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Plants from the genus *Calophyllum* are known for their rich content of secondary metabolites, especially phenolic compounds such as coumarins, xanthenes and flavonoids. Many of these compounds are identified to be the main contributors of the medicinal properties of the plants. Even today, human are still heavily relying on the natural resources to develop new drugs and medicines. The threats of existing and emerging diseases are to be managed by discovering new lead compounds. Natural product research is one of the various approaches to this. This research project aimed to isolate antibacterial compounds which can lead to the discovery of new antibacterial drug candidates for future drug discovery research.

Phytochemical studies have been carried out on the stem bark of two selected plant species, *Calophyllum andersonii* and *Calophyllum wallichianum*. A total of five xanthenes and one terpene were isolated from the hexane and chloroform extracts of *Calophyllum andersonii*. The terpene is friedelin (79) while the xanthenes are macluraxanthone (74), pyranajacareubin (75), calaxanthone I (76), caloxanthone C (77), and euxanthone (78). All of the compounds were isolated for the first time from the plant. Meanwhile, two coumarins and two terpenes were afforded from the hexane and chloroform extracts of *Calophyllum wallichianum*. The terpenes are friedelin (79) and stigmasterol (82) while the coumarins are wallimarin T (80) and calanolide E (81). Wallimarin T (80) is a new coumarin. The structures of the isolated

compounds were identified using spectroscopic methods such as MS, IR and NMR.

The plant extracts and two isolated compounds were examined for their antibacterial activities. The samples were tested against four bacterial strains, namely *Bacillus cereus*, *B. megaterium*, *B. pumilus* and *B. subtilis*. The tests conducted include disc diffusion test, minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) assay. In the disc diffusion test, wallimarin T (**80**), calanolide E (**81**), the hexane and chloroform extracts of both plants were tested. All of the samples showed activities against the bacteria, expect wallimarin T (**80**).

The samples that showed activities were then further tested for their MIC values. The plant extracts showed moderate inhibition against all four bacteria, with MIC values ranging from 0.156 to 1.25 mg/ml. The chloroform extract of *Calophyllum andersonii* showed significant inhibition on *B. pumilus* (MIC = 0.039 mg/ml) while calanolide E (**81**) showed weak inhibition on all the bacteria with MIC value ranging from 0.25 to 0.5 mg/ml. The extracts of *Calophyllum wallichianum* showed high bactericidal concentrations ranging from 2.5 to 10 mg/ml. Extracts of *Calophyllum andersonii* recorded lower MBC value compared to extracts of *Calophyllum wallichianum*, ranging from 0.039 to 1.25 mg/ml. Meanwhile, calanolide E (**81**) did not show any bactericidal activity.

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Tumbuh-tumbuhan dari genus *Calophyllum* dikenali untuk kekayaan kandungan metabolit sekunder mereka, terutamanya sebatian fenolik seperti xanton, koumarin dan flavonoid. Kebanyakan sebatian tersebut merupakan penyebab kepada sifat perubatan tumbuhan ini. Kini, manusia tetap bergantung kepada sumber semulajadi dalam proses pencarian ubat-ubatan baru. Penemuan ubat-ubatan baru amat penting untuk menentang penyakit-penyakit yang baru dan lama. Kajian sebatian semulajadi merupakan salah satu pendekatan kepada ini. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk mencari sebatian antibakteria yang dapat membantu dalam penemuan ubatan antibakteria yang baru untuk kajian pencarian ubat-ubatan dalam masa yang akan datang.

Kajian fitokimia telah dijalankan ke atas kulit pokok dua spesies yang terpilih, iaitu *Calophyllum andersonii* dan *Calophyllum wallichianum*. Sebanyak lima sebatian xanton dan satu sebatian terpenoid telah dijumpai daripada ekstrak heksana dan kloroform *Calophyllum andersonii*. Sebatian xanton tersebut adalah makluraxanton (74), piranojakareubin (75), kaloxanton I (76), kaloxanton C (77) dan euxanton (78) manakala sebatian terpenoid yang dijumpai adalah friedelin (79). Selain itu, sebanyak dua coumarin dan dua terpenoid telah didapati daripada ekstrak heksana dan kloroform *Calophyllum wallichianum*. Sebatian terpenoid yang didapati adalah friedelin (79) dan stigmasterol (82). Sebatian koumarin pula adalah walimarin T (80) dan kalanolida E (81). Walimarin T (80) merupakan sebatian koumarin yang baru. Kesemua sebatian yang didapati telah dianalisis dengan menggunakan kaedah spektroskopi termasuk MS, IR dan NMR.

Ekstrak dan dua sebatian yang didapati telah diuji untuk sifat anti-bakteria mereka. Sampel yang terpilih telah diuji dengan bakteria termasuk *Bacillus cereus*, *B. megaterium*, *B. pumilus* dan *B. subtilis*. Ujian yang dijalankan termasuk ujian cakera diffusi, MIC dan juga MBC. Dalam ujian cakera diffusi, walimarin T **(80)**, kalanolida E **(81)**, ekstrak heksana dan kloroform kedua-dua pokok telah diuji. Kesemua sampel menunjukkan aktiviti terhadap bakteria tersebut, kecuali walimarin T **(80)**.

