

# A Short Review on Phytoconstituents from Genus *Albizzia* and *Erythrina*

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## Abstract

The genus *Albizzia* and *Erythrina* are the leading sources of phytoconstituents. The aim of this review is to solitudinal of the phytoconstituents from some medicinal plants of these genus. A total nine medicinal plants were studied and 121 chemical constituents along with structures have been reported here. *Erythrina burttii* consists of highest number of constituents.

**Key words:** Medicinal plant, phytoconstituents, flavonoids, isoflavanones, saponins, sesquiterpenes, flavan, steroid, triterpenoids.

## Introduction

Nature is a great source of medicinal plants and these plants are used as a traditional medicine for many years (Hussain *et al.*, 2010). One hundred and ten species are present as trees and shrubs in the genus *Erythrina* (Hussain *et al.*, 2016a, 2011). Among them, two species have been studied comprehensively in this review. *E. burttii* is a flowering and flat-topped tree (height: 3.5-18 m) growing in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania. *E. droogmansiana* is a single straight stem, soft wood and rounded crown tree (height: 20 m) extensively grown in Congo, Cameroon and Gabon, and used in the treatment of fever, hemorrhoids, and wound infection in locally. The genus *Albizzia* consists of 150 species extensively distributed in Africa, Asia, and South America. *Albizzia* species were used as traditional medicine in the treatment of anthelmintic, cough, diarrhea, insomnia, irritability, injuries, poor memories, rheumatism, scabies, stomach trouble, and wounds in Africa and China (Hussain *et al.*, 2016b). *A. anthelmintica* is a medium canopied tree (height: 8 m) with soft bark and unwrap spine. *A. lebeck* (Leguminosae) is an exposed deciduous tree (height:

12-21 m) that grows in over Bangladesh (Hussain *et al.*, 2008). *A. inundata* is a perennial tree and found in Argentina. *A. glaberrima* is a big tree having few flattened crown and used as a folk medicine in the treatment of anemia, blenorrhagia, bilharzias, epilepsy, and liver complications in Cameroon and Nigeria. *A. coriaria* is a medicinal plant found in Uganda and used in the treatment of eye diseases, jaundice, skin disease, sore throats, and syphilis. *C. zeyheri* (Family: Combretaceae) is a Tanzanian medicinal plant and applied for the management of different health consequences such as cancer, cough diarrhea, hypertension, and snakebite.

## Reported phytoconstituents

A total nine medicinal plants have been studied and one hundred and twenty one (1-121) compounds were reported in this review as phytoconstituents. The studied medicinal plants are *Erythrina burttii*, *E. droogmansiana*, *Albizzia submidata*, *A. anthelmintica*, *A. inundata*, *Spergularia marginata*, *Manikara rufula*, *A. lebeck*, *Ainsliaea yunnanensis*, *A. glaberrima*, *Combretum zeyheri*, *A. boromoensis*, *A. grandibracteata*, and *A. coriaria*.

### Flavonoids

*Erythrina* genus is a pioneer source of flavonoids. There are twenty four phytoconstituents have been reported as flavonoids and pilocarpin from *Erythrina burtii* such as Burttinol A (1), Burttinol-A diacetate (2), Burttinol B (3), Burttinol-B acetate (4), Burttinol C (5), Burttinol-C diacetate (6), Eryvarin H (7), Eryvarin-H diacetate (8), Burttinol D (9),

Burttinol-D diacetate (10), 4- $\alpha$ -O-methylsigmoidin B (11), Abyssinone V (12), Abyssinone V methyl ether (13), Calopocarpin (14), Burttinne (15), Neurautenol (16), Bidwillon (17), Isobavachalcone (18), Erythrasinate (19), 7-O-methyluteone (20), Burttinonedehydrate (21), 8-Prenylluteone (22), 3-O-methylcalopocarpin (23), and genistein (24) (Figure 1) (Yenesew *et al.*, 2012, 1998, 2003).

