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## Analysis of Phytochemical Constituents, Antibacterial, Antioxidant and GC-MS Profiling of *Crotalaria ramosissima* Leaf Extracts

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### ABSTRACT

*Crotalaria ramosissima* Roxb. (Fabales: Fabaceae) is a common weed that grows prolifically in a few areas of Karnataka. The plant is used as an insect repellent in a grain storage room and *C. ramosissima* leaves are used to treat skin diseases. The purpose of the study was to investigate phytochemical constituents and evaluate their antibacterial and antioxidant properties along with bioactive compound profiling. Phytochemical screening of ethyl acetate, ethanol and methanol extracts revealed the presence of necessary phytochemical components, antimicrobial activity against plant pathogens showed best results from ethyl acetate extract with MIC  $15.60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  against *Pseudomonas syringae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* with MIC  $31.25 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ , confirmed with TLC bio-autography, DPPH antioxidant assay, showed the highest activity of  $\text{IC}_{50} 2.71 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  from methanol extract with standard reference, Gas chromatography/Mass spectroscopy (GC-MS) used for profiling to detect chemical compounds from plant solvent extracts which showed the presence of 21 compounds, ethyl acetate extract identified with 1,2,4-Oxidiazole, 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-y-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-ethyl] which is heterocyclic aromatic compound of azole family-alkaloid, which is reported for the first time in *C. ramosissima*. The results revealed significant properties and the obtained 1,2,4-oxidiazole derivative can be a novel bio-control agent against microorganisms and for crop protection. It also retained current researcher's attention from its biological properties in pharmaceutical drug industry.

### INTRODUCTION

Plants are the natural sources that are engraved with diverse structural compounds that researchers investigate to reveal potential bioactive properties leading to new drug discovery. These phytochemical studies of plants from the last few decades declared plant chemistry or phytochemistry, have become one of the disciplines and are advancing through new techniques that are leading the world through many of their applications.<sup>[1]</sup> Phytochemicals can be classified in a number of ways based on their biosynthetic origin, solubility properties, and the presence of functional groups.<sup>[2]</sup> Secondary metabolites of plants have indispensable biological functions in which they are not only used for themselves but have great importance in human health treatments. Among alkaloids

vinblastine and vincristine are well-known examples with anticancerous properties,<sup>[3]</sup> artemisinin, etoposide and taxol are also sources of novel drug entities from plants.<sup>[4]</sup> The remedial properties of plants are from secondary metabolites, some of which are good bioactive compounds that are capable of against several ailments and diseases.<sup>[3]</sup> Currently, many drugs that have been discovered for several diseases are from plant origin, but there is still a lot of scope for bio-prospecting novel plant-origin drugs for several other diseases and ailments in pharmaceutical industries, agricultural and food industries, cosmetics, natural products, etc., depending on plants for getting raw materials. Drug discovery included two main strategies: Random screening and ethno-medicinal knowledge. *Crotalaria* is used as traditional folk medicine, among 702 species all over the world, only 93 species of *Crotalaria*

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genus are distributed in India.<sup>[5]</sup> Primarily plants are used for hemp, fiber, green manure, animal feed (forage), and as ethno medicine for skin diseases.<sup>[6,7]</sup> The genus *Crotalaria* has great diversity in habit, ecological preferences, a combination of distinctive morphological characteristics and also possesses pyrrolizidine alkaloids.<sup>[8-10]</sup> Pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PAs) are necine base naturally occurring alkaloid group found in *Crotalaria* genus plant root, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds where it has been identified as a contaminant in food and beverages, honey, herbal medicine, and meat. In addition, it has been used as forage for cattle, birds, and fish, resulting in significant hepatotoxicity in animals and also central nervous system problems in humans.<sup>[11]</sup> *Crotalaria ramosissima* Roxb. [Fig. 1] is found only in the Indian Peninsula and open, dry deciduous forests.<sup>[12-14]</sup> The plant flower is used to treat eczema,<sup>[14]</sup> the entire plant for foraging cattle and as pest control in grain storage rooms.<sup>[15,16]</sup>

