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Physicochemical characteristics and antimicrobial activities of Ferula asafoetida leaves and gum

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The traditional phytomedicine asafoetida is used in different countries for various purposes. The chemical and antioxidant properties and antimicrobial activities of hydro-alcoholic extracts obtained from Ferula asafoetida leaves and gum in Iran (Razavi Khorasan, Iran) were investigated. Gum and leaves of plant were collected and air dried at ambient temperature in the shade. Table-1 showed some properties of fresh gum and dried leaves. Results also showed the Total Phenolic Compounds (TPC) and DPPH antioxidant activity in the hydro-alcoholic (80:20) extract of leaves were noticeably greater than gum. There are significant difference between flavonoids compounds of leaves and gum. Antimicrobial effect of hydro-ethanolic extracts against Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Saccharomyces cerevisiae and Aspergillus niger were evaluated. Results showed that different concentration of hydro-ethanolic extract of Ferula asofoetida gum and leaves had desired inhibition zone diameter in comparable with gentamicin. It might be due to high sulfur content which determined by Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP).

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