

## **Abstract**

Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea* L.) is an annual salt-tolerant species, which could use as vegetable, fodder or medicinal plant and has many therapeutic properties including; antioxidant, antibacterial, and antidiabetic. This study was carried out to estimate total phenolics, flavonoids, anthocyanin content and also to evaluate antioxidant potential of methanolic extract of *P. oleracea* leaves, stem and root at different stages of plant growth and development. For this purpose *P. oleracea* cultivated in Sistan (east of Iran). The quantity of flavonoid compounds was measured by standard curve of the quercetin, hydrochloric acid was used for measuring of anthocyanin content. Total phenolic contents of the methanolic extract was determined by Folin-Ciocalteu method. The antioxidant activity was evaluated by DPPD (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) method. Statistical analysis was performed according to the SPSS software. The result showed that in ripe seed phase, phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity of the leaves were significantly higher than the stem and root. Therefore, it seems there is a positive correlation between phenolic compound and antioxidant activity of plant extracts in ripen seed phase.

**Key words:** *Portulaca oleracea* L., antioxidant activity, flavonoid compounds, phenolic compounds.



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