

## Phytochemical analysis of ethanolic *Psidium guajava* leaves extract using GC-MS and LC-MS

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**Abstract.** Nursanty R, Padzil KNBM, Ramli NIB, Mahyudin NA, Jaafar AHB, Rukayadi Y. 2023. Phytochemical analysis of ethanolic *Psidium guajava* leaves extract using GC-MS and LC-MS. *Biodiversitas* 24: 2723-2732. *Psidium guajava* L. is well known as guava and has been used traditionally as a medicinal plant for a variety of ailments all over the world, especially in infusions and decoctions for oral and topical use. Every part of this plant has been used for treating stomachache and diarrhea in many countries. Other reported uses include dermatitis, sores, epilepsy, and wounds. Medicinal plants have an important role in complementary and alternative medicine because they produce various natural compounds with high therapeutic properties. Many researchers report that the major chemical composition of this plant includes tannins, phenols, flavonoids, saponins, carbohydrates, alkaloids, sterols, terpenoids, and phenolic compounds. The aim of this study is to identify the volatile and non-volatile compounds in ethanolic *P. guajava* leaves extract. This study aimed to identify phytochemical compounds in *P. guajava* leaves extract. The main volatile compounds identified using GC-MS were pyrogallol,  $\alpha$ -copaene, caryophyllene, aromadendrene,  $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene,  $\gamma$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene, (-) globulol, caryophyllene oxide,  $\alpha$ -muurolol, and epiglobulol. Based on LC-MS analysis, a number of non-volatile compounds such as flavonoids; apigenin 7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranoside, quercetin, luteolin 7-O-glucuronide, naringenin 4'-O-glucopyranoside, and myricetin along with phenolic derivatives such as quinic acid, catechin, and epigallocatechin (4 $\beta$ ,8)-gallocatechin were tentatively identified.

**Keywords:** GC-MS, LC-MS, leaves, phytochemical, *Psidium guajava*

### INTRODUCTION

Medicinal plants are a source of phytochemical active compounds due to their diversity. These plants represent more than 25,000 species of plants used in the world for pharmaceutical, cosmeceutical, food industry and agriculture. In traditional medicine, crude extracts of different parts of medicinal plants, including the seed, fruit, flower, leaves, root, and twigs, were largely used to treat certain pathogen-related diseases (Devi et al. 2018). Ethnopharmacological phytochemical research is thought to be an effective approach for discovering novel chemical entities with potential as natural antimicrobial (Devi et al. 2018; Daoutidou et al. 2021).

Recently, the use of plant-derived natural products as treatment strategies has gained prominence, and this is mainly due to the fight against the secondary effects of synthetic medicine. Medicinal plants possess an important role in the treatment of complementary strategies and alternative forms of medicine because they produce a large variety of natural compounds with high therapeutic properties. Several plant species have been tested for their antimicrobial activity, but the vast majority of these plants have not been adequately investigated (Brusotti et al. 2014; Devi et al. 2018).

*Psidium guajava* L. belongs to the Myrtaceae family. *Psidium* is a genus with nearly 150 species that include

both tree and shrub forms. The plant is well known by its common name, guava or apple guava. The word guava occurs from Spanish *guaya*, which is a variant of the Arawakan (West Indies) language *guayabo* (Sandoval and Rodríguez 2013; Harper 2020). *Psidium guajava* is a native plant from central and latin America. Currently, it is widespread in tropical and subtropical countries (Kamath et al. 2008; Morais-Braga et al. 2016). The extensively *P. guajava*-producing countries are India, China, Thailand, Pakistan, Mexico, Indonesia, Brazil, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Nigeria. The major producers of commercial *P. guajava* cultivars are India, regularly producing more than 17,000,000 metric tons (Jegade 2019).

The trunk, leaves, fruits, and seeds of this plant have all been used to treat health problems. Traditionally, *P. guajava* has been used for the treatment of any disease and has been investigated in different countries. Kamath et al. (2008) report that in Malaysia and the Philippines, this plant was used to treat dermatitis, diarrhea, epilepsy, hysteria, sores, menstrual disorders, and wounds. *Psidium guajava* was also used for antidiarrhea and odor absorption by Thai people, according to Nguanchoo et al. (2019). In Vietnam (Lee et al. 2019), Indonesia (Hidayat et al. 2010; Haruna et al. 2022), and Brunei Darussalam, this plant is commonly used to treat diarrhea or stomachaches (Chai

2000). *Psidium guajava* is widely used in Mexico to treat diarrhea, dysentery, respiratory problems, wounds, ulcers, rheumatism, toothaches, and fever. A water-leaf extract is used to lower blood glucose levels in diabetics. This hot tea was very popular among Veracruz residents (Gutiérrez et al. 2008; Morais-Braga et al. 2016).

