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Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation (CIMPO) (which was later renamed as Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants – CIMAP) was established with following objectives*:

'To co-ordinate and channelise along fruitful directions the present activities in the field of medicinal plants carried out by the various agencies, State Governments etc.; to develop the already existing medicinal plant resources of India; to bring under cultivation some of the important medicinal plants in areat demand and also to introduce the cultivation into the country of exotic medicinal plants of high yielding active principle content '

*Scope and Functions

- materials for obtaining their end products
- aromatic plants of economic importance
- incentives, wherever necessary
- products
- derived therefrom
- effective means

Glimpses from the history

To pursue developmental, promotional and related work on cultivation, production, processing, utilisation and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants with specific reference to their practical application and utility

* To cultivate medicinal and aromatic plants, either in its own farms or through other agencies, and to process wherever necessary, the plant

* To carry out, in collaboration with other agencies, introduction, acclimatization (including measures for prevention and control of pests and diseases) of exotic-species and also production of authentic high-yielding seeds, leaves and other propagating materials of medicinal and

* To encourage cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in suitable regions of the country by giving grants-in-aid or loans and other

* To carry out surveys of resources of medicinal and aromatic plants and to maintain economic statistics of the raw materials as well as the finished

* To set up and maintain a specialized herbarium and museum of medicinal and aromatic plants of economic importance as well as of products

• To undertake research and to encourage the same in established research institutions, e.g. university laboratories, technological institutions, national laboratories, etc. for schemes relating to improvement, processing and utilization of medicinal and aromatic plants

To act as a 'clearing house' for collecting techno-economic data relating to medicinal and aromatic plants and products derived there from, by scientific ledgering and documentation and to disseminate information through publications of monographs, brochures, books and all other



With Best Compliments From Director

Director CSIR-CIMAP



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निदेशक की कलम से.....



सीएसआईआर-सीमैप की वर्ष 2012-13 के वार्षिक प्रतिवदेन को प्रस्तुत करने में मुझे अपार हर्ष हो रहा है। सीमैप अपनी तरह का एक विशिष्ठ संस्थान है जिसके शोध परिणाम किसानो उद्यमियों तथा जन साधरण के बड़े वर्ग को लाभान्वित करने के लिये उत्प्रेरक का कार्य कर रहा है। यह संस्थान सीएसआईआर की दो प्रमुख प्राथमिकताओं ''सर्व सुलभ स्वास्थ्य एवं ''कृषि आधारित खाद्य प्रौद्योगिकी'' के क्षेत्र में शोध संबंधी विषयों पर अपनी क्षमताओं को केन्द्रित करता है। संस्थान ने औषधि एवं सगंध गुणों से युक्त पादपों की पहचान कर उनके कृषि के लिये प्रौद्योगिकियों को विकसित करने, अधिक उपज प्राप्त करने हेतु उच्च किस्मों को विकसित करने, जैविक क्रियाशील यौगिकों को पौधो से निष्कर्षित करने संबंधी प्रौद्योगिकियों के विकास तथा इनको किसानों तथा उद्यमियों तक पहुँचाने के लिये उल्लेखनीय कार्य किया है जिससे उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, उत्तराखण्ड, छत्तीसगढ एवं उत्तरपूर्व के ग्रामीण अचलों के अल्प आय वर्गो के जीवन स्तर को सुधारने में उल्लेखनीय प्रभाव पड़ा है। संस्थान ने अनेक हर्बल उत्पादों की प्रौद्योगिकी भी विकसित की है जिन्हें अनेक उद्योगों को हस्तान्तरित किया गया है।

सशक्त सामाजिक पहुँच के साथ-साथ सीमैप उच्च गुणवत्तायुक्त, वैज्ञानिक शोध के क्षेत्र में भी अपना एक विशिष्ठ स्थान रखता है। संस्थान ने उच्च इम्पैक्ट फैक्टर वाले शोध ग्रन्थों में अपने शोध को प्रकाशित किया है तथा पेटेंट भी प्राप्त किये हैं। सीमैप ने परम्परिक चिकित्सा पद्धति प्रयुक्त औषधीय गुणों से युक्त पादप यौगिकों की पहचान तथा बायोसिम्थेटिक पाथवे संबंधी शोध के क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया हे। इसी क्रम में सीमैप का शोध प्रयास होगा कि आयुर्वेद सिद्धान्त 'कारण एवं प्रभाव' के बीच निहित वैज्ञानिक ज्ञानाभाव को दूर किया जा सके ताकि आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों की स्वीकार्यता बढ सके और इसके लिये इनके परीक्षण हेतु प्रौद्योगिकियों का विकास किया जाय ताकि हर्बल फामुलेशन की गुणवत्ता पर नियंत्रण हो सके। समाज तक शोध परिणामों को सशक्त रूप से पहुंचाने के लिये सस्य पादप प्रजनन, रसायन तथा प्रसार विशेषज्ञों को नियुक्त किया जायेगा। ग्रामीण अंचलों में समाज का निचला वर्ग जो राष्ट्रीय विकास की दौड में पीछे छूट गया है, के जीवन स्तर को सुधारने के लिये सीमैप अपनी शोध क्षमताओं का निरंतर प्रयोग करता रहेगा।

इस अवसर पर मैं संस्थान के सभी वैज्ञानकों तकनीकी कार्मिकों एवं सहायकों का आभार प्रकट करता हूँ जिनके वैज्ञानिक क्रिया कलापों के कारण संस्थान अपने मिशन को पूरा करने की दिशा में कार्यरत है तथा एक ब्रैंड नेम की तरह उभरा है। मैं अपने पूर्ववर्ती निदेशकों की सराहना करता हूँ जिनके समर्पित दिशानिर्देशन के कारण आज संस्थान सही दिशा में अग्रसर है।

प्रोफेसर अनिल कुमार त्रिपाठी

From the Director's Desk....

I am extremely delighted to present the Annual Report 2012-13 for CSIR-CIMAP, which is a unique institution of excellence that has been a catalyst of change for the destiny of a large number of farmers, entrepreneurs and society. This institute focuses its efforts in addressing two important priorities of CSIR i.e. "affordable healthcare" and "agri-food technologies". By identifying plants of medicinal and aromatic value, developing agricultural practices for their cultivation, producing high yielding varieties, developing technologies for extraction of the active compounds, and by reaching out to farmers and entrepreneurs, it has made a notable contribution in impacting the quality of life of lesser privileged class of our society in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Chattisgarh and North East region. It has also developed technologies for the herbal products, which have been transferred to different industries.



Besides its strong social outreach, CIMAP has also established its leading position in high quality science by way of its publications in high impact journals

and patents. CSIR-CIMAP has made substantial contributions in identifying pharmaceutically important phytochemicals and their biosynthetic pathways to provide a better scientific foundation to our traditional systems of medicine. We will redeem our efforts to bridge the scientific gap between the cause-effect relationships of Ayurveda to enhance the acceptability of Ayurvedic drugs by developing technologies for testing and thereby controlling the quality of herbal formulations. Social outreach will be strengthened by recruiting specialists in agronomy, breeding, chemistry and extension work. Keeping in view our mission of impacting the quality of life of "the poorest of poor" in our country, CSIR-CIMAP will continue its efforts to empower rural folk of our society which has trailed behind in the process of our national development.

I take this opportunity to record our appreciation for the scientists, technical and support staffs, who have very actively and enthusiastically contributed in achieving the mission of the institute, and in making CIMAP a brand name. I also express my appreciation for the past Directors of CIMAP who have led this institution with full dedication and steered it in right directions.

Prof. Anil Kumar Tripathi

Genetic improvement and basic genetic studies in *Catharanthus roseus* : Epistatic interaction for alkaloids content

Twenty one double-mutant recombinants for morphological mutant traits were developed from ten mutants differing in alkaloid contents. Three of them showed epistatic interaction for contents of leaf alkaloids with 8 -13% higher contents of leaf alkaloids than the better parent. Four of them showed epistatic interaction for contents of root alkaloids with 10 -21% higher contents of root alkaloids (RA) than the better parent. However, their leaf and root yields were similar or lower than their parental mutants.



Parent mutant : NEU 6-15 RA 2.51%



Double-mutant recombinant NEU 6-15 / EMS 18-2 (RA 3.14%)



Parent mutant NEU 18-2 RA 2.82 %



Parent mutant : NEU 6-15 RA 2.51%



Double–mutant recombinant NEU 6-15 / EMS 24-5 (RA 3.05%)



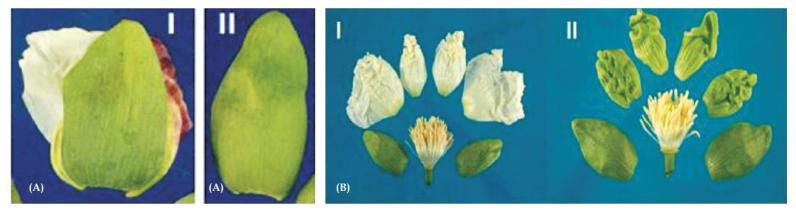
Parent mutant : EMS 24-5 RA 2.04 %

Input: Kulkarni RN

Mendelian inheritance and gene expression analysis in the novel homeotic mutants in Papaver somniferum

True breeding lines of two novel homeotic mutants - one with partially petaloid sepals (Pps-1) and another with sepaloid petals (OM) have been generated in *Papaver somniferum*. These mutations in reciprocal crosses with respective parents provided a good fit of the monogenic Mendelian inheritance ratio indicating control of the mutant trait by a single recessive nuclear gene.

