

# Utilization of HPTLC for the Authentication and Identification of Botanical Specimens

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# ***National Center for Natural Products Research***

- Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences – 1964
- NCNPR proposal developed in mid 1980s
- USDA-ARS initiated site visit in 1988
- Facility planning funds appropriated, 1989
- Construction 1990 - 2001
- Launch/partial occupancy - July 1995
- USDA-ARS Natural Product Utilization Research Unit (NPURU) established, CRA initiated 1996
- Facility Dedication 1998 – ‘Thad Cochran Research Center’
- FDA/CFSAN CRA 2001
- NCNPR 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2005



# ***National Center for Natural Products Research - 2009***

## ***Primary Appointments***

- ***11 Research Faculty***
- ***22 Research Scientists***
- ***48 Staff***
- ***27 Postdoctoral, Visiting Scientists***
- ***35 USDA/ARS personnel***
- ***30-40 student workers***



## ***NCNPR Programmatic Emphases***

### ***Natural Product Discovery and Development***

- Natural Product Sourcing/Repository
- Pharmaceutical
- Agrichemical

### ***Medicinal Plant Research***

- Phytochemistry
- Botanical Supplements
- Agronomics
- Cannabis Chemistry, Production, Analysis

### ***Natural Resources and Environment***

- Center for Water and Wetlands Resources
- Environmental Toxicology
- Ocean Biotechnology Center and Repository



Drug Discovery

Dietary Supplements

Agrichemicals

# Medicinal Plant Research

- BOTANY
- HORTICULTURE
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- PLANT GENOMICS
- PLANT TISSUE CULTURE
- NATURAL PROD. CHEMISTRY
- CHEMOTAXONOMY

- ETHNOMEDICINE/BOTANY
- ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
- REFERENCE STANDARDS
- BIOLOGICAL ASSAY
- INFORMATICS
- TOXICOLOGY
- ADME PROFILING



NEW or IMPROVED CROPS  
NEW COMPOUND SOURCES

SAFER, MORE EFFECTIVE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

50,000 – 70,000 medicinal and aromatic plants are estimated to be used world-wide.



Some 3,000 species of medicinal and aromatic plants are traded internationally.







# “Dietary Supplement’s” in the US

Regulated by the FDA under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA).

- Classifies what the rest of the world considers “Traditional Medicine” as Dietary Supplements.
- The FDA’s main concern for Dietary Supplements is safety.

Recent, cGMP regulations (21 CFR § 111) require that the manufacturers of dietary supplements provide 100% identity for botanical ingredients within a product.



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# *FDA-UM Center of Excellence*

CFSAN has responsibility for safety of dietary supplements, including botanicals

The NCNPR on its third 5-yr cooperative research agreement cycle to study botanical dietary supplement.

Recognized as 1 of 4 'Centers of Excellence' for the FDA

- The only one established for botanical dietary supplement work

In June 2009 the NCNPR was awarded FDA Commissioner's Special Citation

# *FDA-UM Center of Excellence*

## □ Specific Aims

- Identify botanical dietary supplements (BDS) of priority concern to FDA from a public safety perspective and determine research needs.
- Acquire and characterize authenticated reference materials, including raw and processed plant materials and purified natural products of relevance to FDA for evaluation of safety.
- Exchange technical and scientific information, methods and reference material with FDA scientists. Collaborate with FDA scientists in research areas of mutual interest.
- Hosts an Annual International Conference on the Science of Botanicals (ICSB) in Oxford, MS. 11th ICSB, April 16th-19th 2012. [www.OxfordICSB.org](http://www.OxfordICSB.org).
- Training of US FDA CFSAN inspectors - cGMP (21 CFR § 111).

# Factors that Affect Botanical Product Quality

- **Adulteration** - Intentional
- **Substitution** - Accidental/inadvertent
  - Other plant species
  - Other plant parts
- **Contamination**
  - Other foreign matter
  - Heavy metals and pesticides
  - Microbial/microtoxins

# FDA's Botanical Dietary Supplement Center of Excellence



Plant Sourcing

ADMET and Safety  
Profiling

Classical Identification

Phytochemical Profiling

Genetic Profiling



# **Utility of HPTLC in Botanical Dietary Supplements**

**Ideal analytical tool for the rapid analysis of complex herbal mixtures**

**Offers the ability to present the results as an image**

**Can be used for qualitative as well as quantitative analyses**

- **Qualitative analysis**
  - Fingerprinting**
  - Screening**
  - Identification**
- **Quantitative analysis – Precise marker determination**

**Adaptable – single sample or multiple (parallel) samples**



# **Advantages of HPTLC:**

**Simplicity and cost efficiency**

**Parallel analysis of multiple samples is possible**

**Sample capacity is high and results are rapid**

**Multiple detection options**

**It is an ideal tool for screening, identification, quantification and determination of adulteration of botanical products**

**Can provide a precise method for robust routine analysis**



## **Disadvantages:**

**The separation power of HPTLC is lower than that of HPLC and UPLC. Particularly for complex samples like botanicals it is often difficult to achieve sufficient resolution for all components**

**TLC is an open system. The plate is exposed to environmental and climatic factors (temperature, light, fumes) and chemical/mechanical stress.**

**Volatile and sensitive samples require special care. In order to achieve reproducible results.**



# **HPTLC for Identification of Chemical Constituents from Botanicals and Dietary Supplements**

- **HOODIA**
- **BLUE COHOSH**
- **CHAMOMILE**
  - **ACAI**

# Chemical fingerprint of *Hoodia* species, dietary supplements, and related genera

**Scientific Name:** *Hoodia gordonii*

**Family:** Asclepiadaceae


**Reported Active Principle:** P57 (appetite suppressant)

**Origin:** South Africa, Namibia and Botswana

**Major Class of Compounds:** Pregnane Glycosides

**Purpose:** Authentication and Standardization of *Hoodia gordonii*





**Sample Preparation:** Dry plant samples (0.3 g) or an adequate amount of powdered products extracted with 10 mL methanol. The supernatant was used for analyses.

