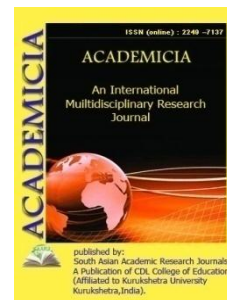


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QUALITY ANALYSIS OF ALKALOIDS OF SOME PLANTS GROWING IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

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ABSTRACT

The qualitative analysis of the alkaloid content of 51 samples of plant species belonging to 23 botanical families, collected in the Republic of Guinea was carried out. Among them, 5 families contain an abundance of alkaloids: they are Annonaceae, Lauraceae, Menispermaceae, Rhamnaceae and Rutaceae.

KEYWORDS: *Analyse qualitative, Alkaloids, Botanical families, Phytochemical interest, Republic of Guinea, University of Kindia.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The object of our work is the qualitative research of the alkaloid content of plants in the form of trees, shrubs and climbing plants of Guinea [1-4]. The plant samples studied (leaves, bark, stems, etc.) were collected at the Botanical Garden of Conakry and at the edge of the forest near the University of Kindia.

Alkaloid, a natural substance isolated from plants, of a basic nature, endowed with physiological activity and whose molecule generally contains one or more nitrogenous heterocycles.

Nearly 15000 alkaloids have been identified [7]. Many known alkaloids are used in medicine. For example, atropine from belladonna causes dilation of the pupil; poppy morphine suppresses pain; quinine is a remedy for malaria. Finally, it should be noted that nicotine is a powerful insecticide [2-4].

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

We have qualitatively analyzed the alkaloid content of nearly 51 plant species belonging to 23 botanical families very widespread in the Kindia region [1]. Among them, 5 families contain an abundance of alkaloids: they are *Annonaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Menispermaceae*, *Rhamnaceae* and *Rutaceae* (Table 1).

The alkaloid composition was determined in the conventional way [5-6].

2-3 g of study plant (pulverized and dried leaves) were placed in a flask (50 ml capacity) and 10-15 ml of 5% sulfuric acid solution (H_2SO_4) was poured into it. The contents were left for 4-5 hours at room temperature. After filtration, a few drops of silicon-wolframic acid solution (H_2SiWO_6) were added to the filtrate. The formation of an abundant precipitate indicates the presence of a considerable quantity of alkaloids in the plant studied.

3. RESULTS

TABLE 1 : QUALITATIVE DETERMINATION OF ALKALOIDS IN PROPOSED PLANTS

No Order	Family, genus and species	Plant organ	Content of alkaloids *
1. Annonaceae family			
1.	<i>Annona muricata</i> L.	Leaf Bark	+++ +++
2.	<i>Annona senegalensis</i> Pers.	Leaf Bark	+++ +++
3.	<i>Cananga odorata</i> (Lam.) Hook. F & Thoms.	Leaf Bark	+++ +++
4.	<i>Xylopia aethiopica</i> A. Rich.	Leaf Bark	+++ +++
5.	<i>Uvaria chamae</i> P. Beauv.	Leaf	+++
6.	<i>Cleistopholis patens</i> Benth.	Leaf	+++
2. Anacardiaceae family			
7.	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Leaf	+
8.	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i> L.	Leaf	+
9.	<i>Spondias monbina</i> L.	Leaf	+
3. Family of Apocynaceae			
10.	<i>Thevetia neriifolia</i> Juss	Leaf	++
11.	<i>Tabernanthe iboga</i> H. Br..	Leaf	++
12.	<i>Landolphia incerta</i> (K. Shum.) Pichon.	Leaf	+++
13.	<i>Landolphia dulcis</i> (Sabine.) Pichon.	Leaf	++
14.	<i>Landolphia senegalensis</i> Korschy.	Leaf	++
15.	<i>Voacanga africana</i> Stapf.	Leaf	+++
16.	<i>Rauvolfia vomitoria</i> Afz.	Leaf	+++
4. Bromeliad family			
17.	<i>Ananas comosus</i> L.	Leaf	+
5. Caesalpiniaceae family			

