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Abstract: Medicinal plants are potential of antimicrobial activity. The phytochemical screening and antimicrobial investigation was made from root extracts of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*. The plant material were collected and shade dried. The petroleum ether, chloroform. Ethanol and aqueous extracts were prepared using with Soxhlet apparatus. The various extracts revealed that presence of phytochemicals of terpenoids, saponins, Tanins, Coumarin, quinine, Glycosides, Carbohydrates and sugar. The antibacterial activity was studied by using agar-well diffusion method. The results showed that ethanol and chloroform extracts inhibit the growth of organisms. The maximum zone of inhibition was observed in salmonella typhi (20mm) salmonella paratyphi (20 mm), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (20mm) and *Micrococcus Sp.*, (23mm) ethanolic root extract. *Shigella flexneri*, streptococcus and *Bacillus subtilis* indicate moderate activity in both extracts. Antifungal activity was studied the result showed that petroleum ether. Chloroform. Ethanol and aqueous extracts. Inhibit the growth of all organisms. Antifungal organisms more or less activity. It is the first investigation of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*.

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1.Introduction

Bulbophyllum kaitense. Rechib, belongs to family orchidaceae. A terrestrial orchid. This is an epiphytic and endemic plant of south India. It is very common and available only from dense forest on trees and rocks. This is native of India occurs in the forest of eastern peninsular flora from Kolli hills above 1300m. sympodial epiphytes with unimodel pseudobulb inflorescence. Umbellate scape Pseudobulbs greenish. Sub fusiform not angled 2cm long 3-5 cm part on the zone leaves 9-13 cm long flowers without mentum. Sepal unequal petals shorter than lateral sepals. The plants have been used in indigenous medicine. This information was gathered by questioning local traditional healers and knowledgeable village people of the Kolli hills. A part of the Eastern peninsular flora in south India.

Materials and Methods

The healthy plant materials of *Bulbophyllum kaitense* root were collected from the Eastern peninsular flora in south India. Kolli hills. Tamilnadu. September 2011. the specimen thus obtained and authenticated by Ret. Dr. S.John Britto. The Director, The Rabinat Herbarium. St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu, India. with the help of herbarium record. The plant voucher number RHT 872.

Preliminary Phytochemicals Screening

The solvent extracts were subjected to routine qualitative chemical analysis to identify the nature of

phytochemical constituents present in them. Standard procedures were followed to identify the described by Tharborne (1973) and Brindha et al., (1982).

1. Test for Terpenoids

5 ml of the extract was mixed with 2 ml of chloroform and concentrated sulphuric acid to form a layer. A reddish brown coloration in the interface showed the presence of terpenoids.

2. Test for flavonoids

5 ml of the diluted ammonia solution a portion of the aqueous extract was added, followed by addition of concentrated sulphuric acid. Appearance of yellow coloration indicates the presence of flavonoids.

3. Test for Reducing Sugars

2 ml of test solution was added with a 2 ml Fehling's reagent. A (or) B. and 2 ml of water formation of reddish orange color indicates the presence of reducing sugar.

4. Test for Phenols

2 ml of test solution in alcohol was added with one drop of neutral ferric chloride 5% solution. Formation of intense blue color indicates the presence of phenols.

5. Test for Catechins

2 ml of test solution in alcohol was added with Ehrlich reagent and a few drops of concentrated HCl formation of pink color indicate the presence of catechins.

6. Test for saponins

2 ml of test solution was added with H₂O and shacked formation of foamy eather indicates the prsence of saponins.

7. Test for Tanins

2 ml of test solution was added with H₂O and head acetate. Formation of while precipitate indicates the presence of tannins.

8. Test for Anthroquinone

2 ml of test solution was added with magnesium acetate. Formation of pink color indicates the presence of Anthroquinones.

9. Test for Quinine

1 ml of extract, 1 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid was added and was allowed to and for some time to develop color. Development of red color shows the presence of quinine.

10. Test for Coumarin

1 ml of extract, 1 ml of 10% NaOH was added and was allowed to stand for some time development of yellow color shows the presence of coumanin.

11. Test for Glycosides

1 ml of the extract, 1 ml of alpha naphthol was added to which chloroform was added along the sides and it was looked for the development of color and the result was recorded. Development of Violet color indicates the presence of glycosides.

