

NEW FINDINGS OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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Summary of new findings of the dissertation:

1. Botany

- The scientific name of the research samples collected in Sa Pa, Lao Cai province, Vietnam were identified as *Anemone chapaensis* Gagnep., 1929, Ranunculaceae.

- Morphological characteristics including leaves, stems, roots, flowers, fruits, seeds of *Anemone chapaensis* were documented. The microscopic characteristics of leaves, stems, roots and powder characteristics of the underground parts of the research sample were also described. These are the most detailed and specific publications on the botanical research of this anemone species.

2. Chemical constituents

- 15 compounds have been isolated from the research sample, in which, 01 new saponin compound is 3-O- β -D-ribofuranosyl- (1 \rightarrow 3) - α -L-rhamnopyranosyl- (1 \rightarrow 2) - α -L-arabinopyranosyl hederagenin-28-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl- (1 \rightarrow 6) - β -D glucopyranosid (ACL1, chapaenosid), there are 6 compounds including blumenol A (ACL5), arctigenin (ACL8), arctiin (ACL9), trans-tilirosid (ACL10), 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (ACL11), and 3-hydroxy-4-methyl- γ -butyrolactone (ACR4) were first found in the genus *Anemone*.

- This is the first announcement about the chemical composition of *A. chapaensis* Gagnep.

3. Biological activities

- This is the first study about the inhibitory activity on production of LPS-stimulated NO in macrophages of samples extracted from *A. chapaensis*.

- The results of the study showed that the compound ACR2 (Huzhangosid A) has anti-inflammatory effect through inhibition of COX-2, this is the first report about inhibitory effect of COX-2 protein expression in the LPS-stimulated RAW264.7 macrophages for compounds extracted from this anemone species.

The good effects of the isolated compounds is the scientific basis to help explain the mechanism of anti-inflammatory effects of the underground parts of this medicinal plant through the pathway of inhibiting NO and COX-2.

- The study has shown that the compound **ACR1** (Prosapogenin CP6) was capable of poisoning 08 cancer cell lines including HepG2, A549, MCF7, Ovar-8, NCI-N87, RD, Panc-1, MIA Paca-2 with IC50 values of 16.7; 13.2; 24.1; 11.8; 5.4; 7.5; 7.5; and 2.7 µg / ml, respectively. Meanwhile compound **ACR2** (Huzhangosid A) was effective on 05 cancer cell lines including HepG2, OVCAR-8, NCI-N87, RD, and PANC-1 with IC50 values of 11.3; 10.6; 18.2; 12.2; and 19.6 µg / ml, respectively. This is the first report about the toxic effects on cancer cell lines of two compounds **ACR1** and **ACR2** isolated from the underground part of *A. chapaensis*.

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