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ABSTRACT

Chromatographic separation of the roots of *Mucuna macrocarpa* led to the isolation of nine compounds. They were four triterpenoids: lupenone, lupane, betulinic acid and lupeol, two steroids: stigmasterol and β -sitosterol, one anthraquinone: vismiaquinone C, one alkaloid: murrayanine and one benzaldehyde: 4-methoxybenzaldehyde. Their structures were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic techniques.

Bioactivity assays showed that the compounds lupenone and vismiaquinone C exhibited antibacterial activities against *Bacillus cereus*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Salmonella typhimurium* with the minimum inhibition concentrations (MICs) values of 32-64 μg/mL. The crude methanolic extracts (on 2002 and 2006) showed strong antioxidation activities (IC₅₀ 0.31 and 0.88 mg/mL, respectively). The crude acetone extracts (on 2002 and 2006) showed good antioxidation activities with the IC₅₀ of 1.32 and 3.30 mg/mL, respectively. The crude dichloromethane extracts showed weak activity in 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical assay. All of the compounds showed weak antioxidative activities when tested with DPPH radical and less than 10% for radical scavenging activity.

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Murrayanine

4-Methoxybenzaldehyde

Lupeol