

Review

Compilation of Secondary Metabolites from *Bidens pilosa* L.

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Abstract: *Bidens pilosa* L. is a cosmopolitan annual herb, known for its traditional use in treating various diseases and thus much studied for the biological activity of its extracts, fractions and isolated compounds. Polyacetylenes and flavonoids, typical metabolite classes in the *Bidens* genus, predominate in the phytochemistry of *B. pilosa*. These classes of compounds have great taxonomic significance. In the Asteraceae family, the acetylene moiety is widely distributed in the Heliantheae tribe and some representatives, such as 1-phenylhepta-1,3,5-triyne, are noted for their biological activity and strong long-wave UV radiation absorbance. The flavonoids, specifically aurones and chalcones, have been reported as good sub-tribal level markers. Natural products from several other classes have also been isolated from different parts of *B. pilosa*. This review summarizes the available information on the 198 natural products isolated to date from *B. pilosa*.

Keywords: *Bidens pilosa*; Asteraceae; natural products; flavonoids; polyacetylenes

Introduction

The genus *Bidens* (Asteraceae: Heliantheae) comprises about 240 species with cosmopolitan distribution [1]. Many of these species have been investigated chemically to contribute to the classification of Asteraceae [2-4]. Interesting relationships within the Heliantheae, as well as its relationship with other tribes have been proposed on the basis of various types of compounds found in the tribe, especially acetylenes, sesquiterpene lactones and flavonoids [4,5]. The interest in these classes of compounds also has gone beyond chemotaxonomy. The biological activities, including antiparasitic, antifungal and antioxidant properties, of the predominant components in the tribe Heliantheae have been widely reported, and the investigation of these species for the discovery of new active compounds has expanded [6-12].

Bidens pilosa L. (Figure 1) stands out among the species of the genus due to the large number of natural products characterized in it and the biological activities reported for its extracts, fractions and compounds. Therefore, in continuation of our research on bioactive molecules from the various species of the different families cited [13-43], we offer this compilation of the chemical constituents of *B. pilosa*.

Bidens pilosa L.

B. pilosa is an annual, erect and ruderal herb originating from South America and now found in almost all tropical and subtropical region countries [44-46]. It grows to a height of up to 1.5 m, branching from the base and its yellow flowers have 5-15 mm diameter [44,46].

Figure 1. *Bidens pilosa* L.



It is a cosmopolitan herb, considered invasive of annual and perennial crops and widely distributed in disturbed areas and along roadsides in tropical and subtropical climates [46]. Nevertheless, this plant is commonly used in the traditional medicine. In Martinique, the decoction of the whole plant is used for its anti-inflammatory and hypoglycemic effects [47]. Aqueous preparations of the leaves are used by Zulu people for the treatment of dysentery, diarrhea and colic [48]. *B. pilosa* has been popularly used in China as a herbal tea ingredient or in traditional medicine for treating various disorders, such as diabetes, inflammation, enteritis, bacillary dysentery and pharyngitis [49]. In Brazil, it is widely

used as a folk medicine by indigenous people to treat a variety of illnesses including pain, fever, angina, diabetes, edema, infections and inflammation [50,51]. In addition, in the Amazon and regions in the South of Brazil, hydroalcoholic solutions of *B. pilosa* roots are also regarded as useful in the treatment of malaria [52] and even tumors [53].

Studies of *B. pilosa* plant extracts have shown it has anti-hyperglycemic [54,55], antihypertensive [56-58], antiulcerogenic [45], hepatoprotective [59], antipyretic [60], immunosuppressive and anti-inflammatory [8,61,62], anti-leukemic [63,64], anti-malarial [50], anti-bacterial [48], antioxidant [65,66] and antitumor [67] effects. These proven biological activities have led countries like Brazil to include *B. pilosa* in the official list of medicinal plants with potential for development of herbal use by the public health system [68].

Because the biological activities of some extracts and fractions obtained from different parts of *B. pilosa*, several isolated constituents of the plant have been studied, referring to anti-inflammatory activity, immunosuppressive [44,49,61,69,70], hepatoprotective [59], anti-bacterial [44,71], antifungal [71] anti-malarial [50,71,72], anticancer [72], antiparasitic [73], anti-hyperglycemic activities [49,54,70,74-76], anti-angiogenic [77,78], antioxidant [79] and cercaricidal [80].

The Phytochemistry of *Bidens pilosa* L.

B. pilosa has been extensively studied since the early 1900s. Among the classes of compounds reported polyacetylenes and flavonoids, typical metabolite classes in the *Bidens* genus, predominate [4,81]. These are also the most reported classes of compounds when referring to the biological activities [49,50,54,61,74,75,82,83]. A number of earlier studies also have reported the isolation of sterols [44,84,85], terpenoids [46,85,86], phenylpropanoids [62,83,87-90] and hydrocarbons [44,85,91].

There have been a few reviews of *B. pilosa* [6,51,92,93], however the phytochemical data have not included all classes of metabolites. To date almost 198 compounds have been described from this species. These secondary metabolites are listed in Table 1, where they were grouped based on the classification adopted by a standard reference work, the Dictionary of Natural Products [94].

The order begins with the structurally most simple metabolites, derived from aliphatic natural products (branched, unbranched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbons), and among these, the acetylenes are highlighted. Next the derivatives of simple aromatic hydrocarbons and the phenylpropanoids, in which a C3 substituent is attached to the aromatic unit (C6), form a biosynthetically distinct group of aromatic metabolites. The flavonoids, also considered a large group of metabolites in *B. pilosa* are subdivided into aurones, chalcones, flavanones, flavones and flavonols. The terpenoids group is divided according to the number of carbons, starting in sesquiterpenes and continuing with diterpenes, sterols, triterpenes and finally tetraterpenes. Finally, porphyrins, nitrogen and sulphur-containing natural products, one disaccharide and miscellaneous compounds are arranged.

Table 1. Compounds isolated from *Bidens pilosa* L.