The flavanone named crotamosmin was isolated and characterized by Khalilullah *et al.* (1992) and trimethoxychalcone was isolated by Rao and Narkulla (2007)<sup>[15,16]</sup> for the first time from the aerial part of *C. ramosissima*. However, prenylated chalcones, flavanones, and dihydrochalcones were already reported. Essential oil was extracted from *C. ramosissima* from flowers. It contained 17 different components, three of which were unknown chief constituent's geraniol,  $\beta$ -ocimene, calamenene, sesquiterpenes and calamenene. These compounds are naturally occurring potent bio-molecules against human pathogen microbes to treat several bacterial diseases.<sup>[15]</sup> Narendra *et al.* (2005) reported *in-vitro* anti-malarial activities and isolated crotaorixin and prenylated chalcones from *C. medicagenia* and *C. ramosissima*.<sup>[17]</sup> The genus *Crotalaria* reported several bioactive compounds, which include terpenoids, flavonoids, anthraquinone, tannins and steroidal alkaloids. Pyrrolizidine alkaloids reported in genus *Crotalaria* which shown hepatotoxic activities in animals and other useful pharmaceutical uses yet to be explored<sup>[18]</sup> and chalcones are the natural flavonoid reported in *C. ramosissima* in which recent years it retained attentions from researchers due to its pharmacological and anti-inflammatory activities.<sup>[19]</sup> *C. ramosissima* plant has potent bioactive compounds yet to explore for pharmaceutical uses current study focused on evaluating activities from it.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Collection of Plant and Extraction

Healthy plant material was collected in Pavagada, Tumkuru district (14°10'13.8"N 77°06'18.2"E) and authenticated by a botanist at the University of Mysore with the help of Plant Herbarium at the Botany Department, Manasagangothri. Dried plant leaves of *C. ramosissima* Roxb. [Fig. 1] were ground into powder, 25 g of sample powder was

successively extracted with 250 mL of ethyl acetate, ethanol and methanol using soxhlet apparatus boiling point fixed between (40–50°C) for 8 hours. The collected extract was concentrated in vacuum evaporator pressure fixed at 22 to 26 mmHg with 40°C and stored at 4°C.

### Phytochemical Analysis

Obtained extracts were analyzed for the presence and absence of phytoconstituents. Alkaloids-dragendorff's reagent test, pyrrolizidine alkaloid- Ehrlich reagent test, flavonoids-alkaline test, terpenoids-Liebermann-Buchard test, diterpenes-copper acetate test, saponins-Froth test, cardiac glycosides-Keller-Kilian test, phenolics-ellagic acid test, tanins-gelatin test, carbohydrates-Benedicts test and protein-ninhydrins all test reagents were prepared from standard protocols.<sup>[1, 20, 21]</sup>

### Antibacterial Activity

#### Test organisms

Two plant pathogenic strains *Xanthomonas oryzae* (MTCC-11107) and *Pseudomonas syringae* (MTCC-2703) gram-negative strains, were collected from microbial type culture collection and Gene bank (MTCC), Chandigarh and used throughout the study. The concentration of test organisms inocula was adjusted to 0.5 Mc Farland standards ( $1.5 \times 10^8$  CFU/mL).<sup>[22]</sup>

Evaluation of antibacterial activity was carried out by disc diffusion method with slight modification.<sup>[23]</sup> Sterilized



Fig. 1: *Crotalaria ramosissima* Roxb

nutrient agar media plates seeded with 24 hours old bacteria cultures ( $1.5 \times 10^8$  CFU/mL), 6 mm sterile discs equidistantly placed in a media, each disc loaded with 40  $\mu$ L (10 mg disc<sup>-1</sup>) of different plant solvent extracts, antibiotic tetracycline (2 mg disc<sup>-1</sup>) positive control and 50% DMSO (40  $\mu$ L disc<sup>-1</sup>) negative control. Plates were incubated for 24 hours at  $37 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and inhibition zone was measured in mm and compared with positive control.

