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List of abbreviations

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CC and present the company	Column Chromatography
CDCl ₃	Deuterated Chloroform
DCM	Dichloromethane
DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethylene
DEET	Diethyl-m-toluamide
DEPT	Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer
DMSO	Dimethylsulphoxide
EIMS	Electron Impact Mass Spectrometry
eV	Electron Volt
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HETCOR	Heteronuclear Correlation
НМВС	Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation
HMQC	Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Correlation
HPLC	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
Hz	Hertz
IR and support from static	Infrared
KEFRI	Kenya Forestry Research Institute
LC	Lethal Concentration
MHz	Megahertz
m/z	Mass to Charge ratio
NOE	Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement
PTLC	Preparative Thin Layer Chromatography
TLC	Thin Layer Chromatography
UoN	University of Nairobi and have control to the
WWW	World Wide Web

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Dedication

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Abstract

Malaria is responsible for significant morbidity and mortality, particularly among children in sub-Saharan Africa. In this area, estimates of symptomatic malaria range from one to five episodes per child per year, while deaths attributable to malaria are estimated at between 0.5 to 2.0 million, annually. Annual global clinical cases are estimated at 300-500 million with 90% of the cases in sub-Saharan Africa. Malaria remains intractable throughout most of its range, in part due to the evolution of behaviours maximizing contact of some Anopheles vectors with the human host while minimizing the risk of mosquito mortality. There is rapid development of insectresistance to conventional insecticides. Virtually all areas where the disease is endemic have seen drug-resistant strains of the malaria parasite emerge. Meanwhile, a vaccine for malaria is proving elusive. The situation of malaria worldwide is therefore one of deterioration and desperation. Therefore there is need to search for new and ecologically acceptable methods for the control of the malaria vector. Plants have provided a wide range of useful chemicals such as insecticides, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, dyes, pesticides and other agro-chemicals. Many plants have been reported to have larvicidal activity against mosquitoes. Larvicides of plant origin are preferable because they are biodegradable and generally target-specific.

Larval control using plant-derived compounds is a measure that could be adopted to arrest the insects before they develop into disease transmitting adults. It is easier to control the insects at the larval stage when they are most accessible, concentrated within specific habitats and less mobile. This research set out to examine the larvicidal activity of extracts of various plants from coastal parts of Kenya. *Zanthoxylum paracanthum, Z. holstiana* and *Derris trifolia* showed the highest larvicidal activity. Activity of up to 2 ppm was recorded in *Derris trifolia* dichloromethane extract. Extracts from these plants were subjected to bio-assay guided fractionation and isolation of 12 larvicidal compounds from the three plants and three compounds are being reported for the first time. The isolated compounds were assayed against 3rd instar *Anopheles gambiae* larvae and LC₅₀ values ranging between 1.8 and 93.3 ppm were recorded.

CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.1 Malaria prevalence

Malaria, a preventable but often fatal disease, affects more than 90 countries, inhabited by more than 2.4 billion people (40% of the world's population) (WHO, 2000; WHO, 1998; Cattani *et al.*, 1993). Malaria is considered endemic in 105 countries throughout the tropics and warm temperate zones (Fig. 1). However, the most affected region is sub-Saharan Africa (McGinn, 2002). It is the most important tropical parasitic disease (Cattani *et al.*, 1993). Globally, the prevalence of the disease is estimated at 300-500 million clinical cases each year, with more than 90% of the cases in sub-Saharan Africa (WHO, 1998). Deaths due to malaria are estimated at 1-3 million annually, most of them infants or young children in Africa, especially in remote rural areas with poor access to health services (Collins and Paskewitz, 1995a; WHO, 2000). Other high-risk groups include pregnant women, non-immune travelers, refugees, displaced persons and labourers entering endemic areas.

Fig. 1: Current distribution of indigenous malaria (WHO, 1998).



Although the geographical area affected by malaria has shrunk considerably over the past 50 years, control is becoming more difficult and gains are being eroded. This can be attributed to economic developments or agricultural activities that change land use such as road construction, creation of dams, irrigation schemes, mining, commercial tree cropping and deforestation. These result in an increase in breeding sites (Lindsay and Martens, 1998; WHO, 1998). Climatic changes resulting from "global warming" and other events such as *el nino* weather

phenomenon also play their role in increasing risk of the disease (WHO, 1998). The emergence of insecticide and drug resistance makes the situation even more desperate (WHO, 1999).

1.2 Economic costs

Malaria is a major public health problem and an important obstacle to economic development in most developing countries, particularly in Africa. Disease costs in terms of the burden on the health systems and loss of economic activity are enormous. Globally, it accounts for 10-30% of all hospital admissions and is responsible for 15-25% of all deaths of children under the age of five (WHO, 1998). In Africa, where malaria reaches a peak at harvest time and hits young adults, a single bout of the disease causes loss of 10 working days (Anon., 2000).

Malaria undermines investment in education since large amounts of development funds are channeled to disease prevention and treatment. In highly endemic areas, the learning capacity of 35-60% of all school children may be impaired (WHO, 1998). As a broad social burden, malaria is estimated to cost Africa 3-12 billion annually (McGinn, 2002). In Africa, the average cost for each nation to implement malaria control programmes is estimated at > 300,000 per year. Costs to endemic countries include control and lost working days–estimated to be 1-5 % of GDP in Africa (WHO, 1998).

1.3 Malaria transmission

With the exception of a few cases of transplacental and blood transfusion-associated transmission, malaria parasites are exclusively transmitted by female adult mosquitoes of the genus *Anopheles* (Collins and Paskewitz, 1995). Mosquitoes (Culicidae) are a family of about 3500 species within the order Diptera. They are classified into three sub-families: Toxorhynchitinae, Anophilinae and Culicinae (Clements, 1992). Mosquitoes are found throughout the world except in places that are permanently frozen. Three quarters of all mosquito species live in the humid tropics and sub-tropics, where the warm moist climate is favourable for rapid development and adult survival. All vectors of human malaria belong to the genus *Anopheles*. Some 60 species of *Anopheles* are important vectors of human malaria. The three most efficient vectors are *An. gambiae* Giles *sensu stricto* (subsequently referred to as *An. gambiae*), *An. arabiensis* and *An. funestus*. These species are widely distributed in tropical

Africa (Manson-Bhar and Bell, 1987). An. gambiae is the principal vector of malaria parasite in East Africa and is probably the world's most efficient (Service, 1986). It is an ubiquitous species that breeds in rainwater puddles, borrow pits, river pools or quiet backwaters (Wigglesworth, 1976). Since anopheline mosquitoes are the only known vectors of malaria, manipulation of their adult populations may directly impact on malaria transmission.

1.4 Mosquito life cycle

Like other flies, mosquitoes exhibit complete metamorphosis – the juvenile form passes through both larval and pupal stages (Clements, 1992). Female mosquitoes lay some 50 to 500 eggs on water or sites that will be flooded. These hatch into larvae within 1-7 days. Larval development takes seven days for tropical mosquitoes and the pupal stage lasts 2-3 days before adult emergence. Males emerge earlier to ensure sexual competence by the time females emerge. Both sexes feed on plant juices from nectaries, rotting fruit and honeydew. Anopheline and culicine females have a requirement for protein, from which they develop large batches of eggs and hence engorge on vertebrate blood for that purpose (Clements, 1992). It is during the blood feeding that malaria parasites from an infected mosquito are injected into healthy individuals. Knowledge of the mosquito life cycle may help in designing appropriate control strategies that target vulnerable stages of development.

1.5 The malaria parasite

There are four species of human malaria parasites: *Plasmodium vivax*, *P. ovale*, *P. malariae* and *P. falciparum*. *P. falciparum* is the most virulent species and predominates in Africa, eastern Asia, Oceania and the Amazons (WHO, 1997).

The life cycle of malaria parasite is relatively complex, requiring passage through several organs in two very different hosts (Fig. 2). Malaria sporozoites may be injected when an infected female takes a blood meal, although a substantial proportion of blood feeding by infected mosquitoes does not result in transmission of sporozoites (Rosenberg *et al.*, 1990; Beier *et al.*, 1991a,b; Ponnudurai *et al.*, 1991). Successfully transmitted sporozoites enter the liver parenchymal cells where they develop and undergo a form of asexual replication – schizogony. Eventually, the schizonts burst to release thousands of merozoites into the bloodstream, from

where they enter red blood cells (Bruce-Chwatt, 1985). Once inside the erythrocyte, parasites begin to grow by ingesting haemoglobin and other nutrients. Eventually, these growing trophozoites undergo schizogony on a more modest scale than in the liver. The bursting of infected red blood cells is associated with the classic malaria paroxysm of chills and fever. Released merozoites infect other red blood cells. Eventually some of them differentiate into the pre-sexual form (gametocyte) of which there are two kinds, male and female. When a mosquito secures gametocytemic blood meal from man, the merozoites differentiate into gametes inside the mosquito midgut where fertilization occurs. Soon after fertilization, the gametes (ookinetes) migrate through the peritrophic membrane and the midgut epithelium and attach to the outer wall of the gut where it becomes an oocyst (Shahabuddin and Kaslow, 1994). The oocysts develop and divide asexually into thousands of haploid sporozoites (Pringle, 1965; Rosenberg and Rungsiwongse, 1991). A proportion of the sporozoites make their way into the mosquito's salivary glands ready for re-infection of the vertebrate host. Knowledge of the parasite life cycle is important in the design of effective anti-malarial vaccines and chemotherapeutic or chemoprophylactic agents.

Fig 2: Life cycle of Plasmodium falciparum



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Malaria can assume many manifestations in an individual depending on parasite species and the pattern of transmission. *P. malariae* and *P. ovale* infections cause little morbidity and almost no mortality while *P. vivax* infections are more severe and debilitating but are usually self-limiting in healthy individuals. *P. falciparum* infections are always life threatening in non-immune individuals. In areas highly endemic to *P. falciparum*, the entomological inoculation rates (EIRs) can exceed several hundred infective bites per year resulting in severe anemia in infants. It is the principal manifestation and a major contributor to mortality (Beier *et al.*, 1990). Where EIRs are lower and transmission is less stable or highly seasonal, more fulminant clinical manifestations such as cerebral malaria are typical (Collins and Paskewitz, 1995).

1.6 Malaria control strategies

These encompass a variety of measures that may protect against infection or the development of disease in infected individuals.

1.6.1 Vaccination

The development of vaccines against malaria is an area where a lot of effort has been directed but without much success (Cohen and Mitchel, 1978). The malaria parasite has a number of different stages in its life cycle. Candidate vaccines are based on various antigens derived from these different stages. The three types of vaccines being developed include: anti-sporozoite vaccines, designed to prevent infection (Franke *et al.*, 1999); anti-asexual blood stage vaccines, designed to prevent severe manifestation of the disease, and the transmission blocking vaccines, designed to arrest the development of the parasite in the mosquito (WHO, 1998). In order to develop an effective vaccine, all the developmental stages of the parasite should be taken into account in addition to the different *Plasmodium* species that infect man. All these factors, coupled with the existence of different strains for each *Plasmodium* species, have made the task of developing malaria vaccine complicated and challenging.

A chemically synthesized vaccine (SPf66) has undergone trials in children between ages of 1-15years. Its protective efficacy was found to be 30% in Tanzania and 9% in Thailand in contrast to its lack of protection in Gambia. However, the vaccine has been found to cause mild erythema, induration and tenderness at site of injection (Migasena *et al.*, 1997; Nosten *et al.*, 1996; D'Alessandro *et al.*, 1995; Alonso *et al.*, 1994). The most recently developed vaccine that has been tried on humans with promising results is the RTS, S/AS02, which showed 47% protective efficacy in Gambia. Although its protection is incomplete and short-lived, further tests of the vaccine are continuing in Mozambique (Bojang *et al.*, 2001). The absence of an effective vaccine has warranted the investigation of alternative methods of protection such as chemoprophylaxis and chemotherapy.

1.6.2 Chemotherapy

This can either be prophylactic or curative. Some drugs give little protection against infection, but are effective in treatment, while others serve as both prophylactic and curative drugs (Service, 1986). Examples of anti-malarial drugs include quinine (1), chloroquine (2) and analogs like mefloquine (Lariam[®]) (3), proguanil (4), pyrimethamine (5), sulfadoxine (6), halofantrine (7), artemisinin (8), chlorotetracycline (9) and tetracycline (10). A group of French researchers recently reported encouraging results for a new anti-malarial drug, G25. The drug when administered to aotus monkeys cleared the parasites from their systems (McGinn, 2002).





Unfortunately, the parasites have developed resistance to most anti-malarial drugs (Trigg *et al.*, 1997). Resistance to chloroquine, one of the cheap curative drugs, by *P. falciparum* was reported in 1957 (Thailand), 1960 (Venezuela), 1978 (East Africa) and is now prevalent in many other countries in South America, sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia and India (WHO, 1995a). The earliest record of resistance in *P. falciparum* to quinine was reported in Brazil in 1910 (Spencer, 1985). Cure rates with quinine have fallen substantially in other parts of the world including Thailand and Africa. Resistance to quinine is now increasing in parts of South-East Asia and South America (WHO, 1995a). Resistance to mefloquine by *P. falciparum* has also been reported despite strict drug use regulations (White, 1999). Newer drugs like artemisinin are still free from resistance but for how long? Besides, resistance of *P. falciparum* to artemisinin has been demonstrated *in-vitro* (WHO, 1995b).

It is possible to use a combination of two or more anti-malarial drugs, which have different mechanisms of action and different bio-chemical targets in the parasite (Sowumni, 2002). Typical combinations include sulfadoxine/pyrimethamine (Fansidar[®]), sulfalene-pyrimethamine

(Metakelfin[®]), atovaquone-proguanil chloride (Malarone[®]) and sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim (Co-trimoxazole[®]). This may dramatically reduce the chances of the populations of parasites exposed to the treatment rapidly developing resistance (White, 1999). By reducing the frequency of treatment failure, combination therapy may also be more cost effective than monotherapy in the long-term. However, this approach has the disadvantages of increasing the immediate costs of treatment and increasing the risk of adverse drug reactions (Sowumni, 2002). Besides, resistance of *P. falciparum* has been reported to drug combinations like Fansidar[®] (sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine combination) (Markwalder and Meyer, 1982). Continued emergence of drug resistant strains of malaria means that new strategies of combating the menace need to be adopted.

1.6.3 Vector control

This can target either the adult or larvae.

1.6.3.1 Adult control

This may involve personal protection, use of insecticides (adulticides) and genetic modification.

1.6.3.1.1 Personal Protection

Personal protection may be of critical importance in its effect on mosquito biting. Repellents reduce biting intensity (Deither, 1947; Gupta and Rutledge, 1994) and can be a very useful short-term strategy to reduce contact with disease vectors. The most effective repellent is N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) (11). It is the most widely used synthetic repellent for application to the skin (Beroza, 1970). It is effective against fleas, mosquitoes, jiggers, ticks, deer and sand flies among others. When applied to the skin its effect lasts for 3-8 hours (Beroza, 1970). Other synthetic repellents that have been used to control mosquito bites include dimethylphthalate (DMP) (12) whose effect lasts for approximately 2 hours (Service, 1986) and n-butyl-5, 6-dihydro-1, 4-pyrone-2-carboxylate (13).

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Use has also been made of essential oils extracted from plants. These include citronellal (14), camphor (15), *p*-menthane-3,8-diol (16), nepetalactone (17), geraniol (18) and linalool (19) (Curtis *et al.*, 1987; Dethier, 1947; Granett, 1940). Natural pyrethroids like pyrethrin I (20) have also been found to be effective mosquito repellents (Kumar, 1984).



With few exceptions, essential oils are volatile thus providing only transient protection. Repetitive application of the repellents may be necessary if reasonable protection is required. Synthetic pyrethroids have improved activity and stability and reduced costs hence enhanced affordability.

Insecticide-treated bed nets are effective in reducing biting intensity on individual users (Lindsay et al., 1991; 1992; Miller et al., 1991; Stich et al., 1994; Alonso et al., 1991). However, one potential problem relates to the mode of action of permethrin, the pyrethroid in greatest use on bed nets throughout the world. Permethrin, as now constituted, has a major deterrent effect on house entry by anophelines (Lindsay et al., 1991; Miller et al., 1991; Curtis, 1992). It is possible that mosquitoes deterred from entering a house with a permethrin-treated bed net may search elsewhere for a blood meal, which could increase malaria challenge to unprotected members of the community (Miller et al., 1991). An important shortcoming of most insecticide treated bed nets is washing which significantly reduces their efficacy (Luxemburger et al., 1994). Bed nets also do not hold up in areas of consistently high humidity, lasting only about a year in Thailand (Luxemberger et al., 1994). Besides, lack of compliance and improper use of bed nets is yet another shortcoming. In addition other mosquito species may bite before bedtime or during the day. Constant exposure to insecticides may also select for resistance in target vector populations (Brown, 1986). For instance, increased resistance to permethrin has been documented in An. gambiae in Kenya (Vulule et al., 1994). Finally, bed nets use may be constrained by social and cultural factors (Service, 1993). Bed net use and ownership is uncommon in endemic areas, particularly in Africa, where it is usually associated with high densities of pest mosquitoes. Other complimentary methods are therefore required for effective control of mosquitoes and hence malaria.