N°.	Name	Alternative name	Structure	Plant part	Country	Ref.
<i>Aliphatic natural products</i>						
<i>Saturated unbranched hydrocarbons</i>						
1	heneicosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₉ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
2	dodosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₀ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
3	tricosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₁ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
4	tetracosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₂ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
5	pentacosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₃ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
6	hexacosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₄ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
7	heptacosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₅ CH ₃	AP	Tanzania	[44]
8	octacosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₆ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
9	nonacosane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₇ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
10	triacontane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₈ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
11	hentriacontane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₉ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
12	dotriacontane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃₀ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
13	tritriacontane		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃₁ CH ₃	NF AP	Taiwan Tanzania	[91] [44]
<i>Saturated unbranched alcohols</i>						
14	2-butoxy-ethanol		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ OCH ₂ CH ₂ OH	EP	Taiwan	[85]
15	tetracosan-1-ol		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₂ CH ₂ OH	AP	Tanzania	[44]
16	hexacosan-1-ol		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₄ CH ₂ OH	AP	Tanzania	[44]
17	1-octacosanol		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₆ CH ₂ OH	AP	Tanzania	[44]
18	1-hentriacontanol		CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₉ CH ₂ OH	NF	Taiwan	[91]
<i>Saturated unbranched carboxylic acids</i>						
19	tetradecanoic acid	myristic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₂ CO ₂ H	AP	Tanzania	[44]
20	hexadecanoic acid	palmitic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₄ CO ₂ H	AP	Tanzania	[44]
21	octadecanoic acid	stearic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₆ CO ₂ H	AP	Tanzania	[44]
22	eicosanoic acid	arachidic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₈ CO ₂ H	AP	Tanzania	[44]
23	docosanoid acid	behenic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₀ CO ₂ H	LF	not stated	[84]
<i>Unbranched aliphatic carboxylic acid esters</i>						
24	2-butenedioic acid			AP AP	China China	[121] [102]
25	(Z)-9-octadecenoic acid	oleic acid		AP	Tanzania	[44]
26	(E)-9-octadecenoic acid	elaidic acid		LF	not stated	[84]
27	(Z,Z)-9,12-octadecadienoic acid	linolic acid/linoleic acid		AP EP	Tanzania Taiwan	[44] [85]

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28	(Z,Z,Z)-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid	α-linolenic acid		EP	Taiwan	[85]
29	(Z,Z)-9,12-octadecadienoic acid, ethyl ester	ethyl linoleate		EP	Taiwan	[85]
30	(Z,Z,Z)-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester	methyl linolenate		EP	Taiwan	[85]
31	(Z,Z,Z)-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester	ethyl linolenate		EP	Taiwan	[85]
32	(Z)-9-octadecenoic acid, 2-butoxyethyl ester	2-butoxyethyl oleate		EP	Taiwan	[85]
33	2-butoxyethyl linoleate			EP	Taiwan	[85]
34	(Z,Z,Z)-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid, butoxyethyl ester	2-butoxyethyl linolenate		EP	Taiwan	[85]
Acetylenic hydrocarbons						
35	1,7E,9E,15E-heptadecatetraene-11,13-diyne	heptadeca-2E,8E,10E,16-tetraen-4,6-diyne		NF	China	[99]
36	1,11-tridecadiene-3,5,7,9-tetrayne			RT	not stated	[2]
37	1-tridecaene-3,5,7,9,11-pentayne	pentayneene		LF NF	Egypt	[86]
38	5-tridecaene-7,9,11-triyne-3-ol			NF	Egypt	[86]
39	2,10,12-tridecatriene-4,6,8-triyn-1-ol			PNS	not stated	[51]
40	2,12-tridecadiene-4,6,8,10-tetrayn-1-ol	1,11-tridecadiene-3,5,7,9-tetrayn-13-ol		RT NF	not stated Egypt	[2] [86]
41	2,12-tridecadiene-4,6,8,10-tetraynal	1,11-tridecadiene-3,5,7,9-tetrayne-13-al		RT	Germany	[122]
42	2,12-tridecadiene-4,6,8,10-tetrayn-1-ol,1-acetate	1,11-tridecadiene-3,5,7,9-tetrayne-13-acetate		RT	not stated	[2]
43	(5E)-1,5-tridecadiene-7,9-diyn-3,4,12-triol			AP	China	[100]
44	(6E,12E)-3-oxo-tetradeca-6,12-dien-8,10-diyn-1-ol			AP	China	[100]
45	(E)-5-tridecene-7,9,11-triyne-1,2-diol	1,2-dihydroxy-5(E)-tridecene-7,9,11-triyne		EP	Taiwan	[78]

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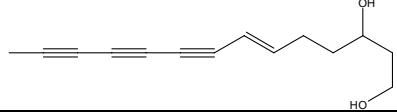
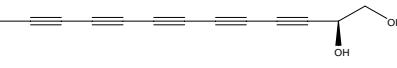
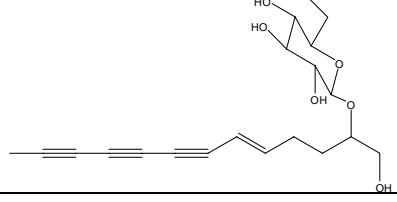
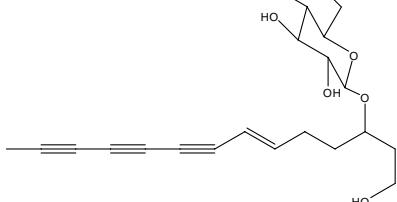
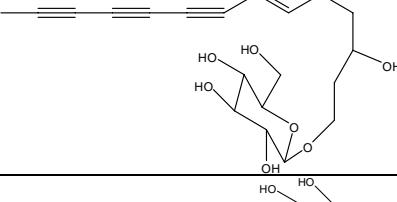
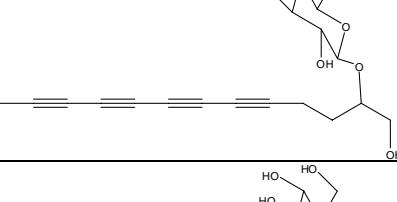
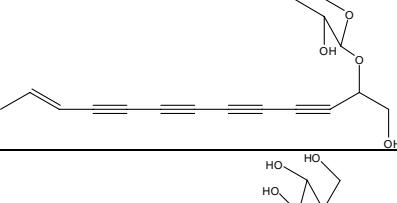
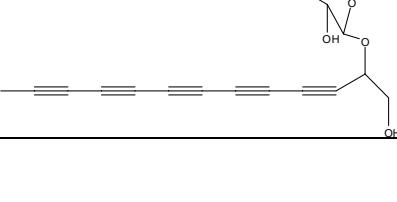
46	(E)-6-tetradecene-8,10,12-triyne-1,3-diol	1,3-dihydroxy-6(<i>E</i>)-tetradecene-8,10,12-triyne		EP EP EP	Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[77] [65] [78]
47	(2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>E</i> ,11 <i>E</i>)-3,11-tridecadiene-5,7,9-triyne-1,2-diol	safynol		NF NF	Egypt China	[86] [99]
48	5,7,9,11-tridecatetrayne-1,2-diol	1,2-dihydroxy-trideca-5,7,9,11-tetrayne		EP EP	Taiwan Taiwan	[77] [78]
49	(R)-3,5,7,9,11-tridecapentayne-1,2-diol	(R)-1,2-dihydroxy-trideca-3,5,7,9,11-pentayne		AP	Japan	[71]
50	(4 <i>E</i>)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-4-dodecene-6,8,10-triyne-1-yl-β-D-glucopyranoside	2-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-1-hydroxy-5(<i>E</i>)-tridecene-7,9,11-triyne		AP EP EP EP EP LF	USA Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[54] [75] [123] [65] [49] [124]
51	(4 <i>E</i>)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-dodecene-6,8,10-triyne-1-yl-β-D-glucopyranoside	3-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-1-hydroxy-6(<i>E</i>)-tetradecene-8,10,12-triyne		AP AP EP EP EP EP LF AP	USA China Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan China	[54] [102] [75] [123] [65] [49] [124] [100]
52	3-hydroxy-6-tetradecene-8,10,12-triynyl-β-D-glucopyranoside	β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-3-hydroxy-6- <i>E</i> -tetradecene-8,10,12-triyne		EP	Mexico	[53]
53	1-(hydroxymethyl)-4,6,8,10-dodecatetrayn-1-yl-β-D-glucopyranoside	2-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-1-hydroxytrideca-5,7,9,11-tetrayne, cytopiloyne		EP EP LF	Taiwan not stated Taiwan	[49] [82] [124]
54	2-O- <i>D</i> -glucosyltrideca-11 <i>E</i> -en-3,5,7,9-tetrayn-1,2-diol			LF	Brazil	[61]
55	(R)-1-(hydroxymethyl)-2,4,6,8,10-dodecapentayn-1-yl-β-D-glucopyranoside	2-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-1-hydroxytrideca-3,5,7,9,11-pentayne		AP AP	China Japan	[102] [71]