**Standards:** pregnane glycosides related to P57: hoodigoside M (1), hoodigoside L (2), hoodigoside P (3), hoodigoside U (4), hoodigoside O (5), hoodigoside E (6), hoodigoside F (7), hoodigoside J (8), hoodigoside N (9), P57 (10), and hoodigoside C (11)

**Stationary phase :** HPTLC Glass plates with silica gel 60F254 (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany)

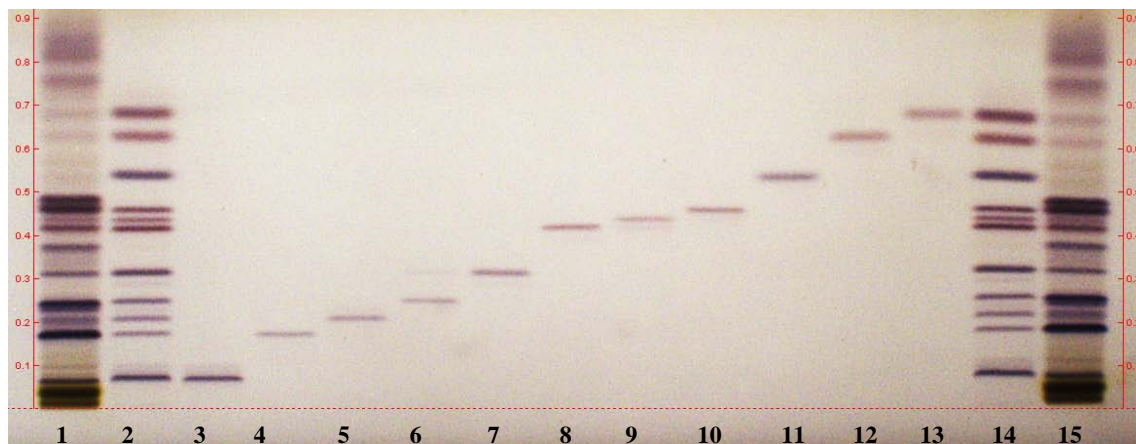
**Mobile phase:** Dichloromethane/methanol/water (75:17:2.2 )

**Sample application:** All samples were applied according to the following settings: 8 mm from the bottom of the plate, band width 8 mm; distance between bands 10 mm; application volume 1–4  $\mu\text{L}$

**Derivatization reagent :** Anisaldehyde reagent

# Results

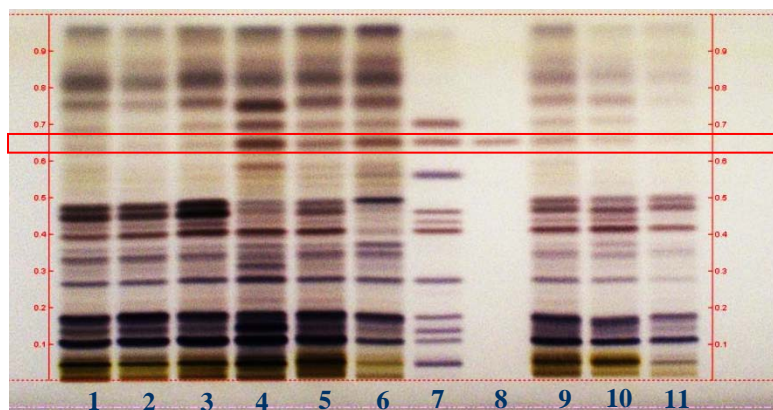
Method developed for standard compounds and Image after derivatization with anisaldehyde reagent white light.



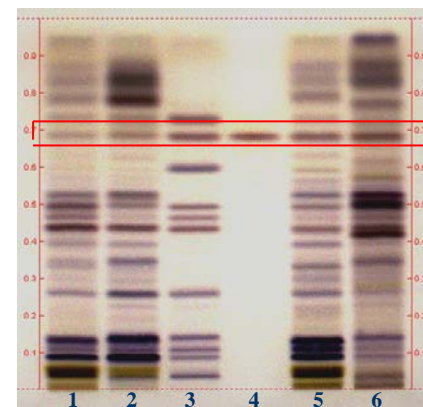
Tracks : 1, 15, *H. gordonii*; 2,14, Std Mix 1-11; 3, Hoodigoside M; 4, Hoodigoside L; 5, Hoodigoside P; 6, Hoodigoside U; 7, Hoodigoside O; 8, Hoodigoside E; 9, Hoodigoside F; 10, Hoodigoside J; 11, Hoodigoside N; 12, P57; 13, Hoodigoside C.

# Method applied for different populations of *Hoodia gordonii* and various species of *Hoodia*

Image after derivatization with anisaldehyde reagent under white light.