#### Determination of minimum inhibitory concentration

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was carried out by micro dilution method with modification.<sup>[23]</sup> About 100  $\mu$ L of plant solvent extracts and 100  $\mu$ L of nutrient broth were dispensed to 96 well plates. A two-fold serial dilution with a concentration range (10–0.01 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>) was already done and also 10  $\mu$ L of bacterial inoculum suspension added to each well and incubated for 24 hours at  $37 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . MIC was confirmed by adding of 10  $\mu$ L of 2,3,5-triphenyl tetrazolium chloride (TTC) at 2 mgmL<sup>-1</sup> to incubated cultures. The absorbance of the ELISA plate reader was taken at 620 nm after 30 minutes of incubation, where there was no color of pink taken as MIC.

#### Thin layer chromatography- bioautography

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) bioautography agar overlay bioassay method was used to assess a compound's biological activity.<sup>[24]</sup> About 50  $\mu$ L (10 mg) of extracts spotted on TLC plates (Dimensions 12×1.5 cm) they dipped in a solvent system acetic anhydride: Benzene: Petroleum ether (1:4:5).<sup>[25]</sup> The chromatogram was air dried, and then clear bands were observed; its retention factor (Rf) was calculated. Nutrient agar media combined with 2 mgmL<sup>-1</sup> 2,3,5-triphenyl tetrazolium chloride (TTC) overlaid on TLC plates and bacteria suspension cultures ( $1.5 \times 10^8$  CFU/mL) spread on media after incubation at  $37 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 hours. The inhibition zone observed with the pink background experiment was repeated thrice.

#### Antioxidant assay

##### • 2, 2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) assay

*C. ramosissima* leaf extract antioxidant activity was evaluated by the DPPH assay method. The solution was prepared by dissolving 3.9 mg DPPH (0.01M) in 100 mL of methanol. The reaction mixture containing 1-mL plant extracts of different concentrations (20  $\mu$ g–100  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>) and 3 mL of DPPH solution, it was incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature in dark conditions. Ascorbic acid was used as the standard absorbance of solutions recorded at wavelength 517nm, percentage of inhibition was calculated from the formula.<sup>[26]</sup> The inhibition curves and IC<sub>50</sub> were calculated by linear regression equation and R<sup>2</sup>

$$\text{Inhibition Percentage (\%)} = \frac{\text{AC} - \text{AS}}{\text{AC}} \times 100$$

Where, AC -Absorbance of Control; AS-Absorbance of plant sample extracts.

##### • GC-MS analysis

Gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (GC-MS) profiling of *C. ramosissima* plant solvent extracts was carried out on Shimadzu GC-MS chromatogram of Model-QP2010S of a Capillary column of ELITE-5MS of 30 metre length, 0.25 mm inner diameter and 0.25  $\mu$ m thickness. GC-MS Solutions software was used to identify compounds and compared them with mass spectral data libraries from NIST 11 (National Institute of Standards and Technology, Washington, DC, USA) and Wiley8.

#### Statistical Analysis

Three replicates results of each experiment were analyzed by ANOVA using SPSS Inc.16.0. Significant effects were determined by F values ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) Tukey's HSD test means.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Phytochemical analysis

Phytochemical analysis results revealed the presence of alkaloids, pyrrolizidine alkaloids, flavonoids, steroids, diterpenes, and cardiac glycosides in ethyl acetate, methanol and ethanol, phenolics was present in methanol, ethanol extract and the absence in ethyl acetate and saponins, carbohydrates, and proteins were absent in all extract (Table 1). The major phytoconstituents were confirmed by qualitative analysis.

