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"Paspanguwa" is a combination of five ingredients including *Zingiber officinale*, *Solanum xanthocarpum*, *Coriandrum sativum*, *Coscinium fenestratum* and *Hedyotis corymbosa*. In this study selected chemical and physical parameter of ingredients and "Paspanguwa" decoction were analyzed. Here, *Zingiber officinale* was collected from Gampaha, Kurunegala, Kegalle, Matale and Rathnapura districts. *Coscinium fenestratum* were collected from Gampaha, Kurunegala, Kalutara and Rathnapura districts while *Solanum xanthocarpum* were collected from Kurunegala and Kilinochchi districts. Indian samples of *Solanum xanthocarpum*, *Coriandrum sativum* and *Hedyotis corymbosa* were used for the analysis. The moisture content and the ash contents of ingredients as per AOAC methods, ranged from $10.94 \pm 0.63\%$ to $28.04 \pm 0.43\%$ and $1.49 \pm 0.20\%$ to $12.67 \pm 0.74\%$ respectively. The mineral contents of ingredients and "Paspanguwa" decoction were analyzed using FAAS. The alkaloid contents of ingredients as per Harborne method, ranged from $2.94 \pm 0.60\%$ to $0.93 \pm 0.05\%$. The phenolic contents of ingredients and "Paspanguwa" decoction were analyzed using Folin-Ciocalteu colorimetric method. IC₅₀ value for the DPPH radical scavenging assay of the "Paspanguwa" decoction was obtained as 0.002 ± 0.001 mg/mL and the ingredients ranged from 0.157 mg/mL to 1.929 mg/mL. According to this study, all the analyzed chemical parameters of the same raw material collected from different areas do not comparable indicating they possess different qualities based on the area where they were grown. The pH of the "Paspanguwa" decoction indicates that it is slightly acidic, and conductivity of "Paspanguwa" decoction indicates that it contains a considerably lower number of soluble ions.

Keywords: *Paspanguwa*, Alkaloid content, Total phenolic content, Antioxidant activity, Metal