ABSTRACT

Cinnamomum zeylanicum exhibits numerous beneficial medicinal effects when tested in vitro as well as in vivo. In this work, Cinnamomum zeylanicum was extracted using three solvents of different polarity such as methanol, ethanol, and acetone. The phytochemical screening of these 3 extracts showed presence of constituents such as glycosides, saponins, flavonoids, tannins, terpenoids, and alkaloids were used to screen Antimicrobial activity of bark extract Cinnamomum zeylanicum against gram positive bacteria such as -Streptococcus pyogenes, Staphylococcus aureus, Bacillus cereus, and Enterococcus faecalis and the gram negative bacteria such as Escherichia coli, Salmonella bongori, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa. The acetone extract of Cinnamomum zeylanicum showed zones of inhibition for all bacterial strains at 1500 mg/ml concentration in comparison to methanol and ethanol extract which did not have zones of inhibition for certain strains. In DPPH and ABTS methods, methanol extract of Cinnamomum zeylanicum exhibited significant free radical scavenging activity. Ethanol extract exhibited highest Total Phenolic Content (TPC) 551.67 mgGAE/g compared to methanol and acetone whereas the acetone extract of Cinnamomum zeylanicum exhibited the highest Total Flavanoid Content (TFC) of 634.2 mgQE/g. In an anti-diabetic study, methanol extract of Cinnamomum zeylanicum (500 mg/kg) treated animals showed a significant antidiabetic activity from the first week of drug administration. The individual or synergistic activity of the phytoconstituents of the plant maybe the contributing effect of the anti-diabetic activity.