Practical Pharmacognosy

3rd Stage

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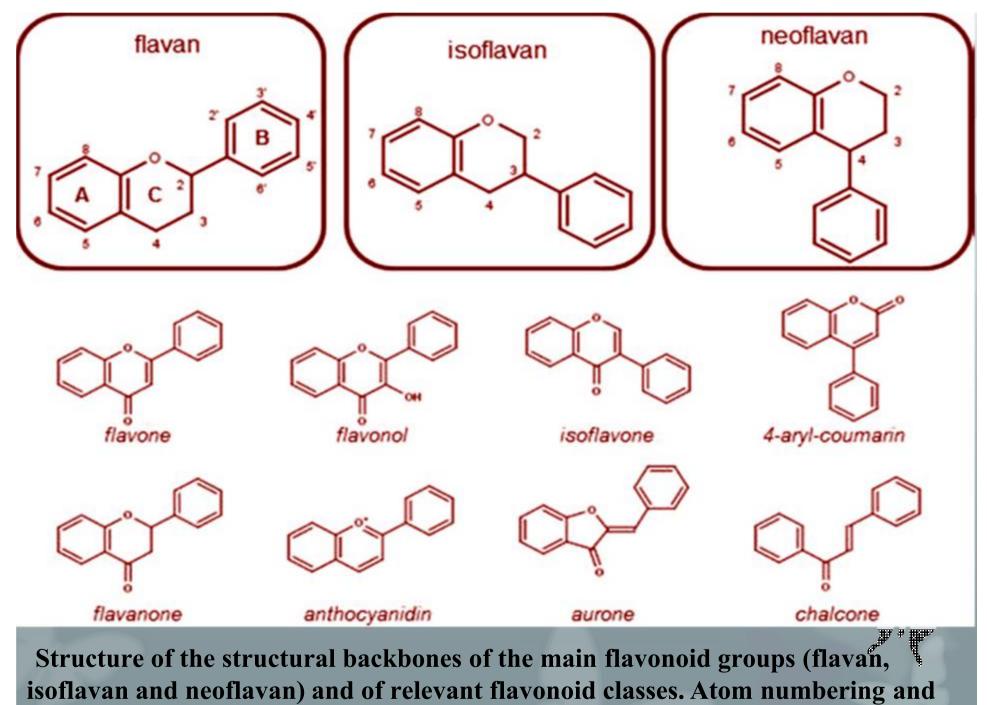
Flavonoid glycosides

- Flavonoids (from the Latin word flavus meaning yellow, their color in nature) are polyphenols of plant origin that are among the most important compounds in human diet due to their widespread distribution in foods and beverages.
- They can occur both in the free form (aglycones) and as glycosides, and differ in their substituents (type, number and position) and in their instauration

The most common classes are the flavones, flavonols, flavanones, catechins, isoflavones and anthocyanidins, which account for around 80 % of flavonoids.

All flavonoids share a basic C6-C3-C6 phenyl-benzopyran backbone. The position of the phenyl ring relative to the benzopyran moiety allows a broad separation of these compounds into flavonoids (2-phenyl-benzopyrans), isoflavonoids (3-phenyl-benzopyrans) and neoflavonoids (4-phenyl-benzopyrans).

Division into further groups is made.



ring nomenclature are also included.

- They have been used extensively as chemotaxonomic markers and are abundant in the Polygonaceae, Rutaceae, Legaminosae, Umbellifereae and Compositae.
- They occur both in the Free State and as glycosides; most are O-glycosides but a considerable number of flavonoid Cglycosides are known.
- The glycosides are generally soluble in water and alcohol, but insoluble in organic solvents;
- the genins are only sparingly soluble in water but are soluble in ether.
- Flavonoids dissolve in alkalis, giving yellow solutions when on the addition of acid become colorless.

Pharmacological activity of flavonoids:

- A number of flavonoid-containing herbs have now been included in the BP/ EP, examples are Birch leaf, Calendula Flower and Elder flower.
- The group is known for its anti-inflammatory and antiallergic effects, for antithrombotic and vasoprotective properties, for inhibition of tumor promotion and as protective for the gastric mucosa.
- Some of these pharmacological properties can be explained on the bases of antioxidant activity.
- Many flavonoid -containing plants are diuretic (e.g. buchu and broom) or antispasmodic (e.g. liquorice and parsley).
 - Some flavonoids have antitumour, antibacterial or antifungal properties.

Isolation and Identification of Flavonoids:

Aim: Isolation method of flavonoids from Ruta.

Equipments and reagents:-

- •Large beaker.
- •Water bath.
- •Two medium size beakers.