12. Test for Carbohydrate

Aqueous or alcoholic solution of substance was added with 10% aqueous solution of alpha Naphthol shaken and added concentrates sulphuric acid along the side of the side of the tuve. Violet ring at the Junction of two liquids shows presence of Carbohydrates.

13. Test for Sugar

0.5 ml of the Filtrate. 0.5 ml Benedict's reagent was added. The mixture was heated on boiling water both for 2 minutes. A characterisets of red coloured precipitate shows presence of sugar.

Antimicrobial Activity

The extracts were tested for the antibacterial activity. The microbial strains employed in the biological assays were Gram-Positive bacterial *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (MTCC 2672), *Bacillus subtilis* (MTCC 441), Gram- negative bacteria: *Salmonella typhi* (MTCC 734) *Salmonella paratyphi* (MTCC 735) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (MTCC 2474) *Escherichia coli* (MTCC 119), *Klebsilla pneumoniae* (MTCC 3040), *Entrobacter facalis*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Micrococcus sp.*, Fungal strains: *Asperigillus fumicatus* (MTCC 2584), *Trichophyton rubrum* (MTCC 296). *Microsporium gypseum* (MTCC 2819) *Aspergillus flavors* (MTCC 2813), *Aspergillus niger* (MTCC 2612) *Mucor Sp.*,

Determination of Antibacterial Activity

Agar well diffusion assay

Agar well diffusion method was followed. Muller-Hinton Agar (MHA) plates were swabbed (Sterile cotton Swabs) with 8-12 h old brothe cultures of the respective bacteria. Sterile circular steel was used to make wells, each measuring 8mm diameter, in each of the plates. About 0.3 ml each of 50, 25, 12.5 and 6.25 mg/ml of concentrated test sample swith DM so was added into the wells using sterilized dropping micropipettes and allowed for diffusion at room temperature for 2h. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The solvent without extracts served. After 24 h of incubation, diameter of the inhibition zone was recorded in mm. The experiment was repeated thrice and the average values were calculated for antibacterial activity.

Determination of Antifungal Activity

Agar well diffusion method was followed but nutrient medium used was sabouraud Dextrose Agar (SDA). The sabouraud Dextrose Agar plates were swabbed (Sterile Cotton Swabs) with 8 h old broth culture of the respective fungi. A sterile cork borer was used to place four wells, each measuring 8 mm in diameter, in each of the plates, about 0.1 ml each of 50, 25, 12.5 and 6.25 mg/ml of concentrated test samples with DMSO was added into the wells using sterilized dropping micro pipettes and allowed for diffusion at room temperature for 2h. The plates were incubated at 28°C for 18-24 h. Diameter of the inhibition zones was recorded the experiment was repeated thrice and the average values were calculated for antifungal activity.

Results

Preliminary phytochemical analysis of various solvent extracts such as Petroleum ether, Chloroform, Ethanol and aqueous of the *Bulbophyllum kaitense* root recorded in the (Table1) Terpenoids, Saponins, Tanins, Coumarin, Quinine, Glycosides, Carbohydrates were present in the chloroform extract. The petroleum ether extract alone contains Terpenoids, sponins, Tanins, Quinine, Carbohydrates and Sugar. The ethanol extract alone contains Tanins, Coumarin, Quinine, carbohydrates were as aqueous extract alone contains Tanins, Cumarin Different solvent extracts of *Bulbophyllum kaitense* root were tested antibacterial activity.

The values were recorded and averaged (Table:2) such as petroleum ether, chloroform ethanol and aqueous were tested. Gram negative bacterial organisms were highly sensitive the gram positive bacteria in tested plant extracts. The zone of inhibition ranging from (12mm-23mm) against *Microscoccus sp.*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Klebsilla pnemoniae*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Entrobacter facalis*, recorded in ethanol extracts were expressed more or less similar activity in petroleum ether, and aqueous extracts. The *Bulbophyllum Kaitense* Rechib root antifungal activity

of ethanol extract showed highly sensitive activity (ranging from 12mm-23mm) receptivity (Table: 3) petroleum ether and chloroform extracts showed more or less activity.

