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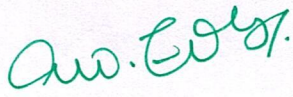
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Introduction:

Absorption of PAOM's like drugs in plants lead to multilevel biochemical combination with phyto-chemicals which further generates series of physiological changes in plants. The interaction between plants biochemical system and drugs may cause several complex compounds, further they can involve in biosynthesis of new molecules like free radicals or bio organic conjugates. In most of the cases plants do not tolerate high concentrations of the drugs and detoxification process occurs by either bio combination with plant proteins and organic acids or bio degradation of the foreign compounds (drugs) by enzymatic action.

Quantitative analysis of absorption of drugs by plants is very important aspect to study the biological fate of absorbed drugs in plants. Qualitative analysis is helpful to characterize the bio organic conjugate of drugs, Detoxification process and precursor activity of ingested drugs. Quantitative analysis of absorbed drugs by plants was manifested by spectro analytic techniques like FTIR, H¹-NMR and Mass spectroscopy.

The present work aimed at study the biological fate of the drugs which were ingested in higher concentration to the plants and also focused on distribution of drugs in various parts of plants.

Current Experiments were performed with *Oryza sativa L.* plants in hydroponic culturing for short duration exposure of high concentration of drugs.

Material and Methods:

i. Plant material and exposure:

Oryza sativa L. plants was selected for short time exposure of APAP and ASA. 11th leaf *Oryza sativa L.* plant were collected from agricultural fields and washed with 0.1% mercuric chloride and sterilized distilled water and incubated in 1000 ppm APAP and 1000 ppm ASA solution for 72 hours.

ii. Growth conditions:

The plants incubated at $25\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ under 16 / 8 hour (light/ dark cycle) photo period and irradiance provided by cool white fluorescent lamps.

iii. Extraction and sample preparation:

For the extraction of APAP and its metabolites, 5 gm of total plant material was thoroughly cleaned with deionised water and dried to remove any adhered drug on the surface of the plant. Cleaned plant material was then macerated in 50 ml methanol, and refluxed for 2hrs at 60°C . The material filtered and filtrate was centrifuged to remove any micro level plants particles. The supernatant solution was evaporated to 0.5 ml sample, the content then analyzed by FTIR, $\text{H}^1\text{-NMR}$ and Mass spectroscopy. Same procedure was adopted for collection of control plant's extract.

Results and Discussion:

i. Qualitative Analysis of APAP in *Oryza sativa L.* Plants:

The quantitative analysis of APAP aimed at comparing the spectroscopic data of control plant extraction sample with that of extraction sample of plant grown in APAP solution.

A. FTIR Analysis:

FTIR spectral analysis shows that APAP was stable in aqueous conditions, and FTIR spectrum of APAP in pure state and APAP aqueous solution (suspended for 72 hours) were almost identical. This clearly suggested that plants were exposed to APAP in pure state. All the FTIR spectra were recorded using JASCO FTIR-4600 & FTIR-4100 equipments.

FTIR spectrum of plants usually shows broad signals as the complex phytochemicals do not show significant vibrations. FTIR spectrum of plant's extract usually gives broad signals due to large number of complex phytochemicals are present in the combined form, but not in Free State. Any pure form of chemical compound ingestion into the plant body will give sharp peaks in FTIR spectrum of its extract, hence FTIR spectral analysis will help to understand phyto-absorption and accumulation of foreign substances in the pure form.

The comparison between FTIR spectrums of APAPA treated Paddy plant's extract and FTIR spectrum of APAP illustrated that all the characteristic peaks of APAP observed around wave number 1600 cm^{-1} to 460 cm^{-1} were retained in plant's extract but their intensities were different. All these sharp peaks were absolutely absent in FTIR spectrum control plant extract. (No sharp peaks).

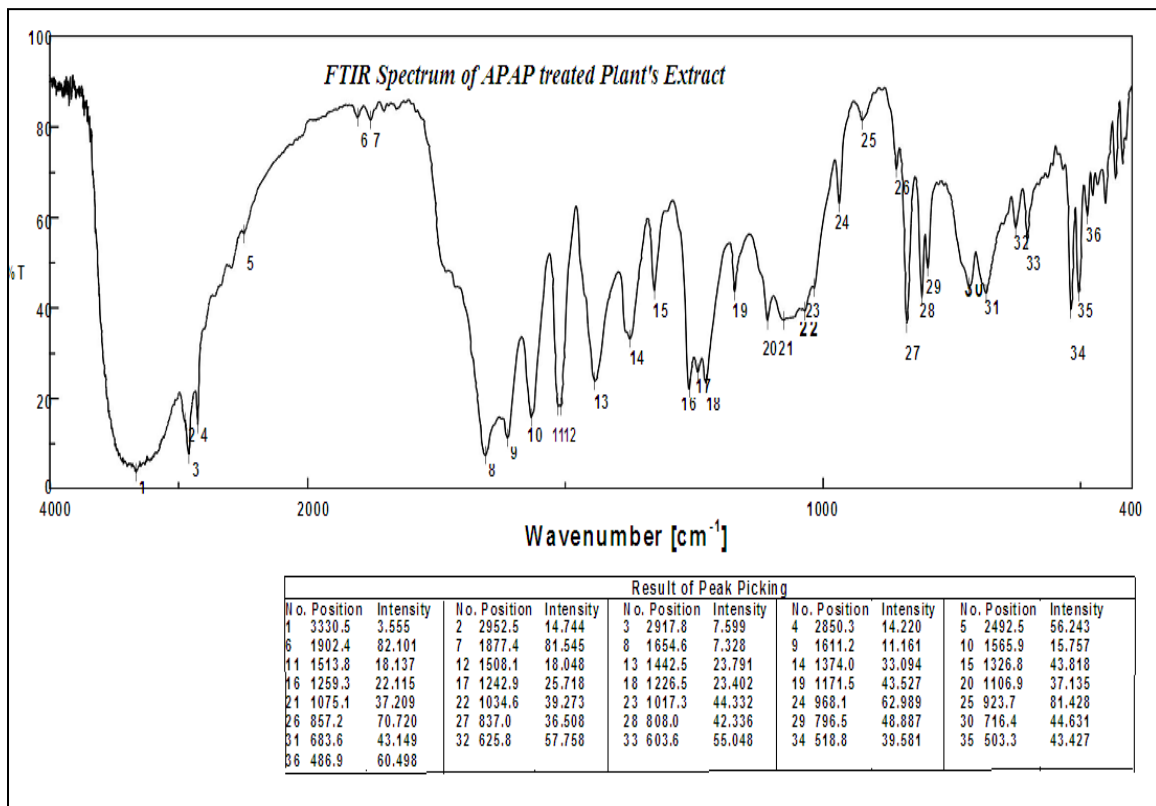


Fig3.1. FTIR spectrum of APAP collected from incubated paddy plant.

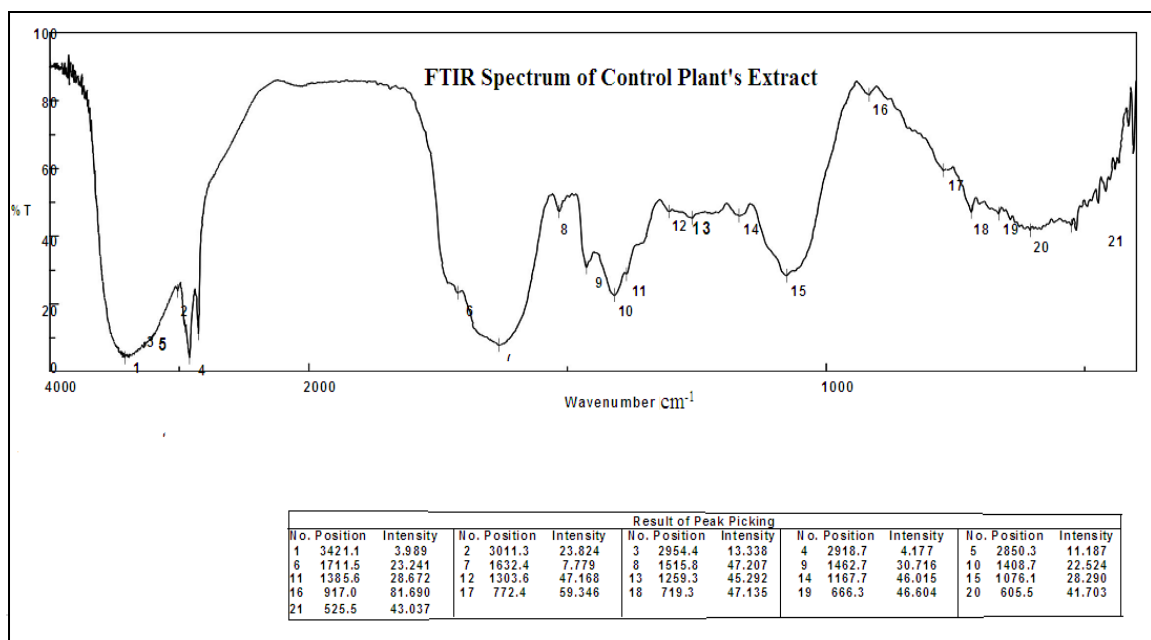


Fig3.2. FTIR Spectrum of Control Paddy Plant's Extract.