Several studies reported (Rajan et al. 2015; Katewaraphorn et al. 2016; Mendez et al. 2016; Wang et al. 2018) that the leaves of *P. guajava* potential as antimicrobial. Meanwhile, Barbalho et al. (2012) reported that *P. guajava* has metabolite compounds, i.e., flavonoids, tannins, phenolic, sesquiterpene alcohols, triterpenoid acids, and essential oils. It is well known that phytochemical compounds are the critical points of the general mechanism of antimicrobial activity. However, information about the phytochemical compounds of these plants is still lacking.

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) and Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS) have become popular techniques for the identification of volatile and non-volatile compounds in plant species. Numerous previous investigations discovered phytochemical constituents of plants using the GC-MS and LC-MS method. As an example, secondary metabolite of *Luvunga sarmentosa* (Blume) Kurz root from Kalimantan, Indonesia (Syarpin et al. 2023), *Scolymus maculatus* L. phytochemical profile extracted from methanol, ethyl acetate, and n-hexane solvents (Abu-Lafi et al. 2019), phytochemical composition of *Myriactis nepalensis* Less. (Compositae) essential oil (Fu et al. 2022), and quinic acid derivatives of methanolic *Carissa spinarum* L. (Apocynaceae) root extract (Liu et al. 2021). The aim of this study is to identify volatile and non-volatile compounds in the ethanolic *P. guajava* leaves extract that might have contributed to its antimicrobial activity using GC-MS and LC-MS.

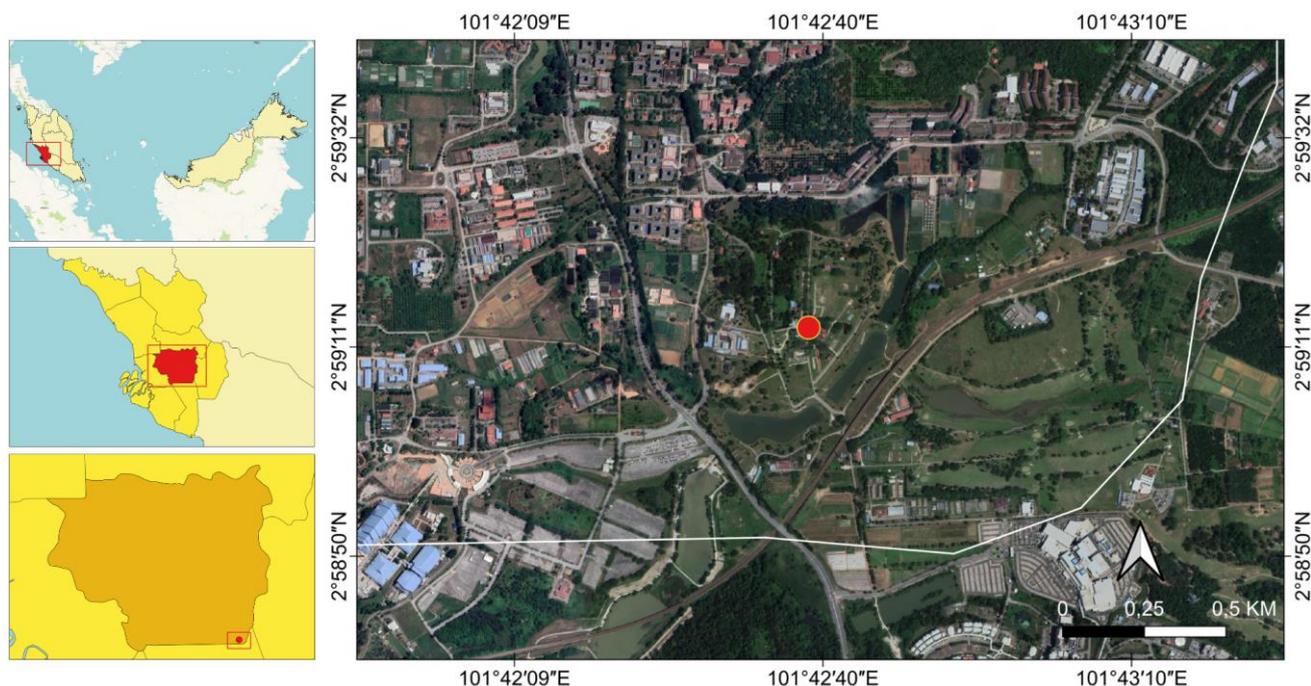
## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Sample preparation and extraction