1.6.3.1.2 Adulticides

The principal groups of insecticides currently in use include chlorinated hydrocarbons, organophosphates, carbamates, synthetic pyrethroids and organic insecticides of plant origin.

Chlorinated hydrocarbons are probably the most widely used group of insecticides. They are among the more persistent insecticides and the effects last long. Traces accumulate in the bodies of many vertebrates, including man, and this has caused concern over their long-term effects. Besides there is also reported resistance to these insecticides (Kumar, 1984). They generally kill by contact but can also act as stomach poisons and in a few cases as fumigants (Palchick, 1996). Examples include DDT (21), lindane (22), chlordane (23), dieldrin (24) and toxapane ($C_{10}H_{10}Cl_8$).



Organophosphates are esters or organic salts of phosphoric acid or its derivatives. They are highly toxic to mammals and other non-target organisms and are much less stable than organochlorines. They can degrade in the presence of water by hydrolysis, chemical alterations by reaction with oxygen, through heat and bacterial action (Palchick, 1996). Some possess systemic properties while others are fumigants. Examples include methylparathion (25), malathion (26), parathion (27), diazinon (28) and fenthion (29) (Kumar, 1984). Unfortunately, insects have developed resistance to many of these insecticides (Motoyama *et al.*, 1977).

S CH₂CO₂Et (MeO)₂ P-S-CHCO₂Et CH2CO2Et



Although carbamates are generally stable, they easily breakdown in formulations when exposed to the environment. They are inexpensive and relatively broad-spectrum insecticides. They have a rapid yet transient poisoning effect in mammals. Resistance to these insecticides has also been reported (Brown, 1971). Examples include, propoxur (30), carbaryl (31) and carbofuran (32).



Natural pyrethrins from the flower heads of *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* are powerful insecticides with very low mammalian toxicity. The pyrethrum powder has been shown to be a mixture of 6 insecticidal esters: pyrethrin I (20) and II (33), cinerin I (34) and II (35), and jasmolin I (36) and II (37) (Elliott and Janes, 1979). Although the use of natural pyrethrins has depended on the rapid knock down of insects, their application has been restricted due to lack of prolonged residual action and cost (Kumar, 1984).



	R ₁	R ₂
33	CH ₂ CH=CHCH=CH ₂	CH=CCH ₃ COOCH ₃
34	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	CH=C(CH ₃) ₂
35	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	CH=CCH ₃
		ĊOOCH₃
36	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₂ CH ₃	CH=C(CH ₃) ₂
37	$CH_2CH=CHCH_2CH_3$	CH=CCH ₃
		COOCH ₃

This has led to development of synthetic pyrethroids such as permethrin (NRDC 143) (38) (Elliott *et al.*, 1973; Beach *et al.*, 1993) and decamethrin (NRDC 161) (39) (Elliott *et al.*, 1974). They have enhanced photostability and diminished mammalian toxicity. Resistance of mosquitoes to synthetic pyrethroids was first found in 1974 in Thailand during trials to control *Aedes aegypti* L. with bioresmethrin (Chadwick *et al.*, 1977). Apart from resistance development, other difficulties associated with the use of insecticides include, changes in vector behaviour, appearance of new species and the replacement of endophilic with exophilic species (Gutsevich *et al.*, 1974).



Other insecticides of plant origin are rotenone (40) from the roots of *Derris*, *Lonchocarpus*, *Tephrosia* and *Milletia* species, ryanodine from the ground stem wood of *Ryania speciosa* and nicotine from *Nicotania* sp. and the Russian weed *Anabasis aphylla* (Kumar, 1984).



These insecticides have almost no residual action and persistence (rotenone and ryanodine have low persistence). Their toxicity to non-target organisms including man and photo instability has limited their widespread use as insecticides (Kumar, 1984).

1.6.3.1.3 Genetic modification

This approach involves the use of genetically impaired insects to limit reproduction and survival of their own species in natural populations. Such insects are mass produced in the laboratory and released among wild populations in the field so that mating with normal insects will either not result in an offspring or lead to reduced fitness (sterility, failure to adapt properly to the environment) of the progeny (Cutkomp, 1967). Genetic approaches include the sterile-insect release method, chromosomal translocations, hybrid sterility and cytoplasmic incompatibility. None of these has proven successful yet, and they remain largely theoretical in nature (Popiel and Olkowski, 1990; Schrieber and Jones, 2000). These methods have the following main attractions: 1. The insect control measures are conducted over large areas under professional supervision thereby avoiding mistakes or omissions by individuals; 2. They have the potential of increasing efficiency as the densities of target populations decline. Insecticidal control measures usually become less cost-effective as the target population decreases towards the economic threshold, below which it becomes uneconomical to employ insecticides at all; 3. Genetic control is specific and avoids undesirable effects on other organisms. No residues are involved and other adverse effects associated with the use of insecticides are avoided, and 4. Once established it may cause dramatic economic savings by completely eliminating the insect (Cutkomp, 1967).

1.6.3.2 Larval control

Larval control may take different approaches such as environmental management, biological control, chemical larvicides and insect growth regulators.

1.6.3.2.1 Environmental management

Environmental management involves the destruction of mosquito breeding habitats thus targeting the immature stages. This can be done by draining of marshes, filling of ponds and removing abandoned tin cans, tyres and other man-made habitats. Sometimes, a habitat can be altered to make it unsuitable for breeding (by removing overhanging vegetation to eliminate shade-loving mosquitoes). Stream breeding mosquitoes can be controlled by 'flushing' (MacDonald, 1939). Siphons are built into streams, which periodically release a large volume of water. The larvae migrating to the margins of the stream are stranded as the flow subsides. Suitable bushes can also be planted along grassy edged streams to eliminate *An. minimus* (Ramsay, 1930). But care is needed to ensure that such changes do not attract other species. Besides, these strategies are labour-intensive and costly.

1.6.3.2.2 Biological control

Biological control implies the use of predators, parasites or pathogens. For a pathogen to be considered a bio-control agent it must have: high virulence in target species in the field, be harmless to non-target species including beneficial organisms and vertebrates, be easily produced and stored for long periods without loss of virulence, have the capability of acting rapidly against the target species and be resistant to harmful factors in the environment such as solar radiation, dessication, heat, changes in pH, among others (Kumar, 1984). The best-known biological control agent is the top minnow or mosquito fish, *Gambusia affinis*, a native of southern USA, which has now been introduced into many tropical and sub-tropical countries to control mosquito larvae (Meisch, 1985). Another fish, the guppy *Poecilia (Lebistes) reticulata* is also used (Service, 1986). Among the parasite-based mosquito control methods, one of the most successful is use of the nematode, *Romanomermis culicivorax*, but it is not effective against all species of mosquito larvae (Service, 1986). There are numerous viruses, bacteria, protozoa and fungi that parasitize mosquito larvae but only a few have shown some potential as bio-control agents. The most promising is *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis (Bti)* (or

serotype H-14), which also destroys larval simulds (Service, 1986). *Bti* is extremely safe, having no adverse effects on beneficial insects, man, pets and other animals (Fisher and Rosmer, 1959). Commercial preparations (often termed biotic chemicals) of *Bti* like Dipel[®], Thuricide[®], HPC[®], Biotrol[®] and Bactospeine P.M.[®], have been successfully used against several agricultural pests (Kumar, 1984). *Bti* disrupts the midgut lining of mosquito and black fly larvae. *B. thuringiensis* and *B. sphaericus* are also effective against mosquito larvae (Palchick, 1996).

Numerous species of fungi attack and kill insects in nature. Field trials of *Beauveria* spp. have been found effective against a number of insect pests. Pathogenic fungi of the genus *Entomophthora* are also well known (Kumar, 1984). Laboratory tests of a fungus *Tolypocladium clindrosporum* against *Ae. aegypti, Ae. vexans* and *Ae. triseriatus*, gave interesting results. Field application has not been undertaken hence stability of this fungus under normal environmental conditions has not been established (Goettel, 1987; Nadeau and Boisvert, 1994).

The disadvantage of biological control methods is that they require a good understanding of the population dynamics of the vector. Besides, they are slow acting and therefore unsuitable in emergencies such as disease epidemics, where insecticides are more appropriate intervention tools (Service, 1986).

1.6.3.2.3 Larvicides

The classical method of killing mosquito larvae is by applying oil to the water surface (Wigglesworth, 1976). The oil is usually applied as a spray to form a layer 15-20 μ m thick. A little of the oil enters the tracheal system of the larvae and toxic aromatic hydrocarbons affect the nervous system. However, the oil film on water surface is likely to prevent free exchange of oxygen between water surface and the free air and can lead to suffocation of other organisms in the water (Murray, 1936; 1938; 1939).

Synthetic inorganic compounds such as Paris green { $Cu (C_2H_3O)_2.3Cu(AsO_2)_2$ } and metarsenite { $Cu (AsO_2)_2$ } have also been used as larvicides (Metcalf *et al.*, 1962). Paris green is used to control larvae in water that has much vegetation. A cloud containing 1-2% of Paris green is

blown over the water in a vehicle of dry dust. Anopheline larvae feed at the water surface and are poisoned by the floating particles (Wigglesworth, 1976). However, inorganic larvicides are highly toxic to most aquatic organisms and plants because of relatively large amounts of water-soluble arsenic and copper in them. Nevertheless, these have been observed to lack resistance compared to other existing larvicides over time (Kirk and Othmer, 1981).

Chlorinated synthetic organic compounds like lindane (22), dieldrin (24), chlordane (23), heptachlor or DDT (21) have also been used as larvicides (Kirk and Othmer, 1981). However, they are non-bio-degradable and therefore accumulate in the biotic chain. Resistance to organochlorines has been reported in mosquito larvae (Brooks, 1974).

Synthetic organophosphates like malathion (26) have also been used as larvicides. These compounds kill non-target aquatic life but are bio-degradable and hence do not accumulate in the environment (Kirk and Othmer, 1981). Resistance to organophosphates has been reported in mosquito larvae (Matsumura and Brown, 1961).

Baygon[®], a methylcarbamate insecticide has also found use as a mosquito larvicide. Unfortunately, resistance has been reported in larvae of various mosquito species such as *Culex pipiens fatigans* and *An. albimanus* (Kuhr and Dorough, 1976).

Dimethrin (43), a synthetic pyrethroid has been used as a mosquito larvicide. It has outstanding mammalian safety and has been used as a larvicide that is safe for use in potable waters such as rain barrels and cisterns (Kirk and Othmer, 1981) to rid them of larvae.



Insect growth regulators (IGRs) are compounds that act on the highly species-specific insect hormonal systems that control moulting and metamorphosis. They have the advantage of low mammalian toxicity; some disadvantages are species specificity, time required to kill and poor stability. An example is methoprene (44), a synthetic juvenile hormone that inhibits the moulting process (Palchick, 1996). It has been used commercially as a mosquito larvicide and for horn-fly control (when fed to cattle) in manure (Kirk and Othmer, 1981).



Chitin inhibitors interfere with the formation of chitin, a major constituent of the insect exoskeleton. As vertebrates and most plants do not need chitin, these compounds are probably safe for humans, domestic animals, wildlife and plants. Diflubenzuron (45) is an example of a chitin inhibitor (Palchick, 1996).



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Plants have provided a wide range of chemicals such as insecticides, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, agro-chemicals and dyes. Plant-derived insecticides include pyrethrins, nicotine and related alkaloids, rotenoids and ryanodine among others. The possibility of finding new potent plant-derived larvicides is high. The advantages would be their bio-degradability and target specifity. It is with this in mind that we set out to bio-prospect for phytochemical larvicides from the Kenyan coastal flora.

CHAPTER TWO BIO-ORGANIC LARVICIDES

The pool of plants possessing insecticidal substances is enormous (Jacobson, 1975). Over 2000 species of plants are known that possess some insecticidal activity (Jacobson, 1989). The first insecticides to be used by man were from plants, the biological activities of which were known from the earliest recorded times (Smith and Secoy, 1975). One of the earliest reports of the use of plants against mosquito larvae is credited to Campbell *et al.* (1933) who found that plant alkaloids like nicotine (46), anabasine (47), methylanabasine and lupinine (48) extracted from the Russian weed, *Anabasis aphylla*, killed larvae of *Culex pipiens, Cx. territans*, and *Cx. quinquefasciatus*.



From the plant Achillea millefolium larvicidal amides have been isolated (Bohlmann *et al.*, 1974). The larvicidal activity of the extract was linked to the presence of N-2-methylpropyl- (E, E)-2,4-decadieneamide (49).



Other long chain amides with larvicidal activity have been reported. Among them are *N*-isobutyl 2*E*, 4*E*-octadieneamide (**50**) from *Fagara macrophylla* (Rutaceae) which exhibited activity against *Cx. pipiens* larvae (Kubo *et al.*, 1984) and *N*-isobutyl-2*E*, 4*E*, 8*E*, 10*Z*-dodeca-2,4,8,10-tetraeneamide (**51**) from *Spilanthes mauritiana* (Compositae) which showed activity against *Ae. aegypti* larvae (Jondiko *et al.*, 1986).



Piperine (52) and wisanine (53) isolated from *Piper guineense* are alkaloids, which have been found to be effective on *Ae. aegypti* larvae (Addae-Mensah and Achieng, 1986). Plumbagin (54), a naphthoquinone isolated from *Plumbago zeylanica* (Plumbiginaceae), also exhibits larvicidal activity (Hassanali and Lwande, 1989). Structural variants of plumbagin such as juglone (55) and 2-methyl-1, 4-naphthoquinone (56) also possess larvicidal effects (Hassanali and Lwande, 1989).



Anti-fungal and larvicidal naphthoquinones have been isolated from the roots of *Cordia corassavica*. Cardiaquinones B (57), cardiaquinone A (58), cardiaquinone J (59) and cardiaquinone K (60) have been isolated and shown to exhibit similar larvicidal activity against the larvae of *Ae. aegypti* (Ioset, 2000).





The closely related compounds cardiaquinone E(61), cardiaquinone F(62) and cardiaquinone G(63) isolated from the roots of *C. linnaei* have also shown activity against the larvae of *Ae. aegypti* (loset *et al.*, 1998).



Terpenoids such as 5-*E*-ocimenone (64) from *Tagetes minuta* have also been reported to possess larvicidal activity (Maradufu *et al.*, 1978).



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The sesquiterpenoids **65-69** from the roots of *Celastrus angulatus* have also exhibited antifeedant, narcotic and insecticidal activity against several insect species (Wu *et al.*, 2001).



65 R₁=Ac, R₂=OAc, R₃=H 66 R₁=*i*-Bu, R₂=H, R₃=Ofu



67 R₁=*i*-Pet, R₂=Fu 68 R₁=*i*-Bu, R₂=Bz 69 R₁=*i*-Pet, R₂=Bz





The drimane sesquiterpenoids, warburganal (70) and polygodial (71), isolated from *Warburgia* stuhlmannii are examples of larval anti-feedant substances (Kubo et al., 1976; 1977).



Many *neo*-clerodane diterpenoids with anti-feedant activity against *Tenebrio molitor* larvae have been isolated from plants in the families Compositae (Asteraceae) and Labiatae (Lamiaceae). Examples include 72 and 73 from *Baccharis crispa* and 74 from *B. rethinodes* (Sosa *et al.*, 1994).



73 R=OH

Melia volkensii (Meliaceae) fruit kernel extracts have been found to have acute toxicity and growth inhibiton on *Ae. aegypti* (Mwangi and Rembold, 1987; 1988) and *An. arabiensis* larvae (Mwangi and Mukiama, 1988). Several triterpenoids isolated from this plant have been reported to exhibit larvicidal activity. Meliavolkinin (75), 1,3-diacetylvilasinin (76) and melianin B (77) have been reported to possess larvicidal activity against *Ae. aegypti* (Rogers *et al.*, 1998).