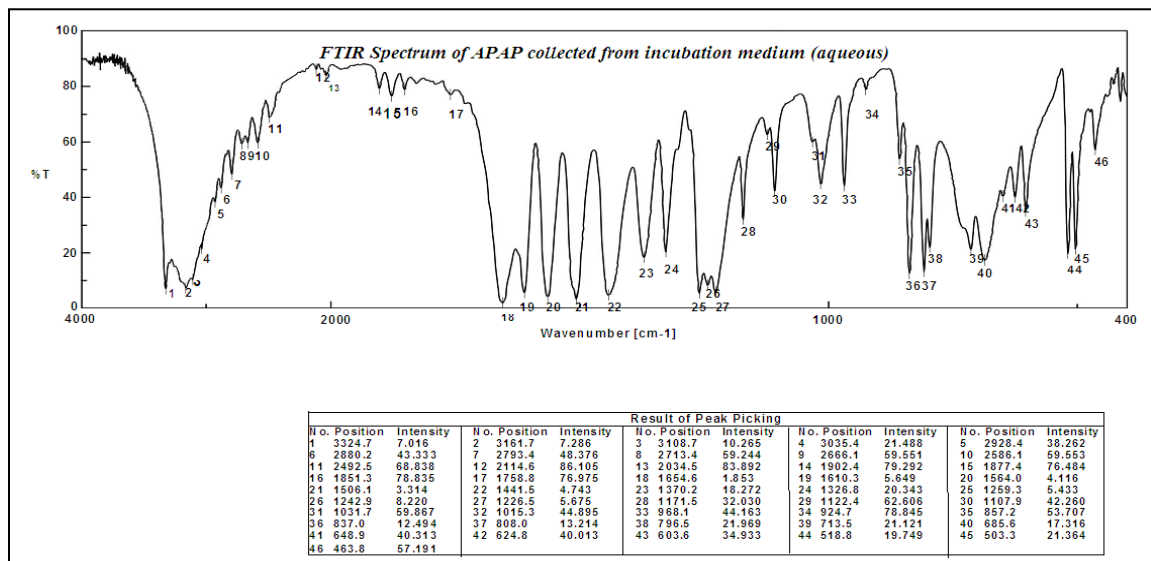


Fig3.3. FTIR spectrum of APAP collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation.

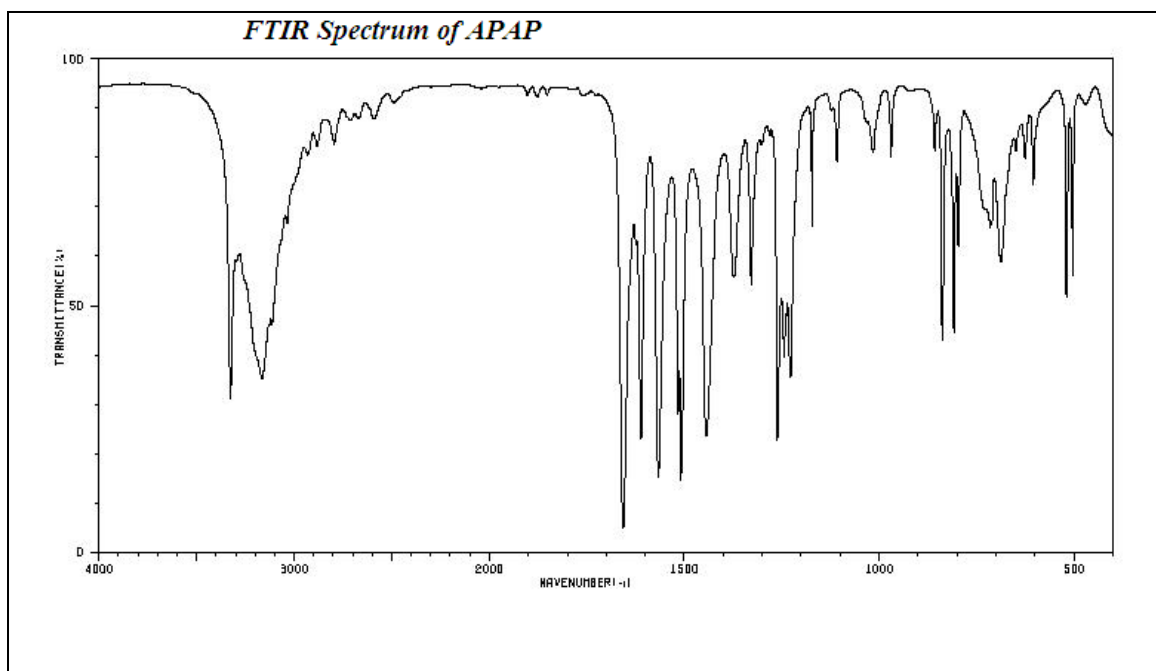


Fig3.4. FTIR spectrum of pure APAP.

Source: Laboratory of organic chemistry, Natural products and pharmaceuticals, Anna K.Przybył, Joanna Kurek, Edited by Jan Milecki, UAM ,Poznań 2013, Laboratory of Organic chemistry (SERP).

B. H¹-NMR spectral Analysis:

H¹-NMR spectrum of aqueous APAP medium used for plant's hydroponic incubation and H¹-NMR spectrum of pure form of APAP were exactly same, hence APAP was stable in test conditions for great extent. But the spectral data of H¹ -NMR spectrum of APAP treated *Oryza sativa* plant's extract was not useful for qualitative analysis because NMR spectra was blurred due to interactions of phytochemicals of plants and APAP. The signal pattern of NMR spectrum of APAP treated plant's extract slightly different from NMR spectrum of control plant's extract, this might be due to bio-

conjugate of APAP and phytochemicals. All the H^1 -NMR spectra were recorded by using JEOL 400MHz Spectrophotometer with multiple probe facility equipment.

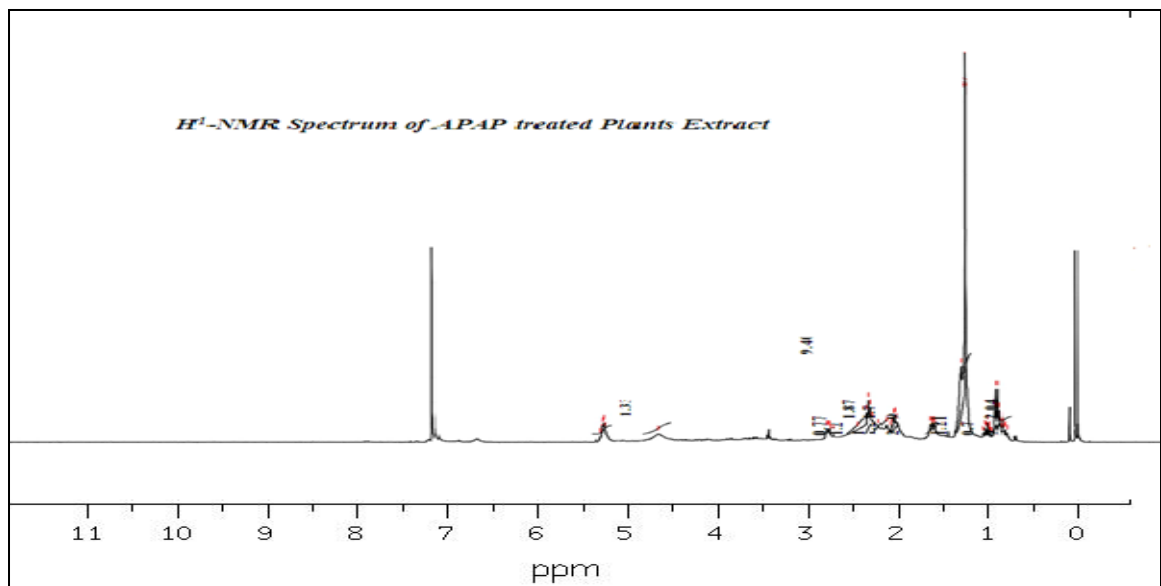


Fig.3.5. H^1 -NMR spectrum APAP treated paddy plant's Extract.

