



Phytochemical constituents of *Broussonetia papyrifera* (L.) L'He'r. ex Vent: An overview†

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Phytochemistry is an important field of plant biology with a number of applied research applications. Whole metabolome based phytochemical analysis of plants is a technique that requires profiling of known compounds from the plant. In this paper, we present a detailed review of known phytochemistry of paper mulberry tree after a thorough survey of available literature as well as different databases (KnapSack, Plant metabolome database (PMDB), PubChem, ChemSpider) in favor of whole metabolome based phytochemical analysis. A detailed account of known phytochemistry of *Broussonetia papyrifera* sheds light on the multipurpose economic importance (medicinal, high quality fiber, severe pollen allergy, phytotoxic, invasive) of plant.

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Introduction

The genus *Broussonetia* was named after P.N.V. Broussonet, a French naturalist, who took a male tree (of *B. papyrifera*) from a garden in Scotland, UK and introduced it to Paris, France, where a female tree was growing, thus enabling fruit to be described¹. The genus contains 8 species, 7 native to Asia and one to Madagascar. There are 16 or 17 recognized varieties of the East Asian species *B. papyrifera*, including five wild varieties. The specific name *papyrifera* means paper-bearing. The paper made from wild varieties is inferior to that from non-wild varieties².

Distribution

B. papyrifera is native to East Asia and is extensively cultivated within its natural range for its bark. Native to China, Taiwan and Japan and possibly native to the Pacific islands of Hawaii and Samoa. *B. papyrifera* has become naturalized throughout Asia, from India and Pakistan to Thailand, Malaysia and the Pacific Islands, and also in North America. In Pakistan, paper mulberry was intentionally introduced to make the Islamabad (Capital) and Rawalpindi area green. It

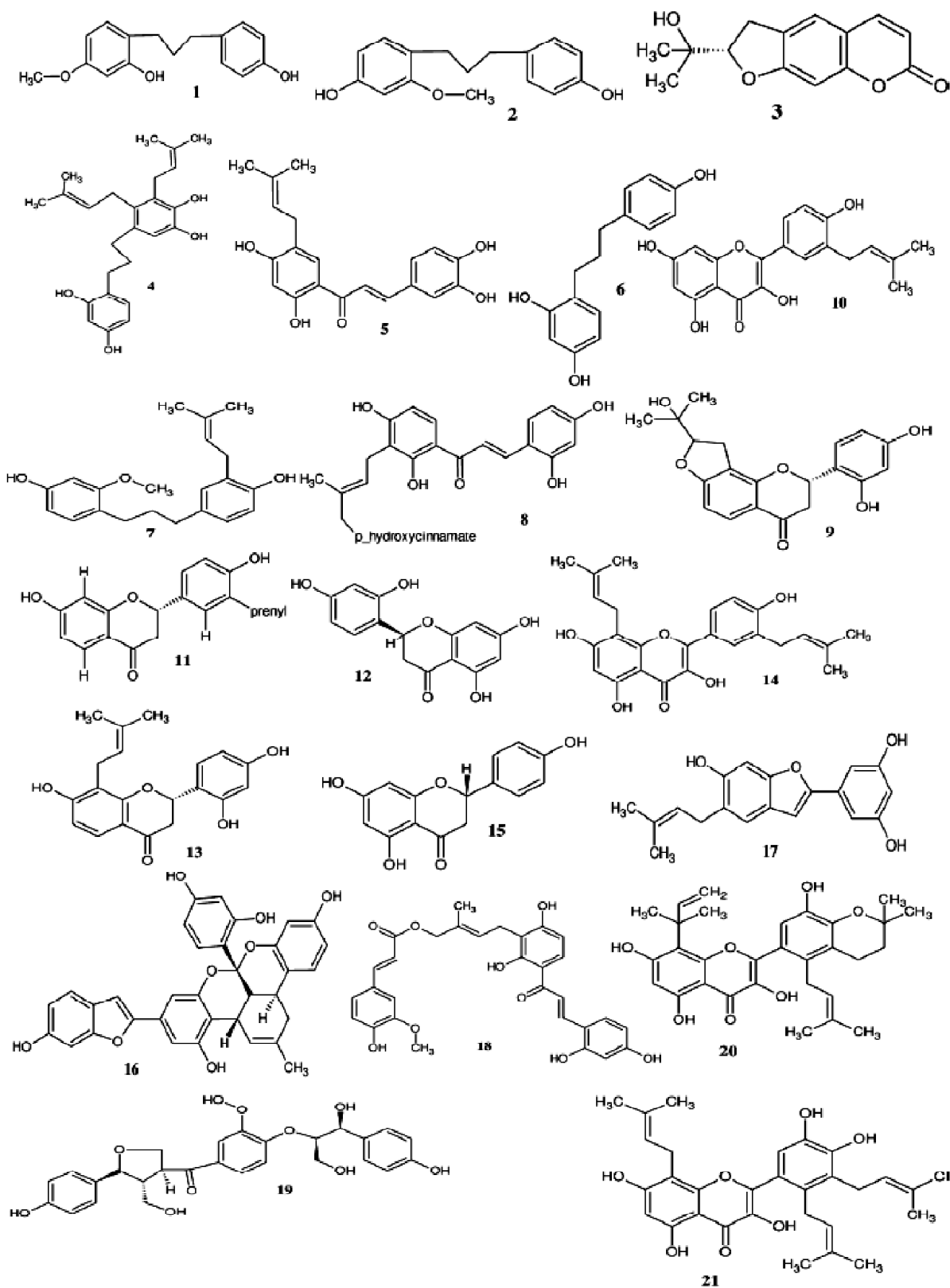
is now commonly found in India and Pakistan from sea level to 1000 m altitude in many localities³.

