

Phytochemical Analysis and Antimicrobial Activity of *Punica granatum* L. (fruit bark and leaves)

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ABSTRACT: *Punica granatum* Linn (fruit bark and leaves) were macerated with hexane, ethylacetate, methanol and water successively. The extracts were tested *in vitro* for activity against standard strains microbes and clinical isolates. The zones of inhibition, minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC), minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC) and minimum fungicidal concentration (MFC) were determined. The *in vitro* antimicrobial screening revealed that the extract exhibited varying activity against different microbes with zones of inhibition ranging from 14-34mm, MIC ranging from 0.625 - 10mg/ml, and MBC/MFC of 1.25-10mg/ml for the sensitive organisms at the tested concentrations. The highest activity was an MIC of 0.625 mg/ml and MBC of 1.25mg/ml. The activities observed could be due to the presence of some of the secondary metabolites like, alkaloids, anthraquinones, sterols, glycosides, saponins, terpenes and flavonoids detected in the plant.

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1. Introduction

Plants have been known to be a reservoir of secondary metabolites which are being exploited as source of bioactive substance for various pharmacological purposes. The fact that some of these plants have been used traditionally for centuries and modern scientific studies have shown the existence of good correlation between the traditional or folkloric application of some of these plants further strengthens the search for pharmacologically active compounds from plants (Abba *et al.*, 2009; Egharevba and Kunle 2010; Abalaka *et al* 2009). One of such plants with wide ethnomedicinal use is *Punica granatum*.

Punica granatum L. commonly known as Pomegranate belongs to the Family Punicaceae. The genus has just two species *P. granatum* Linn. and *P. protopunica* Balf, although the latter is not well known. *Punica granatum* is synonymous to *Punica malus* Linn. *Punica granatum* is a shrub or small tree with several upright, thorny stems, the leaves are elliptic, roughly 2x1 inches, flowers white or red, double-flowered races being also known (figure 1&2). The plant is both self-pollinated and cross-pollinated by insects. The size and fertility of the pollen vary with the cultivars and season. The fruit which is spherical with many seeds embedded

in the pulp is green when unripe and turns pink or yellow when ripe. The plant is propagated widely by stem cutting and sometimes through the seeds. *P. granatum* is reported to be used for several disease conditions in folklore medicine. Some of its reported uses include gastrointestinal problems, enhancement of semen formation, memory activation, boosting of hemoglobin and as blood purifier. Various parts of the plant are employed in the management of various diseases such as dyspepsia, leprosy, bronchitis and hypertension. The plant has also been used as an antispasmodic and anthelmintic. In locally in Hausa land the flowers are used as vermifuge. The fruit and bark have also been used in tanning in ancient times. The plant is reported to contain over 28% of Gallotannic acid and the alkaloid pelletierine, methypelletierine, isopelletierine, psuedopelletierine, gallic acid, tannic acie, sugar, cacium oxalate, etc. (Irvine 1961). However, the phytochemical constituents of the plant and antimicrobial activity of this plant have not been reported in literature. The present study is aimed at providing information on the type of secondary metabolites contained in the plant and also provide scientific basis for some of its ethnomedicinal use.



2. Materials and Methods

All the solvents and reagent used in the study were of Analar grade and, unless otherwise stated, were sourced from Zayo-Sigma, Abuja, Nigeria.

2.1 Collection and Extraction of Plant Material

The plant was collected on the in April, 2010 from NIPRD medicinal plant garden and authenticated by the Taxonomist in the Department of Medicinal Plant Research and Traditional Medicine of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD) Abuja, Nigeria. A voucher specimen number NIPRD/H/6410 was prepared and deposited at the

herbarium of the department. The plant with the fruits and leaves was rinsed with clean water and then, the fruits and leaves were removed and separated. The fruits were peeled to separate the bark from the seed. The fruit bark and the leaf were air-dried separately for two weeks, and then crushed with a mortar and pestle. The crushed plant parts were kept separately in an air-tight cellophane bag until used.