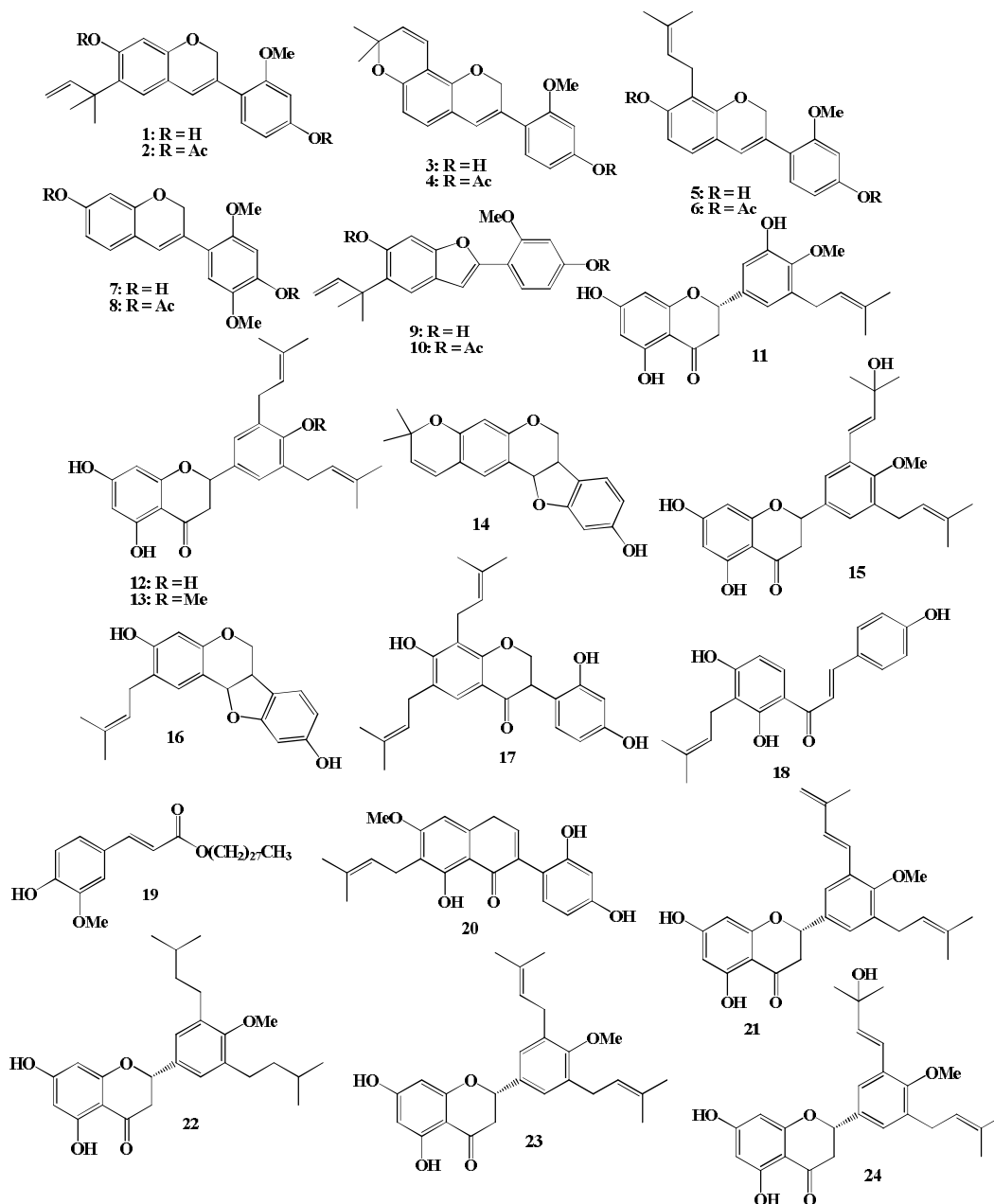


Figure 1. Flavonoids from *Erythrina burtii*.

### Isoflavanones

The genus *Erythrina* (Family: Leguminosae) is a renowned source of isoflavanones and alkaloids. Ten isoflavanones were reported from the root bark of *Erythrina droogmansiana* for example 7,4'-Dihydroxy-2'-methoxy-3'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-isoflavanone (25), Sophoraisoflavanone A (26),

Erypogin D (27), Trihydroxy-8-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-[6'',6''-dimethylpyrano (2'',3'':4',5')]isoflavone (28), Isolupalbigenin (29), 5,7,2',4'-Tetrahydroxy-8,5'-di-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)isoflavone (30), Erypostyrene (31), Phaseollidin (32), Cristacarpin (33), and Erystagallin A (34) (Figure 2) (Bedaneet *al.*, 2017).

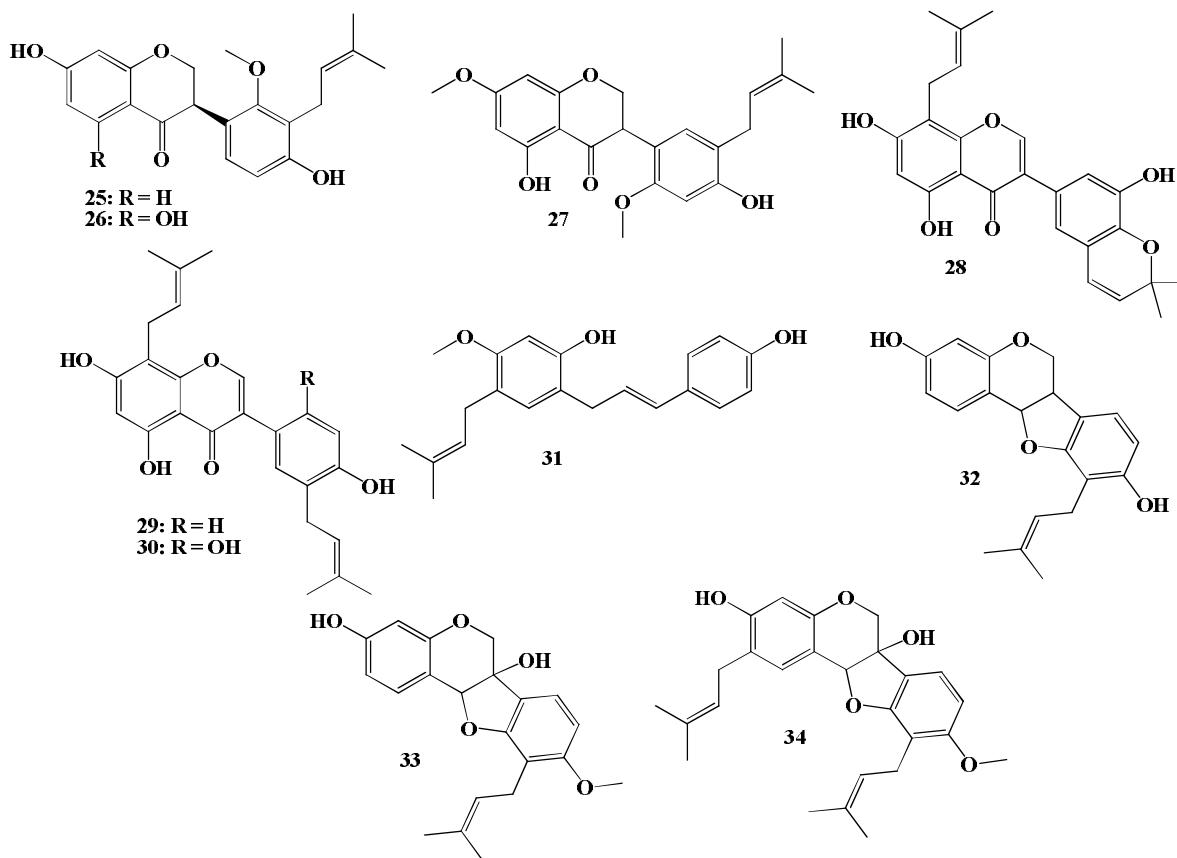


Figure 2. Isoflavanones from *Erythrina droogmansiana*.

