



## Characterization of polyphenols by HPLC, their antioxidant and GC-MS analysis of wild *Calotropis procera* leaves and fruit extracts

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**Abstract** :Medicinal plants are considered as important source of promising bioactive compounds. *Calotropis procera* is a traditional medicinal plant which is known to have biochemical constituents with potential medicinal properties. The present study was aimed to evaluate the phytochemicals and antioxidant properties of crude methanolic extracts of wild *C. procera*. The total phenolic, flavonoid and DPPH antioxidant activity were measured in methanol extract of (leaves and fruits) of *C. procera*. Additionally, HPLC analysis of both extracts showed that Ellagic acid (18.03%), and Tannic (6.30%) were the major phenolic compounds in *C. procera*. Various phenolic compounds such as rutin, chlorogenic, caffeic, ferulic, coumaric acids were also identified. The chemical composition of hexane extract derived from leaves and fruits were analyzed using Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) and have an interesting contribution to the total antioxidant activity. Results of the present study show that *C. procera* plant is rich source of polyphenolic agents that might be playing an important role in inhibition the progress of several diseases.

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