Both the mutants were also analysed for expression of twelve genes of the ABC model in sepals and petals through semi-quantitative RT-PCR. Significant differences were detected for *PapsP1-1* gene. Its expression in sepals of Pps-1 genotype was significantly higher as compared to normal sepals of parental line I-14 whereas such differential expression was not detected in the petals of both the genotypes. A similar expression pattern was also detected for *PapsAP3-1*. For the remaining genes, there was no significant difference in expression in the sepals of the genotypes I-14 and Pps-1. This confirms the involvement of *PspsPI-1* and *PapsAP3-1* genes in petal development of *P. somniferum*. Two paralogues (*PapsPI-1* and *PapsPI-3*) of pistillata-1 gene of opium poppy have been cloned and expression of these is being studied in floral organs of both the homeotic mutants Pps-1 and OM.



Floral morphology of homeotic mutants with their parental genotypes A.Partially petaloid sepal of Pps-1 mutant (I) with normal sepal of the parental line I-14 (II) B.Sepaloid petals of OM mutant (II) with normal sepals of the parental line I-268(1)

Input: Dhawan OP

Identification of acetylinic compound rich mutant with big and high flower yield in Chamomile (Chamomila recutita)

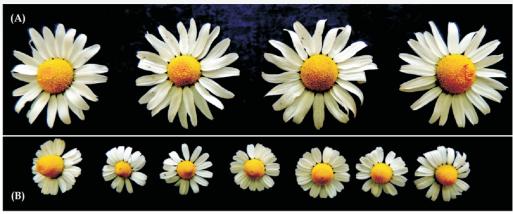


Big flower mutant

Seeds of variety CIMAP Sammohak were irradiated with gamma rays $^{60}\mathrm{C}$ source 20-100 kR

Induced genetic variability for flower morphology, plant type, flower yield, oil content and oil composition

Variant at 20 KR had dry flower yield 10 ql/ha; check 7.0ql/ha; oil content 0.90%; oil yield kg/ha = 9.00kg in mutant v/s check 7.00 kg/ha. An enzyme derivative, (2Z,8Z)-matricaria acid methyl ester (80.7%) was identified as major constituents in essential oil by means of spectroscopic analysis.



Comparison of flowers size with control (A) Big flower mutant (B) Control CIMAP Sammohak

Development of a dwarf and high silymarin containing variety "CIMAP SIL-9" of *Silybum marianum*

Accession No. "CIMAP1891"

Four seed lots consisting of 50 seeds each were subjected to $$40{\rm Kr}$$ irradiation.

Progeny evaluations; seed lot 4 was further grown and single plants were selfed

Within and between family selections

CIM-1112-S9 identified and evaluated against check CIM-Liv Released as CIMAP SIL-9

The variety CIMAP-SIL-9 grows upto a height of 80-90 cm, has a yield potential of 80-85 kg of silymarin from an average seed yield of 1000 kg per hectare.



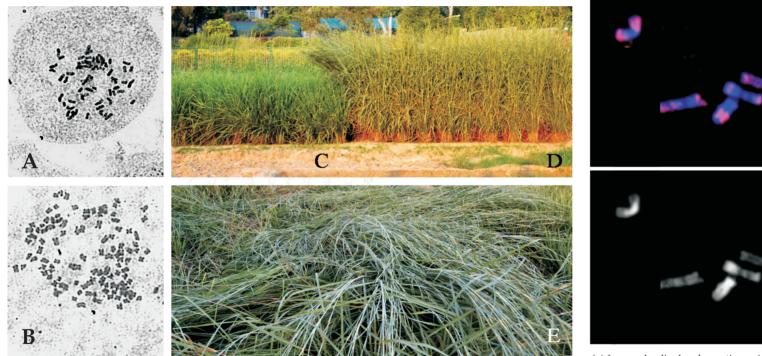
Input: Gupta AK

Input: Lal RK

Development of lodging resistant autotetraploid Cymbopogon khasianus

Taking cues that polyploidy may bring about organ thickness, efforts were made to realize sturdy plants in an improved clone 'CIM-Suwarna' of *C. khasianus* (2n=60), leading to the lodging resistance in the autotetraploid clone. This clone owes 15% higher concentration in its essential oil over source diploid, as well as, check clone '*Krishna*'.

Development of protocol for immunolocalization of euchromatic histones on somatic chromosomes *in situ*

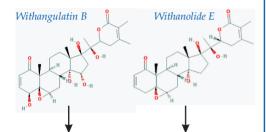


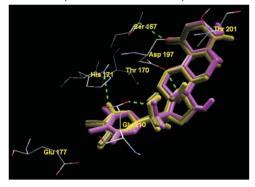
A. Somatic chromosomes of diploid source (2n = 60); B. Autotetraploid (4n = 4x - 120); C. Check clone Krishna; D. Lodging resistant autotetraploid; E. Lodging diploid progenitor

(a) Immunolocalized euchromatic reagions – stained magenta, (b) same chromosomes showing fluorescence on AT rich hetrochromatic sites

Inputs: Lavania UC

Artificial neural network (ANN)-QSAR model development for virtual screening of androstene dione C-skeleton containing small molecules for anticancer activity against aromatase



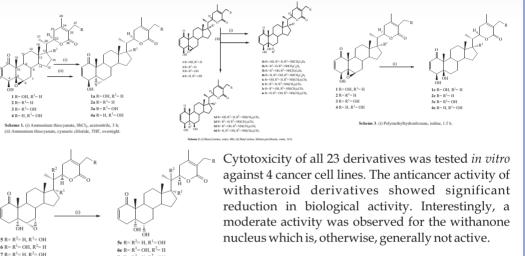


Docking of '4beta-hydroxy withanolide E' (-8.7 kcal/mol), and withangulatin B (-8.9 kcal/mol) on anticancer target aromatase.

Comb Chem High Throughput Screen, 16(1): 57-72, 2013 (IF:1.79)

Input: Khan Feroz





Input: Misra LN

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 $7e R = R^{1} = H R^{2} = OH$

1. R = R' = H

Chemistry Central J., 2013, 7, 125 (IF 3.281

Nat. Prod. Res., 20134, 27, 1994 (IF 1.03)

1a. R = Ac. R' = H

1b, R = H, R' = Me

Zantholic acid, a new monoterpenoid from

Scheme 4. (i) Polymethylhydrosiloxane, iodine, 1.5 h.

Zanthoxylum zanthoxyloides

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ÓR'

Steroids, 79: 19-27 (IF 2.80)

Cluster Major compounds

- (E)-Caryophyllene (47.9%), caryophyllene oxide (8.6%), germacrene D (7.5%)
 - -Pinene (8.5-39.5%), (E)-caryophyllene (1.4-26.9%), germacrene D (5.0-23.3%), -pinene (3.1-18.1%) and -humulene (1.1-11.8%)
- III Germacrene D (16.1-22.1%), (E)caryophyllene (10.4-13.5%), -copaene (6.5-10.1%)

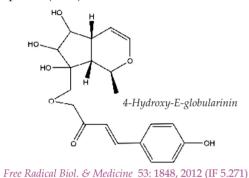
Industrial Crops and Products 42; 195-201, 2013 (IF: 2.47)

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Phytochemical Exploration and Value Addition in Bioactive Molecules from MAPs

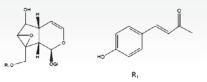
Longevity promoting effects of 4- hydroxy-E-globularinin in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Mean life span of worms was enhanced by over 18.8% in *C. elegans* test model under oxidative stress. The activity was associated with reduced reactive oxygen species (ROS).



Iridoid compound 10-O-trans-pcoumaroylcatalpol extends longevity and reduces alpha synuclein aggregation in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

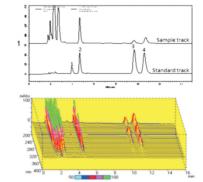
The iridoid compound has the ability to ameliorate a-syn aggregation, reduces oxidative stress and promotes longevity (>18%) in *C. elegans* via activation of longevity promoting transcription factor DAF-16.



10-O-trans-p-coumaroylcatalpol

CNS & Neurological Disorders-Drug Targets 11: 984, 2012 (IF 3.769)

Simultaneous determination of flavonoids in *Oroxylum indicum* by RP-HPLC

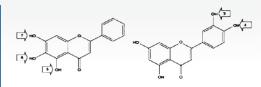


Medicinal Chemistry Research 22: 2222, 2013 (IF 1.612)

Screening of flavonoids for antitubercular activity and their structureactivity relationships

Luteolin, baicalein, quercetin, myricetin and hispidulin showed anti-tubercular activity at MIC 25–100 μ g ml⁻¹ against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv strain radiometrically by BACTEC 460.

Inputs: Gupta MM



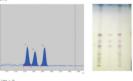
Specific structural requirements for anti-tubercular activity in tested flavonoids.

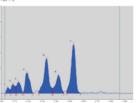
Medicinal Chemistry Research 22:2706, 2013 (IF 1.612)

Isolation and HPTLC analysis of iridoids in *Premna integrifolia*, an important ingredient of Ayurvedic drug *Dashmool*

10-O-*trans*-p-coumaroylcatalpol (A), 4?hydroxy-E-globularinin (B), and premnosidic acid were isolated and a new HPTLC protocol has been developed.

