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## Finding the antioxidant activity in aqueous extracts of powder of murrya koenigii leaves at room temperature by using ferric reduction method

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Antioxidant of plant origin is believed to help protect the cells from free radical damage. They may prevent and / or improve different disease status. Murrayakoenigiileaves are reported to possess potent antioxidant properties. The Aim of this study is to determine the Antioxidant activity of the aqueous extracts of MurrayakoenigiileavesBy Ferric Reduction method. Leaves were dried to constant weight, powdered and sieved. Antioxidant activity was estimated in the cold and hot aqueous extracts of the M. koenigii leaf powder in two-month interval for one year. This study showed that the EC 50 value of cold and hot extracts of M.koenigiileaf powder was verified with months. EC 50 values are inversely proportional antioxidant activity. The higher antioxidant activity of cold and hot extracts was (66.83-35.63) μg/ml in June respectively. The lower antioxidant activity of cold and hot extracts was (157.33-110.5) µg/ml in December respectively. Hot extract of M.koenigiileaf powder showed greater antioxidant activity than the cold extracts in tested months. The mean and SD of EC 50 values were (93.99±33.5), (69.42±24.8) µg/ml.InSiddha Medicine, the lifespan of 'Chooranam', which is prepared from herbs, is used for 3 months. Hence, the leaf powder can be used for the 'Chooranam' preparation. However freshly prepared leaf powder is recommended for the preparation of the 'Chooranam'.

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