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**ISOLATION PURIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONSTITUENTS OF  
*BORRERIA HISPIDA* (Linn)**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study reports the isolation and characterization of a new chemical constituents extracted from the leaves of *Borreria Hispida* Linn. The isolation of the organic compounds was done using simple chromatographic technique. The method of isolation is simple, cost effective and efficient. Eight compounds were isolated for the first time from the air dried leaves of *Borreria hispida* (Linn). Four sterol compounds, one unsaturated terpenoidal ketone, one flavone, one Saponin, and one Terpene compound were isolated. These compounds were isolated and identified by physical and chemical methods; melting point, R<sub>f</sub> values, IR and H<sup>1</sup> NMR spectroscopy. *Borreria Hispida* Linn has a long history of use in the Ayurvedic and Unani systems of medicine. It contains a number of phytoconstituents viz. alkaloids, phytosterols, glycosides, amino acids, proteins, phenolic acids, enzymes, vitamins, sugars, minerals, flavonoids, gums & mucilage, terpenoids etc <sup>[1-6]</sup>. The plant is used for the treatment of a number of diseases <sup>[1, 7-8]</sup>. The present study deals with isolation purification and identification of constituents from the leaves of *Borreria hispida* Linn.

**Key word:** Leaf extract of *Borreria hispida*, isolation of constituents

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## INTRODUCTION:

*Borreria hispida* belongs to the family Rubiaceae. It is widely distributed in throughout India, up to 900m in hills and on all dry lands as a weed. The seed of *Borreria hispida* is used as PPAR-alpha gene expression, antioxidant redox status, protein metabolism in STZ diabetic rats. Potential role of *Borreria hispida* in ameliorating cardiovascular risk factor. [9] *Borreria hispida* seed flavonoid-rich fraction possesses free radical scavenging and antioxidant activity both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. [10] *Borreria hispida* Linn has been in use in the Indian system of medicine.

Various part of the plant are useful in the treatment of antifertility, Appetite, Bleeding in child birth, body ache, eye discan, Gum trouble, Scabies and skin disease, Stomach compliance, Ulcers, Wounds, head ache and tooth ache [6][7] Also the rural people of Kanyakumari District (Tamil Nadu, India) use the fresh juice or the paste form of whole plant for tooth ache and various skin diseases.

## MATERIALS AND METHOD:

### Collection and Identification of Plant Material:

The whole plant of *Borreria hispida* (Linn), were collected from Midalam, Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu, India. Taxonomic

identification was done by Dr. D. Stephen, Lecturer, Dept. of Botany, The American College. The leaves of *Borreria hispida* Linn were collected in the month of July and dried in the shade, segregated, pulverized by a mechanical grinder and passed through a 40 mesh sieve.

### Preparation of Extracts:

About 1 kg of above dry powdered materials was successively extracted with petroleum ether (40-600C) by continuous hot percolation method in Soxhlet apparatus [11]. The extraction was continued for 72 hours. The petroleum ether extract was filtered and concentrated to dry mass by using vacuum distillation. The extracts were concentrated by using a rotary evaporator and subjected to freeze drying in a lyophilizer till dry powder was obtained. The dark green residue was obtained. (14 gms)

The marc left after petroleum ether extract was taken and subsequently extracted with chloroform for 72 hours. The chloroform extract was then filtered and concentrated to a dry mass. A dark green residue was obtained. The extracts were concentrated by using a rotary evaporator and subjected to freeze drying in a lyophilizer till dry powder was obtained (4 gms)

### **Column Chromatography Of Petroleum Ether And Chloroform Extracts:**

The combined extracts of petroleum ether and chloroform were chromatographed over about 200 gms of silica gel (100 – 200 mesh) using petroleum ether, benzene, chloroform, ethyl acetate, acetone and their mixtures in various proportions in the order of their increasing polarities.

The column was packed by using the suspension of silica gel in petroleum ether. Each 50 ml of the eluate was collected and concentrated.

The obtained fractions were tested for the presence of various constituents and nature of the compound. The fractions 46 to 74 and 84 – 90 were showed three different spots, indicating the presence of three different compounds. Hence these fractions were rechromatographed over silica gel (100 – 200 mesh). Table 2 and 3.