*Psidium guajava* leaves were collected from Taman Pertanian, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia (Figure 1) (QGIS.org, %Y 2023). The leaves were washed under running tap water. Next, the leaves samples were oven-dried at 40°C for 24 hours and kept in sealed plastic bags at room temperature away from light before further processing. The *P. guajava* leaves extraction method was referred to Rukayadi et al. (2008). Dried *P. guajava* leaves were ground into a coarse powder by using a dry blender (Panasonic Corporation, Osaka, Japan), then extracted by soaking in 99.8% ethanol (ratio 1:4) for 24 hours at room temperature. Next, the extract was vacuum-filtered through Whatman filter paper No. 2 (Whatman International Ltd., Middlesex, England). The filtrate was then concentrated by using a rotary vacuum evaporator (BUCHI Rotavapor R-200 Switzerland) at 40°C.

### Determination of phytochemical compounds in *Psidium guajava* using GC-MS

The GC-MS analysis of ethanolic extracts of *P. guajava* leaves was performed using a QP2010 Ultra gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (Shimadzu Corporation, Kyoto, Japan) equipped with a BP-5MS column (30.0 m long, 0.25 mm ID, and film thickness 0.25 µm). Helium was used as the carrier gas, with a flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. The oven temperature was programmed as 50°C to 300°C, at an increase rate at 3°C min and hold for 10 min. The injection temperature and the ion-source temperature were 250°C and 200°C, respectively. The peaks were analyzed by comparing their retention times and mass fragment patterns with standard spectra available in the Shimadzu GC-MS National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)/Wiley library.



**Figure 1.** Location of plant collection at Taman Pertanian, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia

### Determination of phytochemical compounds in *Psidium guajava* using LC-MS

UHPLC was performed on ACQUITY UPLC I-Class system and coupled to a Vion IMS QTOF hybrid mass spectrometer (Waters Corp), consisting of a binary pump, a vacuum degasser, an auto-sampler and a column oven. Ethanolic compounds were chromatographically separated using a column ACQUITY UPLC HSS T3 (100 mm × 2.1 mm × 1.8 μm) also from Waters Corp, maintained at 40°C. A linear binary gradient was carried out using water containing 0.1% formic acid as mobile phase A and acetonitrile as mobile phase B. The mobile phase composition was varied as follows: 0-0.5 min (1% B), then 16.00 min (35% B) followed at 18.00 min (100% B), and 20.00 min (1% B). The injection volume was 1 μL, and the flow rate was set to 0.6 mL/min.

A Vion IMS QTOF hybrid mass spectrometer (Waters Corp) equipped with a Lock Spray ion source. The ion source was operated in positive and negative ionization mode (ESI). Mass spectra were acquired in both positive and negative modes over the mass range  $m/z$  50-1500 at 0.1 s/scan. MS parameters were: capillary voltage, 1.50 kV; reference capillary voltage, 3.00 kV; source temperature, 120°C; desolvation gas temperature, 550°C; desolvation gas flow, 800 L/h, and cone gas flow, 50 L/h. Nitrogen (>99.5%) was employed as desolvation and cone gas.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Determination of phytochemical compounds in *Psidium guajava* using GC-MS

As shown in Figure 1, the GC-MS spectrum confirmed the presence of various components with varying retention times. Individual compounds were identified by comparing of their mass-spectral database with Wiley229, and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST11) libraries, ensuring the registered spectra with more than 80% of Similarity Index (SI), and by comparing them with the values published in the literature. Results of the GC-MS analysis showed that a variety of constituents was presented in the active ethanolic of *P. guajava* leaves extract. The active principles with their formula, molecular

weight (g/mol), Retention Time (RT), Retention Index (RI), Similarity Index (SI), compound and their biological activity are presented in Table 1.

There were fifteen major compounds identified from the ethanolic *P. guajava* leaves extract chromatogram i.e., pyrogallol,  $\alpha$ -copaene, caryophyllene, aromadendrene,  $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene,  $\gamma$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene, (-) globulol, caryophyllene oxide,  $\alpha$ -muurolol, and epiglobulol. Six major compounds were identified in the extract accounting for more than 4% including  $\beta$ -selinene (7.89%) (Peak No 12), caryophyllene (7.72%) (Peak No 6),  $\alpha$ -selinene (6.78) (Peak No 13), (-) globulol (5.88) (Peak No 22),  $\alpha$ -copaene (4.80%) (Peak No 5), and aromadendrene (4.39%) (Peak No 7). Meanwhile, the remaining compounds were less than 3% i.e., pyrogallol,  $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene,  $\gamma$ -muurolene,  $\alpha$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene, caryophyllene oxide,  $\alpha$ -muurolol, and epiglobulol.