The crushed materials were macerated successively for 24hrs in hexane, ethyl acetate, 98% methanol and distilled water. The extracts were concentrated in rotary evaporator and dried over a boiling water bath. The solid extracts were used for phytochemical analysis and antimicrobial screening.

2.2 Phytochemical screening

The presence of some secondary metabolites in the leaf and fruit bark were determined using standard methods (Sofowora 2008; Evans 2002). Proximate analysis was also carried out to determine the moisture content, total ash value, acid insoluble ash value, and alcohol and water extractive values.

2.3 Preparation of Extract Stock Concentration for Antimicrobial screening

A test stock concentration of 10mg/ml for water and methanol extracts were prepared by dissolving 0.1g of each extract in 10mls of distilled water in separate test tubes. For the ethyl acetate and hexane extracts a concentration of 10mg/ml was prepared by dissolving 0.1g in 10mls of dimethyl sofoxide (DMSO). The positive control drugs were sparfloxacin (0.2mg/ml), erythromycin (0.5mg/ml) and flouconazole (0.5mg/ml), all of sigma chemicals UK obtained from Zayo-Sigma Abuja Nigeria.

2.4 Antimicrobial Screening

2.4.1 Organism Source

The organisms used include standard strains, *Staphylococcus aureus* NCTC 6571, *Bacillus subtilis* NCTC 8236, *Escherichia coli* NCTC 10418, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* NCTC 6750, *Salmonella typhimurium* ATCC 9184, *Klebsiella pneumonia* ATCC 10031 and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 13704, and clinical isolates, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Methicilin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus faecalis*, *Corynebacterium ulcerans* *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Klebsiella ozaenae*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Pseudomonas fluorescense*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Aspergillus nigre*, *candida albicans*, *Microsporium gypseum* and *Trichophyton rubrum*. The typed strains and clinical isolates were obtained from the department of medical Microbiology Ahmadu Bello University

Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) and department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, Nigeria, respectively. All the organisms were checked for purity and maintained at 4°C in slants of nutrient agar and sabouraud dextrose agar (SDA) for bacteria and fungi respectively. Well diffusion method described by Hugo and Russel (1992) was used to determine the antimicrobial activities (zone of inhibition) of the extracts against the organisms.

2.4.2 Preparation of the Inoculum

A loopful of the test organism was taken from their respective agar slants and sub-cultured into test-tubes containing nutrient broth for bacteria and sabouraud dextrose liquid for fungi. The test-tubes were incubated for 24hrs at 37°C for bacteria and for 48hrs at 30°C for the fungi. The obtained microorganisms in the broth were standardized using normal saline to obtain a population density of 10⁸cfu/ml for the bacteria. For the fungi, fungal spores were harvested after 7 days old SDA slant culture was washed with 10ml normal saline in 2% Tween 80 with the aid of glass beads to help in dispersing the spores. The spores suspension were standardized to 10⁵cfu/ml.

2.4.3 Preparation of Media

The medium was prepared according to manufacturer's instruction (Oxoids Limited Basingstoke, Hampshire, England). 40g of Blood Agar (52g of SDA) were weighed into a conical flask 1000ml of distilled water was added and capped with a cotton wool. The media were boiled to dissolution and then sterilized at 121°C for 15mins. The media were allowed to cool to 45°C and 20ml of the sterilized medium was poured into sterile petri-dishes and allowed to cool and solidify. The plates were labeled with the test microorganism (each plate with a test microbe). The microbes were spread evenly over the surface of the medium with the aid of a glass spreader. The plates were dried at 37°C for 30mins and divided into two sets to be used for the well diffusion method and the disc diffusion method respectively.

