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# In vitro studies data on anticancer activity of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. heartwood and leaf extracts on MCF7 and A549 cell lines



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## ABSTRACT

This article contains data on in vitro cytotoxicity activity of chloroform, methanolic and water extracts of leaf and heartwood of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. a medicinal plant against Breast cancer (MCF-7) and Lung cancer (A-549) cells. This data shows that Brazilin A, a natural bioactive compound in heartwood of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. induced cell death in breast cancer (MCF-7) cells. The therapeutic property was further proved by docking the Brazilin A molecule against BCL-2 protein (an apoptotic inhibitor) using auto dock tools.

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Type of data	Tables, microscopy images, text file, graphs, Chromatogram figure, docking images
How data was acquired	Conducting of anticancer activity assays and cytotoxicity studies with methanol and water extracts of leaf and heartwood of <i>Caesalpinia sappan</i> L. on MCF-7 (Human breast cancer) and A549 (Human lung cancer) cell lines. The in vitro anti tumor activity was screened by assessing tumor volume, viable and nonviable tumor cell count, tumor weight, hematological parameters and biochemical estimations by MTT Assay and Flow cytometry studies.
Data format	Analyzed data
Experimental factors	Leaf and heart wood was extracted in chloroform, water and methanol solvents to study their cytotoxic effect on human cancer cell lines and determine the extracts IC <sub>50</sub> value.
Experimental features	The effect of leaf and heartwood extracts prepared in water and methanol on MCF-7 (Human breast cancer) and A549 (Human lung cancer) and Identification of compounds from <i>Caesalpinia sappan</i> L., leaf and heartwood water and methanol extracts through LC–MS () and Docking studies against a BCL2 (B-cell lymphoma 2) protein which regulates the apoptosis.
Data source location	Yogi Vemana University campus green house facility (N 14°.473', E 78°.710)
Data accessibility	Data are available within this article

### Value of the data

- The data can be further explored to develop and design anticancer drugs for human Lung and breast cancer treatment from *Caesalpinia sappan* L. plant as a source for drugs [1,2].
- These plant compounds can also be tried on other types of cancers for anticancer activity and compare with curing effect with the drugs currently in use, as plant based products are safer than synthetic drugs and with no side effects.