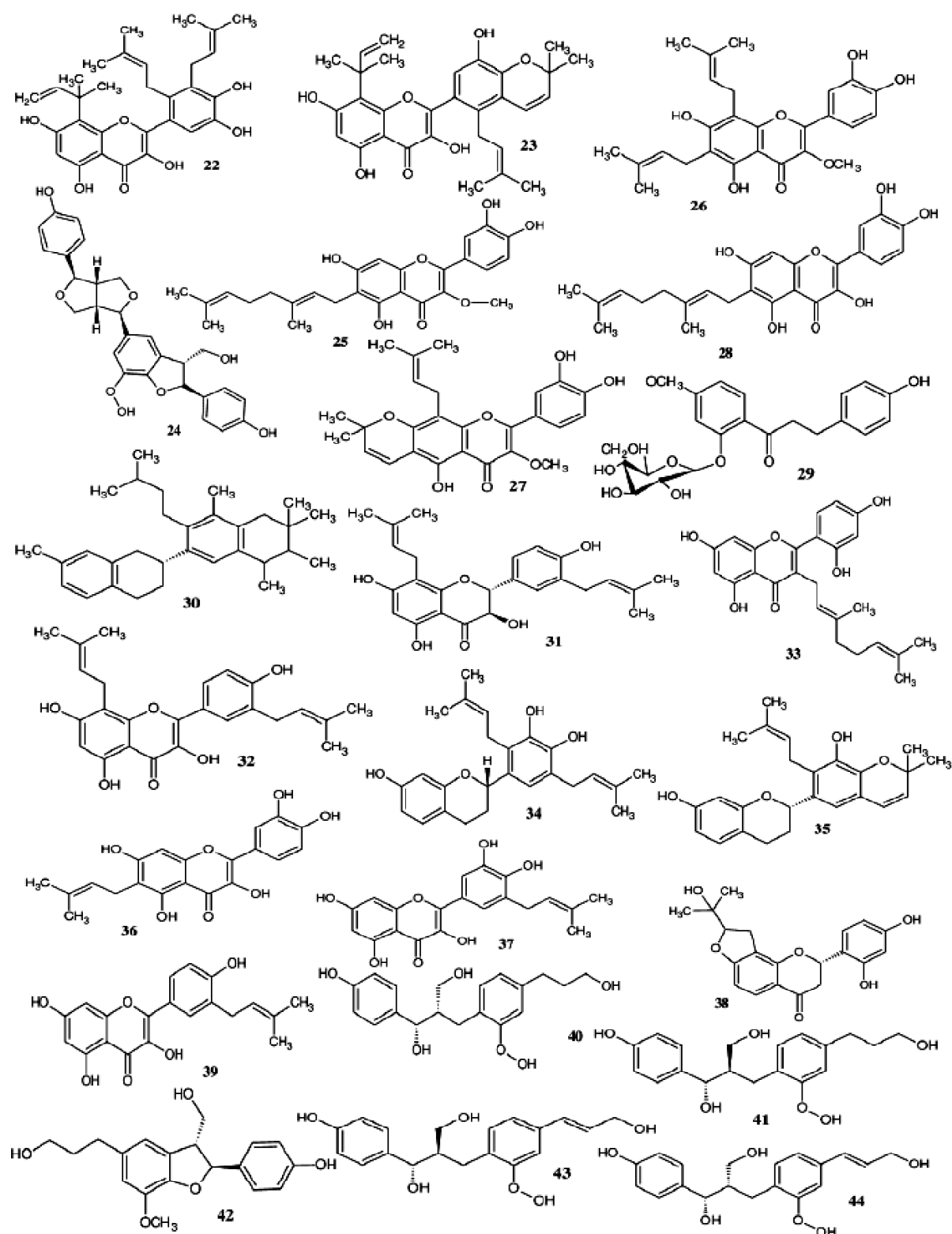
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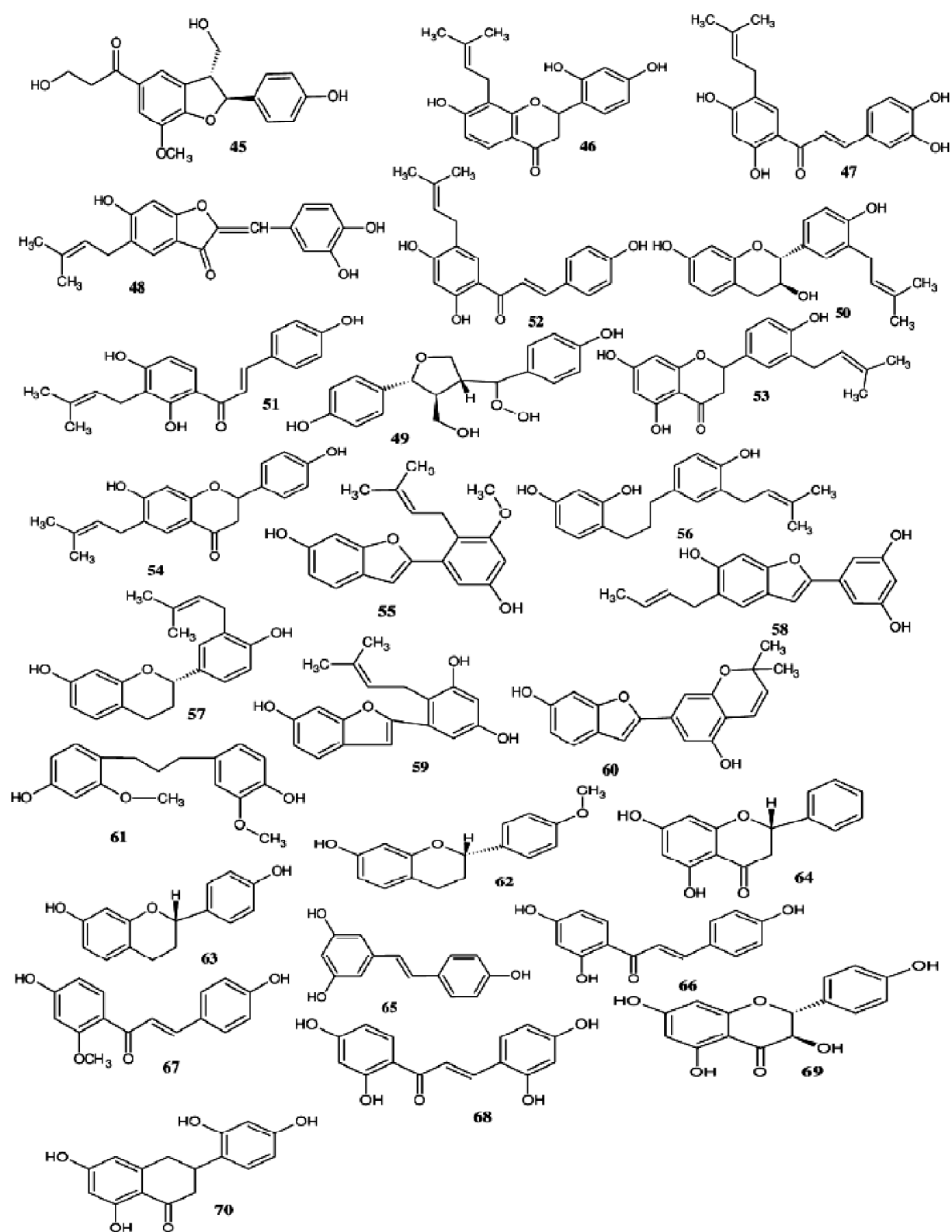
Phytochemicals characterized in *Broussonetia papyrifera* tree are (Fig. 1): broussonin A; C₁₆H₁₈O₃ (**1**)⁴⁻⁶, broussonin B; C₁₆H₁₈O₃ (**2**)^{4,5}, (+)-marmesin; C₁₄H₁₄O₄ (**3**)^{4,7}, kazinol F; C₂₅H₃₂O₄ (**4**)⁸, brousochalcone A; C₂₀H₂₀O₅ (**5**)⁹⁻¹², 1-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-propane; C₁₅H₁₆O₃ (**6**)⁶, 1-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-prenylphenyl)-propane; C₂₁H₂₆O₃ (**7**)⁶, 3'-γ-hydroxy-methyl-(E)-γ-methylallyl-2,4,2',4'-tetrahydroxychalcone-11'-O-coumarate; C₂₉H₂₆O₈ (**8**)^{6,13}, (2S)-2',4'-dihydroxy-2''-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)dihydrofuro-2,3-h flavanone; C₂₀H₂₀O₆ (**9**)⁶, isolicoflavonol; C₂₀H₁₈O₆ (**10**)^{6,14}, (2S)-abyssinone II; C₂₀H₂₀O₅ (**11**)⁶, (2S)-5,7,2',4'-tetrahydroxyflavanone; C₁₅H₁₂O₆ (**12**)⁶, (2S)-euchrenone a7; C₂₀H₂₀O₅ (**13**)⁶, brousoflavonol F; C₂₅H₂₆O₆ (**14**)^{6,14-16}, (2S)-naringenin (Syn. Naringetol); C₁₅H₁₂O₅ (**15**)⁶, albanolA (Syn. Mulberrofuran G); C₃₄H₂₆O₈ (**16**)⁶, moracin N; C₁₉H₁₈O₄ (**17**)⁶, isogemichalcone C; C₃₀H₂₈O₉ (**18**)⁶, chushizisin H;