**Table 1:** Preliminary phytochemical analysis of *C. ramosissima* ethyl acetate methanol and ethanol leaves extracts:

Phytochemical compounds and test	Ethyl acetate extract	Methanol extract	Ethanol extract
Alkaloids			
Dragendorff's test	+	+	+
Mayer's test	+	+	+
Wagner's test	+	+	+
Hager's test	+	+	+
Pyrrolizidine alkaloid	+	+	+
Ehrlich reagent			
Flavonoids			
Alkaline reagent test	+	+	+
Ammonia test	+	+	+
Steroids & Terpenoids			
Liebermann-Burchard test	+	+	+
Salkowski test	+	+	+
Diterpenes			
Copper acetate test	+	+	+
Saponins			
Froth test	-	-	-
Cardiac glycoside			
Keller-Kiliani's test	+	+	+
Phenols			
Ellagic acid test	+	+	+
Tannins			
Gelatin test	+	+	+

+ Present, - Absent





### Antibacterial Activity, MIC and TLC Bioautography

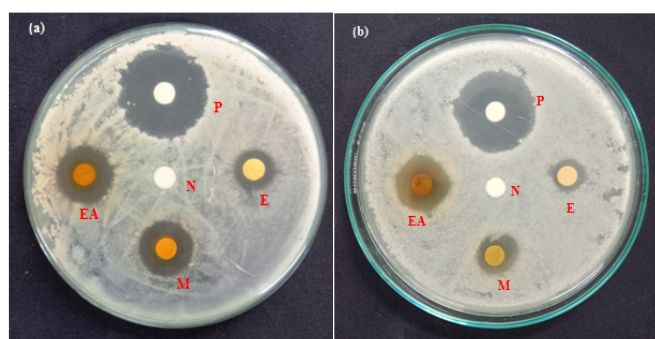
Antibacterial activity was evaluated against phytopathogens *Pseudomonas syringae*, and *Xanthomonas oryzae*. Out of three extracts, ethyl acetate and methanol extract reported antibacterial activity. Ethyl acetate extract showed an inhibition zone of  $23 \pm 0.5$  mm and MIC of  $15.60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  for *P. syringae*,  $18 \pm 0.5$  mm zone of inhibition and MIC  $31.25 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  for methanol extract. Ethyl acetate extract showed an inhibition zone of  $20 \pm 0.5$  mm and MIC  $31.25 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  for *X. oryzae*,  $11 \pm 0.5$  mm zone of inhibition and MIC  $62.25 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  for methanol extract, ethanol extract less sensitive no inhibition zone formed results represented in Fig. 2(a), (b) and Table 2.

*C. ramosissima* extracts evaluated for antibacterial activity by TLC bioautography method ethyl acetate extracts showed totally 13 bands and Rf values of 0.45, 0.54, 0.62, 0.75, 0.78, 0.8, 0.88 showed inhibition zone for *P. syringae*, and Rf value of 0.78 band showed inhibition zone for *X. oryzae*, Fig. 3(a), (b) no inhibition zone observed in methanol, ethanol extracts. GC-MS profiling of ethyl acetate extract reported with the bioactive compounds majorly phthalic acids-1,2-benzene dicarboxylic acid renowned for antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral activities,<sup>[27]</sup> geranyl linalool also reported which is commercially important as an essential oil, as an antimicrobial agent<sup>[28]</sup> and 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl] which are potent antibacterial compounds reported in *C. ramosissima* for the first time where 1,2,4-oxadiazole derivatives exhibited antibacterial

activity against *X. oryzae*. In previous report these compounds are known to have other properties like antiviral, antifungal<sup>[29,30]</sup> also which has unexplored activities in these compound. In previous studies other species, *C. sessiflora* reported for remarkable antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas* species.<sup>[31]</sup> Ethyl acetate extracts reported 1,2,4-oxadiazole compounds, which are having broad spectrum biological applications.<sup>[32]</sup>