76 R=Ac

Tetranorterpenoids (78-82) from *Trichilia pallida* (Meliaceae) have anti-feedant activity against larvae of Lepidoptera (Simmonds *et al.*, 2001)



Azadirachtin (83), a limonoid isolated from the neem tree (*Azadirachta indica* A. Juss), has been reported to have larvicidal activity against various mosquito species (Zebitz, 1984; 1986). It also disrupts the growth and metamorphosis of insects by interfering with the production of ecdysone and juvenile hormones (Chamagne *et al.*, 1989).



The withanolides, salpichrolide A (84), salpachrolide G (85) and salpachrolide C (86), isolated from *Salpichroa origanifolia* (Solanaceae), exhibit insect anti-feedant activity (Mareggiani *et al.*, 2000).



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Annonaceous acetogenins, a family of secondary metabolites isolated from the plant family Annonaceae, are potent inhibitors of tumoral cell growth, insecticides, fungicides, acaricides, anti-parasitics and herbicides (Zeng *et al.*, 1996; Cave *et al.*, 1997; Zafra-Polo *et al.*, 1998; Alali *et al.*, 1999). Squamocin (87) has been reported to exhibit ovicidal and larvicidal activity in Drosophila (Kawazu *et al.*, 1989), while annonacin (88) was toxic to larvae of Ae. aegypti (He *et al.*, 1997).



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The phenylpropanoids, myristicin (89), elemicin (90) and *trans*-isoelemicin (91) and a furanocoumarin, oxypeucedanin (92), isolated from the leaves of *Diplolophium buchananii* (Umbelliferae), have been shown to exhibit larvicidal activity against *Ae. aegypti* larvae (Marston *et al.*, 1995).



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Flavonoids such as quercetin (93) and 2', 6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxydihydrochalcone (94) isolated from *Polygonum senegalense* (Polygonaceae) have been reported to possess larvicidal activity on *Ae. aegypti* larvae (Gikonyo *et al.*, 1998).



The list of larvicidal plants and compounds is long (Sukumar *et al.*, 1991) and it is believed that many more are yet to be discovered. Many higher plants produce economically important organic compounds such as oils, resins, tannins, natural rubber, gums, waxes, dyes, flavours and fragrances, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, insecticides and pesticides.

2.1 The genus Derris

This genus belongs to the tribe Tephrosieae of the Leguminosae family and the sub-family Papilionoidae. Species of this tribe are noted for the profuse production of ring A prenylated flavonoids and isoflavonoids (Garcia *et al.*, 1986).

From the roots of *Derris spruceana*, the angular pyranocoumarins like robustin (95), robustin methyl ester (96) and scandenin (97) have been isolated (Garcia *et al.*, 1986).



From the seeds of *D. robusta*, derrone (98), a pyranoisoflavone has been isolated (Chibber and Sharma, 1980). Sativin (99), an isoflavan with anti-fungal activity, has been isolated from the leaves of *D. amazonica* (Harbone and Baxter, 1993).



From *D. scandens*, a 4-oxygenated coumarin, 4,4'-di-*O*-methylscandenin (100) (Estevez-Braun and Gonzalez, 1997) and lonchocarpenin (101), a 3-aryl-4-hydroxycoumarin (Harbone and Baxter, 1993), have been isolated.



Rotenoids such as deguelin (102), rotenone (40) and toxicarol (103), from D. elliptica, 12ahydroxyrotenone (104) from D. urucu and sumatrol (105) from D. malaccensis have been isolated, with all of them exhibiting insecticidal activity (Harbone and Baxter, 1993).



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2.1.1 Derris trifolia

This is a liana with twining branches, which is evergreen with bark and branchlets that have raised lenticels. It grows in riverines near the tidal zone or in mangrove swamps. It is referred to as 'mkuburuku' by the Swahili (Beentje, 1994). In India the whole plant is used as a stimulant, anti-spasmodic and counter-irritant (Nair *et al.*, 1986).

From the leaves of *Derris trifolia* β -amyrin (106), lupeol (107), β -sitosterol (108), stigmasterol (109), campesterol (110), flavanone (111) (<u>www.sc.chula.ac.th</u>), rhamnetin 3-*O*- β -neohesperidoside (112) and quercetin 3-*O*- β -neohesperidoside (113) have been isolated (Nair *et al.*, 1986).




From the ground stem root of *D. trifolia*, hexacosanol (114), lupeol (107), stigmasterol (109) and long chain fatty acids of molecular formulae $C_{26}H_{52}O_2$, $C_{28}H_{56}O_2$ and $C_{30}H_{60}O_2$ have been isolated. In addition, K⁺, Na⁺, Mg²⁺, Zn²⁺, Fe²⁺, Cl⁻, amino acids, glucose, fructose and sucrose have been detected in the water soluble fraction (www.sc.chula.ac.th).

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2.2 The genus Zanthoxylum (Fagara)

This genus belongs to the family Rutaceae. Some of the members of the genus, such as the prickly ash tree (Z. bungeanumi), have found use in folk medicine. Its fruit is used in Indian and Chinese traditional systems of medicine for the treatment of stomachache, toothache, abdominal pain, ascariosis, diarrhoea and dysentery (Chopra *et al.*, 1956; Dube and Ayensu, 1985). In some communities in East Africa, the bark of *Fagara amaniensis* is chewed to alleviate toothache. Boiled leaf decoction of *F. chalybea* is drunk for treatment of oedema in kwashiorkor and the bark chewed for toothache. The bark of *F. macrophylla* is chewed and the juice swallowed for the treatment of stomachache and to alleviate toothache (Kokwaro, 1976).

Plants from this genus have been extensively studied and they are a source of various classes of compounds especially alkaloids. Benzo[c]phenanthridine alkaloids such 6as methylnorchelerythrine dihydrochelerythrine (115),(116).boccolline (117),8acetonyldihydrochelerythrine (118), oxychelerythrine (119), decarine (120), nitidine (121), norchelerythrine (122), chelerythrine (123), 6-methylhydrochelerythrine (124), arnottianamide

(125) and avicine (126) have been isolated from the root bark and root wood of Z. simulans (Chen et al., 1994). Chelerythrine (123) and nitidine (121) have also been isolated from the roots of Z. williamsii whereas dihydrochelerythrine (116) and (-)-N-methylcanadine (127), as the iodide have been isolated from the roots of Z. coriaceum (Stermitz et al., 1980). Tembetarine (128) has been isolated from the stem of Z. culantrillo (Swinehart and Stermitz, 1980).



R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄
115 OCH3	OCH ₃	CH_3	CH_3
116 OCH3	OCH ₃	Н	CH_3
117 OCH3	OCH ₃	CH ₂ OH	CH_3
118 OCH3	OCH ₃	CH ₂ COCH ₃	CH_3
119 OCH3	OCH ₃	0	CH ₃
120 OH	OCH ₃	н	_

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	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R_5
121	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	н	н	CH ₃
122	н	Н	н	н	-
123	н	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Н	CH_3
124	н	н	н	CH_3	CH_3

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Quinoline alkaloids such as *N*-methylflindersine (129), 8-methoxy-*N*-methylflindersine (130), dictamine (131), robustine (132), γ -fagarine (133) and skimmianine (134) have also been isolated from *Z. simulans* (Chen *et al.*, 1994). Skimmianine has also been isolated from the leaves of *Z. williamsii* (Stermitz *et al.*, 1980).



4-Quinazoline alkaloids such as 1-methyl-3-(2'-phenylethyl)-1H,3H-quinazoline-2,4-dione (135) and 1-methyl-3-[2'-(4"-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1H,3H-quinazoline-2,4-dione (136) have been isolated from the seed husks of Z. arborescens (Dreyer and Brenner, 1980).



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Aporphine alkaloids have also been isolated from members of this genus. These include (-)-*N*-acetylanornuciferine (137), liriodenine (138) and (-)-*N*-acetylanonaine (139) from *Z. simulans* (Chen *et al.*, 1994), magnoflorine (140) from the roots, and laurifoline (141), (-)-*N*-methylisocorydine (142) from the stem of *Z. williamsii* and 143 from *Z. tingoassuiba* (Stermitz *et al.*, 1980).



From the leaves of Z. punctatum, alfileramine (144), a bishordeninyl terpene alkaloid has been isolated (Caolo and Stermitz, 1979; Swinehart and Stermitz, 1980).



Coumarins have also been isolated from members of this genus. These include 7-oxygenated coumarins like acetoxyaurapten (145) and 7,8-dioxygenated coumarins such as epoxycollinin (146), schinallylol (147), schinilenol (148) and schinindiol (149) isolated from the bark of Z. schinifolium. Acetoxyaurapten (145) and schinallylol (147) have been shown to exhibit inhibitory activity on platelet aggregation *in vitro* (Estevez-Braun and Gonzalez, 1997). 6,7-Dioxygenated coumarins such as O-methylcedrelopsin (150) from Z. usambarense and schinicoumarin (151) from the bark of Z. schinifolium (Estevez-Braun and Gonzalez, 1997) have been isolated. The roots of Z. williamsii yielded esculentin dimethyl ether (152) (Stermitz et al., 1980).



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Lignans have also been isolated. These include hinokinin (153) isolated from Z. simulans (Chen et al., 1994), (+)-asaranin (154) and (+)-sesamin (155) from the roots of Z. williamsii (Stermitz et al., 1980).



Triterpenes and steroids have also been isolated from plants of this genus. These include lupeol (107) and β -sitosterol (108) from the roots of Z. gillettii (Adenisa and Reisch, 1988).

Two plants from this genus (*Z. holstiana* and *Z. paracanthum*) exhibited good larvicidal activity in the preliminary assays and were therefore subjected to bio-assay guided fractionation and isolation of larvicidal compounds.

2.2.1 Z. holstiana (Fagara holtziana)

This is a shrub or tree of 4-15 m, which is sometimes described as scrumbling. It has a grey bark with corky bosses and branches with straight or recurved spines that are 2-7 mm long and its leaves have 7-9 leaflets. It grows in moist or dry forest or closed thicket near the sea and is referred to as 'mjafari' by the Swahili (Beentje, 1994).

The pyranoquinolone alkaloids flindersine (156), *N*-methylflindersine (129) and 7,8-dimethoxy-*N*-methylflindersine (157) have been isolated from the bark of this plant (Tadao *et al.*, 1995).



2.2.2 Z. paracanthum

This is a shrub or tree of at least 10 m that has branches with straight or upturned spines that are 3-11 mm long. It has leaves with 11-23 leaflets and grows in moist or dry forest or closed thicket near the sea (Beentje, 1994).

2.3 Hypothesis

We hypothesised that there could be novel potent larvicidal compounds in locally available plants in the families Rutaceae, Leguminosae, Annonaceae and Compositae, with potential for the control of *An. gambiae* larvae.

2.4 Objectives

The general objective was to screen, isolate and characterize larvicidal compounds from plants in the families Rutaceae, Leguminosae, Annonaceae and Compositae (Asteraceae).

The specific objectives were: (i) to extract potential larvicidal plants and screen the extracts by high throughput bio-assay for larvicidal activity; (ii) fractionate the larvicidal extracts and bio-assay the fractions; and (iii) isolate larvicidal compounds and characterize them by spectroscopic techniques.

2.5 Justification

Despite advances in control and treatment methods, malaria is the most widespread of all tropical diseases and one of the most lethal. It remains endemic in most tropical countries and in the northern sub-tropical zone. With the emergence of drug resistant *Plasmodium* parasites

and increasing cost of drugs, there is need for employment of other methods to control malaria. One of the methods employed more vigorously is vector control via insecticides that kill the mosquito at various stages of development. Synthetic organic insecticides, although highly efficacious against target species, are detrimental to a variety of animal life including man. In addition to adverse environmental effects from the use of conventional insecticides, major disease vectors and pest species have become physiologically resistant to many of these compounds. These factors have created the need for environmentally safe, bio-degradable and target-specific insecticides against mosquitoes.

Plants synthesize a dazzling array of compounds with various structural types, which exhibit an almost equal array of biological activities. Various plant compounds affect insects differently. Pyrethrins and nicotine affect nerve axons and synapses. Some of these compounds have already been exploited commercially, while others offer a unique opportunity as sources and models of new insect control agents. There is urgent need to exploit plant sources for natural compounds that will be eco-safe and target-specific. This might ease the malaria burden and generate income for the rural communities where such plants can be cultivated on a large scale for commercial exploitation.

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CHAPTER THREE LARVICIDAL ACTIVITY STUDIES

3.1 Preliminary larvicidal assays

The preliminary larvicidal assay of 4 extracts (hexane, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and methanol) was carried out at 100 ppm for the 9 plants (Zanthoxylum paracanthum (bark), Z. holstiana (stem bark), Z. chalybeum (stem bark), Derris trifolia (root bark), Monondora grandieri (stem bark), Mkilua fragrans (stem bark), Isolana cauliflora (stem bark), Bidens schimperi (root) and Salsola monoica (leaves and stem bark)) and those that showed activity were assayed further at lower concentration ranges (10-1 ppm) (Tables 1-4).

				% 0	мопа	nty						
Time (h)	24				48				72			
Conc. (ppm)	100	10	5	2	100	10	5	2	100	10	5	2
Z. paracanthum	100	100	100	32	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	40
Z. holstiana	100	100	82	0	-	1200	90	0			100	94
Z. chalybeum	100	100	64	28	-	-	80	36	-	-	88	40
D. trifolia	100	88	30	24		92	50	40	-	100	68	62
M. grandieri	100	100	68	-	-	-	82	-	-	-	100	-
M. fragrans	80	44	-	-	88	68	-	-	92	76	-	-
I. cauliflora	100	88	32	· ·	-	92	64	-	-	100	68	-
B. schimperi	96	0	8_ 1	<u>،</u>	100	0	0_1	-	-	0	-	-
S. monoica (b)	92	0	<u>e</u> e	-	100	4	- 7	1.	-	4	20	-
S. monoica (1)	0	<u>i</u>	-	-	0	_ %	1_5	-	26	-	-	-

Table 1: Percentage mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in aqueous medium treated with hexane extracts

Table 2: Percentage mortality of 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae in aqueous medium treated with CH₂Cl₂ extracts

	%Mortality														
Time (h)	24					48					72				
Conc. (ppm)	100	10	5	2	1	100	10	5	2	1	100	10	5	2	1
Z. paracanthum	100	100	82	20	-	-	-	90	22	-	-	-	90	24	-
Z. holstiana	100	100	90	6	-	- *	-	92	6	-	-	-	94	6	-
Z. chalybeum	100	100	72	40	-	-	-	84	44	-	-	-	100	64	-
D. trifolia	100	100	96	74	18	-	-	98	82	34	-	-	98	92	34
M. grandieri	100	36	-	-	-	_	52	-	-	-	-	72	-	-	-
M. fragrans	0	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-
I. cauliflora	32	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	56	-	-	-	-
B. schimperi	92	4	-	-	-	100	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
S. monoica (b)	6	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	72	-	-	-	-
S. monoica (1)	0	-	-	-	-	26	(-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-

Table 3: Percentage mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in aqueous medium treated with EtOAc extracts

	% Mortality												
Time (h)	24		11000		48				72			\	
Conc. (ppm)	100	10	5	2	100	10	5	2	100	10	5	2	-
Z. paracanthum	100	100	72	10		-	76	10	-	-	82	12	
Z. holstiana	100	100	88	14	-	-	90	14	-	-	92	14	
Z. chalybeum	100	100	100	60	-	-	-	72	-	-	-	80	
D. trifolia	100	100	70	46	-	-	82	54	-	-	98	66	
M. grandieri	12	_	-	-	20	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	
M. fragrans	92	0	-	-	100	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	
I. cauliflora	12	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	
B. schimperi	94	0	-	-	100	0	5	-	-	0	-	-	
S. monoica (b)	32	20 C		d <u>ener</u> ty	66	1	<u>_</u>	-	90	_	-	-	
S. monoica (1)	0	Q., N	2000	-240	48	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	

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	% Mortality											
Time (h)	24			48	-		72					
Conc. (ppm)	100	10	5	100	10	5	100	10	5			
Z. paracanthum	100	72	24	-	100	40	-	-	54			
Z. holstiana	100	52	12	-	80	48	-	92	52			
Z. chalybeum	100	100	32	-	-	40	-	-	64			
D. trifolia	96	60	-	100	76	-	-	76	-			
M. grandieri	32	-	-	44	-	-	48	-	-			
M. fragrans	52	-	-	76	-	-	76	-	-			
I. cauliflora	84	40	16	100	72	36	-	88	48			
B. schimperi	82	0	-	100	0	-	-	0	-			
S. monoica (b)	2	-	-	50	-	-	68	-	-			
S. monoica (l)	2	-	-	2	00 - -	-	2	-	- 			

Table 4: Percentage mortality of 3rd instar *An gambiae* larvae in aqueous medium treated with MeOH extracts

b-bark, l-leaves

The methanol extracts exhibited the lowest activity for all the plants. Three extracts with the highest activity were selected for further detailed bio-assays. These comprised CH_2Cl_2 extracts of *Z. paracanthum* and *D. trifolia* and EtOAc extract of *Z. holstiana*. The bio-assay data was subjected to linear regression analysis (Busvine, 1971; Finney, 1971) (Tables 5-9).

