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# Acylated Flavone Glycosides from the Roots of *Saussurea lappa* and Their Antifungal Activity

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**Abstract:** The isolation of four novel acylated flavonoid glycosides from the roots of *Saussurea lappa* and their identification using a combination of 1D and 2D NMR and mass spectrometry is described. The *in vitro* antifungal and antibacterial activities of the isolated compounds and their mixture were tested on nine fungal and four bacterial strains, using the microdilution method. The compounds and mixture showed moderate to high antifungal activity against most of the fungi tested, compared to a miconazole standard, while only one compound and the mixture showed antibacterial activity against all strains tested.

**Keywords:** *Saussurea lappa*, acylated flavone glycosides, scutellarein, kaempferol, antifungal acitivity.

# Introduction

*Saussurea lappa* C.B. Clarke, syn. S. costus (Falc) Lipsch (Asteraceae) is a Himalayan species that occurs at elevations from 2,700-4,000 m in Kashmir, Lahul Valley in Himachal Pradesh and Garhwal in Uttranchal [1-2]. The roots possess carminative, analgesic, anthelmintic and emmenagogic properties, stimulate the brain and cure blood diseases and liver and kidney disorders. They are prescribed in advance stages of typhus fever, rheumatism, nervous disorders, irregular menstruation, heart diseases, to improve complexion, as a hair wash to kill lice and to turn grey hair to black [3-5]. It

contains lappadilactone and seven sesquiterpene lactones as cytotoxic principles against selected human cancer cell lines. Lappadilactone, dehydrocostuslactone and costunolide exhibited the most potent cytotoxicity with CD50. Seven noncytotoxic compounds were also isolated, including two novel sesquiterpenes, a guaianolide type with a C17 skeleton, lappalone and 1 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ -dihydroxycostic acid ethyl ester [6]. (*E*)-9-Isopropyl-6-methyl-5,9-decadiene-2-one, a terpenoid C14-ketone, lupeol palmitates,  $\alpha$ -amyrin starate,  $\beta$ -amyrin from the costus leaves [7-8], 4- $\beta$ -methoxydehydrocostuslactone [9], the sesquiterpenoid saussureal [10], amino acids, saussureamines A-E, the lignan glycoside (-) massoniresinol-4"-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside [11], two guaianolides, isodehydrocostus lactone and isozaluzanin-C and two sesquiterpene lactones with an  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde group [12] are other reported compounds from *Saussurea lappa*. This paper describes the isolation and characterization of four new flavonoids **KSR1-KSR4** from the roots of the plant.

#### **Results and Discussion**

The compounds **KSR1-KSR4** were isolated by repeated chromatography (column and HPLC) of a flavonoid fraction obtained by processing of an ethanolic extract of powdered, dry *S. lappa* roots.

#### KSR1

**KSR1** was obtained as a yellow amorphous powder with negative optical rotation  $[[\alpha]_D^{15} - 46.9^\circ, c]$ = 0.10; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1)]. Its UV spectrum showed maxima at 378, 344, 300 and 210 nm, indicating its polyphenolic nature. The HR-FAB-MS exhibited a pseudomolecular ion  $[M+1]^+$  at m/z 965.32, compatible with the molecular formula  $C_{45}H_{56}O_{23}$  (calc. 964.15333). This was in good agreement with the presence of six methyl, three methylene, 21 methine and 15 quaternary carbon resonances in its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and DEPT spectra. Its <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 1) displayed five aromatic protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.44 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.7/2.3 Hz), 6.79 (s) and 6.98 (s), which indicate the presence of one ABX system and two non-correlated aromatic protons, respectively. This suggested that **KSR1** might be a 5,6,7,3<sup>1</sup>,4<sup>1</sup> or 5,7,8,3<sup>1</sup>,4<sup>1</sup> pentasubstituted flavone derivative. Since the signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  102.89 was assigned to the C-3 position in the flavone aglycone according to its  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HC}$  and  ${}^{2}J_{\text{HC}}$  correlations in the HMBC spectrum and the published data for flavone glycosides [13], the signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  93.70 was attributed to the A-ring. The differentiation on the basis of the A-ring methine resonance between the 5,6,7 (scutellarein-type) and 5,7,8 (isoscutellarein-type) trioxygenation patterns has been previously reported [13]. According to this finding, the presence of an aromatic methine carbon signal ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  93.70) in the  $\delta_{\rm C}$  90.0 – 96.0 range indicates a non-substituted C-8. Furthermore, a correlation was observed between the  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.88 methoxy proton singlet signal and C-4' of the benzoyl group ( $\delta_C$  151.10) in the HMBC. In addition to this there is a peak at  $\delta_C$  132.7 that represents the cyclopentene ring in the compound [14] and there is an HMBC cross peak for C-1a' of the cyclopentene ring at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  113.3 and C-3' at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  152.9, which indicates the attachment of the cyclopentene ring at C-3'. A peak at [43+Na]<sup>+</sup> (loss of acetic acid) in the HR-FAB-MS suggested the flavonoid having an acetate [15], which was supported by the presence of carbonyl peaks at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  172.5 and  $\delta_{\rm C}$  74.2 for an acetyl attached carbon in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR a significant singlet peak at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.06 for the methyl in CH<sub>3</sub>COO- was also observed. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum showed sharp singlets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.21