### Saponins

*Albizia subdimidiata*, *A. anthelmintica*, *A. inundata*, *Spergularia marginata*, and *Manilkara rufula* are the key source of saponins. The reported saponins from these plants are 3-O-D-Xylopyranosyl-(1→2)-L-arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (35), 3-O-D-Xylopyranosyl-(1→2)-L-arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid peracetate (36), 3-O-L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1→2)-L-

arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (37), 3-O-L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1→2)-L-arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid peracetate (38), 3-O-L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (39), 3-O-2-Acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (40), O-Methyl-cyclitol (41), 3-O-[α-L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1→6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-β-

D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (**42**), 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-echinocystic acid (**43**), 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-acacic acid lactone (**44**), 3-O-[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-acacic acid lactone (**45**), 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (**46**), 3-O-[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (**47**), 3-O-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-oleanolic acid (**48**), 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside-echinocystic acid (**49**), 3-O-[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside-echinocystic acid (**50**), 3-O-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)]-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-echinocystic acid (**51**) 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-

(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)]-[ $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-echinocystic acid (**52**), 3-O-[ $\alpha$ -L-Arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-echinocystic acid (**53**), 3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranosyl-echinocystic acid 28-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl ester (**54**), 3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranosyl echinocystic acid 28-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl ester (**55**), 3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-3-O-sulfate- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranosyl echinocystic acid 28-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl ester (**56**), 3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucuronopyranosyl-21-O-acetyl acacic acid (**57**), and Mi-saponin C (**58**) (Figure 3) (Kader *et al.*, 2001; Runyoroet *al.*, 2015; Zhanget *al.*, 2011; Carpaniet *al.*, 1989; Pertuitet *al.*, 2017; Vieira *et al.*, 2017).

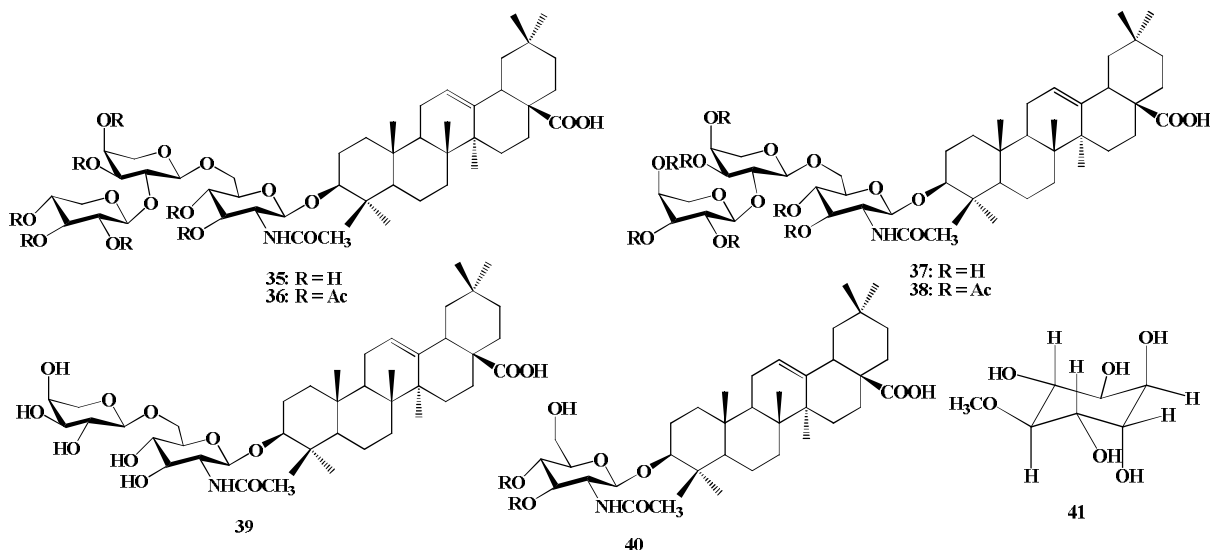


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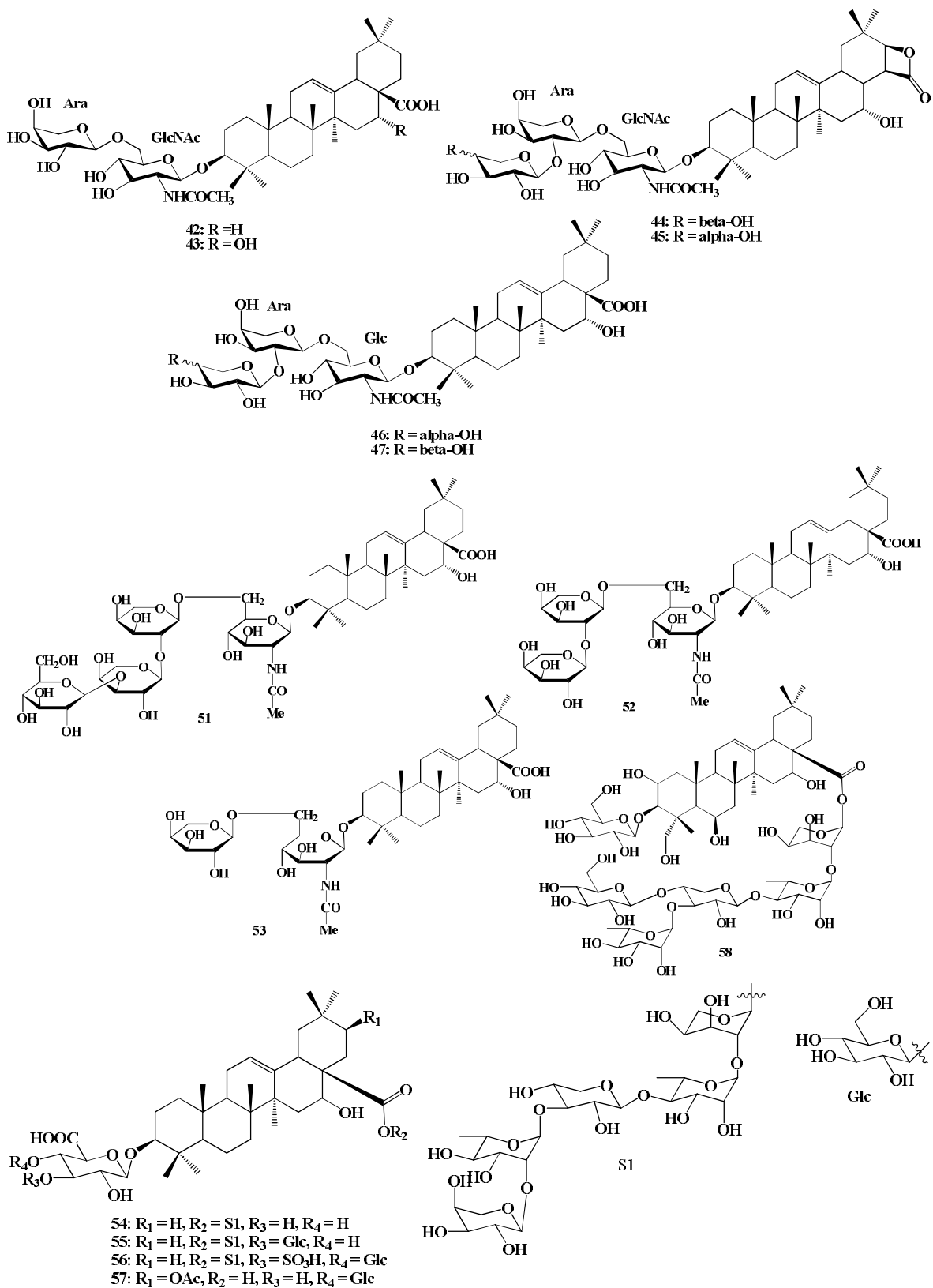