### **Preparation of Thin Layer Chromatography Plates:**

About 30 gms of silicagel G was weighed and it was shaken with 100 ml of water to form a homogenous suspension. The suspension poured into a thin layer chromatography applicator which was adjusted to 0.25 mm thickness.

The plates were kept in the hot air oven at 110°C for 1 hour to activate the silica gel G. They were then stored in a dry atmosphere and used whenever required.

By using the capillary tube, the eluate were spotted on the TLC plates around 2 cm above its bottom and subjected to chromatogram with different solvent system. The compound moved according to their affinity towards different solvent system. The plates after developed in each solvent system were observed under UV lamp. The different spots developed in each solvent system were identified by means of different spraying system and also by placing in iodine chamber. The results have been recorded as shown in the Table1.

**Table 1-Data Showing Column Chromatography of Combined Petroleum Ether and Chloroform Extract:**

Fraction	Eluates	Nature of residue	TLC
1-8	Petroleum ether-100	Colorless	Nil
9-14	Petroleum ether: Benzene 95:5	Light Yellow	Single spot
15-20	Petroleum ether: Benzene 80:20	Light Yellow	Single spot
21-27	Petroleum ether: Benzene 70:30	Yellow	Single spot
28-39	Petroleum ether: Benzene 50:50	Reddish Yellow	Single spot
40-45	Benzene: Chloroform 90:10	Orange	Single spot
46-58	Benzene: Chloroform 80:20	Reddish Orange	Three spots
59-64	Benzene: Chloroform 50:50	Reddish Orange	Three spots
65-74	Chloroform-100	Orange	Three spots
75-77	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 90:10	Yellowish Orange	Single spot
78-80	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 80:20	Yellowish Orange	Single spot
81-83	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 70:30	Yellowish Orange	Single spot
84-86	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 50:50	Dark green	Three spots
87-90	Ethyl acetate- 100	Dark green	Three spots

**Re-Chromatography of Fractions 84-90:** Chloroform-Ethyl acetate fractions from 84 to 90 were mixed and rechromatographed over silicagel (100- 200 mesh). **Table 2:**

Fraction	Eluates	Nature of residue	TLC
1-12	Petroleum ether -100	Colorless	Nil
13-15	Petroleum ether: Benzene 50:50	Colorless	Nil
16-18	Benzene-100	Colorless	Nil
19-24	Chloroform-100	Yellow	Single spot
25-33	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 10:90	Orange	Single spot
34-42	Ethyl acetate-100	Green	Single spot
43-45	Ethyl acetate: Acetone 10:90	Dark Green	Single spot
46-54	Acetone- 100	Light Green	Single spot

**Re-Chromatography of Fractions 46-74:** Benzene - Chloroform fractions from 46 to 74 were mixed and rechromatographed over silicagel (100- 200 mesh). **Table 3**

Fraction	Eluates	Nature of residue	TLC
1-3	Hexane	Oily Residue	Single spot
4-8	Petroleum ether 100	Orange Viscous	Two spot
9-16	Petroleum ether: Chloroform 80:20	Brown solid	Single spot
17-20	Chloroform 100	Yellow viscous	Single spot
21-24	Chloroform: Ethyl acetate 80:20	Yellow viscous	Single spot

The fractions 4 to 8 also showed two spots on TLC, indicating the presence of two different compounds. These fractions were mixed together and dried to become a residue. The residue was treated with water. The water soluble portion did not show any spot on TLC. The water insoluble fraction was treated with ethyl alcohol then filtered and separated into ethyl alcohol soluble and insoluble fraction.

The ethyl alcohol soluble portion was treated with equal volume of distilled water and ethanol mixture (1:1) and then treated with ethyl acetate in separating funnel, which separated into organic layer and the aqueous layers. The process was repeated for at least three times to ensure complete extraction. The aqueous layer and organic layer have been separated. Both

fractions were distilled to get the residue. The compounds C and D are obtained from the organic and aqueous layer respectively. The fraction 75 to 83 were showed same  $R_f$  value, hence they were mixed together and evaporated to get the residue. The quantity of the compound obtained is too less. So we could not process the compound.