and 1.21; these two peaks represent gem-methyl groups associated with the cyclopentene ring [16]. The broad doublet peak at  $\delta$  5.02 for olefinic proton (H-2a', J = 2.5 Hz) by HSQC. A triple doublet (ddd) appearing at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.12 was assigned to H-3a $\beta'$  (J<sub>3a $\beta'</sub>, 4<sub>aa'</sub> = 12.8 Hz, J<sub>3a<math>\beta'</sub>, 4<sub>Ba'</sub> = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{3a\beta'}, H-2a' = 2.5$  Hz) HMBC from the already published data [16]. A triplet at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.34 ( $J_{4\alpha a'}$ ,  $_{4\beta a'} = J_{4\alpha a'}, _{3\beta a'} = 12.8$  Hz) due to coupling with the H-3 $\beta a'$  (HMBC) and special interactions with H-2a' (ROE) was assigned to H-4 $\alpha a'$ . The partially simplified multiplets between  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.94-2.0 suggested that the signals for H-4 $\beta a'$  were localized in this region. Cross peaks were observed in C-3' and C-1a', C-3' and C-2a', C-2a' and H-3 $\beta a'$ , H-3 $\beta a'$  and H-4 $\alpha a'$ , H-3 $\beta a'$  and H-4 $\beta a'$ , C-3a' to O-C=O and from all these data we deduced that the cyclopentene ring was attached at C-3' of the flavonoid. From the above discussion we concluded that the nucleus of **KSR1** was a scutellarein flavone glycoside derivative. Furthermore, the correlation observed between the methoxy proton signal as a singlet  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.88 and C-4' of the benzoyl group  $\delta_{\rm C}$  151.10 in the HMBC spectrum led us to determine the aglycone moiety as 3'-(3R-acetoxy-5,5-dimethylcyclopent-1-ene)-4'-O-methylscutellarein, as shown in Figure 1.</sub></sub>



Figure 1. Structures of isolated compounds KSR1-KSR4.

$$\begin{split} & \text{KSR1 R} = \text{FG1} \\ & \text{KSR2 R} = \text{FG1}, \text{R1} = \text{FG2} \\ & \text{KSR3 R} = \text{FG1}, \text{R1} = \text{FG3} \\ & \text{KSR4 R} = \text{FG1}, \text{R1} = \text{FG4} \end{split}$$

C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} ({ m m}, J { m Hz})$	C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( { m m}, J  { m Hz}  ight)$		
Aglycone							
2	163.84		8a	105.58			
3	102.89	6.79 (s)	1′	123.01			
4	182.12		2'	112.86	7.44 (d, 2.3)		
<b>4</b> a	148.78		3'	146.78			
5	146.78		4'	151.10			
6	130.75		5'	112.01	7.12 (d, 8.7)		
7	150.87		6'	118.60	7.55 (dd, 8.7, 2.3)		
8	93.70	6.98 (s)	OCH <sub>3</sub>	55.71	3.88 (s)		
		3'-cyclope	ent-1-ene				
1a'	158.20		5a'	26.30			
2a'	132.70	5.02 (d, 7.2 )	3a'-CO	168.3			
3a'	74.20	5.12 (ddd,12.8, 4.9, 5)	CO- <u>CH</u> 3	18.7	2.06 (s)		
<b>4aα'</b>	29.60	1.94 (m, dd, 12.8)	5a'-αCH <sub>3</sub>	16.5	1.12 (s)		
4aβ′	29.60	1.66 (m, dd)	5a'-βCH <sub>3</sub>	16.5	1.12 (s)		
7-O-glucopyranosyl							
1″	97.27	5.49 (d, 7.3)	5''	76.85	3.25 (t, 9.8)		
2''	76.53	3.81 (d, 9.4)	6''	60.89	3.44 (dd, 12.0, 6.0)		
3″	86.63	3.73 (t, 9.4)	OCO <u>CH</u> 3	20.38	1.94 (s)		
4''	68.14	$3.44^{\dagger}$	O <u>C</u> OCH <sub>3</sub>	170.04			
		2''-O-rhamn	opyranosyl				
1‴	101.03	5.21 (d, 1.5)	4′′′	71.97	3.18 (t, 9.8)		
2'''	70.20	$3.85^{\dagger}$	5'''	68.89	3.64 (dd, 9.5, 6.1)		
3‴	70.20	3.37 (m)	6'''	17.78	1.04 (d, 6.1)		
3''-O-glucopyranosyl							
1''''	103.01	4.42 (d, 7.6)	4''''	69.93	3.13 (t, 9.8)		
2''''	73.33	3.13 (t, 9.8)	5''''	72.91	3.85 <sup>†</sup>		
3''''	76.53	3.22 (t, 9.2)	6''''	62.89	4.10 (dd, 11.9, 6.7),		
					4.32 (brd, 9.8)		

**Table 1**.  ${}^{13}$ C- (125 MHz) and  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (500 MHz) spectral data for **KSR1**\* (D<sub>2</sub>O).

\* The <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>1</sup>H- assignments were based on 2D NMR experiments (DQF-COSY, HMQC and HMBC); <sup>†</sup>Signal patterns are unclear due to overlapping; s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, m = multiplet, brd = broad doublet, ddd = triplet of doublets.