2.4.4 Zone of Inhibition - Well Diffusion Method

A standard cork borer of 5mm in diameter was used to cut well at the center of each inoculated plate and the agar removed from the well. 0.1ml of the test solution (extract) was then introduced into the well created at the center for each plate. The bacteria plates were incubated at 37°C for 24hrs while the fungal plates were incubated at 30°C for 1-7days, and observed for the zone of inhibition of growth. The zones were measured with a transparent ruler and the result recorded in millimeters. The screening was done in triplicates. Sterilized distilled water and DMSO were used as negative control.

2.4.5 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration - Broth Dilution Method

MIC of the extracts were also carried out using broth dilution method as described in Ibekwe *et al*, 2001. The nutrient broth and sabouraud dextrose liquid were prepared according to the manufacturer's instruction (10ml of each broth was dispensed into separate test-tube and was sterilized at 121°C for 15mins and then allowed to cool. Two-fold serial dilutions of the extracts in the broth were made from the stock concentration of the extract to obtain 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625 mg/ml for water and methanol, and 5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625, 0.3125 mg/ml for ethyl acetate and hexane extracts. 0.1ml of the standardized inoculums of the microbes was inoculated into the different concentrations of the extracts in the broth. The test tubes of the broth were incubated at 37°C for 24hrs and 30°C for 1-7days for bacteria and fungi respectively and observed for turbidity. The lowest concentration which showed no turbidity in the test tube was recorded as the MIC.

2.4.6 Minimum Bactericidal/Fungicidal Concentration - Broth Dilution Method

Blood and sabouraud media were prepared, sterilized at 121°C for 15mins and was poured into sterile petri-dishes and left to cool and solidify. The contents of the MIC in the serial dilution were then sub-cultured onto the media and incubated at 37°C for 24hrs and 30°C for 1-7days for bacteria and fungi respectively, and observed for colony growth. The MBC/MFC was the plate with the lowest concentration of extract and without colony growth.

2.4.7 Determination of activity index

The activity index of the crude plant extract was calculated as;

$$\text{Activity index (A.I.)} = \frac{\text{Zone of inhibition of the extract}}{\text{Zone of inhibition obtained for standard antibiotic drug}}$$

2.4.8 Determination of proportion index

The proportion index was calculated as;

$$\text{Proportion index (P.I.)} = \frac{\text{Number of positive results obtained for extract}}{\text{Total number of tests carried out for each extract}}$$

3. Results

The results of phytochemical screening and proximate analysis are shown in tables 1 and 2, while table 3 shows zones of inhibition and activity index. Table 4 shows the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimum bactericidal/fungi concentration MBC/MFC.

Table 1: Phytochemical Analysis

Metabolites	LEAF				FRUIT BARK			
	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W
Alkaloids	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Tannins	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Carbohydrates	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Flavonoids	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Phytosterols	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Phenols	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Saponins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sterols	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Terpenes	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Volatile oils	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
Balsams	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

+ means detected; - means not detected; H means N- Hexane; E means ethyl acetate; M means methanol; W means water.

Table 2: Proximate Analysis

Parameter	Values (%)	
	LEAF	FRUIT BARK
Moisture content	6.50	11.70
Water-soluble extractive value	22.00	28.00
Alcohol-soluble extractive value	26.00	17.00
Total ash value	4.90	2.50
Acid-insoluble ash value	0.63	0.57

