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## Research



### Isolation and Analytical Characterization of *Azadirachta Indica* Seed Constituents Using Chromatography and Infrared Spectroscopy

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	<b>Abstract</b>
Published on: 12 Sept 2025	<p>To research neem and assess the impact of neem leaf extract in the forms of aqueous, ethanolic and methanol. several neem parts have yielded the isolation of over 140 compounds. There have been description of the entire neem tree, including the bark, leaves, flowers, seeds and furits in particular, inflammation, infection, fever, skin condition and dental issues[7]. A simple thin layer chromatography digital image-based analytical methods has been developed for the quantitation of the botanical pesticides, azadirachtin. The method was validated by analyzing azadirachtin, process pesticide formulations, using acidifie vannilin reagent as a post chromatographic derivatizing agent. The separated azadirachtin was clearly identified as green spot. The Rf value was found 60 be 0.55, which is similar to reference standard. A standard calibration plot was established using a reference standard[8]. A separation process is a method that converts a mixture or solution of chemical substances into two or more distinct products. Chromatographic is the one of the best technique for separation. Paper chromatography is the simplest and faster technique. Paper chromatography as the name indicates it carried out on paper. A simple filter paper can be used for it. Different type of paper can also be used, it depending on solvent. It detection analyzed by visually. Fluorescence of substances using UV, enzymatic and microbiological methods[10]. Neem(<i>Azadirachta indica</i> ) is an indian tree well known for its several pharmacological activities, including antimicrobial activity. More than 300 compositions have already been isolated &amp; azadirachtin is its main active component[9].</p>
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## INTRODUCTION

Pharmacognosy is the branch of pharmaceutical sciences that deals with the study of medicinal drugs derived from natural sources including plants, animals, microorganisms, and minerals<sup>[1]</sup>. It involves the discovery,

characterization, production & standardization of biologically active substances.<sup>[2]</sup> The word pharmacognosy is derived from two Greek words “pharmakon” meaning “drug” or “medicine” “Gnosis” meaning knowledge so, pharmacognosy literally means knowledge of drugs<sup>[3]</sup>.

#### **Identification and authentication of natural drugs. Extraction and Isolation of active constituents.**

Recent advances in extraction, chromatography, hyphenated techniques, screening of natural product as well as application of biotechnological tools in natural product research has necessitate sound knowledge of pharmacognosy<sup>[4],[5]</sup>.

Based on current research on medicine plants, it is proven that they will play important role in human health. The use of various herba remedies & preparation are described throughout human history representing the origin of modern medicines, main as self prescribed product. The neem compounds belong to a general class of natural products called limonoid. fruits and seeds are used for oil extraction whereas neem oil is widely used in soap industry. neem extracts are used as technical material for formulation these formulation are used in crop protection. Neem is native to the india subcontinent including india, southasia, subtropical regions of asia, africa, ammericas and the south parafic. Neem is a medium sized tree-typically reaching 12-15 meters in height. it has a shout stem and can grow. up to 12-15 height.<sup>[24]</sup>

Neem seed oil used in the acne and boils neem provides health benefits through its blood purifying properties, which can aid recovery from infections & acne. Neem has also been studied as a possible treatment for several forms of cancer, including breast cancer, pancreatic cancer.<sup>[25]</sup> Neem seeds contain a gedunin, 7-desacetylgedunin, desace-tylnimbin & azedarachtin the seed oil mainly contains nimbidin, nimbin & nimbinin, which also occur in the stem bark<sup>[17]</sup>. Neem seed and leaf extract posses the chemical constituents which can act as antifertility sources. Studies on this concept have revealed that intra. Vaginal application of neem oil, can prevent pregnancy there by starting it as a novel method of contraception<sup>[18]</sup>. Neem seed extracts are effective against both chloroquin-resistant strain malarial parasites. one of the neem components, “gedunin” (a limonoid is as effective as quinine against malaria.<sup>[19][20]</sup>

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Chromatography is an analytical technique used to separate a given mixture into its components is based on the principle that when a mixture and mobile are allowed to flow over a stationary phase the separation occurs based on the differential affinities of the components for these 2 phases. <sup>[23]</sup> Thin layer chromatography uses a thin glass plate coated with either aluminium oxide or silica gel as the solid phase. The mobile phase is a solvent chosen according to the properties of the components in the mixture. The principle of TLC is the distribution of a compound between a solid fixed phase applied to a glass or plastic plate & a liquid mobile phase, which is moving over the solid phase. A small amount of a compound or mixture is applied to a starting point just above the bottom of TLC plate. <sup>[27]</sup>

## **MATERIALS AND INSTRUMENTS USED**

### **Analytical Test**

#### **1. Paper chromatography**

Whatman’s filter Paper

Beaker

Cotton

Watch glass

Solvent

Capillary tube

Filter paper

Measuring cylinder

Mandle

UV chamber

**2. Thin layer chromatography**

TLC Plate  
 TLC Chamber  
 Watch glass  
 Solvent  
 UV chamber  
 Silica gel  
 Mortar and pestle  
 Air dryer  
 Spatula  
 Beaker  
 Measuring cylinder

**MATERIAL AND METHODS****Paper Chromatography**

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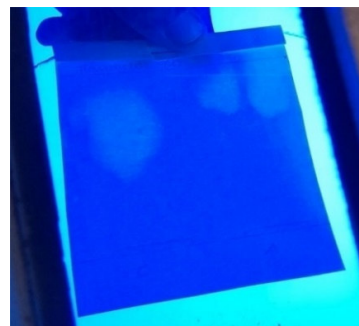
$$R_f = \frac{\text{Distance travelled by solute}}{\text{Distance travelled by solvent}}$$