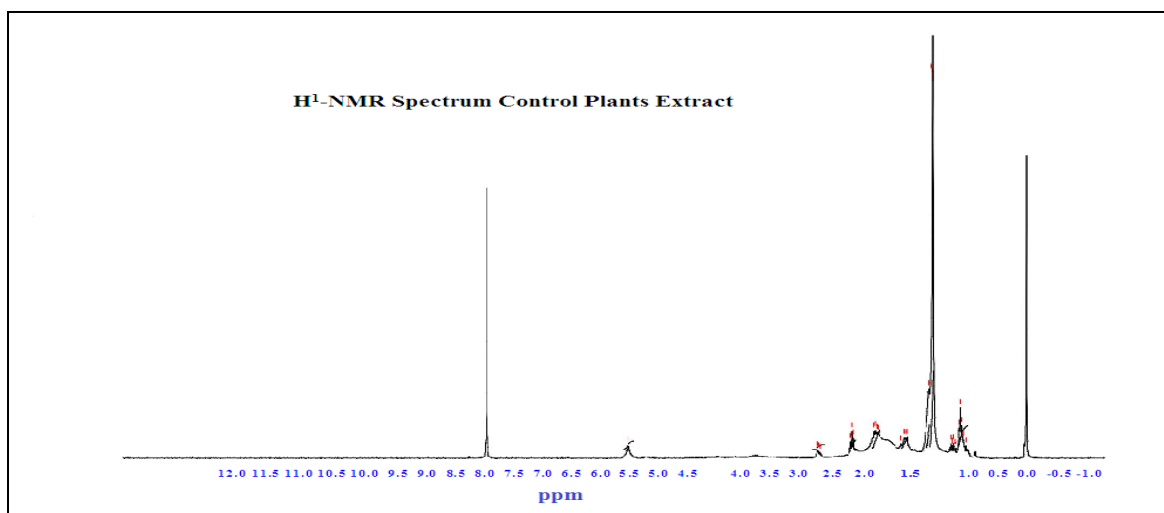


Fig3.6. H^1 -NMR Spectrum of control Paddy Plant's Extract.

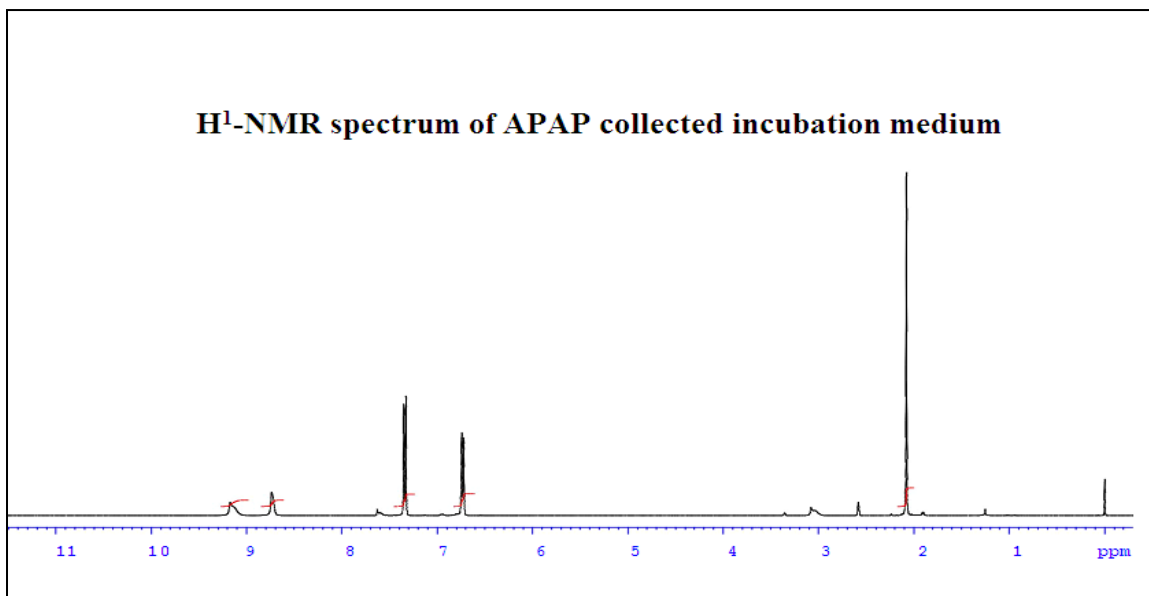


Fig3.7. H¹-NMR spectrum of APAP collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation.

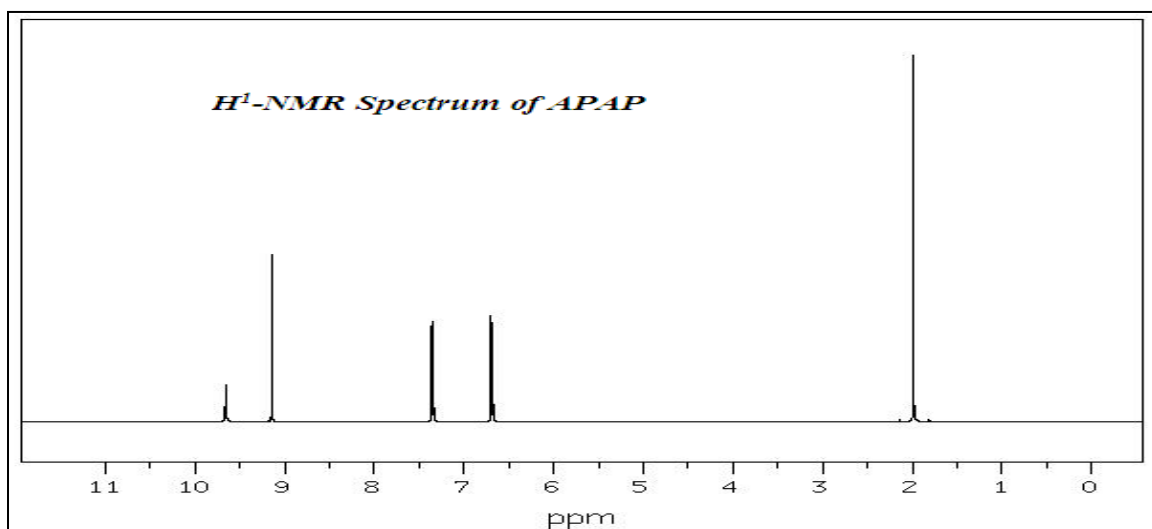


Fig3.8. H¹-NMR spectrum of pure APAP.

Source: Laboratory of organic chemistry, Natural products and pharmaceuticals, Anna K.Przybył, Joanna Kurek, Edited by Jan Milecki, UAM ,Poznań 2013, Laboratory of Organic chemistry (SERP).

C. Mass spectral Analysis:

Mass spectral analysis is an excellent analytical tool to identify and characterize biodegradation and biological combination of absorbed molecules by plants from their extracts. In the current study, Mass spectrum of Plant's extracts provided all the essential aspects to suggest biochemical combination of drug with plant's biomolecules like sugars, proteins, amino acids and other organic acids etc.

Mass spectrum of APAP treated *Oryzasativa* plant's extracts consists fragments corresponding to APAP (m/z : 150.27,151.27, 152.23, 110,109) along with some peculiar fragments around m/z values 613 to 1053 which were absent in mass spectrum of control plant's extract. Few fragments found around m/z : 278 to 329 in APAP treated plant's were absent in control plant's extract. All these fragments indicated the Bioconjugates of APAP with phytochemicals. The mass fragments of m/z 152.23, 110 supports the presence of APAP in the sample of plant extract and low intensity fragments at m/z around 314, 152,110, 328, 311 indicated the formation of Glucothionyl-conjugate of APAP.(P.Schröder et al.,2009).^{3,4}

Whereas the fragments m/z 253.48, 383.51, 491.55 and 579.39 which were found in control plant's extract were absent in APAPA treated plant's extract. All these peaks were absent in pure APAP, which might be due to biochemical combination. All the Mass Spectra were recorded by using WATER-SQD-2 equipment.

