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REVIEW

Plant bioactives for ruminant health and productivity

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Plants can be used to enhance animal health. Research on ruminant specific treatments reinforces the importance of understanding phytochemistry. For example, researchers have recently demonstrated that saponins with different core structures (1 and 2) have disparate effects on methane production. Plant use for animal health is analysed in this review.

PROTEIN BIOCHEMISTRY

Critical view on the monochlorodimedone assay utilized to detect haloperoxidase activity

pp 323-332

Claudia Wagner, Ilka M. Molitor, Gabriele M. König*

Haloperoxidase activity guided protein purification from the cyanobacterium *Fischerella ambigua* revealed the isolation of a protein positive in the monochlorodimedone-assay, but an involvement in halogenating processes could not be verified. Our data indicate that the reaction of MCD with proteins of the cytochrome c – family leads to unspecific products giving false positive results.

HPO: haloperoxidase R: halideion (Br, Cl)

Suppression of reactive oxygen species by glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase

pp 333-338

Dongwon Baek, Yinhua Jin, Jae Cheol Jeong, Hyo-Jung Lee, Haejeong Moon, Jiyoung Lee, Dongjin Shin, Chang Ho Kang, Doh Hoon Kim, Jaesung Nam, Sang Yeol Lee, Dae-Jin Yun*

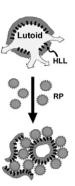
Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH), a classical glycolytic enzyme, is involved in cellular energy production and has important housekeeping functions. In this report, we show that GAPDH controls generation of $\rm H_2O_2$ by Bax and heat shock, which in turn suppresses cell death in yeast and plants.

A role for a Hevea latex lectin-like protein in mediating rubber particle aggregation and latex coagulation

pp 339-347

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A lectin-like protein was isolated and purified from the bottom membrane fraction of centrifuged fresh Hevea brasiliensis latex. Its general biochemical properties and physiological involvement in rubber latex coagulation is reported.

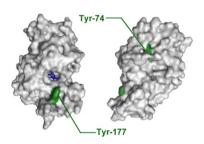


Role of Tyr residues on the protein surface of cationic cell-wall-peroxidase (CWPO-C) from poplar: Potential oxidation sites for oxidative polymerization of lignin

pp 348-355

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Tyr residues located on the protein surface of CWPO-C were considered to be important for oxidation of a wide range of substrates including sinapyl alcohol and polymeric lignin. The Tyr is considered to be an unique oxidation site found in the plant peroxidase family.

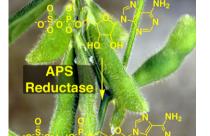


MOLECULAR GENETICS AND GENOMICS

The role of 5'-adenylylsulfate reductase in the sulfur assimilation pathway of soybean: Molecular cloning, kinetic characterization, and gene expression

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5'-Adenylylsulfate reductase from soybean (*Glycine max*) was cloned and the recombinant protein expressed, purified, and biochemically characterized. The tissue distribution and changes in expression as a response to environmental stresses indicate that the sulfur assimilation pathway in soybean plays a key role in early seed development and in responding to cold stress.



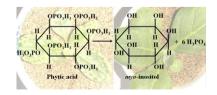
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Phytase activity in tobacco (Nicotiana tabacum) root exudates is exhibited by a purple acid phosphatase

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Elevated phytase activity was detected in tobacco root exudates in response to phosphorus starvation. The enzyme was purified to homogeneity and its identity was confirmed to be a purple acid phosphatase by molybdate-inhibition assay and cDNA cloning. Its catalytic properties implicate a specific role in mobilizing organic phosphorus in soil.



METABOLISM

UDP-glucose:(6-methoxy)podophyllotoxin 7-O-glucosyltransferase from suspension cultures of *Linum nodiflorum*

pp 374-381

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Cell-free protein extracts from suspension cultures of *Linum nodiflorum* L. (Linaceae) catalyse the 7-O- β -glucosidation of podophyllotoxin and its 6-methoxy derivative with high specificity. The enzyme activity correlates with lignan accumulation by the plant cells and is competitively inhibited by β -peltatin.

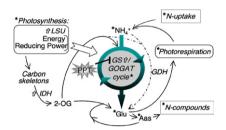
 $\begin{array}{l} R=OCH_3,\ R_1=H:podophyllotoxin\ (PTOX)\\ R=OCH_3,\ R_1=OCH_3:\ 6-methoxyPTOX\\ R=H,R_1=OCH_3:\ 5'-demethoxy-6-methoxyPTOX \end{array}$

Response of transgenic poplar overexpressing cytosolic glutamine synthetase to phosphinothricin

pp 382-389

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Glutamine synthetase (GS) is a key enzyme in nitrogen metabolism, and the target of the herbicide phosphinothricin (PPT). Overexpression of cytosolic GS enhances the tolerance of poplar to PPT. Increases in GS, large subunit of Rubisco (LSU), and NADP⁺-isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) levels could be considered as mechanisms operating in young poplar leaves to overcome the toxic effect of PPT.

