PREFACE

Traditional medicines play an important role in curing various ailments. The therapeutic efficacy of herbal drugs varies from part to part through simple extracts to isolated active principles. The herbal drugs have enormous commercial potential throughout the world.

Our research work divided into three sections. The first section described broadly pharmacognostical parameters including proximate analysis, which helps to identify and standardize the herbs. The second part is mainly dealt with phytochemical work including isolation and HPTLC studies, and the last section dealt with anti oxidant and hepatoprotective potentials of herbs by various in vivo and in vitro methods.

This research work was carried out with ultimate objective to contribute to rational relationship between chemical entities of naturally occurring drugs and their biological and therapeutic effects.