On the other hand, the presence of three proton signals represented by three doublets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.42 (J = 7.6 Hz), 5.21 (J = 1.5 Hz) and 5.49 (J = 7.3 Hz), characteristic for the anomeric protons of two  $\beta$ -glucoyranosyl and one  $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranosyl moieties indicated its triglycosidic structure. The secondary-methyl signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.04 (d, J = 6.1 Hz) supported the presence of a rhamnose unit. The sugar moiety was further confirmed by the DEPT spectrum, which revealed the presence of 18 C signals, of which three at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  97.27, 101.03, and 103.01 represent anomeric carbon signals, 12 methine carbon signals, two oxymethylene carbons at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  60.89 and 62.89, and one methyl carbon at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  17.78. The downfield shift of the C-2 signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  82.3 of glucopyranosyl-I in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of the glucosides was typical of an atom that has undergone a rhamnopyranosyl glycosidation and the downfield C-3 at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  83.5 corresponds to the glycosidation of glucopyranosyl-II. The absence of any <sup>13</sup>C-NMR

glycosidation shift for the rhamnopyranosyl and the second glucopyranosyl residues suggested that these sugars are terminal. The inter-glycosidic linkages were confirmed by the HMBC correlations observed between the following protons and carbons: H-1<sup>'''</sup> of the rhamnose ( $\delta_H$  5.21 d) and C-2<sup>''</sup> of the central glucose ( $\delta_C$  76.53), and H-1<sup>'''</sup> of the terminal glucose ( $\delta_H$  4.42 d) and C-3<sup>''</sup> of the central glucose  $\delta_C$  86.63 (Figure 2). The presence of two carbon signals at  $\delta_C$  20.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>) and 170.04 (CO) as well as a sharp singlet in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.94 (s, 3H) indicated the presence of an acetyl group. Downfield shifts of H<sub>2</sub>-6''' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.10 dd and 4.32 d) and an upfield shift of C-5''' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  72.91) signals indicated the bonding site of the acetyl function. Additionally, HMBC correlations between the acetyl carbonyl group  $\delta_{\rm C}$  170.04 and 2 protons of C-6''' showed that the acetyl group was located at C-6"" of the terminal glucose. The attachment of the sugar moiety to the aglycone was determined from the long-range correlation between H-1" of the inner glucose ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.49 d) and C-7 of the aglycone  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 150.87. The HMBC connectivities are shown in Figure 2. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectral data of each sugar unit and the deshielding effect of the connections were further confirmed by a comparison of its spectral data with literature values for flavonoid triglycosides [17-19]. From all these results, KSR1 was identified as 3'-(3R-acetoxy-5,5-dimethylcyclopent-1-ene)-4'-O-methylscutellarein 7-O-(6""-Oacetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside. To the best of our knowledge this represents the first time that this compound has been isolated from natural sources and the trivial name saussureanoid is proposed.





KSR2

**KSR2** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with negative optical rotation  $[[\alpha]_D^{21} - 31.1^\circ, c = 0.48; MeOH-H_2O (1:1)]$ . The HR-FAB-MS of **KSR2** exhibited a pseudo molecular ion  $[M+1]^+$  at m/z 1269.39, compatible with the molecular formula  $C_{53}H_{72}O_{35}$  (calc.1268.12). This was in good agreement with the presence of three methyl, four methylene, 36 methine and 10 quaternary carbon resonances in its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and DEPT spectra (Table 2). Positive results of the HCl-Mg reaction and the Molisch reaction indicated it to be a flavonoid glycoside. Its UV spectrum showed  $\lambda_{max}$  at 378, 344, 300 and 210 nm, indicating its polyphenolic nature and addition to this in methanol it showed an absorptions at 262 (band II) and 346 (band I) nm. The bathochromic shift (48 nm) of band I with aluminium chloride-HCl and bathochromic shift (6nm) of band II with sodium acetate indicted KSR2

was a 5-hydroxy-3-O-substituted flavonol with the possible presence of two free hydroxy groups at C-7 and C-4' [20]. The FABMS spectrum of KSR2 gave peaks at m/z [286+Na] (aglycone), [257+Na] (aglycone-CO-H) suggesting that the aglycone was kaempferol, which was confirmed by the presence characteristic signals of the kaempferol nucleus [21-22]; in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, two doublets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.20 and 6.40 (J = 2.1 Hz) were assigned to the H-6 and H-8 protons respectively, and a pair of A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> aromatic system protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.93 and 7.77 (J = 8.4 Hz) were assigned to H-3', H-5' and H-2', H-6', respectively (Table 2). A series of peaks are seen in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR that are a duplicate of those assigned to the glycosidic part attached at C-7 in KSR1 [23] and a cross peak is observed in the HMBC (Figure 3) for C-7 and C-1". From these we concluded that the same trisaccharide chain  $-O-(6'''-O-acetyl-\beta-$ D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside is attached at the C-7 position in KSR2. This was also confirmed by its hydrolysis (cf. Figure 1). KSR2 was proven to be a C-3 substituted monodesmosidic flavonol glycoside by comparing its <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra with literature values. The presence of three proton signals represented by  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 4.42 (s) and 4.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz) indicated its triglycosidic structure. The secondary-methyl signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.16 (s) supported the presence of a rhamnose unit. Presence of 18 C signals and three anomeric carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  102.3, 100.03, 104.6 [24]. The data is shown in Table 3. From the HMBC experiment correlations were found between the rhamnopyranosyl methyl protons ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.16, s) and two carbon atoms  $\delta_C$  82.3, 66.8 assignable to the C-4a" and C-5a" of the rhamnose (Figure 3).

