



ETHNO-PHARMACOLOGY AND PHYTO-CHEMISTRY OF *MALLOTUS PHILIPPINENSIS* (EUPHORBIACEAE): A REVIEW

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Abstract

The Euphorbiaceae (*Mallotus philippinensis* Muell. Arg) perennial shrub or small tree has extensive pharmacological activity in the outer Himalayas below 1,000m. *Mallotus philippinensis* phenolics are antibacterial, antiviral, cytotoxic, immunoregulatory, and anti-inflammatory. Bergenin, mallotophilipinens, and rottlerin have anti-inflammatory and immune-regulating properties. Pharmacological, toxicological, and biological properties are flawless. This study supports the use of *Mallotus philippinensis* in modern medicine as a source of medicinally relevant natural compounds. *Mallotus philippinensis*, its stem, leaf, and fruit are poorly understood. The toxicity of crude extracts or their pure components must also be studied. Based on this study, more research is needed on Euphorbiaceae.

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1.1. Introduction

India has unique medicinal herbs [1]. Herbs cure people and animals. Phytochemicals can be therapeutic. Tannins, flavanoids, terpenoids, alkaloids, glycosides Ayurveda heals with plant parts. Leaves, seeds, bark, flowers, roots, etc. were utilised as medicine. This natural, less-dangerous method is preferred [3]. India possesses 20 of *Mallotus*' 150 species [4]. *Mallotus philippensis* is called kamala and kukkum. 25-m Euphorbiaceae, Studies show it heals. Bark for typhoid and meningitis, organ and hairs for intestinal worms and laxative, oil for skin problems and non-healing wounds, leaves for skin infections and injuries. Whole plant and other chemicals treat parasites. [8]. *Mallotus philippensis* grows in China,

India, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, and Solomon Islands. Evergreens are common. Human activity dominates secondary. *Kumkum* grows in rocky soil [9]. 25 m *Kumkum* trees with 40cm trunks. Uneven trunk, grey bark, greyish brown branches, rusty hairs. It has a 50-centimeter bole. Reddish, glandular branches. Pointy, 4-12 cm long leaves. Lower leaf surfaces are pale grey and hairless. 3-nerved, glandular leaves. Tree blooms yellow-brown unisexually. Separate plants produce male and female blooms. Male flower terminal and axillary. 2-10cm spiky blooms. Flower stamens and hairs. Ovary stigma number 3. 3 lobed, 5-7mm broad capsules are powdered. Three seeds are



in each orange capsule. Subglobose, 4-mm seeds [11]. In March-April, *Mallotus philippensis* blooms and bears fruit [12].

1.2. Geographical Distribution

It grows in Punjab, Uttar-Pradesh, Bengal, Assam, Burma, Singapore, Sind, Mumbai, and Ceylon. China, Malaya, Australia, Pakistan, and Andaman Islands increase. (13) The rainy season germinates hot-season seeds. Artificially sowing seeds in April. Stronger seedlings can be transplanted the first year, while

smaller ones may need another. Root suckers grow slowly. Frost-, drought-, and shade-hardy. *Fomes conchatus*, *L. rimosus*, *E. caryophylli*, *Hexagonia discopoda*, *Polyporus adustus*, *Stereum hirsutum*, etc. attack the tree. In India, average girth growth is 0.65 cm per year and less than 15 cm after 16 years. *M. philippensis* trees grow 1.4 cm annually in the Philippines. *M. philippensis* is frost-hardy, drought-resistant, and coppices well in India. *M. philippensis* is fire-resistant. (10)