### Antioxidant activity

*C. ramosissima* extracts were evaluated by DPPH assay with concentrations of ( $20\text{--}100 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ) compared to standard ascorbic acid. Methanol extract offered highest scavenging activity with inhibition percentage  $80.36 \pm 1.58\%$  and  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of  $2.71 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ , ethyl acetate extract  $73.70 \pm 1.68\%$  and  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of  $2.91 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ , ethanol extract  $74.22 \pm 1.82\%$  with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of  $2.91 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ , standard ascorbic acid showed  $85.76 \pm 1.02\%$  with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value  $2.41 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ . The methanol extracts of *C. ramosissima* has showed good antioxidant activity by inhibiting free radicals, which is on par with ascorbic acid antioxidant activity. The results are significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) Fig. 4. as all three extracts are good at scavenging free radicals. GC-MS analysis of methanol extract reported oxiranetanoic acid, methyl ester, hexadecenoic acid, butyl ester, 10-octadecenoic acid and methyl ester fatty acids reported as antioxidants in previous studies.<sup>[33]</sup> However, in other studies *C. sessiflora* showed antioxidant properties by the presence of hydroxyeucomic acid as strongest free radical-scavenging compound.<sup>[34]</sup>



NOTE: P-Positive control tetracycline antibiotic, N-Negative control, EA-Ethyl acetate *C. ramosissima* leaf extract, M-Methanol *C. ramosissima* leaf extract, E-Ethanol *C. ramosissima* leaf extract

Fig. 2: (a) Antibacterial activity of *P. syringae* (b) *X. oryzae*

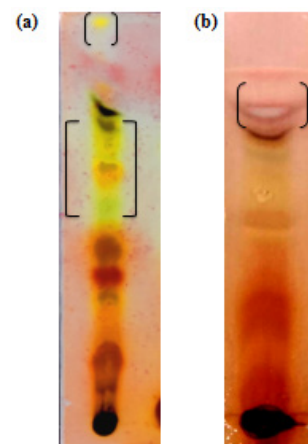
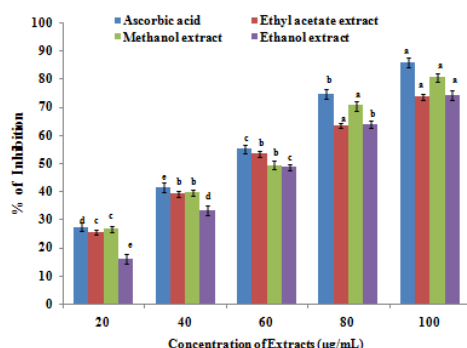


Fig. 3: (a) TLC-bioautography of *P. syringae* (b) *X. oryzae*

Table 2: Antibacterial activity of *C. ramosissima*

S No.	Test organisms	Zone of inhibition (mm/60 $\mu\text{L}$ )				MIC ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )			
		Ethyl acetate extract	Methanol extract	Ethanol extract	Standard	Ethyl acetate extract	Methanol extract	Ethanol extract	Standard
1.	<i>X. oryzae</i>	$16.33 \pm 0.33^e$	$11.33 \pm 0.33^c$	$1.66 \pm 0.33^b$	$26.00 \pm 0.0^a$	31.25	62.50	NA	3.12
2.	<i>P. syringae</i>	$17.66 \pm 0.33^b$	$17.66 \pm 0.33^b$	$5.00 \pm 0.33^c$	$26.00 \pm 0.0^a$	15.60	15.60	NA	3.12

Each value is the mean for triplicates ( $n = 3$ ) and  $\pm$  indicate standard errors. Means followed by the same letter(s) within the same column are not significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) according to Tukey's b HSD. Note: ND- No Activity determined

