

**Determination of phenolic compounds in extracts of  
Amazonian medicinal plants by liquid chromatography-  
electrospray tandem mass spectrometry**

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## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

**Table S1**

Extraction yields (w/w) of the ethanolic extracts obtained from the six studied plant species.

Plant species	Extraction yields (% w/w)		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
<i>Cecropia palmata</i>	22.05	0.47	3.53
<i>Cecropia obtusa</i>	10.44	1.21	1.32
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> var. <i>variegata</i>	4.60	3.44	8.55
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> var. <i>alboflava</i>	6.87	2.76	10.97
<i>Mansoa alliacea</i>	4.85	1.57	8.39
<i>Connarus perrottetii</i> var. <i>angustifolius</i>	8.76	9.50	6.50

**Table S2**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Cecropia palmata* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Cecropia palmata</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
Gallic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorogenic acid	475.0 ± 16.6	359.1 ± 19.9	60.1 ± 1.2	240.2 ± 7.7	1.1 ± 0.03	49.7 ± 1.9
(+)-catechin	24.0 ± 1.7	22.3 ± 0.9	3.7 ± 0.6	33.5 ± 2.5	0.3 ± 0.01	1.1 ± 0.2
Vanillic acid	11.2 ± 2.3	18.5 ± 0.3	10.2 ± 0.9	5.2 ± 2.0	0.3 ± 0.02	2.3 ± 0.4
Caffeic acid	23.0 ± 0.7	14.5 ± 0.7	19.8 ± 0.7	34.4 ± 3.1	1.9 ± 0.1	5.8 ± 0.3
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	4.2 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 0.1	4.9 ± 0.2	17.5 ± 1.0	0.8 ± 0.02	0.9 ± 0.02
Ferulic acid	3.4 ± 0.7	4.1 ± 0.6	2.2 ± 0.8	5.0 ± 1.0	0.3 ± 0.02	0.8 ± 0.1
Rutin	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	1.0 ± 0.2	153.2 ± 7.3	< ILOQ	< ILOQ
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	0.2 ± 0.1	-	0.1 ± 0.02	23.1 ± 1.1	-	< ILOQ
Myricetin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fisetin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	5.0 ± 0.8	2.5 ± 0.3	2.9 ± 0.4	1.3 ± 0.9	0.03 ± 0.01	0.5 ± 0.2
Quercetin	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	42.8 ± 2.7	< ILOQ	0.4 ± 0.2
Luteolin	-	-	-	5.6 ± 0.4	0.02 ± 0.004	0.3 ± 0.04
Apigenin	-	-	-	24.4 ± 1.6	-	-
Kaempferol	-	-	-	< ILOQ	-	-
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	< ILOQ	-	-
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S3**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Cecropia obtusa* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Cecropia obtusa</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
Gallic acid	-	-	-	-	< ILOQ	-
Chlorogenic acid	568.2 ± 26.6	287.5 ± 9.2	312.1 ± 8.6	455.8 ± 4.3	8.3 ± 0.3	21.6 ± 0.4
(+)-catechin	66.9 ± 2.7	94.9 ± 4.7	16.1 ± 0.9	24.4 ± 1.7	4.2 ± 0.2	2.8 ± 0.1
Vanillic acid	10.3 ± 1.6	12.8 ± 1.8	4.2 ± 0.8	10.1 ± 2.1	1.3 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1
Caffeic acid	31.9 ± 1.3	21.0 ± 1.3	6.2 ± 0.2	13.8 ± 1.9	4.9 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.03
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	2.9 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.4	0.7 ± 0.01	0.1 ± 0.01
Ferulic acid	3.2 ± 0.7	2.8 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.5	0.3 ± 0.04	0.1 ± 0.03
Rutin	38.0 ± 1.0	45.9 ± 2.0	75.7 ± 1.0	21.9 ± 2.6	1.6 ± 0.05	6.9 ± 0.1
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	3.6 ± 0.2	3.5 ± 0.2	-	4.4 ± 0.4	0.2 ± 0.01	< ILOQ
Myricetin	< ILOQ	-	-	38.2 ± 9.5	-	-
Fisetin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	1.8 ± 0.6	4.1 ± 0.6	4.5 ± 0.5	0.5 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.02	0.3 ± 0.1
Quercetin	2.5 ± 0.5	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	32.5 ± 2.4	9.9 ± 0.3	< ILOQ
Luteolin	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	-	4.4 ± 0.7	0.7 ± 0.01	< ILOQ
Apigenin	-	-	-	15.3 ± 1.3	-	-
Kaempferol	-	-	-	-	0.4 ± 0.1	-
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S4**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Bauhinia variegata* var. *variegata* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> var. <i>variegata</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3 harvest</i>
Gallic acid	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	-	-	-
Chlorogenic acid	79.6 ± 6.1	288.0 ± 8.3	384.9 ± 12.2	35.8 ± 2.3	29.4 ± 1.3	100.1 ± 2.2
(+)-catechin	12.8 ± 0.9	56.3 ± 1.4	78.8 ± 2.8	6.8 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.3	14.6 ± 0.4
Vanillic acid	5.2 ± 0.7	9.5 ± 0.7	16.9 ± 0.8	1.6 ± 0.4	5.7 ± 0.1	3.8 ± 0.3
Caffeic acid	13.1 ± 1.0	34.3 ± 1.7	27.4 ± 1.7	7.7 ± 0.6	121.1 ± 2.8	22.9 ± 0.6