DISCUSSIONS

The present work clearly denord maximum activity was observed from the *Bulbophyllum kaitense* root extract was potent against sixteen tested microbial strains depended manner. There are effectiveness of traditional herbs against gram positive and gram negative microorganisms and as a result this that plant extract used as a antimicrobial and antibacterial diseases. However, it was more active against fungal strains. The potential of compounds against the standard strains may be explored in order to develop therapeutics for micro organism. The results of the current to investigation provide scientific support for the claims of the medicinal plant. The microbial infections are possible if active principles from solvent extracts are tested pharmacologically and clinically.

Conclusion

Plants is the new versatile tool for the medicine of various diseases currently allopathy medicines are made by chemically that was cured aspect of diseases but it will make very big drawback of side effects. so we have to used naturally occurring

medicines or drug are derived from plants. I am sure that plants are doing not affect side effects. In south people many plants are used as not for medicine. It's used as plants are food of medicine like daily. Present work is scientific support for the drug discovery from herbal medicines.



Table.1 Qualitative Constituents Test of Various Extracts of Root of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*

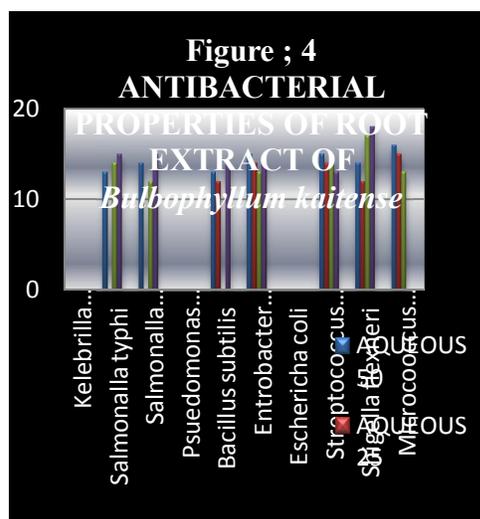
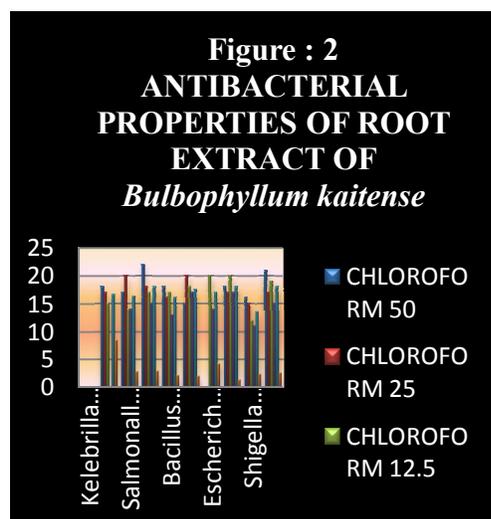
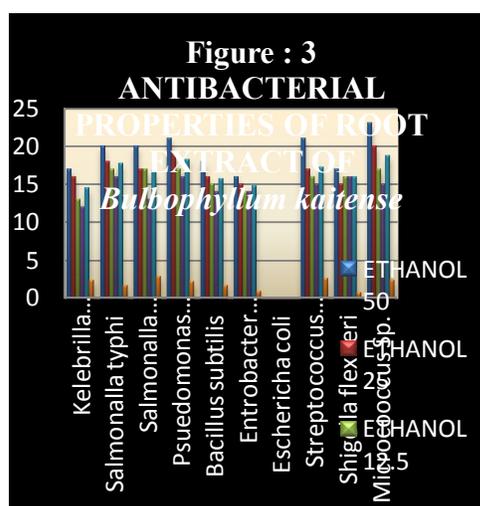
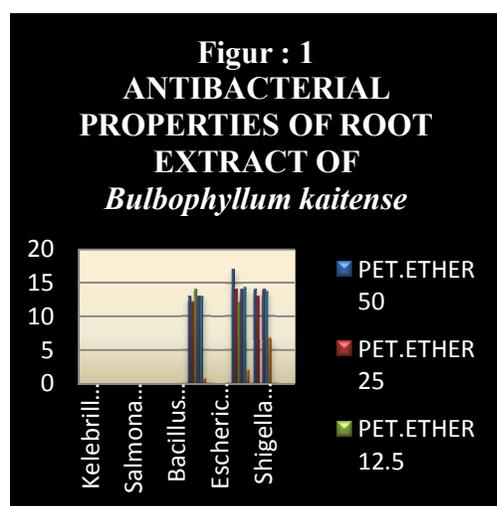
S.NO	CONSTITUENTS	TESTS	PET.ETHER	CHLOROFOR	ETHANOL	AQUEOUS
1.	TERPENOIDS	Test for Terpenoids	+	+	-	-
2.	FLAVONOIDS	Test for Flavonoids	-	-	-	-
3.	REDUCING SUGAR	Fehling's Reagent (A)	-	-	-	-
		Fehling's Reagent (B)	-	-	-	-
4.	PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS	Test for Phenols.	-	-	-	-
5.	CATACTINIS	Test for Catactin.	-	-	-	-
6.	SAPONINS	Test for Saponin.	+	+	-	-
7.	TANNINS	Test for Tanins.	+	+	+	+
8.	ANTHROQUINONE	Test for anthroacunone	-	-	-	-
9.	COUMARIN	Test for coumarin	-	-	+	+
10.	QUININE	Test for Quinine	+	+	+	-
11.	GLYCOSIDES	Test for glycosides	-	+	-	-
12.	CARBOHYDRATE	Test for carbohydrate	+	+	+	-
13.	SUGAR	Sugar for Test	+	-	-	-

