

## 22. Bioactive potentials of *Inonotus Rickii* (Pat.) D.A. Reid from Pune

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### Abstract

*Inonotus* belongs to Aphyllophorales (Group of wood rotting fungi). It's also considered as a severe rot of the standing tree flora of road side as well as forests. More than 265 records are there of the same on Index Fungorum from which 15 are reported so far from India. This is the first attempt to do the different phytochemical tests of the same fungus. The tests showed very significant results like presence reducing sugars, steroids, flavonoids, monosaccharide and saponin glycosides.

**Key words:** Aphyllophorales, Basidiomycetes, *Inonotus*, Fungi

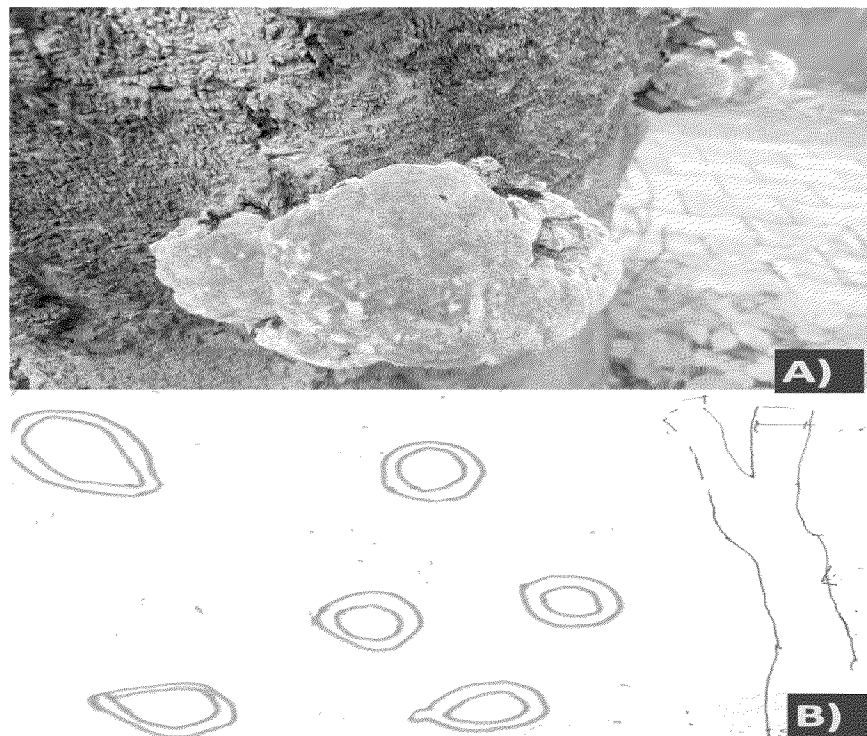
### Introduction:

Aphyllophorales play very important role in the recycling process. *Inonotus* is one of the fungus from the same group of Basidiomycetous fungi. The family Hymenochaetaceae includes more than 34 genera like *Phellinus*, *Hymenochaete* etc. *Inonotus* is one of the most common disease of the tree flora along the road side trees and in the dense forest patches. This genus includes more than 265 species records from World (Index Fungorum 2018). In India there are only 15 reports of the different species. Many a times the fruit body is having anamorphic stage and sometimes may get the telomorphic stage at the same place.

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In the present species chlamydospores are abundant in context tissue, thick-walled, dark reddish brown in KOH, negative in Melzer's reagent, irregular in shape, smooth, globose to ellipsoid or often with an elongated cylindrical appendage, 14.985 X 12.321 μm thick. It was found

on dead tree hardwoods and also parasites of *Delonix regia*. The distribution of the same species is wide in United States (Florida, Louisiana, and Arizona) and only in the ptychogastric stage. Its true distribution in the Neotropics is unknown but widespread in the tropics.



**Fig.01** A) *Inonotus rickii*: B) a. Conidia (14.985 X 12.321  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and Sterile hypha (8.325  $\mu\text{m}$ )

#### Materials and Methods:

##### Collection and Preservation of the sample

**Collection:** The sample of *Inonotus* was collected from Pune with sample code WCSKR-02. The specimen was kept in the specimen folder. The crude powder *Inonotus* was then preserved by the standard method. **Preservation of samples:** During the collection tours the fungal material, mostly dead twigs and wood with fruit bodies were examined using a 3 fold pocket lens (15X) and kept in the zip lock polythene bags as well as some times paper bags. Most of the forms collected were growing saprophytically and their substrates were identified following the latest nomenclature after tentative identification on the spot. The specimen was brought to the laboratory and examined under a stereo-binocular to observe position of the fruit bodies, their gross morphology, shape, size, colour of the fruit body, presence or absence of the appendages etc.