Interestingly, based on previous research, all of the major compounds in *P. guajava* leaves extract were thought to have antimicrobial activity. These phytochemical compounds were characterized as listed in Table 1. Based on the GC-MS analysis,  $\beta$ -selinene was the major component in the *P. guajava* leaves extract. Silva et al. (2018) and Soliman et al. (2016) also found  $\beta$ -selinene in *P. guajava* leaves. The  $\beta$ -selinene showed antimicrobial activity against certain strains of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Meanwhile, many studies reported that caryophyllene from *P. guajava* extract has antimicrobial activity (Thenmonzhi and Rajan 2015; Ashraf et al. 2016; Soliman et al. 2016; Devi et al. 2018). Furthermore, (-) globulol,  $\alpha$ -copaene, and aromadendrene also have antimicrobial activity (Satyal 2015; Thenmonzhi and Rajan 2015; Ashraf et al. 2016). The percentage of compound content in *P. guajava* varies between studies. According to Ashraf et al. (2016) changes in variety, climatic conditions, genotype, and harvesting time may account for the current reported difference in the phytochemical profile. The concentration of  $\beta$ -selinene in this study was 7.89%. Otherwise, Ogunwande et al. (2003) and Silva et al. (2018) only discovered 3.7% and 1.2%  $\beta$ -selinene in *P. guajava* leaves, respectively.