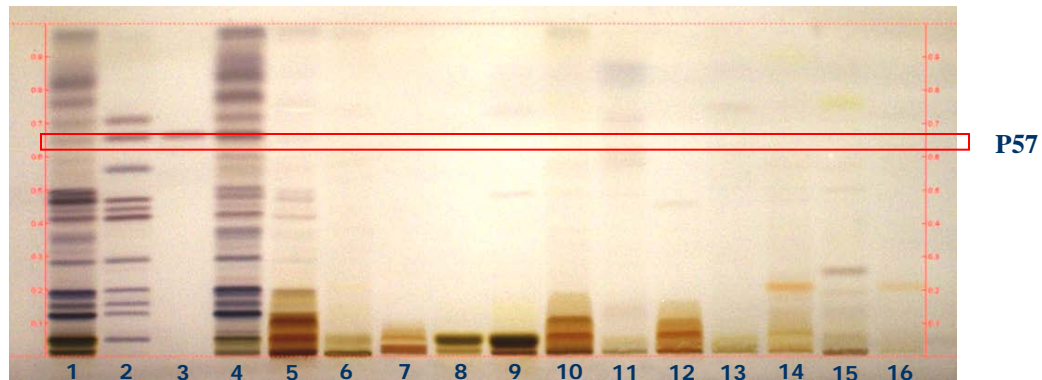
Tracks : 1-6, *H. gordonii*; 7, Std Mix-11; 8, P57; 9-11, *H. gordonii*



Tracks : 1, *H. gordonii*; 2, *H. currorii*; 3, Std Mix-11; 4, P57; 5, *H. ruschii*; 6, *H. parviflora*

# Method applied for dietary supplements claiming to contain *H. gordonii*

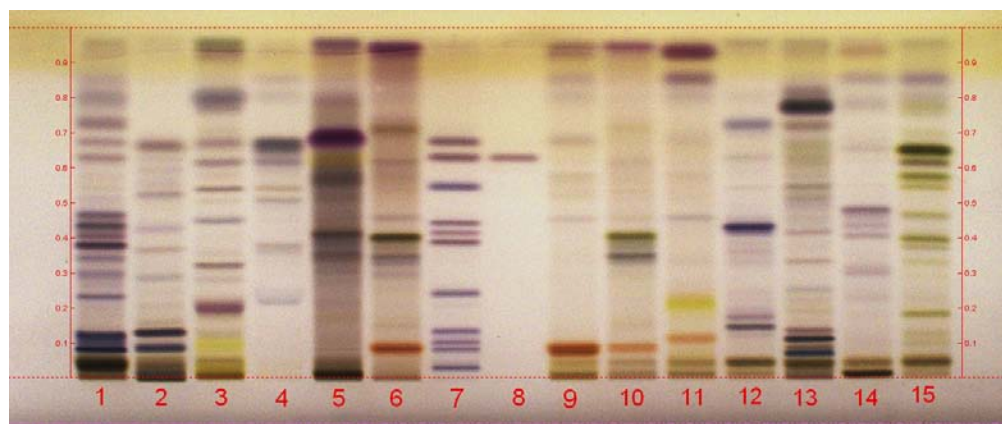
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Tracks : 1, *H. gordonii*; 2, Std Mix-11; 3, P57; 7, P57; 4-16, dietary supplements

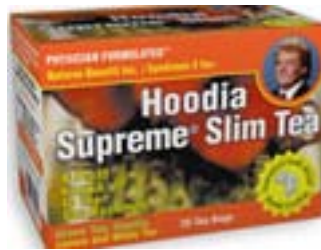
# Method applied for *Hoodia gordonii* with other related genera

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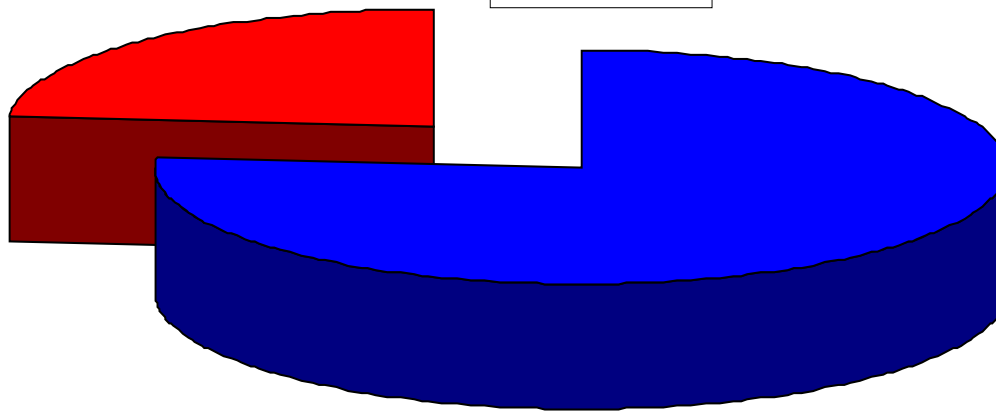
Tracks : 1, *H. gordonii*; 2, *Caralluma fimbriata*; 3, *Opuntia ficus-indicus*; 4, *Orbea variegata*; 5, *Cynanchum stratum*; 6, *Gonolobus cundurango*; 7, Std Mix-11; 8, P57; 9, *Gymnema sylvestris*; 10, *Marsdenia cundurango*; 11, *Asclepias labriformis*; 12, *Huernia recondita*; 13, *Tridentea choanantha*; 14, *Ceropegia dichtoma*; 15, *Stapelia flavivirostris*





## Number of sample analyzed for the Presence of P57

■ Negative  
■ Positive



**Total Dietary Samples = 151**  
**Positive Dietary Samples = 37**  
**Negative Dietary Samples = 114**





# Conclusions

**The method is suitable for rapid, decisive authentication, and comparison of the subtle differences among samples from various plant sources.**

**The chemical fingerprint method developed in this study was able to verify the presence of *Hoodia* species in raw materials and commercial products.**

# HPTLC Identification of Chamomile

## Roman Chamomile

**Latin name:** *Anthemis nobilis* syn. *Chamaemelum nobile*

**Family:** Astéracées

**Part Used:** Flowerheads

## German Chamomile

**Species:** *Matricaria recutita* L.

**Synonym(s):** *Chamomilla recutita* (L.) Rauschert, Hungarian Chamomile, *Matricaria chamomilla* L., Matricaria Flowers, Wild Chamomile

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae


**Part Used:** Flowerheads



[anthemis.nl](http://anthemis.nl)



<http://natureasmedicine.wordpress.com>



**Sample Preparation:** Dry plant samples (0.5 g) or an adequate amount of powdered products extracted with 10 mL methanol. The supernatant was used for analyses.

