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## PHARMACOGNOSTIC, PRELIMINARY PHYTO CHEMICAL AND HPTLC PROFILE OF ROOT OF- Azima tetracantha Lam. –A WELL KNOWN PLANT USED IN FOLKLORE AND SIDDHA MEDICINE

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** The Pharmacopeia of *Ayurveda* was based on the understanding of the nature of the *dravyas*, which constitute the human body, mind, and the dynamic exchanges of these *dravyas* with the milieu and on how the disharmony is restored. Ethno botany is the branch of botany deals with the study of the relationship between people and plants. *Azima tetracantha* Lam belongs to SALVORADACEAE family is an extra pharmacopeal drug in *Ayurveda*, which is extensively used in Folklore and Siddha medical practice for various ailments like urinary disorders, arthritis, cough, poison treatment etc. **Methodology:** Plant description, pharmacognostic, physico-chemical, preliminary phytochemical and HPTLC studies were carried out. **Results:** The preliminary phyto chemical study from Aqueous and Alcoholic Extracts of *Azima tetracantha* Lam root showed the presence of Flavonoids, Phenols, Saponins and Carbohydrates which shows pharmacological activities like anti inflammatory, analgesic, anti microbial, anti oxidant activity. **Conclusion:** The results obtained from the pharmacognostical, physico-chemical tests, preliminary phytochemical analysis and HPTLC studies help in the standardization based on the identity, purity etc of the plant material.

**KEYWORDS:** Ethno medicine, Extra Pharmacopeial drug, *Azima tetracantha* Lam root, pharmacognostical, physico chemical, preliminary phytochemical, HPTLC.

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