

Chemical investigation of bioactive secondary metabolites from Allamanda cathartica

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INTRODUCTION: Natural Products

A natural product

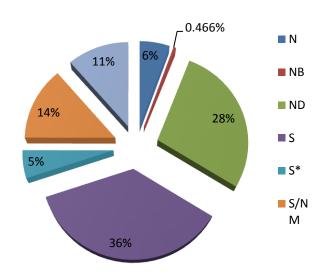
- A chemical substance produced by a living organism in nature
- Has pharmacological or biological activity for use in pharmaceutical drug discovery and drug design.
- **❖** Nature's biosynthetic pathways produces innumerate secondary metabolites with distinct biological properties that make natural products as valuable health products (nutritional/medicinal) or as structural templates for drug discovery.
- ❖ Natural products always remain a consistent source of very simple to extremely complex structured molecules which plays an important role in human dietary function as well as in prevention of human disease .



Source of Natural Products and their Role

- **Common sources: plants, microbes (bacteria, fungi), animals and marine organisms.**
- **❖** As per WHO report, 65% population relies on Natural Products (80% of drug derived from ethno-medicinally important plant species).
- **❖** Plant based drugs have been used worldwide in traditional medicines for the treatment of various diseases^[2].

Sources of Approved New Drugs^[3]



N: Unmodified NP

NB: Recently approved NP

ND: Modified NP

S: Totally synthetic drugs (modification of an

existing agent)

S*: Total synthesis (NP pharmacophore)

S/NM: Synthetic drug showing competitive

inhibition of NP substrate

S*/NM: Synthetic drug with NP pharmacophore showing competitive inhibition of NP substrate



Allamanda cathertica

Plant name: Allamanda cathertica.

Family: Apocyanaceae

Parts used: Stem & Leaves

Common name: Allamanda Yellow, Golden Trumpet

Hindi name: Pilaghanti, Saithani phool.

Local Name: Malatilata, Ghanta Phul, Harkakra

Distribution: Native to Brazil, in India mostly distributed in the eastern

costal region of Odisha and some parts of southern region.

Traditional Uses: Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicine for healing of

wounds and ulcers^[4,5].

Bark - hydragogue in ascites

Leaves - valuable cathartic in moderate doses.

Root - remedy for snake-bites.

Whole plant - used against jaundice, malaria, fungal

infections and antiseptic for the treatment of skin burns. [6,7,8]

Allamanda cathertica

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Biological activity: Antileukemic, wound healing, hepatoprotective activity^[7,8,9]

Type of compounds reported : Iridoids and triterpenes^[7,8,9]

Long chain esters, isoplumericin, plumericin, and plumeride are reported from roots while the leaves contained hydrocarbons, long chain esters, triterpene esters isoplumericin, plumericin, and plumeride and ursolic acid^[7,8,9].

Isolated compounds: 8 compounds reported so far from this plant from literature search.

Presence of antileukemic iridoids lactone from *Allamanda cathertica* has shown anticancer activity of the species.^[7,8,9]

Therefore the plant has been taken up for detailed chemical investigation.



Chemical Investigation of *Allamanda cathertica*

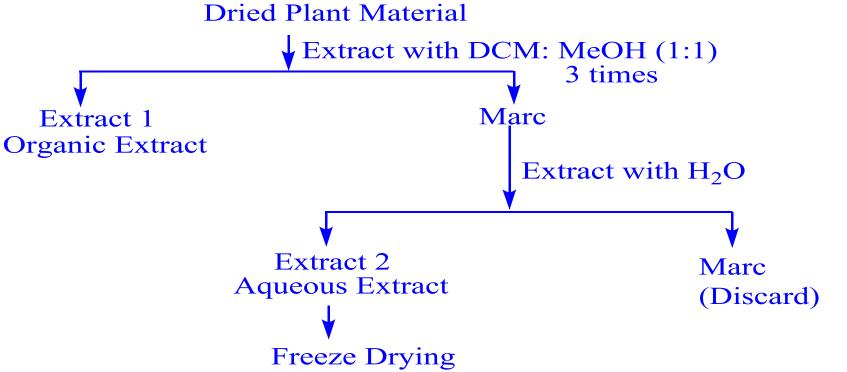
✓ Isolation of natural products from the plant.

