

Table 4: Antioxidant activity (%) measured by β -carotene bleaching method

Extracts	Concentrations of extracts (mg/ml)			
	4	8	16	20
Methanol	17.83 \pm 0.94 ^{aw}	43.13 \pm 3.58 ^{bw}	56.21 \pm 2.63 ^{cw}	74.48 \pm 1.94 ^{dw}
Hexane	40.97 \pm 0.64 ^{aw}	53.64 \pm 0.75 ^{bw}	60.54 \pm 2.08 ^{cw}	65.51 \pm 1.76 ^{dx}
Ethyl acetate	55.04 \pm 3.12 ^{ax}	58.53 \pm 1.52 ^{ax}	68.68 \pm 3.47 ^{bw}	83.13 \pm 3.99 ^{cy}
Water	15.66 \pm 2.88 ^{ay}	39.22 \pm 2.52 ^{by}	55.68 \pm 1.96 ^{cx}	55.60 \pm 0.82 ^{cz}
BHA*	70.80 \pm 1.09 ^a	79.00 \pm 0.52 ^b	88.56 \pm 0.82 ^c	92.46 \pm 2.52 ^d

*Positive reference standard, Absorbance values are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation of triplicate measurements. For the same extract or standard with different concentrations, means in the same row with different letters (a–d) were significantly different ($P < 0.05$, ANOVA). For different extracts with the same concentration, means in the same column with different letters (w–z) were significantly different ($P < 0.05$, ANOVA)

In conclusion, this study suggested that *P. grandifolia* is a potential source of natural antioxidants. However, further investigations on *in vivo* antioxidant activities are highly recommended.

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