

**PREFORMULATION STUDIES & PHYTOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF
ETHANOLIC EXTRACT OF *EMBILICA OFFICINALIS* AND *GLYCINE
MAX MERRILL*.**

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ABSTRACT

Embilica officinalis (Euphorbiaceae) and *Glycine max Merrill* (Papilionaceae) are the most common medicinal plants and it's having strong anticancer properties against ovarian cancer. It having a great curing properties for treatment of ovarian cancer. The dried fruits and seeds were identified and collected from, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The aim of present work is focused on analysis phytochemical properties and antioxidant properties of *Embilica officinalis* and *Glycine max Merrill*. In the phytochemical analysis estimation of phytoconstituents glycosides, alkaloids, tannin, saponin and flavonoids were estimated for crude powder. The antioxidant properties of ethanolic extract were analysis by DPPH percentage free radical inhibition activity. By this analysis were found *Embilica officinalis* fruit extract have greater

antioxidant activity comparison then *Glycine max Merrill* ethanolic extract. In future work design novel drug delivery system of combination with ethanolic extract of *Embilica Officinalis* and *Glycine max Merrill* for effective activity against ovarian cancer.

KEYWORDS: phytochemical, antioxidant, ethanolic, DPPH.

INTRODUCTION

Ovarian Cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer in India. Among 26.1% female are suffering with ovarian cancer in India.^[1] Ovarian cancer is a type of cancer when cancer begins from ovaries. It is known as one of the leading cause of death in women.^[2] Women having two ovaries that located in pelvis and both are on each side of uterus. The ovaries main function is to produce female hormones and eggs.^[3] Increase in oxidative stress causes high risk of ovarian cancer. In patients where increased levels of plasma lipid per-oxidation

and low levels of SOD, Vitamin C, CAT and Vitamin E are observed as compared to normal subject, have higher chances of ovarian cancer.^[4] To maintain the harmonization between oxidants and anti-oxidants, natural antioxidants such as vincristine, vinblastine, ellagic acid, quercetin, genistein, and andrographides and podophyllotoxin are used which also play a crucial role as anticancer agents.^[5] We selected some antioxidants which have antioxidant properties and can be used for fighting against ovarian cancer. Dried Amla obtained from *Embilica officinalis* of the family Euphorbiaceae and Ground Soyabean obtained from *Glycine max Merrill* of the family Papilionaceae, are most common herbs widely consumed beverages in worldwide. The *Embilica officinalis* fruit contains gallic acid, quercetin, pectin, tannins, vitamin C and phyllaemblic compounds and also contains various polyphenolic compounds, ellagic acid, gallic acid, chebulinic acid, quercetin, and chebulagic acid.^[6] The *Glycine max Merrill* is a soya isoflavones contain genistein and diadzein. Ground soya bean contains isoflavones and other glycosides. Both herbs are also rich in flavonoidal compounds. All flavonoids have an inherent tendency to act as free radical scavenger and hence restore the cellular capacity of reformation naturally. This is the reason why most of the flavonoidal drugs are being used for treatment of different types of cancer. Dried Amla is also used to treat fever, as diuretic, laxative, liver tonic, refrigerant, stomachic, restorative, anti-pyretic, hair tonic, to prevent ulcer and dyspepsia.^[7] Similarly, Ground Soya bean is also used as nutrient and supplement.^[8]

The aim of our study was to produce ethanolic extracts of dried amla fruit and ground soyabean and to carry out their preformulation studies & phytochemical analysis. Our approach is to develop a novel drug delivery system of herbal extract and comparison with pure phytoconstituent against ovarian cancer.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Dried *Embilica officinalis* fruit and *Glycine max Merrill* was purchased from authentic supplier of herbal products of Raipur District. 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) was purchased from allied scientific laboratories, Nagpur and petroleum ether 60-80°C, Ethanol was purchased from supplier. L-ascorbic acid was from institution lab. Depending upon exhaustive literature review dried *Embilica officinalis* fruit and *Glycine max Merrill* were selected for preparation of extracts.^[9]

Preparation of Extract

The dried material of *Embilica officinalis* and *Glycine max Merrill* was cleaned and then crushed for powder. Exactly 60gm of each herb was weighed and defatted with 200 ml of petroleum ether 60-80°C and then air dried. After that herbs were extracted with ethanolic solvent for 24 hr by a continuous hot extraction method, until complete exhaustion of the drug occurs using a soxhlet apparatus. A deep brown viscous residue obtained having characteristic odour. Further the solvents were evaporated to dryness.

