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## **COPPER NANOPARTICLES FROM *THOTTEA SILIQUOSA* (LAM.) DING HOU: THE PROMISING PROSPECTS IN GREEN CHEMISTRY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Nanotechnology has created a kind of revolution as this new area encompasses Physics, Chemistry, Material Science, Engineering along with Biology and Medicine. Nanoparticles may be of the same dimension as some biological molecules such as proteins and nucleic acids. They have been developed for use in the area of agriculture, where they can increase the efficiency and productivity of crops. Hence an attempt was made in the present investigation to explore the synthesis of copper nanoparticles both biologically and chemically with the medicinal plant *Thottea siliquosa* and by using sodium borohydride respectively. The study discusses the biologically and chemically synthesised copper nanoparticles from *Thottea siliquosa* and the characterisation using UV-VIS Spectroscopy and SEM; germination study using *Triticum aestivum* and its antibacterial activity. The presence of copper nanoparticles was confirmed by the spectroscopic examination. The diameter of chemically synthesised copper nanoparticle is approximately 50nm and the biologically synthesised one varying from 100nm to 500nm that is about 10 times larger than that of chemically synthesised copper nanoparticle. Both the nanoparticle possess negative impacts on the germination rate and its growth. The result indicated that even though they possessed antibacterial activity, at higher concentrations these nanoparticle have a growth inhibition activity.

### **KEYWORDS**

*Thottea siliquosa*, Copper nanoparticle, *Triticum aestivum*, Germination, Antibacterial activity

# CHEMICAL PROSPECTING OF THE ROOTS OF *THOTTEASILQUOSA* (LAM.) DING HOU, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ANTIOXIDANT, ANTICANCEROUS AND DNA DAMAGE INHIBITION PROPERTIES

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## ABSTRACT

Plants are utilized globally as herbal medicine due to their therapeutic values. Identification of phytochemicals from plants gives a gateway for the development of new drugs. The main aim of the present study was to investigate invitro antioxidant potential, DNA damage inhibition and cytotoxicity of phytochemicals extracted from the roots of *Thotteasiliquosa*(Lam) Ding. Hou., the medicinal undershrub from the family Aristolochiaceae. The dried roots of *T. siliquosa* were powdered and extracted with distilled water and chloroform and subjected to phytochemical screening. The extracts were shown the presence phytochemicals like Alkaloids, Glycosides, Saponins, Phenol and Flavonoid compounds. Invitro antioxidant activity was analyzed by using DPPH and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> assays. Both the extracts showed strong DPPH and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenging activities. The root extracts were found protecting the plant DNA from UV irradiation. Distilled water extract of plant root exhibited invitro cytotoxicity on tumor cells at concentration of 200µg/ml. These findings confirms the antioxidant, anticancerous and DNA damaging effects of the root extracts of *T.siliquosa*.

## Keywords

*Thotteasiliquosa*, Phytochemicals, antioxidant, DPPH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> invitro cytotoxicity

## NATURAL DYE FROM *THOTTEA DUCHARTREI* SIVAR., BABU & INDU: A PROMISING WINDOW IN GREEN CHEMISTRY



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### **ABSTRACT**

The focus on environmental concerns is increasingly causing the textile industry to explore natural sources of dyes as opposed to synthetic dyes. The aim of the study was to evaluate the performance of dyes extracted from root, leaves and flower of the plant *Thottea dutchartrei* belongs to family Aristolochiaceae. Most of the members in *Thottea* are aromatic and have medicinal values. In the present study, the dyeing pigments present in flowers, root and leaves of *T.duchartrei* were extracted. The UV, visible, and near infrared spectroscopic analysis of dyes yielded characteristic peaks corresponding to the colouring compound. The presence of flavonoids was indicated by chemical characterization of dye. Three types of mordants were used to set isolated dye on cotton fabric by forming a co-ordination complex and also studied the effect of fabric on three different methods of mordanting. Among the three mordanting techniques, pre-mordanting method was good in terms of dyeing. Fastness properties and oil repellence of the dyed cotton were also tested. Here the post-mordanting sample yielded good result. Among the different dyes, dye from flower yielded promising results in terms of colour fastness.

### **Keywords**

*Thottea dutchartrei*, Dye, Mordants, Colour fastness