**FLAVONOIDS SOLVENT SYSTEM**

1.	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{4.6}{6.5} = 0.7076$
	Toluene	$= \frac{4.5}{6.5} = 0.6923$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{3.7}{6.5} = 0.5692$
		$= \frac{4.7}{6.5} = 0.7230$
	Acetone	$= \frac{4.6}{6.5} = 0.7076$
2.		$= \frac{5}{6.5} = 0.7692$
	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{2.4}{6.5} = 0.3692$
		$= \frac{4.8}{6.5} = 0.7384$
	Toluene	$= \frac{3.4}{6.5} = 0.5230$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{3.3}{6.5} = 0.5076$
		$= \frac{4.7}{6.5} = 0.6615$
	Acetone	$= \frac{4.2}{6.5} = 0.6461$
		$= \frac{5.5}{6.5} = 0.8461$
		$= \frac{3.9}{6.5} = 0.6$
	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{2.7}{6.5} = 0.153$
3.	Toluene	$= \frac{4.8}{6.5} = 0.7384$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{2.2}{6.5} = 0.3384$
	Acetone	$= \frac{3.7}{6.5} = 0.5692$
		$= \frac{5.1}{6.5} = 0.7846$
		$= \frac{5.6}{6.5} = 0.8615$
4.	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{4.6}{6.5} = 0.7076$
	Toluene	$= \frac{5}{6.5} = 0.7692$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{4.7}{6.5} = 0.7230$
	Acetone	$= \frac{5.4}{6.5} = 0.8307$
		$= \frac{5}{6.5} = 0.7692$



**Fig 1: Flavonoids chromatography paper**



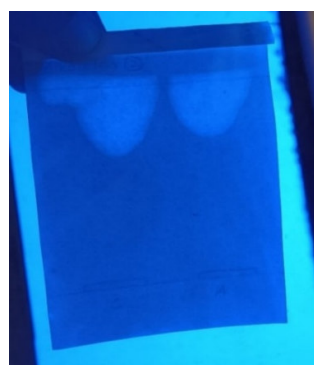
**Fig 2: UV Diagram of flavonoids**

# **GIYCOSIDES SOLVENT SYSTEM**

1. Petroleum ether  $= \frac{1}{6.5} = 0.1534$   
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Chloroform  $= \frac{1}{6.5} = 0.1538$   
Acetone  $= \frac{1}{6.5} = 0.1538$
2. Petroleum ether  $= \frac{6.5}{2.7} = 0.4153$   
Toluene  $= \frac{1.6}{6.5} = 0.2461$   
Chloroform  $= \frac{1.7}{6.5} = 0.2615$   
Acetone  $= \frac{2.2}{6.5} = 0.3384$
3. Petroleum ether  $= \frac{6.5}{1.6} = 0.2461$   
 $= \frac{4.5}{6.5} = 0.6923$   
Toluene  $= \frac{1.2}{6.5} = 0.1846$   
 $= \frac{4.2}{6.5} = 0.6461$   
 $= \frac{4.4}{6.5} = 0.6769$   
Chloroform  $= \frac{4.4}{6.5} = 0.6769$   
 $= \frac{5.5}{6.5} = 0.8461$   
Acetone  $= \frac{5}{6.5} = 0.7692$   
 $= \frac{4.8}{6.5} = 0.7384$



**Fig 3: glycosides chromatography paper**



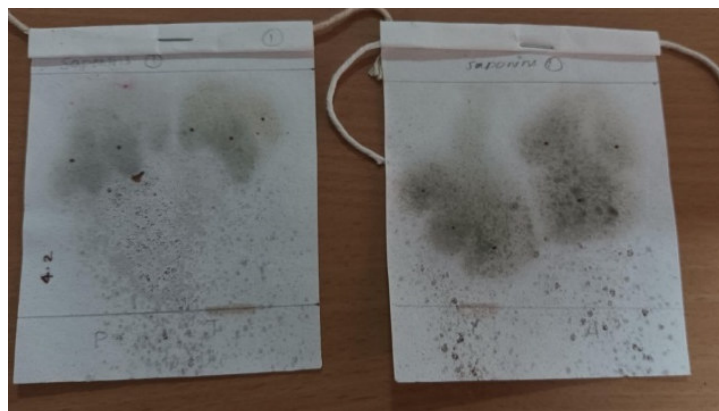
**Fig 4: UV diagram of glycosides**

**ALKALOIDS SOLVENT SYSTEM**

1.	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{3.3}{6.5} = 0.5076$
	Toluene	$= \frac{3.2}{6.5} = 0.4923$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{2.5}{6.5} = 0.3846$
	Acetone	$= \frac{2.3}{6.5} = 0.3538$
		$= \frac{5.5}{6.5} = 0.8461$
2.	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{1.6}{6.5} = 0.2461$
	Toluene	$= \frac{1.3}{6.5} = 0.2000$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{5.2}{6.5} = 0.8000$
	Acetone	$= \frac{5.4}{6.5} = 0.8307$