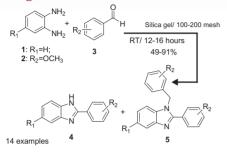
> Journal of Planar Chromatography 26: 260, 2013 (IF 0.955)





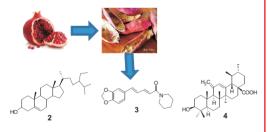
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A simple, straightforward synthesis of substituted 2-arylbenzimidazoles over silica gel



RSC Advances 3: 4500-4504, 2013

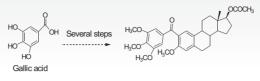
Cathepsin D protease inhibition activity of *Punica granatum* fruit peel extracts, isolates and semisynthetic analogues



Med. Chem. Research 22:3953-3958, 2013

Gallic acid based steroidal phenstatin analogues for selective targeting of breast cancer cells through inhibiting tubulin polymerization

Anti-breast cancer activity, $IC_{50}=5\mu M$ (MDAMB-231), anti-estrogenic in rats,

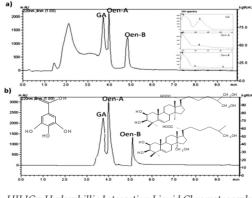


tubulin polymerisation inhibitor IC50=0.99µM, Non-toxic up to 300mg/kg dose

Steroids 77: 878-886, 2012 (IF 2.80) Inputs: Negi AS

HILIC* quantification of oenotheralanosterol A and B from *Oenothera biennis* and their suppression of IL-6 and TNF-α expression in mouse macrophages

A HILIC method for simultaneous quantitation of oenotheralanosterol A and B (Oen-A & Oen-B) along with gallic acid (GA) in *O. biennis* was developed for



HILIC= Hydrophillic Interaction Liquid Chromatography

quality assurance. Compounds suppressed IL-6, TNF-a and NO synthesis in mouse macrophages.

Journal of Ethnopharmacology 141(1), 357-362, 2012

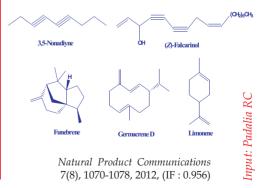
Studies in *Pluchea lanceolata*: Chemical and biological potential of *Rasayana* herb used in traditional system of medicine was studied *in vivo*, *in vitro* and *ex vivo*

Fitoterapia 2012, 83(8), 1371-1385

Inputs: Shanker Karuna

Study on bioactive acetylenic metabolites of *Ligusticopsis wallichiana*

Major classes of constituents were acetylenic (31.51%-92.86%), sesquiter-penoids (0.27%-41.00%). (*Z*)-Falcarinol (1.94%-21.00%), α -funebrene (0.10%-10.12%), limonene (0.17%-19.86%) along with other twenty minor constituents were identified from *L. wallichiana*.

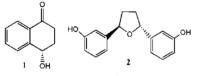


Anti-hyperglycemic agents from Ammannia multiflora

The chloroform and n-butanol fractions of A. multiflora resulted in the isolation and characterization of 4-hydroxy-q-tetralone (1) and a new compound, ammaniol (2).

The ammaniol (2) increased glucose uptake (64.8%) while 4-O-(3,4,5trimethoxybenzoyl) derivative of atetralone (1) showed potent antihyperglycemic activity and increased glucose uptake by 94.6%, even more than rosiglitazone (88.8%).

Since the derivative possesses better antihyperglycemic activity than rosigli-tazone (standard) this may be optimized for a new safer anti-diabetic drug of herbal origin.



Nat. Prod. Comm. 7: 899, 2012 Input: Srivastava SK

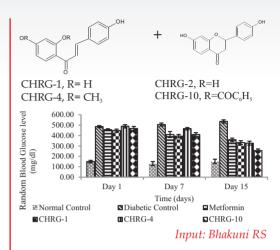
Pharmacokinetic study of anti-cancer lead molecule AM3

Pharmacokinetic study of anti-cancer lead molecule AM3 was conducted and the results were as following:

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Cmax (µg/ml)	32.45
$T_{1/2}(h)$	1.94
Elim Rate Const	0.36
AUC 0-t (h.µg/ml)	22.62
AUC 0-a(h.µg/ml)	29.87
CL(l/h/Kg)	0.54
Eur. J. Pharm. Sci. 18;4	7(5): 988-95, 2012 (IF: 2.987)
	Input: Chand D

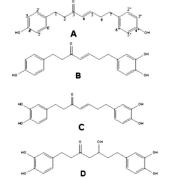
Anti-diabetic activity of isoliquiritigenin, liquiritigenin derivatives against Swiss albino mice





Anti-filarial diarylheptanoids from Alnus nepalensis leaves growing in high altitude areas of Uttarakhand, India

First report of hirustenone (C) showing promising anti-filarial activity both in-vitro and in-vivo studies.



Phytomedicine 20;124, 2013 (IF: 2.972)

Input: Verma RS

Identification and performance of stress tolerant phosphate solubilizing bacterial isolates on *Tagetes minuta* grown in sodic soil

Tagetes minuta is a potential crop grown in salt affected soil. Its tolerance to adverse condition and association with halophilic microbes can play a role for crop production and soil health improvement. After screening the potential phosphate solubilizing bacteria (PSB) (RS-1, RS-2and RS-3) from sodic soil, those were identified and tested in pot experiment in naturally occurring sodic soil having pH 9.3 and ESP about 45. At optimum condition, these bacteria showed phosphorus solubilization potential in liquid medium containing tricalcium phosphate (TCP) under laboratory condition. Inoculation of PSB significantly increased the plant growth with respect to height, number of branches, dry matter accumulation and nutrient uptake of plants. Significant changes have also been found in content and quality of essential oil. It has been observed that PSB also improved the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil. The data indicated that the bacterial strains tested in this study have a potential to be used as a biofertilizer in sustaining the growth of Tagetes minuta in salt stress soil and mitigating soil stress problems.

Soil Use and Management, 29, 494–500; 2013

Influence of vermicompost on dry matter yield and uptake of Ni and Cd by Chamomile (*Matricaria chamomila*) in Ni- and Cd-polluted soils

The influence of vermicompost on growth, yield and heavy metal accumulation by chamomile (*Matricaria chamomila*) was studied. Nickel and cadmium applied at 20 mg kg⁻¹ soil significantly enhanced the dry matter yield as compared to the control (no heavy metal). The results revealed that addition of vermicompost (at 2.5 g kg⁻¹ soil) enhanced the heavy metal accumulation by chamomile in metal treated soils. Although a sizeable amount of metals were being translocated to flowers, the oil content in flowers and chemical constituent of the oil were not affected by heavy metal application.

Water Air Soil Pollut. 22: 2257-2262, 2012

Production, purification, and characterization of anti-fungal metabolite from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* SD12, a new strain obtained from tannery waste polluted soil

A new strain, SD12, was isolated from tannery waste polluted soil and identified as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* on the basis of phenotypic traits and by comparison of 16S

Inputs: Patra DD

rRNA sequences. This bacterium exhibited broad-spectrum antagonistic activity against phytopathogenic fungi. The strain produced phosphatases, cellulases, proteases, pectinases, and HCN and also retained its ability to produce hydroxamate-type siderophore. A bioactive metabolite was isolated from P. aeruginosa SD12 and characterized as 1hydroxyphenazine (1-OH-PHZ) by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectral analysis. The strain was used as a biocontrol agent against root rot and wilt disease of pyrethrum caused by Rhizoctonia solani. The purified compound, 1-hydroxyphenazine, also showed broad-spectrum antagonistic activity towards a range of phytopathogenic fungi, which is the first report of its kind. It was concluded that *P. aeruginosa* SD12 can be used as an effective bioinoculant for soil fertility, plant protection and promoting plant growth with reduced disease incidence.

Journal Microbiology and Biotechnology, 22(5), 674-983, 2012.

Assessment of carbon sequestration potential of lemongrass, palmarosa and vetiver under normal practice of cultivation

Carbon sequestration potential of lemongrass, palmarosa and vetiver were investigated. During the eight month period of first year cultivation, two harvests were taken and on the basis of biomass and carbon percentage of the shoots and roots of individual plant it has been found that total carbon sequestrated by shoot biomass palmarosa was 57% higher and that by vetiver was 44% higher than lemongrass. In case of roots, however, vetiver sequestrated 79% more carbon than lemongrass which was followed by palmarosa that sequestrated 40.3% more carbon than lemongrass.

Input: Chattopadhyay A

Input: Khare P

Carbon sequestration potential and soil fertility enhancement from biochar prepared from waste of MAPs

Biochar samples were prepared from distillation waste of Cymbopogon flexuosus (lemongrass), Vetiveria zizanioides (khus), root of Rosa damascena (rose) and bark of Eucalyptus citriodora. Bio-char were taken for assessment of soil carbon sequestration and as enhancer of soil properties (soil organic matter, available potassium and phosphorus, urease activity, and microbial population). Principal component analysis (PCA) and hierarchical clustering analysis (HCA) were applied on the data set. Study suggests that carbon sequestration is highest with high rank char. However, low rank char can improve the quality of soil. Hence, bio-char used for soil amendment and carbon sequestration may have rational proportion of condensed ring and oxygenated functional groups.