The specimen was labeled and deposited in the Department of Botany, Waghire College, Saswad, Taluka-Purandar, District- Pune, Pin-412301 with the WSKR-02 accession number. The collected material was kept in brown paper folders of size 20 x 15 cms prepared from paper of 29 x 33 cms size with label (Size 16.5 x 7.5 cms) having details: **Photographic Documentation:** The specimen was photographed with the help of Nikon 3200 (SLR) zoom lens camera to get the best result showing all Macro-morphological details of the specimen. Selection of the quality photographs was done by checking its zooming quality. **Camera Lucida Drawing Preparation:** Camera lucida sketches were also made for all materials with mirror type camera lucida. Measurements of the morpho-taxonomic structures like sterile hyphae, spores were made by ocular of ERMA INC, made in Japan and objective micrometer of ERMA TOKYO company and eyepiece micrometer under 10X, 45X and 100X objectives. For fructification, measurements were taken 5-10 times and average values were recorded.

**Identification:** Materials were identified up to species level with the aid of standard literature namely Donk MA. (1933), Fiasson JL, Niemela T. (1984) , Gilbertson RL. (1976), Gilbertson RL, Ryvarden L. (1986), Gilbertson RL, Wright JE, Monclavo, JM.( 2002), Kulkarni S. K. (2012), Pegler DN. (1964) ,Sharma JR, Das K and Mishra D. (2013), Rayner RW. (1970) , Ryvarden L. (1991),Ryvarden L. (2005) ,/www.fungifromindia.com, www.indexfungorum.org, and www.mycobank.org

**Procedure of extraction:**

The sample was extracted from the spore powder in different solvent system like water, Ether and Ethanol. All air and sundried samples were subjected to the standard extraction procedure using Soxlet apparatus. The extracted samples were then stored in a bottles. The extracted samples then concentrated by using the simple heating process. These concentrated samples were used for testing the Phytochemical tests as follows. **(Table No. 01, 02 & 03)**

**Table No.01 Phytochemical test of *Inonotus* in different solvent systems**

Sr. No	TEST	Crude ( <i>Inonotus</i> powder)		Ether <i>Inonotus</i>		Ethanol <i>Inonotus</i>		Water <i>Inonotus</i>	
		Observation	Inference	Observation	Inference	Observation	Inference	Observation	Inference
<b>Test for Carbohydrates</b>									
A)	<b>Test for Reducing sugars</b>								
1)	<b>Fehlings test</b>								
	1 ml Fehling A and 1 ml Fehlings B soln boil .add equal volume of test soln .heat in boiling water bath for 10 min	First yellow then brick ppt is observed	Reducing sugar may be present	No ppt.	Reducing sugar absent	No ppt.	Reducing sugar absent	First yellow then brick ppt is observed	Reducing sugar may be present
2)	<b>Benedict test</b> Equal volume of benedicts reagent + test soln.heat in boiling water bath for 5 min soln appears green, yellow red	Red colour solution	Reducing sugar may be present	Red colour solution	Reducing sugar may be present	Red colour solution	Reducing sugar may be present	Red colour solution	Reducing sugar may be present
B)	<b>Test for Monosaccharides</b>								
1)	<b>Barfoeds test</b> Mix equal volume of barfoeds reagent & test reagent. heat for 1-2 min in boiling water bath & cool . Red ppt observed	Red ppt is observed	Monosaccharide may be present	No red ppt	monosaccharides absent	Red ppt is observed	Monosaccharide may be present	Red ppt is observed	Monosaccharide may be present
C)	<b>Test for Pentose sugars</b>								
1)	Mix equal amount of test soln& HCl. Heat this mix .add a crystal of phloroglucinol . Red color appears	Red colour is observed	Pentose sugar may be present	Red colour appear	Pentose sugar may be present	No red colour appears	Pentose sugar absent	Red colour appear	Pentose sugar may be present
D)	<b>Test for Hexose sugars</b>								
1)	<b>Tollens</b> phloroglucinol test for galactose mix 2.5ml conc Hcl & 4ml 0.5ml phloroglucinol+1-2ml test soln heat . Yellow red colour .	No yellow to red colour observed	Hexose sugar absent	No yellow to red colour observed	Hexose sugar absent	Yellow to red colour observed	Hexose sugar present	Yellow to red colour observed	Hexose sugar present