**Fig 5: Alkaloids chromatography paper****Fig 6: UV diagram of alkaloids****SAPONINS SOLVENT SYSTEM**

1.	Petroleum ether	$= \frac{4.2}{6.5} = 0.6461$
		$= \frac{4.4}{6.5} = 0.6769$
	Toluene	$= \frac{4.9}{6.5} = 0.7538$
		$= \frac{4.6}{6.5} = 0.7076$
		$= \frac{5.1}{6.5} = 0.7846$
	Chloroform	$= \frac{3.1}{6.5} = 0.4769$
		$= \frac{2.1}{6.5} = 0.3230$
		$= \frac{1.6}{6.5} = 0.2461$
	Acetone	$= \frac{4.6}{6.5} = 0.7076$
		$= \frac{3}{6.5} = 0.4615$
		$= \frac{4.5}{6.5} = 0.6923$



**Fig 7: Saponins chromatography paper**

#### **THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY**

Thin layer chromatography uses a thin glass plate coated with either aluminium oxide or silica gel as the solid phase. The mobile phase is a solvent chosen according to the properties of the components in the mixture. The principle of TLC is the distribution of a compound between a solid fixed phase applied to a glass or plastic plate & a liquid mobile phase, which is moving over the solid phase. A small amount of a compound or mixture is applied to a starting point just above the bottom of TLC plate<sup>[27]</sup>.