18.	Dialium guineense Willd.	Leaf	-
19.	Guibourtia copallifera J. J. Benn.	Leaf	-
6. Clusiaceae family			
20.	Carcinia mangostana L.	Leaf	+
7. Family of Combretaceae			
21.	Combretum micranthum Shumach & Thonn.	Leaf	-
22.	Terminalia ivorensis A. Chev.	Leaf	-
8. Euphorbiaceae family			
23.	Hevea brasiliensis (Kunth) Mill. Arg.	Leaf	++
9. Caricaceae family			
24.	Carica papaya L.	Leaf	+++
10. Lauraceae family			
25.	Persea americana Mill.	Leaf	++
26.	Beibchmiea diamantini L.	Leaf	+++
27.	Cinnamomum zeylanicum Ness.	Leaf	++
11. Meliaceae family			
28.	Entandrophragma angolense (Welw.) DC.	Leaf	-
29.	Carapa procera DC.	Leaf	-
12. Menispermaceae family			
30.	Dioscoreophyllum cumminsii (Stapf.) Diels.	Leaf	+++
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31.	Coccoloba pendula Diels.	Leaf	+++
32.	Triclisia patens Oliv.	Leaf	+++
13. Mimosaceae family			
33.	Acacia mangium Willd.	Leaf	++
14. Moraceae family			
34.	Ficus ingens Miq.	Leaf	++
35.	Ficus congensis Thunb.	Leaf	++
15. Moringaceae family			
36.	Moringa oleifera Lam.	Leaf	-
16. Family Oxalidaceae			
37.	Averrhoa carambola L.	Leaf	-
38.	Averrhoa bilimbi Willd.	Leaf	-
17. Rhamnaceae family			
39.	Ziziphus mauritiana Lam.	Leaf	+++
40.	Gouania longipetala Hemsl.	Leaf	++
41.	Ventilago africana Exell.	Leaf	++
18. Rhizophoraceae family			
42.	Anisophyllea laurina R. Br. Ex Sabine	Leaf	-
19. Rutaceae family			
43.	Zanthoxylum gillettii (De Wild.) Waterman	Leaf	+++
44.	Zanthoxylum leprieurii Guill.	Leaf	+++

45.	<i>Zanthoxylum viride</i> (A.Chev.) Waterman	Leaf	++
46.	<i>Fagara zanthoxyloides</i> Lam.	Leaf Bark	+++ +++
20. Sterculiaceae family			
47.	<i>Cola cordifolia</i> (Cav.) R. Br.	Leaf	-
48.	<i>Cola reticulata</i> A. Chev.	Leaf	-
21. Sapotaceae family			
49	<i>Achras sapota</i> L.	Leaf	-
22. Solanaceae family			
50	<i>Solanum stramonium</i> L.	Leaf	-
23. Verbenaceae family			
51.	<i>Gmelina arborea</i> L.	Leaf	-

* Content of alkaloids: + + + - in abundant quantity; + + - in small quantity;
+ - in insignificant quantity; (-) - absence of alkaloids



A



B



C

Photos of the few plants analyzed: A) *Annona muricata* L ; B) *Xylopia aethiopica* A. Rich; C) *Carica papaya* L.

4. CONCLUSION

In total, 51 species of plants belonging to 23 botanical families were qualitatively examined for the first time by us. Among them, 5 families contain an abundance of alkaloids. These are *Annonaceae*, *Menispermaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Rutaceae* and *Rhamnaceae*.

It should be noted that in the future the study of the alkaloid content of the following species: *Annona muricata* L., *Annona senegalensis* Pers., *Cananga odorata* (Lam.) Hook. F., *Xylopia aethiopica* A. Rich., *Persea americana* Mil., *Dioscoreophyllum cumminsii* (Stapt.) Diels., *Coccoluis pendulus* Diels. *Ziziphus mauritiana* Lam., *Fagara zanthoxyloides* Lam., *Solanum stramonium* L. would be of phytochemical interest, because these plant resources contain a considerable quantity of alkaloids belonging to several chemical structural types.

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