

Short report

Antioxidant activity of water extract of *Scoparia dulcis*

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Abstract

An aqueous extract of *Scoparia dulcis* showed marked antioxidative activity in vitro, which supports the therapeutic effects claimed by traditional practitioners.

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1. Plant

Scoparia dulcis L. (Scrophulariaceae), collected from paddy fields in Kalutara, Sri Lanka in May 2001, was authenticated by Dr. I. Senaviratne (Mrs.), Department of Botany, University of Colombo.

2. Uses in traditional medicine

As an analgesic and antipyretic, and in the treatment of diabetes mellitus, gastric disorders, bronchitis, hypertension, hemorrhoids, unspecified urinary ailments and

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