#### IR Spectra:

The IR spectrum for Compound 'A', Compound 'G' and Compound 'H' were taken on Perkin Elmer model IR spectrophotometer using neat. The IR spectrum for compound 'B', Compound 'C', Compound 'D', Compound 'E' and Compound 'F' were taken on Perkin Elmer model IR spectrophotometer using KBr.

**NMR Spectra:**

NMR for all the Compounds was taken on av 300,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), 300 MHz, TMS as standard.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:****Characterization of compound A:**

Fractions 1 to 39 (Table 1) were showed positive results for **Sterols** and showed same

$R_f$  value on TLC. These fractions were mixed together and the reddish orange power (103 mg), (Compound A) was obtained. The compound A was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 135-140°C,  $R_f$  value 0.6808

**Table -5:**

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3482	O-H stretching	0.07934 - 1.97443          5.1205	Due to protons of $\text{CH}_3$ , $\text{CH}_2$ and CH of cyclic compounds, Polycyclic compounds
3357	O-H stretching		
3289	O-H stretching		
2927	$\text{SP}^3$ C-H stretching		
1604	C=C double bond stretching		
1461	C-H bending		
1373	C-H bending		
1101	C-O stretching of alcohol		
973	C-H bending (Olefinic)		
871	C-H bending		
			Due to protons of alkenes nature

**Characterization of compound B:**

Fractions 40 to 45 (Table 3) were showed positive results for **Sterols** and showed same  $R_f$  value on TLC. These fractions were mixed together and the reddish orange

viscous (300 mg) residue (Compound B) was obtained. The Compound B was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 190 - 195°C,  $R_f$  value 0.7142

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
2923	C-H Stretching	0.6 – 2.3     5 – 5.5	May be due to protons of $\text{CH}_3$ , $\text{CH}_2$ and CH May be due to steroidal ring protons.
2850	C-H Stretching		
1737	C=O Stretching		
1461	C-H Bending		
1376	C-H Bending		
			May be due to unsaturation.

**Characterization of compound C:**

Compound C, white crystalline powder (135 mg) has been obtained from the Fractions 4-8, (Table 2) by extraction process. Compound C showed positive results for

**Sterols** and was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 125 - 130°C,  $R_f$  value 0.66

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3428	O-H Stretching	0.678 – 2.3	Groups of peaks represents cyclic protons of steroid ring
2937	$\text{SP}^3$ C-H Stretching	5.345 – 5.593	Indicates unsaturation
1461	C-H Bending of $\text{SP}^3$	7.264 – 7.610	May be due to unsaturated lactone.
1373	C-H Bending		
1054	C-O Stretching		

**Characterization of compound D:**

Compound D, viscous white residue (35 mg) has been obtained from the Fractions 4-8 (Table 2) by extraction process. Compound D showed positive results for

**Steroidal Saponins** and was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 225°C,  $R_f$  value 0.822

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3407	O-H Stretching	0.838 – 2.0	Due to protons of steroid ring.
2923	C-H Stretching	4.6 – 4.82	Due to methane protons attached with ester.
2848	C-H Stretching	5.334 – 5.684	May be due to unsaturation.
1737	C=O Stretching	7.387 – 7.61	May be due to unsaturated lactone.
1656	C=O Stretching		
1459	C-H Bending		
1376	C-H Bending		
1159	C-O Stretching		
1072	C-O Stretching		

**Characterization of compound E:**

Fractions 1 to 39 (Table 3) were showed positive results for **Terpenes** and showed same  $R_f$  value on TLC. These fractions were mixed together and the brown viscous

residue (103 mg), (Compound E) was obtained. The compound E was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 89-92°C,  $R_f$  value 0.8095

**Table- 5:**

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency cm <sup>-1</sup>	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3447	O-H Stretching	0.0706 – 0.8760	Due to alicyclic protons
2917	SP <sup>3</sup> C-H Stretching	1.1657 – 1.2279	Due to CH <sub>3</sub> protons
2849	C-H Stretching	2.0051-52.1109	CH <sub>2</sub> proton attached to C=O group
1700	C=O Stretching	5.1030 – 5.1250	May be due to unsaturated compound
1696	C=O Stretching		
1096	C-O Stretching		