**Standards:** Rutin; chlorogenic acid; hypersoside; apigenin -7-*O*-glucoside; luteolin; caffeic acid; daidzein; kaempferol; apigenin; umbelliferon; biochanin A; herniarin

**Stationary phase :** HPTLC Glass plates with silica gel 60F254 (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany)

**Mobile phase:** CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MEOH: Formic Acid: Acetic Acid:: 11.0 : 1.5 : 1.25 :1.25

**Sample application:** All samples were applied according to the following settings: 8 mm from the bottom of the plate, band width 8 mm; distance between bands 10 mm; application volume 3 μL

**Derivatization reagent :**1% methanolic diphenylboric acid-β-ethylamino ester reagent.



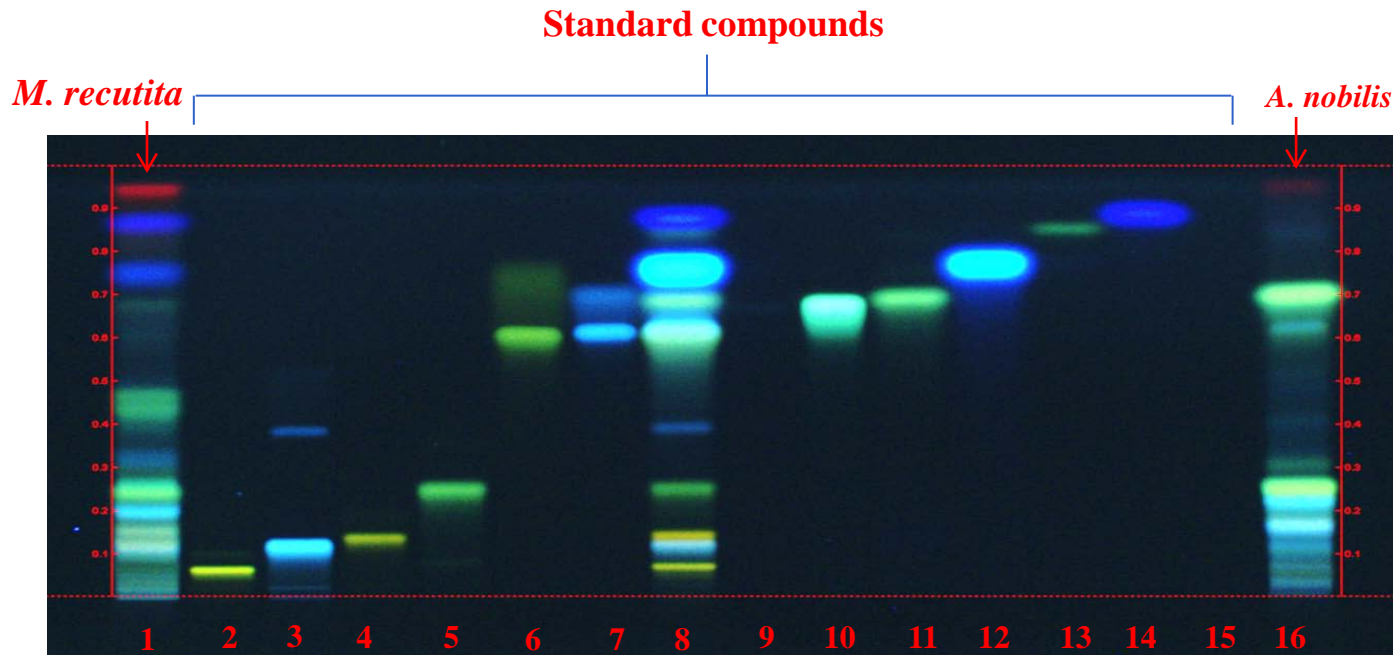
## Chemical Constituents:

German chamomile flowers contains up to 8% flavone glycosides (apigenin-7-glycoside and its 6'-acetylated derivative) and flavonols (luteolin glucosides, quercetin glycosides, and isohamnetin)

Roman chamomile flowers contains 0.5 % flavonoids mainly in the glycosidic form (Anthemoside (apigenin-2,3-dihydorycinnamoyl acid 7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucose), cosmosiosid (apigenin-7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucose), apiin (apigenin-7-O- $\beta$ -D-aposylglucoside) and chamaemeloside [apigenin-7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucose-6''-(3'''-hydroxy-3'''-methyl-glutarate)], luteolin-7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucose, quercetin-3-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside and kaempferol; coumarins, anthemic acid