Estimation of physicochemical parameters

The determination of various physicochemical parameters such as total ash, acid insoluble ash, water soluble ash, water soluble extractive value, alcohol soluble extractive value, swelling index, foaming index, moisture content, ash value, pH were calculated as per Indian Pharmacopoeia.^[10]

Extraction value: Extraction value was determined in different solvents as Ethanol, Chloroform and Petroleum ether 60-80 °C. Weighed the empty weight of every conical flask where sample was kept. Again weighed the exactly 2 gm of herbs powder and take in conical flask were 10 ml of solvents in different conical flask. Tightly close the mouth of conical flask by cotton and aluminium foil paper and stand for 24 hr and observed the first solvent was evaporate and calculated the extraction value.

Table 1. Extraction value of *Embilica officinalis* herb

Solvent	Extraction value
Chloroform	0.07
Petroleum ether	0.04
Ethanol	0

Table 2. Extraction value of *Glycine max Merrill* herb

Solvent	Extraction value
Chloroform	0.03
Petroleum ether	0.06
Ethanol	0

Preliminary phytochemical screening

For preliminary phytochemical screening, 100 g of powder drug was extracted with ethanol. The mother extract obtained from successive solvent extraction were then subjected to various qualitative chemical tests to determine the presence of various phytoconstituents like

alkaloids, glycosides, carbohydrates, phenolics and tannins, phytosterols, fixed oils and fats, proteins and amino acids, flavonoids, saponins, gums and mucilages etc.^[11-13]

Percentage of Free radical inhibition by DPPH

0.004% DPPH solution was prepared using 20 mg DPPH with 500ml of ethanol. Then prepared stock solution by using 10 mg of ethanolic extract with 10 ml of ethanol. Then prepared different dilution 0.25µg/ml, 0.50µg/ml, 0.75µg/ml, 1.00µg/ml, 1.25µg/ml of working solution and make up it into 10 ml with help of 0.004% of DPPH solution in volumetric flask. Tightly close the flask with cap. Keep it 30 min in a incubator for 20°C. After 30 min take absorbance at 517 nm in a UV Shimadzu spectrophotometer. Calculate % free radical inhibition and compare with Ascorbic acid as standard.^{[15][16]}

$$\% \text{ free radical inhibition} = \frac{A_{\text{CONTROL}} - A_{\text{TEST}}}{A_{\text{CONTROL}}} \times 100$$

Where A_{CONTROL} is the absorbance of the control reaction and A_{TEST} is the absorbance in the presence of the sample of the extracts. Then Table 6 shows that the volume of ascorbic acid and extract taken for the present study. And plotted the graph for comparison of extract from L-Ascorbic acid^[16-17] (figure 1).

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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Physio-chemical Parameters

The determination of physico-chemical parameter is important in determination of adulterants and improper handling of drugs. Table- 4 shows the result of various physico chemical parameter of powdered drug carried out using standard methods. Moisture content of drugs could be at minimal level to discourage the growth of bacteria, yeast or fungi during storage. Ash values used to determine quality and purity of crude drug. It indicates the presence of various impurities like carbonate, oxalate and silicate.^[9] The acid insoluble ash consist mainly silica and indicate contamination with earthy material. The water soluble ash is used to

estimate the amount of inorganic elements present in drugs. The extractive values are useful to evaluate the chemical constituents present in the crude drug and also help in estimation of specific constituents soluble in a particular solvent.^[10]

Table No.3 Organoleptic Evaluation^[11]

S.No.	Organoleptic Parameters	<i>Embilica officinalis</i>	<i>Glycine max Merrill</i>
1.	Colour	Blackish	Yellowish
2.	Odour	Characteristic	Characteristic
3.	Taste	Sour	Pungent

Table no .4 Physical Evaluation Parameters^{[11],[12],[13]}

Extractive Values	Values (%) (w/w)	Values (%) (w/w)
Loss on Drying	43.50%	28.50%
Swelling Index	7.5	2.5
Total Ash Value	3.2%	5.3%
Acid Soluble Ash Value	0.8%	1.3%
Water Insoluble Ash Value	4.9%	3.7%

Phytochemical Analysis of Dried Powder of *Embilica officinalis* & *Glycine max Merrill*

The powder drug with different chemical reagents show different color when seen on naked eye. The different colour observed shows presence of different type of phytoconstituent. Many drugs fluorescence when their powder is exposed to ultraviolet radiation. It is important to observe all materials on reaction with different chemical reagents under U.V. light. The fluorescence characteristics of powdered drug were studied under U.V. light after treating with different chemical reagents are reported.^[13] (Table No.4).