**Characterization of compound F:**

Fractions 17 to 20 (Table 3) were showed positive results for **Sterols** and showed same R<sub>f</sub> value on TLC. These fractions were mixed together and the yellow viscous residue (40 mg), (Compound F) was

obtained. The compound F was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point 150°C, R<sub>f</sub> value 0.7826

**Table 6**

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency cm <sup>-1</sup>	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3521	O-H Stretching	0.8326 – 1.143	May be due to methyl (CH <sub>3</sub> ) protons.
2927	C-H Stretching	1.253 – 1.479	Protons of CH <sub>3</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> and CH of fused rings of polycyclic compounds.
1644	May be C=N Stretching	1.501 – 1.523	May be due to methane(CH) protons
1463	C-H Bending	5.125	May be due to olefinic protons of alkenes nature
1367	C-H Bending (saturated)		
1105	C-O Stretching		
968	C-H Bending		
873	C-H Bending		
840	C-H Bending		
642	C-H Bending		

**Characterization of compound G:**

Fractions 34 to 42 (Table 3) were showed positive results for **Unsaturated Terpenoidal Ketone** and showed same R<sub>f</sub> value on TLC. These fractions were mixed

together and the dark green viscous residue (1.2 gms), (Compound G) was obtained. Melting point 128°C, R<sub>f</sub> value 0.7380



Table -7:

IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
3513	O-H Stretching	0.693 – 2.368	Due to $\text{CH}_3$ , $\text{CH}_2$ and $\text{CH}$ protons of fused rings of a alicyclic compounds.
2927	$\text{SP}^3$ C-H Stretching		
2856	C-H Stretching	5.126 – 5.411	Cyclic unsaturated ketones.
1708	C=O Stretching		
1602	C=O Stretching		
1461	C-H Bending		
1378	C-H Bending		
1307	C-H Bending		

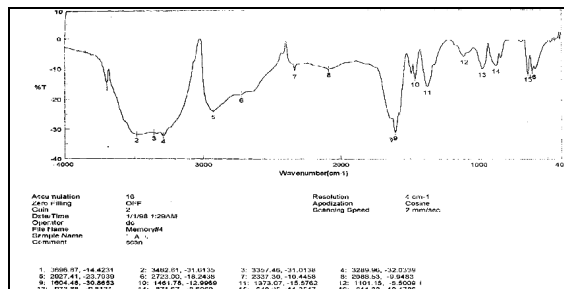
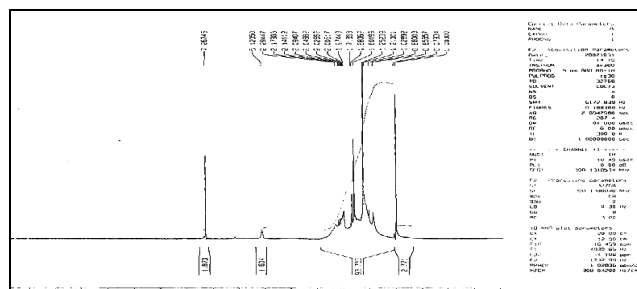
**Characterization of compound H:**

Fractions 43 to 54 (Table 3) were showed positive results for **Flavones** and showed same  $R_f$  value on TLC. These fractions were mixed together and the dark green

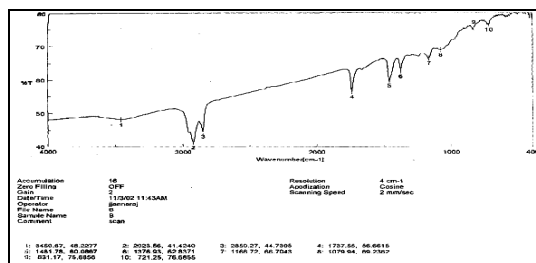
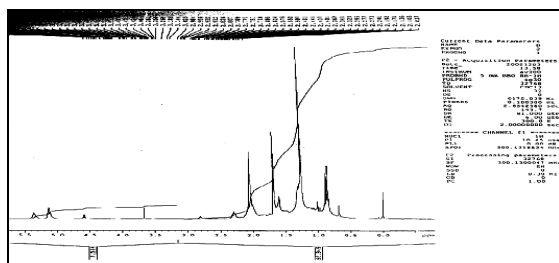
viscous residue (30 mgs), (Compound H) was obtained. The compound H was soluble in chloroform and benzene, melting point  $105^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R_f$  value 0.8723