Sampel yang menunjukkan aktiviti telah diuji selanjutnya untuk nilai MIC and MBC mereka. Secara kasarnya, ekstrak yang diuji menunjukkan perencatan yang sederhana terhadap bakteria-bakteria yang digunakan dengan nilai MIC antara 0.156 dan 1.25 mg/ml. Ekstrak kloroform *Calophyllum andersonii* menunjukkan perencatan yang kuat terhadap *B. pumilus* dengan nilai MIC di 0.039 mg/ml. Kalanolida E **(81)** menunjukkan perencatan yang lemah dengan nilai MIC di antara 0.25 dan 0.5 mg/ml. Ekstrak heksana dan kloroform *Calophyllum wallichianum* yang diuji menunjukkan nilai MBC yang tinggi di antara 2.5 dan 10 mg/ml. Sementara itu, ekstrak *Calophyllum andersonii* menunjukkan nilai MBC di antara 0.039 ke 1.25 mg/ml. Kalanolida E **(81)** tidak menunjukkan sebarang sifat bakterisidal terhadap kesemua bakteria yang diuji.

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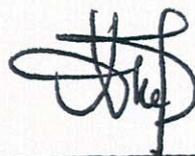
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δ	Chemical shift in ppm
%	Percentage
λ_{\max}	Wavelength maxima in nm
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	Degree celcius
^1H	Proton
^{13}C	Carbon-13
COSY	Correlation spectroscopy
cm	centimetre
<i>d</i>	doublet
<i>dd</i>	doublet of doublet
DEPT	Distortionless Enhancement by Polarisation Transfer
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
EIMS	Electron Ionisation Mass Spectrometry
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared
g	gram
GC	Gas Chromatography
GC-MS	Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry
HMBC	Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation
HMQC	Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Correlation
Hz	Hertz
IR	Infrared
<i>J</i>	Coupling constant in Hz
kg	kilogram
Lit.	Literature
<i>m</i>	multiplet
M^+	Molecular ion
$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$	Protonated molecular ion
mg	milligram
μg	microgram
ml	millilitre
mm	millimetre
MHz	megahertz
m.p.	Melting point
MS	Mass spectrum/spectra/spectrometer/spectrometry
<i>m/z</i>	Mass per charge
nm	nanometre
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
ppm	parts per million
<i>t</i>	triplet
<i>s</i>	singlet
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
TMS	Tetramethylsilane
ν_{\max}	Wavenumber maxima in cm^{-1}
UATR	Universal Attenuated Total Reflection
UV	Ultra Violet
UV-Vis	Ultra Violet-Visible

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Introduction

Plants have been known as remedies provided by nature for treatment of a wide variety of diseases and sicknesses. For instance, the usage of medicinal plants has been recorded by Chinese scholars since three thousand years ago (Cordell, 2009). In our very own country, there are huge areas covered by historical tropical forests. Within these forests, there are about 550 genera of fauna in which 1300 species have been identified to have medicinal values. In fact, the Malaysian market for medicinal plants and herbal products in 1999 is approximately RM4.6 billion (Jamal, 2006). Till this day, there are about 50 medicinal drugs given rise by tropical plants. Newman (2008) estimates that about 60% of the available drugs are derived directly or indirectly from natural products. Surprisingly, the species that have been studied for the pharmaceutical properties to date only make up 1% of the entire entities of plants found in tropical forests (Gurib-Fakim, 2006). Hence, the woods in Malaysia are believed to have a huge potential to provide some of the exotic species that can contribute to the discovery of new medicinal drugs.

Usually, the medicinal properties of plants are due to the presence of secondary metabolites found in the plants. Those compounds can be steroidal alkaloids, saponins, terpenoids, polyphenols and glycosides (Hao *et al.*, 2015). Recently, both chemists and phytochemists have agreed upon the vast diversity of secondary metabolites that are in these plants. In most cases, there are more than 1000 chemical entities contained in each individual plant species (Mitra *et al.*, 2007). The traditional method of utilising these plants as medicines was without the knowledge of these compounds in the plants. However, with the aid of modern scientific knowledge and technology, these compounds can now be studied, identified and mass produced. With the frequent occurrence of disease outbreaks and the existence of antibiotic-resistant pathogens, the urgency of catching up with the development of new drugs is rising. Since healthcare is also one of mankind's necessities to survive, as vital as food, water and shelter, the continuous work to isolate new compounds from plants is important in the development of modern pharmaceutical and medicinal advancement.