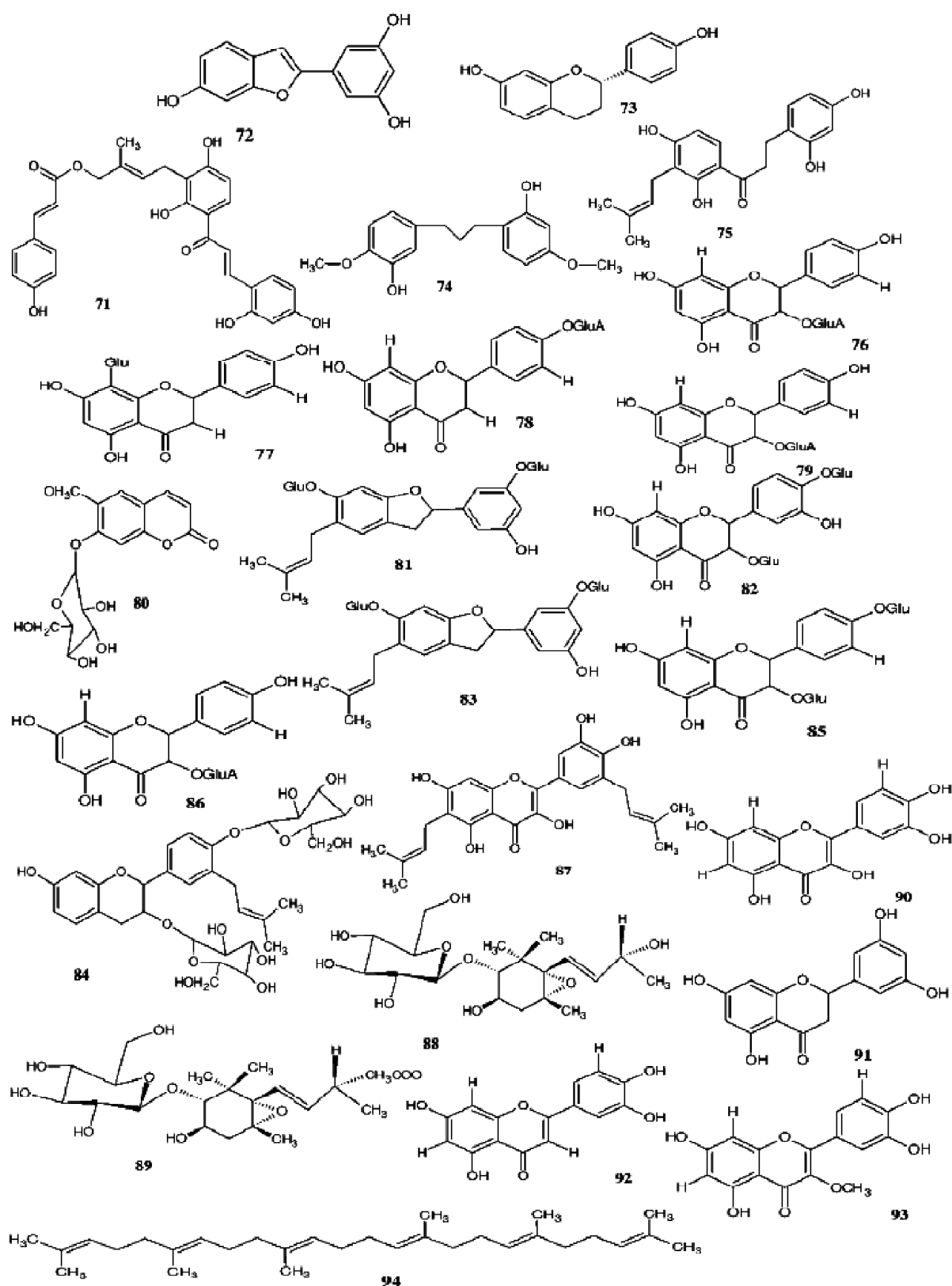
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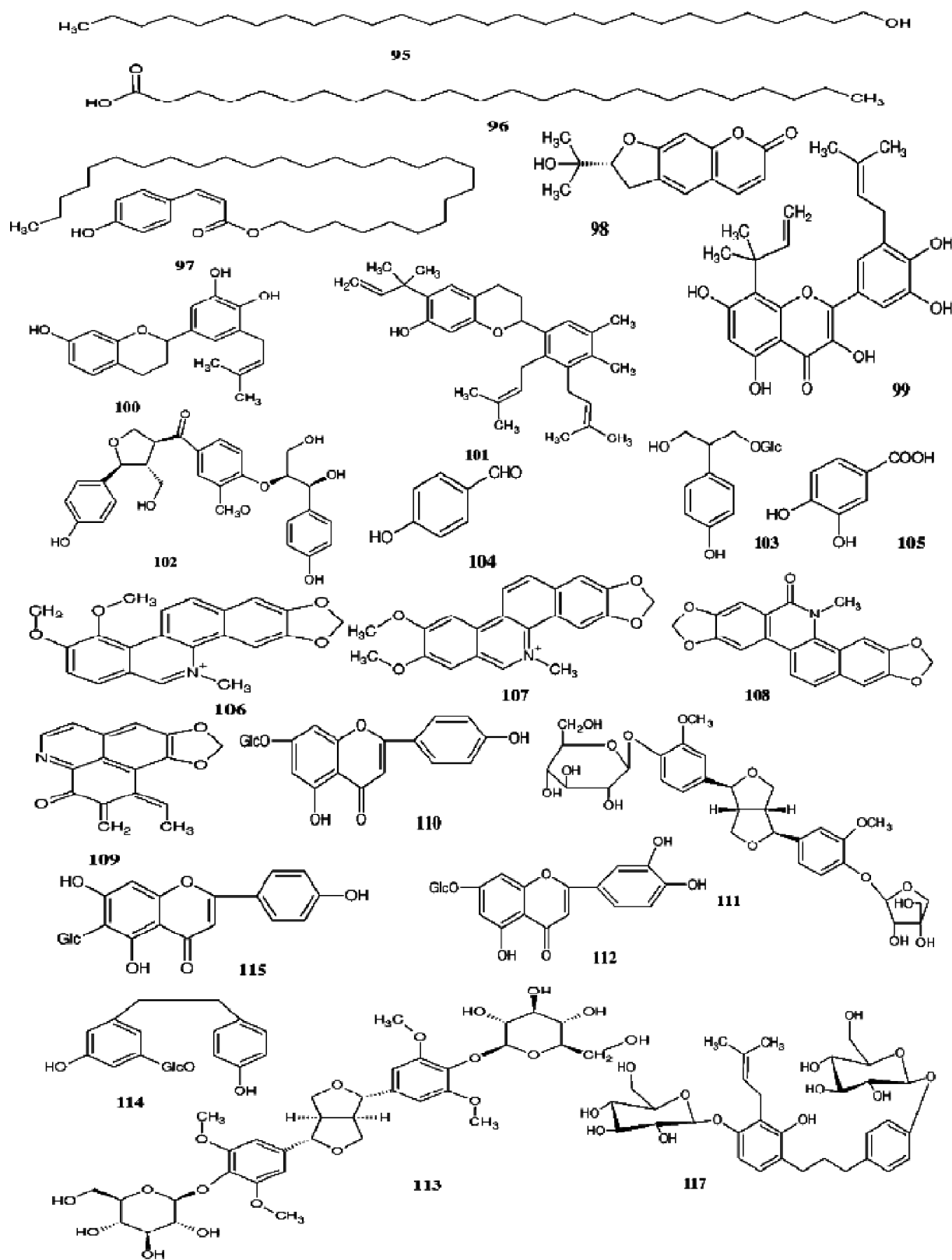
$C_{28}H_{30}O_9$ (**19**)^{17,18}, brousoflavonol E; $C_{30}H_{34}O_7$ (**20**)¹⁹, brousoflavonol G; $C_{30}H_{34}O_7$ (**21**)¹⁶, brousoflavonol C; $C_{30}H_{34}O_7$ (**22**)^{19,20}, brousoflavonol D; $C_{30}H_{32}O_7$ (**23**)²⁰, chushizisin I; $C_{28}H_{28}O_7$ (**24**)¹⁷, 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxy-6-geranylflavone; $C_{26}H_{28}O_7$ (**25**)⁶, brousoflavonol B; $C_{26}H_{28}O_7$ (**26**)^{21,22}, brousoflavonol A; $C_{26}H_{26}O_7$ (**27**)²¹, 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-6-geranylflavonol; $C_{25}H_{26}O_7$ (**28**)^{6,13}, 4'-O-methylavidioside; $C_{22}H_{26}O_9$ (**29**)²³, brousoflavan A; $C_{25}H_{30}O_6$ (**30**)^{16,24}, (2*R*,3*R*)-lespedezaflavanone C; $C_{25}H_{28}O_6$ (**31**)⁶, brousoflavonol F; $C_{25}H_{26}O_6$ (**32**)²⁵, 5,7,2',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-geranylflavone; $C_{25}H_{26}O_6$ (**33**)^{6,13}, kazinol A; $C_{25}H_{30}O_4$ (**34**)^{12,26}, kazinol B; $C_{25}H_{28}O_4$ (**35**)^{12,26}, gancaonin P; $C_{20}H_{18}O_7$ (**36**)⁶, uralenol; $C_{20}H_{18}O_7$ (**37**)^{22,27}, (2*S*)-2',4'-dihydroxy-2''-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)dihydrofuro-2,3-h flavanone; $C_{20}H_{20}O_6$ (**38**)⁶, isolicoflavonol; $C_{20}H_{18}O_6$ (**39**)⁶, chushizisin C; $C_{19}H_{24}O_6$ (**40**)^{17,18}, chushizisin D; $C_{19}H_{24}O_6$ (**41**)^{17,18}, chushizisin E; $C_{19}H_{22}O_5$ (**42**)^{17,18}, chushizisin B; $C_{19}H_{22}O_6$ (**43**)^{17,18}, chushizisin A; $C_{19}H_{22}O_6$ (**44**)^{17,18}, chushizisin F; $C_{19}H_{20}O_6$ (**45**)^{17,18}, (2*S*)-euchrenone a7; $C_{20}H_{20}O_5$ (**46**)⁶, brousochalcone A; $C_{20}H_{20}O_5$ (**47**)^{9,10,27}, brousoaurone A; $C_{20}H_{18}O_5$ (**48**)^{16,24}, chushizisin G; $C_{19}H_{22}O_5$ (**49**)^{17,18}, broussinol; $C_{20}H_{22}O_4$ (**50**)⁴, isobavachalcone; $C_{20}H_{20}O_4$ (**51**)⁶, brousochalcone B; $C_{20}H_{20}O_4$ (**52**)^{12,21}, (2*S*)-abyssinone II; $C_{20}H_{20}O_5$ (**53**)⁶, bavachin; $C_{20}H_{20}O_4$ (**54**)⁶, moracin I; $C_{20}H_{20}O_4$ (**55**)⁶, broussonin C; $C_{20}H_{24}O_3$ (**56**)⁵, (2*S*)-7,4'-dihydroxy-3'-prenylflavan; $C_{20}H_{22}O_3$ (**57**)⁶, moracin N; $C_{19}H_{18}O_4$ (**58**)⁶, demethylmoracin I; $C_{19}H_{18}O_4$ (**59**)^{6,13}, moracin D; $C_{19}H_{16}O_4$ (**60**)⁶, broussonin F; $C_{17}H_{20}O_4$ (**61**)⁶, broussin; $C_{16}H_{16}O_3$ (**62**)²⁸, 7,4'-dihydroxyflavan; $C_{15}H_{14}O_3$ (**63**)²⁸, pinocembrin; $C_{15}H_{12}O_4$ (**64**)²⁹, resveratrol; $C_{14}H_{12}O_3$ (**65**)³⁰, isoliquiritigenin; $C_{15}H_{12}O_4$ (**66**)¹¹, isoliquiritigenin 2'-methy ether; $C_{16}H_{14}O_4$ (**67**)²⁸, 2,4,2',4'-tetrahydroxychalcone; $C_{15}H_{12}O_5$ (**68**)⁶, (+)-dihydrokaempferol (Syn. (+)-aromadendrin); $C_{15}H_{12}O_6$ (**69**)⁶, norartocarpanone (Syn. Steppogenin); $C_{15}H_{12}O_6$ (**70**)⁶, dimethoxy isogemichalcone C; $C_{29}H_{26}O_8$ (**71**)⁶, moracin M; $C_{14}H_{10}O_4$ (**72**)⁶, (2*S*)-7,4'-dihydroxyflavan; $C_{15}H_{14}O_3$ (**73**)⁶, broussonin E; $C_{17}H_{20}O_4$ (**74**)⁶, 1,2,4-dihydroxy-3-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)phenyl-3-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-propan-1-one; $C_{20}H_{22}O_5$ (**75**)³¹, $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$ (**76**)³¹, 2-{5,7-dihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-chromen-8-ylamino}pentanedioic acid; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{10}$ (**77**)³¹, $C_{21}H_{18}O_{11}$ (**78**)³¹, $C_{21}H_{20}O_{12}$ (**79**)³¹, $C_{16}H_{18}O_9$ (**80**)³¹, $C_{25}H_{30}O_9$ (**81**)³¹, $C_{27}H_{30}O_{17}$ (**82**)³¹, $C_{31}H_{38}O_{14}$ (**83**)³¹, $C_{32}H_{42}O_{14}$ (**84**)³¹, $C_{27}H_{30}O_{16}$ (**85**)³¹, $C_{21}H_{18}O_{12}$ (**86**)³¹, papyriflavonol A (Syn. Broussonol E); $C_{25}H_{26}O_7$ (**87**)^{11,12,22,32,33}, (2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*,9*R*)-3-hydroxy-5,6-epoxy-b-ionol-2-O-β-D-glucopyranoside; $C_{19}H_{32}O_9$ (**88**)³⁴, (2*R*,3*R*,5*R*,6*S*,9*R*)-3-hydroxyl-5,6-epoxy-acety-b-ionol-2-O-β-D-glucopyranoside; $C_{21}H_{34}O_{10}$ (**89**)³⁴, quercetin (Syn. 3,3',4',5,7-pentahydroxyflavone); $C_{15}H_{10}O_7$ (**90**)^{11,27}, 5,7,3',5'-tetrahydroxyflavanone; $C_{15}H_{12}O_6$ (**91**)¹⁴, luteolin; $C_{15}H_{10}O_6$ (**92**)^{14,35}, 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxyflavone; $C_{16}H_{12}O_7$ (**93**)¹⁴, squalene; $C_{30}H_{50}$ (**94**)¹⁵, octacosan-1-ol; $C_{28}H_{58}O$ (**95**)¹⁵, lignoceric acid; $C_{24}H_{48}O_2$ (**96**)¹⁵, 4'-hydroxycis-cinnamic acid octacosyl ester; $C_{37}H_{64}O_3$ (**97**)¹⁵, (-)-marmesin; $C_{14}H_{14}O_4$ (**98**)¹⁵, 8-(1,1-dimethylallyl)-5'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-3',4',5,7-tetrahydroxyflavanonol; $C_{25}H_{26}O_7$ (**99**)^{12,27}, 3'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-3',4',7-trihydroxyflavane; $C_{20}H_{22}O_4$ (**100**)²⁷, kazinol E; $C_{30}H_{38}O_4$ (**101**)^{12,18}, sesquieolignan; $C_{28}H_{30}O_9$ (**102**)³⁶, 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,3-diol-1-O-β-D-glucopyranoside; $C_{15}H_{22}O_8$ (**103**)³⁶, 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde; $C_7H_6O_2$ (**104**)³⁶, protocatechuic acid; $C_7H_6O_4$ (**105**)³⁶, broussonpapyrine; $C_{21}H_{18}O_4$ (**106**)^{37,38}, nitidine; $C_{21}H_{18}O_4$ (**107**)^{37,38}, oxyavicine; $C_{20}H_{13}NO_5$ (**108**)^{37,38}, liriodenine; $C_{17}H_9O_3$ (**109**)^{37,38}, cosmosiin; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{10}$ (**110**)³⁹, (+)-pinosresinol-4'-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl-4''-O-β-D-apiofuranoside; $C_{31}H_{40}O_{15}$ (**111**)³⁹, luteolin-7-O-β-D-glucopyranoside; $C_{21}H_{21}O_{11}$ (**112**)³⁹, liriiodendrin; $C_{34}H_{46}O_{18}$ (**113**)³⁹, 3,5,4'-trihydroxy-bibenzyl-3-O-β-D-glucoside; $C_{20}H_{25}O_9$ (**114**)³⁹, apigenin-6-C-β-D-glycopyranside; $C_{21}H_{21}O_{11}$ (**115**)³⁹, 8,11-octadecadienic acid; (**116**)⁴⁰, broussoside A; $C_{32}H_{44}O_{13}$ (**117**)³⁵, broussoside B; $C_{32}H_{44}O_{13}$ (**118**)³⁵, broussoside C; $C_{33}H_{46}O_{13}$ (**119**)³⁵, broussoside D; $C_{26}H_{34}O_9$ (**120**)³⁵, broussoside E; $C_{32}H_{42}O_{13}$ (**121**)³⁵, syringaresinol-4'-O-β-D-glucoside; $C_{28}H_{36}O_{13}$ (**122**)³⁵, *p*-coumaric acid; $C_9H_8O_3$ (**123**)³⁵, apigenin; $C_{15}H_{10}O_5$ (**124**)³⁵, poliothyrsoside; $C_{20}H_{22}O_9$ (**125**)³⁵, pinosresinol-4'-O-β-D-glucopyranoside; $C_{26}H_{32}O_{11}$ (**126**)³⁵, flacourtin; $C_{20}H_{22}O_9$ (**127**)³⁵, dihydrosyringin; $C_{17}H_{26}O_9$ (**128**)³⁵, apigenin-7-O-β-D-glucoside; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{10}$ (**129**)³⁵, chrysoeriol-7-O-β-D-glucoside; $C_{22}H_{22}O_{11}$ (**130**)³⁵, isovitexin; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{10}$ (**131**)³⁵, luteoloside; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$ (**132**)³⁵, orientin; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$ (**133**)³⁵, vitexin; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{10}$ (**134**)³⁵, isoorientin; $C_{21}H_{20}O_{11}$ (**135**)³⁵, 3,4-dihydroxyisolonchocarpin; $C_{20}H_{18}O_5$ (**136**)¹², 4-hydroxyisolonchocarpin; $C_{20}H_{18}O_4$ (**137**)¹², 3'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-3',4',7-trihydroxyflavane; $C_{20}H_{22}O_4$ (**138**)¹², 8-(1,1-dimethylallyl)-5'-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-3',4',5,7-tetrahydroxyflavanonol; $C_{25}H_{26}O_7$ (**139**)¹², brousofluorenone A; $C_{30}H_{30}O_7$ (**140**)^{12,18}, brouso-