Table 3: Zone of Inhibition and Activity Index

TEST ORGANISM	STRAINS	ZONE OF INHIBITION (mm)								Activity Index							
		Leaf				Fruit bark				Leaf				Fruit bark			
		w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	NCTC 6571	32	32	27	28	24	27	30	30	1.45	1.45	1.23	1.27	1.09	1.23	1.36	1.36
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	NCTC 8236	30	27	22	25	27	28	32	28	1.36	1.23	1.00	1.14	1.23	1.27	1.45	1.27
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	NCTC 10418	27	32	0	25	0	0	30	32	1.13	1.33	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.33
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	NCTC 6750	29	30	22	27	31	0	29	0	1.21	1.25	0.92	1.13	1.29	0.00	1.21	0.00
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	ATCC 9184	32	29	21	0	22	27	30	25	1.19	1.07	0.78	0.00	0.81	1.00	1.11	0.93
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	ATCC 10031	30	30	0	0	27	25	34	26	1.03	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.93	0.86	1.17	0.90
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC 13704	29	27	21	29	27	27	32	27	1.07	1.00	0.78	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.19	1.00
<i>Candida albicans</i>	ATCC 10231	24	25	0	0	0	0	31	30	1.09	1.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	1.36
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Isolate	24	27	27	0	15	27	32	31	1.14	1.29	1.29	0.00	0.71	1.29	1.52	1.48
<i>Methicilin Resistant Staph. aurea</i>	Isolate	22	26	22	0	20	32	30	0	0.81	0.96	0.81	0.00	0.74	1.19	1.11	0.00
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	Isolate	22	26	20	27	19	31	30	30	0.85	1.00	0.77	1.04	0.73	1.19	1.15	1.15
<i>Streptococcus faecalis</i>	Isolate	20	27	27	27	20	0	30	30	0.69	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.69	0.00	1.03	1.03
<i>Corynebacterium ulcerans</i>	Isolate	0	22	24	26	0	27	29	28	0.00	0.73	0.80	0.87	0.00	0.90	0.97	0.93
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	28	0	29	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.17	0.00	1.21	0.00	0.00
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Isolate	24	26	17	29	22	26	30	31	0.96	1.04	0.68	1.16	0.88	1.04	1.20	1.24
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	Isolate	25	30	0	25	27	27	32	29	0.96	1.15	0.00	0.96	1.04	1.04	1.23	1.12
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Isolate	0	27	0	27	0	29	28	29	0.00	1.35	0.00	1.35	0.00	1.45	1.40	1.45
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Isolate	22	24	22	24	28	27	28	30	1.16	1.26	1.16	1.26	1.47	1.42	1.47	1.58
<i>Klebsiella ozaenae</i>	Isolate	23	27	22	28	22	24	28	0	1.28	1.50	1.22	1.56	1.22	1.33	1.56	0.00
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	26	0	0	24	29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.00	0.00	1.20	1.45
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	Isolate	0	27	22	25	0	31	27	0	0.00	1.13	0.92	1.04	0.00	1.29	1.13	0.00
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Isolate	22	28	24	0	24	27	26	0	1.00	1.27	1.09	0.00	1.09	1.23	1.18	0.00
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i>	Isolate	24	24	22	0	25	30	0	30	1.00	1.00	0.92	0.00	1.04	1.25	0.00	1.25
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	Isolate	20	28	24	29	27	27	27	29	0.91	1.27	1.09	1.32	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.32
<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i>	Isolate	0	22	0	29	30	28	27	31	0.00	1.10	0.00	1.45	1.50	1.40	1.35	1.55
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Aspergillus nigre</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	1.04
<i>Candida albicans</i>	Isolate	0	14	0	25	0	16	24	25	0.00	0.58	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.67	1.00	1.04
<i>Microsporium gypseum</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.00
<i>Trichophyton rubrum</i>	Isolate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹w = water extract; m= methanol extract; e= ethylacetate extract; h= hexane extract