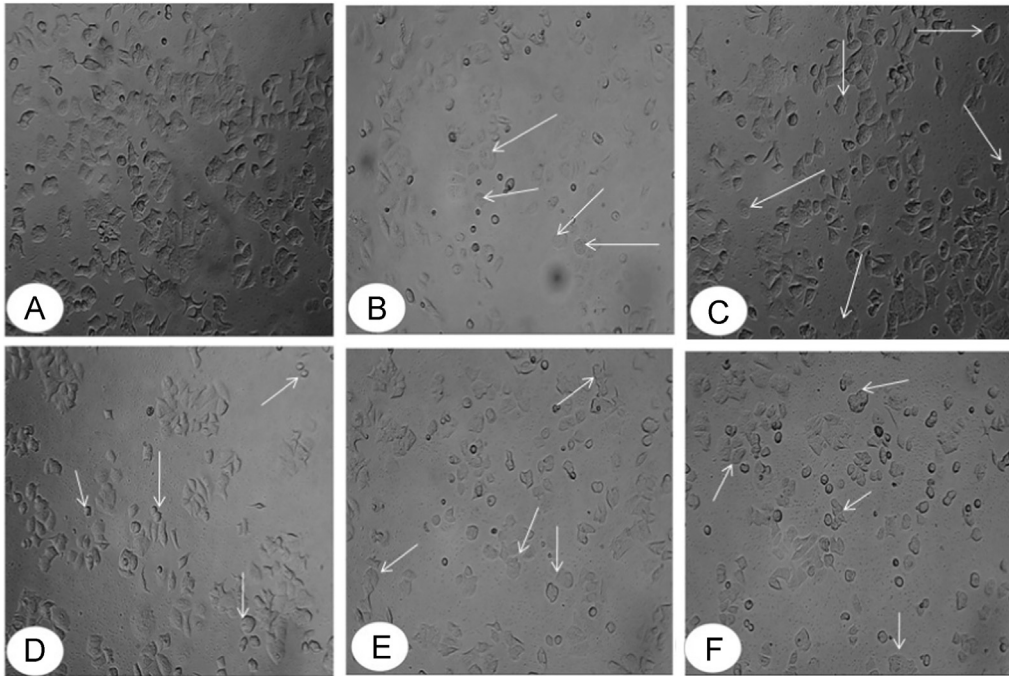
## 1. Data

The Dataset in this study shows the potential of leaf and heart wood extracts (chloroform, methanol and water) of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. (Family: *Caesalpinaceae* L.) as anti cancer agents (Fig. 1 and Table 1) which can be used further for drug development and designing in pharmaceutical industry. The Protein BCL-2 was used for carrying out docking studies (Fig. 2) with the compounds from leaf and heartwood (Figs. 3–6) (Table 2).

## 2. Experimental design, materials and methods

### 2.1. Cell culture

The pure cultures of MCF-7 (Breast cancer cell line) and A549 (Lung Cancer), were obtained From National Centre for Cell Science, Pune, Maharashtra state, India. The cells were grown and maintained in RPMI – 1640 media, supplemented with 10% v/v foetal bovine serum, sodium carbonate with 100 mg/l penicillin, 50 mg/l streptomycin to prevent the bacterial contamination and incubated at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere having 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 1.** Morphological changes in cells of MCF-7 after treatment with heartwood methanol extracts of *Caesalpinia sappan L.* A: Untreated Cell lines, B: +Ve Control (Camptothecin –40  $\mu\text{M}$ ), C: -Ve Control (DMSO), D–F: *Caesalpinia sappan L.* Heartwood methanol extracts, D: 50  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ , E: 150  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ , F: 250  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ .