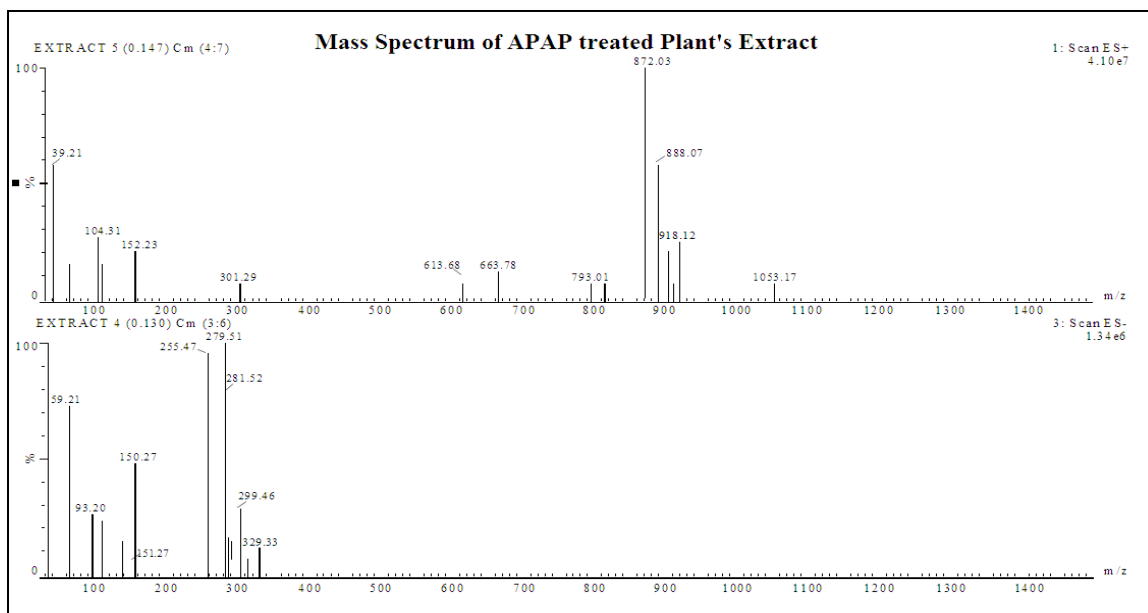


Fig.3.9. Mass Spectrum of APAP treated Paddy Plant's Extract.

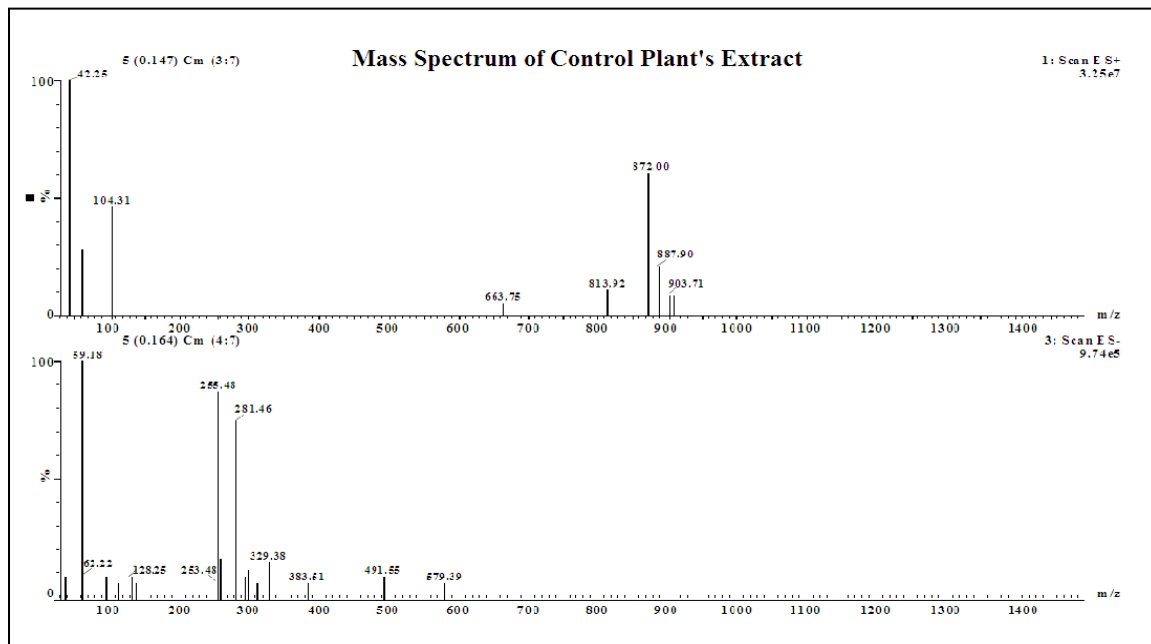


Fig.3.10. Mass Spectrum of Control Paddy Plant's Extract.

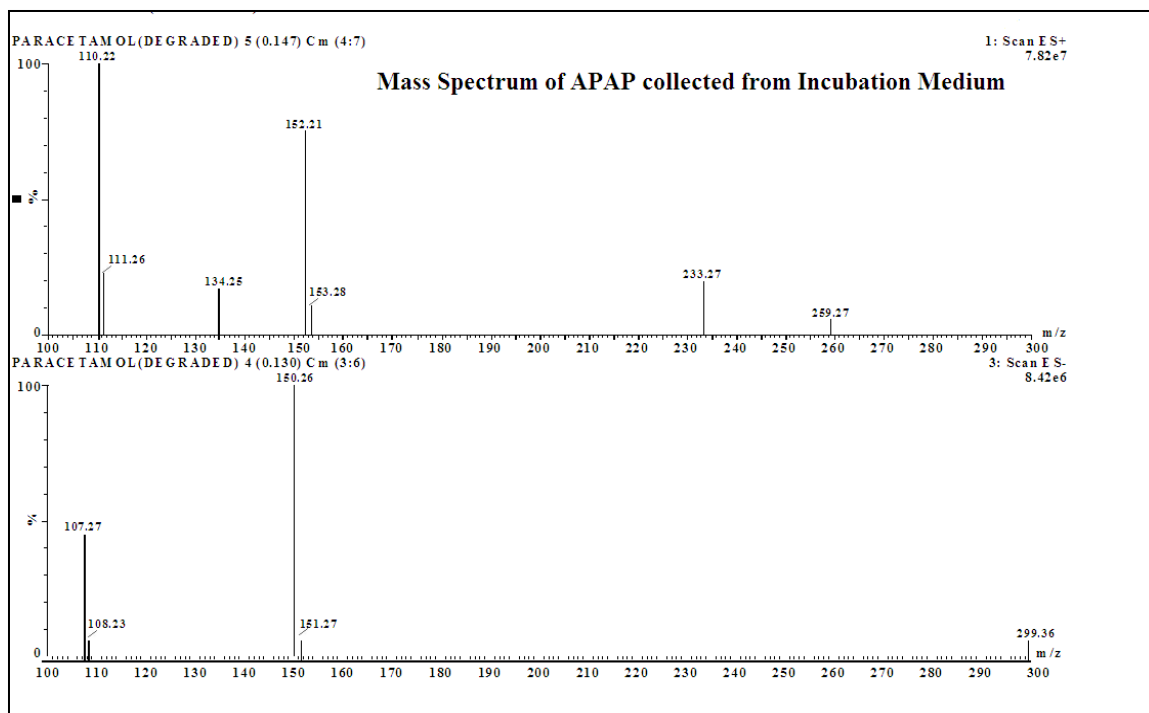


Fig3.11. Mass Spectrum of APAP collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation.

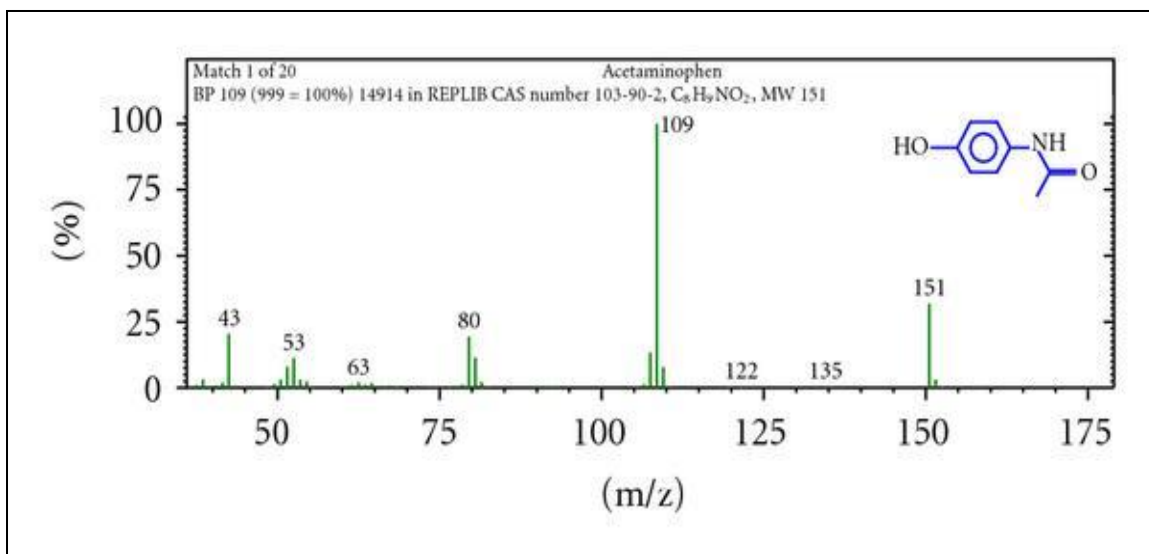


Fig.3.12. Mass Spectrum of pure APAP.