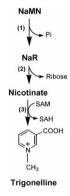


Biosynthesis of trigonelline from nicotinate mononucleotide in mungbean seedlings

pp 390-395

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Enzyme activities and in situ tracer experiments suggest that part of nicotinate mononucleotide synthesised by de novo pyridine nucleotide synthesis is converted to nicotinate via nicotinate riboside, and is used for trigonelline synthesis in mungbean seedlings.



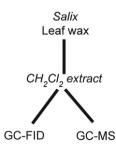
ECOLOGICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Cuticular wax composition of Salix varieties in relation to biomass productivity

pp 396-402

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The leaf cuticular wax composition (fatty acids, *n*-alcohols, *n*-aldehydes, and *n*-alkanes) and biomass productivities of six *Salix* clones grown under similar environmental conditions were determined. Contrary to previous studies, no relationship was found between wax composition and biomass productivity.



CHEMOTAXONOMY

Seasonal variation in glucosinolate content in *Brassica oleracea* crops grown in northwestern Spain

pp 403-410

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Aliphatic, indolyl and aromatic glucosinolates were identified from leaves of kale, cabbage, and Tronchuda cabbage varieties (*Brassica oleracea* sp.) grown in northwestern Spain. Sinigrin makes the major contribution of glucosinolates to kales, while glucobrassicin or glucoiberin do so to cabbage leaves. The influence of sowing date on glucosinolate content and the nutritional effects of these compounds glucosinolates are discussed.

$$CH_2=CH-CH_2-CH_2$$
 $CH_2=CH-CH_2-CH_2$
 $CH_2=CH-CH_2$
 $CH_2=CH-C$

(n-7) and (n-9) cis-monounsaturated fatty acid contents of 12 Brassica species

pp 411-417

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cis-Vaccenic acid (C18:1 (n-7)), an isomer of oleic acid (C18:1 (n-9)) is synthesized from palmitic acid (C16:0) via production of C16:1 (n-7) by a Δ 9 desaturase and elongation by an elongase giving C18:1 (n-7). The fatty acid composition of 48 different varieties from 12 *Brassica* species was analyzed. Various amount of the C18:1(n-7), C20:1 (n-7) and C22:1(n-7) were found in all the tested species suggesting the elongation of the C18:1 (n-7) to longer chain fatty acids in the 12 *Brassica* species. These *Brassica* species could be grouped into three broad categories based on similarities in C18:1 (n-7)/(n-9) ratios. C20:1 (n-7) had a statistically significant positive effect on the levels of all monounsaturated fatty acids with chain length higher than 20 carbons.

BIOACTIVE PRODUCTS

Anticancer and antiproliferative activity of natural brassinosteroids

pp 418-426

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The influence of natural types of brassinosteroids on viability and proliferation on different cancer cell lines is reported. 28-Homocastasterone (1) and 24-epibrassinolide (2) were shown to be effective in a micromolar range, despite having minimal effects on normal cells.

Isolation and identification of alectrol as (+)-orobanchyl acetate, a germination stimulant for root parasitic plants

pp 427-431

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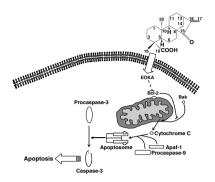
Alectrol, a germination stimulant for root parasitic plants, was purified from root exudates of red clover (*Trifolium pratense* L.) and identified as a novel strigolactone, (+)-orobanchyl acetate, by 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopy and ESI- and EI-MS spectrometry. Orobanchyl acetate afforded an [M–42]⁺ ion in EI-MS and thus had been recognized as an isomer of strigol.

Cytotoxic and apoptosis-inducing effect of ent-15-oxo-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid, a derivative of grandiflorolic acid from Espeletia schultzii

pp 432-438

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ent-Kaurenic acid and many natural derivatives of this diterpene are known to have interesting biological properties. ent-15-oxo-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid (EOKA), obtained from grandiflorolic acid from Espeletia schultzii, induces changes in the expression level of proteins associated with the execution and regulation of apoptosis on the human prostate carcinoma epithelial cell line PC-3.



Dihydroisocoumarin from Xyris pterygoblephara active against dermatophyte fungi

pp 439-444

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(3*R*,4*R*)-(-)-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-3-*n*-pentil-4-acethoxy-1H-2-benzopyran-1-one (1), isolated from the Brazilian species *Xyris pterygoblephara*, showed potent *in vitro* antifungal activity against clinical isolates of the dermatophytes *Epidermophyton floccosum*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* and *Trichophyton rubrum*.

