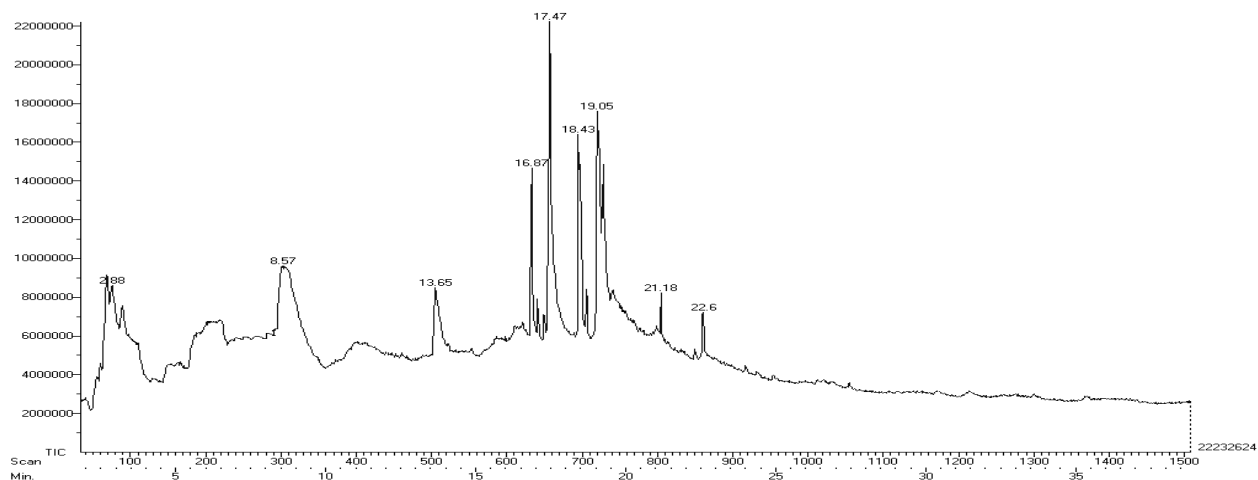


Table 10 GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of latex of *Calotropis gigantea*

S. No	Name of the Compound	Molecular weight
1	3H-1,5-Benzodiazepine, 2,4-dimethyl-	172
2	Isobutyric acid, 2-isopropoxyphenyl	222
3	Propenamide, 2-acetamido-3-phenyl-N-(3-hydroxypropyl)-	262
4	2-(1H-Benzoimidazol-2-methylsulfonyl)-4,6-dimethyl-nicotinonitrile	294

Fig.5GC – MS analysis of methanolic extract of latex of *Calotropis gigantea*



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