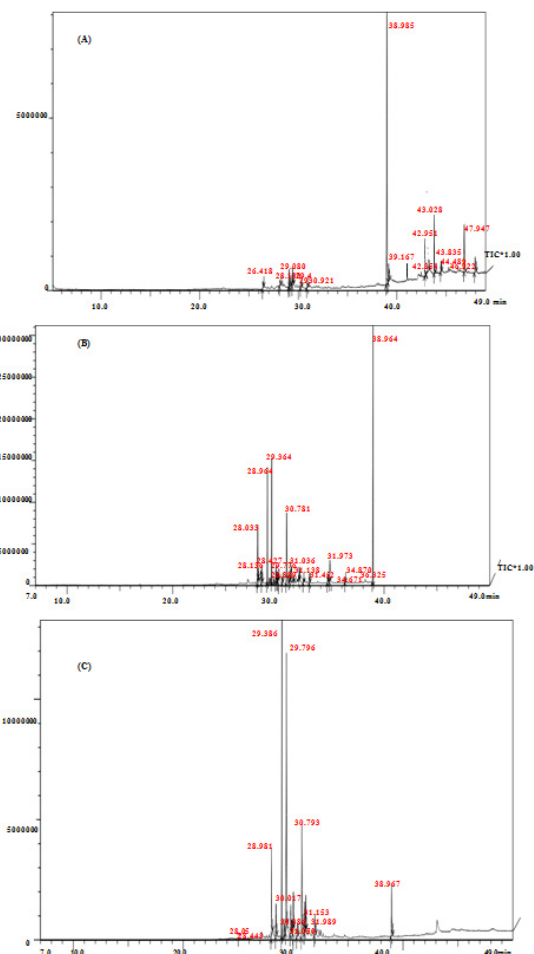


**Fig. 4:** Graphical representation of antioxidant activity DPPH assay ethyl acetate, ethanol, methanol of *C. ramosissima* leaf followed by bars are sharing same letters are not significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) according to Tukeys HSD vertical bars are standard errors

*C. retusa* methanol extract showed significant antioxidant activity.<sup>[35]</sup> Ethyl acetate extract GC-MS analysis revealed squelenes-tetratetracontane, pentacosane, and tocopherol (vitamin E), which are potent in protecting cells and food from free radicals. Methanol extract showed the highest antioxidants compared to ethyl acetate extract and ethanol with the lowest antioxidants. Phthalic acids are not good antioxidants compared to other plant metabolites.

### GC-MS Analysis

*C. ramosissima* leaf crude extracts GC-MS analysis revealed bioactive compounds chromatogram of ethyl acetate, ethanol and methanol extracts as represented in Figs 5(a), (b), (c) and Tables 3-6 described uses. Three solvent extracts revealed the presence of 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid (phthalic acids) highest percentage, followed by



**Fig. 5:** GC-MS Chromatogram of (a) ethyl acetate, (c) ethanol, (b) methanol extract of *C. ramosissima* leaf

**Table 3:** GC-MS profile of *C. ramosissima* leaf ethyl acetate extract

Peak No	Retention time	Area of %	Compound name	Molecular formula
1	26.418	1.12	2,6,10-Trimethyl,14-ethylene-14-pentadecne	$C_{18}H_{38}$
2	28.130	1.25	1,2 Benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	$C_{16}H_{22}O_4$
3	29.080	3.48	Dibutyl phthalate	$C_{6}H_{28}(COOC_4H_9)_2$
4	29.167	2.20	Phthalic acid, 5-methylhex-2-yl butyl ester	$C_{19}H_{28}O_4$
5	29.429	3.18	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl 2-ethylhexyl ester	$C_{20}H_{30}O_4$
6	30.261	1.12	Geranyl linalool isomer	$C_{20}H_{34}O$
7	30.921	1.00	1-Butyl 2-cyclohexyl phthalate	$C_{18}H_{24}O_4$
8	38.985	33.73	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid	$C_8H_6O_4$
9	39.167	4.88	2-Methoxy-4-nitroacridone	$C_{14}H_9C_1N_2O_3$
10	42.854	6.52	3-Amino-n-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5h-cyclopenta[b]thieno[3,2-e]pyridine-2-carboxamide	$C_{30}H_{27}N_3OS$
11	42.951	1.11	22-Tetracosahexaene, 2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyl-	$C_{30}H_{50}$
12	43.028	22.76	1,2,4-Oxadiazole, 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-	$C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_4$
13	43.835	6.15	Tetratetracontane	$C_{44}H_{90}$
14	44.489	1.23	22-Tetracosahexaen-3-ol, 2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyl-, (all-e)-	$C_{30}H_{50}O$
15	46.922	7.25	Pentacosane	$C_{25}H_{52}$
16	49.947	3.02	Dl- $\alpha$ -tocopherol	$C_{29}H_{50}O_2$
		100.00		