Figure 3. Saponins from medicinal plants.

### Sesquiterpenes

Aromatic medicinal plant *Albizzia lebeck* and *Ainsliaea yunnanensis* are the principle source of sesquiterpenes. The elucidated sesquiterpenes from these plant are Benzyl-1-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosidem (59), Benzyl-6-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (60), Linalyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (61), Linalyl-6-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (62), (2E)-3,7-Dimethylocta-2,6-dienoate-6-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (63), Glycoside 1-O-[6-O- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside]-(2E, 6E)-farnesol (64), *n*-Hexyl- $\alpha$ -L arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (65), *n*-Octyl-  $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (66), 2,3-Dihydroxy-2,3-dihydrosqualene (67), Ethyl fructofuranoside (68), Yunnanolides A (69), Yunnanolides B (70), Yunnanolides C (71),

Yunnanolides D (72), Yunnanolides E (73), Yunnanolides F (74), Yunnanolide G (75), Yunnanolides H (76), Yunnanolides I (77), Pertyolide C (78), Diaspanolide A (79), Diaspanolide B (80), 1 $\alpha$ -Hydroxy-3-O-isovalerate zaluzanin C (81), Tetrahydrodehydrozaluzanin C (82), Dihydrozaluzanin C (83), Zaluzanin C (84), Isoamberboin (85), 11b,13-Dihydro-3-epizaluznin C (86), and 4b,15,11b,13-Tetrahydrozaluzanin C (87) (Figures 4 and 5) (Massarani *et al.*, 2016; Fang *et al.* 2017).

### Flavan and Steroids

A bunch of flavan and steroids isolated from the *Albizzia glaberrima* such as (+)-(2R,3S,4R)-3',4',7-trihydroxy-4-methoxy-2,3-trans-flavan-3,4-trans-diol (88), (+)-Mollisacacidin (89), (+)-Fustin (90), Butin (91), Chondrillasterol (92), and Chondrillasterone (93) (Fotso *et al.* 2017).

