

Molecular identification and comparative studies of *Cinnamomum osmophloeum* and *C. burmannii* based on

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ABSTRACT

Cinnamomum osmophloeum Kanehira is not only an indigenous species but also a very valuable forest resources in Taiwan. Recent years, *Cinnamomum burmannii* is often mistaken and sale by the name of *C. osmophloeum*. Due to the similarity in leaf and stem, especially in the seedling stage, these two plants are not able to tell each other morphologically. In present research, comparative authentication studies of *C. osmophloeum* and *Cinnamomum burmannii* were performed based on chemical and molecular methodologies. *C. osmophloeum* and *C. burmannii* of samples collected from the Hualien Mega Farm, Chiayi Shekou and Kaohsiung Okayama were used in present studies. Experimental conditions were developed for simultaneously determining of 11 major components in these two species by gas chromatography. The results clearly showed that the components in leaves essential oils of *C. osmophloeum* and *C. burmannii* different significantly. The GC chromatogram for the main components of *C. osmophloeum* were eluted between 30 to 55 minutes, it contains Linalool, Terpineol and cinnamaldehyde. Whereas the retention times for *C. burmannii* major components was between 15 minutes to 30 minutes with pinene, cymene, limonen and cineole. Generally, *C. osmophloeum* essential oil has much superior DPPH antioxidant capacity than that of *C. burmannii*'s. DNA marker by analyzing three non-coding region of ribosomal DNA and chloroplast DNA sequence of pITS2 and the trnL-trnF sequence were used to explore the suitabilities in molecular authentication of *C. osmophloeum* and *C. burmannii*. Our results have showed that pITS2 has much higher nucleotide polymorphisms among three marker regions. Phylogenetic trees constructed using maximum parsimony and neighbor-joining methods, being successful in grouping the right species together based on pITS2 for *Cinnamomum* spp. We believe that by molecular identification of *C. osmophloeum* and *C. burmannii* will be successful and reproducible based on pITS2 nucleotide sequence polymorphism. The determination of these two species chemically using GC chromatograms of major components in essential oil.

Keywords : *Cinnamomum osmophloeum*、*Cinnamomum burmannii*、gas chromatography、essential oil、molecular marker

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