#### Figure 3. Significant HMBC Correlations for KSR2. Arrows point from H to C.



The downfield C-4a" signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  82.3 was typical of an atom that has undergone a glycosidation. In HMBC correlations cross peaks were found between the rhamnopyranosyl anomeric proton  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.42 and the methylene carbon  $\delta_{\rm C}$  65.4 assignable to the C-6a' of the galactose, and between C-4a" of the rhamnose and the anomeric proton  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz) of the glucose residue. Corresponding carbon signals  $\delta_{\rm C}$  C-1a" 104.6, C-2a" 74.6, C-3a" 76.7, C-4a" 70.2, C-5a" 77.0 and C-6a" 61.3 (Table 3) together with proton signals of the same spin system given by the TOCSY spectrum, proved the existence of a terminal glucopyranosyl unit. The remaining six carbon signals of the saccharide part, together with proton signals of the same spin system given by TOCSY spectrum, were in good agreement with a galactopyranosyl unit with C-6a' substituted by a rhamnopyranosyl unit. Glycosidation shifts of the rhamnopyranosyl C-4a"  $\delta_{\rm C}$  82.3, C-3a"  $\delta_{\rm C}$  70.0, and C-5a"  $\delta_{\rm C}$  66.8 (Table

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3) were observed by comparing with the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of kaempferol 3-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside [24-27]. The long range HMBC correlations are shown in Figure 3. As a result, we concluded that KSR2 could be unambiguously identified as *kaempferol-3-O-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow4)-\alpha-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow6)-\beta-D-galactopyranoside 7-O-(6'''-O-acetyl-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow3)-[\alpha-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow2)]-\beta-D-glucopyranoside.* 

C/H	KSR2			KSR3	KSR4			
	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{m},J)$	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{m},J)$	$\delta_{C}$	$\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{m},J)$		
Aglycone								
2	156.7		156.5		156.7			
3	133.5		133.1		133.5			
4	177.5		177.3		177.5			
4a	104.0		104.1		104.0			
5	161.3		161.2		161.3			
6	99.0	6.20 (s)	98.8.	6.22 (s)	99.0	6.20 (s)		
7	164.6		164.1		164.6			
8	93.9	6.42 (s)	93.7	6.41 (s)	93.9	6.42 (s)		
8a	156.6		156.3		156.6			
1′	121.0		121.6		121.0			
2'	131.1	8.05 (d, 8.6)	131.1	8.04 (d, 8.6)	131.1	8.05 (d, 8.6)		
3'	115.2	6.87 (d, 8.6)	115.2	6.9 (d, 8.6)	115.2	6.87 (d, 8.6)		
4′	160.1		160.3		160.1			
5'	115.2	6.87 (d, 8.6)	115.3	6.9 (d, 8.6)	115.2	6.87 (d, 8.6)		
6'	131.1	8.05 (d, 8.6)	131.2	8.04 (d, 8.6)	131.1	8.05 (d, 8.6)		
		7	-O-glucopy	ranosyl				
1″	97.27	5.49 (d, 7.3)	98.20	5.46 (d, 7.3)	97.30	5.49 (d, 7.3)		
2''	76.53	3.81 (d, 9.4)	76.55	3.84 (d, 9.4)	76.50	3.87 (d, 9.4)		
3''	86.63	3.73 (t, 9.4)	86.62	3.72 (t, 9.4)	86.77	3.76 (t, 9.4)		
4′′	68.14	4.08 (dd, 3.3, 1.8)	68.15	4.68 (dd, 3.3, 1.8)	68.14	4.07 (dd, 3.3, 1.8)		
5''	76.85	3.25 (t, 9.8)	76.85	3.52 (t, 9.8)	76.88	3.30 (t, 9.8)		
6''	60.89	3.44 (dd, 12.0, 6.0)	60.89	3.46 (dd, 12.0, 6.0)	60.86	3.43 (dd, 12.0,		
						6.0)		
OCO <u>CH</u> <sub>3</sub>	20.38	1.94 (s)	20.38	1.95 (s)	20.50	2.00 (s)		
OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	170.04		170.50		170.60			
2"-O-rhamnopyranosyl								
1‴	101.03	5.21 (d, 1.5)	101.01	5.20 (d, 1.5)	101.00	5.25 (d, 1.5)		
2′′′	70.20	$3.85^{\dagger}$	70.24	$3.85^{\dagger}$	70.20	$3.85^{\dagger}$		
3′′′	70.20	3.37 (m)	70.20	3.37 (m)	70.20	3.38 (m)		
4′′′	71.97	3.18 (t, 9.8)	71.99	3.20 (t, 9.8)	72.03	3.19 (t, 9.8)		
5′′′	68.89	3.64 (dd, 9.5, 6.1)	68.88	3.60 (dd, 9.5, 6.1)	68.89	3.64 (dd, 9.5, 6.1)		
6′′′	17.78	1.04 (d, 6.1)	17.80	1.06 (d, 6.1)	17.77	1.05 (d, 6.1)		

**Table 2.** <sup>13</sup>C- (125 MHz) and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz) spectral data for the aglycone and trisaccharide moieties attached at the C-7 position in **KSR2**, **3** and **4** \* (D<sub>2</sub>O)

3''-O-glucopyranosyl								
1''''	103.01	4.42 (d, 7.6)	103.05	4.46 (d, 7.6)	103.04	4.45 (d, 7.6)		
2''''	73.33	3.13 (t, 9.8)	73.33	3.15 (t, 9.8)	73.35	3.17 (t, 9.8)		
3''''	76.53	3.24 (t, 9.2)	76.53	3.22 (t, 9.2)	76.57	3.26 (t, 9.2)		
4''''	69.93	3.16 (t, 9.8)	69.93	3.14 (t, 9.8)	69.90	3.13 (t, 9.8)		
5''''	72.91	3.85(m)	72.96	3.89 (m)	72.98	3.88(m)		
6''''	62.89	4.15 (dd, 11.9,	62.89	4.10 (dd, 11.9,	62.86	4.10 (dd, 11.9,		
		6.7)		6.7)		6.7)		
	4.35 (bi			4.36 (brd, 9.8)		4.38 (brd, 9.8)		

Table 2. Cont.