E)	<b>Test for Non-Reducing sugars</b>								
	Test soln does not give response to fehling & benedict test	Give respons to fehlings & benedict test	Non reducing sugar absent	Give response to fehling & benedict test	Non reducing sugar absent	Give response to fehling & benedict test	Non reducing sugar absent	Give response to fehling & benedict test	Non reducing sugar absent
F)	<b>Test for non-Reducing Polysaccharides (starch)</b>								
1)	<b>Iodine test</b> 3ml test soln +few drops of dilute iodine soln	Blue colour does not appears	Non reducing polysaccharides absent	Blue colour does not appears	Non reducing polysaccharides absent	Blue colour does not appears	Non reducing polysaccharides absent	Blue colour does not appears	Non reducing polysaccharides absent
<b>Test for proteins</b>									
1)	<b>Biuret test</b> 3ml test soln +4% NaoH & few drops of 1% CuSo4 soln violet or pink colour appear	No violet pink colour observed	Proteins absent	No violet pink colour observed	Proteins absent	No violet pink colour observed	Proteins absent	No violet pink colour observed	Proteins absent
2)	<b>Million test</b> 3ml test soln + 5ml million soln on reagent	No white ppt	Proteins absent	No white ppt	Proteins absent	No white ppt	Proteins absent	No white ppt	Proteins absent
<b>Test for amino acids</b>									
1)	<b>Ninhydrin test</b>								
	3ml test soln +3 dropes 5% ninhydrin soln. heat in boiling water bath for 10min .Purpal or bluish colour appears	No purple or bluish colour appear	Amino acid absent	No purple or bluish colour appear	Amino acid absent	No purple or bluish colour appear	Amino acid absent	No purple or bluish colour appear	Amino acid absent
2)	<b>Test for Cysteine</b> 5ml test soln + few dropes of 40% NaoH +10% lead acetate soln.boil the soln black ppt of lead sulphat is formed	No black ppt	Amino acid absent	No black ppt	Amino acid absent	No black ppt	Amino acid absent	No black ppt	Amino acid absent
<b>Test for steroids</b>									
1)	<b>Salkowski reaction</b>								
	2ml extract + 2ml chloroform + 2ml conc.H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> . Shake well .chloroform layer	No colouration	Steroid absent	No colouration	Steroid absent	Chloroform layer appears red & acid layer shows greenish	Steroid may be present	No colouration	Steroid absent

	appears red and acid layer shows greenish yellow fluorescence					fluorescence			
<b>Test for Glycosides</b>									
A)	<b>Test for Cardiac Glycosides</b>								
1)	<b>Test for Deoxy-sugars</b> 2 ml extracts + glacial acetic acid + 1 drop 5% FeCl <sub>3</sub> + conc. H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> redish brown colour appear at the junction of two liquid layer and upper layer appears bluish green	No colouration	Cardiac glycoside absent	No colouration	Cardiac glycoside absent	No colouration	Cardiac glycoside absent	No colouration	Cardiac glycoside absent
B)	<b>Test for Saponin Glycoside</b>								
1)	<b>Foam test</b> Shake the drug extract or dry powder vigorously with water. persistent foam observed	No persistent foam observed	Saponin glycoside absent	No persistent foam observed	Saponin glycoside absent	No persistent foam observed	Saponin glycoside absent	Persistent foam is observed	Saponin glycoside may be present
C)	<b>Test for Cynogenetic Glycosides</b>								
1)	<b>Grignard reaction or Sodium Picrate test</b> soak a filter paper strip first in 10% picric acid, then in 10% sodium carbonate, dry. In conical flask place moistened powdered drug. Cork it, place it above filter in slit in cork the filter paper turns brick red or maroon.	No change observed on filter paper	Cynogenetic glycoside absent	No change observed on filter paper	Cynogenetic glycoside absent	No change observed on filter paper	Cynogenetic glycoside absent	No change observed on filter paper	Cynogenetic glycoside absent
1)	<b>Dragendroff's test</b> 2-3ml filtrate+few drops Dragendroff's reagent. Orange	no ppt formed	Alkaloids absent	No ppt formed	Alkaloids absent	No ppt formed	Alkaloids absent	No ppt formed	Alkaloids absent

