Biochemical evidence for a cGMP-regulated protein kinase in *Pharbitis nil*

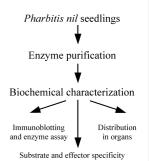
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A 70 kDa cGMP-regulated protein kinase was identified in the extracts from *Pharbitis nil* seedlings and the biochemical characterization and distribution of this enzyme are reported.

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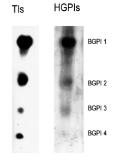
Bitter gourd proteinase inhibitors: potential growth inhibitors of *Helicoverpa armigera* and *Spodoptera litura*

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Proteinase inhibitors from seeds of bitter gourd were identified as strong inhibitors of *H. armigera* gut proteinases. In feeding studies these PIs were found to retard growth and development of *H. armigera* and *S. litura* larvae.



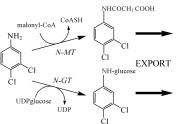
3,4-Dichloroaniline is detoxified and exported via different pathways in *Arabidopsis* and soybean

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In soybean roots, 3,4-dichloroaniline was metabolised predominantly to the *N*-malonyl conjugate whereas in *Arabidopsis thaliana* root cultures, the *N*-glucoside was the major metabolite. In both cases, the respective DCA-conjugates were exported from the roots into the culture medium.



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The microbiological transformation of the diterpenes dehydroabietanol and teideadiol by *Mucor plumbeus*

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Biotransformation of the diterpenes dehydroabietanol (1) and teideadiol (15) by $Mucor\ plumbeus$ produces compounds hydroxylated at the 2α - and 7-positions. 15-Hydroxylated metabolites were only obtained in the incubation of dehydroabietanol.

15 R = OH

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Hydroperoxy-arachidonic acid mediated *n*-hexanal and (Z)-3- and (E)-2-nonenal formation in Laminaria angustata

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n-Hexanal and (Z)-3- and (E)-2-nonenal in a brown alga, Laminaria angustata, were generated from arachidonic acid via intermediates, (S)-12-hydroperoxy-5(Z), 8(Z), 10(E), 14(Z)-eicosatetraenoic acid and (S)-15-hydroperoxy-5(Z), 8(Z), 11(Z), 13(E)-eicosatetaenoic acid, respectively, through a lipoxygenase/ hydroperoxide lyase system.

Phytochemistry, 2003, **63**, 679 Soluble and wall-bound phenolics and phenolic polymers in Musa acuminata roots exposed to elicitors from Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. cubense

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The identification of soluble and wall-bound phenolics and phenolic polymers in Musa acuminata (Goldfinger) roots exposed to elicitors from Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. cubense race 4 is reported.

Total Root Phenols

- **→** Free phenolic acids
- Phenolic glycosides
- Phenolic esters
- Cell wall-bound esters → → Lignin

Melanin in the extracellular matrix of germlings of Botrytis cinerea

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A dark pigment in the extracellular matrix of germlings of Botrytis cinerea exhibited the electron paramagnetic resonance characteristics of a fungal melanin. Scanning and transmission electron microscopy indicated that this pigment had a filamentous nature.

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Botrytis cinerea Extracellular Matrix

Reflux in

Dark pigment (Analyses using electron

paramagnetic resonance and electron microscopy demonstrate pigment to be a fungal melanin that is filamentous in form.)

Long-chain $(C_{19}-C_{29})$ 1-chloro-*n*-alkanes in leaf waxes of halophytes of the Chenopodiaceae

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A minor series of odd and even carbon-chains 1-chloro-n-alkanes ranging from C_{19} to C_{29} were identified in the hydrocarbon fraction of leaf waxes of three halophylic members of the Chenopodiaceae. No evidence for a precursor-product relationship between the 1-chloro-n-alkanes and other wax classes could be established.

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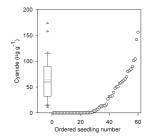
Cyanogenic *Eucalyptus nobilis* is polymorphic for both prunasin and specific β -glucosidases

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Eucalyptus nobilis is unique among eucalypts in being highly polymorphic for cyanogenesis. Acyanogenic trees lack either prunasin, or the specific β -glucosidase, or both.

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Investigating plant—plant interference by metabolic fingerprinting

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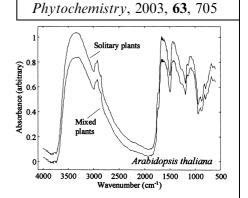
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Fourier transform—infrared spectroscopy and cluster analysis were used to detect changes in the global metabolic fingerprints of plants in response to biotic interactions.



Characterisation of alkaloids from some Australian *Stephania* (Menispermaceae) species

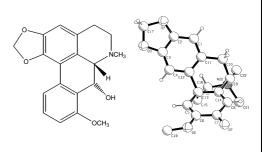
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Complete and unambiguous NMR analysis of several benzylisoquinoline alkaloids including (–)-ayuthianine (4) and the X-ray crystal structure of the methiodide derivative of (–)-amurine (9).

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Mechanism of dusky reddish-brown "kaki" color development of Japanese morning glory, *Ipomoea nil* cv. Danjuro

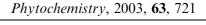
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The mechanism of dusky reddish-brown "kaki" color development of morning glory, *Ipomoea nil* cv. Danjuro, was clarified by combination of vacuolar pH and color measurements of single cell and reproduction by mixing isolated components.





Vacuolar pH of epidermal cell

Open petal: pH 6.8

Bud: pH 5.8

Vacuolar pH measurement with microelectrode

Two very unusual macrocyclic flavonoids from the water lily *Nymphaea lotus*

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Three novel flavonols, myricetin-3'-O-(6"-p-coumaroyl)glucoside and two epimeric macrocyclic derivatives have been isolated from the wild water lily Nymphaea lotus L. This is the first report of such a macrocycle from any source.

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