**Table 5:** GC-MS profile of *C. ramosissima* leaf methanol extract

Peak No	Retention time	Area of %	Compound name	Molecular formula
1	28.033	9.49	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O
2	28.136	1.23	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O
3	28.427	3.14	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O
4	28.964	9.70	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O
5	29.364	10.88	Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl 2-ethylhexyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
6	29.776	3.68	Diamyl phthalate	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
7	29.889	1.22	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
8	30.002	3.65	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl 2-ethylhexyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
9	30.369	1.10	Di-isopentylphthalate	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
10	30.781	12.03	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methoxyethyl) ester	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
11	31.036	2.38	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl octyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
12	31.138	2.77	Diamyl phthalate	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
13	31.452	1.84	10-Octadecenoic acid, methyl ester	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
14	31.973	1.68	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methoxyethyl) ester	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O
15	32.360	0.51	2-(Heptyloxycarbonyl)benzoic acid	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
16	32.950	1.44	Hexadecanoic acid, butyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O
17	34.671	1.44	Monocrotaline	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>
18	34.870	3.83	Oxiraneoctanoic acid, 3-octyl-, methyl ester, trans-	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
19	36.325	0.82	Octadecanoic acid, butyl ester	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O
20	38.964	27.16	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O
		100.00		

**Table 4:** GC-MS profile of *C. ramosissima* leaf ethanol extract

Peak No	Retention time	Area of %	Compound name	Molecular formula
1	28.052	10.32	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O
2	28.443	3.87	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O
3	30.017	4.06	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl 2-ethylhexyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O
4	30.386	1.53	Phthalic acid, di(2-methylbutyl) ester	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
5	30.793	13.25	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methoxyethyl) ester	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O
6	31.050	3.07	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl octyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
7	31.153	3.69	Diamyl phthalate	
8	31.989	3.07	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methoxyethyl) ester	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O
9	38.967	5.98	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
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**Table 6:** Biological applications of GC-MS profiled bioactive compounds of ethyl acetate, ethanol and methanol leaf extracts of *C. ramosissima*

S. No	Extract	Compound name	Molecular Formula	Biological application
1	Ethyl acetate extract, Ethanol extract, Methanol extract	1,2 Benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Phthalicacids- Antibacterial, antifungal, antiproliferative, Insecticidal-Diamond back moth, Mosquito repellent by acetylcholinesterase inhibition, and Phytotoxic <sup>[27]</sup> .
2		Dibutyl phthalate	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>28</sub> (COOC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	
3		Phthalic acid, 5-methylhex-2-yl butyl ester	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	