Log dose +1	% Mortality			Empiri					
	24	48	72	24	48	72			
2	100	-	-		-	-			
1.7	82	90	90	5.92	6.28	6.28			
1.3	20	22	24	4.16	4.23	4.29			
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Table 5: Probit analysis of larvicidal data for Z. paracanthum CH₂Cl₂ extract

The regression equations obtained were y=4.4x-1.56, y=5.125x-2.4325 and y=4.975x-2.1775 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively.

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Conc (ppm)/time (h)		24	48	72	24	48	72	
10	2	100	-	-	<u>_</u> 28 0	1.0 1.6	0°_66.3	
5	1.7	88	90	92	6.18	6.28	6.41	
2	1.3	14	14	14	3.92	3.92	3.92	

Table 6: Probit analysis of the larvicidal data for Z. holstiana EtOAc extract

The regression equations obtained were y=5.65x-3.425, y=5.9x-3.75 and y=6.225x-4.1725 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively.

Table 7: Probit analysis of larvicidal data for D. trifolia CH₂Cl₂ extract

	Log dose +1	% M	ortalit	y	Empirical probit			
Conc (ppm)/time (h)		24	48	72	24	48	72	
10	2	100	-	-	-	-	-	
5	1.7	96	98	98	6.75	7.05	7.05	
2	1.3	74	82	92	5.64	5.92	6.41	
1	1	18	34	38	4.08	4.59	4.69	

The regression equations obtained were y=3.7581x+0.4792, y=3.477x+1.2173 and y=3.2757x+1.6824 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively.

From the regression lines obtained the LC_{90} , LC_{50} and LC_{25} of the extracts were calculated (Table 8).

Table 8: LC of Z. paracanthum, Z. holstiana and D. trifolia extracts

	Lethal concentration (ppm)								
	LC25			LC50			LC ₉₀		
Time (h)	24	48	72	24	48	72	24	48	72
Z. paracanthum (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	2.18	2.09	2.03	3.10	2.82	2.77	6.05	5.01	5.01
Z. holstiana (EtOAc)	2.36	2.34	2.32	3.10	3.04	2.98	5.22	5.01	4.78
D. trifolia (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	1.06	0.79	0.65	1.60	1.22	1.03	3.50	2.86	2.53

D. trifolia CH_2Cl_2 extract exhibited the highest larvicidal activity after 24 hours while the activities of *Z. paracanthum* (CH_2Cl_2 extract) and *Z. holstiana* (EtOAc extract) were the same after 24 hours. The three extracts were therefore fractionated by column chromatography on silica gel and the fractions re-evaluated for their larvicidal activity on 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae.

3.2 Fractionation of D. trifolia CH₂Cl₂ extract and bio-assay of fractions

The dichloromethane extract of *D. trifolia* was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel into 77 fractions with an *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100). Based on the R_f values, they were pooled into 15 fractions (F_{1D}-F_{15D}). Fractions F_{1D}, F_{2D}, F_{5D}, F_{6D}, F_{8D}, F_{9D} and F_{10D} were available in adequate amounts and thus were assayed at 10 ppm against 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae (Table 9). F_{1D}, F_{2D}, F_{5D} and F_{10D} showed no larvicidal activity at 10 ppm. F_{6D} showed 2% mortality at 48 and 72 hours. F_{8D} and F_{9D} exhibited 94 and 100% mortality after 24 and 72 hours, respectively. They were assayed at lower concentrations to determine the LC₉₀, LC₅₀ and LC₂₅ values. F_{3D}, F_{4D}, F_{7D} F_{11D} and F_{12D} were available in very minute amounts and therefore could not be assayed. F_{13D}, F_{14D} and F_{15D} were insoluble in acetone and only slightly soluble in ethanol or water (the bio-assay solvents).

Table 9: % Mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in D. trifolia dichloromethane extract fractions at 10 ppm

Time (h)	F _{1D}	F_{2D}	F _{5D}	F _{6D}	F _{8D}	F _{9D}	F_{10D}
24	0	0	0	0	94	94	0
48	0	0	0	2	100	100	0
72	0	0	0	2	-	-	0

3.3 Detailed larvicidal assay of pure compounds from *D. trifolia* dichloromethane extract F_{1D} afforded 11.3 mg of D_1 , which was found to be impure by NMR analysis. It was recrystallised in acetone to give D_{1A} (1.5 mg) that turned out to be insoluble in CDCl₃, DMSO and acetone. The compound was therefore not assayed due to inadequate quantities. F_{5D} was cleaned with ether to yield 20 mg of D_2 . Through preparative thin layer chromatography (35%)

ethyl acetate in hexane, SiO₂), 5.0 mg of D_{3A} was obtained from F_{6D} . Similarly, 65.4 mg of F_{10D} gave D_4 (4.1 mg) through preparative thin layer chromatography (30% hexane in ethyl acetate, SiO₂). However, D_4 was impure and was processed further by PTLC. Through preparative thin layer chromatography, 20.4 mg of D_7 was obtained from F_{8D} and F_{9D} . D_7 was assayed against *An. gambiae* and data subjected to probit analysis (Table 10).

Conc (ppm)	Log dose +1	% Mortality	± SD	Empirical probit			
alightly zoh	able is sharp	24h	48h	72h	24h	48h	72h
10	2	100	<u>.</u>		-	-	-
5	1.7	100	and a start of the	<u>-</u>	-	-	
2	1.3	94±0.55	94±0.55	96±0.55	6.55	6.55	6.75
1	1	43.33±1.52	53.33±1.52	56.67±2.08	4.82	5.08	5.18
0.75	0.9	26.67±2.52	33.33±3.06	40.0±3.0	4.39	4.56	4.75
0.5	0.7	26.67±0.58	30.0±1.0	30.0±1.0	4.39	4.48	4.48
0.25	0.4	0	5.0±0.71	10.0±0	-	3.96	3.72

Table 10: % Mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in D₇ solutions and probit analysis

The regression equations obtained were y=3.8013x+1.3312, y=2.7372x+2.572 and y=3.2239x+2.2035 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively.

From the regression equations obtained, the LC_{90} , LC_{50} and LC_{25} values after 24, 48 and 72 hours were calculated (Table 11).

Table 11: LC of D7 for An. gambiae

	Letha	Lethal concentration (ppm)						
Time (h)	LC ₂₅	LC ₅₀	LC ₉₀					
24	0.6	1.8	2.3					
48	0.4	0.8	2.0					
72	0.5	0.7	1.8					

Since the other compounds (D_2 , D_{3A} and D_4) were obtained in low yield and had not shown any larvicidal activity at 10 ppm they were not assayed further.

3.4 Fractionation of Z. holstiana ethyl acetate extract and bio-assay of fractions

The ethyl acetate extract was fractionated by column chromatography, on silica gel with an *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100), to give 33 fractions which were pooled into 12 fractions (F_{1H}-F_{12H}) based on R_f values. F_{1H}, F_{2H}, F_{3H}, F_{4H}, F_{8H}, F_{9H} and F_{10H} were obtained in substantial amounts. F_{8H}, F_{9H} and F_{10H} were not soluble in acetone or water. They were only slightly soluble in ethanol and hence could not be assayed. F_{5H}, F_{6H} and F_{7H} were obtained in small quantities and therefore were not assayed. F_{1H}, F_{2H}, F_{3H} and F_{4H} were assayed against 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae and mortality monitored after 24, 48 and 72 hours. At 10 ppm, F_{3H} exhibited 100% mortality after 24 hours (Table 12). F_{4H} exhibited 54% mortality after 72 hours whereas F_{1H} and F_{2H} exhibited no larvicidal activity at this concentration.

Table12: % Mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in Z. holstiana ethyl acetate extract fractions (10 ppm)

% Mortality							
Time (h)	$F_{1\mathrm{H}}$	F _{2H}	F _{3H}	F _{4H}			
24	0	0	100	26			
48	0	0	-	50			
72-	0	0	_	54			

 F_{2H} was cleaned with ether and 82.4 mg of H_1 obtained. By preparative thin layer chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in hexane, SiO₂), F_{3H} afforded H_5 (30.0 mg), H_6 (12.2 mg) and H_7 (18.7 mg). F_{7H} gave H_2 (2.5 mg). H_4 (4.2 mg) was obtained from F_{6H} . F_{1H} and F_{4H} were a mixture of compounds, which proved difficult to separate. F_{10H} afforded 4.3 mg of H_3 .

3.5 Larvicidal assays of pure compounds from Z. holstiana ethyl acetate extract

 H_2 , H_4 and H_6 were available in inadequate amounts and hence could not be assayed. H_1 , H_5 and H_7 were assayed further against 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae (Table 13). H_1 exhibited no larvicidal activity at the highest concentration assayed (50 ppm). At 10 ppm, H_5 exhibited

100% mortality after 48 hours while the same mortality was achieved after 72 hours at 5 ppm (Table 13). At 2.5 ppm, H₅ exhibited 6.67, 30 and 43.3% mortality after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. H₇ exhibited 100% mortality at 10 and 5 ppm after 24 and 72 hours, respectively (Table 13). Mortality of 86% was obtained at 2.5 ppm after 72 hours.

Table 13: % Mortality of 3^{rd} instar *An. gambiae* larvae in H₅ and H₇ solutions and probit analysis

.6 Principal	Conc. (ppn	n)Log dose -	+1 Mortal	ity (%) ± SD	Empirical probit				
Time (h)	nad extract		24	48	72	24	48	72	
H ₅	10	2	56.7±2.08	100		5.18	-		
	5	1.7	26.67±3.06	63.33±0.67	100	4.39	5.33	-	
	2.5	1.4	6.67±0.67	30.0±1.0	43.3±1.53	3.52	4.48	4.82	
	2	1.3	3.3±0.58	20.0±0	30.0±1.0	3.12	4.16	4.48	
	1	1	3.3±0.58	6.67±0.67	20.0±0	3.12	3.52	4.16	
H ₇	10	2	100	upocatuation	_Fro aph Fr	- <u>-</u>	<u> </u>	-	
	5	1.7	88±0.84	90±0.67	100	6.18	6.28		
	2.5	1.4	56±1.0	70±2.49	86±0.67	5.15	5.52	6.08	
	2	1.3	16±0.47	24±0.89	36±1.0	4.01	4.29	4.64	
	1	1	0	0	0		-	-	
	0.5	0.7	0	0	0	-	-	-	

The regression equations were obtained for H₅ as y=2.2425x+0.5471, y=2.598x+0.8652 and y=1.5154x+2.6177 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. Similarly the equations obtained for H₇ were: y=4.9654x-2.1692, y=4.4115x-1.1069 and y=14.4x-14.08 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. From the equations the LC of H₅ and H₇ were calculated (Table 14).

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A state of the sta	Lethal concentration (ppm)								
	LC_2	5		LC ₅	0		LC ₉₀		1
Time (h)	24	48	72	24	48	72	24	48	72
H ₅	4.9	2.2	1.4	9.7	3.9	3.7	36.0	12.1	26.1
H ₇	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.8	2.4	2.1	5.0	4.7	2.6

Table 14: LC of H₅ and H₇ for An. gambiae

3.6 Fractionation of Z. paracanthum dichloromethane extract and bio-assay of fractions Dichloromethane extract was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel with an' *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100) to give 249 fractions, which were pooled into 18 fractions (F_{1P}-F_{18P}) based on their R_f values. F_{1P}, F_{3P}, F_{5P}, F_{6P}, F_{7P}, F_{8P}, F_{9P}, F_{10P}, F_{11P}, F_{12P}, F_{15P} and F_{16P} were of substantial amounts and hence were assayed against 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae at 10 ppm (Table 15). F_{1P}, F_{3P}, F_{5P} and F_{16P} exhibited no larvicidal activity at 10 ppm after 72 hours whereas fractions F_{9P}, F_{10P}, F_{11P}, F_{12P} and F_{15P} exhibited 30, 50, 20, 34 and 10%

mortality, respectively, after 72 hours at the same concentration. F_{7P} and F_{8P} exhibited 100% mortality after 24 hours while F_{6P} exhibited 84% mortality after 72 hours at 10 ppm. These were subjected to further bio-assay at 5 and 1 ppm.

Table 15: % Mortality of 3rd instar An. gambiae larvae in Z. paracanthum ethyl acetate extract fractions

Time (h)	30		7		% M	ortal	ity			1961		0.07		
	F _{6P}			F _{7P}	10.11		F _{8P}		J	F9P	F _{10P}	F _{11P}	F _{12P}	F _{15P}
Conc (ppm)	10	5	1	10	5	1	10	5	1	10	10	10	10	10
24	60	28	0	100	100	14	100	100	36	24	20	6	10	0
48	68	36	4	-	-	18	-	-	40	30	26	16	24	3.3
72	84	48	10	-	-	24		Ē	42	30	50	20	34	10

 F_{6P} was cleaned with ether and B_1 (145 mg) obtained. F_{11P} afforded B_{2A} (8.0 mg) through PTLC although it still had contaminants. F_{5P} was also cleaned with ether and B_3 (7.5 mg) obtained. B_1 and B_3 were found to be the same compound through spectral analysis. F_{12P} and F_{10P} were cleaned with ether to give B_4 (51.4 mg) obtained. F_{14P} was cleaned with ether to give B_5 (3.0

mg). B₆ (10.0 mg) that was found to be similar to B_{2A} was obtained from F_{9P} on cleaning with ether. B_{7A} (8 mg) was obtained from F_{8P} through preparative TLC. F_{4P} gave B_8 (9.8 mg), which was found to be similar to B_1 and B_3 . B_{10} (1.6 mg) was obtained from F_{8P} through preparative TLC and was found to be similar to B_1 , B_3 and B_8 . F_{11P} gave B_9 (3.6 mg) by preparative TLC. F_{17P} afforded B_{11} (1.2 mg).

3.7 Larvicidal assays of pure compounds from Z. paracanthum ethyl acetate extract

 B_5 was not available in sufficient amounts for bio-assay. B_1 , B_4 , B_5 , B_6 and B_{7A} were assayed against 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae (Table 16) and the data, except for B_6 , subjected to regression analysis (Busvine, 1971). The data for B_6 could not be subjected to regression analysis due to inadequate points.

	Conc. L	ogDose	Mortality (%	Mortality (%) ± SD				
	(ppm) ·	+1						
Time (h)			24	48	72	24	48	72
B ₁	20	2.3	16.67±0.58	76.67±0.58	93.33±0.58	4.05	5.74	6.48
	10	2	6.67±0.58	30.0±0	43.53±0.58	3.52	4.48	4.85
	5	1.7	0	6.67±0.33	6.67±0.33	-	3.52	3.52
B4	20	2.3	78±1.64	92±0.84	100	5.77	6.41	-
	15	2.2	76±1.67	90±1.0	92±0.67	5.71	6.28	6.41
	10	2	10±1.0	24±1.75	34±2.51	3.72	4.29	4.59
B_6	10	2	0	16±0.55	20±0.70	-	4.01	4.61
	5	1.7	0	0	0	-	-	-
B _{7A}	5	1.7	76±1.75	92±1.0	100	5.71	6.41	-
	2.5	1.4	64±0.89	68±0.89	92±0.67	5.36	5.47	6.41
5	2	1.3	10±1.0	32±0.70	40±2.51	3.72	4.53	4.75

Table 16: % Mortality of 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae in B₁, B₄, and B₆, and B_{7A} solutions and probit analysis

From probit analysis, the regression equations of B_1 were found to be y=1.7667x-0.0133, y=3.7x-2.82 and y=4.9333x-4.9267 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. Similarly, the

regression equations for B_4 were found to be y=7.2786x-10.704, y=7.4786x-10.544 and y=9.1x-13.61 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. Finally, the regression equations for B_{7A} were found to be y=4.0962x-1.0777, y=4.3385x-0.8931 and y=16.6x-16.83 after 24, 48 and 72 hours, respectively. From the regression equations the LC₂₅, LC₅₀ and LC₉₀ values were calculated (Table 17).