Table 5. Phytochemical screening of herbs extracts

S.No	Test	Amla extract	Soyabean extract
a)	Test for alkaloid (Hager's test)	No precipitate form it not show present of alkaloid	No precipitate form it not show present of alkaloid
b)	Test for Saponin	No foaming produce it not show present of Saponin	No foaming produce it not show present of Saponin
c)	Test for Glycosides a)Killer Killani Test b) Bromine Water Test	It not show present of glycosides No yellow precipitate form it not show present of glycosides	It not show present of glycosides No yellow precipitate form it not show present of glycosides
d)	Test for flavonoids a) ferric chloride test	Blackish red colour form it show present of flavonoids	Blackish red colour form it show present of

	b) Alkaline Reagent test c) Lead Acetate Solution test	Colourless it show present of flavonoids Yellow precipitate form it show present of flavonoids	flavonoids Colourless it show present of flavonoids Yellow precipitate form it shows the presence of flavonoids
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The results are expressed as mean \pm S.E.M. The statistical analysis was performed by analysis of variance (A.N.O.V.A) by Dunnett's Multiple Comparison test. Mean \pm SEM, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.001$.

Free radical Inhibition of Dried Powder Extract of *Embilica officinalis* & *Glycine max Merrill*

Table no.6 Percentage of free radical inhibition of herbs extract

Concentration of ascorbic acid	% free radical inhibition of ascorbic acid	% free radical inhibition <i>Embilica officinalis</i> fruit extract	% free radical inhibition <i>Glycine max Merrill</i> extract
0.25 μ g/ml	98.27	95.57	19.22
0.50 μ g/ml	95.28	94.91	29.80
0.75 μ g/ml	98.09	91.72	35.99
1.00 μ g/ml	98.26	94.36	32.70
1.25 μ g/ml	98.33	93.81	46.06

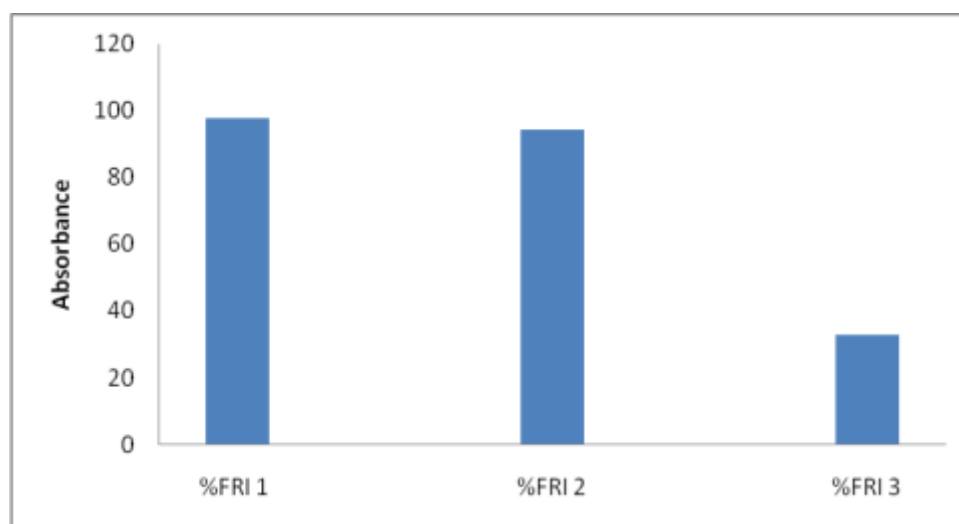


Figure.1 Potency of % free radical inhibition activity on free radical DPPH of L-Ascorbic acid. Bars represent the (standard error of experiments carried out in *Embilica officinalis* and *Glycine max Merrill*. 1 represent for L-Ascorbic acid, 2 represent for *Embilica officinalis* extract and 3 represent for *Glycine max Merrill* extract.

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CONCLUSION

The above study laid us to drive a conclusion that ethanolic extract of *Embilica officinalis* was more effective antioxidant potential as compare with the ethanolic extract of *Glycine max Merrill*. The activity spectrum exhibited by *Embilica officinalis* extract was twice that of *Glycine max Merrill*. This may be due to the fact that *Embilica officinalis* is a natural source of Vitamin – C i.e ascorbic acid. The level of free radical inhibition exhibited by *Glycine max Merrill* was although lesser but can be used in combination with *Embilica officinalis* for more profound effect. During the course of our study we found that both the herbs were compatible with each other. Hence, it can be postulated that *Embilica officinalis* and its combination with *Glycine max Merrill* can be further designed using an appropriate delivery system for treating ovarian cancer.

Conflict of Interest: None

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