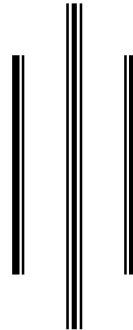
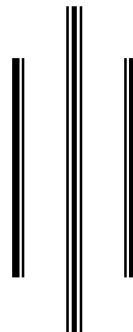


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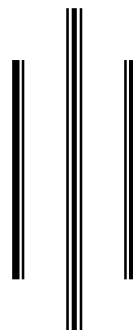
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## ABSTRACTS

*Botrytis cinerea* causes the gray mold fruit rot of strawberry. The causal pathogen was isolated from the infected strawberry fruit. Pathogenecity test was carried out for the confirmation of disease. *Thymus linearis*, *Artemisia gmelinii* and *Tanacetum gracile* were collected from Manang as part of the NUFU funded project. *Artemisia indica* and *Murraya koenigii* were collected from the local garden of Central Department of Botany TU. These all five plants were hydrodistilled in the lab for the extraction of essential oils. Each essential oil was diluted to different concentrations of 10,000 ppm, 5,000 ppm, 2,500 ppm, 1,250 ppm and 625 ppm in 80% acetone. The essential oil of *Artemisia gmelinii* was further diluted to 12,500 ppm, 25,000 ppm, 50,000 ppm, 75,000 ppm and 1,00000 ppm for finding out the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC). The essential oil of *Artemisia indica* was further diluted in to 20,000 ppm, 40,000 ppm, 60,000 ppm and 80,000 ppm respectively. Fungitoxicity was assessed by poisoned food technique. Essential oil of *Thymus linearis* showed the highest fungitoxicity (100%) at the concentration of 10,000-ppm. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of different essential oils was calculated. MIC of *Thymus linearis* was 10,000 ppm, i.e. at 10,000-ppm concentration; complete inhibition of colony growth of *Botrytis cinerea* is seen. MIC of *Artemisia indica* was found to be 60,000 ppm and MIC of *Artemisia gmelinii* was found to be 75,000 ppm against *Botrytis cinerea*.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| [          | - Female  |
| Alt.       | - Altitude  |
| C. Nepal   | - Central Nepal   |
| CDB        | - Central department of Botany  |
| Cm         | - Centimeters   |
| E. oil     | - Essential oil   |
| Ft.        | - Feet  |
| GC         | - Gas chromatography  |
| HMGN       | - His Majesty's Government of Nepal   |
| m          | - meter   |
| MAPs       | - Medicinal and aromatic plants   |
| MIC        | - Minimum inhibitory concentration  |
| mm         | - millimeters   |
| N. Asia    | - North Asia  |
| N. India   | - Northern India  |
| N.W.       | - Northern and Western  |
| NARC       | - National Agricultural Research Council  |
| NTFPS      | - Non- timber forest products.  |
| NUFU       | - The Norwegian Council for higher education program for development, research and education. |
| PDA        | - Potato dextrose Agar  |
| ppm        | - Parts per million   |
| S.W. China | - Southern and Western China  |
| Syn.       | - Synonymous  |
| TLC        | - Thin layer chromatography   |
| Viz.       | - Visually  |
| W. China   | - Western China   |
| W/V        | - Weight/ Volume  |
| WC         | - Western and central   |
| WEC        | - Western, eastern and central  |