

Quality Characteristics of Various Propolis Sources from Commercial Products

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ABSTRACT

Propolis is a natural resinous substance collected by bees from buds, young leaves and injurious parts of plants. The chemical composition and biological activity of compound of propolis varies greatly and directly on the local flora and phenology of the host plants and indirectly on the locality and season of collection. The objectives of this study were to analyze the chemical composition, chemical and to approve the antimicrobial ability of 9 crude propolis from different source and 79 commercial products. The chemical composition analysis includes determining of resin concentration, maximum UV spectrum, total flavonoids, total phenolic substances, heavy metal of lead, added tea, tartrazine, sunset yellow FCF of total flavonoids and antimicrobial ability for *Staphylococcus aureus*. Results show that the average resin of crude propolis was 29.50, from 16.21 to 53.81 %, average resin of 79 commercial products was 28.58 %, among average resin of 46 commercial ethanolic extract products containing propolis was 25.75 %. Ultraviolet spectrum of crude propolis from different regions to maximum of wave length about 360~380 nm, was single peak, but Thailand region to wave length about 230 nm, was double peak. Commercial products to maximum of wave length have obvious difference. The total flavonoids average concentration of crude propolis was 17.91, the total flavonoids average concentration of commercial products was 9.03 %. The total flavonoids of added tea, tartrazine, sunset yellow FCF of crude propolis and commercial products, tartrazine was effect. The total phenolic average concentration of crude propolis was 1.64 %, the total phenolic average concentration of commercial products was 1.64 %. The lead content of crude propolis showed, especially high in the percentage of China (Hwa-pei area) was 163.33 ppm, the lead content of 12 commercial products was 0 ppm, but CE-1 was 11.67 ppm. In the antimicrobial characteristics for *Staphylococcus aureus* showed, really not possess the similar effect of the sources of propolis and ethanolic extract products better than nonethanolic extract products. (Keywords : propolis, resin, flavonoids, phenolic, antimicrobial, analysis)

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