Fig:1 Geographical Distribution of *Mallotus philippensis*

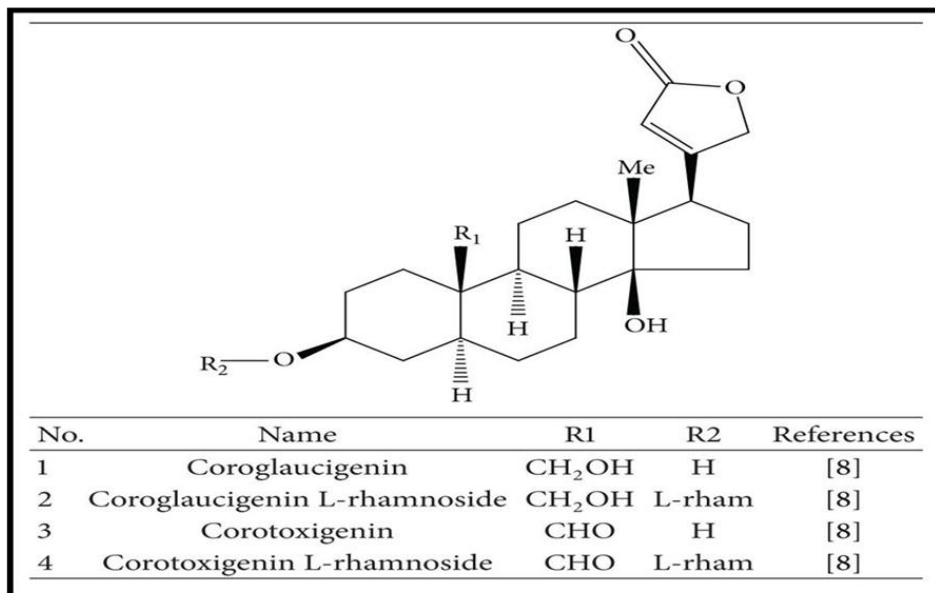
1.3. Chemical Constituents

Includes phenols, diterpenoids, steroids, flavonoids, cardenolides, triterpenoids, coumarin, and isocoumarin. Its phytochemistry and biology are unknown. Researchers have identified active elements. Chemical structure, biological effects, and other phytochemicals of *rottlerin*. *Mallotus apelta*, *M. metcalfeanus*, *M. philippinensis*, *M. paniculatus*, *M. repandus* have been investigated. *Mallotus* contains diterpenoids, triterpenoids, steroids, benzopyranes, flavonoids, and coumarin lignoids. Other plan

ts are unknown. Some studies isolate a furanocarboxamide from *M. cuneatus*, scopoletin from *M. resinus*, phloroglucinol derivatives from *M. pallidus*, or triterpenoids and casbane-type diterpenoid lactones from *M. hookerianus*.