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	10.3 ± 0.3	14.7 ± 0.4	19.8 ± 0.5	3.8 ± 0.1	18.4 ± 0.6	8.6 ± 0.2
Ferulic acid	7.8 ± 0.9	13.0 ± 0.9	10.9 ± 0.6	2.5 ± 0.3	28.7 ± 0.5	6.9 ± 0.2
Rutin	608.1 ± 32.3	351.1 ± 7.2	2517.3 ± 48.0	176.8 ± 4.3	129.9 ± 4.1	832.9 ± 1.4
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	24.5 ± 1.4	17.2 ± 0.9	158 ± 2.9	9.7 ± 0.5	3.9 ± 0.2	22 ± 0.1
Myricetin	-	-	-	30.2 ± 5.6	-	-
Fisetin	-	-	-	-	0.3 ± 0.1	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	1.4 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.3	3.1 ± 0.6	0.4 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.3
Quercetin	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	10.5 ± 0.6	99.8 ± 1.5	17.8 ± 0.5
Luteolin	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	0.8 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.1	4.6 ± 0.2
Apigenin	-	-	-	5.0 ± 0.4	< ILOQ	< ILOQ
Kaempferol	-	-	-	0.3 ± 0.6	9.3 ± 1.6	-
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	-
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S5**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Bauhinia variegata* var. *alboflava* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> var. <i>alboflava</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
Gallic acid	-	-	< ILOQ	-	-	-
Chlorogenic acid	226.7 ± 6.2	349.7 ± 13	371.5 ± 15.8	27.5 ± 2.5	31.4 ± 1.1	81.3 ± 1.2
(+)-catechin	81.5 ± 4.6	123.1 ± 5.7	88.8 ± 3.6	8.6 ± 1.3	8.0 ± 0.1	23.0 ± 0.4
Vanillic acid	8.3 ± 1.6	7.0 ± 1.4	16.0 ± 0.5	< ILOQ	3.0 ± 0.3	5.6 ± 0.5
Caffeic acid	33.5 ± 2.4	48.7 ± 2.3	31.8 ± 1.1	8.3 ± 1.1	39.3 ± 0.8	21.9 ± 0.5
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	19.2 ± 0.6	27.3 ± 1.2	19.3 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 0.4	10.5 ± 0.2	13.4 ± 0.2
Ferulic acid	12.2 ± 1.0	10.1 ± 0.9	13.5 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.9	9.3 ± 0.2	6.2 ± 0.3
Rutin	746.2 ± 31.3	2182.2 ± 29.2	1720.8 ± 40.3	67.0 ± 3.3	274.1 ± 2.0	259.3 ± 1.5
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	12.3 ± 0.6	14.5 ± 0.5	16.6 ± 0.7	3.7 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 0.1	9.1 ± 0.2
Myricetin	< ILOQ	-	-	-	-	-
Fisetin	-	-	-	-	< ILOQ	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	2.9 ± 0.8	3.3 ± 0.8	4.3 ± 0.6	0.5 ± 0.3	0.6 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.3
Quercetin	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	1.2 ± 0.4	18.7 ± 2.3	37.1 ± 1.4	44.2 ± 1.2
Luteolin	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	1.6 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.04	2.9 ± 0.2
Apigenin	-	-	-	6.7 ± 0.6	< ILOQ	< ILOQ
Kaempferol	-	-	-	< ILOQ	4.5 ± 0.6	5.0 ± 1.1
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	< ILOQ	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	< ILOQ	0.1 ± 0.02	< ILOQ
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S6**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Mansoa alliacea* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Mansoa alliacea</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
Gallic acid	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	-	-	-
Chlorogenic acid	99.1 ± 3.5	128.8 ± 2.7	63.0 ± 2.4	9.6 ± 0.4	3.3 ± 0.05	18.1 ± 0.6
(+)-catechin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanillic acid	16.4 ± 1.4	10.1 ± 0.7	10.1 ± 0.8	2.7 ± 0.4	1.1 ± 0.1	5.4 ± 0.5
Caffeic acid	5.6 ± 0.5	9.4 ± 0.4	4.8 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.03	2.2 ± 0.1
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	34.2 ± 1.9	51.4 ± 1.2	22.4 ± 0.5	16.9 ± 1.1	5.9 ± 0.1	4.8 ± 0.1
Ferulic acid	25.8 ± 0.7	27.7 ± 0.8	32.5 ± 0.9	11.0 ± 0.4	4.2 ± 0.1	12.5 ± 0.2
Rutin	3.6 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.2	8.2 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.02	4.2 ± 0.1
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	-	-	0.1 ± 0.04	-	-	0.1 ± 0.02
Myricetin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fisetin	-	-	< ILOQ	-	-	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	3.7 ± 0.7	10.7 ± 0.8	6.9 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.1	0.6 ± 0.1	2.5 ± 0.3
Quercetin	-	-	-	-	-	< ILOQ
Luteolin	0.6 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	10.2 ± 0.7	5.6 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.1
Apigenin	5.2 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.2	5.2 ± 0.3	8.6 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.03	3.8 ± 0.1
Kaempferol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S7**