²Proportion Index (Leaf): w=0.63; m=0.80; e=0.57; h=0.63

³Propotion Index (Fruit bark): w=0.63; m=0.70; e=0.87; h=0.70

Table 4: MIC and MBC/MFC

TEST ORGANISM	STRAINS	MIC (mg/ml)								MBC/MFC (mg/ml)							
		Leaf				Fruit bark				Leaf				Fruit bark			
		w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h	w	m	e	h
Staphylococcus aureus	NCTC 6571	1.25	1.25	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	0.625	0.625	5	5	5	2.5	10	5	1.25	1.25
Bacillus subtilis	NCTC 8236	1.25	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	0.625	1.25	5	5	10	5	10	5	1.25	2.5
Escherichia coli	NCTC 10418	2.5	1.25	-	1.25	-	-	1.25	0.625	10	2.5	-	5	-	-	2.5	1.25
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	NCTC 6750	2.5	1.25	2.5	1.25	2.5	-	0.625	-	10	5	10	2.5	5	-	1.25	-
Salmonella typhimurium	ATCC 9184	1.25	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	2.5	0.625	1.25	10	5	10	-	10	5	2.5	5
Klebsiella pneumoniae	ATCC 10031	1.25	2.5	-	-	2.5	2.5	0.625	1.25	5	5	-	-	10	5	1.25	2.5
Staphylococcus aureus	ATCC 13704	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	0.625	1.25	10	5	10	2.5	10	5	1.25	2.5
Candida albicans	ATCC 10231	1.25	2.5	-	-	-	-	0.625	0.625	5	5	-	-	-	-	1.25	1.25
Staphylococcus aureus	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	5	2.5	0.625	0.625	10	5	5	-	10	5	1.25	1.25
Methicilin Resistant Staph. aurea	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	1.25	0.625	-	10	5	10	-	10	2.5	2.5	-
Streptococcus pyogenes	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	5	1.25	0.625	0.625	10	5	10	2.5	10	2.5	2.5	1.25
Streptococcus faecalis	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	-	0.625	0.625	10	5	5	2.5	10	-	2.5	1.25
Corynebacterium ulcerans	Isolate	-	2.5	2.5	1.25	-	2.5	1.25	1.25	-	5	10	2.5	-	5	5	2.5
Listeria monocytogenes	Isolate	-	-	-	1.25	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	5	-	-
Bacillus subtilis	Isolate	2.5	2.5	5	1.25	2.5	2.5	0.625	0.625	10	5	5	2.5	10	5	2.5	1.25
Bacillus cereus	Isolate	2.5	1.25	-	1.25	2.5	2.5	0.625	1.25	5	2.5	-	2.5	5	2.5	1.25	2.5
Escherichia coli	Isolate	-	2.5	-	1.25	-	2.5	1.25	1.25	-	5	-	2.5	-	5	2.5	2.5
Klebsiella pneumoniae	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	1.25	0.625	10	5	10	5	5	5	2.5	1.25
Klebsiella ozaenae	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	1.25	-	10	5	10	2.5	10	5	2.5	-
Proteus mirabilis	Isolate	-	-	-	1.25	-	-	1.25	1.25	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	2.5
Proteus vulgaris	Isolate	-	2.5	-	1.25	-	1.25	1.25	-	-	5	-	5	-	2.5	2.5	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Isolate	2.5	2.5	-	-	2.5	2.5	1.25	-	10	5	-	-	10	5	2.5	-
Pseudomonas flourescences	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	1.25	-	0.625	10	5	10	-	5	2.5	-	1.25
Salmonella typhimurium	Isolate	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.25	2.5	2.5	1.25	1.25	10	5	10	5	5	5	2.5	2.5
Shigella dysenteriae	Isolate	-	2.5	-	1.25	1.25	2.5	1.25	-	-	5	-	2.5	2.5	5	2.5	-
Aspergillus flavus	Isolate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aspergillus nigre	Isolate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	5
Candida albicans	Isolate	-	5	-	1.25	-	5	1.25	1.25	-	10	-	2.5	-	10	5	2.5
Microsporium gypseum	Isolate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Trichophyton rubrum	Isolate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹w = water extract; m= methanol extract; e= ethyl acetate extract; h= hexane extract; - = not within study concentration range.

4. Discussion

The extracts of exhibited selective activity against most of the food pathogens and human respiratory disease-causing organisms like the *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Klebsiella ozaenae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomona flourescences*, *Salmonella typhimurium*,

and enteric organisms like *Streptococcus faecalis* and *Bacillus subtiliss*. The zones of inhibition exhibited against these extracts were comparable to those of the reference drugs. However, the water and methanol extracts of the leaf appeared to be more active than those of the fruit bark as the zones of inhibition were

more although in terms of broad-spectrum activity, there seem to be no significant difference. The reverse was the case for the ethyl acetate and hexane extracts. The observed activity may be due to the presence of some metabolites like alkaloid, saponins, flavonoids and terpenes which have been implicated in various biological activities.