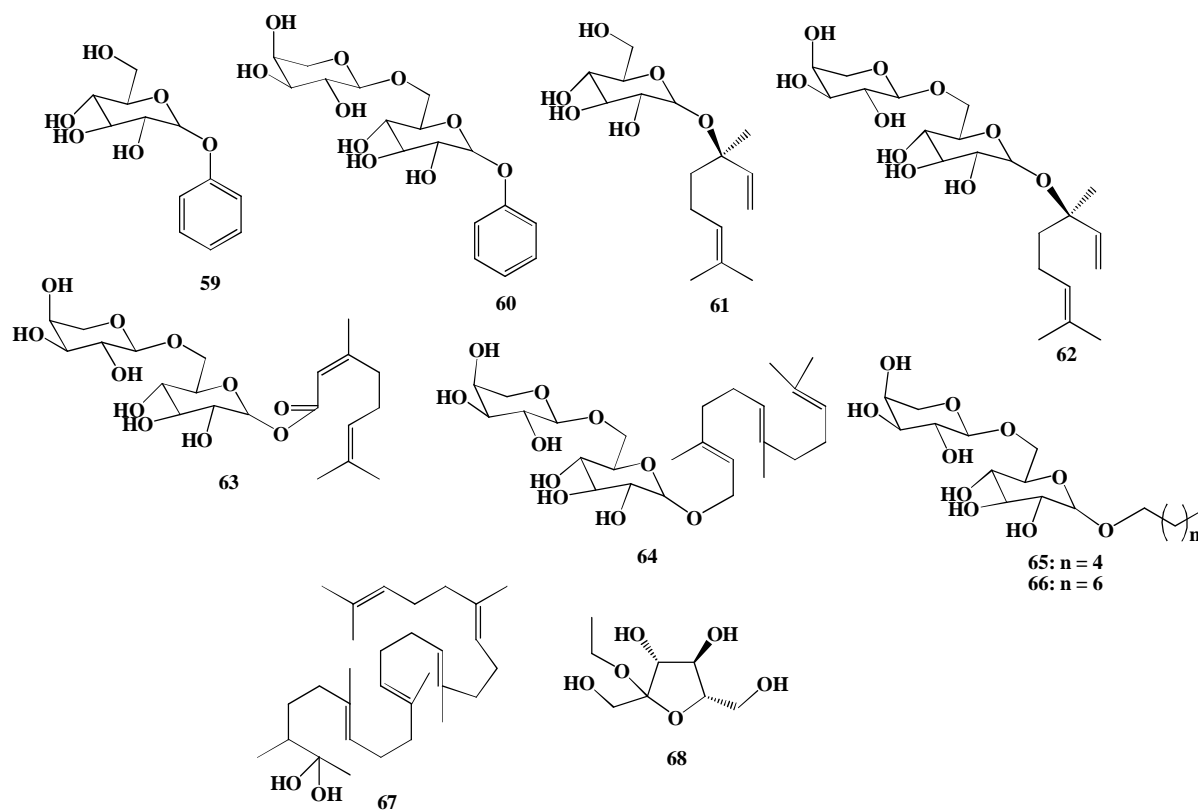
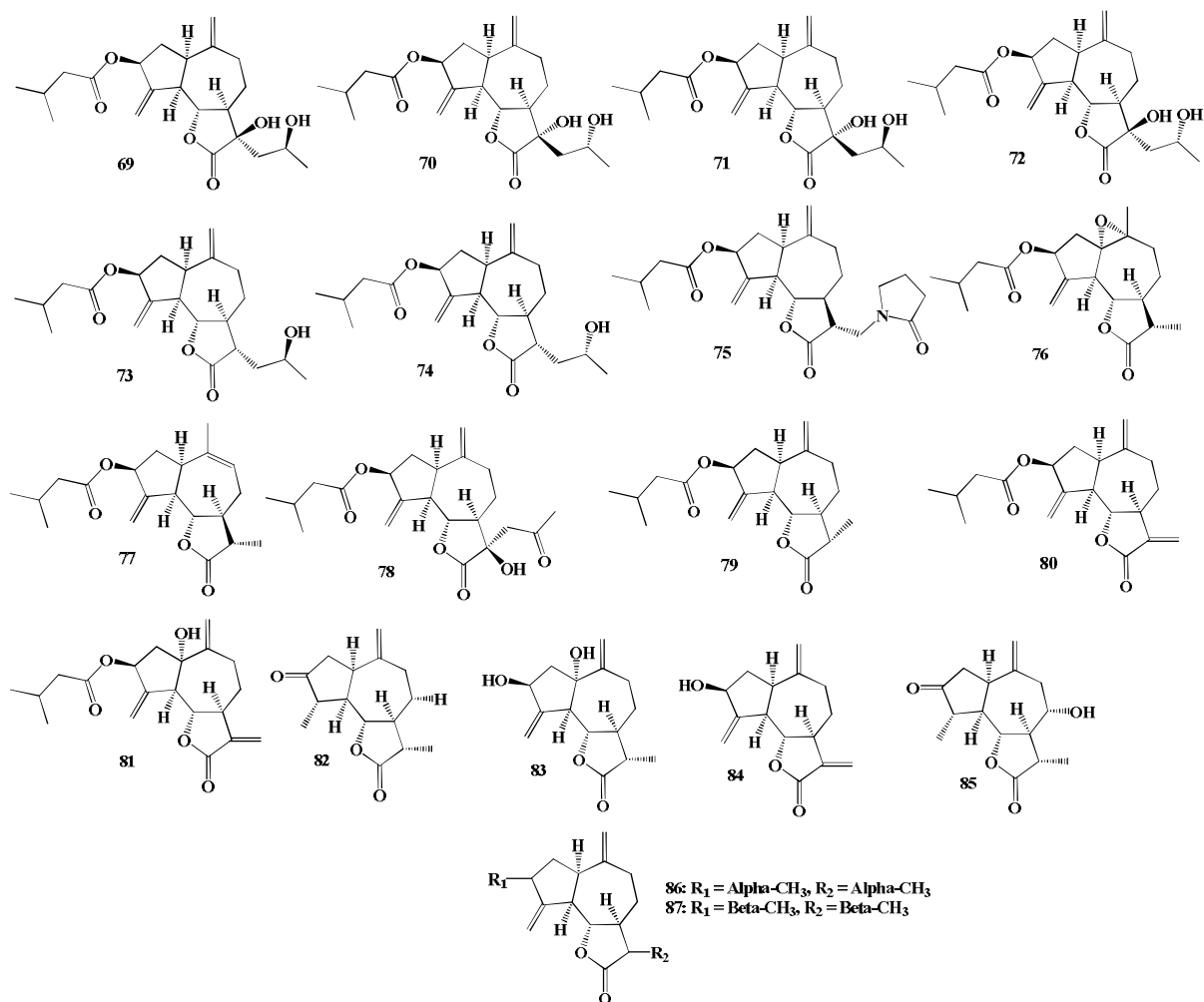
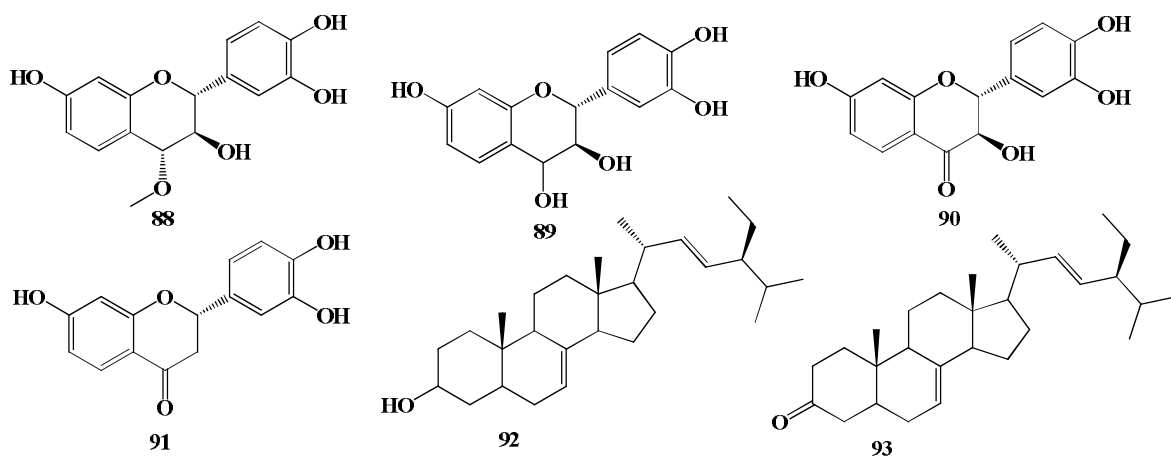