1.2 Botany of Plant Studied

1.2.1 The family Clusiaceae

This family contains a total of 30 genera and 1600 species. Plants from the family Clusiaceae are woody evergreen. The leaves are opposite, flowers are actinomorphic and sepals are free or only connate at base. The trees, shrubs or herbs usually produce yellow, orange or clear resinous latex. The different species of several genera are known for producing some common products. For instance, *Garcinia mangostana* (Mangosteen) produces edible fruits, *Calophyllum* provides timber and *Hypericum* provides cultivated ornamentals (Kerrigan *et al.*, 2011).

Clusiaceae are known for producing a wide array of isoprenylated xanthenes, bioflavonoids and anthraquinones (Stevens, 2007). These phenolic compounds are known to have potent bioactivities. Therefore, Clusiaceae plants are frequently studied from the chemistry aspect. The discovery of potential lead compounds can eventually clear a path for the invention of medicinal drugs for the incurable diseases.

One of the well studied plants is *Calophyllum inophyllum* of genus *Calophyllum*. Despite the extent of studies that have been conducted on this particular plant genus, many novel compounds are still being discovered.

1.2.2 The genus *Calophyllum*

The plants are trees or shrubs mainly distributed in Asia. The latex produced is colourless, white or yellow. The flowers have sepals that are similar to the petals (Steven, 1980). The genus *Calophyllum* is known to contain rich sources of secondary metabolites such as xanthenes, coumarins and triterpenes (Patil *et al.*, 1993; Kashman *et al.*, 1992). Other than that, the plants from this genus also produce some chromanones and steroids (Su, 2008).

The plants have high economic values as well. Trees of *Calophyllum* are a source of timber which can then be made into furniture and decorative items. The fats and oils extracted from the plants are used as medicine as well as in making soap (Stevens, 1980). Besides, some of the species can produce poisonous latex that is used to numb fishes and kill rats (Kawamura *et al.*, 2012). Many plants of this genus are used as traditional herbal medicines. They can be used as a diuretic, for the treatment of malaria, haemorrhoids, chronic ulcers as well as skin infections (Su *et al.*, 2008).

1.2.3 The species *Calophyllum andersonii*

There is not much botanical information recorded on this particular plant. This species is mainly distributed in north-western Borneo. The trees can grow up to 30 metres tall with bark that appears reddish or dark brown. The trees also produce latex that is yellow in colour. The twigs are slightly flattened and are 1.3 to 3 mm across. The older twigs are dry striate and pale yellowish brown, in contrast to the blackish petioles. The plant can also be easily recognised by its short, plump terminal buds. This species looks very similar to *Calophyllum teysmanii*. However, one of the noticeable differences is that the filaments of *C. andersonii* appear to be papillated towards the apex (Stevens, 1980). The plant has not been reported in any phytochemical research to date.

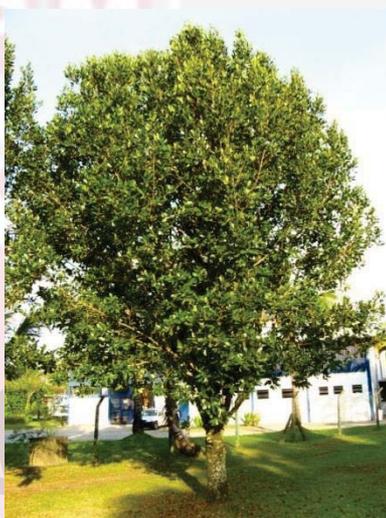


Figure 1.1: The tree of *Calophyllum*

1.2.4 The species *Calophyllum wallichianum*

The plant species *Calophyllum wallichianum* is found mainly in peninsular Malaysia, Singapore and Borneo island. The trees can grow up to 36 metres tall. The stem bark is of brown or grey colour, with vertical lines of lenticels and shallowly-fissured. The inner bark is red in colour and the latex produced from the bark is sticky and turns yellowish when exposed. The twigs are 2.5 to 6mm across and are slightly flattened. The flowers consist of four petals, rarely six. The fruits are ellipsoid, oval or spherical. This particular species can be recognised by its terminal over 1cm (Stevens, 1980).



Figure 1.2: Stem bark of *Calophyllum wallichianum*
(Photo courtesy: Mr. Zaharil Dzulkafly)

1.3 Problem Statement

The discovery of new drugs is becoming more important due to the emergence of new diseases and the development of drug resistance by existing harmful pathogens (Cordell, 2002). Many approaches are available nowadays in the pathway of drug discovery. Despite the recent popularity of molecular modelling and other synthetic chemistry techniques, natural products, in particularly medicinal plants, remain as an important source of new drugs, new drugs leads and new chemical entities.

1.4 Objectives of Study

The main objective of the research is to isolate antibacterial compounds which can lead to the discovery of new antibacterial drug candidates for future drug discovery research.

Hence, the specific objectives below are to be achieved in order to fulfil the requirement of the research:

1. To isolate pure compounds from the extracts of *Calophyllum andersonii* and *Calophyllum wallichianum* using column chromatography
2. To elucidate the structures of pure compounds using various spectroscopic methods
3. To investigate the anti-bacterial activities of the plant extracts and pure compounds isolated from the extracts

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