✓ Characterization of isolated natural products

✓Structural modification of major bioactive molecules to create a library of molecules.



NCI Protocol for Extraction



Extraction of Allamanda cathertica

Parts Used: Leaves

Weight of dried Leaves: 892.44g

Weight of Organic Extract: 106.69g

Extractive Value: 11.95%

Parts Used: Stem

Weight of dried Stem: 1.9 kg

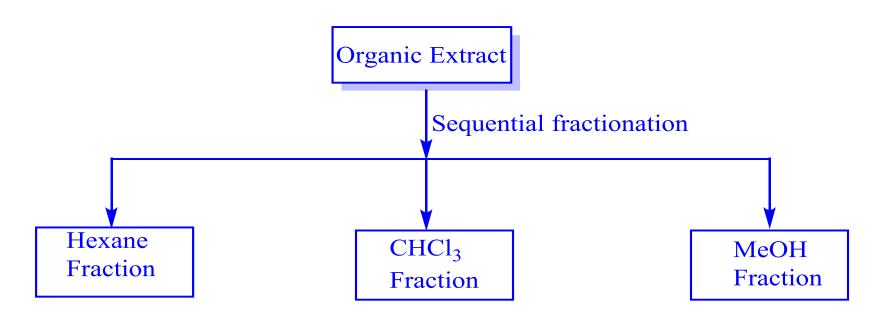
Weight of Organic Extract: 120.14g

Extractive Value: 6.32%



FRACTIONATION

Fractionation of Organic Extract



Fractionation of Allamanda cathertica

Parts Used: Leaves

Hexane extract: 32.54g

Chloroform extract: 52.44g

Methanol extract: 17.8g

Parts Used: Stem

Hexane extract: 35.2g

Chloroform extract: 62.5g