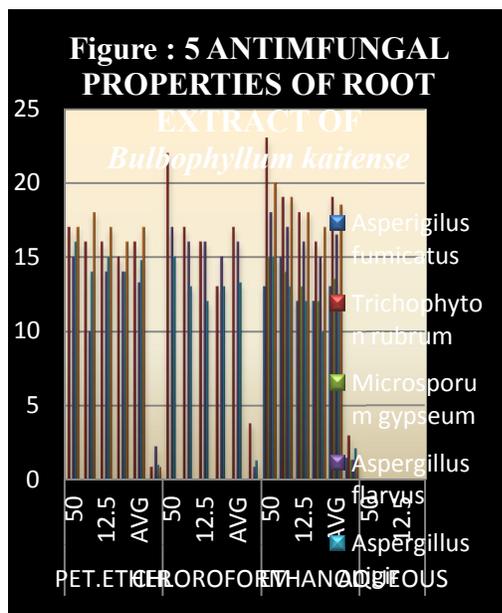
Table . 2 Antibacterial Properties of Root Extract of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*

S. N O	ORGNISM S NAME	ROOT															
		PET.ETHER				CHLOROFORM				ETHANOL				AQUEOUS			
		50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25
1.	Kelebsilla pneumoniae	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	17m	16m	13m	12m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Salmonella typhi	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18m	17m	15m	Nil	20m	18m	17m	16m	13m	Nil	14m	15m
3.	Salmonella paratyphi	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	17m	20m	14m	14m	20m	17m	17m	13m	14m	Nil	12m	15m
4.	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22m	18m	17m	15m	21m	19m	17m	16m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Bacillus subtilis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18m	16m	17m	13m	18m	16m	15m	14m	13m	12m	Nil	14m
6.	Entrobacter facalis	13m	12m	14m	13m	15m	20m	18m	17m	16m	15m	14m	14m	15m	14m	13m	Nil
7.	Eschericha coli	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	20m	14m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8.	Streptococcus pneumoniae	17m	14m	12m	14m	18m	17m	20m	17m	21m	17m	16m	15m	15m	14m	14m	13m
9.	Shigella flexneri	14m	13m	Nil	14m	16m	15m	12m	11m	17m	15m	16m	16m	14m	12m	17m	18m
10.	Micrococcus Sp.,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	21m	17m	19m	15m	23m	20m	17m	15m	16m	15m	13m	Nil

Table. 3 Antifungal Properties of Root Extract of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*

S. N O	ORGANISM NAME	ROOT															
		PET.ETHER				CHLOROFORM				ETHANOL				AQUEOUS			
		50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25	50	25	12.5	6.25
1.	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13m	15m	12m	12m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	<i>Trichophyton rubrum</i>	17m	16m	16m	15m	22m	17m	16m	13m	23m	19m	18m	16m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	<i>Microsporium gypsum</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15m	14m	13m	12m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	15m	10m	14m	14m	17m	16m	16m	15m	18m	17m	16m	15m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	16m	14m	15m	14m	15m	13m	12m	13m	15m	13m	12m	10m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	<i>Mucor. Sp.</i>	17m	18m	17m	16m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	20m	19m	18m	17m	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil





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View of the Plant of *Bulbophyllum kaitense*

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