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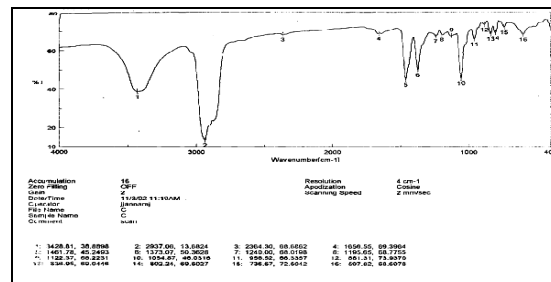
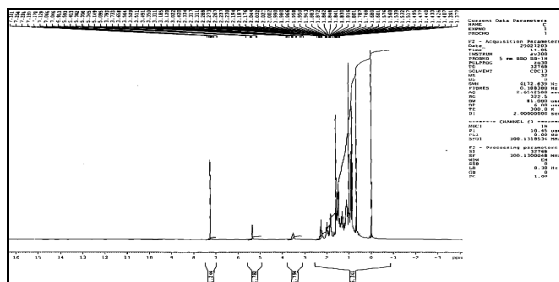
IR SPECTRAL DATA		NMR SPECTRAL DATA	
Frequency $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Groups assigned	Signals( $\delta$ ) values ppm	Groups assigned
2925	$\text{SP}^3$ C-H Stretching	0.9765 – 1.0076	Due to $\text{CH}_3$ , protons
2850	C-H Stretching		
1716	C=O Stretching	1.252	Due to $\text{CH}_2$ , protons
1602	C=C Stretching	1.6776	Due to $\text{CH}$ , protons
1376	C-H Bending	2.0368 – 2.2881	Methylene group attached to carbonyls like $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=O}$
983	C-H Bending (Olefinic)		
		5.35	Due to ethylenic proton