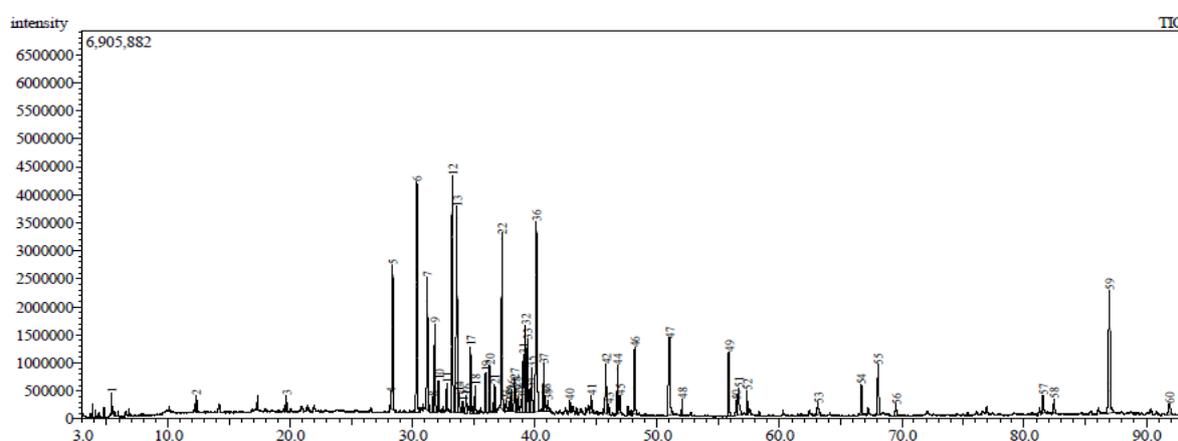


Figure 1. Chromatogram of ethanolic *Psidium guajava* leaves extract by GC-MS

**Table 1.** Identification of phytochemical compounds in ethanolic *Psidium guajava* leaves extract by using GC-MS

Name of compounds	Formula	MW (g/mol)	Mass fragments <i>m/z</i>	Peak (%)	RT (min)	(RI)	(SI)	Type	Activity	References
Eucalyptol	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O	154.2493	43.10, 69.10, 81.15, 108.10, 139.00	0.54	12.32	1059	95	Monoterpenes	Anti-inflammatory, Antioxidant	Seol and Kim 2016
$\alpha$ -Terpineol	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O	154.2493	43.15, 59.10, 81.10, 93.10, 121.10	0.52	19.69	1191	94	Monoterpenes	Antimicrobial, antioxidant	Sales et al. 2020
Pyrogallol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	126.1100	58.15, 80.05, 97.05, 108.05, 126.05	0.50	28.21	1342	84	Phenol	Anticancer	Ashraf et al. (2016)
$\alpha$ -Copaene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3562	41.20, 69.10, 81.10, 103.10, 161.15	4.80	28.38	1375	95	Sesquiterpene	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015); Thenmozhi and Rajah (2015); Ashraf et al. (2016); Soliman et al. (2016); Borah et al. (2019)
Caryophyllene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	41.15, 69.10, 93.05, 105.05, 133.10	7.72	30.35	1424	97	Sesquiterpene	Antimicrobial	Thenmozhi and Rajah (2015); Ashraf et al. (2016); Soliman et al. (2016); Devi et al. (2018); Naseer (2018); Xu et al. (2018)
Aromadendrene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.1878	41.15, 79.10, 105.10, 133.10, 161.15	4.39	31.20	1438	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Ashraf et al. (2016); Xu et al. (2018)
Cadina-3,5-diene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3562	81.10, 105.05, 119.10, 133.10, 161.05	0.47	31.68	1482	86	Sesquiterpenes	Anticholinesterasic	Lima et al. 2011
$\alpha$ -Humulene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3516	67.10, 80.10, 93.05, 107.10, 147.10	2.94	31.83	1454	97	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015); Thenmozhi and Rajan (2015); Soliman et al. (2016)
Alloaromadendrene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3562	41.15, 79.10, 91.05, 119.10, 161.15	1.00	32.14	1464	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015)
$\gamma$ -Muuroleone	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	79.05, 105.10, 119.10, 133.10, 161.15,	0.91	32.79	1478	94	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Ashraf et al. (2016); Soliman et al. (2016)
$\beta$ -Selinene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	41.20, 79.05, 105.05, 121.10, 147.10	7.89	33.26	1492	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antibacterial	Soliman et al. (2016)
$\alpha$ -Selinene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	81.10, 107.10, 133.10, 189.15, 204.15	6.78	33.63	1501	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	El-Ahmad et al. (2013); Soliman et al. (2016)
$\alpha$ -Muuroleone	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	79.03, 93.10, 105.05, 119.10, 161.15	0.65	33.80	1497	91	Sesquiterpenes	Antibacterial	Satyral (2015); Soliman et al. (2016)
$\beta$ -Bisabolene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	69.10, 79.10, 93.10, 107.05, 161.15	0.38	34.10	1508	92	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015)
$\gamma$ -Cadine	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3510	79.05, 105.05, 119.10, 133.15, 161.15	0.58	34.94	1512	92	Monoterpenes	Antioxidant	Damasceno et al. (2017)
trans-Calamenene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	202.3352	91.05, 119.10, 144.10, 159.10, 202.15	2.19	34.75	1527	95	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant	Gooré et al. (2017)
Naphthalene 1,2,3,4,4a,7-hexahydro-1,6-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	41.15, 91.10, 106.05, 161.10, 204.15	0.93	34.14	1536	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antibacterial	Zhang et al. (2017)
Cyclohexane, 1,5-dimethyl-2,3-divinyl-	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>20</sub>	164.2900	41.15, 79.10, 107.10, 135.15, 164.15	1.35	35.98	1143	83	Alkene	Insecticide	García et al. (2014)