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56	1-[[(carboxy-acetyl)oxy]methyl]-4,6,8,10-dodeca-tetraynyl- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	Japan	[125]	
57	(4E)-1-[[(carboxy-acetyl)oxy]methyl]-4-dodecene-6,8,10-triynyl- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	Japan	[125]	
58	(4E)-1-[[(carboxy-acetyl)oxy]ethyl]-4-dodecene-6,8,10-triynyl- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	Japan	[125]	
59	(5E)-5-heptene-1,3-diyn-1-yl-benzene	1-phenylhepta-1,3-diyn-5-en		EP	Taiwan	[85]
60	7-phenyl-2(E)-heptene-4,6-diyn-1-ol			RT AP	not stated China	[2] [100]
61	7-phenyl-2(E)-heptene-4,6-diyn-1-ol-acetate			RT RT RT	not stated Brazil Brazil	[2] [50] [52]
62	7-phenyl-4,6-heptadiyn-2-ol	(-)pilosol A		EP AP	Taiwan China	[85] [100]
63	7-phenylhepta-4,6-diyn-1,2-diol			AP	China	[100]
64	1,3,5-heptatriyn-1-yl-benzene	1-phenylhepta-1,3,5-triyne		LF LTC AP AP EP RT AP	not stated not stated Tanzania China Taiwan Brazil China	[2] [97] [44] [121] [85] [52] [100]
65	7-phenyl-2,4,6-heptatriyn-1-ol			LF AP	not stated China	[2] [100]
66	7-phenyl-2,4,6-heptatriyn-1-ol-acetate			LF	not stated	[2]
67	5-(2-phenylethyynyl)-2-thiophene methanol			AP	China	[100]

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68	5-(2-phenylethynyl)- 2 β -glucosylmethyl- thiophene		AP	China	[100]	
Simple aromatic hydrocarbons						
Simple phenols						
69	1,2-benzenediol	pyrocatechin		EP	Japan	[87]
71	dimethoxyphenol			EP	Japan	[87]
73	2-hydroxy-6- methylbenzaldehyde	6-methyl- salicylaldehyde		EP	Taiwan	[85]
Simple aryl aldehydes						
75	4-hydroxy-3-methoxy- benzaldehyde	vanillin		LF	Japan	[87]
Simple benzoic acids and their homologues						
77	4-hydroxy-benzoic acid	<i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid		ST/R T	Japan	[87]
79	3,4-dihydroxy-benzoic acid	protocatechuic acid		AP RT	Uganda Japan	[110] [87]
81	3,4,5-trihydroxy- benzoic acid	gallic acid	<img alt="Chemical structure of gallic acid, a benzene ring attached to a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) at the 3-position and hydroxyl groups at the 4 and 5 positions.	EP	China	[126]

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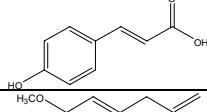
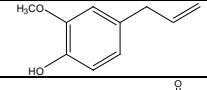
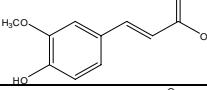
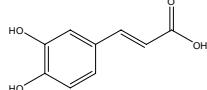
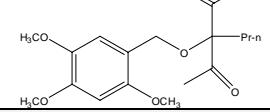
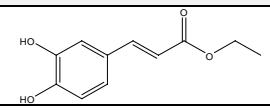
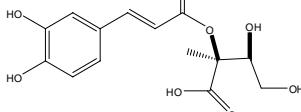
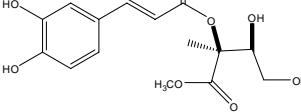
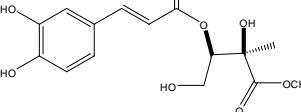
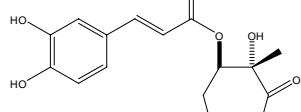
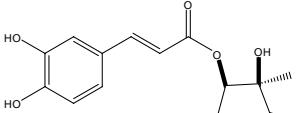
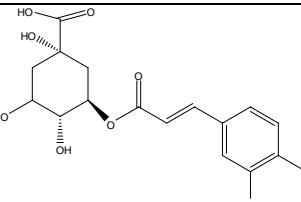
Phenylpropanoids						
Simple phenylpropanoids						
82	3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid	<i>p</i> -coumaric acid		EP	Japan	[87]
83	2-methoxy-4(2-propen-1-yl)-phenol	eugenol		LF/R T	Japan	[87]
84	3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2propenoic acid	ferulic acid		EP	Japan	[87]
85	3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid	caffeic acid		EP AP	Japan Japan	[87] [62]
86	3-propyl-3-[(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-methoxy]-2,4-pentanedione	3-propyl-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)benzoyloxy-pentan-2,4-dione		LF	India	[90]
Cumaric and caffeoyl esters						
87	3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid, ethyl ester	caffeoate, ethyl		NF EP EP	Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[127] [65] [78]
88	2-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]oxy]-3,4-dihydroxy-2-methylbutanoic acid	<i>d</i> -erythronic acid, 2- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl-2- <i>C</i> -methyl		LF	Japan	[88]
89	2-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]oxy]-3,4-dihydroxy-2-methylbutanoic acid,methyl ester	<i>d</i> -erythronate, methyl 2- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl-2- <i>C</i> -methyl		LF	Japan	[88]
90	3-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]oxy]-2,4-dihydroxy-2-methylbutanoic acid,methyl ester	<i>d</i> -erythronate, methyl 3- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl-2- <i>C</i> -methyl		LF	Japan	[88]
91	4-(acetoxy)-3-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]oxy]-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-butanoic acid			NF	Japan	[70]
92	3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-oxo-3-furanyl ester-2-propenoic acid	3- <i>O</i> -caffeoyl-2- <i>C</i> -methyl- <i>D</i> -erythro-1,4-lactone		LF	Japan	[88]
93	3-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]oxy]-1,4,5-trihydroxy-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid	chlorogenic acid		AP EP AP	Japan Taiwan Japan	[83] [79] [62]