# Results

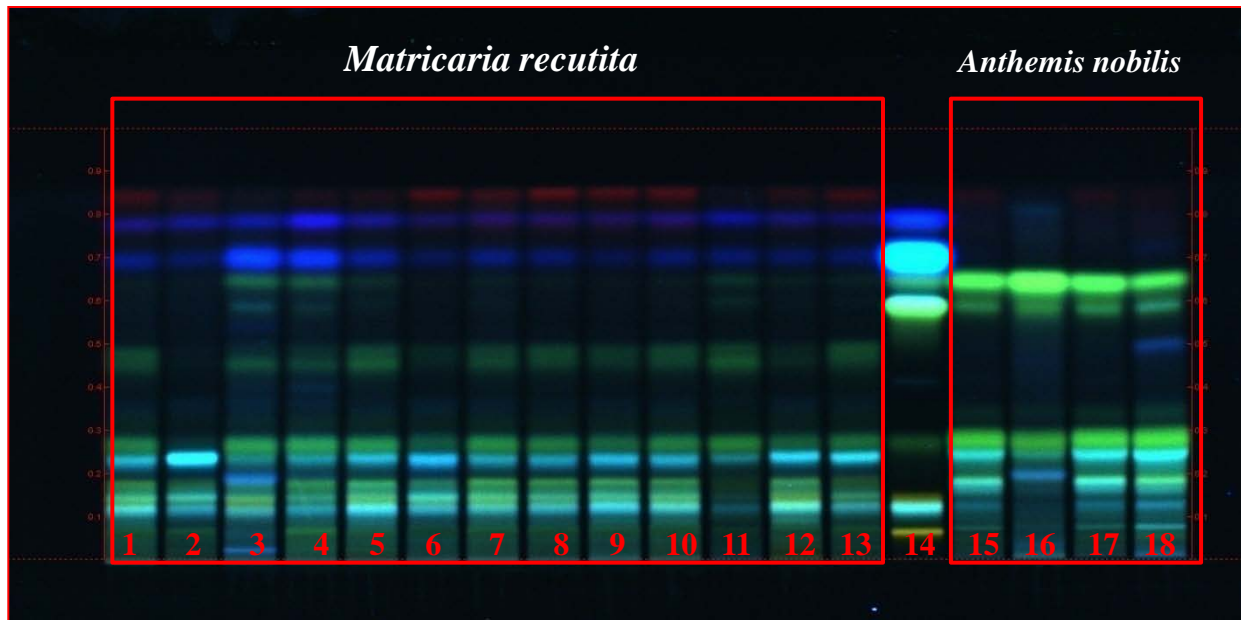
Method developed for standard compounds and Image after derivatization with 1% methanolic diphenylboric acid- $\beta$ -ethylamino ester reagent under 366 nm



Track-1: 9172: *Matricaria recutita*; track-2: rutin; track-3: chlorogenic acid; track-4: hypersoside; track-5: apigenin -7-O-glucoside; track-6: luteolin; track-7: caffeic acid; track-8: Std. Mix-13; track-9: daidzein; track-10: kaempferol; track-11: apigenin; track-12: umbelliferon; track-13: biochanin A; track-14: herniarin; track-15: 2-bisabolol; track-16: 9254: *Anthemis nobilis* under 366 nm after derivatization with % methanolic diphenylboric acid - $\beta$ -ethylamino ester reagent

# Method applied for different populations of *M. recutita* and *A. nobilis*

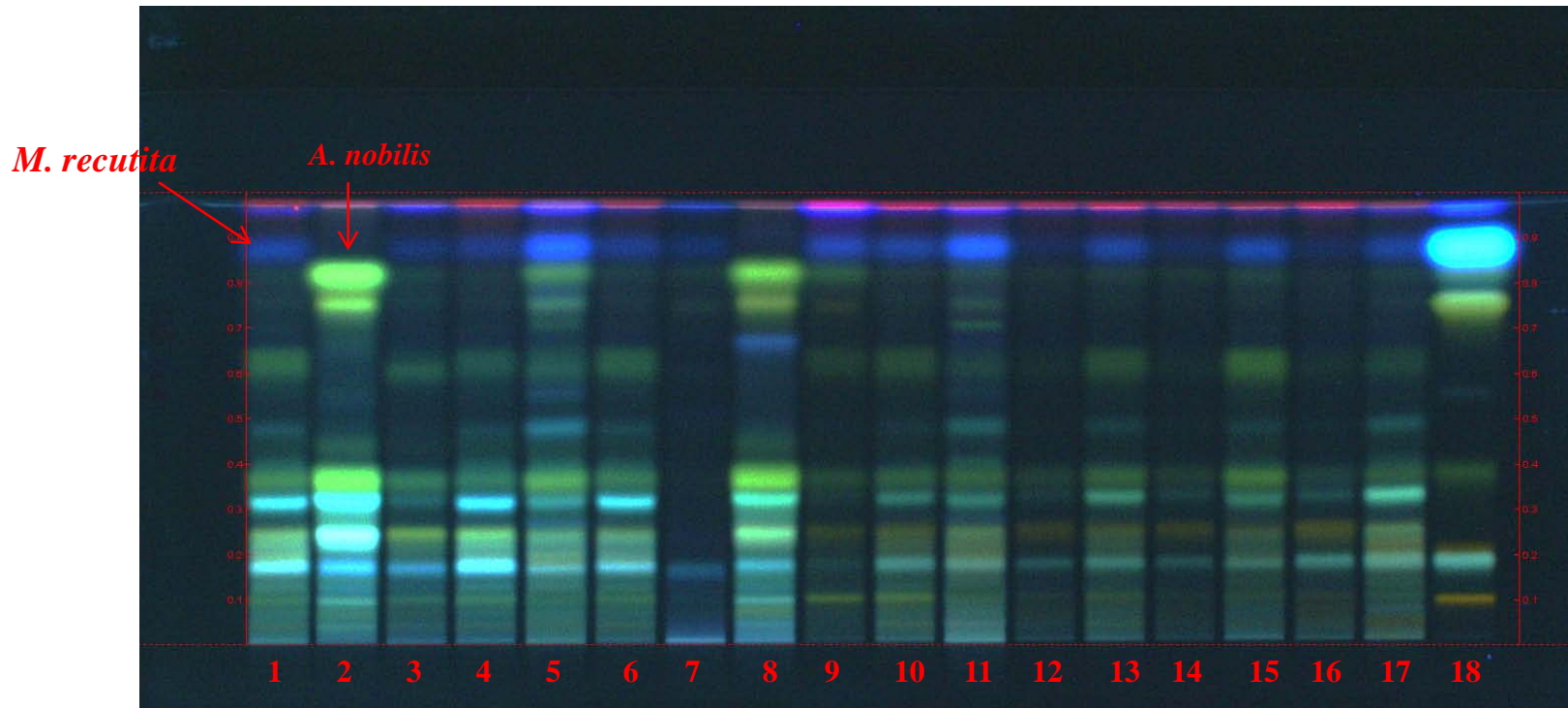
Image after derivatization with 1% methanolic diphenylboric acid – $\beta$ -ethylamino ester reagent under 366 nm



