

# Evaluation of Antinociceptive and Anti-Inflammatory Activities of a New Triterpene Saponin from *Bauhinia variegata* Leaves

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A new triterpene saponin, named as 23-hydroxy-3 -[O- -L-<sup>1</sup>C<sub>4</sub>-rhamnopyranosyl-(1''↓ 4')-O- -L-<sup>4</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-arabinopyranosyl-oxy]olean-12-en-28-oic acid O- -L-<sup>1</sup>C<sub>4</sub>-rhamnopyranosyl-(1''''↓ 4''')-O- -D-<sup>4</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-glucopyranosyl-(1''''↓ 6''')-O- -D-<sup>4</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-glucopyranosyl ester (**9**), was isolated from the leaves of *Bauhinia variegata* Linn. In addition, six flavonoid compounds along with two cinnamic acid derivatives were isolated and identified based on their chromatographic properties, and chemical and spectral data (ESI-high resolution-MS<sup>n</sup>, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC). Compound **9** was found to be nontoxic (LD<sub>50</sub>) and to have significant anti-inflammatory and antinociceptive activities. It also showed a slight antischistosomal activity.

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