			Leth	al con	centrat	ion (pp	om)		
CENT COM	LC ₂₅		ene è	LC ₅₀			LC ₉₀		
Time (h)	24	48	72	24	48	72	24	48	72
B ₁	28.7	8.6	7.5	68.8	13.0	10.3	364.9	28.8	18.7
B_4	11.6	9.8	9.4	14.4	12.0	11.1	21.6	17.8	15.3
B _{7A}	2.1	1.6	1.9	3.1	2.3	2.1	6.3	4.5	2.5
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Table	e 17:	LC	of B_1 ,	B ₄ , and	B_{7A}	for An.	gambiae
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CHAPTER FOUR

STRUCTURAL ELUCIDATION

4.1 Structural elucidation of compounds isolated from Zanthoxylum paracanthum B₁(155)

B₁ was isolated as white crystals (145 mg, R_f 0.76, silica gel, 1:1 *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate) and melting point 121-123 0 C. IR revealed peaks at 1498 and 1489 (aromatic C-H stretching), 1377 (epoxide C-O stretching), 1095 (C-O stretching suggesting presence of a cyclic ether) 1059 and 1037 cm⁻¹ (out of plane C-H deformation). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 235 and 284 nm. ¹H NMR revealed 6 signals resulting from 9 protons (Table 18).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral	COSY
3.05	br d	1.4	1H	3.86, 4.71, 4.23
3.86	dd	3.7, 9.1	1H	4.23
4.23	dd	7.2, 9.1	1H	3.05, 3.86
4.71	d	3.7	1H	3.05
5.95	S	11-11-1	2H	-
6.79	S	Pro Car	2H	-
6.85	S		1H	-

Table 18: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₁ (155)

The doublet at δ 3.05 suggested a tertiary centre or the presence of nitrogen whereas the signals at δ 3.86, 4.23 and 4.71 suggested oxygenation at those carbons. The signal at δ 5.95 (2H, s) suggested a methylenedioxide moiety. There were also aromatic protons at δ 6.79 (2H, s) and 6.85 (1H, s). The ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed coupling between the signals at δ 3.05 with those at δ 3.86, 4.23 and 4.71 and also between that at δ 3.86 and 4.23. This suggested that the proton resonating at δ 3.05 is in between those at 3.86, 4.23 and 4.71. The ¹³C NMR spectrum revealed 10 signals (Table 19)

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
54.5	СН	108.4	СН
71.9	CH_2	119.6	СН
86.0	СН	135.2	С
101.3	CH ₂	147.3	С
106.7	СН	148.2	С

Table 19: 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₁ (155)

From DEPT, three signals at δ 148.2, 147.3 and 135.2 were shown to be aromatic and quaternary. The signals at δ 148.2 and 147.3 suggested oxygenation on the aromatic ring. Protonated aromatic carbons were revealed at δ 119.6, 108.4 and 106.7. The methylene carbon at δ 101.3 suggested presence of a methylenedioxy group. There was also a methylene signal at δ 71.9, which suggested oxygenation at this carbon. The remaining 2 signals were at δ 86.0 and 54.5 with that 86.0 suggesting oxygenation while that at 54.5 suggesting a tertiary carbon. From the NMR data a methylenedioxyphenylpropanoid skeleton below was suggested.



EIMS revealed a molecular ion (M^+) at m/z 354 that was consistent with the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{18}O_6$ with a double bond equivalence (DBE) of 12. This suggested some kind of dimerisation of the methylenedioxyphenylpropanoid skeleton and symmetry. The structure sesamine (155) was thus proposed.



The suggested mass spectral fragmentation pattern is given in scheme 1.





The spectral data obtained was in agreement with that published by Pelter *et al.* (1976) and Anjaneulu *et al.* (1977). Sesamine is widely distributed in plants and occurs in Sesamum indicum seed oil (Pedaliaceae), Zanthoxylum acanthapodium (Rutaceae) bark, Piper longum (Piperaceae) seeds, Paulownia tomentosa (Scrophulariaceae) wood, Zanthoxylum piperitum bark, Ruta montana (Rutaceae) leaves, Magnolia mutabilis (Magnoliaceae), Asarum sieboldii (Aristolochiaceae) roots, Eleutherococcus senticosus (Araliaceae) (Harbone and Baxter, 1993) and Magnolia kobus (Magnoliaceae) (Kamikado *et al.*, 1975). It has been shown to be a growth-inhibiting substance for *Bombyx mori* larvae (Kamikado *et al.*, 1975). It is also a known insecticide synergist (Harbone and Baxter, 1993; MacRae and Towers, 1984). The compound was recently isolated in the research group from *Zanthoxylum gillettii* (Okinyo, 2002) and shown to have mild larvicidal activity towards *An. gambiae*.

B₃

This compound (7.5 mg) was found to be similar to B_1 according to the chromatographic and spectral data obtained.

B₈

This compound (9.8 mg) was also found to be similar to B_1 as confirmed by chromatographic and spectral comparisons.

B₁₀

This compound (1.6 mg) was also similar to B_1 as confirmed by chromatographic and spectral comparisons.

B₄ (158)

B₄ was isolated as a cream powder (51.4 mg, R_f 0.29 silica gel, 3:7 *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate) and melting point 178-181 °C. IR spectrum revealed peaks at 3628 (enolic O-H stretch), 1703 (C=O stretch), 1576 (C=C), 1616 (C=C), 1662 (C=C), 1279 (C-O stretch) and 1653 cm⁻¹ (C=N stretch). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 207, 264, 271, 309 and 350 nm. ¹H NMR revealed 8 signals (Table 20)

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral	COSY	NOE
3.99	S	- 6 Hs	3H		7.08, 8.22
6.96	d	9.9	1H	8.01	-
7.08	dd	2.5, 8.7	1H	7.97, 8.22	3.99
7.86	d	5.0	1H	8.75	-
7.97	d	8.7	1H	7.08	- 02
8.01	d	9.9	1H	6.96	-
8.22	d	2.5	1H	7.08	3.99
8.75	d	5.0	1H	7.86	-

Table 20: 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₄ (158)

The singlet upfield at δ 3.99 suggested the presence of a methoxy group. Three pairs of coupled protons were visible at δ 6.96 (1H, J=9.9 Hz), 8.01 (1H, J=9.9 Hz); 7.08 (1H, J=2.5, 8.7 Hz), 7.97 (1H, J=8.7 Hz) and 7.86 (1H, J=5.0 Hz), 8.75 (1H, J=5.0 Hz) with the last pair suggesting presence of an isoquinoline ring. There was also long range coupling between 8.22 (1H, J=2.5 Hz) and 7.08 (1H, J=2.5, 8.7 Hz). ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed coupling between the proton resonating at δ 6.96 and 8.01; 7.08, 7.97 and 8.22; 8.22 and 7.08; 7.86 and 8.75. The ¹³C NMR spectrum revealed 15 discernible signals (Table 21).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	HMQC (δ)	ΗΜΒС (δ)
56.00	CH ₃	3.98	er ane or collocit
101.2	СН	8.22	7.08
114.4	СН	7.08	8.22
115.5	СН	7.86	8.75
116.8	C	-	7.08, 8.22
123.6	СН	7.97	-
129.0	СН	6.96	-
131.1	С	-	8.75
132.2	С	-	7.86, 8.01
134.5	С	-	6.96, 8.75
138.8	CH	8.01	7.86
141.6	С	-	7.97
144.6	CH	8.75	7.86
159.4	Ċ	-	6.96, 8.01
162.8	С		7.97

Table 21: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₄ (158)

The signal at δ 56.0 suggested the presence of a methoxy group as confirmed by DEPT. The methine signals at δ 101.2, 114.4, 115.5, 123.6, 129.0, 138.8 and 144.6 suggested the presence of protonated aromatic carbons, while those at δ 141.6, 159.4 and 162.8 suggested oxygenation at these carbons. From the NMR data, the structure (158) was proposed.



The expected molecular ion of m/z 277 was not observed but instead EIMS revealed a base peak at m/z 250, which corresponded to loss of HCN from the molecular ion. The peak at m/z 251 could be explained by loss of CN from the molecular ion. A further loss of CO from this ion resulted in the ion at m/z 223. Other peaks were observed at m/z 249 (18%), 235 (8%), 221 (34%), 207 (65%), 180 (12%), 179 (71%), 164 (11%) and 152 (23%). The suggested fragmentation pattern is presented in Scheme 2.



Scheme 2: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for B₄ (158)

B₅ (159)

B₅ was isolated as fine orange crystals (3.0 mg, R_f of 0.58 silica gel, 3:7 *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate) and melting point 192-195 0 C. The IR spectrum revealed peaks at 3600, 1710, 1667 and 1610 cm⁻¹. UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 212, 261, 320, 333 and 403 nm. The ¹HNMR revealed 8 signals (Table 22).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral	COSY	NOE
4.03	S	123-94 ()	3H	-	7.08
7.06	d	9.8	$1 \mathrm{H}$	8.15	-
7.08	d	8.8	1H	7.51	4.03
7.51	d	8.8	1H	7.06	-
7.88	d	5.0	1H	8.81	-
8.15	d	9.8	1H	7.06	-
8.81	d	5.0	1H	7.88	-
12.15	S	-	1H	-	-

Table 22: ¹HNMR (CDCl₃) data for B₅ (159)

The broad singlet upfield at δ 4.03 corresponded to a methoxy group. The ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed coupling between protons at δ 7.88 and 8.81; 7.06 and 8.15, and 7.51; and 7.08. The signal downfield at δ 12.15 suggested a hydrogen-bonded phenolic system. NOE experiments revealed interaction between the signal at δ 4.03 and 7.08. The ¹³C NMR spectrum revealed 12 signals (Table 23).

Table 23: 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₅ (159)

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	ΗΜQC (δ)	ΗΜΒC (δ)
56.9	CH ₃	4.03	2. A less of Charles in the second
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113.5	СН	7.51	Tota grant of the second second
116.1	СН	7.88	8.81
119.5	С	-	7.06, 7.88
126.7	СН	7.06	-
128.4	C	-	7.51, 7.06
136.9	С	-	7.08, 12.15
141.1	СН	8.15	-
146.9	СН	8.81	7.88
151.7	С	0-	7.51, 12.15, 4.03, 7.08
160.4	C	-	8.15

The signal at δ 56.8 suggested the presence of a methoxy group. The signals at δ 111.1, 113.5, 116.1, 126.7, 141.1 and 146.9 corresponded to protonated aromatic carbons whereas those at 151.7 and 160.4 suggested the presence of oxygenated carbons.

From NMR data the structure (159) was suggested.



The expected molecular ion of m/z 293 was not observed but instead EIMS revealed a base peak of m/z 266, which corresponded to loss of HCN from the molecular ion. A further loss of CH₃ from this ion resulted in the ion of m/z 251. Loss of CO from the m/z 266 gave the ion of m/z 238. Loss of CH₃ from m/z 238 resulted in ion of m/z 223, which on losing 3xCO resulted in the ions of m/z 195, 167 and 139, respectively. On the other hand, loss of CN from the molecular ion resulted in the ion of m/z 267. A further loss of CO from this ion resulted in the ion of m/z 239. Loss of CH₃ from m/z 267 gave the ion of m/z 252. A loss of CH₃ from m/z 239 gave the ion at m/z 224, which was followed by consecutive loss of 3xCO to give ions of m/z 196, 166 and 138, respectively. The suggested fragmentation pattern is given in Scheme 3.

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Scheme 3: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for B₅ (159)

B₆ (160)

B₆ was isolated as orange crystals (10 mg, R_f 0.43 silica gel, 3:7 *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate) and had a melting point of 161-164 0 C. The IR spectrum revealed peaks at 3628 (O-H stretch), 1703 (C=O stretch), 1647 and 1635 (C=C stretch) cm⁻¹. UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 213, 242, 247, 253, 297 and 378 nm. The ¹H NMR revealed 8 signals (Table 24).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multipli	icity	J (Hz)	Integral	COSY (δ)
6.99	d	2.97	9.8	1H	8.03
7.53	dd		8.0, 7.5	1H	8.11, 7.71
7.71	dd		7.6, 7.5	1H	7.53, 8.11
7.97	d		5.0	$1 \mathrm{H}$	8.82
8.03	d		9.8	1H	6.99
8.11	d		8.0	$1 \mathrm{H}$	7.53
8.67	d		7.6	$1 \mathrm{H}$	7.71
8.82	d		5.0	1H	7.97

Table 24: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₆ (160)

There was a pair of coupled doublets at δ 8.03 (1H, J=9.8 Hz) and 6.99 (1H, J=9.8 Hz). Another pair of coupled doublets at δ 8.82 (1H, J=5.0 Hz) and 7.97 (1H, J=5.0 Hz) indicated aromatic protons in an isoquinoline skeleton. The two double doublets at δ 7.71 and 7.53 indicated the presence of an *ortho*-disubstituted aromatic ring. ¹H-¹H COSY analysis confirmed further the suggested coupling pattern. A total of 14 signals were observed in the ¹³C NMR (Table 25).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	HETCOR (δ)	ΗΜQC (δ)	ΗΜΒС (δ)
116.4	СН	7.97	7.97	8.82
117.2	СН	8.67	8.67	7.53
122.6	СН	8.11	8.11 Scheme 4	7.71
124.3	С	-		7.53, 8.67
125.6	СН	7.53	7.53	8.67
128.8	CH	6.99	6.99	
130.2	С	-	-	8.82
130.8	СН	7.71	7.71	8.11
131.9	С	-	-	8.03, 7.97
136.1	С	-	Ē.	6.99, 8.82
139.3	С	-	-'	8.11, 7.71
139.5	СН	8.03	8.03	7.97
145.7	СН	8.82	8.82	7.97
159.4	С	- 1	-	8.03, 6.99

Table 25: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) data for B₆ (160)

The signal at δ 159.4 indicated the presence of an oxygenated carbon. Methine carbon signal at δ 145.7 and 139.5 suggested the presence of an isoquinoline skeleton. The 4 methine signals resonating at δ 130.8, 122.6, 128.8 and 117.3 were due to an *ortho*-disubstituted aromatic ring as observed in DEPT, HETCOR, HMQC and HMBC.

From NMR the structure (160) was suggested.



The expected molecular ion at m/z 247 was not observed but instead EIMS revealed a peak at

m/z 220 that corresponds to loss of HCN. Further loss of CO led to the base peak at m/z 192, which on losing a CO gave a peak at m/z 164. On the other hand loss of CN from the molecular ion led to m/z 221 which on losing CO resulted in the peak at m/z 193, that further lost a CO to give m/z 165. The expected molecular ion was consistent with the formula $C_{16}H_9O_2N$ with a DBE of 13. The suggested fragmentation pattern is presented in Scheme 4.



Scheme 4: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for B_6 (160)

B₂

This compound (8.0 mg) was contaminated with fatty material (δ 1.2-1.3) but it was shown to be the same as B₆ through TLC and NMR (¹H and ¹³C) spectral comparison.

B9

From spectral and chromatographic comparison, B_9 was shown to be similar to B_6 although it also had some contaminants.

B₁₁

This compound was found to be insoluble in the available solvents used for NMR analysis and was also available in small amounts (1.6 mg) so it was not characterized.

4.2 Structural elucidation of the compounds isolated from Zanthhoxylum holstiana H₁ (116)

H₁ was isolated as a white crystalline solid (82.4 mg, R_f of 0.81 silica gel, 3:7 ethyl acetatehexane) and melting point 162-165 0 C. The IR spectrum revealed signals at 3505, 2978, 1273, 1248, 1217 819 cm⁻¹. UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 200, 235 and 284 nm. The ¹H NMR spectrum revealed 11 signals (Table 26).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral
2.59	S	-	3H
3.87	S	-	3H
3.92	S	-	3H
4.29	S	-	2H
6.04	S	-	2H
6.93	d	8.5	1H
7.10	S		1H
7.47	d	8.4	1H
7.50	d	8.4	1H
7.67	S	-	1H
7.69	d	8.5	1H

Table 26: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for H₁ (116)

Two pairs of coupled protons were visible at δ 6.93 (1H, J=8.5 Hz) and 7.69 (1H, J=8.5 Hz); δ 7.47 (1H, J=8.4 Hz) and 7.50 (1H, J=8.4 Hz). These corresponded to two pairs of isolated aromatic protons. Two singlets at δ 7.10 (1H) and 7.67 (1H) were assigned to two isolated aromatic protons. The three singlets at δ 2.59 (3H), 3.87 (3H) and 3.92 (3H) were assigned to two methoxy groups and a methyl attached to nitrogen, respectively. The signals at δ 4.29 and 6.04 were assigned to a methylene group attached to nitrogen and a methylenedioxy group, respectively. A total of 20 signals were revealed in the ¹³C NMR (Table 27).