Intercropping in vetiver for higher productivity and return

Vetiver being a wider spaced crop and long initial lag phase, intercropping is an option to sustain its productivity. In field experiments thirteen cropping systems viz., sole crop of each of vetiver, sweet basil - radish - Tagetes, black gram - clarysage, kalmegh - garlic, okra geranium, pigeon pea - menthol mint, maize radish - onion and intercropping of above cropping sequences with vetiver were evaluated in randomized block design with three replications. Intercropping of sweet basilradish - Tagetes with vetiver during kharif and rabi seasons was highly productive in terms of land equivalent ratio (1.34), area time equivalent ratio (1.05), money equivalent ratio (1.36) and land use efficiency (120 %) and a net return of Rs. 288000 ha-1 followed by



Vetiver + Ocimum (Rainy)



Vetiver + Radish (Autumn)



Vetiver +Tagetes (Winter)

intercropping of vetiver + kalmegh – garlic with vetiver. The system also gave about 35 % more profit over the sole cropping of vetiver. The major constituent of vetiver oil, khusimol was not affected by different intercropping systems.

Input: Chauhan HS

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Detection of phytoplasma as mixed infection with Begomovirus - a case study on mint (*Mentha piperita*)



A very high incidence of yellow and little leaf type disease symptom of mint (up to 20-35%) was recorded in farmer's fields and experimental farms of CIMAP, Lucknow.

Symptoms : Strong chlorosis , little leaf, shortened internodes, foliar malformations with reduced size and aborted flowers. TEM revealed the presence of phytoplasma bodies ranging from 400 to 1200 nm in the phloem of diseased samples

Whitefly (*Bemisia tabaci*) instigated transmission of the begomovirus infection in the field

Nucleic acid based screening of samples from different locations of farmers' fields revealed mixed phytoplasma-begomovirus infection in mint for the first time.

Diagnosis of Black leaf spot mould (*Pseudoce rcospora fuligena*) on *Withania somnifera*



Symptoms: Black color spots on the leaves of *W. somnifera*.



Pathogenicity Test: Initial symptoms start appearing on 7th day while typical disease symptoms appeared on all the inoculated plants after 12 to 17 days. Re-isolation of the pathogen on PDA fulfilled Koch's postulate.

Microscopic studies: Early and mature stages of infection showed conidiophores and conidia. On the basis of cultural and morphological studies, pathogen was identified as *Pseudocercospora fuligena*.

The pathogen was further confirmed at molecular level using universal primers ITS 1 and ITS 4 and sequence was deposited in NCBI Genbank (Acc. no KF881898).

Inputs: Samad A

Herbal mouthwash for oral care

Modern times 'mouth wash' finds reference in *Auyrveda* as *Gandush* which is described as an Ayurvedic oil/decoction which is to be retained in mouth. It prevents tooth decay and oral diseases, strengthens teeth and is rejuvenating. The traditional wisdom of *Ayurveda* was scientifically evaluated and validated to develop a herbal mouth wash based on glycyrrhiza and clove (Devkusum).



Yashthimadhu & Devkusum (Glycyrrhiza glabra & Syzygium aromaticum)

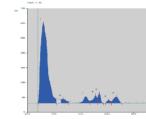






Synergistic effect of Yashthimadhu and Devkusum Extract (API 1 & API 2)

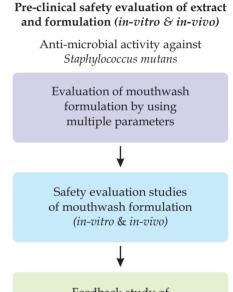




Standard of the active ingredient peak formulation for batch to batch variation



Anti-microbial activity against S.mutans



Feedback study of mouthwash on 70 volunteers

Mouthwash ready for industrial licensing

Development of DNA barcodes for commercially important medicinal plants

Primers selected for DNA Barcoding:

matK	390F	CGATCTATTCATTCAATATTTC
	1326R	TCTAGCACACGAAAGTCGAAGT
rbcL	1f	ATGTCACCACAAACAGAAAC
	724r	TCGCATGTACCTGCAGTAGC
trnH-PsbA	fwd PA	GTTATGCATGAACGTAATGCTC
	rev TH	CGCGCATGGTGGATTCACAATCC
ITS	5a fwd	CCTTATCATTTAGAGGAAGGAG
	4 rev	TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC
ITS2	S2F	ATGCGATACTTGGTGTGAAT
	S3R	GACGCTTCTCCAGACTACAAT

32 accessions of Adhatoda vasica Nees were collected from three different states. The different loci matK, rbcL, trnH-PsbA, ITS and ITS2 were selected for DNA barcoding studies. Amplification was successfully done with matK, rbcL, trnH-psbA, and ITS2 with their suitable PCR conditions. Amplification was not achieved to ITS with their PCR conditions. Work is in progress to optimize suitable PCR conditions for ITS amplification. Amplified products were successfully purified and sequenced. Sequence of rbcL and trnH-psbA was obtained with forward primers. Sequence of rbcL submitted to NCBI Genbank {BankIt 1608718: (1)}.









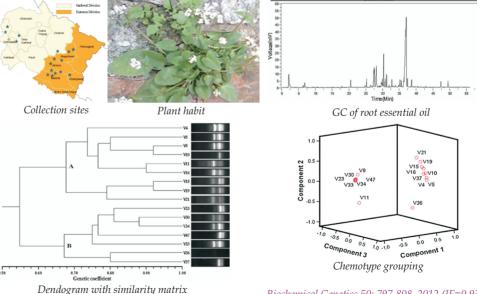
Variations in Adhatoda vasica

Impact of geographic range on genetic and chemical diversity of Indian Valerian (Valeriana jatamansi) from Northwestern Himalaya

An effort was made to determine the impact of geographic range on genetic richness and chemical constituents of Valeriana jatamansi Jones, an herb indigenous to the northwestern Himalaya. The genetic structure of 16 accessions from two major divisions of Uttarakhand state (Kumaon and Garhwal) was analyzed by ISSR markers. Overall genetic diversity among the populations was 45 %, with a cumulative range of 35-92 % similarity for most of the high-altitude plants and a comparatively narrow range, 50-88 %, for the population below the altitude of 1.800 m.

Likewise, a remarkable predictability was evident from the chemical constituents on an individual basis. In principal component analysis, most of the accessions fall into two major groups and are classified as chemotypes based on the percentage of similar chemical constituents; these are mostly correlated to altitude. Geographic distance seems to influence the genetic and chemical variability, indicating the genetic inbreeding within the population.

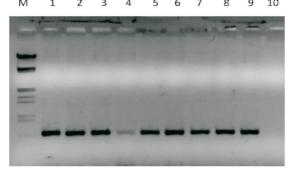
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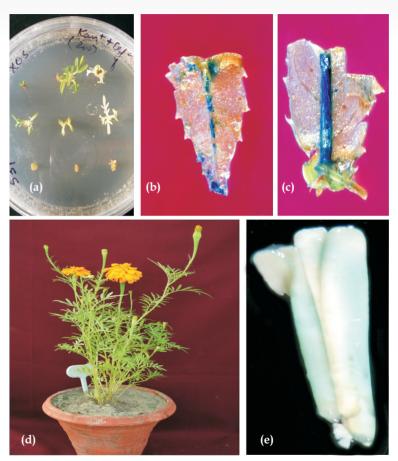
Biochemical Genetics 50: 797-808, 2012 (IF=0.938)

Development of efficient genetic transformation protocol in Tagetes erecta

Agrobacterium tumefaciens mediated genetic transformation of Tagetes erecta - an Asteraceous plant of industrial and medicinal importance was established. The transformation protocol was established using A. tumefaciens strain LBA4404, containing the binary vector pBI121, along with the gus A reporter gene with intron under the transcriptional control of the Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (CaMV) 35S promoter and the neomycin phosphotransferase II (nptII) gene as a kanamycin-resistant plant-selectable marker. Hypocotyls, cotyledonary leaves and leaf sections were used as explants. Shoots developed on Agrobacterium treated explants were selected on MS medium supplemented with BAP and GA₃ and kanamycin. Elongated transgenic shoots were subsequently rooted on MS medium and transferred to green house successfully. Integration of T-DNA into nuclear genome of transformed plants was confirmed by PCR amplification of npt II fragment.



PCR amplification of nptII gene from transformed Tagetes plants. M- marker, 1-8 putative transformants, 9-positive control, 10- negative control



(a) Selection of kanamycin resistant putative transformants; (b-c) Histochemical gus expression in leaf; (d) Complete plant of Tagetes erecta; (e) Gus expression in embryo

Input: Laiq-ur-Rahman

Novel solvent system for dissolution

of cellulose: A new solvent system (deep eutectic) for dissolution of cellulose was developed. Further, a new catalyst (Zeolite-Heteropoly acids) for effective conversion of cellulose to hydroxymethyl furfural (HMF) was prepared. HMF is a valuable chemical, which can be further used for synthesis of various flavor and fragrance derivatives and high calorific value bio-fuel.

Chemical studies on Simarouba seed

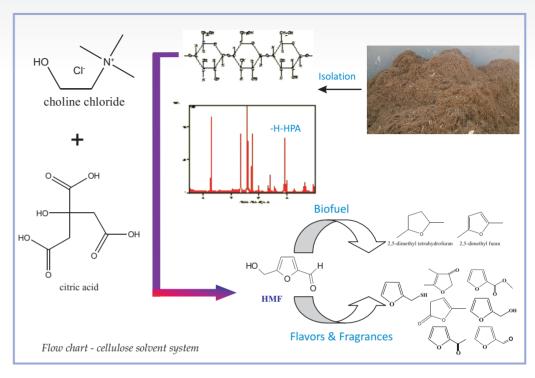
lipids: Extraction and characterization of *Simarouba glauca* seed lipids were carried out. The chemical analysis and *in-vitro* studies suggested that the lipids can be used for edible purposes.