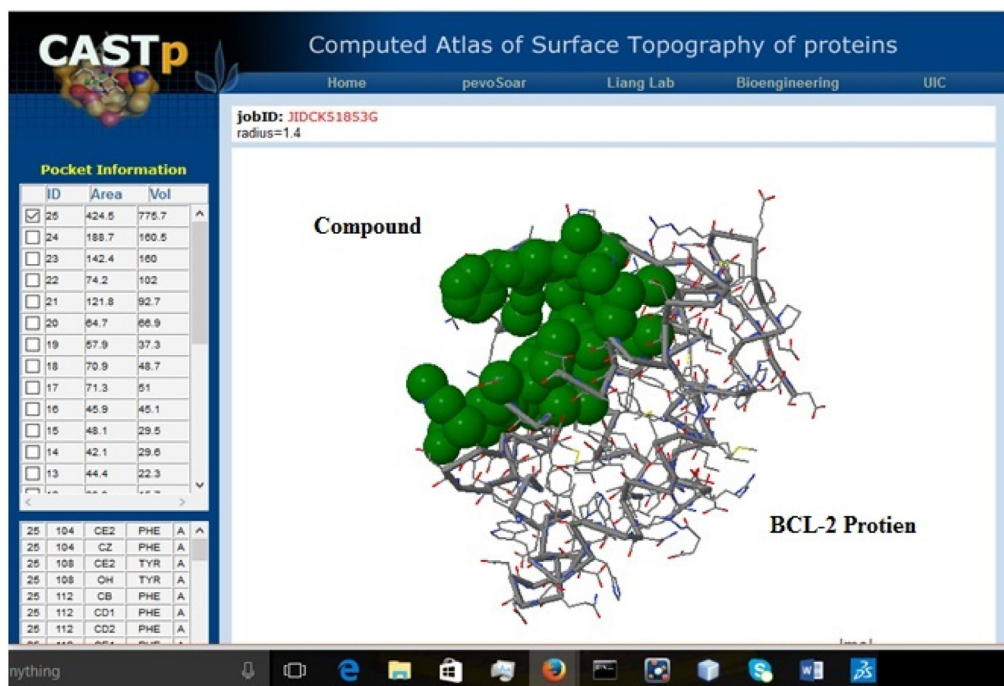
**Table 1**

Effect of *Caesalpinia sappan L.* leaf (L) and heartwood (H) extracts prepared in chloroform, methanol and water on MCF-7 (Human breast cancer) and A549 (Human lung cancer) cells, Camptothecin is taken as positive control.

Cell line	Plant sample	Camptothecin (50 $\mu\text{M}$ )	50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	150 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	250 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	350 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	450 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
<b>A549 Cell line</b>	L CHCl <sub>3</sub>	57.48 $\pm$ 0.03	87.2 $\pm$ 0.03	86.37 $\pm$ 0.01	83.41 $\pm$ 0.02	71.56 $\pm$ 0.04	67.07 $\pm$ 0.00
	LH <sub>2</sub> O	57.48 $\pm$ 0.03	86.87 $\pm$ 0.13	84.14 $\pm$ 0.02	92.55 $\pm$ 0.03	94.77 $\pm$ 0.01	97.48 $\pm$ 0.00
	L MET	57.48 $\pm$ 0.03	101.52 $\pm$ 0.00	89.50 $\pm$ 0.01	89.34 $\pm$ 0.07	86.00 $\pm$ 0.04	84.23 $\pm$ 0.02
	H H <sub>2</sub> O	57.48 $\pm$ 0.03	81.06 $\pm$ 0.29	87.69 $\pm$ 0.00	88.35 $\pm$ 0.00	88.06 $\pm$ 0.03	96.82 $\pm$ 0.06
<b>MCF7 Cell line</b>	H Met	57.48 $\pm$ 0.03	100.12 $\pm$ 0.00	80.69 $\pm$ 0.01	78.14 $\pm$ 0.06	78.02 $\pm$ 0.07	60.12 $\pm$ 0.07
	L CHCl <sub>3</sub>	56.32 $\pm$ 0.02	98.84 $\pm$ 0.07	102.17 $\pm$ 0.01	108.63 $\pm$ 0.06	112.24 $\pm$ 0.01	102.64 $\pm$ 0.01
	LH <sub>2</sub> O	56.32 $\pm$ 0.02	105.10 $\pm$ 0.00	104.76 $\pm$ 0.00	102.24 $\pm$ 0.02	97.82 $\pm$ 0.03	96.39 $\pm$ 0.14
	L MET	56.32 $\pm$ 0.02	107.68 $\pm$ 0.01	96.33 $\pm$ 0.05	85.54 $\pm$ 0.19	63.96 $\pm$ 0.05	46.19 $\pm$ 0.00
	H H <sub>2</sub> O	56.32 $\pm$ 0.02	107.00 $\pm$ 0.00	93.12 $\pm$ 0.01	62.51 $\pm$ 0.01	37.89 $\pm$ 0.02	12.04 $\pm$ 0.00
	H Met	56.32 $\pm$ 0.02	101.15 $\pm$ 0.01	52.31 $\pm$ 0.00	4.01 $\pm$ 0.00	2.31 $\pm$ 0.00	1.22 $\pm$ 0.01

## 2.2. Anticancer assay

Soxhlet extraction method [3] was used for extraction of heart wood and powdered leaf sample of *Caesalpinia sappan L.* The cytotoxic activity of these extracts was tested against MCF7 and A549 cell lines and determined by MTT assay. This assay was performed in a 96-well culture plate according to a previously published protocol [4]. Percentage of viability was checked by calculating simulation