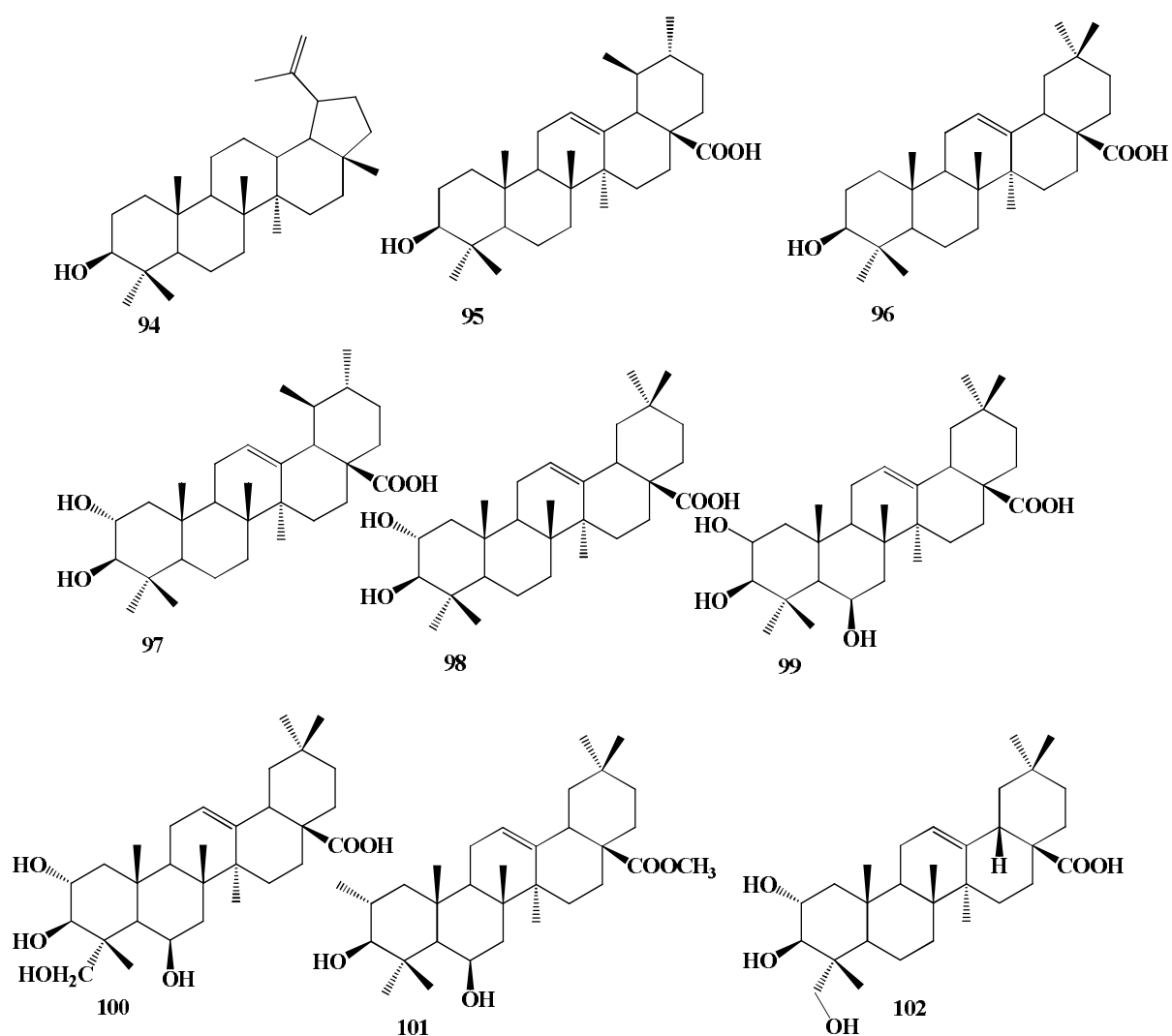
Figure 4. Sesquiterpenes from *A. lebeck*.

Figure 5. Isolated sesquiterpenes from *Ainsliaea yunnanesis*.Figure 6. Flavan and Steroids from *Albizzia glaberrima*.