\* The <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>1</sup>H- assignments were based on 2D NMR (DQF-COSY, HMQC and HMBC) experiments; <sup>†</sup>Signal patterns are unclear due to overlapping; s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, brd = broad doublet, ddd = triplet of doublets.

# KSR3

**KSR3** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with negative optical rotation  $[[\alpha]_D^{21} - 31.1^\circ, c =$ 0.48; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1)]. Its HR-FAB-MS exhibited a pseudo molecular ion [M+1]<sup>+</sup> at m/z 1285.38 compatible with the molecular formula  $C_{56}H_{68}O_{34}$  (calc. 1284.12). This was in good agreement with the presence of two methyl, four methylene, 37 methine and 13 quaternary carbon resonances in its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra (Table 2). Positive results of the HCl-Mg reaction and the Molisch reaction indicated it to be a flavonoid glycoside. Its UV spectrum showed  $\lambda_{max}$  at 378, 344, 300 and 210 nm, indicating its polyphenolic nature. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of **KSR3** a set of signals identical to those of the parent nucleus of **KSR2** was found, as shown in Table 2. In addition to this there are two  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl units from the anomeric signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  101.5 and 105.6 as well as the other signals characteristic for glucopyransoyl units as shown in Table 3 [28]. From <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data of **KSR3** the  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz) of the anomeric proton one of the two glucopyranosyl units indicated its  $\beta$  configuration. Moreover, the coupling constant (15.6 Hz) of the two doublets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.59 and 7.30 (each 1H) indicated the trans configuration of the caffeoyl moiety (fission) in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 3 the downfield shift of C-2a"  $\delta_{\rm C}$  82.2 together with the upfield shift of C-1a"  $\delta_{\rm C}$  101.5 (Table 3) proved the attachment of the terminal glucosyl unit to this position [29]. Furthermore, the signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  64.6 was assigned to the C-6a' or C-6a" in these two glucosyl units to which the caffeoyl moiety is attached [30] this can be determine the attachment site of the caffeoyl moiety little amount of the KSR3 was acetylated and subjected to EI-MS spectral analysis according to the procedure established in reference [31] which revealed a characteristic peak at m/z 331 (18%) corresponding to tetraacetylated glucose as a cationic fragment with a molecular formula  $[C_{14}H_{19}O_9]^+$  as shown in Figure 4. This significant peak proved the presence of an unsubstituted terminal glucosyl unit [31]. Consequently, the attachment site of the caffeoyl moiety must be at C-6a' of the glucopyranosyl. The connectivity is shown in Figure 5, as also conformed by HMBC and consequently KSR3 was identified as kaempferol-3-O-β-D $glucopyranosyl(1\rightarrow 2)$ - $\beta$ -D-(6a'-O-caffeoyl)-glucopyranoside 7-O-(6''''-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -L-rhamno-pyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.





Figure 5. Significant HMBC correlations of KSR3. Arrows point from H to C.



**Table 3**. <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data for side groups attached at the C-3 position in compounds **KSR2**, **KSR3** and **KSR4** \* (D<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>13</sup>C:125 MHz; <sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz).

KSR2								
C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H}({\rm m},{\rm J}{\rm Hz}) \qquad {\rm C/H} \qquad \delta_{\rm C} \qquad \delta_{\rm H}({\rm m}$						
3-O-galactopyranosyl								
1a′	102.3	5.30 (d, 7.7 )	4a'	68.1	3.83 (dm, 3.3)			
2a'	71.2	3.57 (dd, 9.8,7.4)	5a'	73.6	3.47 (ddm, 7.5, 5)			
3a'	73.1	3.51 (dd, 9.8, 3.3)	, 3.3) <b>6a'</b> 65.4		3.23 (dd, 11.7, 7.5)			
					3.62 (dd, 11.7, 5)			
	4a''-O-glucopyranosyl							
1a'''	104.6	4.34 (d, 7.8)	4a'''	70.2	3.02 (m)			
2a'''	74.6	2.99 (dd, 9.8, 7.7)	5a'''	77.0	3.55 (m)			
3a'''	76.7	3.15 (dd, 8.7, 7.4)	<b>6a'''</b> 61.3 3.		3.44 (dd, 11.5, 5.2)			
					3.67 (d, 10.9)			
6a'-O-rhamnopyranosyl								
1a''	100.0	4.42 (brd, 1.8)	4a''	82.3	3.37 (d, 9.5)			
2a''	70.2	3.48 (dd, 3.3, 1.8)	5a''	66.8	3.47 (dq, 9.5,6.2)			
3a''	70.7	3.56 (dd, 9.5, 3.3)	6a''	17.9	1.16 (s)			