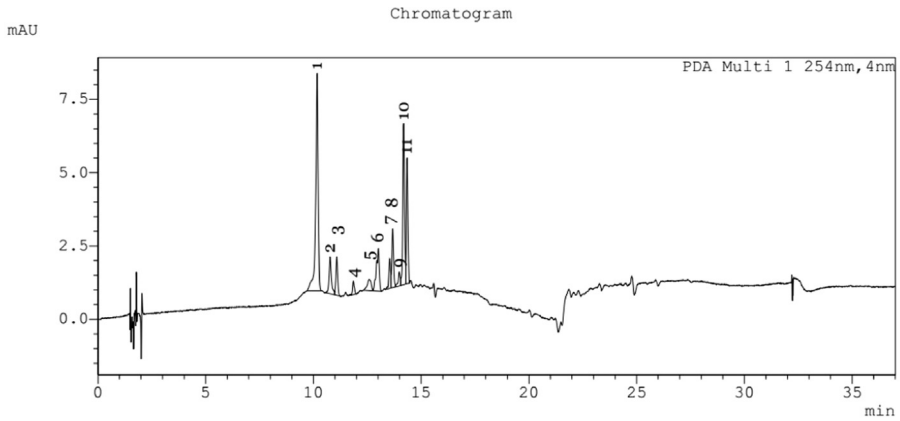
**Fig. 2.** The 3D structure of Docked molecule (Brazilin A from *Caesalpinia sappan* L. heartwood extract) binding to receptors of BCL-2 protein, an anti apoptotic protein selected as target molecule.

index using the following formulae.

$$\text{Stimulation index} = \frac{\text{Absorbance with plant extract}}{\text{Absorbance without plant extract}}$$

$$\% \text{ of viability} = \text{Stimulation index} \times 100$$

The plant extract were subjected to LC–MS (SHIMADZU LCMS-2020) chromatography and UPLC–MS chromatography to identify the compounds in them (Figs. 3–6). BCL-2 protein is an anti apoptotic protein selected as target molecule. The 3D structure of the compounds present in the sample was



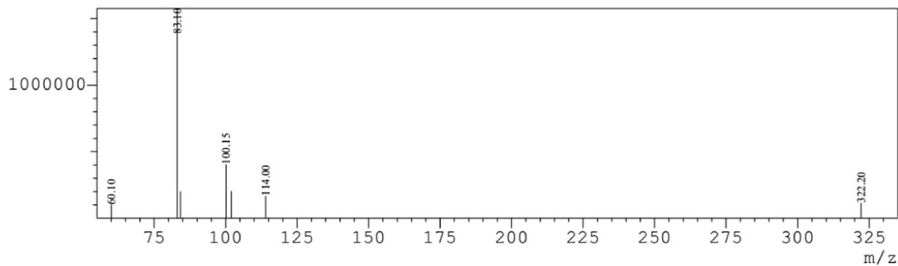
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4	11.859	11.595	11.989	2656	1.564
5	12.585	12.341	12.768	4806	2.830
6	13.018	12.768	13.163	14028	8.261
7	13.539	13.333	13.600	5654	3.329
8	13.680	13.600	13.813	11438	6.735
9	13.980	13.813	14.048	3183	1.875
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11	14.346	14.283	14.464	21105	12.428
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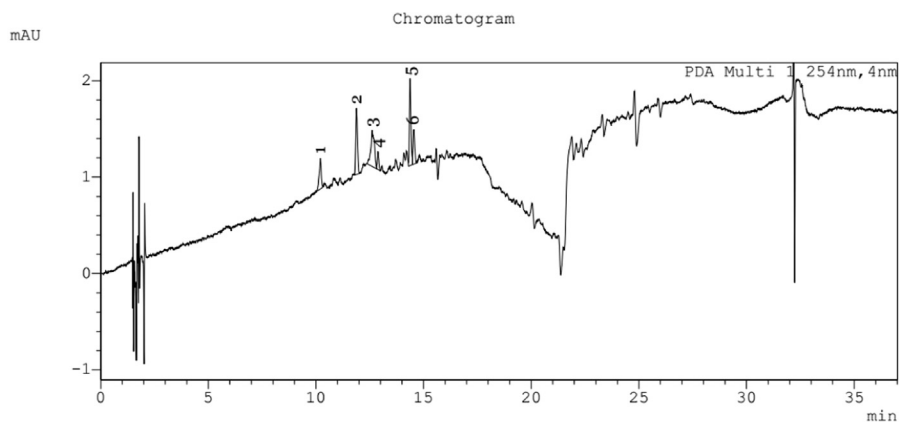
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**Fig. 3.** LCMS chromatogram of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. heartwood methanol extract. 10  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded in eclipse XDB C18 column (150 $\times$ 4.6 mm and 5 $\mu$  pore size), with 1.0 mL/min flow rate of Methanol:Water (80:20) as mobile phase. Mass spectra was performed by ESI (Electro spray Ionization), the formation of positive and negative ions occurs in high yield which is useful for determination of compounds.