Source: www.hindawi.com/journals/ijelc/2011/171389/fig10/.

ii. Qualitative Analysis of ASA in *Oryza sativa L.* Plants:

As ASA is closely related to SA, which is a phyto-hormone, the qualitative Analysis of absorbed ASA by *Oryza sativa L.* will help to understand the biological significance of ASA in plants in terms of biochemical combinations, biodegradation, bio-conjugation, and bio-stimulation of natural product synthesis. Salicylates content was negligible in *Oryza sativa L.* (Swain et.al., 1985)⁵ therefore ingestion of ASA in paddy plant was used to focus on the interaction of ASA with plant's biochemical system and biological fate of ASA within the plant. These aspects were clarified and analyzed by spectro-analytical techniques likes FITR, NMR and Mass spectroscopy.

A. FTIR-spectral Analysis:

FITR spectrum of aqueous ASA medium used for *Oryza sativa L.* culturing slightly different from FTIR spectrum of pure ASA due to hydrolysis of ASA for slight extent. When the FITR spectrum of ASA, only few sharp peaks were observed in ASA treated in plant's extract and those were corresponding to neither pure ASA nor control plant's extract. Although FTIR spectrum of ASA treated plant's extract shows considerably sharp peaks which is usually not found normal phytoextracts as phytoextracts donot consists free compounds in pure state. Most of the phyto extracts show broad peaks due to complex interactions of phyto chemicals. All the FTIR spectra were recorded using JASCO FTIR-4600 & FTIR-4100 equipments.

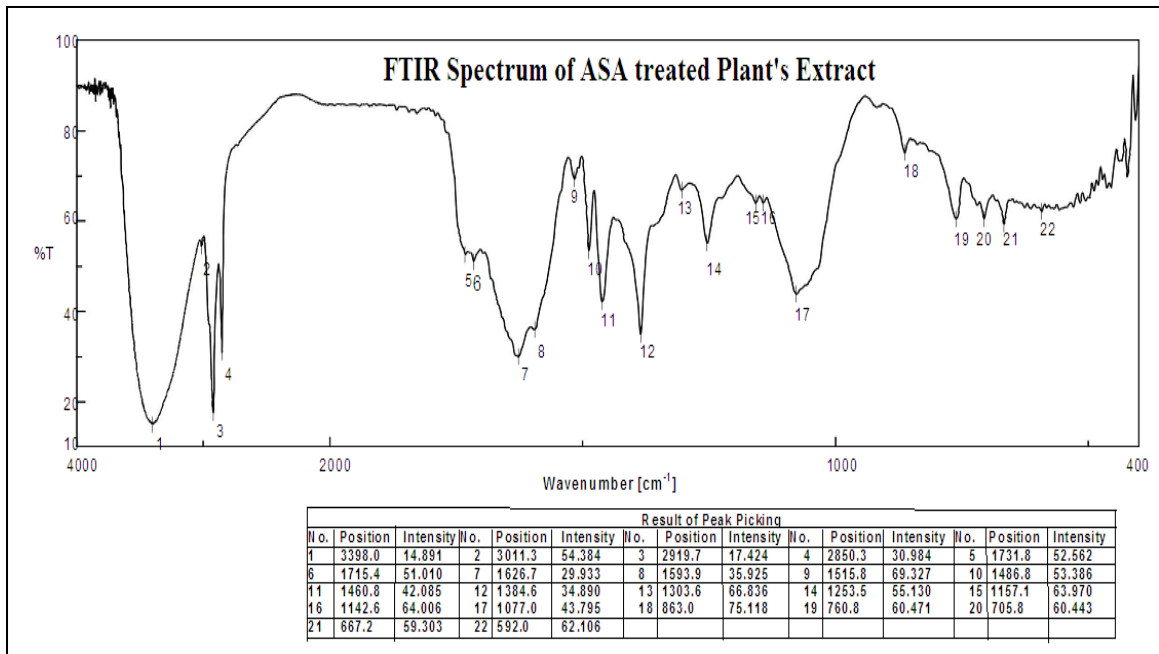


Fig.3.13. FTIR Spectrum of ASA treated Paddy plant's Extract.

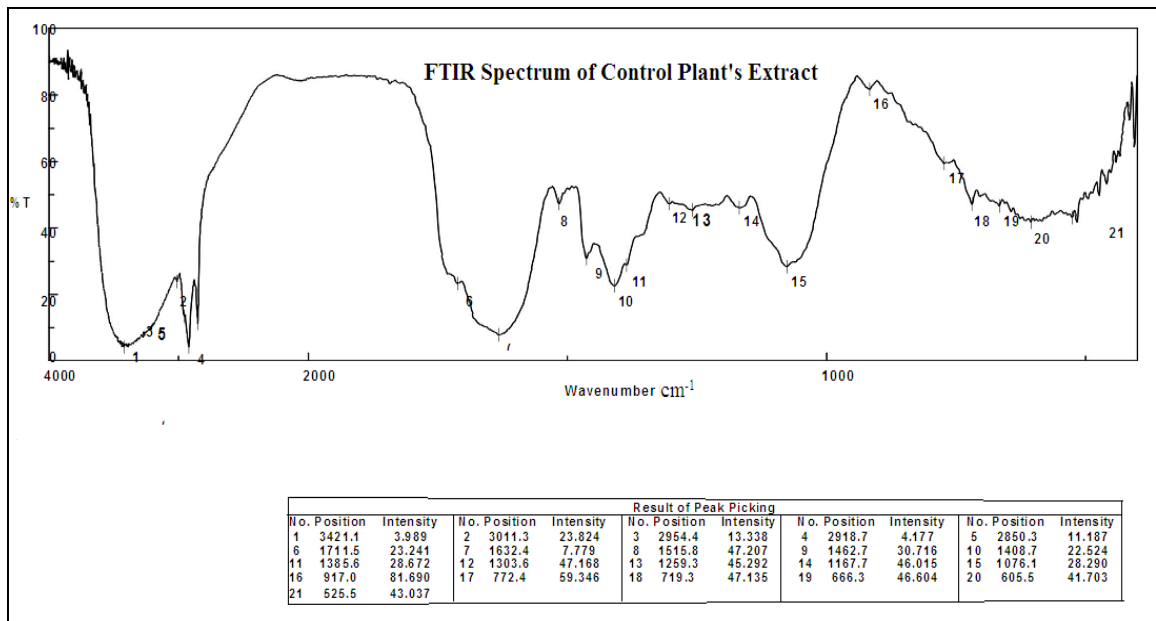


Fig3.14. FTIR Spectrum of Control Paddy Plant's Extract.

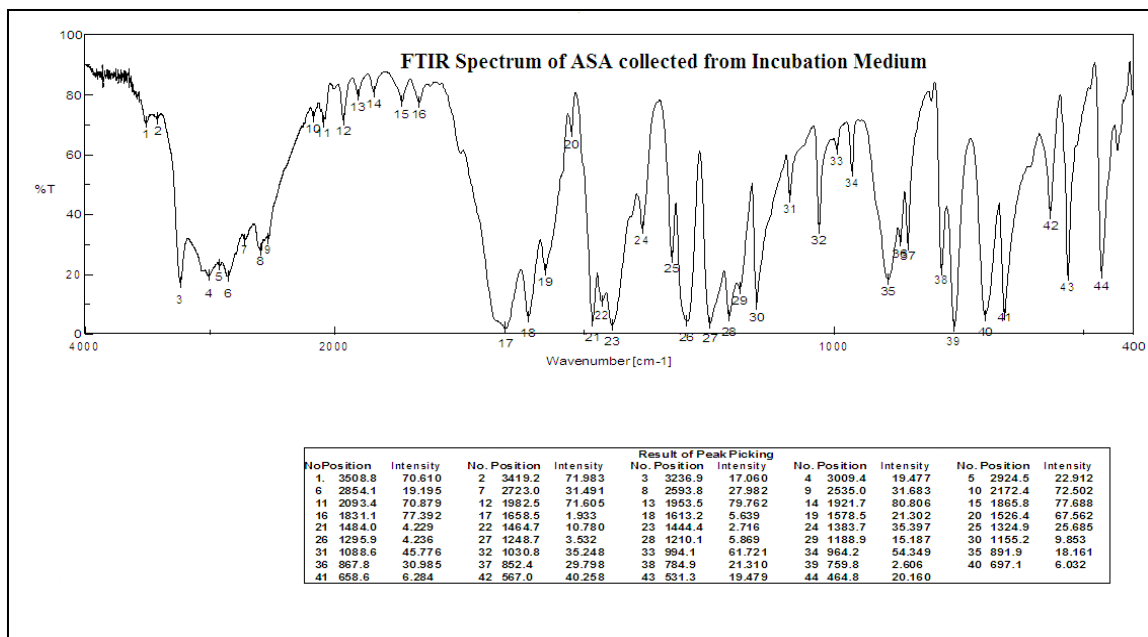


Fig.3.15. FTIR spectrum of ASA collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation.