**Spectra for Compound A:**

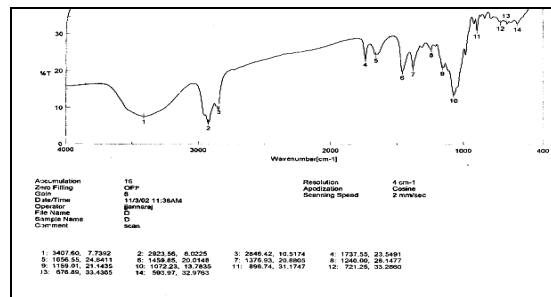
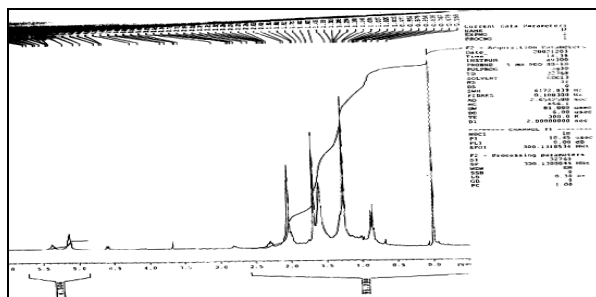
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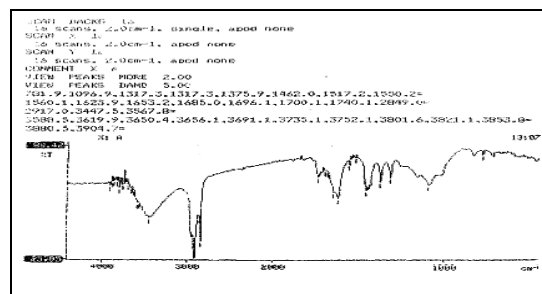
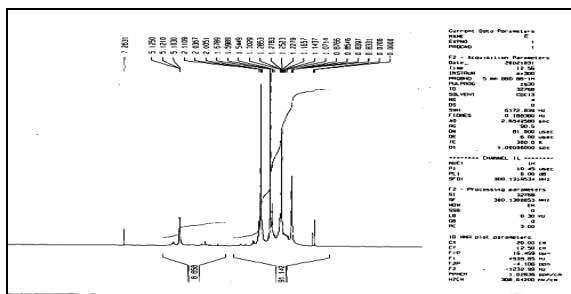
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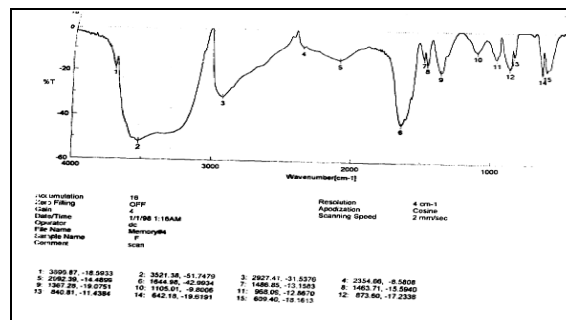
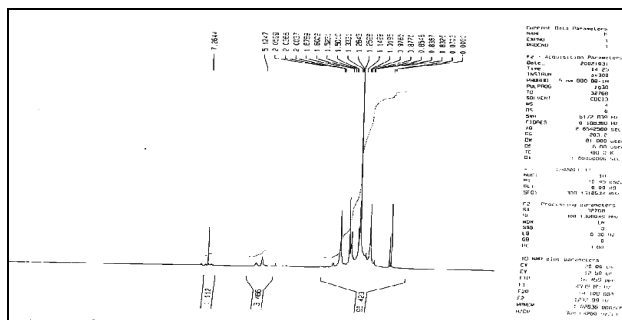
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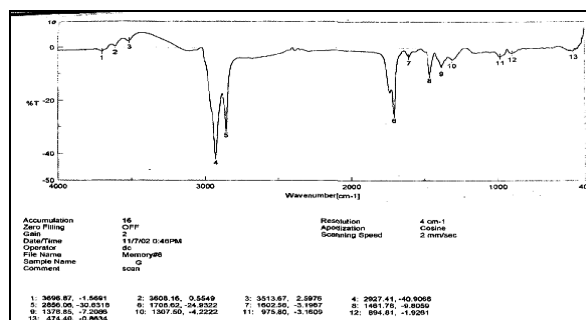
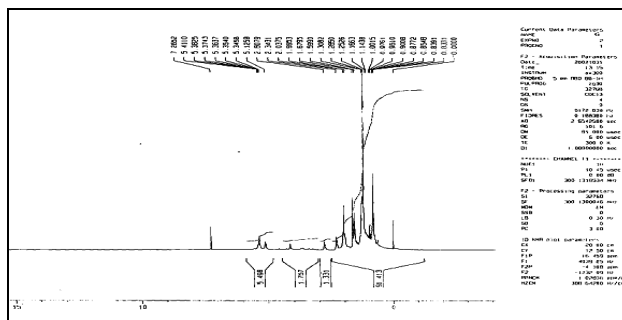
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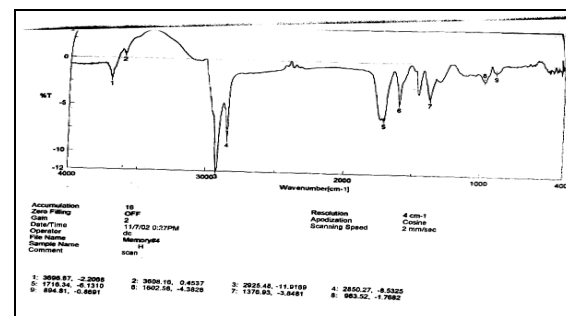
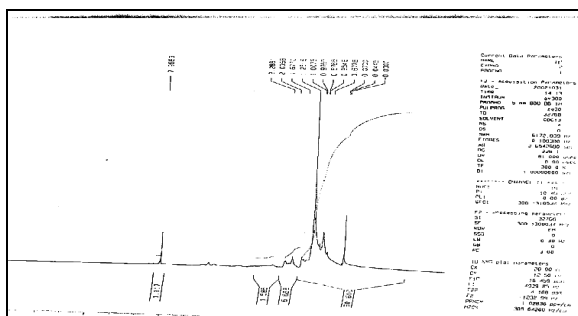
## Spectra for Compound F:



## Spectra for Compound G:



## Spectra for Compound H:



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