4		1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl 2-ethylhexyl ester	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	
5		1-Butyl 2-cyclohexyl phthalate	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	
6		1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	
7	Ethyl acetate extract	Geranyl linalool isomer	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O	Metabolite, fragrance scents preparation, antimicrobial agent, and <i>insecticidal</i> <sup>[28]</sup>
8	Ethyl acetate extract	2,6,10-Trimethyl,14-ethylene-14-pentadecene	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>38</sub>	Antileishmanial, antiproliferative, and Immunostimulant <sup>[40]</sup>
9	Ethyl acetate extract	3-Amino-n-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5h-cyclopenta[b]thieno[3,2-e]pyridine-2-carboxamide	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Skin corrosion and organ toxicity Respiratory tract irritation <sup>[45]</sup>
10	Ethyl acetate extract	22-Tetracosahexaene, 2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyl- (alle)-	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub>	Antibacterial, antiarthritic, anti-inflammatory, cytotoxic, insecticidal and chemopreventive <sup>[41]</sup>
11	Ethyl acetate extract	1,2,4-Oxadiazole, 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Cancerous properties, haemolytic larvicidal activity of army worm, nematocidal, anti-Allodynic, anti-Insomnia, anticonvulsant, anti-Inflammatory, and antimicrobial <sup>[37,29]</sup>
12	Ethyl acetate extract	Tetratetracontane	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>90</sub>	Semiochemical and a plant metabolite <sup>[41]</sup>
14	Ethyl acetate extract	Pentacosane	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>52</sub>	unexplored
15	Ethyl acetate extract	Dl- $\alpha$ -tocopherol	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Antioxidant <sup>[42]</sup>
16	Methanol extract	Monocrotaline	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>	Toxic,heptotoxic and cancerous <sup>[43]</sup>
17	Ethyl acetate extract	2-Methoxy-4-nitroacridone		<i>Acridine dye and</i> Skin corrosion <sup>[44]</sup>
18	Methanol extract	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O	Antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory activities <sup>[41]</sup>
19	Methanol extract	10-Octadecenoic acid, methyl ester	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Fattyacids-Antioxidant, antimicrobial,
20	Methanol extract	Octadecanoic acid, butyl ester	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O	lubricants and decrease blood cholesterol <sup>[38, 39]</sup>
21	Methanol extract	Oxiraneoctanoic acid, 3-octyl-, methyl ester, trans-	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	unexplored

fatty acids, terpenoids, pyrrolizidine alkaloid. Ethyl acetate extract revealed 16 compounds 33.73% of 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid which belongs to phthalates is purified and the compound showed inhibitory effect on *Pseudomonas* genus<sup>[36]</sup> which is having properties of antibacterial, antifungal and phytotoxic activities,<sup>[27]</sup> 22.76% of 1,2,4-oxadiazole-3(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl] heterocyclic aromatic chemical compound of the azole family-alkaloid which is reported first in *C. ramosissima* plant, is having broad spectrum of applications in agricultural activities and also reported for its excellent antibacterial activity against *Xanthomonas oryzae* causative organism of bacterial blight<sup>[27,29,37]</sup> followed by 7.25% of pentacosane activities not explored and 1.12% of geranyl linalool is di-terpene with high fragrance repellent agent for insects, antimicrobial agent and used as essential oils.<sup>[28,32]</sup> Ethanol extract revealed only 12 compounds which are all phthalic acids 29.9% of 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid and 4.61% of diamyl phthalate and methanol extract reported 27.16% of

1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, 1.84% of 10-octadecenoic acid, methyl ester<sup>[38,39]</sup> 1.44% of hexadecanoic acid, butyl ester and 1.44% of monocrotaline pyrrolizidine alkaloid are reported in GC-MS analysis of *C. ramosissima* leaf extracts.

## CONCLUSION

*Crotalaria* is folk medicine used to treat fever, cold, lung diseases, epidermal infections and skin diseases, but few bioactive compounds are considered toxic and can cause damage to livestock and human health problems. Among the high levels of hepatotoxic alkaloids that cause risk to livestock health are *C. novae-hollandiae*, *C. ramosissima*, *C. retusa* var, and *C. crispate*. A study of *C. ramosissima* illuminated an unexplored bioactive compound and its activity. Ethyl acetate extract exhibited antibacterial activity against phytopathogens *X. oryzae* and *P. syringae*, which can be used as biocontrol for plant diseases, along with antioxidants dyes are reported, which are helpful. Carcinogenic toxic compounds are also detected, which



are harmful to human beings. As per the GC-MS analysis report, phthalic acid contents are high in *C. ramosissima*, which are synthesized chemically for its plasticizer nature and application are antimicrobial, antioxidant, insecticidal and used as a mosquito repellent. *C. ramosissima* reported 1,2,4-oxadiazole-3(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl] for first-time in ethyl acetate extract and as per reports methanol reported monocrotaline which is a problematic pyrrolizidine alkaloid. All three solvent extracts of the plant reported potent in biological activities yet to be explored for work in future studies.

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