**Fig 8: Thin layer chromatography plate**



**Fig 9: TLC UV Diagram**



**Fig 10: TLC Solvent plate**

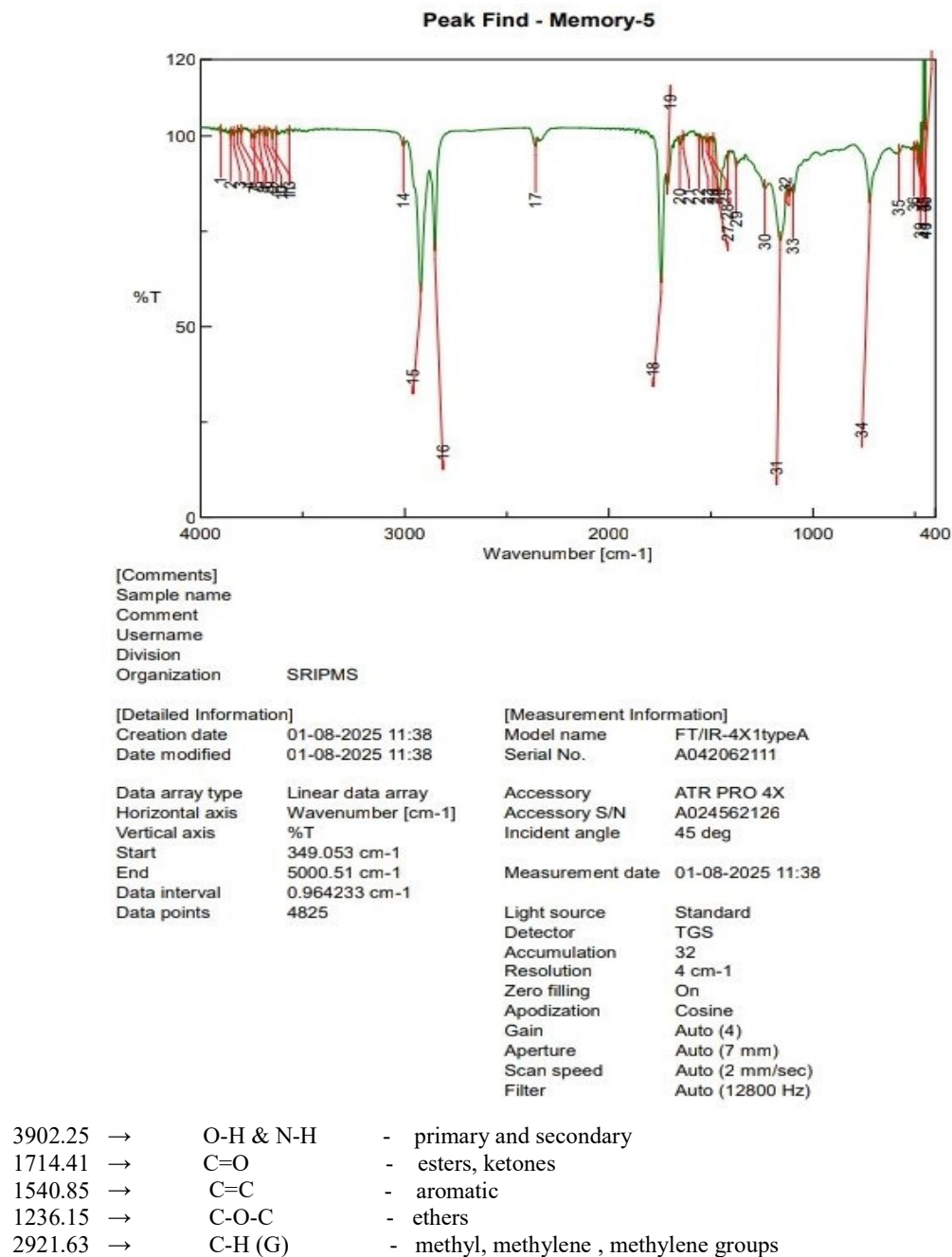


Fig 11: Petroleum ether crude drug absorption band



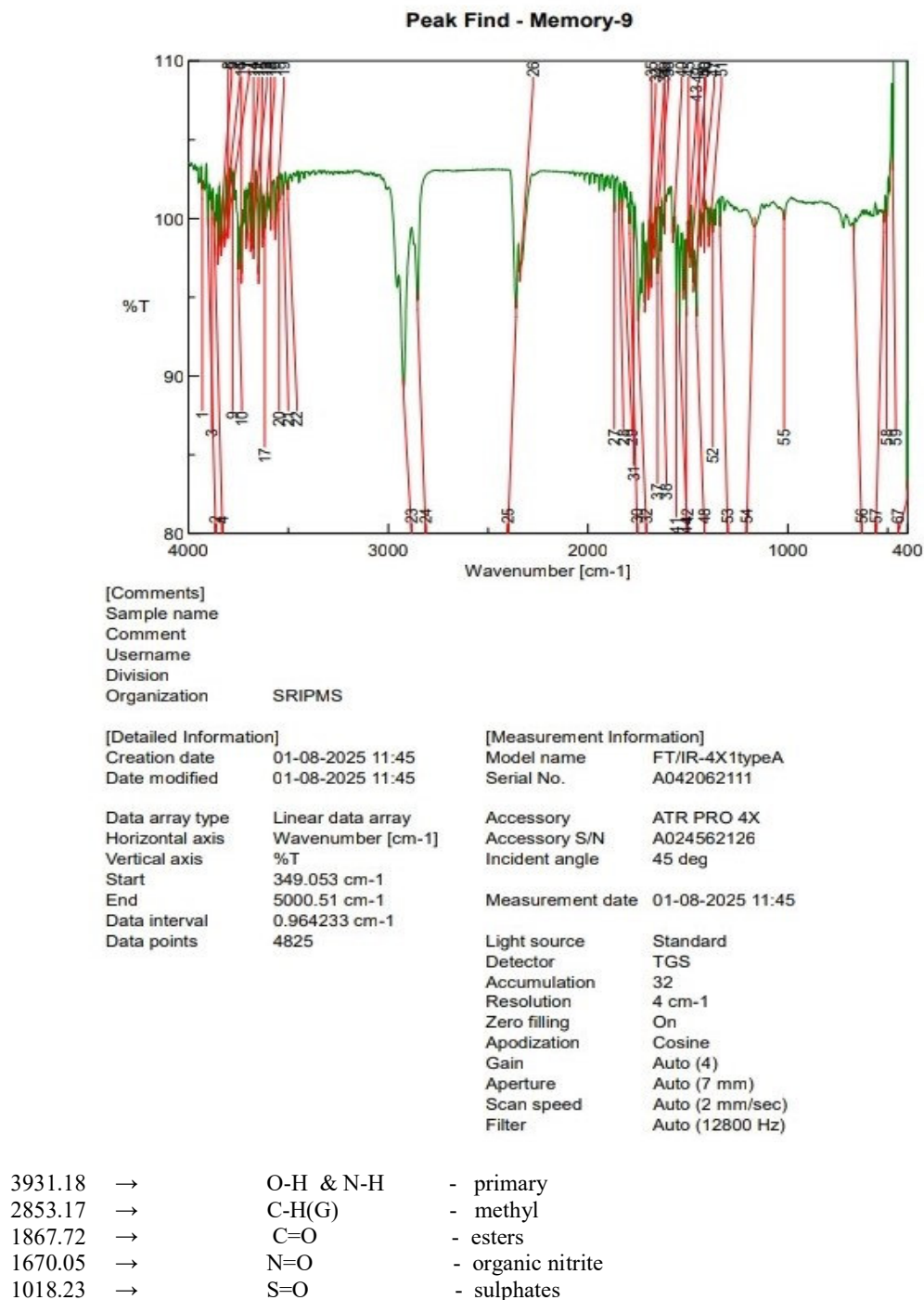
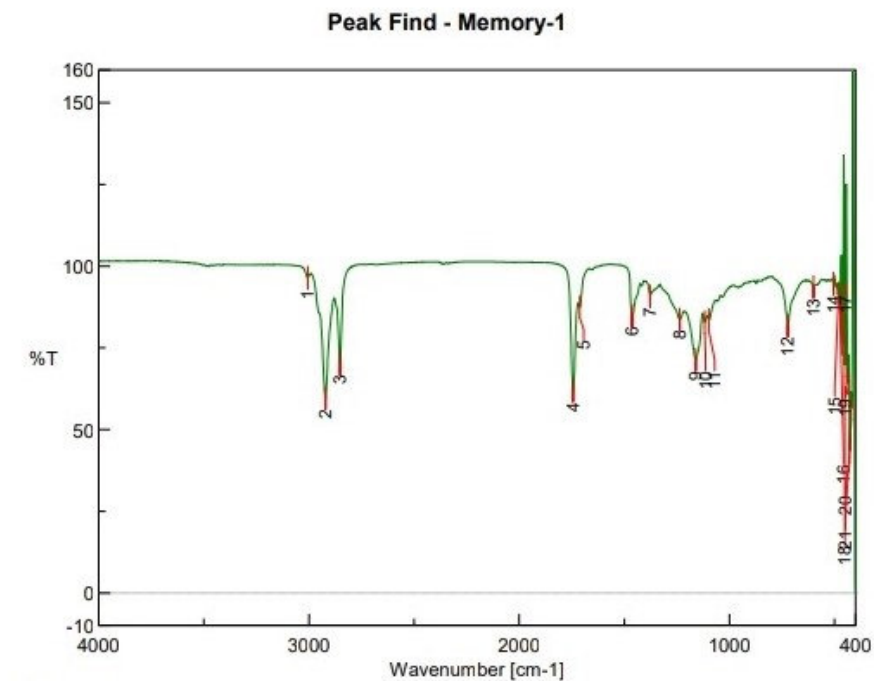


