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Several Flavonols Extraction from Leaves of Glehnia littoralis

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Objectives

Glehnia littoralis (Umbelliferae) is a perennial herb, indigenous to the seashore. In this paper, we have isolated and identified flavonol profiles in the leaves of G. littoralis by using HPLC technique.

Materials and Methods

1. Material

Leaves of G. littoralis were collected on August, 2004. They dried up in the shade and were stored at -70°C for future analysis.

2. Methods:

For flavonoid analysis freeze-dried leaves were extracted in 85% MeOH. Preliminary analysis of the flavonoid extracts was employed by 2-D TLC. Purified flavonoids were identified by employing a combination of UV spectral analysis, acid hydrolyses, Rf values, retention times, and co-chromatography with standard using HPLC and TLC by methods of Harbone (1980) and Markham (1982).

Results and Discussion

Seven flavonol compounds were extracted from *G. littoralis* leaves and their Rt values were 10.5, 24.6, 24.5, 14.5, 13.1, 12.4 and 14.5. Some of them were derivatives of the following flavonols; kaempferol and quercetin. We identified kaempferol-3-O-glycoside-7-O-glycoside, quercetin-3-O-glycoside-7-O-glycoside and quercetin-3-O-glycoside. Among them quercetin glycosylated derivatives was major flavonol compound. In spite of the abundant economical value, the study of flavonoids of this species is limited to anthocyanin profiles (Miura *et al*, 1997 and *Kitamura* et al, 2001). This identification of flavonol profiles in this species may be the first paper.

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