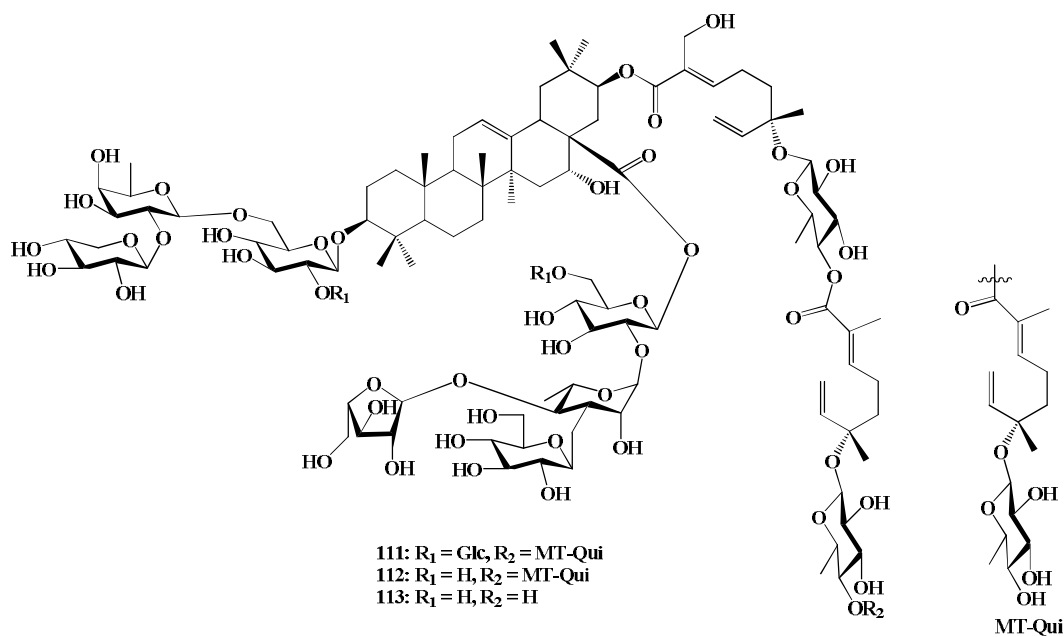
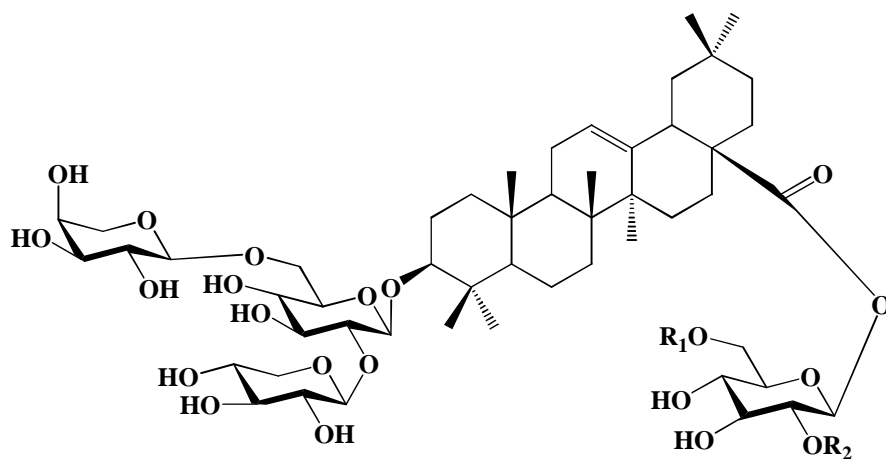
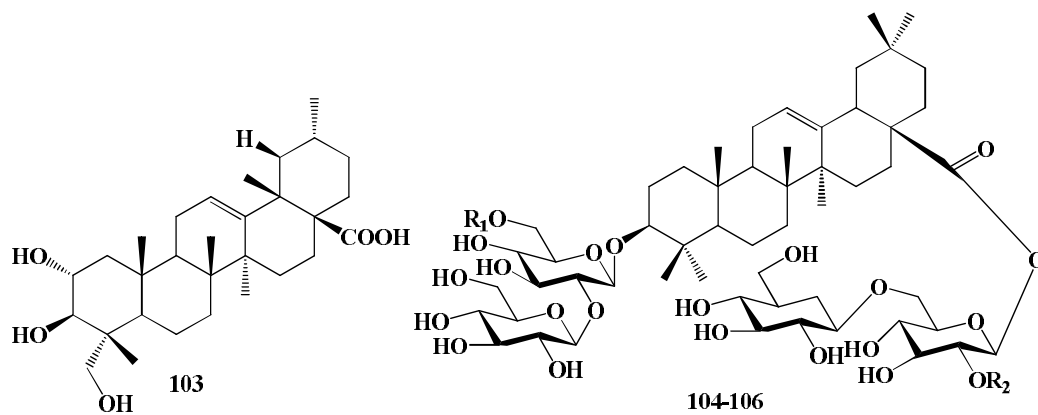
### Triterpenoids

A lots of triterpenoids have been derived from *Combretum zeyheri*, *A. glaberrima*, *A. boromoensis*, and *A. grandibracteata* for example Lupeol (**94**), Ursolic acid (**95**), Oleanolic acid (**96**), Maslinic acid (**97**), 2 $\alpha$ ,3 $\beta$ -Dihydroxy-urs-12-en-28-oic acid (**98**), 6 $\beta$ -Hydroxymaslinic acid (**99**), Terminolic acid (**100**), Methylsumaresinolate (**101**), Arjunolic acid (**102**), Asiatic acid (**103**), Glaberrimoside A (**104**),

Glaberrimoside B (**105**), Glaberrimoside C (**106**), Boromoenoside A (**107**), Boromoenoside B (**108**), Boromoenoside C (**109**), Boromoenoside D (**110**), Gummiferaosides D (**111**), Gummiferaosides E (**112**), Julibroside J<sub>8</sub> (**113**), Grandibracteoside A (**114**), Grandibracteoside B (**115**) and Grandibracteoside C (**116**) (Runyoro *et al.*, 2013; Note *et al.*, 2016, 2015; Simo *et al.*, 2017; Krief *et al.*, 2005).







