

The Gas Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy Analysis of One Unani Drug, "Majoon Falasifa"

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ABSTRACT

This works embarks upon the gas chromatography mass spectroscopic analysis of one Unani drug, "Majoon falasifa" which is prescribed for ailments of nerves, digestive and reproductive systems. The drug was bought from a Unani medicine supplier and was processed suitably to be analysed by GC MS process. The compounds namely, Butanoic acid, 2-methyl-,1,2dimethylpropyl ester, Propanoic acid, 2,2-dimethyl-,2-ethylhexyl ester, 5-ydroxymethylfurfural, Cyclohexane, 1-ethyl-1,3dimethyl-,trans-,Gamolenic Acid, Methyl 2-hydroxy-octadeca-9,12,15-trienoate, 1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, mono (2ethylhexyl) ester etc. These compounds do shown medicinal roles which correspond to that of Majoon falasifa. Further work to know the roles of some other molecules for which the reports are not available.

Key words: GCMS, Majoon falasifa, Butanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 1,2-dimethylpropyl ester, 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural, Gamolenic acid

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INTRODUCTION

The Unani medicine, Majoon falasifa has been claimed to have properties such as brain and nerve tonic, gastro tonic, as an aphrodiciac and as semen procreator. It is prescribed for dyspepsia, kidney pain and arthralgia also. The ingredients of this medicine are mentioned below:

Tukhm baboona (*Anthemis nobilis* seed) 15 gm; Amla muqashsher (*Emblica officinalis* G. crushed fruit) 30 gm; Beikh baboona (*Anthemis nobilis* root) 30 gm; Filfil daraz (*Piper longum* fruit) 30 gm; Filfil siyah (*Piper nigrum* fruit) 30 gm; Maghz chilghoza (*Pinus gerardiana* kernel) 30 gm; Narjeel taaza (Lodoicea maldivica Pers fresh fruit) 30 gm; Salab misri (Orchis latifolia root) 30 gm; Sheetraj zeylanicum) (Zingiber (Plumbago 30 gm; Zanjabil rhizome) 30 officinalis Zaravand gm; mudharij (Aristolochia rotunda root) 30 gm and Maveez munaqqa (Vitis vinifera seed less fruit) 90 gm. All the above ingredients are powdered and mixed with alkaline solution of a particular consistency of Asl (Honey), double the weight of the powder. It is prescribed at dose of 5 to 7 gm.

Very few reports on the medical efficacy of Majoon falasifa are available. Zarnigar have reported the positive role of this medicine in health promotion in elderly patients [1]. Younis et al. have studied the shelf life of Majoon falasifa [2]. Rashid et al. have reported the positive role of Majoon falasifa in the health of elderly [3]. Younis et al. have reported the microbial analysis of this medicine [4]. In order to scientifically evaluate the efficacy of alternative medicines latest techniques the present workers have reported some data and this report is one more step in this direction [5-23].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The medicine Majoon falasifa was bought from a Unani medicine vendor. The medicine was suitably processed by standard procedures and the GC-MS analysis was performed.

Table 1: Indicates the retentions values, types of possible compound, their molecular formulae, molecular mass, peak area and their medicinal roles of each compound as shown in the GC MS profile of Majoon falasifa.