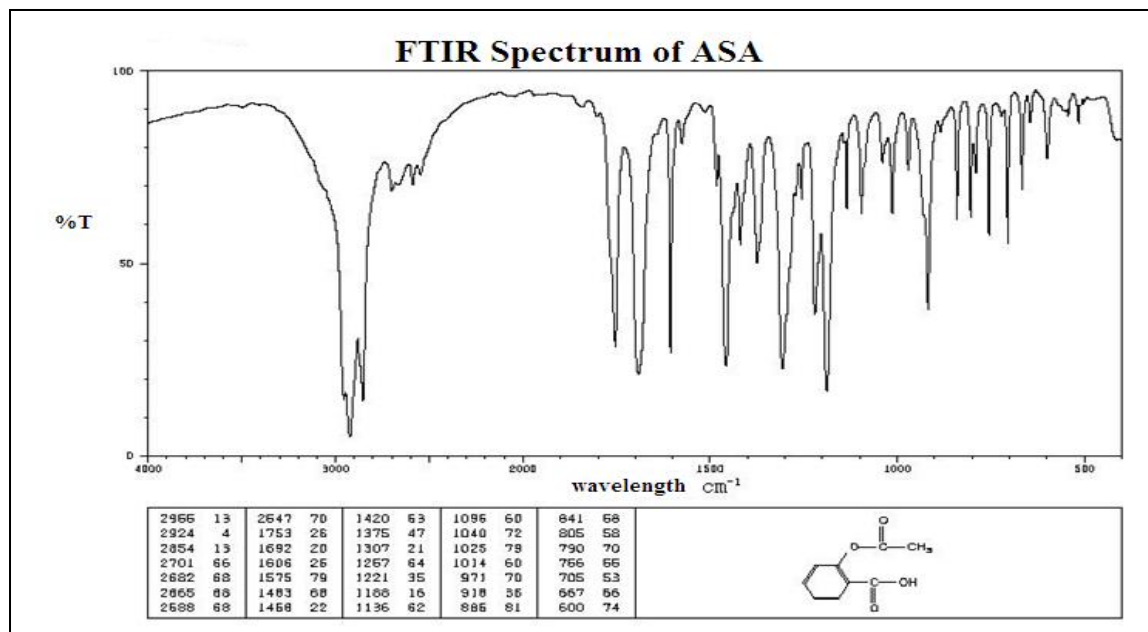


Fig.3.16. FTIR Spectrum of pure ASA.
 Source: organic.spectroscopyint.blogspot.com.

B. H^1 - NMR Spectral Analysis:

H^1 -NMR spectrum of ASA – treated *Oryza sativa L.* plant's extract was complex and no useful information obtained from it, but the signal pattern of H^1 -NMR spectrum of ASA treated plant's extract was similar to spectrum of control plant's extract, and different from spectrum of pure ASA. The complex and blurred vision of spectrum was due to several interactions of phytochemicals of plant with absorbed ASA. All the H^1 -NMR spectra were recorded by using JEOL 400MHz Spectrophotometer with multiple probe facility equipment.

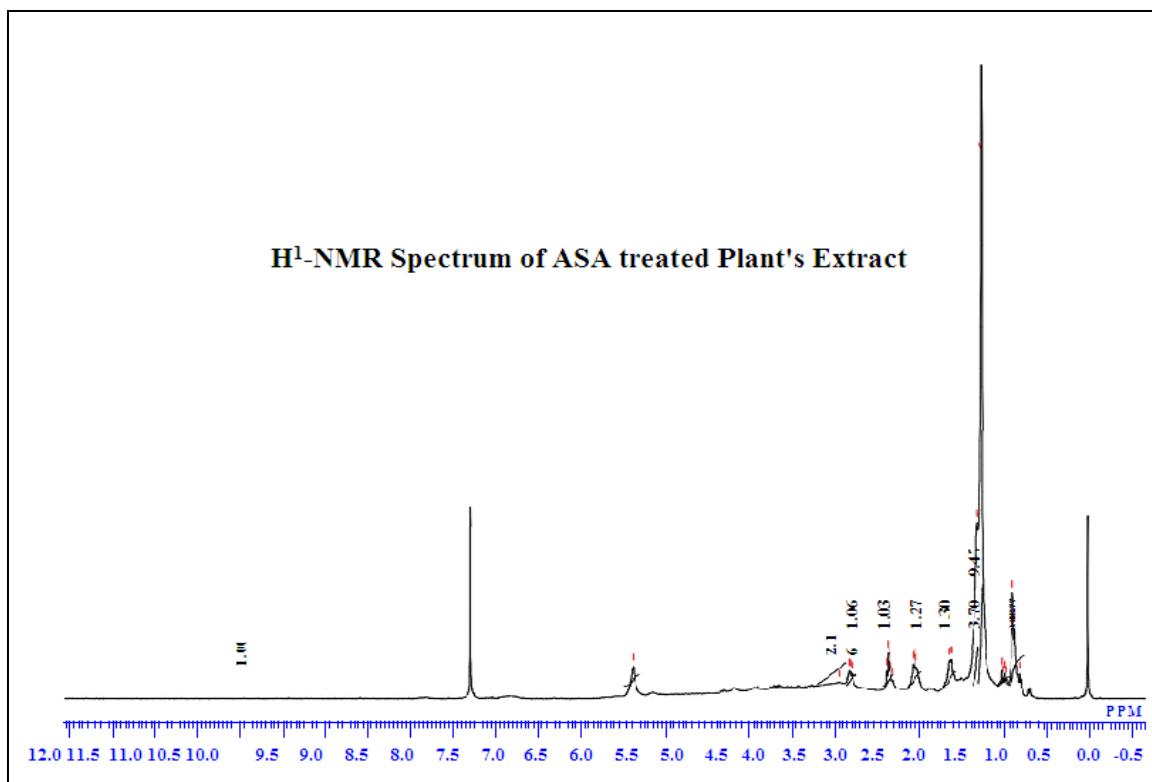


Fig.3.17. H^1 -NMR Spectrum of ASA treated Paddy plant's Extract.

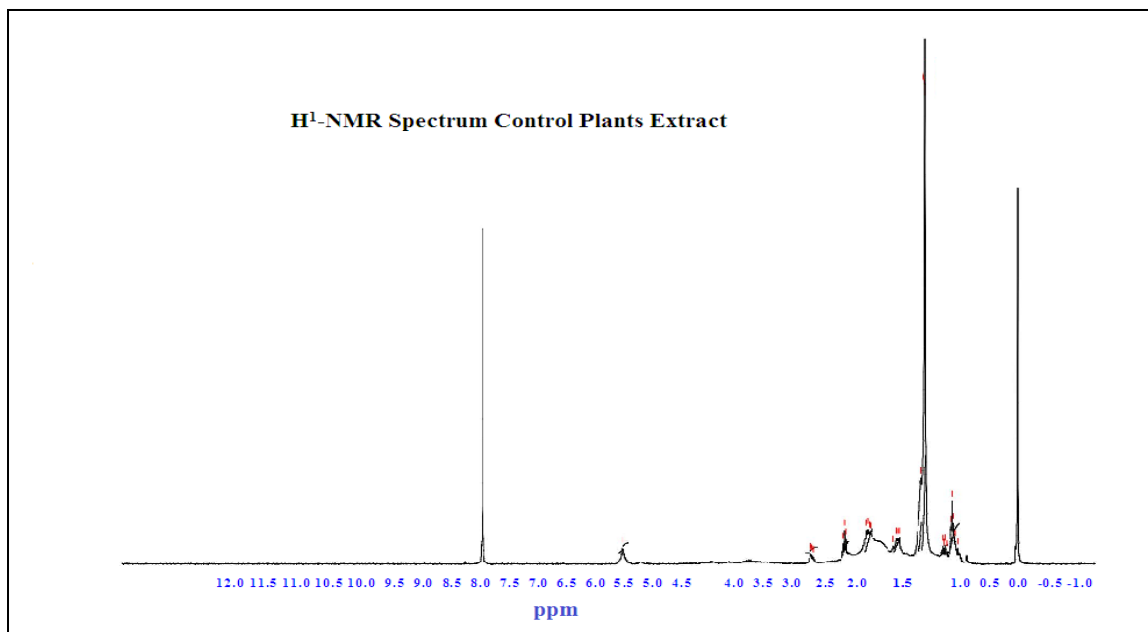


Fig.3.18. H¹-NMR spectrum Control Paddy plant's Extract.

