

P-99**Phytochemistry and Anti Tyrosinase Activity of Extracts from Leaves of *Gynotroches Axillaris* (Rhizophoraceae)**

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Gynotroches axillaris is the only species of *Gynotroches* from Rhizophoraceae family. Sequential extraction of powdered leaves of *Gynotroches axillaris* using petroleum ether, chloroform and methanol afforded three extracts with percentage yield 4.6%, 1.6% and 15% respectively. Fractionation and purification of petroleum ether extract yielded triterpene ester, β -amyrin palmitate as the major compound, and two fatty acids, palmitic acid and myristic acid. The methanol extract yielded two flavonoids assigned as quercetin-3-O-L-rhamnoside and catechin. The structures were determined by MS, IR and NMR (1D and 2D). The tyrosinase inhibition assay of petroleum ether, chloroform, methanol extracts and the pure compounds were screened against tyrosinase enzyme. The inhibition percentage (I%) of methanol extract against tyrosinase enzyme was stronger than the other extracts with I% values 68.4%. Quercetin-3-O-L-rhamnoside (59%) was found to be the highest in the tyrosinase inhibition activity compared to standard Kojic acid (83%), whereas catechin and β -amyrin palmitate were inactive.

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