Fig 12: Petroleum ether solvent absorption band





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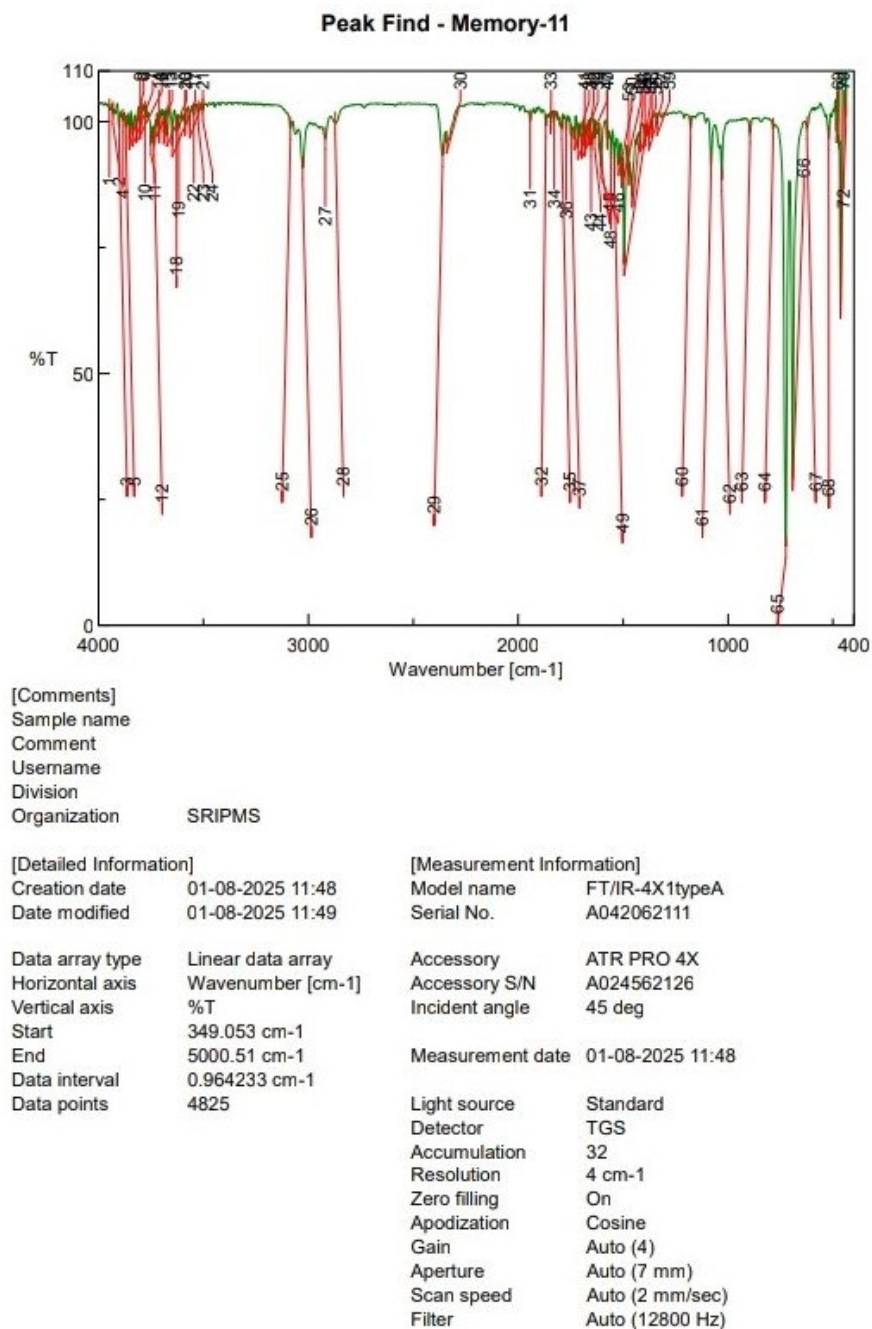
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- 3005.52 → C-H Stre(Unsat) - aromatic and olefinic compound  
 2852.2 → C-H Stre(G) - methyl, methylene group  
 1711.51 → C=O Stre - esters, ketone, amides, carboxylic acid  
 1097.3 → C=S - thioesters, thioureas  
 722.211 → CH<sub>2</sub> - four or more consecutive methylene groups

Fig 13: Toluene crude drug absorption band



- 3948.54 → O-H & N-H Stre - primary & secondary amines, organic acid  
2919.7 → C-H Stre(G) - methyl, methylene, methyne groups  
1844.58 → C=O Stre - esters, ketone, amides  
894.809 → C=H Def - substituted aromatics  
784.886 → C=C-H Def - aliphatic unsaturation