Nerolidol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 69.10, 81.10, 93.10, 107.10	1.58	36.30	1561	90	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial, antiparasitic, antioxidant, antiinflammatory, antiulcer, insecticide and anticancer	Chan et al. (2016)
Caryophyllene alcohol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 69.10, 95.10, 111.00, 123.05	0.90	36.72	1575	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial, antiviral, antiparasitic, and insecticide	Gupta and Variyar (2016)
(-)-Globulol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 43.15, 69.10, 93.10, 121.10	5.88	37.30	1530	91	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Thenmozhi and Rajan (2015)
Viridiflorol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 43.15, 69.10, 93.05, 109.10	0.34	37.62	1594	89	Sesquiterpenes	Antiinflammatory, antioxidant and antimycobacterial	Trevizan et al. (2016)
Unknow compound	-	-	55.10, 80.10, 93.10, 105.05, 138.15	0.29	37.90	1604	-	-	-	-
Unknow compound	-	-	55.15, 59.10, 82.10, 149.15, 164.15	0.44	37.98	1607	-	-	-	-
Copaborneol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	43.15, 69.10, 81.05, 95.10, 161.10	0.72	38.09	1613	90	Sesquiterpenes	Antiinflammatory	Graf and Stappen 2022
(1R,3Z,7Z,11R)-1,5,5,8-tetramethyl-12-oxabicyclo [9.1.0] dodeca-3,7-diene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O	220.3505	41.15, 43.15, 67.10, 96.10, 138.10	1.07	38.32	1592	95	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015); Thenmozhi and Rajan (2015); Soliman et al. (2016)
1-Naphthalenol, decahydro-1,4a-dimethyl-7-(1-methylethylidene)-,	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	43.15, 67.05, 81.10, 95.10, 135.15	0.78	38.46	1647	84	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant and antimicrobial	Ampadu et al. (2022)
Dihydroisocaryophyllene epoxide	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3714	41.15, 67.10, 93.05, 109.10, 133.10	0.51	38.63	1565	78	Sesquiterpenes	Antibacterial	Fu et al. (2022)
6,9,12,15-Docosatetraenoic acid methyl ester	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>38</sub> O	346.5466	41.20, 59.10, 81.10, 107.15, 149.10	0.43	38.84	250	78	Fatty acid	Antioxidant	Khan et al. (2019)
Epicubenol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 79.05, 97.10, 119.10, 159.10	1.91	39.05	1631	80	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant	Damasceno et al. (2017)
Caryophyllene oxide	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O	220.3505	41.15, 55.10, 67.10, 82.10, 109.10	2.89	39.23	1587	86	Sesquiterpenes	Antifungal	Paniandy et al. (2000); Ashraf et al. (2016)
Bicycol [7.2.0] undecan-3-ol<11,11-dimethyl-,4,8-bis(methylene)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O	220.3505	41.15, 55.10, 69.10, 91.05, 136.10	2.41	39.39	1636	95	Sesquiterpenes	Anticancer	Legault and Pichette (2007)
Cadinol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	43.15, 95.10, 121.10, 161.15, 204.20	0.75	39.58	1580	89	Sesquiterpenes	Phytotoxic activity	Mancini et al. (2013)
α-Muurolol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	43.15, 81.10, 105.10, 119.10, 161.15	1.47	39.74	1651	96	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial	Satyral (2015)
Intermedeol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	43.15, 67.10, 81.10, 96.10, 135.15	6.31	40.13	1668	91	Sesquiterpenes	Antitumor	Wu (1998)
Androstan-17-one, 3-ethyl-3-hydroxy-(5 alpha)	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	318.4934	41.15, 69.10, 79.05, 107.10, 121.05	1.58	40.71	2251	81	Steroid	Testosterone hydroxylase inducer	Arunmathi and Malarvili (2017)
Doconexent	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	328.4883	41.15, 69.10, 91.05, 105.10, 183.15	0.49	40.86	2612	71	Fatty acid	Antimicrobial and antioxidant	Abu-Lafi et al. (2019)
(-)-Isolongifolol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 55.10, 81.10, 93.05, 107.05	0.33	41.07	1635	80	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant	Jaradat et al. (2018).
β-Dihydroionone	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O	194.3175	41.15, 43.15, 69.10, 93.10, 123.10	0.42	42.85	1438	83	Sesquiterpenes	Antimicrobial and insecticide	Paparella et al. (2021)