	brown ppt is formed								
2)	Mayer's test 2ml filtrate +Mayer's reagents gives ppt.	no ppt	Alkaloid absent	No ppt	Alkaloid absent	No ppt	Alkaloid absent	No ppt	Alkaloid absent
<b>Test for Tannins &amp; Phenolic compounds</b>									
1)	Lead Acetate test 2-3ml lead acetate test solution +test solution gives white ppt.	No ppt	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No ppt	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No ppt	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No ppt	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent
2)	Bromine water test 2-3 ml test solution +bromine water. Decolourisation of bromine water	No decolourisation	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No decolourisation	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No decolourisation	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent	No decolourisation	Tannins & phenolic compounds absent
<b>Test for Flavonoids</b>									
1)	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Test On addition of H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> flavanones & flavanones dissolve into it & gives a deep yellow solution. Chalcones & aurones gives red or red-bluish solution. Flavones give orange to red colour.	No colourisation	Flavonoids absent	No colourisation	Flavonoids absent	Orange to red colour	Flavonoids may be present	Deep yellow colour	Flavonoids may be present
2)	Lead Acetate test Small amount of residue + lead acetate solution. Yellow ppt.	No yellow ppt.	Flavonoids absent	No yellow ppt.	Flavonoids absent	Yellow ppt. is observed	Flavonoids may be present	No yellow ppt.	Flavonoids absent
1)	Catalase To thick sections of drug, H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , oxygen gas evolves	O <sub>2</sub> gas does not evolved	Catalase absent	O <sub>2</sub> gas does not evolved	Catalase absent	O <sub>2</sub> gas does not evolved	Catalase absent	O <sub>2</sub> gas does not evolved	Catalase absent
<b>Test for vitamins</b>									
1)	Test for vitamins C (Ascorbic acid) To 2 ml of 2% w/v solution add 2ml of water, 0.1 gm sodium bicarbonate and	Deep violet colour absent	Ascorbic acid may be absent	Deep violet colour absent	Ascorbic acid may be absent	Deep violet colour absent	Ascorbic acid may be absent	Deep violet colour absent	Ascorbic acid may be absent

about 20 mg ferrous sulphate. Shake and allow to stand; deep violet colour is produce. Add 5ml of 1 M sulphuric acid. Colour disappear	nt							
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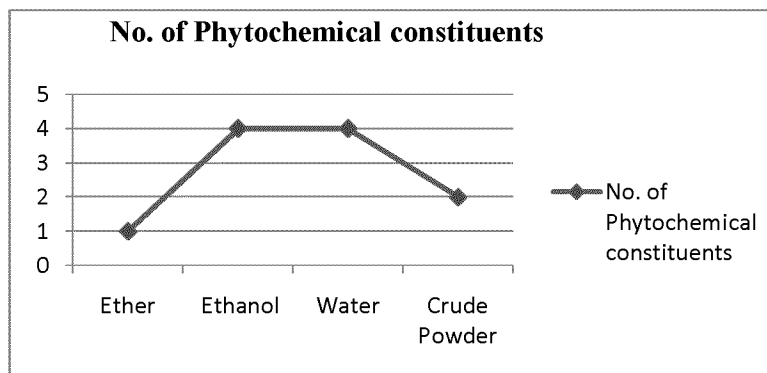
**Table No:02 Phytochemical conclusion**

Sr.no	Test	Solvent used
1	Reducing Sugars	Ether, Ethanol, Water, Crude powder
2	Monosaccharide	Water, Ethanol, Crude powder
3	Steroids	Ethanol
4	Saponin glycosides	Water
5	Flavanoids	Ethanol, Water

**Table No. 03 Phytochemical conclusion:-**

Extracts	No. of Phytochemical constituents
Ether	1
Ethanol	4
Water	4
Crude powder	2

**Figure no: 4 No. of phytochemical constituents**



**Fig.02** No. of Phyto-constituents in *Inonotus rickii*

**Result and conclusions:**

The **Ether extract**:-In ether extracts of *Inonotus* one phytochemical constituents i.e. reducing sugar is present.**Ethanol extract**:-In ethanol extract of *Inonotus* four phytochemical



constituents i.e. reducing sugar, steroids, Flavonoids and Monosaccharide are present. **Water extract** :-In water extract of *Inonotus* four phytochemical constituents i.e. reducing sugar, monosaccharides, Flavonoids and Saponin Glycosides. The crude sample of *Inonotus* two phytochemical constituents i.e. Reducing sugar and Monosaccharides. Many more such hidden novel properties may be studied like this by different protocols.

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