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**ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY OF SOME EXOTICS PLANT EXTRACTS  
AGAINST FRUIT ROTS FUNGAL PATHOGENS**



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**ABSTRACT**

Exotics plant extract of twenty plants from different families were tested for their antifungal activity against important saprophytic fruit rotting fungal species such as *Alternaria alternata*, *Cladosporium tenuissimum*, *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*, *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Penicillium digitatum* and *Rhizopus stolonifer* which isolated from aonla, mango, papaya and lemon fruit samples. The test fungi were mainly associated with fruit as saprophytic mode during storage. Among twenty plants tested, aqueous extract of *Acacia farnesiana*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Argemone mexicana*, *Ricinus communis*, *Nerium indicum*, *Erythrina variegata*, *Datura metal*, *Coccinia grandis*, *Terminalia arjuna*, *Lantana camara*, *Calotropis gigantea*, *Boerhavia repens*, *Catharanthus roseus*, *Coccinia grandis*, *Ipomoea carnea*, *Cannabis sativa* and *Euphorbia geniculata* have recorded significant antifungal activity against important fruit rotting fungal species tested. This PCE was higher due to It was found that *Acacia farnesiana* (70.32%) against *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Acacia nilotica* (76.66%) against *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Ricinus communis* (73.16%) against *Cladosporium*

*tenuissimum*, *Terminalia arjuna* (75.12%) against *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*, *Boerhavia repens* (74.16%) against *Cladosporium tenuissimum*, *Coccinia grandis* (75.16%) against *Penicillium digitatum*, *Ipomoea carnea* (74.16%) against *Penicillium digitatum*, *Euphorbia geniculata*(70.10%) against *Rhizopus stolonifer* and *Argemone mexicana* (72.80%) against *Alternaria alternata* showed the maximum percentage of disease control efficacy. *Lawsonia inermis*, *Jatropha curcas*, and *Cassia fistula* showed the less percent of disease control efficacy against selected fungi.

#### **KEYWORDS**

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