**Fig 14: Toluene solvent absorption band**

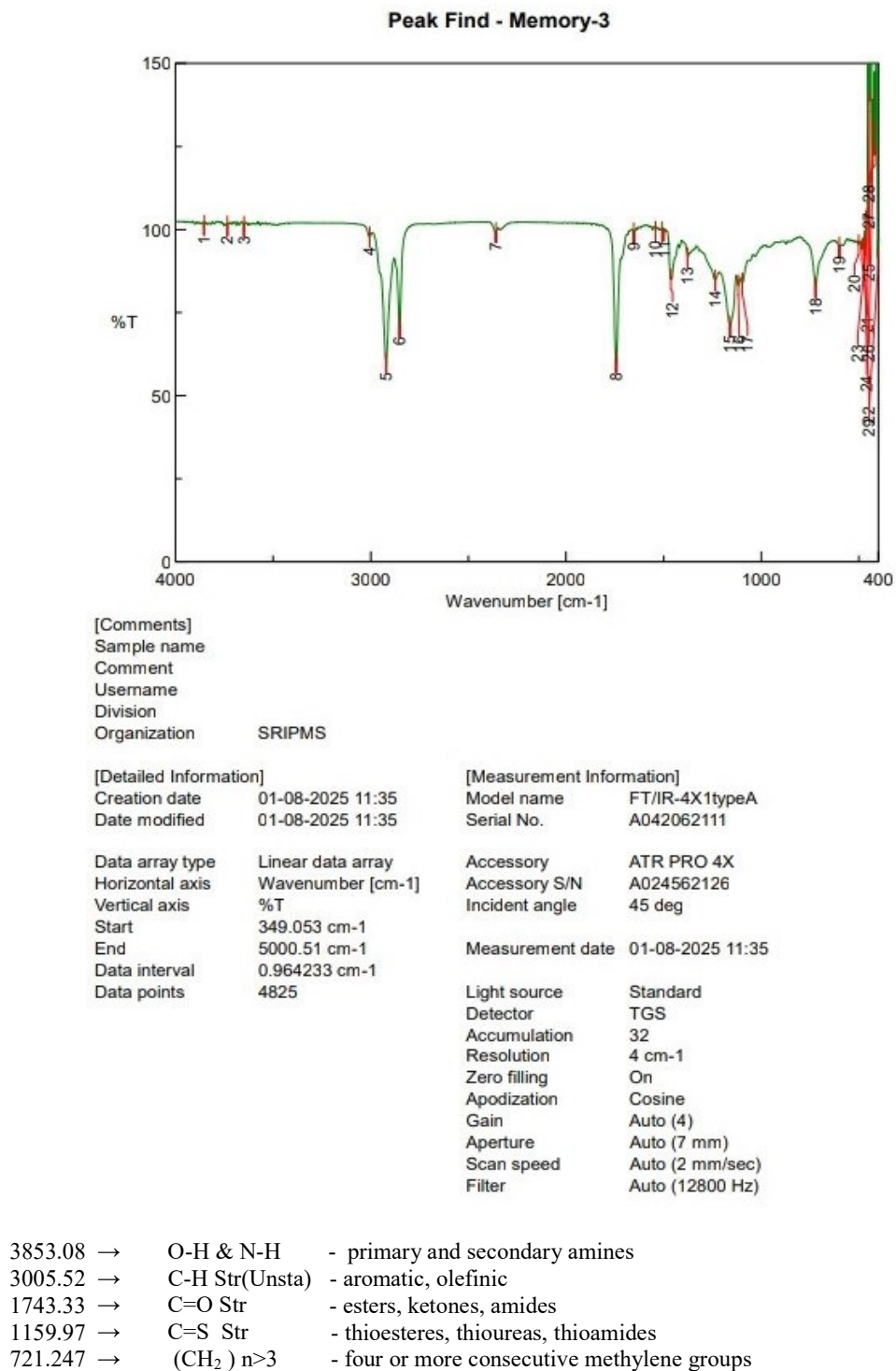
