

# Hepatoprotective and Antioxidant Activity of Two Iridoids from *Mussaenda 'dona aurora'*

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*Mussaenda 'dona aurora'* (sepals) has been investigated for its hepatoprotective and antioxidant activities. The highest activity was observed in the ethyl acetate fraction. The separation of the ethyl acetate fraction gave two iridoids, sanshiside-D and lamalbide. Sanshiside-D exhibited a hepatoprotective activity greater than silimarin as was evidenced by significant reduction of ALT and AST in the serum enzyme levels.

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