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### ABSTRACT

Two Malaysian plants *viz., Kopsia pauciflora* and *Kopsia grandifolia* were investigated for their alkaloidal constituents. A total of 40 alkaloids were isolated and characterized from *K. pauciflora*, of which 12 are new alkaloids. The new alkaloids isolated include seven aspidofractinine alkaloids (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), and five eburnane alkaloids (8, 9, 10, 11, 12). *K. grandifolia* yielded a total of eight alkaloids. Of these, three are new. The new alkaloids are grandilodine A (41), grandilodine B (42), and grandilodine C (43). Grandilodine A (41), grandilodine C (43), and lapidilectine B (47) were found to reverse multidrug resistance in vincristine-resistant KB cells.

#### ABSTRAK

Dua jenis tumbuhan dari Malaysia iaitu *Kopsia pauciflora* dan *Kopsia grandifolia* telah dikaji dari segi kandungan alkaloidnya. Sebanyak 40 alkaloid telah diasingkan dan dicirikan dari *K. pauciflora*, di mana 12 alkaloid adalah baru. Alkaloid-alkaloid baru tersebut terdiri daripada tujuh alkaloid *aspidofractinine* (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), dan lima alkaloid *eburnane* (8, 9, 10, 11, 12). *K. grandifolia* telah menghasilkan sebanyak lapan alkaloid. Di kalangan alkaloid-alkaloid itu, tiga alkaloid adalah baru. Alkaloid-alkaloid baru tersebut ialah grandilodine A (41), grandilodine B (42), dan grandilodine C (43). Grandilodine A (41), grandilodine C (43), dan lapidilectine B (47) telah menunjukkan aktiviti dalam *reversal of multidrug resistance in vincristine-resistant KB cells*.













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**9** R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> = O **10** R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = OH

18

\_\_\_\_N R²,,,|

 $R^{1'}$ 



**11**  $R^1 = H$ ,  $R^2 = nil$ ,  $\Delta^{16,17}$ **12**  $R^1 = H$ ,  $R^2 = OEt$ 



42



47

Plant	Plant part	Alkaloid
K. pauciflora	Stem-bark	Compound 1 [New]
		Compound 2 [New]
		Compound <b>3</b> [New]
		Compound 4 [New]
		Compound 5 [New]
		Compound 6 [New]
		Compound 7 [New]
		Compound 8 [New]
		Compound 9 [New]
		Compound 10 [New]
		Compound 11 [New]
		Compound 12 [New]
		Tetrahydroalstonine (13)
		Leuconoxine (14)
		N(1)-Carbomethoxy-5,22-dioxokopsane (15)
		Kopsanone (16)
		Kopsifine (17)
		Decarbomethoxykopsifine (18)
		Paucidactine B (19)
		Kopsamine (20)
		Kopsamine <i>N</i> -oxide ( <b>21</b> )
		Kopsinine (22)
		$N(1)$ -Methoxycarbonyl-12-methoxy- $\Delta^{16,17}$ -kopsinine (23)
		$N(1)$ -Methoxycarbonyl-12-hydroxy- $\Delta^{16,17}$ -kopsinine (24)
		Kopsinine <i>N</i> -oxide ( <b>25</b> )
		N(1)-Methoxycarbonyl-11,12-dimethoxykopsinaline (26)

Table : Alkaloid composition of K. pauciflora and K. grandifolia

Table, continued

Plant	Plant part	Alkaloid
		Kopsilongine (27)
		Pleiocarpine (28)
		12-Methoxypleiocarpine (29)
		Pleiocarpine <i>N</i> -oxide ( <b>30</b> )
		(+)-Eburnamenine ( <b>31</b> )
		(+)-Eburnamonine ( <b>32</b> )
		(-)-Eburnamine ( <b>33</b> )
		(+)-Isoeburnamine (34)
		(+)-19-oxoeburnamine ( <b>35</b> )
		(–)-19( <i>R</i> )-Hydroxyisoeburnamine ( <b>36</b> )
		(+)-19(R)-Hydroxyeburnamine ( <b>37</b> )
		(-)-Norpleiomutine (38)
		(-)-Demethylnorpleiomutine ( <b>39</b> )
		(+)-Kopsoffinol ( <b>40</b> )
K. grandifolia	Stem-bark	Grandilodine A (41) [New]
		Grandilodine B (42) [New]
		Lapidilectine A (44)
		Isolapidilectine A (45)
		Lapidilectam (46)
		Kopsinine (22)
	Leaves	Grandilodine C (43) [New]
		Lapidilectine B (47)

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