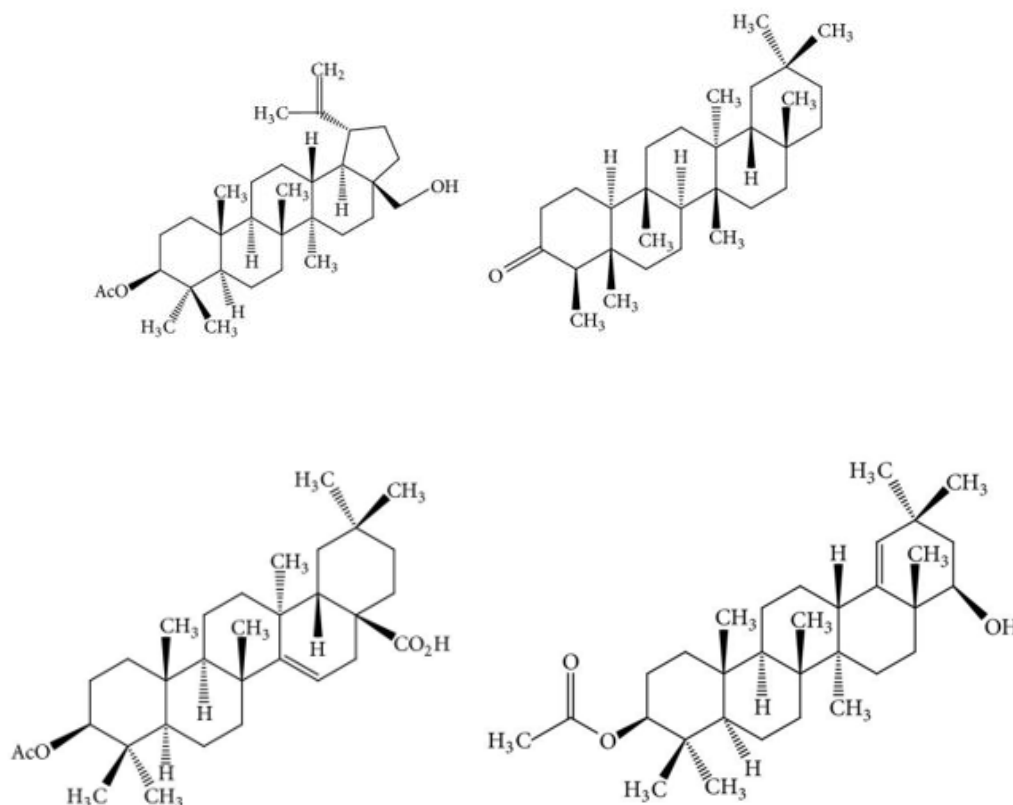
1. Cardenolides

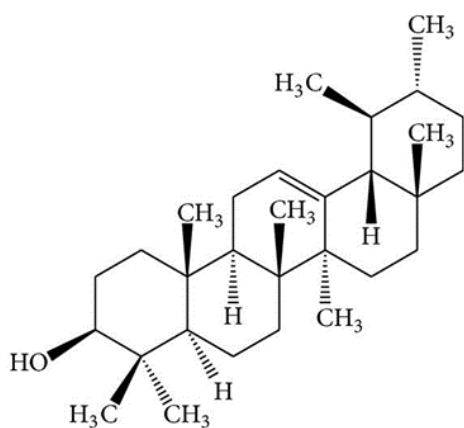
Pilipino seeds contain cardenolides. After fermentation, *M. philippinensis* seeds contained four cardenolides, two of which were novel.



2. Tri-terpenoids

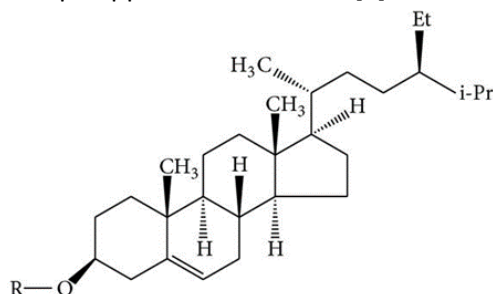
Mallotus has 6/6/6/6/5 triterpenoids. Triterpenoids were found in *M. philippinensis* heartwood extract [9]. Mallotus triterpenoids are Friedelane-type. *M. philippinensis* stem bark yielded friedelin [10]. Drypetes and Celaenodendron are Euphorbiaceae genera that contain friedelin. Friedelin is widespread. Figure 4 shows acetylaleuritic acid found in *M. philippinensis* bark extracts. First C-22-oxidized olean-18-ene triterpene was found in *M. philippinensis* stem bark [10]. A-amyrin is a ursane-type triterpene from *M. philippinensis* bark [9].





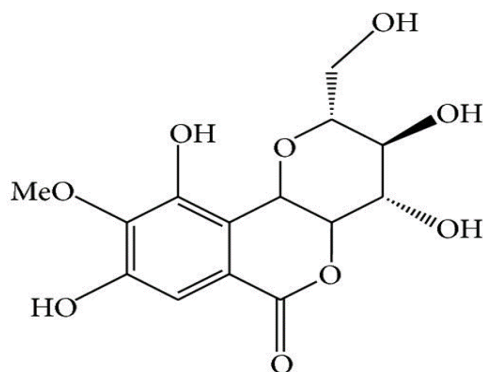
3. Steroids

B-sitosterol was isolated from *M. philippinensis* heartwood and bark (Fig.6). Duacosterol was made from *M. philippinensis* bark ether [9].



4. Phenolic Compounds

1972 found Bergenin in *M. philippinensis* heartwood. Bark and leaves of *M. philippinensis* [9].



5. Other Compounds

Kamala (*M. philippinensis*) seed oil includes glyceride and unsaturated fatty acids [21]. Rottlerin and isorottlerin colour resin. It comprises 50% red ole, 5% yellow ole, 2% manure, volatile oils, tannin, gum, citric acid, and oxalic acid.