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KSR3								
C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( { m m, J \ Hz}  ight)$	C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( { m m, J \ Hz}  ight)$			
3-O-glucopyranosyl								
1a'	101.5	4.30 (d, 7.5)	4a'	70.0	3.03 (dm, 3.9)			
2a'	82.2	3.61 (dd, 8.9, 7.5)	5a'	75.8	3.55 (ddm, 8.7, 5.8)			
3a'	75.7	3.15 (8.6, 3.5)	6a'	64.6	3.44 (dd, 11.6, 7.5)			
					3.67 (dd, 11.7, 5)			
6a'-O-caffeoyl								
αa''	114.5	5.59 (d, 15.6)	4a''	146.9				
βa''	146.4	7.30 (d, 15.6)	5a''	116.3	6.62 (d, 8.1)			
1a''	127.4		6a''	122.8	6.69 (d, 8.1)			
2a''	115.0	6.79 (bs)	COO	169.1				
3a''	149.3	6.75 (d, 8.7)						
2a'-O-glucopyranosyl								
1a″	105.6	4.81 (d, 7.8)	4a''	71.7	3.53 (d, 8.9)			
2a''	74.7	3.19 (dd, 8.1,3.3)	5a''	77.7	3.23 (m)			
3a''	76.7	3.38 (dd, 8.9,3.4)	6a''	61.7	3.78 (m)			
					3.80 (m)			
	I	KS	SR4	I	Γ			
C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( { m m, J ~Hz}  ight)$	C/H	δ <sub>C</sub>	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( { m m, J ~Hz}  ight)$			
3-O-rhamnopyranosyl								
1a′	100.1	5.60 (d, 1.7)	4a'	70.9	3.64 (t, 9.7)			
2a'	70.8	5.83 (d, 1.7)	5a'	72.1	3.56 (m)			
3a'	72.9	5.30 (dd, 9.7, 3.4)	6a'	17.7	1.06 (d, 6.3)			
	T	2a'-O-E-p-	coumaro	yl	Γ			
<b>αa'''</b>	114.8	6.28 (d, 15.9)	4a'''	161.5				
βa'''	147.6	7.60 (d, 15.9)	5a'''	116.8	6.75 (d, 8.7)			
1a‴	127.0		6a'''	131.3	7.37 (d, 8.4)			
2a'''	131.3	7.37 (d, 8.4)	COO	168.4				
3a'''	116.8							
3a'-O-E-p-coumaroyl								
<i>α</i> a'''	114.3	6.36 (d, 15.9)	4a'''	161.3				
βa‴	146.9	7.62 (d, 15.9)	5a'''	116.7	6.80 (d, 8.7)			
1a‴	126.9		6a'''	131.1	7.44 (d, 8.4)			
2a'''	131.1	7.44 (d, 8.4)	COO	167.7				
3a'''	116.7	6.80 (d, 8.7)						

Table 3. Cont.

\* The <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>1</sup>H- assignments were based on 2D NMR (DQF-COSY, HMQC and HMBC) experiments; s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, brd = broad doublet, ddd = triplet of doublets.

# KSR4

**KSR4** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with negative optical rotation  $[[\alpha]_D^{21} - 32.1^0, c = 0.45; MeOH-H_2O (1:1)]$ . The HR-FAB-MS exhibited a pseudomolecular ion  $[M+1]^+$  at m/z 1237.38 compatible with the molecular formula  $C_{59}H_{64}O_{29}$  (calc. 1236.12). This was in good agreement with

the presence of 3 methyl, 2 methylene, 38 methine and 16 quaternary carbon resonances in its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra Table 2, Table 3. The characteristic UV spectrum of **KSR4**, a shoulder at  $\lambda_{max} = 268$  nm and a broad band at  $\lambda_{max} = 312$  nm, suggested a diacylated glycoside [32]. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum displayed the typical signal pattern of KSR2 (Table 2) nucleus as in previous compounds, in addition to two p-coumaroyl moieties, as indicated by the presence of two pairs of doublets with a relatively large coupling constant (15.9 Hz) [33]. The first pair at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.63 and 7.62 and the second at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.60 and 6.36, indicated two pairs of trans configured ethylene protons. Additionally, two A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> systems, each integrating for two protons, were found at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.44, 6.80 and 6.75, 7.37, respectively. This was also supported by a fragment at M<sup>+</sup> [164+Na] in HR-FAB-MS. It conform the presence of E-di-pcoumaroyl derivatives in the compound. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR showed the presence of three downfield rhamnose proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.30 (dd, J = 9.7, 3.4 Hz), 5.60 (d, J = 1.7 Hz) and 5.82 (d, J = 1.7 Hz) which could be ascribed to H-3a', H-1a' and H-2a'. This assignment was deduced by the correlation of H-1a' with H-2a', H-2a' with H-1a' and H-3a', in <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and cross peaks are also observed in HMBC between  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.60 H-1a' of rhamnose and C-3 of kaempferol. The connectivity is showed in Figure 6. The downfield shift of H-2a' and H-3a' of rhamnose, relative to the corresponding positions in literature proved their acylation by the two P-coumaric acid units. The acylation at C-2a' and C-3a' positions is further confirmed by the upfield shift of the adjacent carbons in <sup>13</sup>C of C-1a' and C-4a' relative to the corresponding carbons of kaempferol-3-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside [34]. The assignments of the chemical shifts of the carbons were deduced by 2D NMR experiments (Table 3). Therefore, KSR4 was identified as kaempferol-3-O- $\alpha$ -L-(2a',3a'-E-di-p-coumaroyl)-rhamnoside 7-O-(6'''-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -Dglucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.



# Figure 6: Significant HMBC correlations for KSR4. Arrows point from H to C.

#### Biological activity

From Table 4, it can be seen that **KSR4** possessed the highest antifungal potential, while **KSR3** shows medium activity. Compounds **KSR1** and **KSR2**, showed good activity, while the EtOH extract showed medium activity. The results of individual compounds are correlated with those obtained for the mixture of all four compounds. The mixture shows better activity than individual compounds. All

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the compounds and extracts tested show greater antifungal activity than miconazole, a commercial fungicide, which was used as a control. These results were obtained in duplicate or triplicate and the mean of the results taken. As for the antibacterial potential, only **KSR4** and mixture of four compounds are active against all bacterial strains tested.