Comparison of Chamomile samples: Tracks : 1. 9172: *Matricaria recutita* (V); 2. 9334: *Matricaria chamomilla* (CS); 3. 7539: *Matricaria chamomilla* (V); 4. 259: *Matricaria recutita* (V); 5. 2802: *Matricaria recutita* (V); 6. 9362: *Matricaria recutita* (A); 7. 7390: *Matricaria recutita* (CS); 8. 9364: *Matricaria recutita* (A); 9. 9359: *Matricaria recutita* (A); 10. 9172: *Matricaria recutita* (V); 11. 4903: *Matricaria recutita* (CS); 12. 9357: *Matricaria* spp (CP); 13. 9387: *Matricaria recutita* (CP); 14. Std. Mix; 15. 9254: *Anthemis nobilis* (CS); 16. 2061: *Anthemis nobilis* (V); 17. 9254: *Chamaemelum nobile* (CS); 18. 3074: *Chamaemelum nobile* (CS).

# Application for dietary supplements claiming to contain *chamomile*

Image after derivatization with 1% methanolic diphenylboric acid – $\beta$ -ethylamino ester reagent under 366 nm



Comparison of Chamomile samples: Tracks : 1. 9172: *Matricaria recutita*; 2. 9254: *Anthemis nobilis*; 3. 9367: *M. recutita* (CP); 4. 9365: *M. recutita* (A); 5. 5770: *M. recutita* (CS); 6. 9388: *M. recutita* (CP); 7. 3998: *M. chamomilla* (CS); 8. 3076: *A. nobilis* (CS); 9. 9361: *M. recutita* (CP); 10. 9390: *M. recutita* (CP); 11. 3670: *M. recutita* (CS); 12. 9384: *Matricaria* spp (CP); 13. 9391: *M. recutita* (CP); 14. 9386: *Matricaria* spp (CP); 15. 9385: *M. recutita* (CP); 16. 9389: *M. recutita* (CP); 17. 9357: *Matricaria* spp (CP) ; 18. Std. Mix



# Conclusions

The method is suitable for rapid, decisive authentication, and comparison of the subtle differences among samples from German chamomile and Roman chamomile

The chemical fingerprint method developed in this study was able to verify the presence of German chamomile and Roman Chamomile in products

*M. recutita* and *A. nobilis* samples showed different chemical fingerprinting as shown in previous figures.

# HPTLC fingerprint analysis of Blue cohosh

**Scientific Name:** *Caulophyllum thalictroides*


**Family:** Berberidaceae

**Origin:** America

**Major Class of Compounds:** Triterpenoids

**Use:** To induce labor, regulate menstrual flow, suppress menstruation, and ease the pain and difficulty that accompany childbirth





**Sample Preparation:** Dry plant samples (0.3 g) or an adequate amount of powdered products extracted with 10 mL methanol. The supernatant was used for analyses.

**Standards:** Cauloside H (1), Cauloside G (2), Magniflorine (3), Leonticin D (4), Cauloside D (5), Cauloside C (6), saponin PE (7), Cauloside B (8) and Cauloside A (9)

**Stationary phase :** HPTLC Glass plates with silica gel 60F254 (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany)

**Mobile phase:** Chloroform: methanol: water (65:35:10.5 v/v/v)

**Sample application:** All samples were applied according to the following settings: 8 mm from the bottom of the plate, band width 8 mm; distance between bands 9.7 mm; application volume 1–4  $\mu\text{L}$