Trypanocidal tetrahydrofuran lignans from Peperomia blanda

pp 445-450

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Five tetrahydrofuran lignans were isolated from the aerial parts of *Peperomia blanda*, of which compounds 1–4 are diastereomeric lignans. The trypanocidal activities of 1–5 were evaluated against epimastigotes of *Trypanosoma cruzi* strain Y.

Antioxidant aryl-prenylcoumarin, flavan-3-ols and flavonoids from *Eysenhardtia* subcoriacea

pp 451-456

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The antioxidant activity assay-guided chemical analysis of *Eysenhardtia subcoriacea* allowed the isolation of the compound named subcoriacin together with known flavan-3-ols as bioactive constituents. Subcoriacin, (+)-catechin, (-)-epicatechin and afzelechin improved the reduced glutathione levels with rat pancreatic homogenate.

Antibacterial stilbenoids from the roots of Stemona tuberosa

pp 457-463

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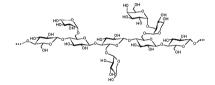
Twelve dihydrostilbenes and one phenanthraquinone were isolated from roots of *Stemona tuberosa*. Their structures were established by 1D and 2D NMR and other spectroscopic analyses. Dihydrostilbene **8** exhibited strong activity against the hospital pathogenic bacterium *Bacillus pumilus*.

Effect of storage xyloglucans on peritoneal macrophages

pp 464-472

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Xyloglucans isolated from seeds of *Copaifera langsdorffii*, *Hymenaea courbaril* and *Mucuna sloanei* showed immunomodulatory activity.



CHEMISTRY

Polar secondary metabolites of Ferula persica roots

pp 473-478

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Phytochemical investigation of the methanolic extract of the dried roots of *Ferula persica* resulted in four sesquiterpene coumarin glycosides, persicaosides A–D, and two known phytosterol glucosides, sitosterol 3-*O*-β-glucoside and stigmasterol 3-*O*-β-glucoside.

Identification of astaxanthin diglucoside diesters from snow alga *Chlamydomonas nivalis* by liquid chromatography-atmospheric pressure chemical ionization mass spectrometry

pp 479-490

Tomáš Řezanka*, Linda Nedbalová, Karel Sigler, Vladislav Cepák

Astaxanthin glucoside esters from snow alga *Chlamydomonas nivalis* were identified by means of liquid chromatography–atmospheric pressure chemical ionization mass spectrometry (LC–MS/APCI) based on preparative HPLC and subsequent identification by microbore LC–MS/APCI. The combination of these two techniques was used to identify more than 100 molecular species. The astaxanthin diglucoside diester was also synthesized to unambiguously confirm its structure.

Characterization of short-chain poly3-hydroxybutyrate in baker's yeast

pp 491-497

Yoshikatsu Suzuki^{*}, Yasuaki Esumi, Hiroyuki Koshino, Masashi Ueki, Yoshiharu Doi

A calcium-polyphosphate complex-derived short-chain poly3-hydroxybutyrate (Yeast cPHA-1) was isolated from baker's yeast (Saccharomyces serevisiae) and characterized.

Yeast cPHA-1 cyclic form >60% linear form <40% X=H: ca.19%, Y=H: ca. 4%

TERPENOIDS

Diterpene constituents of leaves from Juniperus brevifolia

pp 498-505

Ana M.L. Seca, Artur M.S. Silva*, Isabel L. Bazzocchi, Ignacio A. Jimenez

Six abietane and sandaracopimarane derivatives and 15 other known compounds, mainly diterpenes, were isolated from leaves of *Juniperus brevifolia*. Their structures were established on the basis of 1D and 2D NMR and MS evidences.

Polyhydroxyserratane triterpenoids from Diphasiastrum complanatum

pp 506-510

Jian Yan, Ping Yi, Baohui Chen, Lu Lu, Zhongrong Li, Xianmin Zhang, Lin Zhou, Minghua Qiu*

Five polyhydroxyserratane triterpenoids was isolated from *Diphasiastrum complanatum* including serratane- 3α , 14α , 15α , 20β , 21β , 24, 29-heptol (1), given the trivial name diphasiastrol.

A-seco-oleane-type triterpenes from Phomopsis sp. (strain HKI0458) isolated from the mangrove plant $Hibiscus\ tiliaceus$

Liya Li, Isabel Sattler*, Zhiwei Deng, Ingrid Groth, Grit Walther, Klaus-Dieter Menzel, Gudrun Peschel, Susanne Grabley, Wenhan Lin*

A-seco-oleane-type triterpenes (1-4) were isolated from the fermentation broth of a fungus *Phomopsis* sp. (HKI0458), which was isolated from the mangrove plant *Hibiscus tiliaceus* (L.). Their structures were elucidated by extensive spectroscopic data analyses.

