

Comparison of methods for evaluation of the antioxidant capacity and phenolic compounds in *Pistacia lentiscus*

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Abstract

The antioxidant activity (DPPH, Oxygen uptake method) and the total phenolic content (Folin- Ciocalteu assay) of six different extracts (Hexane, Ethyl- acetate , EtOH, MeOH, 80% MeOH and 50% MeOH) from the leaves of *pistacia lentiscus L* (Anacardiaceae), were investigated. The hydro-methanol extracts exhibited the higher radical-scavenging effect against DPPH ($IC_{50}= 13,73\pm 0,2 -15,66\pm 0,47 \mu\text{g/ml}$). α -tocopherol ($IC_{50}=21,16\pm 0,76 \mu\text{g/ml}$) and (+)-catechin ($IC_{50}=7,6\pm 0\mu\text{g/ml}$) were employed as antioxidant references. The antioxidant capacity of extractives was also determined by evaluating oxygen uptake inhibition [OUI (%)]. All extracts under study inhibit the oxidation of LH. It was also found that their antioxidant capacities increased from hexane to hydro-methanol extract (50:50% V/V). In addition to the evaluation of this activity, the contents of total phenolic [TP] compounds were determined using the Folin-Ciocalteu method. However, there was a high and significant correlation between polyphenolic content and antioxidant activity of different extractives.

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