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Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
41.4	CH ₃	124.1	С
48.7	CH ₂	126.0	С
55.8	CH ₃	126.1	С
61.1	CH ₃	126.2	С
100.6	CH ₂	130.6	С
104.2	CH	142.5	С
110.7	CH	145.8	С
118.6	CH	147.2	С
120.0	CH	147.8	С
123.6	СН	152.0	С

Table 27: 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) data for H₁ (116)

The signal at δ 48.7 and 100.6 confirmed the presence of nitrogen attached to a methylene group and a methylenedioxy groups, respectively. The signals at δ 104.2, 110.7, 118.6, 120.0 and 123.6 were due to methine carbons. The other 10 signals were from quaternary carbons. The signals at δ 152.0, 147.8, 147.2, 145.8 and 142.5 suggested aromatic carbons attached to electron withdrawing groups such as oxygen or nitrogen. The methyl signals at δ 55.8 and 61.1 confirmed the presence of methoxy groups. The methyl signal at 41.4 confirmed its attachment to a nitrogen atom. From the NMR spectrum, the structure dihydrochelerythrine (116) was proposed.



EIMS revealed a base peak at m/z 349 that corresponded to the molecular formula $C_{21}H_{19}O_4N$ with a DBE of 13. A loss of CHO from the molecular ion gave rise to the ion at m/z 319, which

on losing CO gave an ion at m/z 191. On the other hand loss of CO_2 from the molecular ion led to the ion of m/z 304, which on losing CH₃N resulted in ion at m/z 274. The fragmentation pattern is summarized in scheme 5.



Scheme 5: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for dihydrochelerythrine (116)

Dihydrochelerythrine (116) is widely distributed in the family Papaveraceae, including the species Argemone mexicana, Chelidonium majus, Glaucium flavum var. vestitum and G. vitellium; Rutaceae species such as Fagara chalybeum, F. holstii, F. semiarticulatum, F. rubescens, F. macrophylla, Toddalia asiatica, T. aculeata, Zanthoxylum tsihanimposa, Z. senegalense, Z. coriaceum and Z. elephantiasis; and the Fumariaceae species Corydalis ledebouriana, (Swinehart and Stermitz, 1980), Sanguinaria canadensis (Arakawa et al., 1992) and Bocconia arbocea (Navarro and Delgado, 1999). The compound has been known to exhibit a variety of biological activities such as anti-microbial, anti-feedant, cytotoxic and anti-tumour

effects (Navarro and Delgado, 1999). The spectral data obtained above was comparable to that published by Shafiee *et al.* (1979), Chen *et al.* (1994) and Guinaudeau and Bruneton (1993).

H₄ (116)

This compound was isolated as a white solid (4.2 mg, R_f 0.81 silica gel, 3:7 ethyl acetate-*n*-hexane) and a melting point 158-160 ^oC. The spectral properties were found to be similar to those of H₁ although there were some contaminants.

H₂ (125)

This compound was isolated as a white crystalline solid (2.5 mg, R_f 0.12, silica gel, 3:7, ethyl acetate:*n*-hexane) and had a melting point 267-270 ^oC. ¹H NMR analysis revealed 12 signals (Table 28).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral
2.99	S	1.7.1	3Н
3.89	s	1.51	3Н
3.92	S	-	3H
5.95	S	-	1H
6.08	S	i čaborni auto	2H
6.53	d	8.7	1H
6.80	d	8.7	1H
7.07	S	0171 conditioned	1H
7.19	S	e dia tanan de CCT	1H
7.30	d	8.3	1H
7.72	d	8.3	1H
8.15	S	-6- °	1H

Table 28: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for H₂ (125)

The three singlets at δ 2.99 (3H) 3.89 (3H) and 3.92 (3H) were assigned to a methyl group attached to a nitrogen and two methoxy groups respectively. The singlet at δ 5.95 (1H) was due to a hydroxyl group whereas that at δ 6.08 (s, 2H) was assigned to a methylenedioxy group.
Two pairs of coupled aromatic protons were visible at δ 6.53 (d, 1H, J=8.7 Hz), 6.80 (d, 1H, J=8.7 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, J=8.3 Hz) and 7.72 (d, 1H, J=8.3 Hz). This suggested two pairs of isolated aromatic protons. The two singlets at δ 7.07 (IH) and 7.19 (1H) resulted from two isolated aromatic protons. The singlet at δ 8.15 (1H) suggested the presence of an aldehyde type proton. The ¹³C NMR revealed 19 signals (Table 29).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
33.1	CH ₃	127.2	СН
55.9	CH ₃	127.3	СН
61.2	CH ₃	131.1	С
99.2	С	133.2	С
101.4	CH ₂	135.4	C
103.8	СН	146.5	С
104.3	СН	147.9	С
118.4	СН	149.1	С
125.0	СН	164.3	CH
151.8	C		

Table 29: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) data for H₂ (125)

The signal at δ 164.3 suggested the presence of a carbonyl carbon to which hydrogen was attached. The signals at δ 151.8, 149.1, 147.9 and 146.5 were assigned to oxygenated carbons on the aromatic ring. Signals at δ 103.8, 104.3, 118.4, 125.0, 127.2 and 127.3 were due to protonated aromatic carbons whereas that at δ 101.4 confirmed further the presence of a methylenedioxide moiety. From the NMR data, arnottianamide (125) was proposed.



Arnottianamide has been isolated from the leaves Zanthoxylum schinifolium (Cheng et al., 2002), Argemone mexicana, Toddalia asiatica (Sharma et al., 1980), root bark and root wood of

Z. simulans (Chen et al., 1994), root and pericarp of Z. rubescens (Adenisa, 1986), rootand bark of Z. gillettii (Adenisa and Reisch, 1988; Okinyo, 2002), Xanthoxylum caspidatum and X. arnottianum (Ishii and Ishikawa, 1976). The spectroscopic data obtained was comparable to that published by Adenisa (1986), Adenisa and Reisch (1988) and Ishii and Ishikawa (1976).

H₃

This compound was isolated as a white solid (4.3 mg) but its analysis could not be done because it was insoluble in the available NMR solvents.

H₅ (129)

H₅ was isolated as a cream-yellow wax (30.0 mg, $R_f 0.33$, silica gel, 3:7 ethyl acetate:*n*-hexane) and had a melting point of 82-84 ^oC. The IR spectrum revealed signals at 1705 and 1211 cm⁻¹. UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 216, 235, 331, 345 and 361 nm. The ¹H NMR revealed 8 signals (Table 30).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral
1.43	S	den de la constan	6H
3.61	s	-	3H
5.45	d	10	1H
6.67	d	10	1H
7.14	dd	6.6, 7.3	1H
7.20	d	6.6	1H
7.46	dd	8.1, 7.3	1H
7.88	d	8.1	1H

Table 30: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for H₅ (129)

The three singlets upfield at δ 1.43 (6H) and 3.61 (3H) represented two shielded methyl groups and *N*-methyl, respectively. There was a pair of coupled aromatic or olefinic protons appearing as doublets at δ 6.67 (1H, J=10 Hz) and 5.45 (1H, J=10 Hz). The signals at δ 7.14 (dd, 1H, J=6.6, 7.3 Hz), 7.20 (d, 1H, J=6.6 Hz), 7.46 (dd, 1H, J=8.1, 7.3 Hz) and 7.88 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz) suggested an *ortho*-di-substituted aromatic system. The ¹³C NMR analysis revealed 14 signals while DEPT analysis revealed 2 methyl and 6 methine groups (Table 31).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
28.3	CH ₃	121.6	СН
28.3	CH ₃	122.9	СН
29.4	CH ₃	126.2	СН
78.7	С	130.7	СН
105.7	С	139.1	С
113.9	СН	155.0	С
115.9	С	160.8	C
117.8	СН		5 e

Table 31: 13 CNMR (CDCl₃) data for H₅ (129)

Two signals at δ 28.3 and that at 29.3 confirmed the presence of 2 methyl signals resonating at the same field strength and a methyl group attached to nitrogen, respectively. The peak at δ 78.7 suggested the presence of an oxygenated tertiary carbon. Methine signals at δ 113.9, 117.8, 121.6, 122.9, 126.2 and 130.7 confirmed the presence of olefinic or aromatic carbons. The signals at δ 155.0 and 160.8 suggested the presence of nitrogen attached to an aromatic ring and a carbonyl group, respectively. From NMR analysis, *N*-methylflindersine (**129**) was proposed.



EIMS revealed the molecular ion at m/z 241, which was consistent with the formula $C_{15}H_{15}NO_2$ with a DBE of 9. The loss of CH₃ led to the base peak at m/z 226. A further loss of CH₃ resulted in the ion at m/z 211, which lost CO to give the peak at m/z 183. Loss of NCH₃ from this ion resulted in the peak at m/z 154. The proposed fragmentation pattern is presented in Scheme 6.



Scheme 6: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for N-methylflindersine (129)

N-methylflindersine (129) has been isolated from *Ptelea trifoliate, Xylocarpus granatum, Atalantia roxburghiana, Fagara chalybeum* (Harborne and Baxter, 1993) and *Zanthoxylum simulans* (Rutaceae) (Chen *et al.*, 1994). It has anti-feedant activity against beetles and shows anti-microbial action against the yeast *Candida albicans* (Harborne and Baxter, 1993). The spectroscopic data obtained was in agreement with that reported by Ishii *et al.* (1991) and Gray (1993).

4.3 Structural elucidation of compounds isolated from Derris trifolia

$D_2(107)$

This compound was isolated as a white crystalline solid, (20.0 mg, R_f 0.76, silica gel, 3:7 ethyl acetate:*n*-hexane) and had a melting point of 213-215 ^oC. UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 201 nm. IR 3227 (O-H stretch) and 3092 (C-H stretch), 1670 (C=C stretch), 1377 (C-H deformation) cm⁻¹. The ¹H NMR spectrum revealed 4 regions (Table 32).

Chemical shift (δ) Integral Multiplicity J (Hz) 0.64-2.01 46H m 2.30-2.43 1H m 3.16 9.8, 5.2 1Hdd 2H4.67 br s

Table 32: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) for D₂ (107)

There was a complex mass of multiplets spread between δ 0.64-2.01. The signal at δ 4.67 corresponds to a terminal methylene group whereas that at δ 3.16 (dd, 1H) suggested a proton attached to an oxygenated carbon. There was also a multiplet at 2.30-2.43 (1H), which was assigned to an allylic CH group. The ¹³C NMR analysis revealed 30 signals (Table 33).

Table 33: ¹³ C NMR	(CDCl ₃) dat	a for D ₂	(107)
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Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
14.5	CH ₃	37.1	С
15.4	CH ₃	38.0	СН
16.0	CH ₃	38.7	CH ₂
16.1	CH ₃	38.8	CH ₂
18.0	CH ₃	40.0	С
18.3	CH ₂	40.8	С
19.3	CH ₃	42.8	С
20.9	CH ₂	43.0	С
25.1	CH ₂	48.0	СН
27.4	CH ₂	48.3	СН
28.0	CH ₃	50.4	СН
29.7	CH ₂	55.2	СН
29.7	CH ₂	79.0	СН
34.2	CH ₂	109.3	CH ₂
35.5	CH ₂	151.0	С

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The methylene carbon signal at δ 109.3 was confirmed by DEPT and hence the presence of a terminal group. The signal at δ 79.0 indicated the presence of a carbinol carbon. Presence of 7 methyl groups was confirmed by DEPT analysis thus suggesting a triterpene skeleton. Besides, presence of 11 CH₂, 6 CH and 6 quaternary centers was confirmed by DEPT analysis. From NMR analysis, lupeol (107) was proposed.



EIMS revealed the molecular ion peak at m/z value 426, which corresponded to the molecular formula $C_{30}H_{50}O$ with a DBE of 6. The fragmentation pattern is presented in Scheme 7 to account for the observed MS peaks.

Scheme 7: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for lupeol (107)



Lupeol occurs in the bark and leaves of many plants, especially of species in the Apocynaceae Ebenaceae Euphorbiaceae and Leguminosae. It is found in the bark of *Phyllanthus emblica* (Euphorbiaceae), *Lupinus luteus* (Leguminoseae) (Harborne and Baxter, 1993), *Zanthoxylum gillettii* (Rutaceae) (Okinyo, 2002). It has previously been isolated from this plant

(www.sc.chùla.ac.th). It exhibits anti-tumour, anti-hyperglycaemic and hypotensive activities (Harborne and Baxter, 1993). The spectroscopic data obtained was in agreement with that published by Reynolds *et al.* (1986).

D_{3A} (109)

This compound was isolated as a white crystalline solid (3.4 mg, R_f 0.40, 1.3 ethyl acetate:hexane, SiO₂) and had a melting point of 162-165 ^oC. ¹H NMR revealed 4 regions (Table 34).

Chemical shift (δ)	più Li	Multi	plicity	J (Hz)	Integral	
0.67-2.38		m	71-21	-	44H	
3.58		m		-	1H	
5.01-5.12		m		-	2H	
5.28		br d			1H	

Table 34: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for D_{3A} (109)

The signal at δ 5.28 (br d, 1H) was assigned to an olefinic proton whereas that at δ 3.58 (m, 1H) suggested the presence of an α -proton typical of sterols hydroxylated at C-3. The multiplet at δ 5.01-5.12 (2H) suggested presence of 2 olefinic protons. The rest of the signals were a complex mass of multiplets spread between δ 0.67-2.38. The ¹³C NMR revealed 29 signals (Table 35).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
12.0	CH ₃	36.6	С
12.2	CH ₃	37.3	CH ₂
18.9	CH ₃	39.7	CH ₂
19.1	CH ₃	42.3	CH ₂
19.5	CH ₃	45.9	С
20.0	CH ₃	50.1	СН
21.2	CH ₂	51.3	СН
23.2	CH ₂	56.0	СН
24.4	CH ₂	56.8	СН
28.4	CH ₂	71.8	СН
29.2	CH ₂	121.6	СН
31.7	CH_2	129.1	СН
32.0	СН	138.2	СН
34.0	CH ₂	140.6	С
36.2	СН		

Table 35: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) data for D_{3A}. (109)

Six methyl signals appeared at δ 12.0, 12.2, 18.9, 19.1, 19.5 and 20.0, as revealed by DEPT analysis. DEPT analysis also revealed 9 methylene carbon signals at δ 21.2, 23.2, 24.4, 28.4, 31.7, 34.0, 37.3, 39.7 and 42.3 and 11 methine carbon resonances at δ 29.2, 32.0, 36.2, 50.1, 51.3, 56.0, 56.8, 71.8, 121.6, 129.1 and 138.2. The remaining 3 signals at δ 36.6, 45.9 and 140.6 were due to quaternary carbons. From the NMR analysis, stigmasterol (109) was proposed.



EIMS revealed a molecular ion at m/z 412 (8%), a value that was consistent with the molecular formula $C_{29}H_{48}O$. Other peaks were observed at m/z 396 (7%), 119 (46%), 111 (43%), 69 (85%), 57 (100%) and 43 (97%). The proposed fragmentation pattern is as in Scheme 8.

Scheme 8: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for stigmasterol (109)



Stigmasterol is found in many higher plants such as wheat germ, *Triticum*, sweetcorn, *Zea mays* where it plays a vital role in the membranes of plant cells (Harbone and Baxter, 1993). The spectral data obtained was in agreement with those published by Rubinstein *et al.* (1976) and Greca *et al.* (1990).

D₇ (40)

This compound was isolated as a white powder (20.4 mg, R_f 0.54, silica gel, 7:13, ethyl acetate:*n*-hexane) and had a melting point of 162-164 ^oC. The IR spectrum revealed peaks at 1674 (C=O stretch), 1647 (C=C stretch), 1234, 1217 (C-O stretch) and 1091 cm⁻¹ (out of plane C-H deformation). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 200, 236 and 293 nm. The ¹H NMR revealed 15 signals (Table 36).