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Diterpenoids from the pericarp of Platycladus orientalis

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Ya-Zhou Wang, Chun-Ping Tang, Chang-Qiang Ke, Hans-Christoph Weiss, Ernst-Rudolf Gesing, Yang Ye*

Eight labdane-type diterpenes along with 20 known diterpenoid compounds were isolated from the pericarp of *Platycladus orientalis*.

Alisolide, alisols O and P from the rhizome of Alisma orientale

pp 527-532

Ming Zhao, Li-Jia Xu, Chun-Tao Che*

A *nor*-protostane, alisolide (1), a rearranged protostane, alisol O (2), and a 2,3-seco-protostane triterpene, alisol P (3), were isolated from the rhizomes of *Alisma orientale*.

PHENOLICS

Cytotoxic turrianes of Kermadecia elliptica from the New Caledonian rainforest

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Claire Jolly, Odile Thoison, Marie-Thérèse Martin, Vincent Dumontet, Aline Gilbert, Bruno Pfeiffer, Stéphane Léonce, Thierry Sévenet, Françoise Guéritte, Marc Litaudon*

Eight cyclophanes (1–8), named kermadecins A–H, were isolated from the bark of *Kermadecia elliptica* (PROTEACEAE). A LC/APCI-MS study provided a reliable method of detection for most of the compounds.

Flavones from Struthiola argentea with anthelmintic activity in vitro

pp 541-545

Sloan Ayers, Deborah L. Zink, Kenneth Mohn, Joanne S. Powell, Christine M. Brown, Terry Murphy, Robert Brand, Seef Pretorius, Dennis Stevenson, Donald Thompson, Sheo B. Singh*

Bioassay-guided fractionation of *Struthiola argentea* (Thymelaeaceae) led to the isolation of three anthelmintic flavones 1–3, including the flavone 5,6,2',5',6'-pentamethoxy-3',4'-methylenedioxyflavone (3). The flavone 3 exhibited the most potent *in vitro* activity against *Haemonchus contortus* with 90% inhibition of larval motility (EC₉₀) at $3.1 \,\mu g/mL$.

 $5,\!6,\!2',\!5',\!6'\text{-pentamethoxy-3'},\!4'\text{-methylenedioxyflavone (3)}$

Estrogenic constituents of the heartwood of Dalbergia parviflora

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Kaoru Umehara*, Kiyomitsu Nemoto, Kyoko Kimijima, Ayako Matsushita, Eri Terada, Orawan Monthakantirat, Wanchai De-Eknamkul, Toshio Miyase, Tsutomu Warashina, Masakuni Degawa, Hiroshi Noguchi

From the heartwood of *Dalbergia parviflora*, five compounds, dalparvin A and B, isodalparvinol A, dalparvinol C, and neokhriol A, along with 11 known compounds, were isolated and characterized. By evaluating their activity in human breast cancer cells, dalparvin B and isodalparvinol A stimulated both MCF-7 and T-47D cell proliferation, but no isolates showed significant effects on BT20.

Dalparvin B, R=H Dalparvin C, R=OH

ALKALOIDS

Furoquinoline alkaloids of *Ertela (Monnieria) trifolia* (L.) Kuntze from the Suriname rainforest

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Shugeng Cao, Adnan J. Al-Rehaily, Peggy Brodie, Jan H. Wisse, Etienne Moniz, Stan Malone, David G.I. Kingston*

Methyl chanofruticosinate alkaloids from Kopsia arborea

pp 558-561

Kuan-Hon Lim, Toh-Seok Kam*

Six alkaloids belonging to the methyl chanofruticosinate group, prunifolines A–F, in addition to six other known methyl chanofruticosinate alkaloids, were isolated from the leaf extract of *Kopsia arborea*.

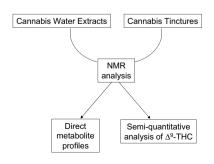
GENERAL CHEMISTRY

Direct NMR analysis of cannabis water extracts and tinctures and semi-quantitative data on $\Delta^9\text{-THC}$ and $\Delta^9\text{-THC}$ -acid

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M. Politi, W. Peschel, N. Wilson, M. Zloh, J.M. Prieto*, M. Heinrich

Diffusion-edited ¹H NMR (1D DOSY) and ¹H NMR with suppression of the ethanol and water signals were used for the analyses of different tinctures and infusions of cannabis.



Penicidones A-C, three cytotoxic alkaloidal metabolites of an endophytic *Penicillium* sp.

Hui Ming Ge, Yao Shen, Chun Hua Zhu, Shu Hua Tan, Hui Ding, Yong Chun Song, Ren Xiang Tan*

Penicidones A–C, three cytotoxic alkaloids, were characterized from the culture of *Penicillium* sp. IFB-E022, an endophytic fungal strain on *Quercus variabilis*.

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