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Kajian awal yang telah dilakukan ke atas 18 ekstrak pelbagai bahagian *Garcinia sp.* Ekstrak tersebut telah diuji aktiviti sitotoksik menggunakan kaedah mikrotitratan (MTT Tetrazolium) terhadap sel MCF-7 ( Sel kanser payudara yang bergantung dengan hormon), DU145 (Sel kanser prostat), H460 ( Sel kanser paru-paru) dan HL-60 (Sel kanser Leukimia). Ekstrak daun *G. penangiana*, daun *G. urophylla*, daun *G. maingayi*, batang *G. maingayi* dan buah *G. opaca* didapati mempunyai aktiviti sitotoksik terhadap MCF-7 dan  $IC_{50}$  masing-masing adalah 5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , 3  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , 6  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , 10  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  dan 8  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . Seterusnya, ekstrak daun *G. penangiana* juga didapati menunjukkan aktiviti sitotoksik yang tinggi terhadap sel H460 ( $IC_{50} = 8 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

Pengasingan dan penulenan ekstrak daun *G. penangiana* berpandukan biocerakin telah membawa kepada penemuan sebatian triterpena, sterol dan lima sebatian xanthone. Sebatian triterpene dan sterol masing-masing telah dicirikan sebagai friedelin (**23**) dan stigmasterol (**24**). Dua sebatian xanthone yang diasingkan dari fraksi heksana telah



dicirikan sebagai 1,3,5,8-tetrahidroksi-4-(1,1-dimetilallil)xanthone (25) dan cudraticusxanthone H (26). Dua sebatian xanthone yang diasingkan dari fraksi diklorometana telah dicirikan sebagai 1,3,5,6- tetrahidroksi-2-(1,1-dimetilallil)-4-(3-metil-2-butenil)xanthone atau macluraxanthone C (27) dan xanthone baru, penangianaxanthone(28). Sebatian 29 juga diasingkan dari fraksi diklorometana dalam bentuk campuran bersama 27. Biosintesis bagi 25, 26 and 28 telah dicadangkan di dalam perbincangan. Sebatian-sebatian tersebut diuji aktiviti sitotoksik menggunakan kaedah mikrotitratan (MTT Tetrazolium) terhadap sel MCF-7 ( Sel kanser payudara yang bergantung dengan hormon), DU145 (Sel kanser prostat) dan H460 ( Sel kanser paru-paru). 25, 26, 27, 28 dan campuran 29 dan 27 menunjukkan aktiviti baik hingga tinggi ke atas sel MCF-7, NCI-H460 dan DU145. Walau pun begitu, 23 dan 24 tidak memberikan aktiviti ke atas sel MCF-7 dan NCI-H460. 26, 27, 28 dan campuran 29 dan 27 menunjukkan profil aktiviti sitotoksik yang sama terhadap sel MCF-7 dengan  $IC_{50}$  masing-masing  $3.9 \pm 0.8$ ,  $3.1 \pm 0.1$ ,  $5.8 \pm 1.2$  and  $3.0 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{g/mL}$ . Profil aktiviti sitotoksik yang sama juga diperhatikan apabila 25, 26, 27, 28 dan campuran 29 dan 27 diuji ke atas sel NCI-H460. Sebatian tersebut menunjukkan  $IC_{50}$  masing-masing  $13.4 \pm 1.1$ ,  $5.0 \pm 1.2$ ,  $1.4 \pm 0.9$ ,  $4.5 \pm 1.4$  and  $2.0 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{g/mL}$ . 26, 27, 28 dan campuran 29 dan 27 menunjukkan profil aktiviti sitotoksik yang sama terhadap sel DU145 dengan  $IC_{50}$  masing-masing  $4.6 \pm 0.2$ ,  $2.6 \pm 0.6$ ,  $4.3 \pm 0.4$  dan  $3.0 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{g/mL}$ .