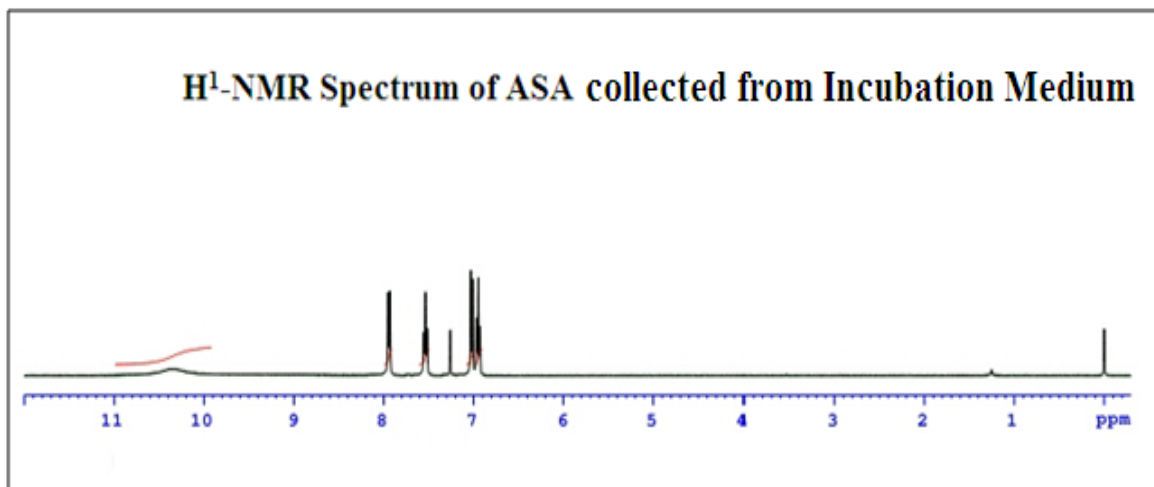


Fig.3.19. H¹-NMR spectrum of APAP collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation Medium.

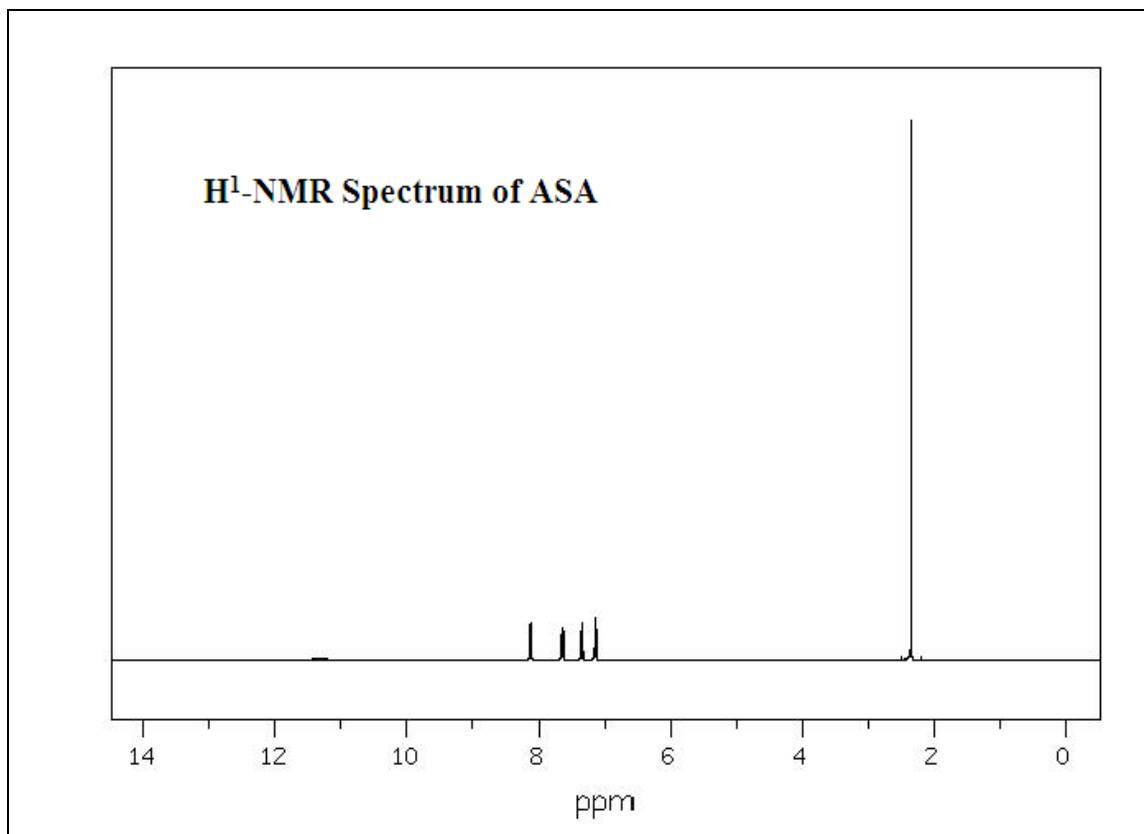


Fig.3.20. ^1H -NMR Spectrum of pure ASA.

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C. Mass Spectral Analysis:

Mass spectrum of ASA treated *Oryza sativa L.* plant's extract was more or less similar to mass spectrum of control plant's extract expect few fragments of control plant's extract (m/z : 62.22, 128.25, 253.48, 329.38, 383.5, 491.5, 579.39, 663.75, 813.92). Most of the characteristic fragments of ASA was absent in ASA treated plant's extract. All the Mass Spectra were recorded by using WATER-SQD-2 equipment.

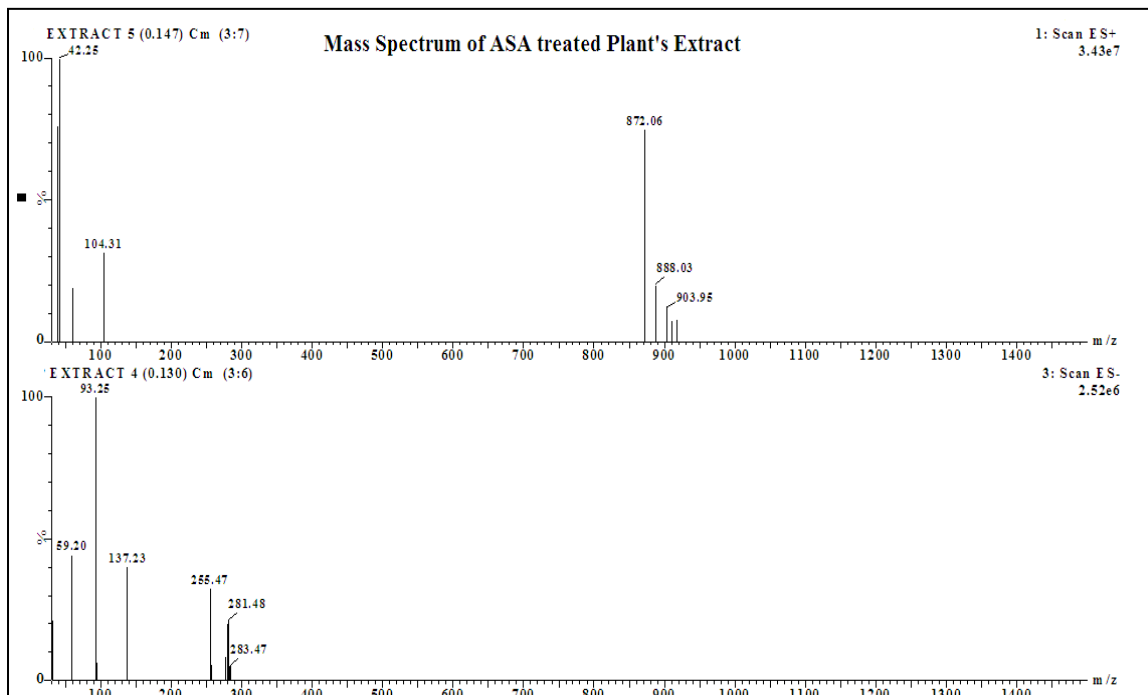


Fig.3.21. Mass Spectrum of ASA treated Paddy plants Extract.

