

Phytochemical and Pharmacognostic Investigation of *Bauhinia forficata* Link (Leguminosae)

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We have isolated two phytoconstituents present in the *B. forficata* leaves, a medicinal plant employed in folk medicine specially for the treatment of diabetes. These compounds were isolated by column chromatography and identified as β -sitosterol and kaempferol-3,7-dirhamnoside (kaempferitrin) by spectroscopical data and comparison with authentic samples. A comparative study with different parts of the plant indicated that the latter is present only in the leaves, suggesting that it might be useful for a suitable quality control of phytotherapeutics which contain this organ of *B. forficata* in its composition.