

Toxicity and Larvicidal Activity of Cholesta- β -D-Glucopyranoside Isolated from *Combretum molle* R.

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Abstract : The leaves of *Combretum molle* was selected on the basis of its uses in folk medicine as insecticides. The leaf extracts of *Combretum molle* was tested against the larvae of *Artemia salina*, i.e. Brine Shrimp Lethality Test (BST), *Culex quinquefasciatus* Say (Filaria disease vector) i.e. Larvicidal Test, using crude ethanol, n-hexane, chloroform, ethyl acetate, and methanol extracts. The methanolic extract proved to be the most effective in inducing complete lethality at minimum doses both in the BST and the Larvicidal activity test. The LC₅₀ values obtained are 24.85 μ g/ml and 0.4 μ g/ml respectively. The bioactivity-guided column chromatography afforded the pure compound ACM-3. ACM-3 was not active in the BST with LC₅₀ value >1000 μ g/ml, but was active in the Larvicidal activity test with LC₅₀ value 4.0 μ g/ml. ACM-3 was proposed to have the structure I, (Cholesta- β -D-Glucopyranoside).

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