Cell wall-associated enzymes in fungi

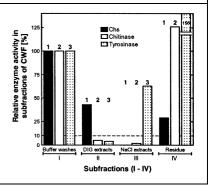
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The identity, compartmentation in muro and presumptive function of fungal wall-associated enzymes (WAEs) have been reviewed. A facile and rapid fractionation protocol for WAEs is presented, which has been applied, inter alia, to chitin synthase (1), chitinase (2), and tyrosinase (3).

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New perspectives on proanthocyanidin biochemistry and molecular regulation

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The ability to manipulate proanthocyanidin synthesis was recently extended by several exciting developments. New stereo-specific structural genes (leucoanthocyanidin reductase and anthocyanidin reductase), a vacuolar transport gene and six regulatory genes are reviewed. Leucocyanidin reductase activity and the levels of proanthocyanidin accumulation have been increased in alfalfa forage.

Terpenoids in Buddleja:

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relevance to chemosystematics, chemical ecology and biological activity

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The value of the terpenoids in *Buddleja* in taxonomy, ecological interactions and medicinal uses is discussed.

Cardioactive and antibacterial terpenoids from some *Salvia* species

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Cardioactive and antibacterial diterpenoids were isolated from seven Salvia species of Turkish origin.

Jasmonate-induced epoxidation of tabersonine by a cytochrome P-450 in hairy root cultures of Catharanthus roseus

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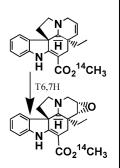
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Methyl jasmonate promoted tabersonine biosynthesis in hairy root cultures of Catharanthus roseus. Tabersonine 6,7-epoxidase activity in microsomes was inhibited by carbon monoxide, clotrimazole, miconazole, and cytochrome C, indicating that the enzyme was a cytochrome P-450-dependent monooxygenase.



Purification and characterization of a flavonol

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3-O-β-heterodisaccharidase from the dried herb of Fagopyrum esculentum Moench

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A flavonol-3-O-β-heterodisaccharide glycosidase (FHG I) was isolated from dried overground parts of Fagopyrum esculentum Moench. FHG I is a monomeric glycoprotein with a carbohydrate content of 23% and a molecular mass of 74.5 kDa.

Partial purification and characterisation of a

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 419

2,4,5-trichlorophenol detoxifying O-glucosyltransferase from wheat

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A UDP-glucose-dependent O-glucosyltransferase from wheat with activity toward 2,4,5-trichlorophenol also catalyses the 3-O-glucosylation of flavonoids.

Monoterpene biosynthesis pathway construction in Escherichia coli

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 425

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The four step pathway for the biosynthesis of (-)-carvone from primary metabolites was installed in Escherichia coli to determine the capacity of the microbial host for producing plant monoterpenes.

Flavanone 3-hydroxylase expression in *Citrus paradisi* and *Petunia hybrida* seedlings

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 435

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Quantification of flavanone-3-hydroxylase (F3H) mRNA in petunia and grapefruit seedlings at different developmental stages indicates that differential metabolism of naringenin into flavanone glycosides by grapefruit and flavonols/anthocyanins by petunia is not due to lower levels of F3H transcription in grapefruit tissues.

Functional expression of cinnamate 4-hydroxylase from *Ammi majus* L.

Phytochemistry, 2003, **64**, 445

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Cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase (C4H) was cloned from elicited *A. majus* cells and functionally expressed in yeast cells. The polypeptide shows 98.6% sequence identity with the C4H from parsley.

β-Peltatin 6-O-methyltransferase from suspension cultures of *Linum nodiflorum*

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The S-adenosyl-L-methionine-dependent β -peltatin 6-O-methyltransferase from cell suspension cultures of $Linum\ nodiflorum\ (Linaceae)$ was isolated and characterized.

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 453

Differentiation-dependent levels of benzofuran-type resveratrol dimers in root cultures of *Anigozanthos preissii*

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 459

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The level of secondary compounds of *Anigozanthos* root cultures depends on the differentiation state of the plant tissue. Three new glucosides of anigopreissin A, a benzofuran-type resveratrol dimer, were isolated and their structures elucidated by NMR and MS.

Antioxidant and insect growth regulatory activities of stilbenes and extracts from *Yucca periculosa*

Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 463

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Stilbenes could be involved in the interference of the sclerotization and moulting properties, and appear to have selective effects on the pre-emergence metabolism of the insect.

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Phenolic and heterocyclic metabolite profiles of the grapevine pathogen *Eutypa lata*

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Eutypinol (1) and eulatachromene (2), were the most abundant metabolites produced by different isolates of *Eutypa lata* grown on grapewood aqueous extract. Eutypinol was not phytotoxic in a grapeleaf disc bioassay but eulatachromene produced necrosis.

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Response of scab-susceptible (McIntosh) and scab-resistant (Liberty) apple tissues to treatment with yeast extract and *Venturia inaequalis*

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Yeast extract or fungal elicitor treated scab resistant apple cell cultures produce biphenyl and dibenzofuran phytoalexins, while intact plants or organs accumulate phloridzin, phloretin, cinnamyl glucose, *p*-coumaric or *p*-coumarylquinic acids.

