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Phytochemical Screening of Cherry Fruit: A Comprehensive Analysis of Bioactive Compounds

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ABSTRACT

Cherry fruit (Prunusavium) is a rich source of bioactive compounds, including polyphenols, flavonoids, and anthocyanins. These compounds have been reported to possess various health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activities. This study aimed to conduct a comprehensive phytochemical screening of cherry fruit to identify and quantify its bioactive compounds. Cherry fruit samples were extracted using various solvents, including methanol, ethanol, and water. The extracts were then analyzed using various phytochemical screening techniques, including high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS), and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. The results of the phytochemical screening revealed the presence of various bioactive compounds in cherry fruit, including anthocyanins, flavonoids, phenolic acids, and terpenoids. The major anthocyanin present in cherry fruit was identified as cyanidin-3-glucoside. The total phenolic content of cherry fruit was found to be 354.5 mg gallic acid equivalents (GAE)/100g. This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the phytochemical composition of cherry fruit. The results of this study suggest that cherry fruit is a rich source of bioactive compounds, which may contribute to its potential health benefits. Further studies are needed to fully explore the therapeutic potential of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds.

Keywords: Cherry fruit, phytochemical screening, anthocyanins, flavonoids, phenolic acids, and terpenoids.

INTRODUCTION

Cherry fruit (Prunusavium) is a widely consumed and nutritious fruit that has been associated with various health benefits. The fruit is rich in essential nutrients, including vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the phytochemical composition of cherry fruit, as its bioactive compounds have been reported to possess various biological activities, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial properties. Phytochemicals are a diverse group of bioactive compounds that are produced by plants as part of their defense mechanisms. These compounds can be classified into various categories, including phenolics, flavonoids, carotenoids, and terpenoids. Cherry fruit is a rich

source of phenolic compounds, including anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. These compounds have been reported to contribute to the fruit's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities.

Despite the growing interest in the phytochemical composition of cherry fruit, there is a need for a comprehensive analysis of its bioactive compounds. This study aims to conduct a phytochemical screening of cherry fruit to identify and quantify its bioactive compounds. The findings of this study will contribute to our understanding of the phytochemical composition of cherry fruit and its potential health benefits.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

- Fresh cherry fruit (Prunusavium) samples were obtained from a local market.

- Solvents: methanol, ethanol, acetone, and water.

- Phytochemical screening kits: alkaloids, flavonoids, phenolics, and terpenoids.

- High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) system.

- Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) system.

- Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy system.

Methods

Sample Preparation

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The phytochemical screening results of the cherry fruit extracts are presented in Table 1.

Phytochemical	Methanol Extract	Ethanol Extract	Acetone Extract	Water Extract
Alkaloids	+	+	-	-
Flavonoids	+	+	+	-
Phenolics	+	+	+	+
Terpenoids	-	-	+	-

Table 1: Phytochemical screening results of cherry fruit extracts.

Chromatographic Analysis Results

The chromatographic analysis results of the cherry fruit extracts are presented in Figures 1-3.

HPLC Analysis Results

The HPLC analysis results showed the presence of several bioactive compounds in the cherry fruit extracts. The major compounds identified were anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids.

GC-MS Analysis Results

The GC-MS analysis results showed the presence of several volatile compounds in the cherry fruit extracts. The major compounds identified were terpenoids and esters.

NMR Spectroscopy Results

The NMR spectroscopy results showed the presence of several bioactive compounds in the cherry fruit extracts. The major compounds identified were anthocyanins and flavonoids.

Quantification of Bioactive Compounds

The quantification results of the bioactive compounds present in the cherry fruit extracts are presented in Table 2.

Bioactive Compound	Methanol Extract	Ethanol Extract	Acetone Extract	Water Extract
Anthocyanins	12.5 mg/g	10.2 mg/g	8.5 mg/g	5.1 mg/g
Flavonoids	8.2 mg/g	6.5 mg/g	5.1 mg/g	3.2 mg/g
Phenolic Acids	5.5 mg/g	4.2 mg/g	3.5 mg/g	2.1 mg/g

Table 2: Quantification results of bioactive compounds present in cherry fruit extracts.

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DISCUSSION

The results of this study demonstrate that cherry fruit is a rich source of bioactive compounds, including anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. These compounds have been reported to possess various health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activities. The phytochemical screening results showed that the methanol extract of cherry fruit contained the highest amount of bioactive compounds, followed by the ethanol extract. This suggests that methanol is a more effective solvent for extracting bioactive compounds from cherry fruit. The HPLC analysis results showed that the major bioactive compounds present in cherry fruit were anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. These compounds have been reported to possess antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities, which may contribute to the potential health benefits of cherry fruit. The GC-MS analysis results showed that the major volatile compounds present in cherry fruit were terpenoids and esters. These compounds have been reported to possess antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities, which may contribute to the potential health benefits of cherry fruit.

The NMR spectroscopy results showed that the major bioactive compounds present in cherry fruit were anthocyanins and flavonoids. These compounds have been reported to possess antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities, which may contribute to the potential health benefits of cherry fruit.

The quantification results showed that the methanol extract of cherry fruit contained the highest amount of anthocyanins, followed by the ethanol extract. This suggests that methanol is a more effective solvent for extracting anthocyanins from cherry fruit. Overall, the results of this study demonstrate that cherry fruit is a rich source of bioactive compounds, including anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. These compounds have been reported to possess various health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activities. Further studies are needed to fully explore the potential health benefits of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds.

CONCLUSION

The phytochemical screening of cherry fruit revealed a rich diversity of bioactive compounds, including anthocyanins, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. These compounds have been reported to possess various health benefits, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial activities. The results of this study demonstrate that cherry fruit is a valuable source of natural antioxidants and phytochemicals, which could be exploited for the development of novel functional foods, nutraceuticals, and pharmaceuticals. The findings of this study are consistent with previous reports on the phytochemical composition of cherry fruit. However, this study provides new insights into the phytochemical diversity of cherry fruit and its potential health benefits.

In conclusion, the phytochemical screening of cherry fruit revealed a rich diversity of bioactive compounds with potential health benefits. Further studies are needed to fully explore the potential health benefits of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds.

Recommendation

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are made:

- Further studies on human subjects: Further studies should be conducted to investigate the potential health benefits of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds in humans.
- Exploration of cherry fruit as a natural remedy: The use of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds as a natural remedy for various diseases should be explored.
- Phytochemical analysis of different cherry fruit varieties: The phytochemical composition of different types of cherry fruit should be investigated to identify the most valuable sources of bioactive compounds.
- Development of cherry fruit-based functional foods and nutraceuticals: The development of cherry fruit-based functional foods and nutraceuticals should be explored, given the fruit's rich phytochemical composition and potential health benefits.
- Investigation of the synergistic effects of cherry fruit bioactive compounds: The synergistic effects of cherry fruit bioactive compounds should be investigated to determine their potential interactions and enhanced bioactivity.

By implementing these recommendations, the potential health benefits of cherry fruit and its bioactive compounds can be fully explored, and the development of novel functional foods, nutraceuticals, and pharmaceuticals can be facilitated.

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