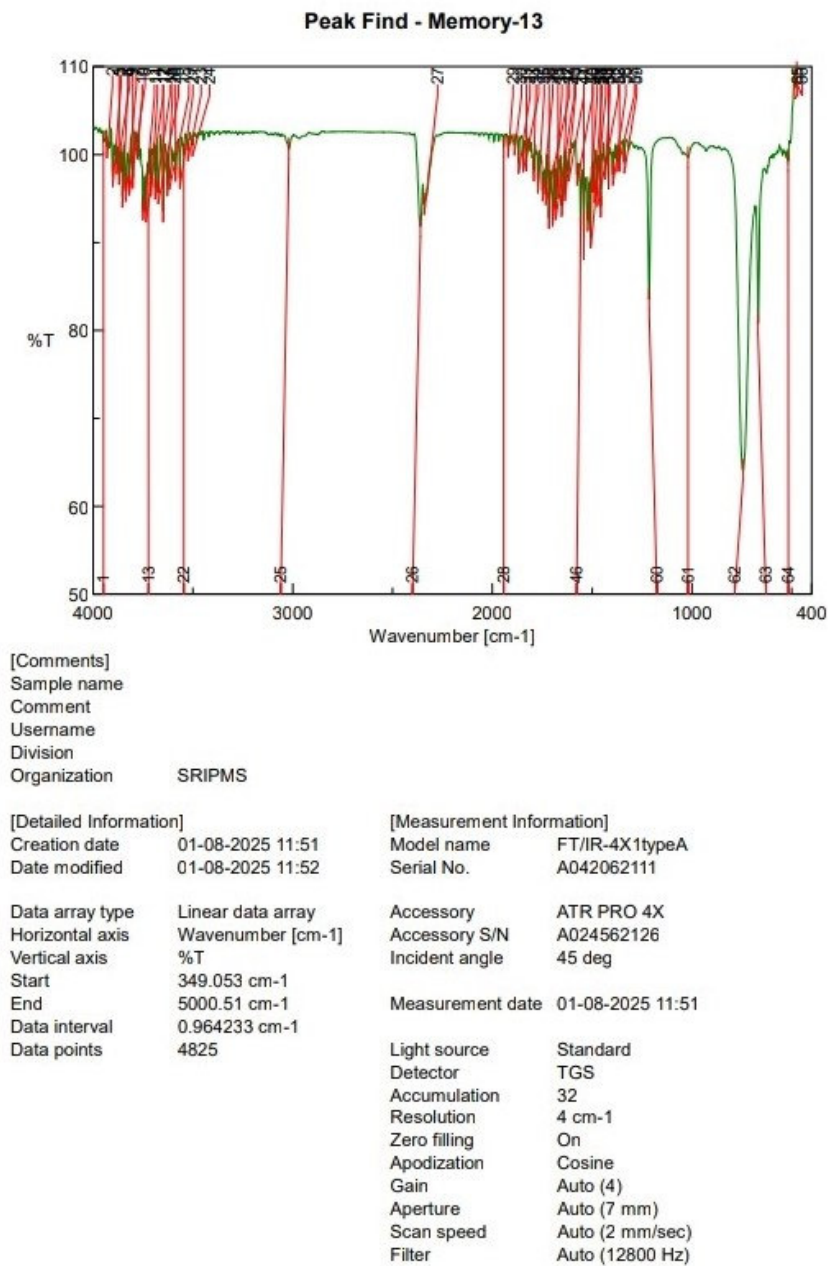
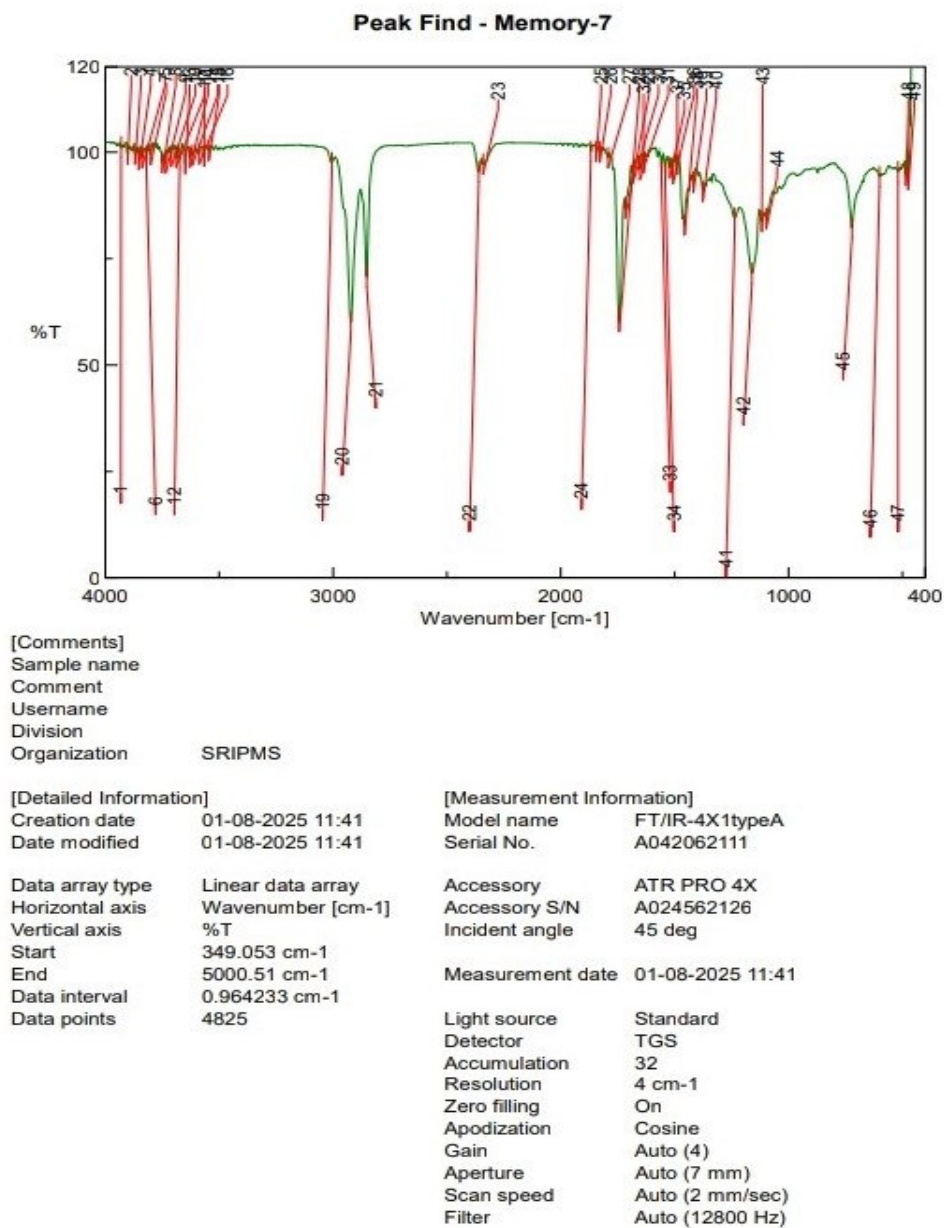