Studies on Tagetes patula & Jasmine:

The work on chemical composition of *Tagetes patula* essential oil, liquid CO₂ extraction of *Jasminum grandiflorum* and HS-SPME analysis of few floral fragrances have been carried out.



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Patents

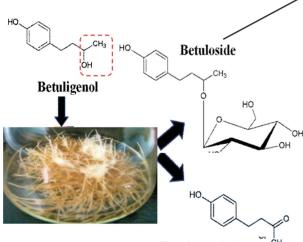
- 1. PK Rout, AD Nannaware, R Rajasekharan. Green process and catalyst for conversion of cellulose from aromatic biomass waste to hydroxymethylfurfural, 2013, WO 2013102911.
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Asian Journal Chemistry, 24: 945-956, 2012 (IF: 0.8) Industrial Crops Products 37: 195-199, 2012 (IF: 2.46) Natural products communication, 7: 89-92, 2012 (IF: 1.24) J. Food Science Technology, doi: 10.1007/s13197-012-0636-9, 2013 (IF: 1.12) Structural Diversification of Natural Naphthoquinones & Phenolics through Biotransformation/Elicitation by Transgenic Hairy Roots

Regio-specific oxidation and glucosylation of betuligenol into raspberry ketone and betuloside by *Atropa belladonna* hairy root clone

A. belladonna hairy root was studied for the bioconversion of betuligenol or 4-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl) butan-2-ol (1). Two biotransformed products were obtained – (i) raspberry ketone (2) or [4-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)-2-butanone] as oxidized product and (ii) betuloside (3) or [4-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl) but-2-yl--d-gluco-pyranoside] as glucosylated product respectively.

Derivatives of Betuligenol (1) have attained substantial therapeutic and "cosmaceutical" considerations.

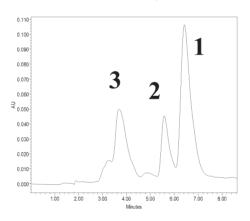


Raspberry ketone

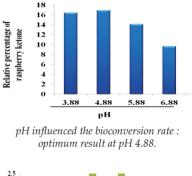
Rasberry ketone (2) is a 'natural' ingredient in cosmaceutical industry used in skin-lightening cosmetics, and as anti-obesity dietary supplement.

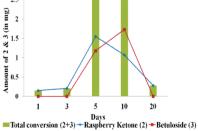
Input: Banerjee Suchitra

Betuloside (3): Anti-inflammatory, analgesic and liver-protective molecule that acts as natural pain-killer for the treatment of inflammatory diseases.



Time course study revealed the maximum bioconversion of betuligenol (1) to raspberry ketone (2) on the 5th day and to betuloside (3) on the 10th day of feeding, respectively

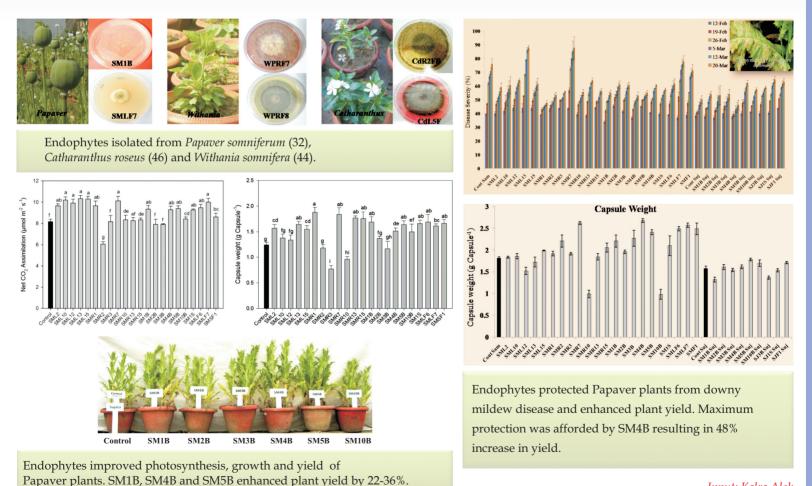




Maximum bioconversion of betuligenol (1) to raspberry ketone (2) on 5^{th} day and to betuloside (3) on 10^{th} day

Industrial Crops and Products 44: 171–175, 2013; (IF- 2.46)

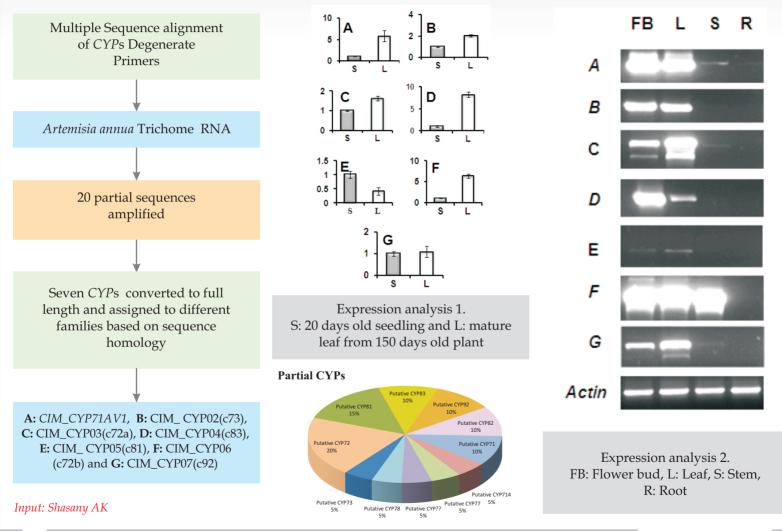
Plant-endophyte interactions responsible for enhancing yields of selected therapeutically useful secondary metabolites



Input: Kalra Alok

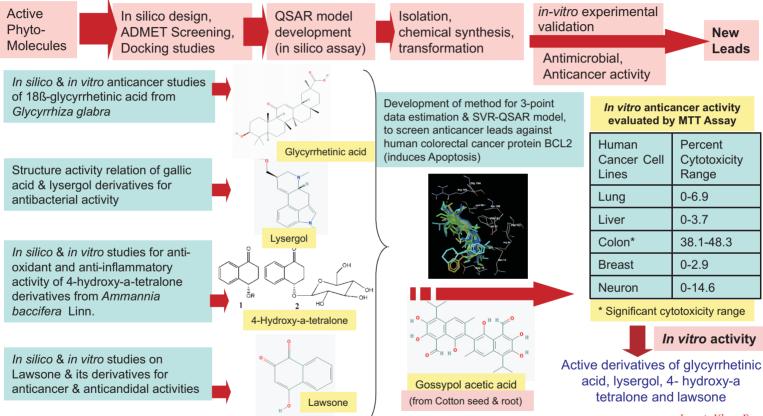
Studying Adaptation Biology and Understanding / Exploiting Medicinally Important Plants for Useful Bioactives (SIMPLE)

Analysis of expression of CYPs (Cytochrome P450) isolated from Artemisia annua trichomes



Computer aided translational medicine: Genome to medicine Optimization of active phytomolecules derivatives as lead against cancer and drug resistant bacterial pathogens

Objective was to develop new virtual screening methods and identification of anticancer and antibacterial compounds.



Input: Khan Feroz

Outcome: Developed a method for virtual screening of Gossypol analogs targeting BCL2 anticancer target; identified 18β-glycyrrhetinic acid from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* as potent anticancer compound.

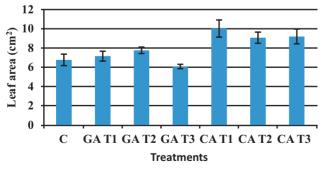
Comb Chem High Throughput Screen. 16 (6): 425-34, 2013. (IF: 2.0) Med Chem. 9 (8): 1073-84, 2013. (IF:1.496)

Studies on evaluation of calliterpenone and GA₃ on growth parameters, trichomes, essential oil and gene expression in *Mentha arvensis*

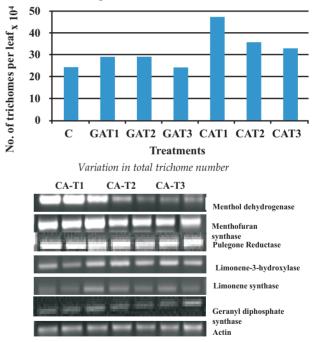
Experiments were conducted on *M. arvensis* variety *Kosi* for understanding the effect of gibberllic acid (GA) and calliterpenone (CA) treatments on growth attributes, trichomes and essential oil biosynthesis. CA, a stereo-isomer of abbekutone, the precursor of gibberellic acid has shown considerable improvement in the growth parameters studied. The exogenous application of CA (0 μ M, 10 μ M, 100 μ M) was found to be better in improving biomass and sucker yield, leaf



Growth of plants under various treatments of GA and CA



Variation in leaf area : C-control; GAT1- 1μM, GAT2-10 μM, GAT3-100 μM: CAT1-1μM, CAT2-10μM, CAT3-100 μM area, branching, leaf stem ratio than GA_3 at same concentrations. CA treated plants showed higher glandular trichome number, density and diameter correlated with enhanced oil biogenetic capacity. The results suggest CA as a novel plant derived diterpenoid with growth promoting action and opens up new possibilities for improving the crop yields and quality and quantity of essential oil from commercially important medicinal and aromatic plants.