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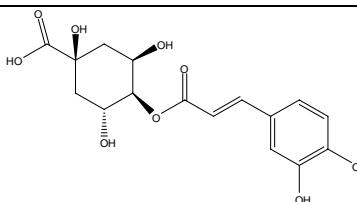
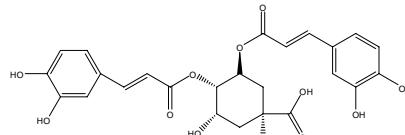
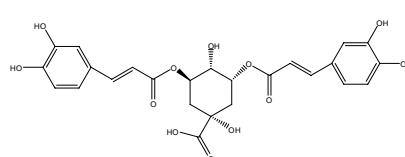
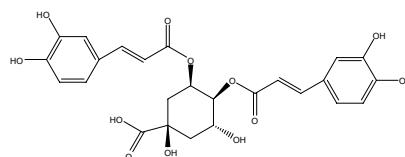
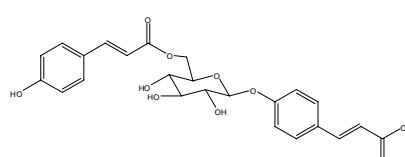
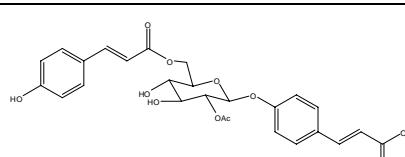
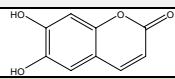
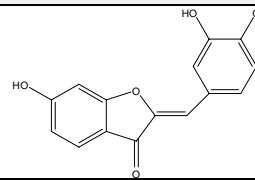
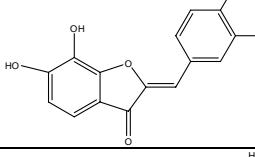
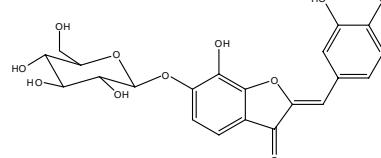
94	4-[[3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl]-oxy]-1,3,5-trihydroxy-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid	4- <i>O</i> -caffeoylequinic acid		AP	Japan	[83]
95	3,4-bis[[((2E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)-oxy]-1,5-dihydroxy-cyclohexane-carboxylic acid	3,4-di- <i>O</i> -caffeoylequinic acid		AP EP EP EP	Japan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[83] [79] [75] [65]
96	3,5-bis[[((2E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)-oxy]-1,4-dihydroxy-cyclohexane-carboxylic acid	3,5-di- <i>O</i> -caffeoylequinic acid		AP EP EP EP	Japan Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[83] [79] [75] [65]
97	3,4-bis[[((2E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)-oxy]-1,5-dihydroxy-cyclohexane-carboxylic acid	4,5-di- <i>O</i> -caffeoylequinic acid		EP EP EP	Taiwan Taiwan Taiwan	[79] [75] [65]
98	3-[4-[[6- <i>O</i> -[3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl]- <i>β</i> -D-glucopyranosyl]-oxy]-phenyl]-2-propenoic acid	<i>β</i> -D-p-coumaric acid, 4- <i>O</i> -(6- <i>O</i> -p-coumaroyl-glucopyranosyl)		LF	Japan	[89]
99	3-[4-[[2-O-acetyl-6- <i>O</i> -[3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl]- <i>β</i> -D-glucopyranosyl]-oxy]-phenyl]-2-propenoic acid	<i>β</i> -D-p-coumaric acid, 4- <i>O</i> -(2-O-acetyl-6- <i>O</i> -p-coumaroyl-glucopyranosyl)		LF AP	Japan China	[89] [121]
Coumarins						
100	6,7-dihydroxy-2H-1-benzopyran-4-one	esculetin		NF	Egypt	[86]
Flavonoids						
Aurones						
101	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-6-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	sulfuretin		AP	China	[102]
102	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-6,7-dihydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy; maritimetin		AP	China	[102]
103	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-6-(<i>β</i> -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6- <i>O</i> - <i>β</i> -D-glucopyranosyl-6,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy; maritimein		LF AP LF	Japan China China	[89] [102] [59]

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104	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-6-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-7-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-6,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy		LF	Japan	[89]
105	6-[(6-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(6-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone		LF AP	Japan China	[89] [102]
106	6-[(3,6-di-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-2-[(3,4-di-hydroxyphenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(3,6-di-O-acetyl-D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-2-[(3,4-di-hydroxyphenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone; bidenoside A		LF	China	[59]
107	6-[(4,6-di-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-2-[(3,4-di-hydroxyphenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(4'',6''-diacetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-2-[(3,4-di-hydroxyphenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-3(2H)-benzofuranone		LF AP AP	not stated China China	[128] [121] [102]
108	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-6-[(2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone]	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(2'',4'',6''-triacetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone		LF AP	not stated China	[128] [121]
109	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-6-[(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(3'',4'',6''-triacetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone		AP AP	China China	[121] [102]
110	2-[(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-methylene]-7-hydroxy-6-[[6-O-[3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]- β -D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone	aurone, (<i>Z</i>)-6-O-(6-O-p-coumaroyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-3(2H)-benzofuranone		LF	Japan	[89]
Chalcones						
111	1-[2-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-4-hydroxyphenyl]-2-hydroxy-3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propen-1-one	chalcone, α ,3,2',4'-tetrahydroxy-2'-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl		AP	China	[102]
112	1-(2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-2-propen-1-one	butein		AP	China	[102]

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113	3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1-(2,3,4-trihydroxy-phenyl)-2-propen-1-one	okanin		LF	China	[59]
114	3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1-[3-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-2,4-dihydroxyphenyl]-2-propen-1-one	okanin 3'-O- β -D-glucoside		LF LF FL	Germany Germany Germany	[129] [130] [109]
115	3-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1-[4-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-2,3-dihydroxyphenyl]-2-propen-1-one	okanin 4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside; marein		FL LF	Germany Japan	[109] [89]
116	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(6''-O-acetylglucoside)			FL	Germany	[109]
117	1-[4-[(4,6-di-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-oxy]-2,3-dihydroxy-phenyl]-3-(3,4-di-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propen-1-one	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(4'',6''-diacetyl)-glucopyranoside		AP	China	[121]
118	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(2'',4'',6''-triacetyl)-glucoside			LF	Germany	[129]
119	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(3'',4'',6''-triacetyl)-glucoside			AP	China	[121]
120	1-[2,3-dihydroxy-4-[[6-O-[3-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]- β -D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-propen-1-one	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(6''-trans-p-coumaroyl)-glucoside		LF	Germany	[129]
121	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(4''-acetyl-6''-trans-p-coumaroyl)-glucoside			LF	Germany	[131]
122	okanin 4'-O- β -D-(2'',4''-diacetyl-6''-trans-p-coumaroyl)-glucoside			LF	Germany	[131]

Table 1. Cont.