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7,8-Benzoflavone: a phytotoxin from root exudates of invasive Russian knapweed

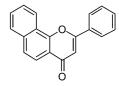
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7,8-Benzoflavone is exuded from roots of *Acroptilon repens* grown in vitro and is phytotoxic to a variety of weed species. Flavone was also shown to be phytotoxic.



Distribution of phytoecdysteroids in the Caryophyllaceae

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The distribution of ecdysteroids in members of the Caryophyllaceae is surveyed and their value as chemotaxonomic markers assessed.

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The chemotaxonomic significance of two bioactive caffeic acid esters, nepetoidins A and B, in the Lamiaceae

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(Z,E)-[2-(3,5-dihydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoate (1) and (Z,E)-[2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoate (2) were detected in leaf surface extracts of the great majority of species investigated for subfamily Nepetoideae of the Lamiaceae, whereas they were absent from species of the other subfamilies examined. Hence they are of chemotaxonomic significance. Compound 2 showed a high antioxidant activity.

1: $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = OH$ 2: $R_1 = OH$, $R_2 = H$

Aragoside and iridoid glucosides from *Aragoa* cundinamarcensis

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In a chemical investigation of *Aragoa cundinamarcensis* both iridoid glucosides and a new caffeoyl phenylethanoid triglycoside were isolated. The garniture of compounds was very similar to that previously known from *Plantago* and *Veronica*, supporting the close relationship between these taxa.

Biologically active alkylated coumarins from *Kayea assamica*

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Theraphins A, B, C, and D, were isolated as cytotoxic principles from the bark of *Kayea assamica* (Clusiaceae) native to Myanmar.

Antifungal isopimaranes from Hypoestes serpens

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From the leaves of *Hypoestes serpens*, five antifungal isopimarane diterpenoids were isolated. Their structures were elucidated by detailed spectral analysis.

seco-Iridoids from Calycophyllum spruceanum (Rubiaceae)

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Three *seco*-iridoids 7-methoxydiderroside, 6'-O-acetyldiderroside and 8-O-tigloyldiderroside, were isolated from the wood bark of *Calycophyllum spruceanum* together with the known iridoids loganetin, loganin and the *seco*-iridoids secoxyloganin, kingiside and diderroside. Some of these micromolecules showed weak in vitro activity against trypomastigote forms of *Trypanosoma cruzi*.

Antifungal flavanones and prenylated hydroquinones from *Piper crassinervium* Kunth

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Bioactivity-guided fractionation of the leaves extract from *Piper crassinervium* resulted in the isolation of three antifungal prenylated hydroquinones (1–3) together with two known antifungal flavanones.

Composition and antimicrobial activity of the essential oils from invasive species of the Azores, *Hedychium gardnerianum* and *Pittosporum undulatum*

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The major terpenoid components of the essential oils of the invasive plant species, *Hedychium gardnerianumn* leaf and floral tissues and *Pittosporum undulatum* leaf tissues were identified. Essential oils from *H. gardnerianumn* were active against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *S. epidermis*, whereas *P. undulatum* oils had antithrombin activity.





Bioactive flavonoids of Tanacetum parthenium revisited

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Bio-guided fractionation of an extract from Tanacetum parthenium showing activity as mitotic blocker allowed the isolation and identification of santin 3, jaceidin 2 and centaureidin 1. The latter two closely related flavonols, which, to the best of our knowledge, are isolated here together for the first time, form a mixture difficult to resolve and which is probably the reason for the confusion in the literature regarding their occurrence. Centaureidin 1 had an IC50 of 1 μ M while jaceidin 2 and santin 3 were 200 times less active.

A cyclic carbonate and related polyketides from a marine-derived fungus of the genus *Phoma*

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Diterpenoids from *Neoboutonia glabrescens* (Euphorbiaceae)

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Glabrescin, a daphnane diterpenoid, neoboutonin (3), a degraded diterpenoid with a novel skeleton, and neoglabrescins A (4) and B (5), two rhamnofolane derivatives, have been isolated from the stem bark of *Neoboutonia glabrescens*.

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Furanonaphthoquinones, atraric acid and a benzofuran from the stem barks of *Newbouldia laevis*

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The series of naturally occurring furanonaphthoquinones is extended by identification of the derivatives 2-(1'-methylethenyl)-5-hydroxynaphtho[2,3-b]furan-4,9-dione and 2-(1'-methylethenyl)-7-hydroxynaphtho[2,3-b]furan-4,9-dione. They are accompanied in the stem barks of *Newbouldia laevis* by the rare atraric acid and the new 2-(1'-methylethenyl)-6-hydroxy-2,3-benzofuran. The structures of these compounds were established from spectroscopic studies.

Acylated flavonol glycosides from leaves of *Planchonia grandis*

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Three acylated kaempferol glycosides have been identified from leaves of *Planchonia grandis* Ridl. The first unit of each triglycosidic chain is esterified by a *cis* or *trans p*-coumaric acid. Their structures were established by spectral evidence.