	EtOH	KSR1	KSR2	KSR3	KSR4	R1	M1
Fungi	MIC (MFC)						
A. niger	1.2	2.5	0.6	7.5	0.6	3.0	0.3
	(1.2)	(2.5)	(0.6)	(7.5)	(0.6)	(8.0)	(0.3)
A. ochraceus	1.2	2.5	0.6	7.5	0.6	3.0	0.3
	(1.2)	(2.5)	(0.6)	(7.5)	(0.6)	(8.0)	(0.3)
A. versicolor	0.6	2.5	0.3	7.5	0.6	4.0	0.3
	(1.2)	(2.5)	(0.6)	(7.5)	(1.2)	(8.0)	(0.3)
A. flavus	1.2	2.5	0.6	7.5	0.3	1.0	0.3
	(1.2)	(2.5)	(1.2)	(7.5)	(0.6)	(8.0)	(0.3)
P. ochrochloron	1.2	5.0	1.2	10.0	0.6	2.0	0.45
	(2.4)	(5.0)	(2.4)	(12.0)	(1.2)	(10.0)	(0.45)
P. funiculosum	1.2	1.25	1.2	10.0	0.6	4.0	0.45
	(2.4)	(1.25)	(2.4)	(12.0)	(1.2)	(10.0)	(0.45)
T. viride	1.2	5.0	1.2	10.0	1.2	4.0	0.45
	(2.4)	(7.5)	(1.2)	(15.0)	(2.4)	(4.0)	(0.45)
C. cladosporioides	3.45	2.4	12.0	8.0	5.0	0.06	1.25
	(3.75)	(2.4)	(10.0)	(4.0)	(5.0)	(0.06)	(1.25)
A. alternata	5.0	7.5	6.0	3.0	10.0	1.0	1.25
	(5.0)	(7.5)	(6.0)	(8.0)	(12.0)	(1.0)	(1.25)

**Table 4**: Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) and minimum fungicidal concentrations (MFCs), nmol/mL. MICs and MFCs are presented as mean values.

R1: miconazole; M1: Mixture of **KSR1,2,3** and **4**; all the tests were run in duplicate or triplicate.

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## Experimental

# General

<sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova-500 instrument using the solvent peak ( $\delta$  4.75 or 3.31 for D<sub>2</sub>O-d<sub>2</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> respectively or the CH<sub>3</sub>-1, 2 peak  $\delta$  61.5) containing TMS as the internal standard. HSQC, HMBC, HMQC and NOESY spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance–400 instrument. HR-FAB-MS (were recorded in positive model on a JEOL JMS-AX505W instrument using a bis(hydroxyethyl) disulfide matrix. Optical rotations were measured in MeOH with a Perkin-Elmer 241 Polarimeter. Column chromatography (CC) was carried out on Kieselgel 60 (63-200 mesh) Merck, Fluka or Lichroprep RP-18 (40-63 µm) Merck. HPLC was performed with a C-18 Dionex Vydac column (201SP510, 250×10 mm. 5µm) unsing a binary eluent [solvent A. H<sub>2</sub>O (pH 2.4 with 0.025% TFA): solvent B. MeCN] and a flow rate of 3 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.

## Plant Material:

*Saussurea lappa* roots were obtained from the local market of Ujjain in October, 2003, and identified by Dr. P. Ramakrishna, IEMPS. A voucher sample is kept at the School of Studies in Chemistry of Vikram University. Dried and powered roots (1 kg) were macerated in EtOH for 17 h and then boiled for 3 h. The extract was filtered, evaporated and freeze-dried to give a residue (106 g) which was suspended in EtOH (400 mL). The ethanolic solution was added to acetone (2 L) and the precipitate was filtered and dried over KOH *in vacuo*. This dried precipitate (57 g) was dissolved in pure H<sub>2</sub>O and dialysed against H<sub>2</sub>O in seamless cellulose tubing under agitation for 48 h. The contents of the tubes were freeze-dried to afford 32 g of flavonoid mixture (3 % yield). Chromatography on a Merck Lobar Lichroprep RP-18 (size B) column eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH gave four fractions: 1-4. Fraction 2 (25 g) was chromatographed and eluted with H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH (2:7) to give two fractions, the smaller of which (1.2 g) was further purified by HPLC with 45% CH<sub>3</sub>CN to give **KSR1** (70 mg). The large fraction (19.1 g) was further separated using 50%, 80% and 100% ratios of H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH. The subfractions were purified by HPLC (45% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) to afford **KSR2** (60 mg), **KSR3** (72 mg) and **KSR4** (78 mg).

#### Hydrolysis of the isolated compounds

A few mg of the glcosides were refluxed with 10% HCl in 50% methanol for 3 hrs. The aglycones and sugar fractions were identified by chromatographic comparison with authentic samples. Kamepferol as the aglycone and glucose, rhamnose, and galactose were identified through GC-MS analysis of their alditol peracetate derivatives.

#### Acetylation of KSR3

Pyridine (10 mL) and acetic anhydride (10 mL) were added to **KSR3** (9 mg). The resulting mixture was heated at 120°C for 4 hours after which it was cooled to room temperature. Water was added and

the solution was extracted with dichloromethane. Evaporation of the solution furnished a residue which was put on the top of a silica gel chromatography column eluted with  $CHCl_3$ -MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (30:20:1). The product was further purified by semi-preparative HPLC with 37-38% B in 30 min to give acetylated **KSR3** (4.3 mg).