Peak Table

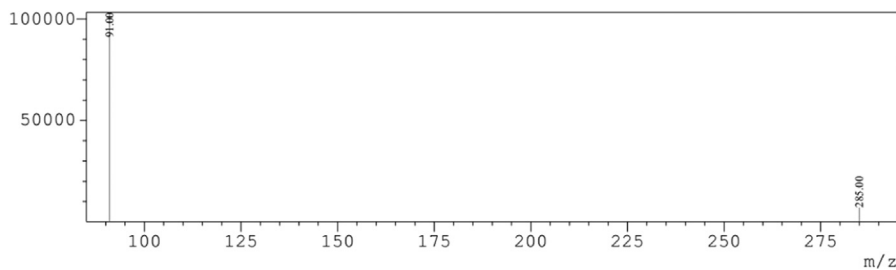
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1	10.206	10.027	10.336	2159	12.352
2	11.883	11.765	12.021	3632	20.782
3	12.603	12.384	12.811	4311	24.667
4	12.879	12.811	13.003	916	5.242
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6	14.539	14.485	14.656	1814	10.379
Total				17476	100.000

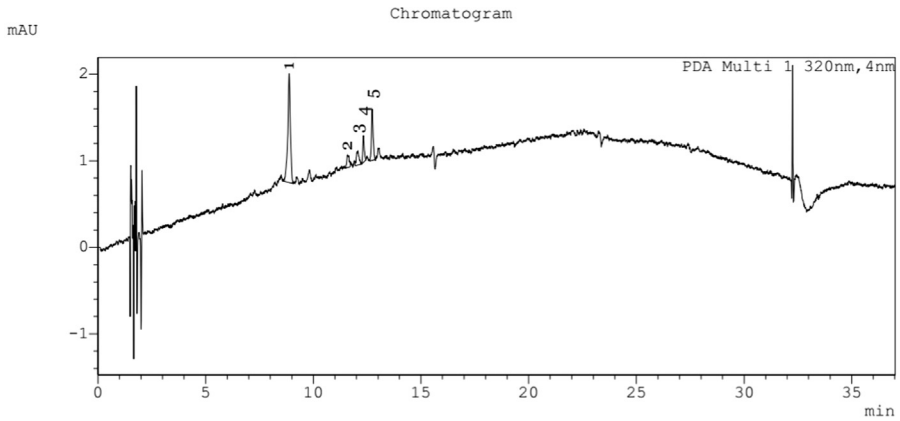
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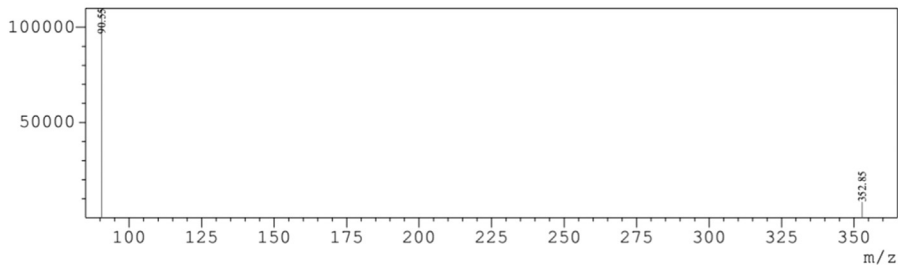
**Fig. 4.** LCMS chromatogram of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. heartwood water extract. 10  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded in eclipse XDB C18 column (150 $\times$ 4.6 mm and 5 $\mu$  pore size), with 1.0 mL/min flow rate of Methanol: Water (80:20) as mobile phase. Mass spectra was performed by ESI (Electro spray Ionization), the formation of positive and negative ions occurs in high yield which is useful for determination of compounds.