**Derivatization reagent :** Anisaldehyde reagent

# Results

## Method developed for standard compounds (Triterpenoids)

Image under 366 nm before derivatization

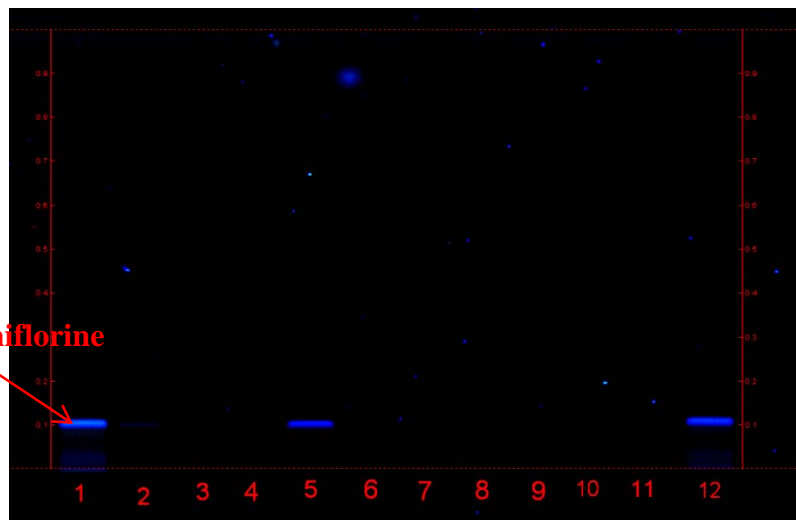
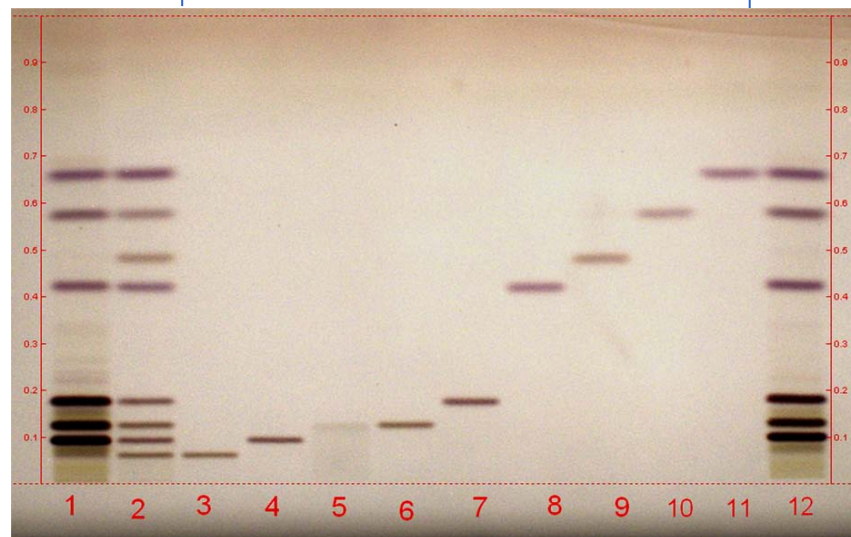


Image after derivatization with anisaldehyde reagent under white light.

Track 1& 12. Plant sample Blue cohosh

Standard compounds



HPTLC fingerprint for standard compounds. Track assignment: 1& 12. Plant sample;

2. Standard mixture-9; 3 -11. Standard compounds (Cauloside H (1), Cauloside G (2), Magniflorine (3), Leonticin D (4),Cauloside D (5), Cauloside C (6), saponin PE (7), Cauloside B (8) and Cauloside A (9)

## Method developed for dietary supplements claiming to contain blue cohosh

Image under 366 nm before derivatization

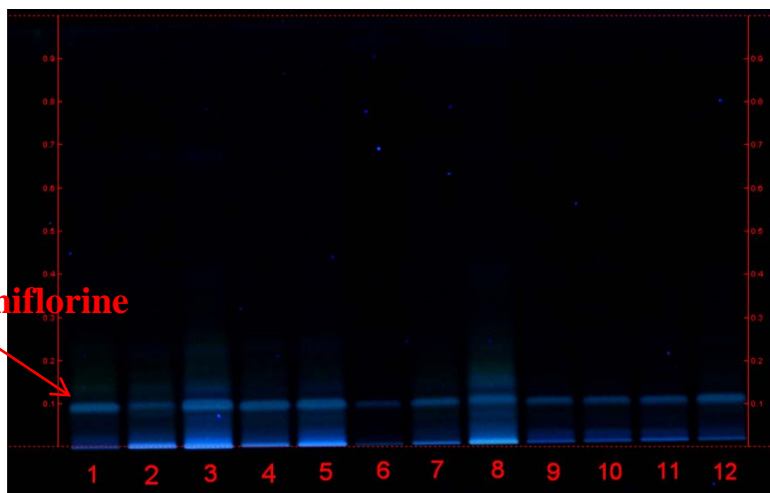
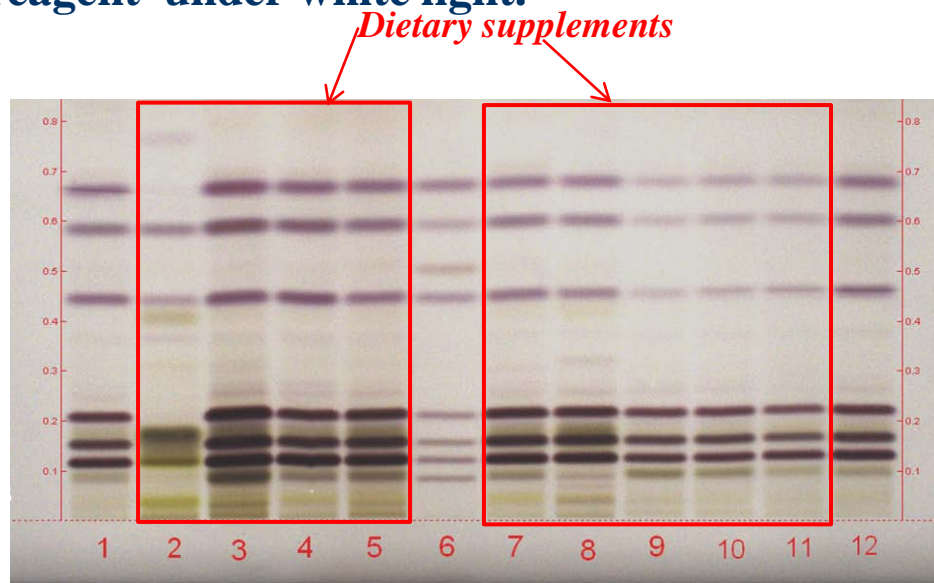


Image after derivatization with anisaldehyde reagent under white light.