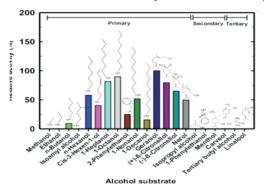


Expression profile of key pathway genes

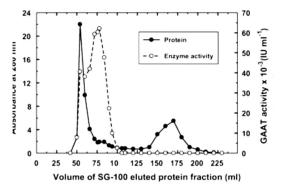
Input: Sangwan NS

Studies on Alcohol Acyl Transferase (AATs): Biochemical characteristics of a novel vegetative tissue geraniol acetyltransferase from a monoterpene oil grass (Palmarosa, *Cymbopogon martinii* var. *motia*) leaf

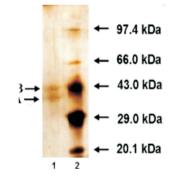
The enzyme plays key role in volatile aroma ester formation in the plant. The native AAT enzyme from palmarosa leaf tissues was purified for the first time and kinetically and biochemically characterized.



Substrate specificity of Palmarosa leaf geraniol: (GAAT) activity with primary, secondary and tertiary alcohols.



Size-exclusion chromatography of Palamarosa leaf GAAT on a Sephadex G-100 column.

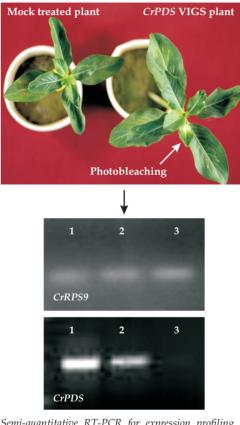


- GAAT (Geraniol Alcohol Acyl Transferase) from palmarosa possess novel attributes in terms of specificity and kinetic constants
- amino acid sequence deviations in or at proximity to the motifs (HXXD and DFGWG) believed to be essentially conserved in BAHDs.
- some additional motifs of significant conservation and potential functional or catalytic significance observed
- remarkably broad but stereo-selectivity of the GAAT for acyl-acceptor hydroxyl group ordains it to be catalytically named as a broad specificity primary aliphatic alcohol AAT.

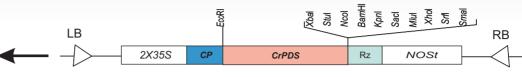
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Development of an efficient Virus Induced Gene Silencing (VIGS) protocol for *Catharanthus roseus* using phytoene desaturase in genotype Dhawal



Semi-quantitative RT-PCR for expression profiling of CrPDS gene, whereby CrRPS9 gene was used as an endogenous control Lane 1 - Untreated Lane 2 - Mock treated Lane 3 - VIGS Experimental photobleached



pYL156-CrPDS

Map of pYL156-CrPDS construct. CP-Coat Protein; Rz-self-cleaving ribozyme; NOSt-nopaline synthase terminator

- Virus Induced Gene Silencing (VIGS) is an attractive method for assaying gene function, specially in plant species that are recalcitrant to conventional genetic transformation.
- Although VIGS methods have become available for many medicinal plant species including *C. roseus*, there is always a need to improve upon their efficiency and make them applicable to our indigenous genotypes.
- ✤ A highly efficient Tobacco Rattle Virus (TRV)-based VIGS protocol has been developed using phytoene desaturase (*CrPDS*) marker gene in elite genotype Dhawal.
- Partial sequence of *CrPDS*, available in NCBI GeneBank (Accession GU179342) was used to amplify a 527bp fragment. It was cloned in the EcoR site of pYL156 (pTRV2) and the pYL156-*CrPDS* (pTRV2-*CrPDS*) construct was transformed into *Agrobacterium* GV3101 strain. Besides, empty pTRV2 vector (pTRV2-E) and pTRV1 were also transformed into *Agrobacterium* separately.
- Dhawal plants were vacuum infiltrated at 2-8 leaves stage with 1:1 mixture of *Agrobacterium* carrying pTRV1 and pTRV2-*CrPDS*. As a mock treatment, Dhawal plants of the same stage were infiltrated with 1:1 mixture of *Agrobacterium* carrying pTRV1 and pTRV2-E.
- ✤ Leaf photobleaching was observed in the *CrPDS* VIGS plants but not in the mock treated plants and *CrPDS* transcript abundance decreased in photobleached plant leaves as compared to control (mock treated or untreated) leaves.
- Subsequently, the full length mRNA sequence of the *CrPDS* (Accession JX390616) has also been obtained through RACE (Rapid Amplification of cDNA Ends).

Input: Shukla Ashutosh

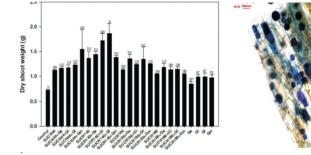
Reducing chromium induced damage

Microbial interventions to improve yields and reduce stress induced damage

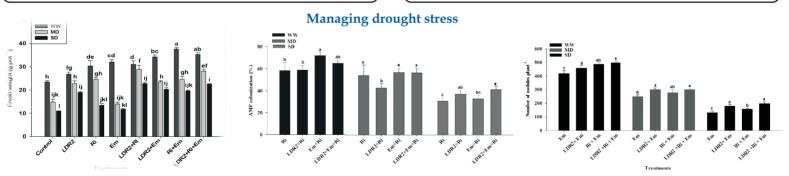
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Salt tolerant PGPR Dietzia natronolimnaea (STR1) in combination with AM fungi Glomus intraradices and vermicompost improved Ocimum basilicum growth in salt stressed fields.

Improving salt tolerance in Ocimum



Cr(VI)-reducing bacteria SUCR140 (Microbacterium sp.) reduces the chromium toxicity, improves the colonization of mycorrhizal fungi Glomus fasciculatum resulting in enhanced growth and yield of Zea mays.



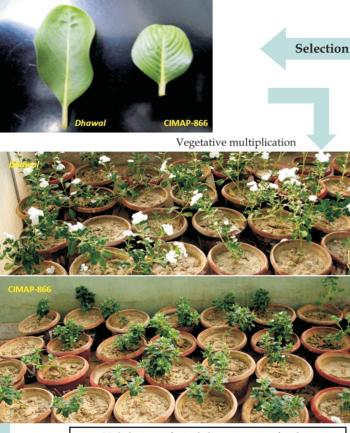
Application of a ACC deaminase producing Bacillus subtilis (LDR2) improved nodulation (Ensifer meliloti) and mycorrhization (Glomus intraradices) resulting in enhanced Trigonella growth under varying drought levels.

Journal of Plant Growth Regulation 32: 809-822, 2013 (IF=1.99) Environmental Science Pollution Research 20(3): 161-174, 2013 (IF=2.618)

Input: Kalra Alok

Molecular analysis of tissues / genotypes of *Catharanthus roseus* having contrasting terpenoid indole alkaloid (TIA) profiles

Comparative analysis of Catharanthus roseus genotypes differing in their morphological and chemotypic (alkaloid) characters



Validation of vindoline content; further variety development

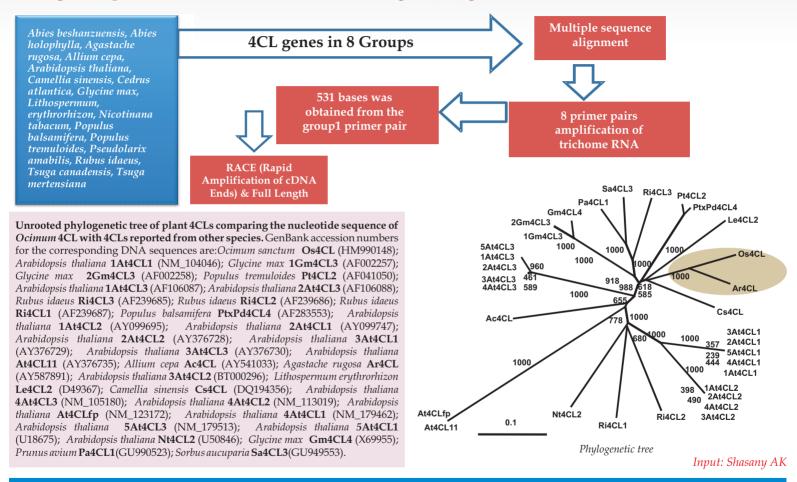


Catharanthus plants in the National Gene Bank for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

- For semi-synthetic production of anticancer bisindole alkaloids from monomers, catharanthine is easily available but sourcing vindoline is the main bottleneck.
- *Catharanthus roseus* being the only known source of vindoline, there is need to identify its genotypes that accumulate higher-than-usual levels of vindoline.
- A C. roseus genotype (CIMAP-866) in the National Gene Bank for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants at CIMAP, Lucknow has been found to accumulate significantly higher amount of vindoline as compared to the elite variety Dhawal.
- The total alkaloid content of CIMAP-866 was also higher than that in *Dhawal*.
- As compared to *Dhawal*, CIMAP-866 possesses distinct morphology like dwarf character, spreading/bushy growth, wider canopy, non-wavy leaf margin, shorter petiole and higher chlorophyll content.
- Real Time PCR indicated that the transcript abundance of the gene involved in the last step of vindoline biosynthesis [Acetyl-CoA: 4-Odeacetylvindoline 4-O-acetyl-transferase (DAT)] was higher in CIMAP-866 as compared to Dhawal.
- Attempts are on to answer the key question "How do C. roseus genotypes and/or stages having higher-than-usual levels of key alkaloids differ from the normal ones?"