Reagents:

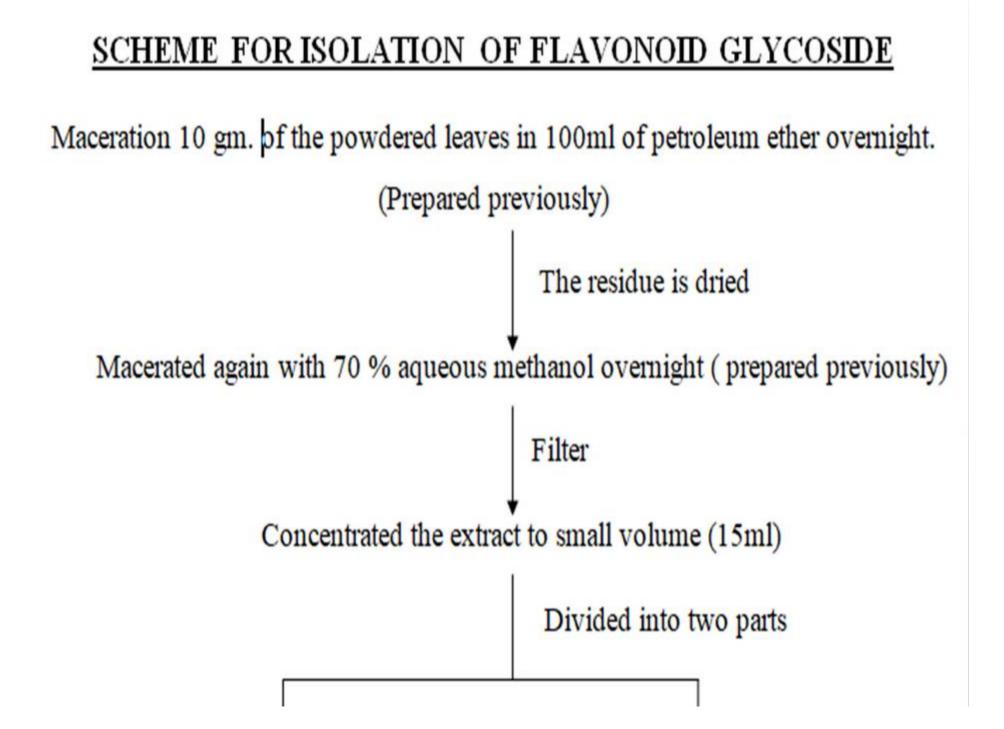
- Petroleum ether.
- 70 % aqueous methanol.
- 5 % HCl.
- Chloroform.

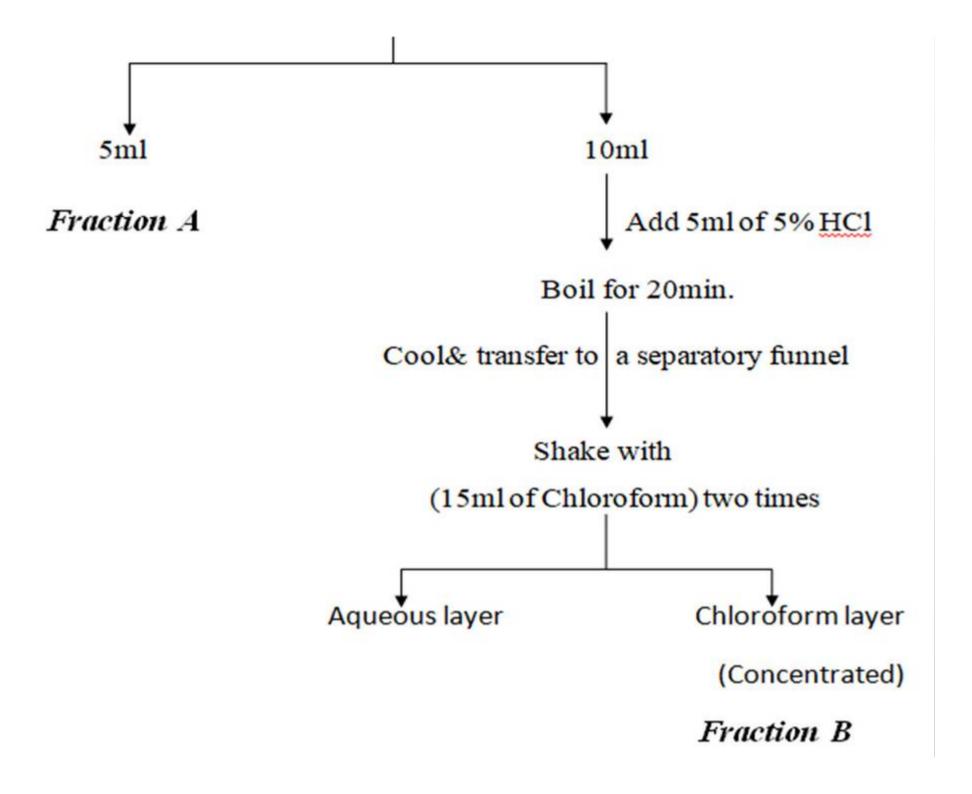
Procedure:

Method of extraction: Maceration.Plant used: <u>Ruta graveolens</u> family Rutaceae.Part used: Dry leaves.









Results:

Fraction A : Contain the whole glycosides.Fraction B : Contain the aglycone part.