123	okanin 4'- <i>O</i> - β -D-(3'',4''-diacetyl-6''- <i>trans</i> - <i>p</i> -coumaroyl)-glucopyranoside		LF	Germany	[131]	
124	okanin 4'- <i>O</i> -[β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-glucopyranoside]		FL	Germany	[109]	
125	okanin 3',4'-di- <i>O</i> - β -D-glucoside		FL	Germany	[109]	
126	1-[3-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-2,4-dihydroxyphenyl]-3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-propen-1-one	okanin 4-methyl ether-3'- <i>O</i> - β -D-glucopyranoside		LF AP	Germany China	[130] [102]
127	okanin 4-methyl ether-3',4'-di- <i>O</i> - β -(4'',6'',4''',6'''-tetracetyl)-glucopyranoside		AP	China	[100]	
128	chalcone, 2',4',6'-trimethoxy-4- <i>O</i> -D-glucopyranosyl-dihydro	NF	LF	China	[59]	
Flavanones						
129	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-7,8-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	okanin, iso		LF	China	[59]
130	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-8-hydroxy-7-[(2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	okanin 7- <i>O</i> - β -D-(2'',4'',6''-triacetyl)-glucopyranoside, iso		AP	China	[121]
Flavones						
131	5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	apigenin		AP AP	Tanzania China	[44] [100]
132	7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	apigenin 7- <i>O</i> -glucopyranoside		AP	Tanzania	[44]

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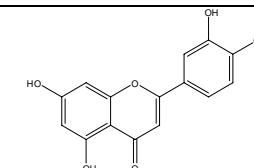
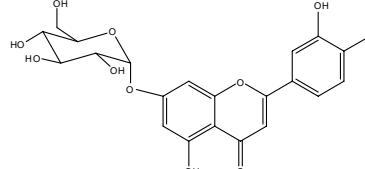
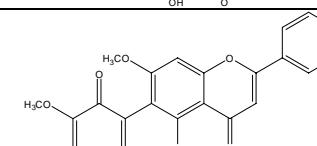
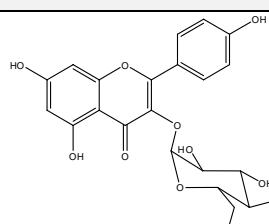
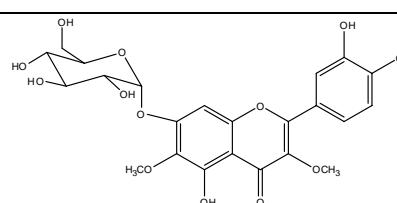
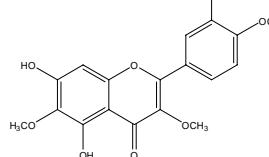
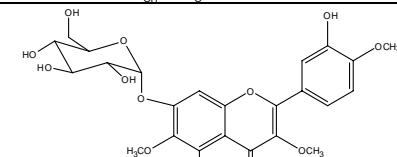
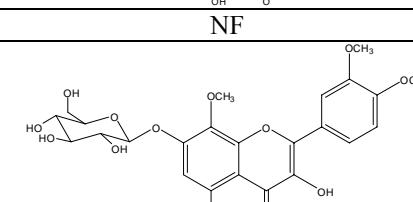
133	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	luteolin		AP AP AP AP AP	Tanzania China China China Vietnam	[44] [121] [102] [100] [132]
134	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	luteolin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	Tanzania	[44]
135	5,7-dimethoxy-6-(5-methoxy-6-methyl-4-oxo-4H-pyan-3-yl)-2-phenyl-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	5-O-methylhoslundin		AP	Uganda	[110]
Flavonols						
136	3-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	astragalin; kaempferol-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	China	[102]
137	kaempferol 3-(2,3-d-E-p-coumaroyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside)		NF	AP	Vietnam	[132]
138	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-3,6-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	axillaroside		AP	China	[100]
139	5,7-dihydroxy-2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)-3,6-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	centaureidin		EP	Taiwan	[74]
140	7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,6-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	centaurein		AP EP EP	Japan Taiwan Taiwan	[83] [79] [74]
141	eupatorin, iso		NF	NF	China	[99]
142	2-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-3,5-dihydroxy-8-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one			NF	Japan	[70]

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143	7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,8-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one		NF	Japan	[70]	
144	isorhamnetin 3-[α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1-2)- β -D-glucopyranoside]		NF	AP	Vietnam [132]	
145	7-[(6-deoxy- α -L-mannopyranosyl)oxy]-3-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	luteoside 	AP	China	[100]	
146	luteolin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP	Tanzania	[44]	
147	5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,6-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetagetin 3,6,3'-trimethyl ether		AP	China	[100]
148	quercetagetin 3,7,3'-trimethyl ether-6-O- β -glucoside		AP	China	[100]	
149	7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,6-dimethoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	jacein; quercetagetin 3,6,3'-trimethyl ether-7-O- β -glucoside		AP EP AP	Japan Taiwan China	[83] [79] [100]
150	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,5,7-trihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin		AP LF EP	China China China	[102] [59] [133]
151	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-(β -D-galactopyranosyloxy)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3-O- β -D-galactoside; hyperin; hyperoside		AP AP NF AP LF EP	Tanzania Japan China Japan China China	[44] [83] [99] [62] [59] [133]