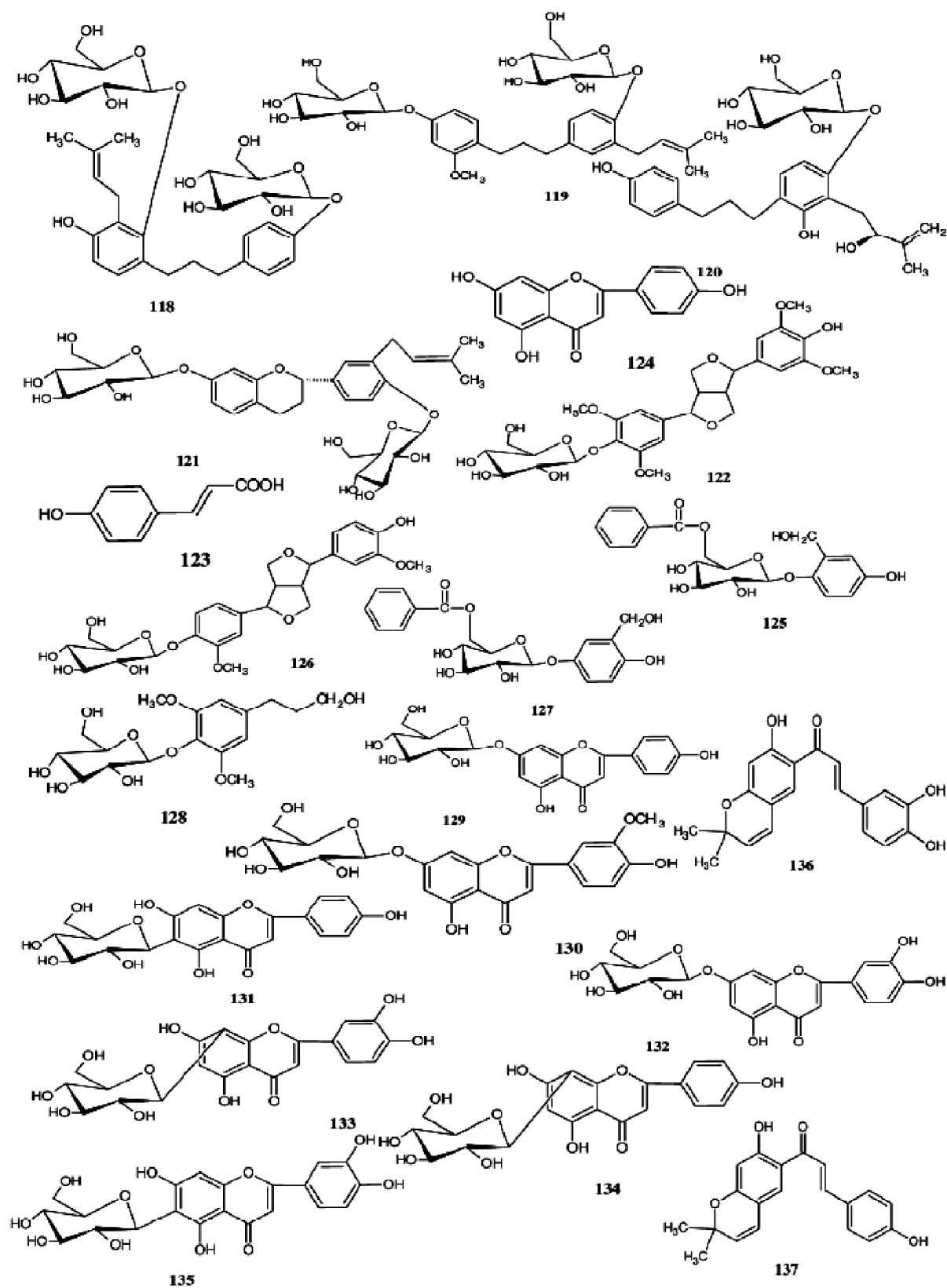


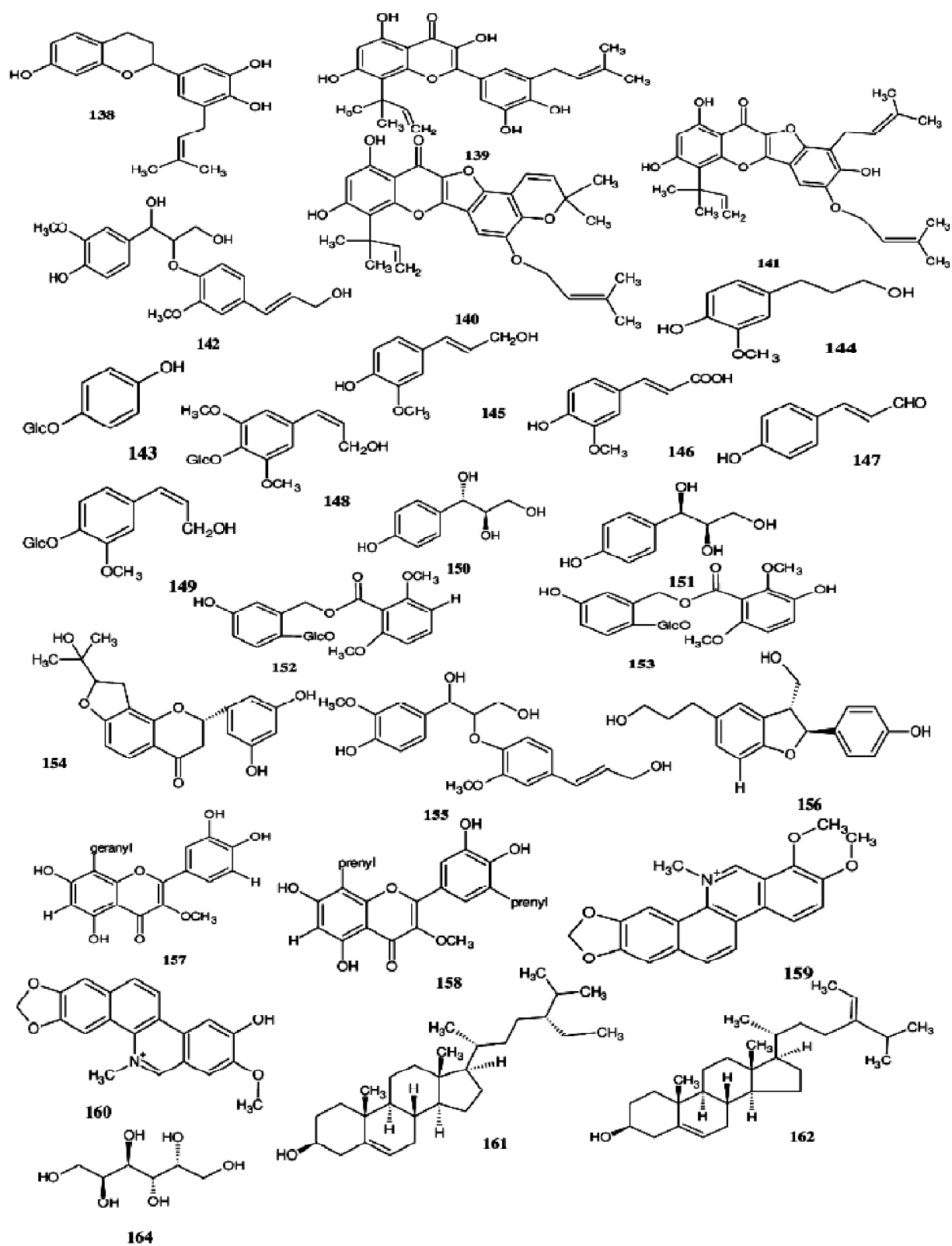


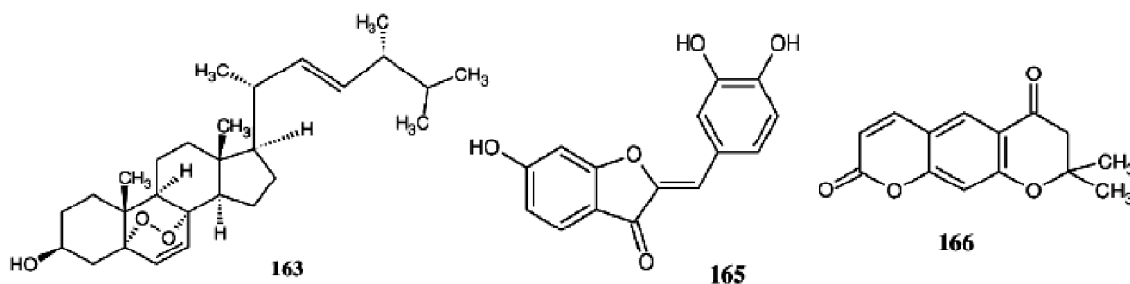










Fig. 1. Phytochemistry of *Broussonetia papyrifera* (L.) L'He'r. ex Vent.

fluorenone B; $C_{30}H_{32}O_7$ (**141**)^{12,18}, threo-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-{4-(*E*)-3-hydroxy-1-propenyl-2-methoxyphenoxy}-1,3-propanediol; $C_{20}H_{24}O_7$ (**142**)¹⁷, arbutine; $C_{12}H_{16}O_7$ (**143**)³⁶, dihydro-coniferyl alcohol; $C_{10}H_{14}O_3$ (**144**)³⁶, coniferyl alcohol; $C_{10}H_{12}O_3$ (**145**)³⁶, ferulic acid; $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$ (**146**)³⁶, *p*-coumaraldehyde; $C_9H_8O_2$ (**147**)³⁶, *cis*-syringin; $C_{17}H_{24}O_9$ (**148**)³⁶, *cis*-coniferin; $C_{16}H_{22}O_8$ (**149**)³⁶, erythro-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)glycerol; $C_9H_{12}O_4$ (**150**)³⁶, threo-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)glycerol; $C_9H_{12}O_4$ (**151**)³⁶, curculigoside I (**152**)³⁶, curculigoside C (**153**)³⁶, (2*S*)-2',4'-dihydroxy-2''-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-dihydrofurano-2,3-h-flavanone; $C_{20}H_{24}O_6$ (**154**)¹³, erythro-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-{4-(*E*)-3-hydroxy-1-propenyl-2-methoxyphenoxy}-1,3-propanediol; $C_{20}H_{24}O_7$ (**155**)¹⁷, 3-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-hydroxymethyl-2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-5-ylpropan-1-ol; $C_{18}H_{20}O_4$ (**156**)¹⁷, 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxy-8-geranylfavone; $C_{26}H_{28}O_7$ (**157**)²², 5,7,3',4'-tetrahydroxy-3-methoxy-8,5'-diprenylfavone; $C_{26}H_{28}O_7$ (**158**)²², chelerythrine; $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4$ (**159**)⁴¹, isoterhanine; $C_{20}H_{16}NO_4$ (**160**)⁴¹, β -sitosterol; $C_{29}H_{50}O$ (**161**)^{41,42}, fucosterol; $C_{29}H_{48}O$ (**162**)⁴¹, ergosterol peroxide; $C_{28}H_{44}O_3$ (**163**)⁴³, D-galactitol; $C_6H_{14}O_6$ (**164**)⁴³, sulfuretin; $C_{15}H_{10}O_5$ (**165**)⁴³, graveolone; $C_{14}H_{12}O_4$ (**166**)⁴³.

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