Chemical shift (δ)	Multiplicity	J (Hz)	Integral	COSY
1.76	S	-142.8	3Н	-
2.94	dd	8.4, 16.0	1H	3.31, 5.23
3.31	dd	9.5, 16.0	1H	2.94, 5.23
3.75	S	- 29.2	3Н	-
3.80	S	- 57.2	3H	-
3.83	d	4.2	1H	4.92
4.17	d	12.2	1H	4.35
4.35	dd	3.1, 12.2	1H	4.17, 4.92
4.92	m	-	2H	3.83, 4.17, 5.06
5.06	S	ng. The sign	1H	4.92
5.23	dd	9.5, 8.4	1H	2.94, 3.31
6.44	S	general as my	1H	an arben Tollor
6.50	d	8.6	1H	7.83
6.75	S	- operated by	1H	- , 1
7.83	d	8.6	1H	6.50

Table 36: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) data for D₇(40)

The spectrum showed two coupled aromatic doublets at δ 7.83 (1H, J=8.6 Hz) and 6.50 (1H, J=8.6 Hz). The singlets appearing at δ 6.75 and 6.44 suggested isolated aromatic protons. The signals at δ 4.92 (m, 2H) and 5.06 (s, 1H) corresponded to two protons of a terminal CH₂ group. The signals at δ 5.23 (dd, 1H, J=9.5, 8.4 Hz), 3.31 (dd, 1H, J=9.5, 16.0 Hz) and 2.94 (dd, 1H, J=8.4, 16.0 Hz) suggested 3 coupled protons two of which could be geminal (J=16.0 Hz). There was also a pair of coupled protons at δ 4.17 (d, 1H, J=12.2 Hz) and 4.35 (dd, 1H, J=3.1, 12.2

Hz). This suggested vicinal oxygenated protons. The ¹³C NMR analysis revealed 23 signals (Table 37).

Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT	Chemical shift (δ)	DEPT
17.3	CH ₃	112.5	CH ₂
31.3	CH ₂	112.9	С
44.6	СН	113.2	С
55.9	CH ₃	129.9	CH .
56.3	CH ₃	142.8	C
66.3	CH ₂	143.6	C
72.2	СН	147.1	С
87.8	СН	149.2	С
100.8	СН	157.7	С
104.7	C	167.1	С
104.8	СН	188.7	С
110.1	СН		

Table 37: 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) data for D₇ (40)

The signal at δ 17.3 was due to a methyl group. The signal at δ 44.6 corresponded to a methine carbon next to a quaternary centre. The two signals at δ 56.3 and 55.9 were found to be due to methoxy carbons. The signal at δ 66.3 suggested an oxygenated methylene carbon. The two signals at δ 72.2 and 87.8 indicated the presence of methine carbons attached to oxygen. Presence of a terminal methylene group was suggested by the signal at δ 112.5. The signals at δ 100.8, 104.8, 110.1 and 129.9 were due to aromatic carbons. The rest of the signals were due to quaternary carbons, with the signal at δ 188.7 suggesting the presence of a carbonyl group while those at δ 167.1, 157.7, 149.2, 147.1 and 143.6 indicated oxygenation at these positions on the aromatic ring. From ¹H and ¹³C NMR, rotenone (**40**) was proposed.



EIMS revealed a molecular ion peak at m/z 394, which was consistent with the formula $C_{23}H_{22}O_6$. The base peak at m/z 192 was due to a retro-Diels-Alder fragmentation. The fragmentation pattern presented in scheme 9 was proposed to account for the observed MS peaks.

Scheme 9: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern for rotenone (40)



Rotenone occurs in *Derris, Tephrosia* and *Lonchocarpus*, and numerous other Leguminosae species (Harborne and Baxter, 1993). It is also found in the leaves of *Verbascum thapsus* (Scrophulariaceae) (Harborne and Baxter, 1993) and roots of *Millettia pachycarpa* (Singhal *et al.*, 1982). It has anti-protozoal and insecticidal activity (Harborne and Baxter, 1993). The obtained spectroscopic data was in agreement with the reported values (Singhal *et al.*, 1982; Crombie *et al.*, 1975).

CHAPTER FIVE

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusions

Plants are a potential source of phytochemicals for insect control. This is evident from the preliminary bio-assays of the extracts of the chosen plants that were studied.

The larvicidal principles as screened in 24 hour assays were present mainly in the extracts of solvents of low polarity suggesting that they are not very polar. For most of the plants studied the CH_2Cl_2 and EtOAc extracts exhibited good larvicidal activity whereas the methanolic extracts were the least active.

The oxoaporphine alkaloid **158** from *Z. paracanthum* exhibited higher larvicidal activity against *An. gambiae* than the benzophenanthridine alkaloid, dihydrochelerythrine (**116**), from *Z. holstiana* that displayed no larvicidal activity at the highest concentration assayed (50 ppm).

Rotenone was the major insecticidal constituent in the CH_2Cl_2 extract of the root bark of *D*. *trifolia*. This is in agreement with what has been found in other *Derris* species.

Three alkaloids (oxoaporphines 158, 159, 160,) from Z. paracanthum were isolated for the first time and this revealed that this plant is a rich source of this class of compounds.

5.2 Recommendations

The oxoaporphine alkaloids B_5 and B_6 should be isolated in substantial amounts to determine their larvicidal activity.

IGR properties of slow acting extracts such as dichloromethane and ethyl acetate extracts of *Salsola monoica* (bark) should be investigated further in order to isolate any bio-active principles.

Toxicological studies and semi-field trials of *n*-hexane, CH₂Cl₂, ethyl acetate and methanol extracts of *Z. paracanthum* (stem bark), *Z. holstiana* (stem bark), *Z. chalybeum* (stem bark), *D. trifolia* (root bark), *M. grandieri* (stem bark), should be carried out in order to evaluate their potential as larvicidal agents in malaria vector management.

The 2 active compounds from Z. holstiana (stem bark) ethyl acetate extract and Z. paracanthum (stem bark) dichloromethane extract that were not identified should be identified in future research.

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CHAPTER SIX EXPERIMENTAL

6.1 General procedures

All the glassware used was soaked in chromic acid, cleaned thoroughly with water, rinsed with distilled water, acetone and dried in the oven at 110 °C.

All solvents were supplied by Sigma-Aldrich or Merck at 97.5-99.9% purity and were used without any further purification.

Analytical TLC was performed on silica gel G_{60} F_{254} plates (5x10 cm x 0.20 mm thickness) with fluorescent indicator. The spots were visualized using multi-brand UV-254/366 nm lamp (UV GL-58). The plates were then sprayed with 2% sulphuric acid in methanol and kept in the oven at 110 $^{\circ}$ C until the spots appeared. Preparative TLC was done on silica gel G60 F_{254} plates (20 x 20 cm, thickness 0.25 mm) with fluorescent indicator.

Melting points of the isolated recrystallised compounds were determined on Sanyo Gallenkamp electronic melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Mass spectrometric (MS) analysis was performed on pure solid samples using the direct insertion probe (DIP) on a Fission Platform 11 Mass Spectrometer (ICIPE) operated at 70 eV and a mass range set at 38-800.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were obtained from Varian Gemini 200 (University of Nairobi), Bruker 300 and 600 MHz machines (University of Botswana). ¹H NMR spectra were run in CDCl₃. All the signals are reported as δ and the multiplicity: s-singlet, d-doublet, t-triplet, q-quartet and m-multiplet. The ¹³C NMR spectra were run on the same machines at 50, 75 and 150 MHz, respectively and the multiplicity determined by DEPT experiments. Structural assignments are based on ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts, DEPT, HETCOR, HMQC and HMBC analysis.

Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained in nujol (liquid paraffin) from Shimadzu Fourier Transform (FT) Specrophotometer (KEFRI). Absorption bands were recorded in wave numbers (cm⁻¹) and transmittance (%).

Ultra violet (UV) spectra were obtained using a Beckman System Gold HPLC-UV with diode array detector (Module 168) and are reported in wavelength (nm) of absorption maxima.

6.2 Plant collection

The plants *Derris trifolia* (roots), *Zanthoxylum holstiana* (stem bark), *Z. paracanthum* (stem bark), *Z. chalybeum* (stem bark), *Monondora grandieri* (stem bark), *Mkilua fragrans* (stem bark), *Isolona cauliflora* (stem bark), *Salsola monoica* (leaves and stem bark) and *Bidens schimperi* (roots), were collected from coastal parts of Kenya (Ngomeni, Sabaki River delta, Diani, Shimba and Mrima Hills) (Table 38) and identified by Mr. Simon Mathenge of Botany Department, University of Nairobi. Sample specimens were deposited at the University Herbarium, Department of Botany for future reference. The collected parts were dried under shade for 14 days after which they were ground in readiness for extraction.

Plant	Location
Derris trifolia	Sabaki River Delta
Zanthoxylum paracanthum	Mrima Hills
Z. holstiana	Diani
Z. chalybeum	Diani
Monondora grandieri	Mrima Hills
Mkilua fragrans	Shimba Hills
Isolana cauliflora	Shimba Hills
Salsola monoica	Ngomeni
Bidens schimperi	Shimba Hills

Table 38: Locations of collected plants

6.3 Extraction

The powdered plant material (200 g) was subjected to sequential cold extraction using hexane, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and methanol. The plant material (200 g) was soaked in 1 litre of hexane for 3 days with constant stirring after which it was filtered to obtain a filtrate, which was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the extract and the residue soaked in CH_2Cl_2 . The procedure was repeated with EtOAc and methanol (Scheme 10). The crude extracts obtained were assayed for larvicidal activity and the active ones subjected to further bioassay-guided fractionation. Scheme 10: Extraction procedure for the plants



6.4 Larvicidal assays

The larvicidal assays were carried out using 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae reared at the ICIPE, Nairobi, mosquito insectary. The temperatures and humidity of the rearing and bio-assay rooms were maintained at 28 ^oC and 85%, respectively.

6.5 Preliminary larvicidal assays

A stock solution was prepared by dissolving 10 mg of extract in 1 ml of acetone or absolute ethanol (for methanol extracts) and then adding 99 ml of distilled water to make 100 ml to achieve a concentration of 100 ppm. Each of the prepared solutions was divided into 5 portions of 20 ml each in 30 ml vials. Five 3rd instar *An. gambiae* larvae were introduced into each vial, fed with fish food and mortality monitored and recorded after 24, 48 and 72 hours. Control experiments were done by adding 1 ml of acetone into a 100 ml volumetric flask and then adding distilled water to the mark and the procedure above repeated.

Mortality in test vials was weighted against that of the control vials and % mortality calculated using the formula:

% Mortality = $[Y/X] \times 100$

Where, Y is the mean death defined by the difference between the mean test deaths and the mean control deaths, and X is the initial larvae population (WHO, 1996). The results are summarized in tables 1-4.

6.6 Detailed larvicidal assays

This was done on the extracts or isolated compounds that exhibited high larvicidal activity at the preliminary level. This was done at 10, 5, 2 and 1 ppm by dissolving 5.0, 2.5, 2.0 and 1.0 mg of crude extract in 1 ml of acetone and adding to 499 ml of distilled water in a 500 ml beaker. Each of the prepared solutions was divided into 5 portions of 100 ml each in 250 ml beakers. Ten (10) 3rd instar larvae were introduced into each beaker, and fed with fish food and mortality monitored and recorded after 24, 48 and 72 hours.

Probit analysis was done to determine the regression equations. This analysis was done using log dose and probit transformation of percentage mortality employing probit plane model by Busvine (1971). Probit transformations were plotted against log (+1) dose using excel programme. A regression equation was obtained and the lethal concentrations (LC) were calculated (Tables 5-8).

6.7 Bio-assay guided fractionation

The bio-active extracts were fractionated by column chromatography using Kiesegel G_{60} silica gel. All fractions were monitored using Kiesegel G_{60} F₂₅₄ 5 x 10 cm analytical TLC plates with fluorescent indicator and those with similar compounds pooled together to give several portions. The locating agents were UV lamp (254 and 366 nm) and 2% concentrated sulphuric acid in methanol.

The fractions were assayed for larvicidal activity (Tables 9, 12, 15) and the bio-active ones subjected to further column or preparative thin layer chromatography and recrystallisation to obtain pure compounds.

The pure compounds obtained in substantial amounts were subjected to further bio-assay (Tables 10, 13, 16) and probit analysis used to calculate LC (Tables 11, 14, 17).

6.8 Isolation of compounds from Derris trifolia

Dichloromethane extract (6 g) was subjected to fractionation by column chromatography on silica gel with a hexane:ethyl acetate gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100) giving 77 fractions which were pooled based on their R_f values and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 15 fractions (F_{1D}-F_{15D}). Through preparative thin layer chromatography, column chromatography and recrystallisation, Four compounds: D_{1A}, D₂, D_{3A} and D₇, were obtained in reasonable amounts with D₇ exhibiting high larvicidal activity (Tables 9-11). D_{1A} was insoluble in the solvents that were available for NMR analysis.

Lupeol (107) (D₂)

This compound was isolated as white powder (20.0 mg) from F_{5D} and its melting point was found to be 213-215 °C (lit. 215-216 °C, Reynolds *et al.*, 1986). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 201 nm; IR ν_{max} 3227, 3092, 1670, 1377 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.64-2.01 (m, 46H), 2.30-2.43 (m, 1H, H-19), 3.16 (dd, 1H, H-3), 4.67 (s, 2H, H-29); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.5 (q, C-27), 15.4 (q, C-24), 16.0 (q, C-26), 16.0 (q, C-25), 18.0 (q, C-28), 18.3 (t, C-6), 19.3 (q, C-30), 20.9 (t, C-11), 25.1 (t, C-12), 27.4 (t, C-2), 28.0 (q, C-23), 29.7 (t, C-15), 29.7 (t, C-21), 34.2 (t, C-7), 35.5 (t, C-16), 37. 1 (s, C-10), 38.0 (d, C-13), 38.7 (t, C-1), 38.8 (t, C-4), 40.0 (s, C-22), 40.8 (s, C-8), 43.0 (s, C-14), 43.0 (s, C-17), 48.0 (d, C-19), 48.3 (d, C-18), 50.4 (d, C-9), 55.2 (d, C-5), 79.0 (d, C-3), 109.3 (t, C-29), 151.0 (s, C-20); EIMS m/z 426 (2%), 218 (7%), 189 (8%), 125(18%), 111 (38%), 109 (16%), 97 (78%), 83 (100%), 69 (86%). The spectral data obtained was comparable to that published by Reynolds *et al.* (1986).

Stigmasterol (109) (D_{3A})

This compound was isolated as a white solid (3.4 mg) from F_{6D} with a melting point of 162-165 0 C (lit. 170 0 C, Budavari, 1996); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.67-2.38 (m, 44H), 3.58 (m, 1H, H-3), 5.01-5.12 (m, 2H, H-22, H-23), 5.28 (br d, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.0 (q, C-18), 12.2 (q, C-29), 18.9 (q, C-19), 19.1 (q, C-27), 19.5 (q, C-26), 20.0 (q, C-21), 21.2 (t, C-11), 23.2 (t, C-15), 24.4 (t, C-28), 28.4 (t, C-16), 29.2 (d, C-25), 31.7 (t, C-2), 32.0 (d, C-8), 34.0 (t, C-7), 36.2 (d, C-20), 36.6 (s, C-10), 37.3 (t, C-1), 39.7 (t, C-12), 42.3 (t, C-4), 45.9 (s, C-13), 50.1 (d, C-9), 51.3 (d, C-24), 56.0 (d, C-17), 56.8 (d, C-14), 71.8 (d, C-3), 121.6 (d, C-6), 129. 1 (d, C-23), 138.2 (d, C-22), 140.6 (s, C-5); EIMS m/z 412 (8%), 396 (7%), 119 (46%), 111 (43%), 69 (85%), 57 (100%), 43 (97%). The spectral data obtained was comparable to that published by Rubinstein *et al.* (1976) and Greca *et al.* (1990).