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$\mu\text{g/mL}$	Microgram per millilitre
$\mu\text{L}$	Microlitre
CGM	Complete growth medium
$\text{CHCl}_3$	Chloroform
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
$\text{ED}_{50}$	50% Effective dose
HePG2	Human hepatocellular carcinoma
$\text{IC}_{50}$	50% Inhibitory concentration
LL/2	Mouse Lewis lung carcinoma
mL	Mililitre
MeOH	Methanol
MOLT4	Lymphoblastic leukemia
P388	Mouse Leukemia
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
VLC	Vacuum liquid chromatography
WEHI1640	Mouse fibrosarcoma



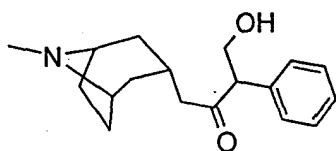
# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### Plants as a Source of Medicinal Agent

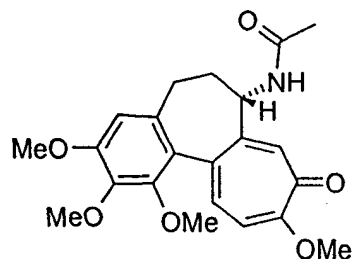
Man has utilized plants as medicinal agent since the history of humankind itself. The oldest record comes from Mesopotamia and dated from about 2600 BC where at least one thousand types of plants have been used in drug formulations (Newman *et al.*, 2000).

It is only in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century that the active principles from plants were isolated. There are several notable active principles isolated from plants such as atropine (1), colchicine (2), morphine (3) and strychnine (4).



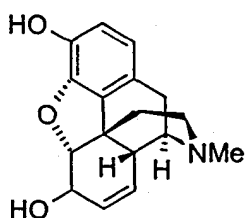
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Atropine



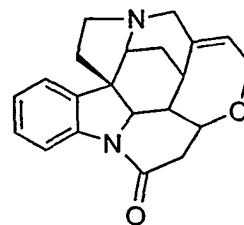
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Colchicine



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Morphine



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Strychnine

A report by the World Health Organization (WHO) claimed that about 80% of the world's population still relies on traditional medicine for treatment of disease or health sustenance (Farnworth, 1985). This is not surprising since such medicinal remedy is cheaper and believed to be safer than the modern medicines. However, there is also the possibility that the herb used in the traditional medicine is harmful and thus treatment may do more harm than good (Elvin-Lewis, 2001). There is also the possibility that the herbs used are not effective at all. Cragg *et al.* (1997) reported that between 1983 and 1994, 41% of new drugs approved by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have natural products as their sources (Figure 1).

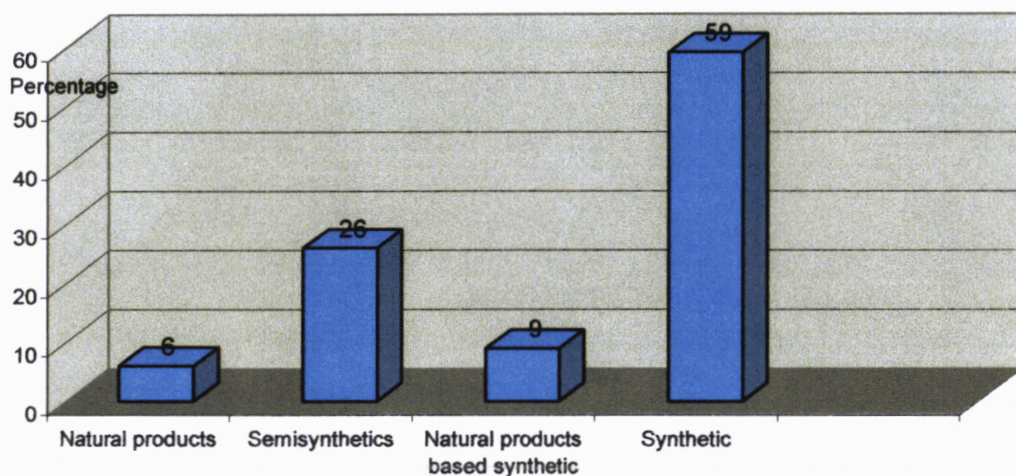


Figure 1: The role of drugs in modern medicine.

These included the semisynthesis and natural products based on synthetic drugs. Scientists continue to investigate the active compounds from plants, which are involved in so many bioactivities, such as antiinflammatory (Nakatani *et al.*, 2002), anti-HIV (Lin *et al.*, 1997), antibacterial (Permana *et al.*, 2001; Rukachaisirikul *et al.*, 2003) and