2-Hydroxy-2,4,4-trimethyl-3-[(1E)-3-methyl-1,3-butadienyl]cyclohexanone	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	222.3233	43.15, 69.10, 95.10, 121.05, 139.15	0.56	44.61	1671	79	Phenol	Antibacterial and anticancer	Oirere et al. (2015)
Epiglobulol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 55.10, 81.10, 109.10, 123.10	1.64	45.08	1630	79	Sesquiterpenes	Antiinflammatory	Ashraf et al. (2016)
Humulane-1,6-dien-3-ol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	222.3663	41.15, 43.10, 67.10, 109.05, 152.15	0.33	46.04	1757	80	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant	Chen-xing et al. (2014)
Neophytadine	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>38</sub>	278.5156	41.15, 43.20, 68.10, 95.10, 123.10	1.61	46.74	1827	96	Alkene	Antiinflammatory	Swamy et al. (2017)
Cholestane, 4,5-epoxy-, (4.alpha.,5.alpha.)	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O	386.6670	41.00, 43.00, 69.00, 93.00, 109.00	0.58	46.94	2421	81	Steroid	Antimicrobial	Costa et al. (2023)
4,4,8-Trimethyltricyclo[6.3.1.0(1,5)]dodecane-2,9-diol	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	238.3657	41.15, 81.10, 107.05, 121.10, 164.15	2.19	48.14	1840	92	Sesquiterpenes	Antioxidant	Carranza et al. (2019)
Hexadecanoic acid	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	256.4241	41.15, 43.15, 57.10, 73.05, 129.10	2.6	51.02	1977	95	Fatty acid	Antiinflammatory	Aparna et al. (2012)
Ethyl-palmitate	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	284.4772	41.15, 43.15, 57.18, 88.05, 101.10	0.54	52.02	1993	94	Ethyl ester	Antiinflammatory	Saed et al. (2012)
Phytol	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O	296.5310	40.15, 41.15, 71.10, 95.10, 123.10	2.13	55.87	2045	96	Diterpene	Antiinflammatory	Carvalho et al. (2020)
Linoelaidic acid	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	280.4455	41.15, 67.10, 95.10, 110.15, 124.10	0.49	56.46	2094	91	Fatty acid	Antimicrobial and antioxidant	Gidik, (2021)
7-Tetradecenal (Z)	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	210.3556	41.15, 55.15, 69.10, 97.10, 98.10	0.89	56.65	1609	90	Fatty aldehyde	Antibacterial, antioxidant, and antiinflammatory	Palariya et al. (2019)
Octadecanoic acid	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	284.4772	41.15, 73.05, 95.10, 109.10, 129.10	0.82	57.36	2167	84	Fatty acid	Antimicrobial, antiinflammatory and antioxidant	Siswadi and Saragih (2020)
Unknow compound	-	-	77.05, 105.05, 152.10, 181.00, 257.10	0.37	63.14	2360	-	-	-	-
Unknow compound	-	-	91.05, 105.05, 178.10, 249.15, 292.25	0.98	66.68	2488	-	-	-	-
Unknow compound	-	-	91.10, 138.00, 166.00, 193.05, 270.10	1.66	68.06	2541	-	-	-	-
Unknow compound	-	-	91.10, 141.10, 169.10, 249.25, 292.20	0.36	69.52	2596	-	-	-	-
Heptacosanol	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>56</sub> O	396.7329	43.20, 57.10, 83.10, 97.10, 111.10	0.59	81.55	2948	94	Fatty alcohols.	Antioxidant and antimicrobial	Rhetso et al. (2020)
α-tochopherol	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	430.7061	43.20, 109.10, 137.10, 165.10, 430.35	0.47	82.44	3149	91	Methylated phenols	Antioxidant	Brigelius-Flohe (2006)
Clionasterol	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O	414.3861	43.20, 57.15, 81.10, 95.10, 119.05	4.10	86.96	3790	93	Triterphenoid	Antioxidant	Liyanage et al. (2020)
β-Longipinene	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	204.3511	69.10, 79.05, 91.05, 105.10, 270.95	0.35	91.87	1475	80	Sesquiterpenes	Antibacterial	Noriega et al. (2019)

Note: MW: Molecular Weight, RT: Retention Time, RI: Retention Index, SI: Similarity Index

**Table 2.** Identification of phytochemical compounds in *P. guajava* leaves extract by using LC-MS

Compound name	RT (min)	Formula	MW (g/mol)	<i>m/z</i> [M+H] <sup>+</sup> /[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Ion (+/-)	Type	Activity	References
Quinic acid	0.61	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	192.1665	191.0554	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Phenolic	Antimicrobial	Liu et al. (2020)
Catechin	4.85	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	578.1398	577.1325	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Phenolic	Antibacterial	Kiehne and Engeldhardt (2016)
Apigenin-7-O-β-D-glucuronopyranoside	12.33	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	444.1056	443.0985	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Flavonoids	Antibacterial	Salehi et al. (2019)
Quercetin	12.62	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	302.2357	301.03	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Flavonoids	Antibacterial	Chen et al. (2010)
Luteolin-7-O-glucuronide	7.87	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	462.0798	461.07	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Flavonoids	Antibacterial	Naseer et al. (2018)
Epigallocatechin (4β,8)-gallocatechin	13.93	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>14</sub>	610.5190	611.13	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Phenolic	Antimicrobial	Chen et al. (2010)
Naringenin4'-O-glucopyranoside	11.84	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	272.0688	273.0761	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Flavonoids	Antimicrobial	Chen et al. (2010)
Myricetin	8.67	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	318.2351	319.09	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Flavonoids	Antibacterial	Chang et al. (2013)

### Determination of phytochemical compounds in *Psidium guajava* using LC-MS

Based on the LCMS (Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry) analysis, eight compounds were discovered to have antimicrobial activity. There were quinic acid, catechin, apigenin-7-O-β-D-glucuronopyranoside, quercetin, luteolin-7-O-glucuronide, epigallocatechin (4β,8)-gallocatechin, naringenin4'-O-glucopyranoside, and myricetin. The phytochemical analysis for these eight compounds is shown in Table 2. The negative ion mode detection results obtained 5 compounds that have antimicrobial activity, namely quinic acid, catechin, apigenin 7-O-β-D-glucuronopyranoside, quercetin, and luteolin-7-O-glucuronide. Meanwhile, there were three compounds detected using the positive ion mode, namely epigallocatechin (4β,8)-gallocatechin, naringenin4'-O-glucopyranoside, and myricetin.