1.4. Pharmacological Profile

1. Anti-Falarial Activity:

Extracts of *M. philippensis* stimulate *S. cervi* contractions. Small doses cause paralysis. Ache extracts paralysed entire worms and n.m. preparations. DEC-like (31). *M. Philippensis* and DEC react similarly to in vitro *Setaria* preparations, however *M. philippensis* may be antifilarial. Need in-vivo antifilarial testing. In vivo worm paralysis only occurs in the peritoneal cavity for *Setaria* and lymphatics.

2. Anti-fertility Activity:

TZM-bl cells inhibited lab-adapted and primary HIV-1 (3.6–118 g/ml). HIV-1 was inhibited in TZM-bl cells by *Strychnos potatorum*, *Ficus infectoria*, and *Annona squamosa* extracts. *Mallotus* extracts inhibited HIV-1 in PM1 cells. HIV-inactive extracts include *Tridax procumbens*, *Mallotus philippinensis*, *Annona reticulata*, aqueous *Ficus benghalensis*, and hydroalcoholic *Albizia lebeck*. 500g/ml methanolic *M. philippensis* extract proved non-toxic.

3. Anti-microbial & Anti-fungal Activity:

Infection-killing hexane and ethanol. Flavonoids, phenolic groups, and steroids may be responsible for the highest zone of inhibition against gram-negative bacteria like *E. coli*, *P. vulgaris*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. typhi*, and *V. parahaemolyticus* and fungus like *A. flavus* and *C. albicans*.^{25,26,27} Phenolic and steroidal compounds inhibit fungi.^{26,28,29} Phenols, lysol, and cresols disinfect hospitals. Antimicrobial activity against *P. aeruginosa*, *P. vulgaris*, *S. typhi*, *V. parahaemolyticus* and *V. vulnificus* revealed hexane and ethanol extracts' medicinal

potential against abdominal pain, diarrhoea, fever, nausea, septicaemia, urinary tract infections and vomiting caused by *E. coli*, hospital-acquired wound infections, septicaemia, and urinary.

4. Anti-inflammatory & Immune-regulatory:

Three mallotophilippens chalcones from *M. philippinensis* reduced NO production and iNOS gene expression in a murine macrophage-like cell line (RAW 264.7). (IFN-). Downregulated COX-2, IL-6, and IL-1. Immunoregulatory, anti-inflammatory. Analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities of *M. repandus* were investigated with acetic acid-induced writhing, xylene-induced ear edoema, cotton pellet-induced granuloma, and tail immersion at 500, 1000, and 2000 mg/kg body weight. Four pain models were relieved by *M. repandus* extract. The extract worked with acetic acid, xylene, and cotton pellet granulomas. Antinociceptive and anti-inflammatory were found in this herb. studied *M. philippinensis* fruit extract in 2016. Anti-inflammatory and analgesic *M. Philippinensis* extract brought malloconspur A and B from *M. conspurcatus* ethanol extract. Malloconspur B lowered NO by 10.47 M and 9.32 M. 258, 259, and 260 reduce RAW 264.7 PGE2 and TNF-. 249, 250 reduce iNOS, NF-B/p65, and COX-2.³⁰

5. Anti-oxidant & Anti radical Activity:

Mallotus bark phenolic RP-HPLC chromatograms Fraction V has three peaks, fractions I and III have two. II, IV, and VI had a single summit. Non-flat portions V and VI confirm condensed tannins. *Mallotus philippinensis* antioxidative. After toxicological studies on extract or fractions, we recommend using



this substance as a natural antioxidant for food, functional foods, or nutraceuticals. *Mallotus philippinensis* bark contains condensed tannins, requiring sensory testing.³¹

6. Protein and Anti-tumor Activity:

rottlerin inhibits PKC and CaM-kinase III. 100 µg/ml of *M. philippinensis* yielded 640 µg protein. Ammonium sulphate precipitation increased the crude protein's weight by 2.25-fold to 1440 µg and added 12 protein bands ranging from 14 to 60 kDa. MTT IC₅₀ values for A549, SW480, and MCF-7 were 4.18, 1.09, and 8.99, 1.52 µg. Crude seed protein killed colon and lung cancer cells but not breast. AO/EtBr showed damaged nuclei and chromatin. Hoechst 33,258 condensed, stained, and broke. *M. philippinensis* seed protein fights cancer. Positive results could lead to an anticancer protein.³²