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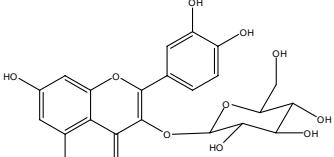
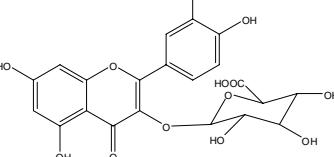
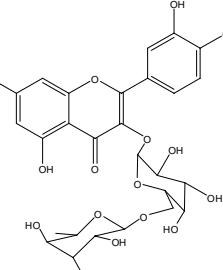
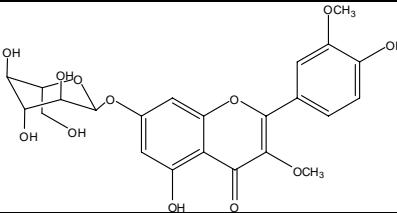
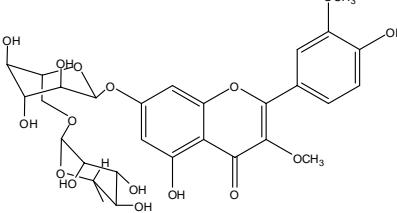
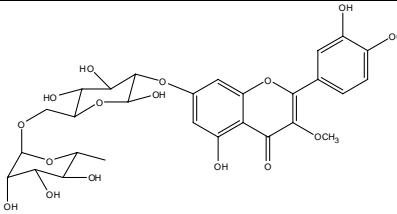
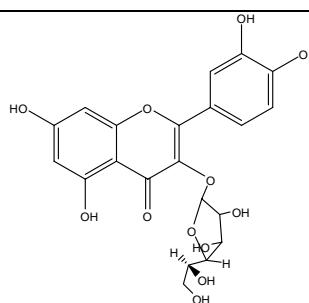
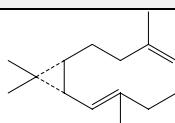
152	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-3-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		AP LF AP AP	Tanzania Japan China Japan	[44] [89] [102] [62]
153	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-4-oxo-4H-1-benzopyran-3-yl- β -D-glucopyranosiduronic acid	quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucuronopyranoside		AP AP	Tanzania Japan	[44] [83]
154	3-[[6-O-(6-deoxy- α -L-mannopyranosyl)- β -D-galactopyranosyl]oxy]-2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3-O-robinobioside		AP EP	Japan Taiwan	[83] [79]
156	7-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3,3'-dimethyl ether 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		RT RT RT	Brazil Brazil Brazil	[134] [52] [135]
157	7-[[6-O-(6-deoxy- α -L-mannopyranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3,3'-dimethyl ether 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-glucopyranoside		RT RT	Brazil Brazil	[134] [52]
158	7-[[6-O-(6-deoxy- α -L-mannopyranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-5-hydroxy-2-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methoxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	quercetin 3,4'-dimethyl ether-7-O-rutinoside		AP AP	China China	[121] [102]
159	2-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-3-(β -D-glucofuranosyloxy)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one	isoquercitrin		AP AP	Japan China	[83] [102]
Terpenoids						
Sesquiterpenes						
160	3,7,11,11-tetramethylbicyclo[8.1.0]undeca-2,6-diene	bicyclogermacrene		LF	Brazil	[46]

Table 1. Cont.

161	4,11,11-trimethyl-8-methylenebicyclo[7.2.0]undec-4-ene	<i>E</i> -caryophyllene		LF	Brazil	[46]
162	1-methyl-5-methylene-8-(1-methylethyl)-1,6-cyclodecadiene	germacrene-D		LF	Brazil	[46]
163	4-(1,5-dimethyl-4-hexen-1-ylidene)-1-methyl-cyclohexene	<i>Z</i> - γ -bisabolene		LF	Brazil	[46]
164	decahydro-1,1,4-trimethyl-7-methylene-1H-cycloprop[e]-azulene	β -gurjunene		LF	Brazil	[46]
165	2,6,6,9-tetramethyl-1,4,8-cycloundecatriene	α -humulene; α -caryophyllene		LF	Brazil	[46]
166		δ -muurolene		LF	Brazil	[46]
167	1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,8a-octahydro-4a,8-dimethyl-2-(1-methylethylidene)-naphthalene	selina-3,7(11)-diene		LF	Brazil	[46]
Diterpenes						
168	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol	phytol		EP	Taiwan	[85]
169	3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecenoic acid	phytenic acid		EP	Taiwan	[85]
170	3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecenyl ester-heptanoate	phythyl heptanoate		LF	not stated	[84]
Steroids						
171		campesterol		AP	Tanzania	[44]
172		phytosterin-B		NF NF	Taiwan Egypt	[112] [86]
173	stigmast-5-en-3-ol	β -sitosterol		NF AP EP	Taiwan Tanzania Taiwan	[91] [44] [85]

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174	β -sitosterol glucoside		NF	Egypt	[86]	
175	5α -stigmasta-7-en-3 β -ol		EP	Taiwan	[85]	
176	5α -stigmasta-7,22-dien-3 β -ol		EP	Taiwan	[85]	
177	stigmasta-5,22-dien-3-ol	stigmasterol		NF AP LF EP	Taiwan Tanzania not stated Taiwan	[91] [44] [84] [85]
Triterpenes						
178	lup-20(29)-en-3-ol	lupeol		NF	Egypt	[86]
179	lup-20(29)-en-3-ol, acetate	lupeol acetate		NF	Egypt	[86]
180	olean-12-en-3-ol	β -amirin		NF	Egypt	[86]
181	5,9,13-trimethyl-24,25,26-trinoroleanan-3-ol	friedelan-3 β -ol		AP	Tanzania	[44]

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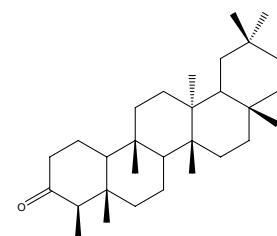
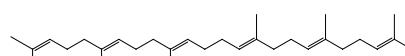
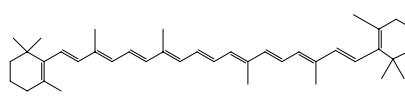
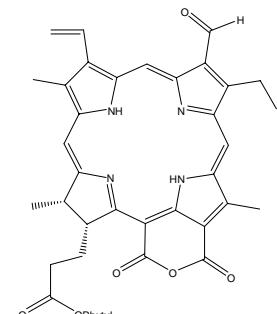
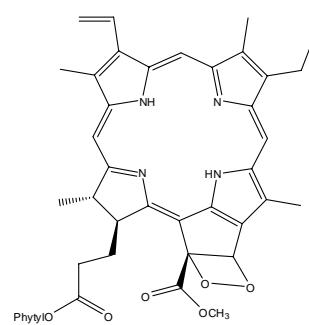
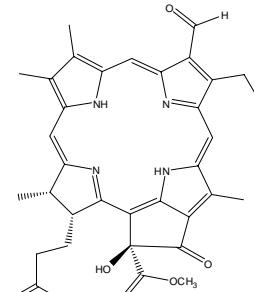
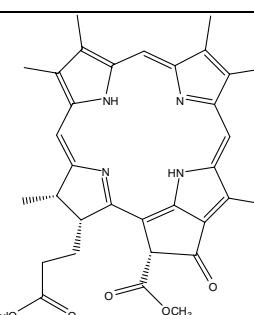
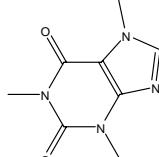
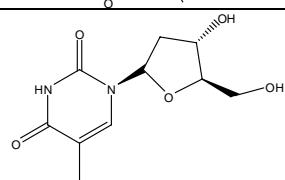
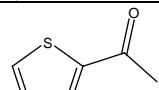
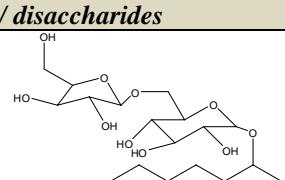
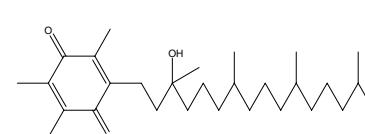
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183	2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyl-2,6,10,14,18,22-tetracosahexaene	squalene		AP	Tanzania	[44]
Tetraterpenes						
184	β,β -carotene	β -carotene		LF	not stated	[113]
Porphyrins						
185	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(15S,16S)-10-ethenyl-5-ethyl-1,16,18,20-tetrahydro-6,11,15,22-tetramethyl-18,20-dioxo-15H-9,12-imino-21,2-metheno-4,7:17,14-dinitriolo-pyranos[4,3-b]azacyclo-nonadecine-16-propanoic acid	aristophyll-C		LF	Taiwan	[90]
186	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(2S,18S,19S,20bR)-13-ethenyl-8-ethyl-2a,18,19,20b-tetrahydro-20b-(methoxycarbonyl)-9,14,18,24-tetra-methyl-4H-12,15-imino-3,5-metheno-7,10:20,17-dinitriolo-1,2-dioxeto-[3',4':3,4]-cyclo-pent[1,2b]aza-cyclo-nonadecine-19-propanoic acid	bidenphytin A		LF	Taiwan	[90]

Table 1. Cont.