Fig 15: Chloroform crude drug absorption band



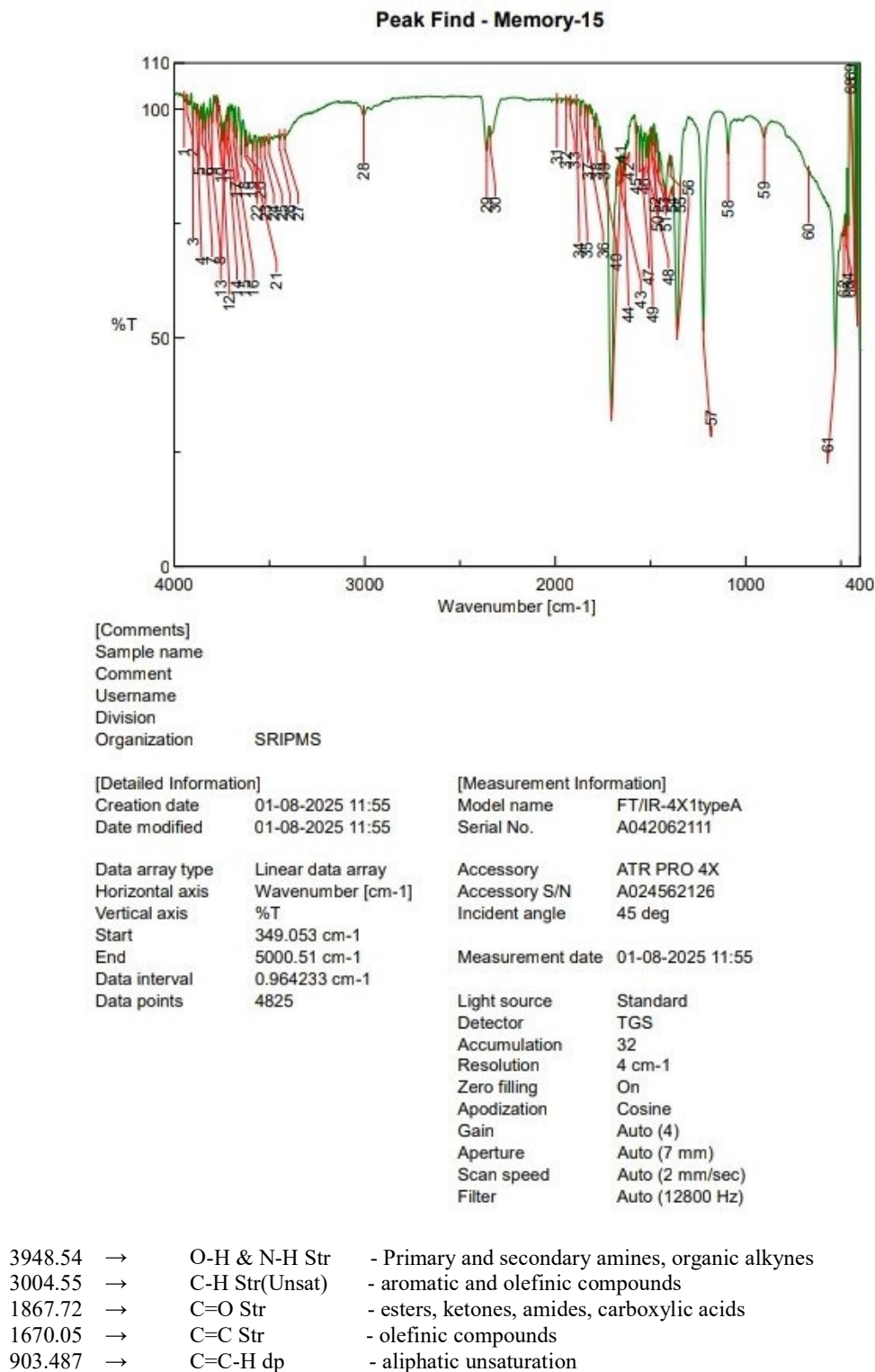
3948.54 →	O-H & N-H Str	- primary and secondary amines
3019.01 →	C-H Unsat	- aromatic
2341.16 →	$X \equiv Y, X=Y=Z$	- alkynes
1888.93 →	$X \equiv Y, X=Y=Z$	- alkynes
744.388 →	C-X	- organohalogens

**Fig 16: Chloroform solvent absorption band**



- 3931.18 → O-H & N-H Str - Primary and secondary amines, organic alkynes
- 1867.72 → C=O Str - esters, ketones, amides, carboxylic acid
- 1540.85 → -NO<sub>2</sub> Asym(Str) - organic nitro - compounds (the symmetric -NO 1385- 1325cm<sup>-1</sup>)
- 721.247 → (CH<sub>2</sub>) n>3 - four or more consecutive methylene groups
- 2921.63 → C-H Str(G) - methyl, methylene, methyne groups

**Fig 17: Acetone crude drug absorption band**

**Fig 18: Acetone solvent absorption band**



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## CONCLUSION

The traditional use of the plant as medicine provide a basic for including which of its components and constituents maybe useful for specific medical condition are safe and without side effect. The plant selected for the present study was identified as *Azadirachta indica*. Neem by the Botanical Survey of India. Tamilnadu, Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Neem is the best nontoxic biological sources for development of modern drugs. Medicinal plants & phytochemicals are receiving growing consideration in recent years for the prevention and treatment of various diseases including cardiovascular disease and cancer because of their relative safety & efficacy. The neem seed contains flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, saponins & fixed oil as the major components. Therefore it is decided to conduct on study on this topic for evaluating the further of the plant. neem seeds are a valuable resource with a wide range uses including pest control, soil amendment, & potential medicinal application [31]. The analytical screening studies were conducted the neem see solvent extraction of the paper chromatography and thin layer chromatography using the isolation of compounds.

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