7. Anti-tubercular Activity:

Anti-tubercular activity was investigated against virulent (H37Rv) and avirulent (H37Ra) *M. tuberculosis* strains. Finally, BACTEC 460 TB was used. BACTEC-active extracts were only from *M. philippinensis*. Virulent and avirulent *M. tuberculosis* strains were suppressed. Two traditional herbs were effective at 10 mg/ml against *M. smegmatis* but not *M. tuberculosis*.³³

8. Anti-Allergic Activity:

Allergies are mediated by allergen-specific, high-affinity IgE receptors. Anti-helminthic and anti-allergic. This study examined rottlerin's anti-allergic effects in IgE-dependent anaphylaxis models and mast cells. Anti-allergic effects of rottlerin were tested using passive cutaneous and systemic anaphylaxis mouse models and guinea pig bronchial rings. Stabilized RBL-2H3 mast cells. Mast cells showed anti-

allergic rotlerin signalling. Rottlerin reduces IgE-mediated cutaneous extravasation, hypothermia, and plasma histamine. Rottlerin inhibited guinea pig ovalbumin-induced bronchoconstriction. Rottlerin prevented IgE-induced RBL-2H3-hexosaminidase release.³⁴ Rottlerin decreases IgE-induced PLC1, Akt, IP3, and cytosolic Ca²⁺. First, rottlerin reduces IgE-induced mast cell degranulation, paving the door for treating allergic asthma and other mast cell-mediated disorders.

9. Wound Healing Activity:

In this study, we tested EMPB on MSC proliferation, migration, and wound healing in vitro and in a mouse model. EMPB is an MSC chemoattractant, and its main chemotactic action may be cinnamtannin B-1. EMPB-injected mice's peripheral blood mononuclear cells revealed enhanced MSC mobilisation. EMPB improved MSC homing to wounds using bioluminescent imaging. EMPB increased MSC migration more than other skin cell types in diabetic mice. Histopathologically, EMPB mimicked MSC-induced tissue repair. EMPB stimulated MSC mobilisation and homing to wounds, which may promote wound healing.^{35,36}





Fig: 2 (a) Mature plant of MallotusPhilippnsis (LAM.) (b) Flower Twig (c) Apical twig (d)seed Condition (e) Fully Mature fruit (f) fully mature seed (g) Fruiting twig (h) leaves (i)Stemwith bark

Conclusion

Medicinal plant compositions are frequently referenced in the media. Due to their extensive use, scientists worry about natural products' efficacy and safety. Natural products are regulated as medications and food supplements in several countries due to their widespread use.

Traditional use and growing demand for Mallotus philippensis and other species motivated this review.

Indian medicine uses Mallotus philippensis. This herb is used to cure intestinal worms in domestic and grazing animals in ayurveda. Few reports exist on this plant and its parts, necessitating greater investigation. Explore this plant's potential for medical and pharmaceutical applications. It's anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antiradical, protein-inhibiting, hepatoprotective, antiallergic, and anti-HIV. This plant's phytochemicals include phenol derivatives and other compounds. All plant sections

contain phenols, diterpenoids, steroids, flavonoids, cardenolides, and triterpenoids. Biologically active phenolic compounds are also isolated from this species. This plant's extracts and compounds are antioxidant, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, cytotoxic, and immunomodulatory. Tannins protect fruit and bark. *M. philippensis* fruit yielded Mallotophilippensis C, D, and E. Antitumor mallotoxin Rottlerin is chemotherapeutic and anticancer. Rottlerin impacts apoptosis, survival, and autophagy in malignant cells. This indicates chemotherapeutic potential. This medicinal plant has pharmacological uses, including anticancer, although further research is needed on the toxicity and efficacy of phytochemicals derived from different plant parts. Due to a lack of awareness regarding its adverse effects and methodological correctness, preclinical and clinical research on humans is needed to clarify its potency and safety. *Mallotus philippensis* phytochemicals

and extract need more research. This review validates *Mallotus philippinensis*. *Mallotus* plants and their medicinal benefits are poorly understood, thus more research is needed. Natural product moiety isolation and structural investigation will be fascinating.

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