	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexa-decen-1-yl ester-(2S,18S,19S,20bR)-13-ethenyl-8-ethyl-2a,18,19,20b-tetrahydro-2a-hydroxy-20b-(methoxy-carbonyl)-9,14,18,24-tetramethyl-4H-12,15-imino-3,5-metheno-7,10:20,17-dinitriolo-1,2-dioxeto[3':4':3,4]-cyclo-pent[1,2-b]-azacyclononadecine-19-propanoic acid	bidenphytin B		LF	Taiwan	[90]
187						
188	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(3R,4S,21R)-14-ethyl-21-hydroxy-21-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,8,9,13,18-penta-methyl-20-oxo-3-phorbinepropanoic acid	(13 ² R)-13 ² -hydroxy-pheophytin a		LF	Taiwan	[90]
189	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(3R,4S,21S)-14-ethyl-21-hydroxy-21-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,8,9,13,18-penta-methyl-20-oxo-3-phorbinepropanoic acid	(13 ² S)-13 ² -hydroxy-pheophytin a		LF	Taiwan	[90]
190	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexa-decen-1-yl ester-(3R,4S,21R)-14-ethyl-13-formyl-21-hydroxy-21-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,8,9,18-tetramethyl-20-oxo-3-phorbine-propanoic acid,	(13 ² R)-13 ² -hydroxy-pheophytin b		LF	Taiwan	[90]

Table 1. *Cont.*

191	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(3R,4S,21S)-14-ethyl-13-formyl-21-hydroxy-21-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,8,9,18-tetramethyl-20-oxo-3-phorbine-propanoic acid	(13 ² S)-13 ² -hydroxy-pheophytin b		LF	Taiwan	[90]
192	(2E,7R,11R)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-yl ester-(3S,4S,21R)-9-ethenyl-14-ethyl-21-(methoxycarbonyl)-4,8,13,18-tetramethyl-20-oxo-3-phorbinepropanoic acid	pheophytin a		LF	Taiwan	[90]
Nitrogen and Sulphur-containing Natural Products						
193	3,7-dihydro-1,3,7-trimethyl-1H-purine-2,6-dione	caffeine		AP	Uganda	[110]
194	thymidine			NF	China	[99]
195	1-(2-thienyl)-ethanone	2-acetyl-thiophene		RT	Germany	[122]
Carbohydrates/ disaccharides						
196	heptanyl 2- <i>O</i> -β-xylofuranosyl-(1→6)-β-glucopyranoside			EP	Taiwan	[79]
Miscellaneous						
197	2-[(3R,7R,11R)-3-hydroxy-3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecyl]-3,5,6-trimethyl-2,5-cyclohexadiene-1,4-dione	α-tocopheryl quinone		EP	Taiwan	[85]
198	7- <i>O</i> -(4'',6''-diacetyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside			NF	LF	China [59]

AP, Aerial part; LF, Leaf; ST, Steam; EP, Entire plant; FL, Flowers; RT, Root; SD, Seed; LTC, Leaves of tissue culture; PNS, Part not specified; NF, Not found.

Acetylene compounds

The acetylenes are one class of aliphatic hydrocarbons that has a taxonomically interesting distribution pattern in higher plant families; they occur regularly in only five families, namely the Campanulaceae, Asteraceae, Araliaceae, Pittosporaceae and Umbelliferae [95]. Within the Asteraceae family, these compounds are widely distributed in the Heliantheae tribe [2,4]. The genus *Bidens* is known to produce compounds of this class [5]. They occur in all parts of the plant, often accumulating in roots [96].

To date 34 acetylenes (compounds **35–68**) were isolated from *B. pilosa* (Table 1). The C₁₃-polyacetylenes are the most abundant in the species and among them, ene-tetryn-ene **36** and its alcohol, acetyl and aldehyde oxygenated derivatives **40–42**, C₁₃-phenylacetylenes **59–66** and C₁₃-acetylenes with an ene-triyn-diene chromophore **39** are typical constituents within the genus *Bidens* [2,4,96,97].

The principal representative of the C₁₃-polyacetylenes is 1-phenylhepta-1,3,5-triyne (**64**). This C₁₃-phenylacetylene is abundant in *B. pilosa* and is present in leaves, stems and roots of the species [5,73,96,97]. The compound is biologically active and several studies have reported that it strongly absorbs long-wave UV radiation, and the activity is altered upon exposure to light (photo activation) [98].

The occurrence of C₁₇-acetylenes is rare in the genus, being limited to the Hawaiian species of *Bidens* [4], while one compound (**35**) was related to *B. pilosa* grown in China [2,99]. Also, three C₁₄-acetylenes **39,44,46**, with one (**46**) being common in species of genus *Coreopsis*, and another (**44**), a new compound, were reported first in *B. pilosa* [4,51,100].

Another group of polyacetylenes isolated from *B. pilosa* are the polyacetylene glucosides (PAGs), which are glycosides of polyacetylenes in which a sugar moiety (glycose or rhamnose) is joined to a polyacetylene through an -O- glucosidic linkage. Of even more restricted distribution, these have been reported for only two families, Asteraceae and Campanulaceae. So far 22 PAGs are known, however most of them have been isolated from *Bidens* species [101].

Studies report the isolation of nine PAGs (**50–58**) from different parts from *B. pilosa*. Four compounds (**50, 53–55**) have the common C₁₃-acetylene linkage to glycoside portion in the C₂ position [49,54,61,102], however the glycoside derivates of C₁₄-acetylene have the linkage to the glycoside portion in the terminal portion (**52**) and C₃ (**51**) [53,54]. Other unusual three PAGs have also been reported for *B. pilosa*. Two C₁₆-acetylenes (**56,57**) and one C₁₇-acetylene (**58**) having an ester in the terminal portion linkage to a carboxylic acid [70].

Phenylthiophenes, classified as C₁₃-acetylene and related compounds [4], are related to only occur in *Coreopsis* and in Hawaiian *Bidens* [4,103], however a phenylthiophene **67** and its glycosylate **68** were reported for *B. pilosa* growing in China [100].