Ret. Time	Molecule	Mol. Formula	Mol. Mass	% Peak area	Possible Medicinal Role
3.69	Butanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 1,2-dimethylpropyl ester	$C_{10}H_{20}O_2$	172.1	1.76	Arachidonic acid inhibitor, Increases aromatic amino acid decarboxylase activity, inhibits production of Uric acid
3.75	Propanoic acid, 2,2- dimethyl-, 2-ethylhexyl ester	$C_{13}H_{26}O_2$	214.2	2.16	Arachidonic acid inhibitor, Increases aromatic amino acid decarboxylase activity, inhibits production of Uric acid
4.55	Ethylene diacrylate	$C_8H_{10}O_4$	170.1	5.07	Not known
5.25	Dodecane, 1-fluoro-	$C_{12}H_{25}F$	188.2	15.37	Not known
6.26	6-Tridecanol, 3,9-diethyl-	C ₁₇ H ₃₆ O	256.3	1.72	Not known
6.33	5-Hydroxymethylfurfural	$C_6H_6O_3$	126	6.13	It is reported to stop neuron apoptosis.
6.39	3,5-Dimethyl-3-heptene	C ₉ H ₁₈	126.1	2.35	Not known
7.92	Cyclohexane, 1-ethyl-1,3- dimethyl-, trans-	C ₁₀ H ₂₀	140.2	1.49	Catechol-O-Methyl- Transferase-Inhibitor, Increases Glutathione-S- Transferase (GST) Activity, Decreases Glutamate Oxaloacetate Transaminase, Decreases Glutamate Pyruvate Transaminase, Glucosyl- Transferase-Inhibitor, Glutathione-S-Transferase- Inhibitor, Increases Glyoxalate Transamination, Reverse- Transcriptase-Inhibitor, Transdermal
9.29	Propylparaben	$C_{10}H_{12}O_3$	180.1	8.57	Not known
14.3	2-Azido-2,4,4,6,6,8,8- heptamethylnonane	$C_{16}H_{33}N_3$	267.3	2.13	Not known
16.46	Gamolenic Acid	$C_{18}H_{30}O_2$	278.2	2.72	Acidifier, acidulant, Arachidonic acid inhibitor, Increases aromatic amino acid decarboxylase activity, inhibits production of Uric acid
17.07	Methyl 2-hydroxy- octadeca-9,12,15-trienoate	C ₁₉ H ₃₂ O ₃	308.2	7.72	Catechol-O-Methyl- Transferase-Inhibitor, Increases Glutathione-S- Transferase (GST) Activity, Decreases Glutamate Oxaloacetate Transaminase, Decreases Glutamate Pyruvate Transaminase, Glucosyl- Transferase-Inhibitor, Glutathione-S-Transferase- Inhibitor, Increases Glyoxalate Transamination, Reverse- Transcriptase-Inhibitor, Transdermal

medicinal role of each molecule is tabulated in Table 1.

18.22	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, mono(2-ethylhexyl)	$C_{16}H_{22}O_4$	278.2	1.79	Monoamine precursor, Monooxygeanse inhibitor,
	ester				Squalene monooxugenase inhibitor

Figure 1 shows the GC-MS profile of the Unani medicine Majoon falasifa. The biomolecules were identified by referring to NIST spectral library the possible pharmaceutical roles of each bio molecule as per National Agriculture Library, USA and others as shown in Table 1 [24].

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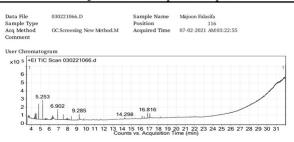


Figure 1: Indicates the gas chromatography mass spectroscopic profile of majoon falasifa.

Majoon falasifa profile showed some important compounds such as, Butanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 1,2dimethylpropyl ester, Propanoic acid, 2,2-dimethyl-, 2ethylhexyl ester, 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural, Cyclohexane, 1-ethyl-1,3-dimethyl-, trans-, Gamolenic Acid. Methyl 2-hydroxy-octadeca-9,12,15-trienoate, 12 -Benzenedicarboxylic acid, mono (2-ethylhexyl) ester etc. the medicinal roles of each is mentioned in Table 1. These medicinal roles correspond to the medicinal role of Majoon falasifa. Further work to understand the medicinal roles of some of the molecules whose roles have not been reported yet will be worthwhile.

DISCUSSION

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CONCLUSION

It could be summarized from the results and discussion that Majoon Falasifa does contain important biomolecules which provides a clue to its prescription for the urolithiatic role of this medicine. It will be of interest to probe into the medicinal roles of many compound present in Majoon Falasifa for which the medicinal roles are not reported yet.

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