Many researchers reported the same compounds, which have antimicrobial activity. Liu et al. (2020) report 17 quinic acid derivatives that were screened by LCMS as potential ligands for the superoxide dismutase (SOD) enzyme from *Carissa spinarum* L. *Carissa spinarum* species is one of the plants that contain quinic acid, which has antimicrobial activity (Berhanuu et al. 2020). According to Wu and Brown (2021), catechin has a number of promising bactericidal effects on bacteria for both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Furthermore, these molecules have been shown to inhibit the activity of virulence factors, particularly toxins, and reduce the pathogenicity of certain bacteria. Apigenin is the most widely distributed in the plant kingdom. Apigenin is found in significant amounts as glycosylated in vegetables (*Petroselinum crispum* (Mill.) Fuss, *Apium graveolens* L., and *Allium cepa* L.), fruits (*Citrus sinensis* (Mill.) Pers., 1806), herbs (*Matricaria recutita* L., *Thymus vulgaris* L., *Origanum vulgare* L., and *Ocimum basilicum* L.), and plant-based beverages (tea, beer, and wine). Apigenin has been associated with antiviral effects, together with quercetin, rutin, and other flavonoids. A large number of studies carried out over the years have indicated that apigenin has many interesting pharmacological activities and nutraceutical potential. As an example, its properties as an antioxidant are well known, and it can also be a therapeutic

agent to overcome diseases like inflammation, autoimmune disease, neurodegenerative disease, and even several types of cancer (Hostetler et al. 2017; Salehi et al. 2019).

Meanwhile, quercetin is a flavonoid compound found in many plants that has a variety of biological activities. Quercetin research has shown that it has medical applications. Farhadi et al. (2018) report that quercetin and its derivatives showed antibacterial activity against some strains of bacteria, including *Staphylococcus aureus*, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), and *S. epidermidis*. Yang et al. (2020) report that these compounds demonstrated antimicrobial activity against pathogenic bacteria such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *E. coli*, *Proteus*, and *Asp. flavus*. Metwally et al. (2010) isolated and identified quercetin from the leaves of *P. guajava*. The Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) values of luteolin against various *Trueperella pyogenes* isolates and ATCC19411 were 78 µg/mL. Luteolin has been demonstrated to exhibit good antibacterial activity against *Bacillus subtilis*, *S. aureus*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (Guo et al. 2020). The antibacterial mechanism of luteolin against *S. aureus* involves inhibiting the synthesis of nucleic acid and protein, impairing bacterial cell membrane, inducing cell morphological alteration and inhibiting biofilm formation (Wang et al. 2010).

The major catechin found in green tea, epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG), has been shown to have antimicrobial effects against a variety of bacterial pathogens. The MIC<sub>50</sub> and MIC<sub>90</sub> values respectively of this compound against 40 clinical isolates of *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* (nosocomial pathogen) were 256 mg/L when determined by agar dilution and 512 mg/L when determined by broth microdilution. The MBC<sub>50/90</sub> values were 512 mg/L (minimal bactericidal concentrations for 50% and 90% of the organisms (Gordon and Wareham 2010). Naringenin has antimicrobial activity against a variety of microbial systems, including *E. coli*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and *E. coli* (Salehi et al. 2019). Myricetin inhibited the biofilm formation of *S. aureus* with MBC<sub>50</sub> values of 1 g/mL, according to Farhadi et al. (2018). Flavonols, including quercetin, myricetin, kaempferol, and

fisetin, are among the most important classes of flavonoids with antibacterial activity (Buchmann et al. 2022).

In conclusion, this study has identified volatile and non-volatile compounds in ethanolic *P. guajava* leaves extract. There were 15 major volatile compounds identified by GC-MS, i.e., pyrogallol,  $\alpha$ -copaene, caryophyllene, aromadendrene,  $\alpha$ -humulene, alloaromadendrene,  $\gamma$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -selinene,  $\alpha$ -muurolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene,  $\beta$ -bisabolene, (-) globulol, caryophyllene oxide,  $\alpha$ -muurolol, and epiglobulol. Furthermore, the non-volatile compounds identified by LC-MS were quinic acid, catechin, apigenin-7-O- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranoside, quercetin, luteolin-7-O-glucuronide, epigallocatechin (4 $\beta$ ,8)-gallocatechin, naringenin-4'-O-glucopyranoside, and myricetin. These compounds could be responsible for the antimicrobial property of *P. guajava* leaves extract and could be further isolated to be determined in the future.

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