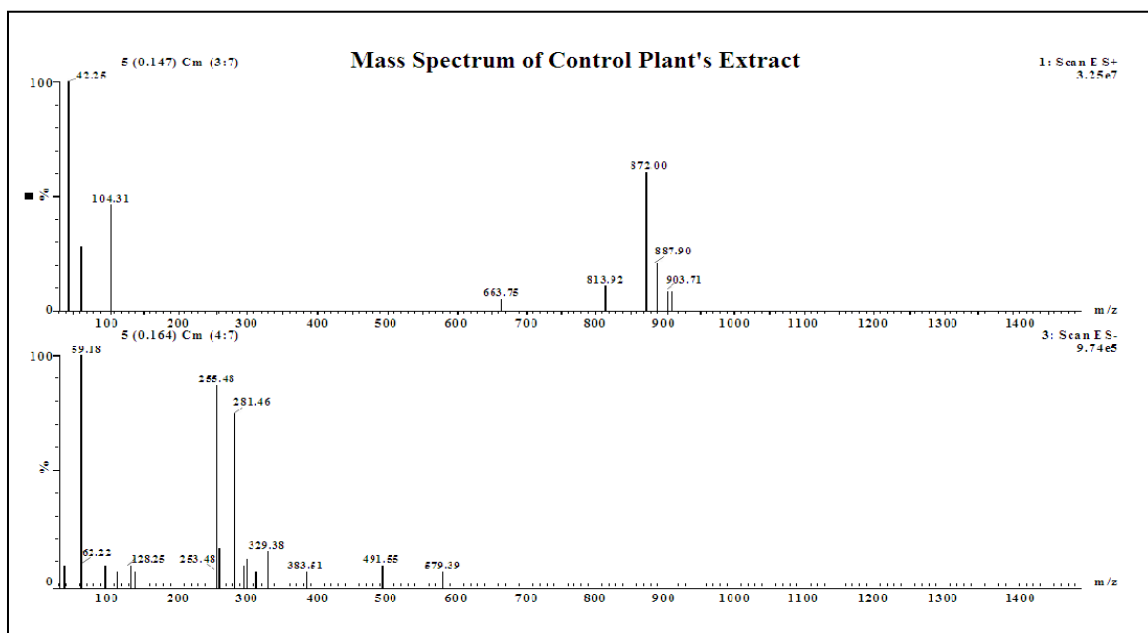


Fig.3.22. Mass Spectrum of Control paddy Plant's Extract.

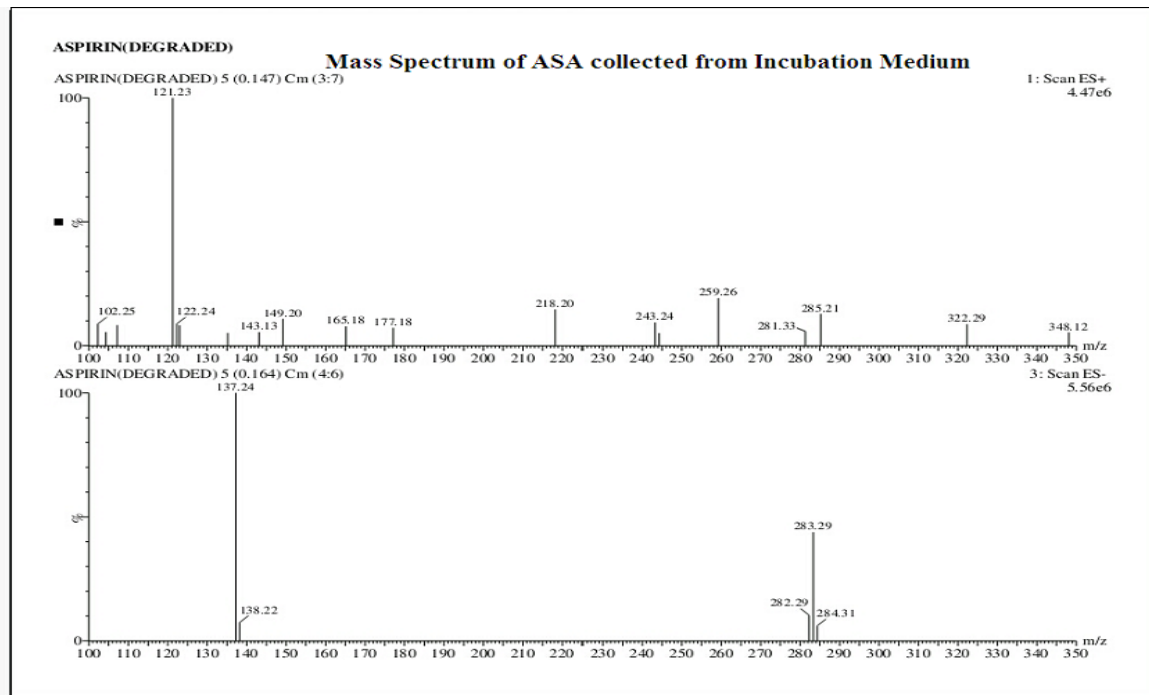


Fig.3.23. Mass Spectrum of ASA collected from aqueous drugs solution used for plant incubation Medium.

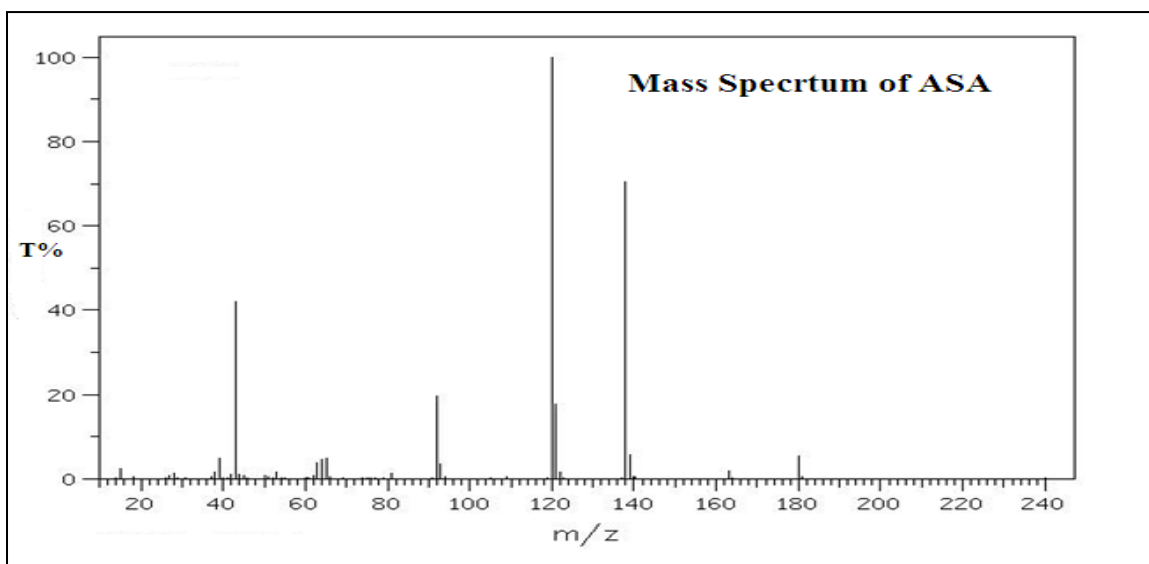


Fig.3.24. Mass Spectrum of Pure ASA.

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3.3. Conclusions:

The selected plant, *Oryza sativa L.* absorbs and metabolizes the drugs APAP and ASA. Extracts of *Oryza sativa L.* plants (which were treated with APAP and ASA hydroponically) were analyzed spectroscopically. The traces of APAP and ASA were detected in these extracts along with unknown metabolites of these drugs. The reports showed that drugs were absorbed by plants degraded into fragments and these fragments combined with phytochemicals to form bio-conjugates. The analytical data was not prominent to suggest any precursor activity of these drugs in the plant.

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