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$$R_1 \circ H_2 \circ H_3 \circ H_4 \circ H_4 \circ H_5 \circ H_5 \circ H_6 \circ H_6 \circ H_7 \circ H_7 \circ H_8 \circ H_$$

2 $R_1 = cis p$ -coumaroyl $R_2 = \beta$ -D glc

3 $R_1 = trans p$ -coumaroyl $R_2 = \alpha$ -L rha

Pterocarpans from *Bituminaria morisiana* and *Bituminaria bituminosa*

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The title plants, once part of the genus *Psoralea*, accumulate pterocarpans, including compounds **1b** and **1c**, supporting their inclusion into the distinct genus *Bituminaria*.

Three isoflavanones with cannabinoid-like moieties from *Desmodium canum*

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Three isoflavanones were isolated from the methylene chloride extract of the roots of *Desmodium canum*.

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Hot alkali-labile linkages in the walls of the forage grass *Phalaris aquatica* and *Lolium perenne* and their relation to in vitro wall digestibility

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Hydroxycinnamic acid ester—ether bridges between polysaccharide and lignin in the cell walls of grasses are important determinants of their digestibility by polysaccharide hydrolases.

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Alkaloids and limonoids from

Bouchardatia neurococca: systematic significance

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Five alkaloids, four β -indoloquinazoline and one furoquinoline, and four terpenoids, three limonoids and one modified sesquiterpene, have been obtained from the aerial parts of *Bouchardatia neurococca* (Rutaceae). The pattern of secondary metabolites isolated is rather unusual in the Rutaceae and is reminiscent of *Tetradium*, a genus with which *Bouchardatia* has not previously been associated.

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Analysis of ellagitannins and conjugates of ellagic acid and quercetin in raspberry fruits by LC-MSⁿ

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I.C. MSn can be used to identify trace levels of allogitannins and

LC-MSⁿ can be used to identify trace levels of ellagitannins and conjugates of ellagic acid and quercetin in raspberries.

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Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 609

A linear sesterterpene, two squalene derivatives and two peptide derivatives from *Croton hieronymi*

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Aerial parts of *Croton hieronymi* furnished the C-25 analog of phytol, two squalene derivatives and the peptide derivatives aurentiamide acetate and *N*-benzoylphenylalanyl-*N*-benzoylphenylalaninate.

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Secondary metabolites from *Cedrelopsis grevei* (Ptaeroxylaceae)

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The triterpenoid derivative, cedashnine 1 and the quassinoid, cedphiline 2, together with cedmiline, scoparone, β -amyrin and sitosteryl glucoside have been isolated from the stem bark of *Cedrelopsis grevei*.

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Volatile constituents in the liverwort *Tritomaria polita*

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The sesquiterpenoids (+)-eudesma-3,11-dien-8-one (1), (+)-eudesma-3,7(11)-dien-8-one (2), (+)-6,11-epoxy-eudesmane (6), (-)-6,7-seco-eudesm-7(11)-en-6-al (8), (+)-6 β -hydroxy-eudesm-11-ene (10), (-)-6 α -hydroxy-eudesm-11-ene (11) and (+)-6,11-epoxy-isodaucane (12) could be identified in the essential oil of the liverwort *Tritomaria polita*.

Cissampeloflavone, a chalcone-flavone dimer from *Cissampelos pareira*

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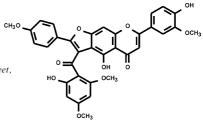
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An antiprotozoal chalcone-flavone dimer, cissampeloflavone, has been isolated and characterised from Cissampelos pareira.



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Curtisians E-H: four *p*-terphenyl derivatives from the inedible mushroom *Paxillus curtisii*

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Four *p*-terphenyl derivatives named curtisians E-H (1-4) were isolated from the methanolic extract of fruit bodies of the Basidiomycete *Paxillus curtisil*.

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Acylated flavonoid and phenylethanoid glycosides from *Marrubium velutinum*

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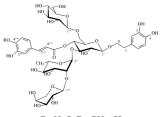
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An acylated flavonoid glycoside, chrysoeriol 7-O-(3",6"-di-O-E-p-coumaroyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside, and two tetrasaccharide phenylethanoid glycosides, velutinosides I-II, have been isolated from the aerial parts of *Marrubium velutinum*.

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R=H: I, R=CH3: II

Flavonoids of Ochna afzelii

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Two biflavonoids, afzelones A (1) and B (2) along with six known compounds were isolated from the stem bark of *Ochna afzelii*.

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Trypanocidal tetrahydrofuran lignans from inflorescences of *Piper solmsianum*

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In addition to sitosterol, syringaldehyde, 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoic acid, isoelemicin and grandisin, two tetrahydrofuran lignans were isolated from *P. solmsianun* and characterized as *rel-(7R,8R,7'R,8'R)*-3',4'-methylenedioxy-3,4,5,5'-tetramethoxy-7,7'-epoxylignan and *rel-(7R,8R,7'R,8'R)*-3,4,3',4'-dimethylenedioxy-5,5'-dimethoxy-7,7'-epoxylignan on the basis of spectroscopic data, including 2D NMR spectrometric techniques. Their in vitro activities against the *Trypanosoma cruzi* were evaluated.