Input: Shukla Ashutosh

Cloning and sequence characterization of coumarate CoA ligase (4CL) gene from Ocimum sanctum



Full length cDNA sequence of 4CL gene was found to be 1704bp, encoding a polypeptide of 568 amino acid residues. The weight of the deduced protein was predicted to be 60.88 kDa. The nucleotide sequence has been submitted in the NCBI database with the accession number HM990148.

Extraction and isolation of aromatic and bioactive components of Nepeta hindostana

Chemical composition of the essential oil was analyzed by GC/GC-MS and its anti-inflammatory activity was studied. The n-hexane extract after chromatographic separations has given several fractions. The test showed that the methanol extract is most active with carragenon induced paw edema having 39% inhibition in 3hrs *in-vivo* test. While aqueous methanol extract showed moderate activity, the ethyl acetate did not show any significant activity.

Exploration of Unexplored Aroma Plants for Characterization and Creation of Aroma Library

Aroma profiling of Himalayan cypress (*Cupressus torulosa* D. Don):

The essential oils from male and female branchlets and from female cones of Cupressus torulosa were analyzed and compared. Monoterpene hydrocarbons (51.09%-58.06%) and oxygenated monoterpenes (28.61%-39.48%) were found to be the major group of the constituents. Predominant constituents were umbellulone (16.26%-26.66%), terpinen-4-ol (0.10%-19.64%), α-pinene (9.62%-17.76%), limonene (13.27%-14.56%), sabinene (5.87%-14.33%), γ -terpinene (1.97-6.89%) and α -terpinene (1.95%-5.31%). This is the first report on comparative essential oil composition of male, female branchlets and female cones of Cupressus torulosa from India.

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Characterization of volatile constituents of Pindrow Fir (*Abies pindrow* (Royle ex D. Don) Royle):

Essential oils extracted from needle and stem

of *A. pindrow* were analyzed GC and GC-MS; 56 constituents were identified comprising 96.33%, 83.68% of needle and stem oil compositions. Results showed that the essential oil of pindrow fir contained 73.44%, 66.29% monoterpene hydrocarbons, 6.55%, 2.62% oxygenated monoterpenes, 4.76%,

4.68% sesquiterpene hydrocarbons, 11.58%, 2.56% oxygenated sesquiterpenes in needle and stem oil respectively. Major constituents were limonene (20.98%-34.38%), camphene (0.53%-19.86%), α -pinene (13.81%-16.80%), myrcene (6.74%-8.34%) and β -pinene (6.51%-8.57%). *Inputs: Padalia RC*

Seasonal variation study on volatile constituents of Artemisia nilagirica var. septentrionalis Pamp.:

Variation in essential oil content and composition of the aerial parts of *A*. *nilagirica* var. *septentrionalis* Pamp. in different seasons (spring, summer, rainy, autumn and winter) were analysed and compared. The results have been tabulated

Compounds	Content of Major constituents (%)						
	Spring	Summer	Rainy	Autumn	Winter		
Artemisia ketone	60.71	55.21	45.03	38.26	61.20		
Artemisia alcohol	3.62	2.98	2.34	1.37	3.20		
Perillene	2.12	1.17	0.80	1.10	0.52		
2,6-Dimethyl phenol	1.88	0.18	0.35	0.23	1.54		
Chrysanthenone	1.52	6.53	7.71	6.67	3.78		
Carvone	1.23	1.60	1.17	1.21	1.37		
Bornyl acetate	1.24	1.51	2.30	2.28	1.01		
β-Caryophyllene	3.26	2.31	4.33	6.76	1.91		
Germacrene D	3.11	4.22	6.81	6.81	3.14		
δ-Cadinene	1.12	1.34	2.12	2.39	0.93		
Total identified	94.16	94.31	93.14	92.07	94.56		

Inputs: Verma RS

Chemical profiling of the essential oil of Perilla frutescens



Perilla frutescens

Essential oil isolated from Indian Perilla [*Perilla frutescens* (L.) Britton] was analysed by GC/FID and GC/MS. Essential oil yield varied from 0.26% to 0.35% during different phenophases. Major constituents of the oil were perilla ketone (39.5-59.3%), isoegomaketone (9.4-45.7%), (*E*)-caryophyllene (0.1-13.4%), and caryophyllene oxide (0.4-3.8%). Perilla ketone was found to be higher at seed maturity stage (59.3%), while isoegomaketone recorded higher during vegetative stages (39.8-43.6%). Further, perilla ketone and (E)-caryophyllene were found to be higher in inflorescence, while isoegomaketone was higher in leaves.

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Characterization of Paeonia emodi Royle essential oil

Roots of the Himalayan Peony (*Paeonia emodi* Royle) have been used as a traditional medicine of epilepsy since long. Hydrodistilled volatile oil of the fresh roots of *P. emodi* was investigated by GC/FID, GC/MS, and NMR (¹H, & ¹³C). Twenty four constituents comprising 97.4% of the total oil composition were identified. Major components of the essential oil were salicylaldehyde (85.5%), *cis*-myrtanal (4.9%), myrtenal (1.8%), *trans*-myrtanol (1.6%) and nopinone (1.4%).



Paeonia emodi

Inputs: Verma RS

Anti-bacterial activity of the essential oils of under-explored aromatic plants

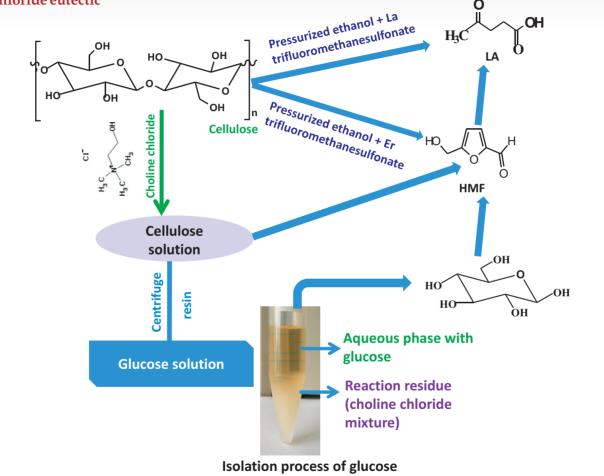
The anti-bacterial activity of the essential oils of tabulated plants was studied. The major chemical compounds and results of the antibacterial activity test are given below:

Aromatic plant	Major compounds
Conyza canadensis	Limonene (18.2%), β-Copaen-4-α-ol (14.2%), Carvone (5.0%), ar-Curcumene (4.6%)
Cyclospermum leptophyllum	Thymohydroquinone dimethyl ether (46.8%), Thymol, methyl ether (14.6%) p-Cymene (13.9%), γ-Terpinene (8.9%), Carvacrol methyl ether (7.5%)
Perilla frutescens	Perilla ketone (48.0%), Isoegomaketone (38.0%)
Laggera crispata	2,5 Dimethoxy-p-cymene (47.8%), 10-epiEudesmol (17.7%), -Humulene (5.1%), Juniper camphor (4.8%), 7-epi- α-Eudesmol (3.2%)
Cannabis sativa	(<i>E</i>)-Caryophyllene (19.6%), Limonene (15.8%), α-Pinene (7.7%), Myrcene (6.0%), Terpinolene (6.0%), α-Humulene (5.7%), (<i>E</i>)-β-Farnesene (4.8%)
Bidens pilosa	Octadecadienol (32.8%), Bornyl acetate (19.4%), n-Hexadecanol (7.7%)
Limnophila rugosa	Methyl chavicol (76.6%), (E)-Anethole (19.1%)
Eucalyptus citriodora (fruit)	α-Pinene (40.7%), γ-Terpinene (11.8%), Citronellal (7.1%), p-Cymene (6.5%)
Pimenta dioca	Eugenol (76.6%), Myrcene (11.0%), Chavicol (3.3%), Limonene (3.1%)

Essential oil	Zone of Inhibition (mm)								
	SA-96	EC-789	SM	EC-DH5a	PA	STm	KP	BS	SA-2940
Conyza canadensis	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7
Cyclospermum leptophyllum	7	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Perilla frutescens	4	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	-
Laggera crispata	-	-	10	-	-	-	6	-	8
Cannabis sativa	11	-	9	-	-	7	-	4	10
Bidens pilosa	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7
Limnophila rugosa	8	5	6	5	-	10	7	9	7
Eucalyptus citriodora (fruit)	13	10	10	8	8	11	6	10	14
Pimenta dioca	12	8	10	15	10	16	12	20	16

SA: Staphylococcus aureus; **EC**: Escherichia coli; **SM**: Streptococcus mutans; **PA**: Pseudomonas aerugenosa; **STm**: Salmonella typhimurium; **KP**: Klebsiella pneumoniae; **BS**: Bacillus subtilis.

Input: Verma RS



Synthesis of glucose, hydroxymethyl furfural (HMF) and levuliniC acid (CA) from cellulose in supercritical ethanol and choline chloride eutectic

Flow chart of synthesis of glucose, HMF and LA

Input: Rout PK

Technology Enabled Village (TechVill)

Survey for the selection of medicinal and aromatic plant entrepreneurship based technology enabled village (TechVill) in Uttar Pradesh was conducted. The Tech Vill aims at developing MAPs based entrepreneurial skills in local inhabitatnts for enhancement of income by cultivation, post harvest processing, product development and waste management for health, energy and prosperity. Based on the selection criteria of percentage of SC/ST, unemployed youth and women population in the area, a pilot village Daun (District Unnao) was selected as TechVill. Area measuring 0.492 ha was acquired from the local Gram Sabha.