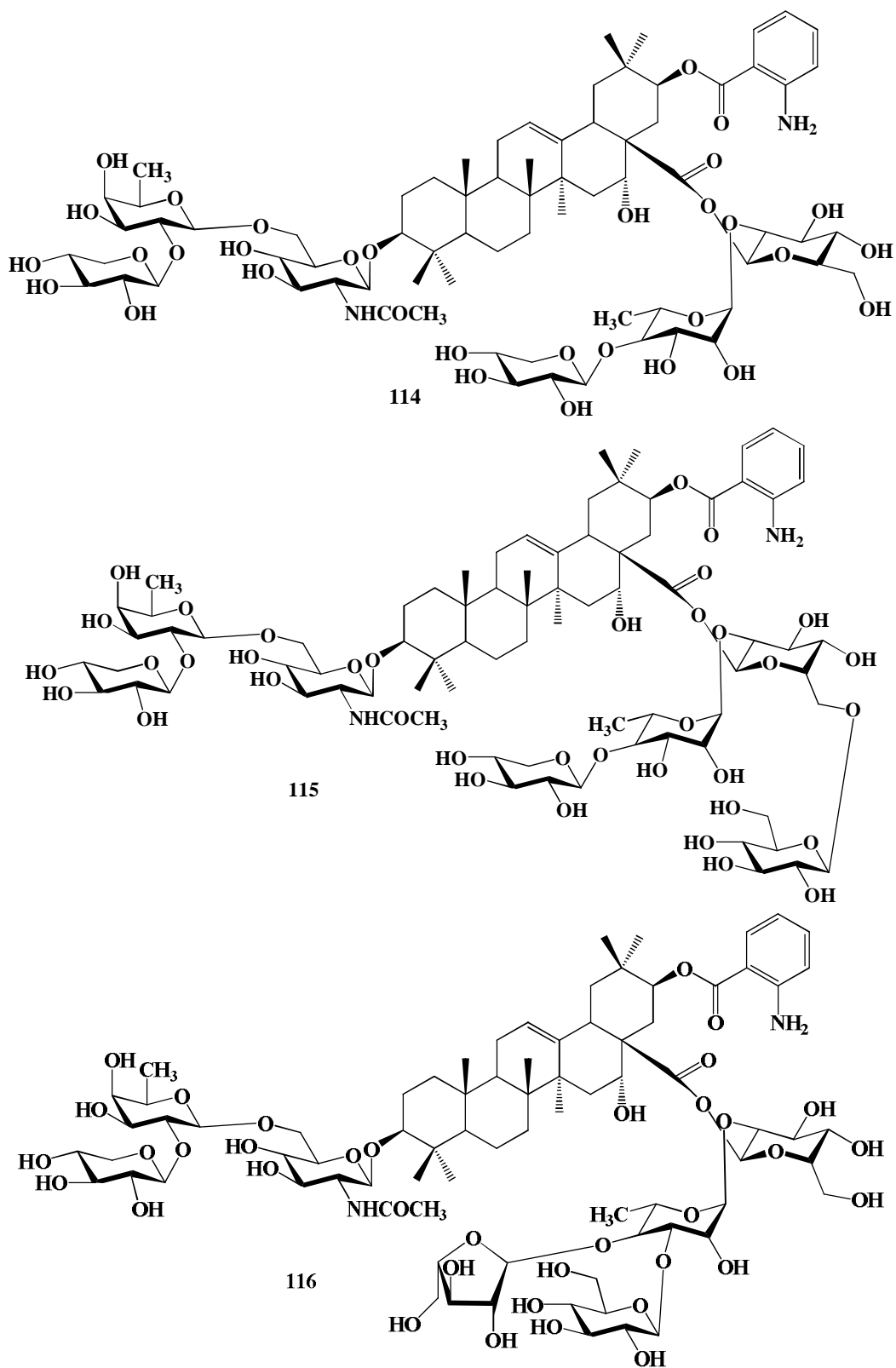


Figure 7. Triterpenoids from different plants.

### Miscellaneous

A total six molecules for examples Lupeol (94), Lupenone (117), Betulinic acid (118), Acacic acid lactone (119), (+) – Catechin (120), and Benzyl alcohol (121) were isolated with chemical structures

from *Albizzia coriaria* (Figure 7) (Byamukama *et al.*, 2015).

### Biological properties

The reported phytoconstituents showed lots of biological properties that are given in table 1.

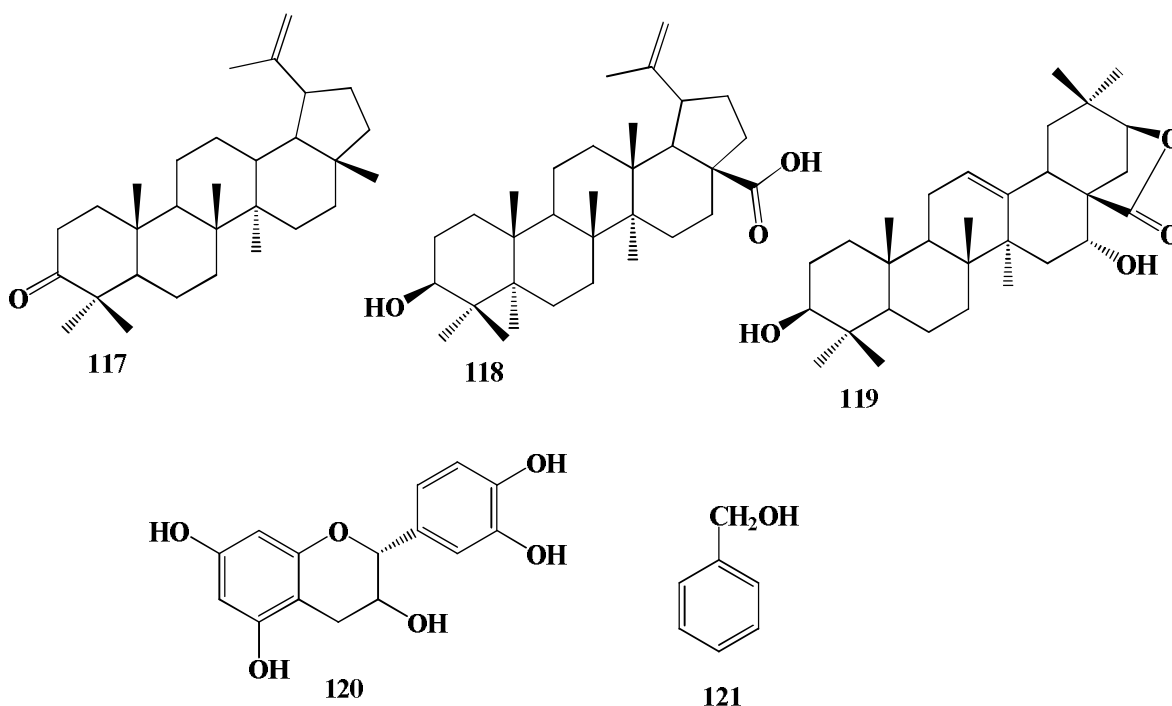


Figure 7. Miscellaneous compounds from *A. coriaria*.

Table 1. Biological properties of the reported phytoconstituents.

Molecules	Biological properties	Ref.
1-24	Antiplasmodial and DPPH free radical scavenging	Yenesewet <i>et al.</i> , 2012, 1998, 2003
25-34	DPPH free radical scavenging	Bedaneet <i>et al.</i> , 2017
34-57	Cytotoxic	Kader <i>et al.</i> , 2001; Runyoroet <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Zhanget <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Carpaniet <i>et al.</i> , 1989; Pertuitet <i>et al.</i> , 2017
58	Anti-trichomonal	Vieiraet <i>et al.</i> , 2017
69-87	Inhibitory effect against nitric oxide	Fang <i>et al.</i> 2017
88-93	Cytotoxic	Fotso <i>et al.</i> , 2017
94-106	Anticandida and cytotoxic	Runyoroet <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Noteet <i>et al.</i> , 2016
107-110	Inhibitory effect	Note <i>et al.</i> , 2015
111-113	Pro-apoptotic activity (Cytotoxic)	Simo <i>et al.</i> , 2017
114-116	Inhibitory activity	Krief <i>et al.</i> , 2005
117-121	Antimicrobial	Byamukama <i>et al.</i> , 2015

## Conclusion

The molecules from nine medicinal plants have been reviewed. Structurally distinctive different compounds were obtained from these plants. Our study showed that medicinal plants can be a principle source of phytoconstituents as well as medicinal moieties.

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