3'-(3*R*-acetoxy-5,5-dimethylcyclopent-1-ene)-4'-O-methylscutellarein 7-O-(6'''-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→2)]-β-D-glucopyranoside (**KSR1**). C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>23</sub>, yellow amorphous powder (from MeOH:D<sub>2</sub>O), mp 227-229<sup>0</sup>C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>15</sup> - 46.9<sup>0</sup>C (c = 0.10; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1)); UV<sub>max</sub>(MeOH): 378, 344, 300 and 210 nm; IR v<sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm-1: 3410, 2925, 1710(C=O), 1656 (C=O), 1606, 1502, 1446, 1361, 1178, 1070, 1026; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O-d<sub>2</sub>) data are listed in Table 1. HR-FAB-MS: m/z 987.1515 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>23</sub> 964.1533).

Kaempferol-3-O-  $\beta$  -D-glucopyransoyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ - $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ - $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside 7-O-(6''''-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)]$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (KSR2). C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>35</sub>, pale yellow paste (from MeOH: D<sub>2</sub>O, mp 207-209<sup>0</sup>C;  $[\alpha]_D^{21} - 31.1^0$ , c = 0.48; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1); UV<sub>max</sub> (MeOH): 374, 345, 302 and 212 nm; IR v<sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm-1: 3410, 2925, 1721 (C=O), 1606, 1504, 1447, 1359, 1208, 1178, 1086, 1014; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O-d<sub>2</sub>) data are given in Table 2 and Table 3. HR-FAB-MS: m/z 1291.3915 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calculated. for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>35</sub> 1268.3933)

*Kaempferol*-3-*O*-β-*D*-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-β-*D*-(6a'-*O*-caffeoyl)-glucopyranoside 7-*O*-(6''''-*O*-acetylβ-*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[α-*L*-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→2)]-β-*D*-glucopyranoside (**KSR3**). C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>68</sub>O<sub>34</sub>, white amorphous powder(from MeOH: D<sub>2</sub>O), mp 275-280 <sup>0</sup>C.  $[\alpha]_D^{21} - 35.1^0$ , c = 0.45; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1); UV<sub>max</sub> (MeOH): 378, 344, 300 and 210 nm; IR v<sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm-1: 3410, 2925, 1721 (C=O), 1656 (C=O), 1606, 1580, 1504, 1447, 1359, 1208, 1178, 1086, 1014, 808, 757, 705; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz; <sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz) data are given in Tables 2 and 3. HR-FAB-MS: m/z 1307.1915 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>35</sub> 1284.3943).

*Kaempferol-3-O-α-L-*(2*a'*,3*a'-E-di-p-coumaroyl*)-*rhamnoside* 7-*O-*(6<sup>*'''*-*O*-*acetyl-β-D-glucopyrano-syl-*( $1\rightarrow 3$ )-[*α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-*( $1\rightarrow 2$ )]-*β-D-glucopyranoside* (**KSR4**). C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>29</sub> Obtained as a white amorphous powder (from MeOH: D<sub>2</sub>O), mp 284-290<sup>0</sup>C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> – 33.1<sup>0</sup>, c = 0.47; MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1); UV<sub>max</sub> (MeOH): 378, 344, 315, 300, 293, 220 and 210 nm; IR v<sub>max</sub> (KBr) cm-1: 3448, 2922, 1721 (C=O), 1656 (C=O), 1606, 1580, 1504, 1447, 1359, 1208, 1178, 1075, 833, 808, 757, 705; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz; <sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz) data are given in Tables 2 and 3. HR-FAB-MS: m/z 1259.3415 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. for C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>29</sub> 1236.3543).</sup>

# Bioassays:

Nine fungi were used for the bioassays: Aspergillus niger (ATCC 6275), Aspergillus Ochraceus (ATCC 12066), Aspergillus versicolor (ATCC 11730), Aspergillus flavus (ATCC 9643), Penicilium ochrochloron (ATCC 9112), Penicillium funiculosum (ATCC 36839), Trichoderma viride (IAM 5061), Cladosporium cladosporioides (ATCC 13276) and Alternaria alternate (DSM 2006). The strains were obtained from the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune, India. The micromycetes

were maintained on malt agar (MA) and the cultures were stored at  $+4^{\circ}$ C and subcultured once a month [35]. To investigate the antifungal activity of the compounds the modified microdilution technique was used [36-37]. The fungal spores are washed from the surface of agar plates with sterile 0.85% saline containing 0.1% Tween 80 (v:v). The spore suspension was adjusted with sterile saline to a concentration of approximately  $1.0 \times 10^5$  in a final volume of  $100\mu$ L per well. The inocula were stored at  $+4^{\circ}$ C for further use. Dilutions of the inocula were cultured on solid MA to verify the absence of contamination and to check the validity of the inoculum.

Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) which inhibited fungal growth, were established by a serial dilution technique using 96-well microliterplates. Extracts of compounds investigated were dissolved in malt medium broth with fungal inoculum to achieve concentrations of 0.03-4  $\mu$ g/mL. The microplates were incubated for 72h at 28°C. The lowest concentrations without visible growth (at the binocular microscope) were defined as MIC. The minimum fungicidal concentrations (MFCs), were determined by serial sub-cultivation of 2 $\mu$ L into microliter plates containing 100  $\mu$ L of broth per well and further incubation for 72 h at 28°C. The lowest concentration which killed the 99.5% of the original inoculum, spores and mycelium of the fungi, was defined as the MFC. Commercial fungicides, miconazole and bifonazole, were used as control (0.03-5  $\mu$ g/mL). The antimicrobial activity of the compounds against the Gram-Positive bacterial *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923) and *Bacillus subtilis* BBL 12084, the Gram-negative bacteria *Esherichia coli* (ATCC 35128) and *Pseudomonas aeruginose* (ATCC 27853) was evaluated suing the microdulution technique. Streptomycin (solution of 1 mg/mL in H<sub>2</sub>O) was used as standard form the antibacterial activity.

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