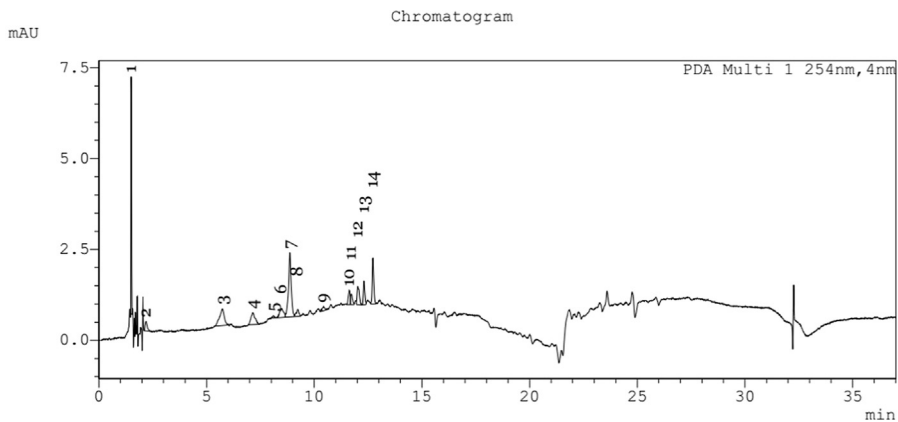
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1	8.871	8.640	9.077	10457	59.191
2	11.579	11.499	11.712	1182	6.692
3	12.065	11.936	12.203	1363	7.716
4	12.318	12.235	12.437	1490	8.433
5	12.730	12.608	12.853	3174	17.968
Total				17666	100.000

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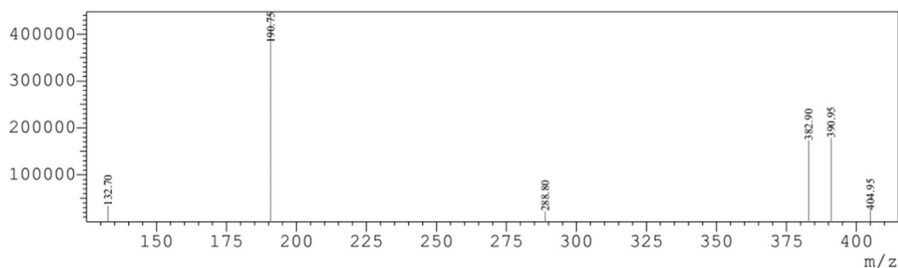
**Fig. 5.** LCMS chromatogram of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. leaf methanol extract. 10  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded in eclipse XDB C18 column (150 $\times$ 4.6 mm and 5 $\mu$  pore size), with 1.0 mL/min flow rate of Methanol: Water (80:20) as mobile phase. Mass spectra was performed by ESI (Electro spray Ionization), the formation of positive and negative ions occurs in high yield which is useful for determination of compounds.