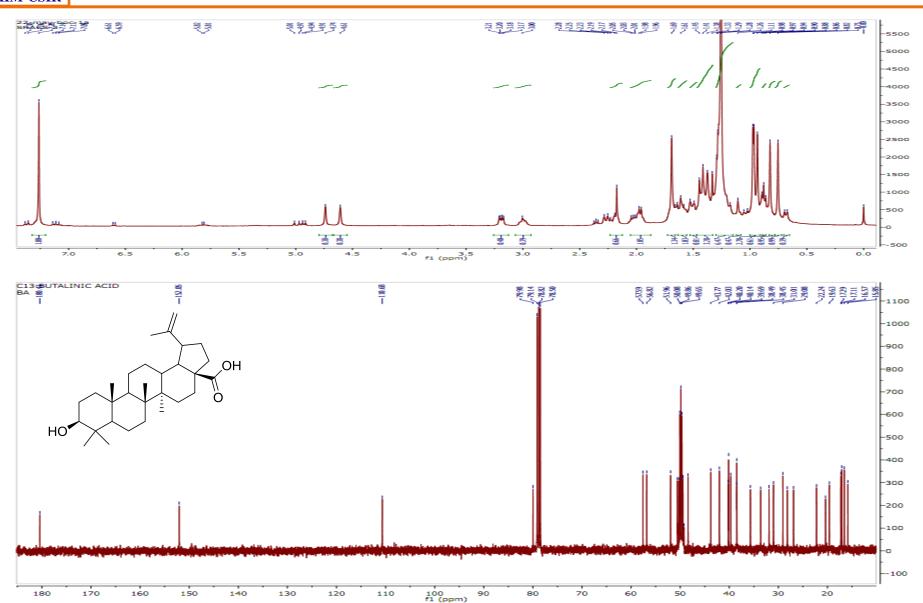
Methanol extract: 20.8g



Compounds isolated from Allamanda cathartica

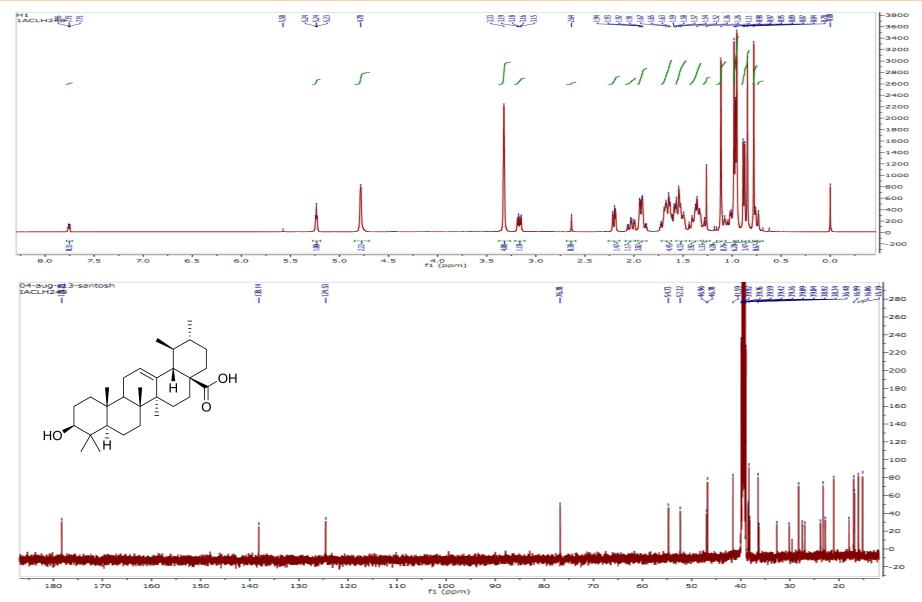


¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR of Betulinic acid



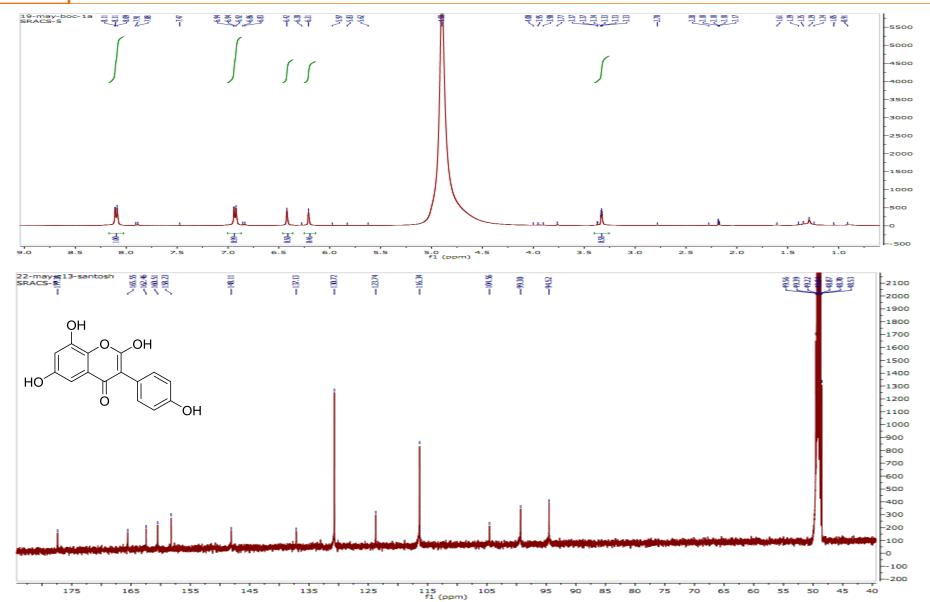


¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR of Ursolic acid



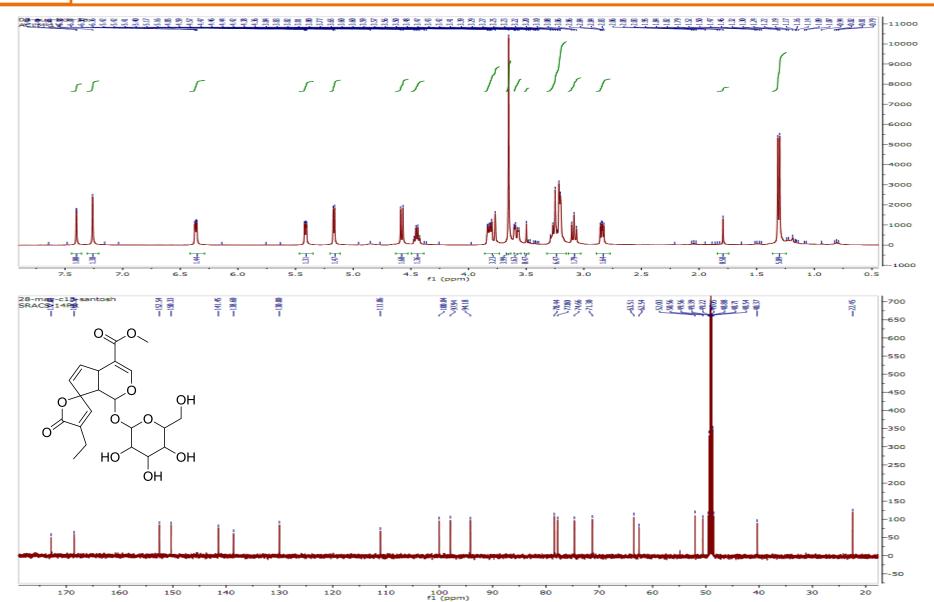


¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR of 2,6,8-trihydroxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one



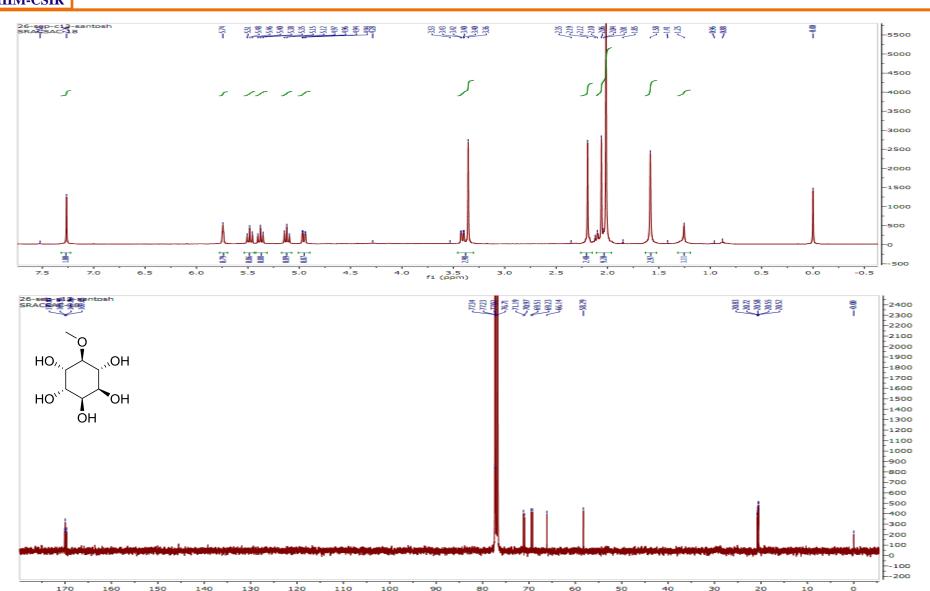


¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR of Allamdin glycoside





¹H NMR & ¹³C NMR of Pinitol acetate





RESULT & DISCUSSION

- 1. Considering the importance the species in Indian System of Medicine (ISM) and traditional use, the chemical investigation of whole plant was carried out which resulted in the isolation of eleven medicinally noteworthy secondary metabolites.
- 2. Betulinic acid, pinitol and a flavonoid are reported first time from this plant.
- 3. The structures of isolated compounds were elucidated mainly by one-dimensional, two-dimensional NMR, MS studies and by comparison with the spectral data in literature.
- 4. Ursolic acid (4) was found major component (natural abundance: 1.118%), allamdin glucoside (2) (0.0353%) and betulinic acid (3) (0.019%) the least which is advantageous as all are known for potent anticancer, anti-microbial activities.



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