Flavonoids

Flavonoids are the class of compound of higher occurrence in the species and are described as chemotaxonomic markers at lower hierarchical levels of the Asteraceae [104]. According to the *Bidens* genus, the flavonoid profile of *B. pilosa* is a complex one that includes aurones, chalcones, flavanones,

flavones and flavonols with a wide variety of *O*-methylation patterns and glycosylations [105], totaling 58 different compounds isolated to date (Table 1).

Anthochlors (aurones and chalcones) are found in a number of plant families, including the Asteraceae. However research indicates that, despite some variations, anthochlors are good markers for the taxonomic subtribe Coreopsidinae (Heliantheae tribe), thus representing the only case in the family Asteraceae in which a certain type of flavonoid is taxonomically diagnostic at the sub tribal level [106].

Species of *Bidens* typically contain the chalcones butein (3,4,3',4'-tetrahydroxychalcone, **112**), okanin (3,4,2',3',4'-pentahydroxychalcone, **113**) and their 4'-glycosides [3]. Of the aurones, maritimetin (6,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxyaurone, **102**) and sulfuretin (6,3',4'-tetrahydroxyaurone, **101**) and their glycosides are commonly found in the genus [107]. These compounds have been reported for *B. pilosa* [108].

In *B. pilosa*, the glycosides aurones are frequent in position 6 (**103–110**) and rare in 7 (**104**) while the glycosides derived from chalcones (**111,114–128**) are in the positions 3' and 4'. Two chalcone glycosides, one in position 2' (**111**) and other in 4 (**128**) were also found to the specie [59,102]. Most of these compounds are acylated with *p*-coumaric and/or acetic acid on the sugar moiety and are relatively non-polar; however more polar aurones (**103,104**) and chalcones (**111,114,115,124,128**), mono- and diglucosides were isolated from aerial parts [109]. Two B-ring methylated chalcones (**126–127**) [80,100] were also found in the species, but this kind of derivatives is rarely reported in the *Bidens* genus [3].

Flavones and flavonols identified from members of *Bidens* are for the most part commonly encountered compounds, *i.e.*, glycosides of apigenin, luteolin, kaempferol and quercetin [105]. *B. pilosa* maintains that standard, however some flavonols present methoxy substituent groups at their positions 3, 6, 7, 3' and/or 4', as in jacein (**149**), centaureidin (**139**) and its glycoside centaurein (**140**) [74,79]. Among the flavones 5-*O*-methylhoslundin (**135**) was reported, a compound previously isolated only from *Hoslundia opposite* (Lamiaceae) [110]. This unusual compound presents methoxy substituted groups in C5 and C7 and a pyranone derivative at C6.

Other compound classes

Several other compound classes have been isolated from different parts of *B. pilosa* and are listed in Table 1. Among these, aliphatic hydrocarbon derivatives and simple aromatic hydrocarbons have been reported, although these constituents are rather ubiquitous in plants. Long chain saturated unbranched hydrocarbons between C₂₁ and C₃₃ (**1–13**) have been isolated of *B. pilosa* [44,91]. Of the saturated unbranched alcohols, the compound 2-butoxyethanol (**14**) is the only ether-ethanol, while for the unbranched aliphatic carboxylic acid and ester group, three compounds have ether-ester functions (**32–34**). The simple aromatic hydrocarbons and simple phenylpropanoid compounds form two small groups of natural products in *B. pilosa*. In the first, vanillic (**80**), salicylic (**78**) and protocatechuic (**79**) acids and their derivatives are predominant [87], while the phenylpropanoids are represented by coumaric (**82**), ferulic (**84**) and caffeic (**85**) acid. In this group, one new disubstituted acetylacetone (**86**) was described for *B. pilosa* growing in India [90].

Also in the phenylpropanoids group, caffeoyl ester derivatives **87–97** are fairly reported for the specie, and some esters formed by the combination of two caffeic acids to one quinic acid (**93–97**)

[79,83] or one caffeic acid to one erythronic acid (**88–92**) [88]. The only coumarin (**100**) described for *B. pilosa* is usually found in other species of the family [86].

Of the mevalonate pathway, several sesquiterpenes (**160–167**), sterols (**171–177**) and triterpenes (**178–183**) have been isolated of leaves from *B. pilosa* [44,51,86]. The sesquiterpenes reported were characterized by GC-MS [46]. These are divided into mono- and bicyclic, commonly found in leaf extracts from Asteraceae. In the diterpenes, acyclic phytane diterpenoids have been reported; among them phytyl heptanoate (**170**) is an unusual compound that has an aliphatic chain of seven carbon atoms linked to the terminal acid portion [84].

The most abundant sterols from *B. pilosa* are stigmasterol (**177**) and sitosterol (**173**), which are ubiquitous compounds of plant cell membranes [111]. Stigmasterol derivates (**175,176**), sitosterol glucoside (**174**) [85,91] and phytosterin B (**172**), a phytosterin first isolated in *B. pilosa* [112] has also been reported. Among the triterpenes, only squalene (**183**) is an acyclic one. The friedelanes **181,182** and lupeol derivatives **178, 179** are the more common triterpenes reported for *B. pilosa* [44,86]. Among the tetraterpenes β -carotene (**184**) is reported to be present in high concentration in young leaves of *B. pilosa* [113].

Chlorin (=2,3-dihydroporphyrin) and its derivatives – including chlorophyll, pheophytin, chlorophyllin, pheophobide, and many other closely related analogues – are found in most higher plants, algae, and even bacteria [114]. For *B. pilosa* two new pheophytins (**186,187**), with peroxide functionalities in ring E were reported, besides another six pheophytins (**185,188–192**), already known [114].

Only two representatives of the class of nitrogen-containing natural products, one being the nucleoside thymidine (**194**) are reported [122]. One thyophene (**195**) was reported from *B. pilosa* [99]. One disaccharide (**196**) was isolated from an entire *B. pilosa*. Also, two miscellaneous representatives were reported, a quinone linked to an aliphatic chain (**197**) [85] and one compound of unidentified structure (**198**) [59].

The content of essential oil from flowers, leaves and stems of *B. pilosa* has been analyzed by GC-MS in China, Japan, USA, Cameroon, Nigeria and Iran [66,115–120,136]. In this review, the series of components identified as being commonly found in plants containing essential oils and present mostly in very small quantities are not listed. It is then just a brief comment about the main and unusual constituents. In the species a series of mono- and sesquiterpenes have been detected [66,116,117–119]. The major constituents are the sesquiterpenes germacrene-D and β -caryophyllene. Polyacetylenes (**36,59,60,64**), including 1-phenylhepta-1,3,5-tryin (**64**) have been identified in root oil and aerial parts [117,119]. A chromone, known as precocene I, isolated from oil of the leaves from *B. pilosa* also was reported [116].

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