Peak Table

Peak#	Ret. Time	Peak Start	Peak End	Area	Area%
1	1.497	1.440	1.547	13753	20.878
2	2.194	2.101	2.379	1790	2.718
3	5.742	5.376	6.005	6967	10.576
4	7.152	6.933	7.445	4270	6.482
5	8.096	8.032	8.192	335	0.508
6	8.484	8.235	8.651	3248	4.931
7	8.875	8.651	9.088	15617	23.707
8	9.244	9.088	9.365	1523	2.311
9	10.411	10.261	10.677	1133	1.719
10	11.628	11.499	11.680	2330	3.538
11	11.723	11.680	11.861	1709	2.595
12	12.022	11.957	12.203	3671	5.572
13	12.313	12.203	12.416	3120	4.737
14	12.724	12.608	12.864	6409	9.729
Total				65876	100.000

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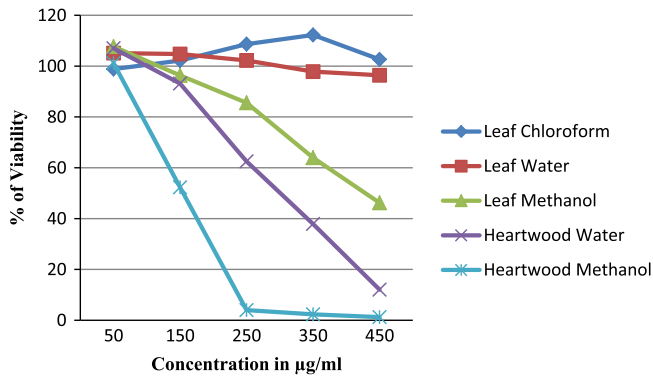
**Fig. 6.** LCMS chromatogram of *Caesalpinia sappan* L. leaf water extract. 10  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded in eclipse XDB C18 column (150 $\times$ 4.6 mm and 5 $\mu$  pore size), with 1.0 mL/min flow rate of methanol:water (80:20) as mobile phase. Mass spectra was performed by ESI (Electro spray Ionization), the formation of positive and negative ions occurs in high yield which is useful for determination of compounds.



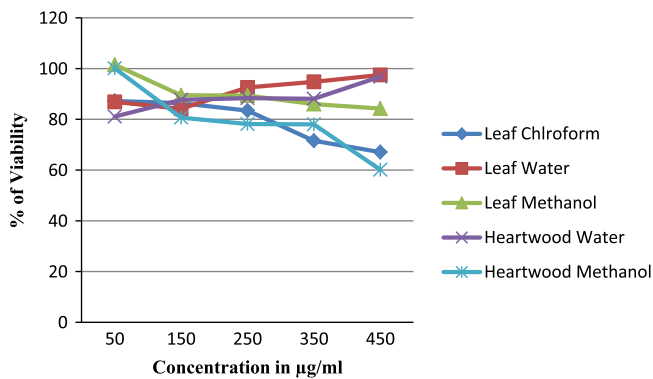
**Table 2**

Binding energy of various secondary metabolites in methanolic extract of *Caesalpinia sappan L* with BCL-2 Protein by using auto dock software.

S NO	Secondary metabolites	Binding energy (kcal/mol)
1.	4-O-methylsappanol	–6.6
2.	Protosappanin B,	–6.9
3.	protosappanin A,	–7
4.	caesalpin J,	–6.6
5.	BrazilinA	–7
6.	BrazilinB	–7
7.	BrazilinC	–7
8.	Brazilein.	–6.9



**Graph 1.** MTT analysis with different concentration of *Caesalpinia sappan L.* leaf and heart wood extracts in chloroform, water and methanol on MCF-7 (Human breast cancer) cell line. \*L – leaf and H – heartwood.



**Graph 2.** MTT analysis with different concentration of *Caesalpinia sappan L.* leaf and heart wood extracts in chloroform, water and methanol on A549 (Human lung cancer) cell line. \*L – leaf and H – heartwood. .

drawn in chemsketch tool. Further docking studies was carried out using auto dock [5] using bioactive molecule (Fig. 2) (Graphs 1 and 2).

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