Concentrations of phenolic compounds in *Connarus perrottetii* var. *angustifolius* determined by UHPLC-ESI-MS/MS using infusions and ethanolic extracts of three harvests. The values are given in  $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$  of plant followed by standard deviation of the concentration ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	<i>Connarus perrottetii</i> var. <i>angustifolius</i>					
	Infusion			Ethanolic extract		
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> harvest</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> harvest</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> harvest</i>
Gallic acid	11.6 ± 0.8	109.8 ± 5.0	65.6 ± 1.3	6.6 ± 1.5	49.2 ± 1.9	44.3 ± 0.9
Chlorogenic acid	-	2.0 ± 0.7	-	-	0.7 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.1
(+)-catechin	1007.8 ± 10.3	1773.7 ± 26.9	1236.4 ± 30.1	442.1 ± 31.7	374.1 ± 6.3	258.4 ± 3.5
Vanillic acid	9.2 ± 0.9	15.2 ± 0.6	18.9 ± 1.2	6.2 ± 1.5	15.9 ± 0.9	14.6 ± 0.4
Caffeic acid	-	-	0.8 ± 0.2	< ILOQ	-	0.3 ± 0.1
6-hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	1.7 ± 0.1	2.4 ± 0.1	8.2 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.04	6.1 ± 0.2
Ferulic acid	7.3 ± 0.6	0.9 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.5	10.7 ± 1.0	1.0 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.2
Rutin	0.5 ± 0.2	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	0.4 ± 0.1	-	< ILOQ
4-Hydroxycoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosmarinic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quercitrin	-	-	-	-	-	< ILOQ
Myricetin	-	-	-	-	17.8 ± 8.3	5.6 ± 2.7
Fisetin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resveratrol	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-acetylcoumarin	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	-	0.7 ± 0.2	< ILOQ	-	< ILOQ	0.4 ± 0.1
Quercetin	-	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	< ILOQ	11.8 ± 0.2	7.3 ± 0.3
Luteolin	-	< ILOQ	-	< ILOQ	-	-
Apigenin	-	-	-	9.5 ± 0.1	-	-
Kaempferol	-	-	-	-	15.3 ± 1.8	7.6 ± 1.2
3,6-dihydroxyflavone	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chrysin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galangin	-	-	-	-	-	-