Rotenone (40) (**D**₇)

This compound was isolated as a white crystalline solid (20.4 mg) from F_{8D} and F_{9D} and its melting point was found to be 162-164 ^oC (lit. 163^oC, Laforge and Smith, 1929; 162 ^oC, Singhal *et al.*, 1982). IR v_{max} 1674, 1647, 1234, 1217 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 200, 236, 293 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.76 (s, 3H, H-5'), 2.94 (dd, 1H, J=8.4, 16.0 Hz, H-1'a), 3.31 (dd, 1H, J=9.5, 16.0 Hz, H-1'b), 3.75 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.80 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.83 (d, 1H, J=4.2 Hz, H-12a), 4. 17 (d, 1H, J=12.2 Hz, H-6_{ax}), 4.35 (dd, 1H, J=3.1, 12.2 Hz, H-6_{cq}), 4.92 (m, 2H, H-4'b superimposed on H-6a), 5.06 (s, 1H, H-4'a), 5.23 (dd, 1H, J=9.5, 8.4 Hz, H-2'), 6.44 (s, 1H, H-4), 6.50 (d, 1H, J=8.6 Hz, H-10), 6.75 (s, 1H, H-1), 7.83 (d, 1H, J=8.6 Hz, H-11); ¹H-¹H COSY revealed coupling between H-1'a (δ 2.94), H-1'b (δ 3.31) and H-2' (δ 5.23); H-6a (δ 4.92), H-12a (δ 3.83) and H-6_{eq} (δ 4.35); H-6_{ax} (δ 4.17) and H-6_{eq} (δ 4.35); H-6a (δ 4.92), H-12a (δ 5.06); H-10 (δ 6.50) and H-11 (δ 7.83); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.3 (q, C-5'), 31.3 (t, C-1'), 44.6 (d, C-12a), 55.9 (q, -OCH₃), 56.3 (q, -OCH₃), 66.3 (t, C-6), 72. 2 (d, C-6a), 87.8 (d, C-2'), 100.8 (d, C-4), 104.7 (s, C-12b), 104.8 (s, C-10), 110.1 (d, C-1), 112.5 (t, C-4'), 112.9 (s, C-8), 113. 2 (s, C-11a), 129.9 (d, C-11), 142.8 (s, C-3'), 143.6 (s, C-2), 147. 1 (s,

C-4a), 149.2 (s, C-3), 157.7 (s, C-7a), 167.1 (s, C-9), 188.7 (s, C-12); EIMS m/z 394 (14%), 208 (4%), 203 (4%), 193 (17%), 192 (100%), 191 (42%), 177 (24%), 121 (13%), 106 (12%), 93 (12%), 77 (22%), 65 (16%). The spectral values obtained were comparable to those by Singhal *et al.* (1982) and Crombie *et al.* (1975).

Isolation of compounds from Zanthoxylum holstiana

Ethyl acetate extract (5 g) was subjected to fractionation by column chromatography on silica gel with a hexane-ethyl acetate gradient (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100) giving 33 fractions which were pooled based on their R_f values and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 12 fractions (F_{1H}-F_{12H}). Through preparative thin layer chromatography and re-crystallisation, 4 compounds: H₁, H₂, H₅ and H₇ were obtained with H₅ and H₇ exhibiting high larvicidal activity (Table 14).

Dihydrochelerythrine (116) (H₁, H₄)

This compound was isolated as a cream crystalline solid (82.4 mg) from F_{2H} and had a melting point of 162-165 ⁰C (lit. 163-166 ⁰C, Shafiee *et al.*, 1979). IR v_{max} 3505, 2978, 1273, 1248, 1217, 819 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 200, 235, 284 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.59 (s, 3H, -NCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.92 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 4.29 (s, 2H, H-8), 6.04 (s, 2H, -OCH₂O-), 6.93 (d, 1H, J=8.5 Hz, H-11), 7.10 (s, 1H, H-4), 7.47 (d, 1H, J=8.4 Hz, H-5), 7.50 (d, 1H, J=8.4 Hz, H-6), 7.67 (s, 1H, H-1), 7.69 (d, 1H, J=8.5 Hz, H-12); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 41.4 (-NCH₃), 48.7 (t, C-8), 55.8 (q, -OMe), 61.1 (q, -OMe), 100.7 (t, -OCH₂O-), 100.9 (d, C-1), 104.2 (d, C-4), 110.7 (d, C-11), 118.6 (d, C-5), 120.0 (d, C-12), 123.6 (d, C-6), 124.1 (s, C-13), 126.0 (s, C-4a), 126.1 (s, C-12a), 126.2 (s, C-8a), 130.6 (s, C-14a), 142.5 (s, C-3), 145.8 (s, C-2), 147.2 (s, C-10), 147.8 (s, C-9), 152.0 (s, C-14); EIMS m/z 349 (100%), 348 (85%), 332 (13%), 350 (23%), 319 (12%), 304 (12%), 290 (17%), 159 (25%), 137 (23%), 102 (38%), 88 (15%), 63 (24%). The spectral data obtained was comparable to that published by Shafiee *et al.* (1979), Chen *et al.* (1994) and Guinaudeau and Bruneton (1993).

Arnottianamide (125) (H₂)

This compound was isolated as a white crystalline solid (2.5 mg) from F_{7H} and it had a melting point of 265-267 °C (lit. 267-270 °C, Adenisa and Reisch, 1988; Ishii and Ishikawa, 1976).

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.99 (s, 3H, -NCH₃), 3.89 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.92 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 5.95 (s, 1H, -OH), 6.08 (s, 2H, -OCH₂O-), 6.53 (d, 1H, J=8.7 Hz, H-6'), 6.80 (d, 1H, J=8.7 Hz, H-5'), 7.07 (s, 1H, H-7), 7.19 (s, 1H, H-4), 7.30 (d, 1H, J=8.3 Hz, H-3), 7.72 (d, 1H, J=8.3 Hz, H-2), 8.15 (s, 1H, -CHO); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.1 (q, -NMe), 55.9 (q, C-4', -OCH₃), 61.2 (q, C-3', -OCH₃), 99.2 (d, C-5'), 101.4 (t, -OCH₂O-), 103.8 (d, C-4), 104.3 (d, C-7), 118.4 (s, C-1'), 125.0 (d, C-3), 127.2 (d, C-2), 127.3 (d, C-6'), 131.1 (s, C-3a), 133.2 (s, C-6), 135.4 (s, C-5), 146.5 (s, C-2'), 147.9 (s, C-4'), 149.1 (s, C-3'), 151.8 (s, C-1a), 164.3 (s, CHO). The spectral values obtained were comparable to those published by Adenisa and Reisch (1988) and Ishii and Ishikawa (1976).

N-Methylflindersine (129) (H₅)

This compound was isolated as a cream wax (30.0 mg) from F_{3H} and its melting point was found to be 82-84 ⁰C (lit. 84 ⁰C, Budavari, 1996); IR v_{max} 1705, 1211 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 216, 235, 331, 345, 361 nm; ¹HNMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.43 (s, 6H, (2CH₃), 3.61 (s, 3H, -NCH₃), 5.45 (d, 1H, J=10 Hz, H-3'), 6.67 (d, IH, J=10 Hz, H-2'), 7.14 (dd, 1H, J=6.6, 7.3 Hz, H-7), 7.20 (d, 1H, d, J=6.6 Hz, H-8), 7.46 (dd, 1H, J=8.1, 7.3 Hz, H-6), 7.88 (d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz, H-5); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.3 (q, CH₃), 29.4 (q, -NCH₃), 78.7 (s, C-1') 105.7 (s, C-4a), 113.9 (d, C-2'), 115.9 (s, C-3), 117.8 (d, C-3'), 121.6 (d, C-3a), 122.9 (d, C-7), 126.2 (d, C-6), 130.7 (d, C-5), 139.1 (s, C-8), 155.0 (s, C-4), 160.8 (s, C-2); EIMS m/z 241 (33%), 227 (24%), 226 (100%), 183 (8%), 154 (7%), 132 (7%), 113 (29%), 104 (15%), 77 (46%), 51 (27%). The spectroscopic data obtained was in agreement with that reported by Ishii *et al.* (1991).

Isolation of compounds from Zanthoxylum paracanthum

The dichloromethane extract (6 g) was subjected to column chromatography as detailed above and a total of 249 fractions collected. These were pooled depending on their R_f values to give 18 fractions (F_{1P} - F_{18P}). The fractions were purified further and 11 compounds: B_1 , B_2 , B_3 , B_4 , B_5 , B_6 , B_{7A} , B_8 , B_9 , B_{10} and B_{11} obtained. B_1 , B_3 , B_8 and B_{10} were found to be similar from chromatographic and spectroscopic comparison. B_2 , B_6 and B_9 were also found to be the same through spectral and chromatographic analysis. B_{11} was insoluble in the solvents that were available for NMR analysis, and was not identified.

Sesamin (155) (B1, B3, B8, B10)

This compound was isolated as white crystals (145 mg) from F_{4P} , F_{5P} , F_{6P} and F_{8P} with a melting point of 121-123 ^oC (lit. 123-124 ^oC, Anjaneulu *et al.*, 1977; Pelter *et al.*, 1976). IR v_{max} 1498, 1377, 1095 and 1037 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 235 and 284 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.05 (br d, 1H, J=1.4 Hz, H-1, H-5), 3.86 (dd, 1H, J=3.7, 9.1 Hz, H-4_{eq}, H-8_{eq}), 4.23 (dd, 1H, J=7.2, 9.1 Hz, H-4_{ax}, H-8_{ax}), 4.71 (d, 1H, J=3.7 Hz, H-2, H-6), 5.95 (s, 2H, -OCH₂O-), 6.79 (s, 2H, H-5", H-6", H-5', H-6'), 6.85 (s, 1H, H-2', H-2"); ¹H-¹H COSY revealed coupling between H-1, H-5 (δ 3.05), and H-2, H-6 (δ 4.71), H-4_{ax}, H-8_{ax} (δ 4.23), H-4_{eq}, H-8_{eq} (δ 3.86); H-4_{ax}, H-8_{ax} (δ 4.23) and H-4_{eq}, H-8_{eq} (δ 3.86); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 54.5 (d, C-1, C-5), 71.9 (t, C-4, C-8), 86.0 (d, C-2, C-6), 101.3 (t, -OCH₂O-), 106.7 (d, C-2', C-2"), 108.4 (d, C-5', C-5"), 119.6 (d, C-6', C-6"), 135.2 (s, C-1', C-1"), 147.3 (s, C-3', C-3"), 148.2 (s, C-4', C-4"); EIMS m/z 354 (9%), 203 (9%), 161 (28%), 150 (34%), 149 (100%), 135 (45%), 131 (34%), 121 (25%), 103 (25%), 77 (22%), 65 (29%). The spectral data obtained was in agreement with that published by Anjaneulu *et al.* (1977) and Pelter *et al.* (1976).

1-Hydroxy-10-methoxyooxoarpophine (158) (B₄)

This compound was isolated as a cream solid (51.4 mg) from F_{10P} and F_{12P} and its melting point found to be 178-181 ^oC. IR v_{max} 3628, 1703, 1662, 1653, 1616, 1576, 1279 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 207, 264, 271, 309, 350 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.99 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 6.96 (d, 1H, J=9.9 Hz, H-2), 7.08 (dd, 1H, J=2.5, 8.7 Hz, H-9), 7.86 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-4), 7.97 (d, 1H, \hat{J} =8.7 Hz, H-8), 8.01 (d, 1H, J=9.9 Hz, H-3), 8.22 (d, J=2.5 Hz, 1H, H-11), 8.75 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-5); ¹H-¹H COSY revealed coupling between H-3 (δ 6.96) and H-2 (δ 8.01); H-9 (δ 7.08), H-8 (δ 7.97) and H-11 (δ 8.22); H-9 (δ 7.08) and H-11 (δ 8.22); H-4 (δ 7.86) and H-5 (δ 8.75); NOE revealed interactions between -OCH₃ (δ 3.99) with H-11 (δ 8.22) and H-9 (δ 7.08); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 56.0 (q, OCH₃), 101.2 (d, C-11), 114.4 (d, C-9), 115.5 (d, C-4), 116.8 (s, C-7a), 123.6 (d, C-8), 129.0 (d, C-2), 131.1 (s, 6a), 132.2 (s, 6b), 134.5 (s, 3a), 138.8 (d, C-3), 141.6 (s, C-11a), 144.6 (d, C-5), 159.4 (s, C-1), 162.8 (s, C-10); EIMS m/z 250 (100%), 251 (35%), 249 (18%), 235 (8%), 221 (34%), 207 (65%), 164 (11%), 153 (43%), 126 (27%). The structure was confirmed by COSY, NOE, HMBC and HMQC experiments (Table 20-21).

1,8-Dihydroxy-9-methoxyooxoarporphine (159) (B5)

This compound was isolated as a fine orange crystal (3.0 mg) from F_{14P} and its melting point found to be 192-195 ^oC. IR v_{max} 3600, 1710, 1667 and 1610 nm; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 212, 261, 320, 333 and 403 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 4.03 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 7.06 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz, H-2), 7.08 (d, 1H, J=8.8 Hz H-10), 7.51 (d, 1H, J=8.8 Hz, H-11), 7.88 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-4), 8.15 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz, H-3), 8.81 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-5), 12.20 (s, 1H, -OH, H-8); ¹H-¹H COSY revealed coupling between H-2 (δ 7.06) and H-3 (δ 8.15), H-5 (δ 8.81) and H-4 (δ 7.88), H-10 (δ 7.08) and H-11 (δ 7.51); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 56.9 (q, OCH₃), 111.1 (d, C-10), 113.5 (d, C-11), 116.1 (d, C-4), 119.5 (s, C-3a), 126.7 (d, C-2), 128.4 (s, 11b), 136.9 (s, C-7a), 141.1 (d, C-3), 146.9 (d, C-5), 151.7 (s, C-9), 160.4 (s, C-1); EIMS m/z 266 (100%), 248 (58%), 237 (43%), 223 (83%), 195 (46%), 180 (15%), 167 (42%), 140 (54%). The structure was confirmed by COSY, NOE, DEPT, HMBC and HMQC experiments (Tables 22-23).

1-Hydroxyoxoarporphine (160) (B₆, B₂)

This compound was isolated as orange crystals (10.0 mg) from F_{9P} and its melting point found to be 161-164 0 C. IR v_{max} 3628, 1703, 1647, 1635 cm⁻¹; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 213, 242, 247, 253, 297, 378 nm; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz, H-2), 7.53 (dd, 1H, J=8.0, 7.5 Hz, H-9), 7.71 (dd, 1H, J=7.6, 7.5 Hz, H-10), 7.97 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-4), 8.03 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz, H-3), 8.11 (d, 1H, J=8.0 Hz, H-8), 8.67 (d, 1H, J=7.6 Hz, H-11), 8.82 (d, 1H, J=5.0 Hz, H-5); ¹H-¹H COSY revealed coupling between H-4 (δ 7.97) and H-5 (δ 8.82), H-3 (δ 8.03) and H-2 (δ 6.99), H-8 (δ 8.11) and H-9 (δ 7.53), H-11 (δ 8.67) and H-10 (δ 7.71), H-10 (δ 7.71) and H-9 (δ 7.53); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.4 (d, C-4), 117.2 (d, C-11), 122.6 (d, C-8), 124.3 (s, C-7a), 125.6 (d, C-9), 128.8 (d, C-2), 130.2 (s, C-6a), 130.8 (d, C-10), 131.9 (s, C-6b), 136.1 (s, C-3a), 139.3 (s, C-11a), 139.5 (d, C-3), 145.7 (d, C-5), 159.4 (s, C-1); EIMS m/z 221 (18%), 220 (98%), 192 (100%), 164 (27%), 139 (24%), 114 (28%), 96 (23%), 83 (28%). The structure was confirmed by COSY, DEPT, HMQC, HETCOR and HMBC experiments (Tables 24-25).

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APPENDICES
¹H NMR Spectrum for B₁



COSY Spectrum for B1

Name: Fidelis Samita (KU) Code: FS/B8/P Weight: 9.8 mg Solvent: CDC13 Pulse Sequence: COSY Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Mercury-200 "uonnmr200" PULSE SEQUENCE: COSY Relax. delay 1.000 sec Acq. time 0.160 sec Width 3200.9 Hz 2D Width 3200.9 Hz 4 repetitions 200 increments OBSERVE H1, 200.0557687 MHz DATA PROCESSING Sq. sine bell 0.080 sec F2 F1 DATA PROCESSING (ppm) Sq. sine bell 0.062 sec FT size 2048 x 2048 -0-Total time 18 min, 5 sec 2-111 0 00 0 010 10 20 0 4-3 < 0. .0 6-0 ¢ 8-10-12-3 1 14-14 12 10 8 6 4

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¹³C NMR Spectrum for B₁

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Pulse Sequence: s2pul



DEPT Spectrum for B₁

AS Spectrum for B₁

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Pulse Sequence: dept

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¹H NMR Spectrum for B₄











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DEPT Spectrum for B6

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Name: F. Samita Code: FS/H/5 Solvent: CDCl3 Weight: 11 mg Date: 13/6/02

Pulse Sequence: s2pul



¹³C NMR Spectrum for H₅

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Pulse Sequence: s2pul







¹H NMR Spectrum for D₂

Name: F. Samita Code: FS/D2 Weight: 9.7 mg Solvent: CDCl3

Pulse Sequence: s2pul









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¹H NMR Spectrum for D_{3A}





DEPT Spectrum for D_{3A}

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Name: F. Samita FS/D/7 Weight: 5 mg Solvent: CDCl3

Pulse Sequence: dept

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CH carbons

all protonated carbons