The phytochemical screening of the fruit-bark and leaves indicated the presence of Alkaloid, Tannins, Sterols, Volatile oils, Carbohydrates, Flavonoids, Glycosides, Resins, Balsams, Terpenes and Free-Reducing sugar while Saponins was not detected. The presence of these metabolites suggests great potential for the plant as a source of useful phytomedicines (Kunle *et al.*, 2003). For instance, the presence of flavonoids and resins might be responsible its use as anti-inflammatory properties (Ibrahim *et al.*, 2010;

Egharevba and Kunle, 2010). Some alkaloids are known to be used as antimalarial agents (Ronan *et al.*, 2009). The presence of tannins could also shows that it is an astringent, help in wound healing and anti-parasitic. The presence of terpenes suggests it possible use as anti-tumor and anti-viral agent as some terpenes are known to be cytotoxic to tumor cells (Okhale *et al.*, 2010).

5. Conclusion

This study supports the folkloric use of *Punica granatum* leaf and fruit bark for the treatment of various infectious diseases in some part of the world. The study also shows that the leaf and fruit bark may be good as an antibacterial recipe but may not be very useful as an antifungus. Work is currently ongoing in our laboratory to isolate the compounds responsible for the activities exhibited.

Structures of some compounds from *P. Granatum*

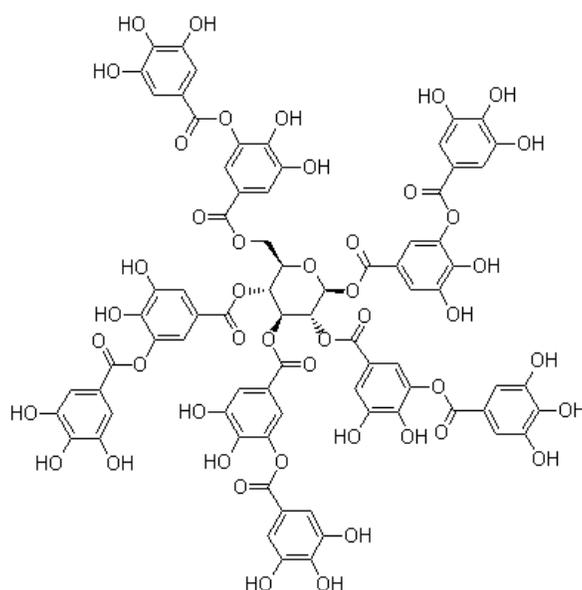


Figure 1: Tannic acid ($C_{76}H_{52}O_{46}$) Synonyms: gallotannic acid

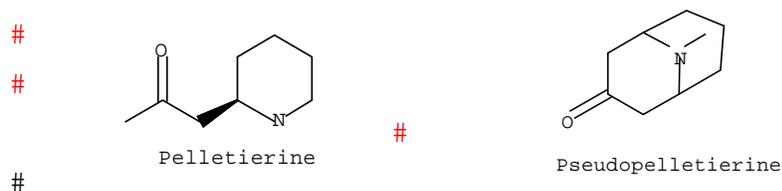


Figure 2: Pelletierine ($C_8H_{15}NO$) and Pseudopelletierine ($C_9H_{15}NO$)

Pelletierine synonyms: 2-Acetylpropylpiperidine, isopelletierine, (+/-)-Pelletierine; Isopelletierine; 1-(2-Piperidinyl)-2-Propanone; 1-(2-Piperidyl)-2-Propanone; 2-(2-Oxopropyl)Piperidine; IUPAC Name: 1-Piperidin-2-ylpropan-2-one (Pelletierine)

Pseudopelletierine Synonyms: 9-methyl-9-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-3-one, 9-Methyl-3-granataninone

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