The land was leveled for making it usable for cultivation of MAPs. Layouts for setting up of the demonstration, production and experimental plots were developed. Commercially viable aromatic crops were planted in the plots for demonstration and production of the elite planting material for distribution among the nearby farmers.





A tractor trolley mounted directlyfired-type mobile distillation unit was conceptualized, designed and developed by the institute. The unit was fabricated as part of rural development project and released on May 11 2012, the National Technology Day. The mobile distillation unit is easy to operate, efficient, safe and robust. It is mounted on a tractor trolley and can be easily transported and made operational in a short period of time. The unit will be beneficial for the small and marginal farmers cultivating aromatic crops like

mints, lemongrass, palmarosa, citronella, basil, patchouli, vetiver etc., who cannot afford to have their own distillation unit.

Improvement in Khus-Digger

The Khus-digger developed by the institute was further improved with additional attachment – a detachable iron disc for making pre-cut furrows to minimize the harvesting load on the tractor. The attachment improves efficiency and provides a balanced, well supported in-line field operation of the Khus-digger.

New Improved Varieties

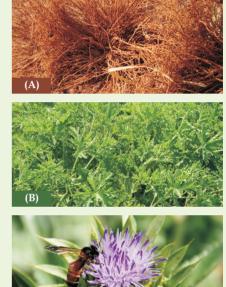
Three new improved varieties of following commercially important medicinal and aromatic crops were released.

- (A) Vetiver: CIMAP-Khus 22 of vetiver (*Chrysopogon zizanioides*) is an improved variety with higher essential oil yield (28kg/ha) and average oil content (1.8%).
- **(B) Geranium: CIMAP Bio-G-171** of geranium (*Pelargonium graveolens*) is an improved variety with significantly higher oil content (0.24%) and oil yield (45kg/ha) against the checks Bourbon and CIM-Pawan.
- (C) Silybum: CIMAP Sil-9 of Silybum (*Silybum marianum*) is an improved variety having shorter plant height (80-90cm), higher (>8%) silymarin content and higher seed yield (10 quintal eeds/ha).

New Products Released

Lip Balm: Strawberry flavored lip balm formulation was developed jointly with CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow and released. The product uses herbal colour and natural ingredients to protect the lips.





Training on Essential Oil Processing Technologies (EOPT-2012)

Six day hands-on entrepreneurial training cum workshop on Essential Oil Processing Technologies (EOPT-2012) for processing and value addition of essential oils was organized from 23-28 April 2012. Twelve participants from the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh participated in the six day training workshop. The training programme covered different aspects of processing and value addition technologies for aromatic plants with particular emphasis on the quality control procedures for the essential oils.

Training on processing and quality aspects of *Mentha arvensis* essential oil

Three day hands-on training programme on processing and quality aspects of *Mentha arvensis* essential oil was organized from 28 - 30 August 2012. Ten participants mainly from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi participated. The programme covered different aspects of post harvest management and agrotechnology of *Mentha* and practical exposure on distillation, menthol production, value addition, purification and quality control of the oil.

Training on *Aloe vera* processing technologies (AVPT-2013)

Four day training-cum-workshop for the

budding entrepreneurs interested in setting up processing units for aloe juice, sap and gel was organized from 20 - 23 November 2012. Twenty two participants from the states of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Harvana, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh participated. The training module was designed to impart step by step knowledge on the processing technologies for production of Aloe vera juice, sap and gel and familiarize the participants with the technical and practical aspects of the technologies by hands-on experience at pilot scale level. Emphasis was laid on the quality analysis procedures of the aloe based products for maintaining quality.

S. No.	Dates	Sponsoring Agency	Number of participants
1.	6-9 June, 2012	SIDBI	50
2.	6-8 August, 2012	SIDBI	40
3.	8-9 October, 2012	ATMA, West Champaran, Bihar	25
4.	7-9 November, 2012	SIBDI	32
5.	3-5 December, 2012	SIBDI	45
6.	21-22 June, 2012	DFO, Renukoot	40
7.	6 November, 2012	In-house	25
8.	8-10 January, 2013	ATMA, Buxer, Bihar	30
9.	5-7 March, 2013	SIBDI and DHO Vaishali, Bihar	50

Training programme organised for farmers and entrepreneurs:

CSIR Technology Award 2012

Institute received the CSIR Technology Award for Life Sciences 2012 for development and commercialization of anti-malarial drug plant *Artemisia annua* technology package facilitating industrial growth, societal health and rural prosperity. The award was given by Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Vice President, CSIR Shri Vayalar Ravi in the 70th CSIR Foundation Day function held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 26th September, 2012. The Award included a citation and a



Prof. Ram Rajasekharan (centre) receiving the award from Hon'ble Minister for S&T and ES and VP, CSIR Shri Vayalar Ravi

cash prize of Rs Two Lakhs. The team comprises Drs. AK Gupta, AK Shasany, MM Gupta, Sudeep Tandon, RS Bhakuni, Alok Kalra, AK Singh, RP Bansal, SPS Khanuja and Prof. Ram Rajasekharan.

The high yielding superior variety 'CIM-Arogya' has remarkably enhanced biosynthesis of anti-malarial drug molecule 'artemisinin'. A unique Pharma-Farm value chain linkage in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode through CSIR-CIMAP Biovillage approach was established resulting in self reliance in drug production for the deadly malaria and enhancement of the farmers' income.

Students enrolled for PhD

Academy of Scientific Innovative Research (AcSIR)

Biological Science: 13

Chemical Sciences: 3

CIMAP-JNU (New Delhi) PhD program

Biological and Chemical Sciences: 20

PhDs Awarded under CIMAP-JNU Program: 4

Dr U.C. Lavania

Elected as Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India President, Plant Sciences Section, Indian Science Congress Association 2012-13

Dr Karuna Shanker, Dr Suaib Luqman Dr P D Sethi Award-2012

Dr Ashutosh Shukla

Indo-US Research Fellowship of the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and DST for advanced research at Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Dr Dinesh Nagegowda

Editorial Board Member – Biomed Research International (IF -2.88) (Hindawi Publishers)

Editorial Board Member – Molecular Biology and Genetic Engineering (Herbert Publications)

Dr Sunita Singh Dhawan

Member, Academic Council of Fragrance and Flavour Development Centre (FFDC), Kannauj

Staff superannuated

Mr. U.S. Rawat, Controller of Finance & Accounts, superannuated on 30 March 2012

Dr H.N. Singh, Senior Principal Scientist, superannuated on 31 July 2012

Mr. Mehdi Mirza, Senior Technical Officer, superannuated on 31 August 2012

Mr. Sushil Kumar, Principal Technical Officer, superannuated on 31 August 2012

Dr. A.K. Singh, Chief Scientist, superannuated on 31 October 2012

Mr. Syed Tahir Husain, Principal Technical Officer, superannuated on 31 October 2012

Dr Mansoor Alam, Chief Scientist, superannuated on 31 December 2012

Dr Dwijendra Singh, Chief Scientist, superannuated on 31 December 2012

Mr. V.P. Rakhwal, Technician, superannuated on 31 December 2012

Mr. S. Manjunatha, Assistant, superannuated on 31 December 2012

CIMAP welcomes new staff



Dr (Ms) Preeti Srivastava Scientist w.e.f. 18 April 2012



Dr Dinesh A. Nagegowda Principal Scientist w.e.f. 26 April 2012



Dr D.K. Venkata Rao Sr. Scientist w.e.f. 26 April 2012



Mr Bhaskar Shukla Scienist w.e.f. 17 May 2012



Dr. C.S. Vivek Babu Sr. Scientist w.e.f. 23 May 2012



Dr. (Mrs) Poornima Priyadarshini, CG Scientist w.e.f. 13 Sept. 2012



Sri Sanjay Kumar Ram Section Officer (G) w.e.f. 28 Dec. 2012



Dr. Sumit Ghosh Sr. Scientist w.e.f. 30 Jan. 2013



Dr (Mrs) Prema G. Vasudev Sr. Scientist w.e.f. 01 Feb. 2013



Dr Rakesh K. Upadhayay Scientist w.e.f. 12 Feb. 2013



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- 1. Immunomodulatory pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination of three coumarinolignoids and a process for preparation thereof. SPS Khanuja, Anirban Pal, SK Chattopadhyay, MP Darokar, RP Patel, AK Gupta, AS Negi, Tanpreet Kaur, Sudeep Tandon, AP Kahol. Ankur Garg Great Britain, France, Germany and Europe: 1968575; granted on 25.04.2012China: ZL200680051962.3; granted on 18.07.2012
- 2. Novel loganin analogues and a process for the preparation thereof. SPS Khanuja, SK Srivastava, Ankur Garg, Merajuddin Khan, MP Darokar, Anirban Pal Australia: 2005338556 granted on 23.08.2012 Europe: 1963349; granted on 24.10.2012.

The invention relates to novel loganin analogues and a process for the preparation thereof, particularly use of iridoid glycoside loganin isolated from the fruit pulp of *Strychnos nux*-*vomica* and its bioactive semi-synthetic analogues against various human cancer cell lines grown *in-vitro*.

 Antibacterial composition comprising oenostacin from *Oenothera biennis*. YN Shukla, TRS Kumar, Anil Srivastava, SPS Khanuja, VK Gupta, Sushil Kumar India: 253983; granted on 11.09.2012

The composition may be used for the treatment of endocarditis in humans which is an inflammatory disease of the endocardium, the internal lining of the human heart. Endocarditis is caused by *Staphylococci* and *Gonococci* bacteria.

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