HPTLC fingerprint of (a. Before derivatization for magniflorine at 366 nm; b. After derivatization with anisaldehyde reagent for triterpenoids) various products of Blue cohosh samples. Track assignment: 1 & 12. Plant sample; 2 - 5 & 7 - 11; 6. Standard mixture 9 [increasing  $R_f$  values of Cauloside H (1), Cauloside G (2), Magniflorine (3), Leonticin D (4), Cauloside D (5), Cauloside C (6), saponin PE (7), Cauloside B (8) and Cauloside A (9) ]



# Conclusions

The results showed, well resolved spots for targeted compounds.

The analysis of nine dietary products showed variation in the relative intensities of the separated zones, but the profile was found to be same in comparison with the plant samples.

The developed method is useful for the authentication of *Caulophyllum thalictroides* and screening of blue cohosh products.

# **Analysis of Anthocyanins from Acai (*Euterpe oleracea* Mart.) Berries and commercial products using HPTLC**

**Scientific Name:** *Euterpe oleracea*


**Family:** Arecaceae

**Origin:** Central and South America

**Major Class of Compounds:** Anthocyanins  
and Anthocyanidins

**Use:** Food or beverage





**Sample Preparation:** Dry plant samples (0.5 g) or an adequate amount of powdered products extracted with 10 mL [methanol: water (9: 1)] The supernatant was used for analyses.

**Standards:** : cyanidin-3-*O*-rutinoside, cyanidin-3-*O*-glucoside

**Stationary phase :** HPTLC Glass plates with silica gel 60F254 (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany)

**Mobile phase:** Ethyl acetate: formic acid: acetic acid: water (10:1.1:1.1:2.6 v/v/v/v)

**Sample application:** All samples were applied according to the following settings: 8 mm from the bottom of the plate, band width 8 mm; distance between bands 9.7 mm; application volume 1–4  $\mu$ L

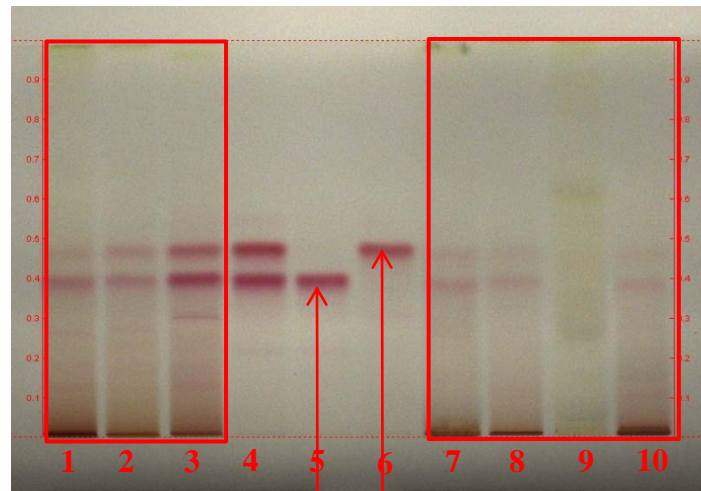


# Method developed for commercial products claiming to contain Acai berries

Image under white light.

Acai berries track-1-3

commercial products



Cyanidin-3-*O*-glucoside  
Cyanidin-3-*O*-rutinoside

Track-1: berries of Acai; track-2-3: commercial samples of berries; Track-4: standard mix-2; track-5: cyanidin-3-*O*-rutinoside; track-6: cyanidin-3-*O*-glucoside; track 7-10: commercial products claiming to contain acai under white light.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

**HPTLC method was successfully used for the determination of both cyanidin-2-O-rutinoside (1) and cyanidin-2-O-gulcoside (2) in various commercial products.**

**The method was validated for precision, accuracy and repeatability.**

**The method was applied to the six dietary supplements claiming to contain *E. oleracea* and the percentage content varied from 0.015 to 0.30% and 0.014 to 0.26% of compounds 1-2 respectively for four products. Two dietary products did not show for the presence of two major compounds.**

**Developed method is very simple, precise, and rapid. It can be used for routine analysis for anthocyanins in acai containing commercial products.**

# **CONCLUSIONS**

**HPTLC provides the ability to display the fingerprint of several unknown samples compared to that of reference/authenticated samples. This procedure can be applied for raw materials, extracts and finished products.**

**HPTLC fingerprints based on multiple detection of the same plate can provide a very characteristic visual impression to help to identify samples.**

**While HPTLC usually shows less resolution as compared to GC, HPLC or UPLC chromatograms, such fingerprints are still sensitive to minor differences between samples.**

**HPTLC can be utilized to effectively identify a large number of samples in parallel affording rapid results.**

# Collaborations

- ❑ The NCNPR has formal agreements with several international academic and governmental institutions including:
  - ❑ Pakistan
  - ❑ India (FRLHT)
  - ❑ South Africa
  - ❑ Central/South America
  - ❑ Vietnam
  - ❑ Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA)
  - ❑ Sino-US TCM Research Center in 2007
  - ❑ Indo-US Center for Research in Indian Systems of Medicine (CRISM - [www.CRISM.net](http://www.CRISM.net)) in 2008

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