

Pavonia Cav. SPECIES (MALVACEAE SENSU LATO) AS SOURCE OF NEW DRUGS: A REVIEW**Janderson Barbosa Leite de Albuquerque^a, Camila Macaúbas da Silva^a, Diégina Araújo Fernandes^a, Pedro Isaac Vanderlei de Souza^b and Maria de Fátima Vanderlei de Souza^{a*}**^aDepartamento de Ciências Farmacêuticas, Universidade Federal da Paraíba, 58051-900 João Pessoa – PB, Brasil^bInstituto de Bociências, Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso do Sul, 79070-900 Campo Grande – MS, Brasil

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Pavonia Cav., is a genus in the Malvaceae *sensu lato* family, containing 271 species with worldwide distribution, although with a higher diversity in America and Asia. Species from this genus are traditionally used in folk medicine with several biological activities, arousing scientific interest on the search for the substances responsible for such activities. This review aimed to provide and expand the scientific interest through phytochemical and pharmacological studies and the utilization of those plants in folk medicine. Species *P. odorata* and *P. zeylanica* are described in literature, specially at India, following the traditional medicine system Ayurveda, while the other species are studied mostly at Africa and America. There have been around 169 compounds isolated and characterized for such genus, most of them from the metabolic classes fat acids, terpenoids, flavonoids and phenolic compounds. Those species have shown *in vivo*, *in vitro* and *in silico* significant pharmacological activities, which include anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antimicrobial, cytotoxic, antitumoral, antidiabetic and antioxidant properties. Based on those informations, the search for new sources of plant based biologic prototypes with potential for the treatment of several diseases is of major scientific, economical and medicinal interest.

Keywords: *Pavonia* Cav.; ethnopharmacological relevance; natural products; biological studies.**INTRODUCTION**

Medicinal plants constitute the main therapeutic source of folk medicine. Traditional knowledges are passed through generations due to the stark believes that come since primitive folks and healers. Previous ethno-pharmaceutical-botanical studies form the foundation to the development of new drugs from medicinal herbs.¹

Plants provide an essential economic role as they are used as a drug source.² This fact rises in developing countries due to lesser side effects and easy access that low-income populations have to those plants, making them an almost inexhaustible source of remedies for those people.³

Several chemical compounds that act as potential therapeutic agents have been isolated from plant species.⁴ Studies about those compounds are based on ethnobotanical, chemical and pharmacological knowledges, aiming to find out new bioactive molecules. On this context, species from Malvaceae *sensu lato* family arouse major interests of the scientific community due to the fact that those species are important economic sources in agriculture, decorations, manufacturing, food and medicine.⁵

Among several genus belonging to Malvaceae *sensu lato*, we highlight *Pavonia* Cav., which has several biological and pharmacological activities described in literature about folk medicine. Those activities have been confirmed through the isolation, identification and characterization of secondary metabolites, as well as several pharmacological activities described for those compounds.⁶

The genus *Pavonia* Cav. includes approximately 271 species distributed worldwide, being more diverse in America and Africa, with only two species being recorded for Asia. A lot of chemical and pharmacological studies with species *P. odorata* and *P. zeylanica* are described in literature, mostly for India, due to the traditional medicine system Ayurveda.⁷

Approximately 224 species can be found in America, ranging from USA to Uruguay, including the Antilles and excluding Chile.

In Africa, approximately 46 species can be found.⁸ In Brazil, 136 species of *Pavonia* can be found, ranging from Amazon rainforest, Caatinga, Cerrado, Atlantic Forest, Pampas and Pantanal wetlands.⁹

Based on presented data, this review aims to accomplish a bibliographical survey about traditional uses of *Pavonia* species and evaluate the chemical and pharmacological potential of this genus in order to drive future researches based on natural products as a source of new drugs.

METHODOLOGY

Information about the use of plants by folk medicine, phytochemical studies, botanic characteristics and pharmacological activities of genus *Pavonia* have been based and collected from scientific data banks such as: 'Web of Science', 'Scifinder', 'Pubmed' and 'Scholar Google', using papers, books, dissertation and thesis from the year 1918 until April 2021 and searching for the keyword '*Pavonia*'. Following this methodology, we consulted 156 scientific articles, having, as inclusion criteria, the presence of information regarding the use of *Pavonia* genus in traditional medicine, phytochemical studies, pharmacological and/or biological activities. The exclusion criteria of the articles involved repetition of those in different databases, review articles that contained references used in the manuscript, information with the keyword '*Pavonia*' that do not concerns the genus, articles with only botanical data or articles not available for access on the platforms used. A single patent referring to the species *P. schiedeana* (JP 2001181172A (2001)) was found as part of a cosmetic composition.

The development of this revision paper aimed the study of this genus in order to expand the scientific interest through knowledge of isolated compounds with several biological activities, as those are the candidates to new drugs isolated from *Pavonia* species.

The present study and data have been extracted by the author (JBLA) and confirmed by other (DAF, CMS, PIVS, MFVS). All data are resumed in tables and their descriptions have been resumed as updated information.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Botanical description

Pavonia comprises species of herbs, shrubs and bushes. Its flowers are, generally, solitary, composed by four epicalyxes, several free bracteoles, a tubulous and cupuliform calyx composed by five petals, carpels uniovulate and stigma capitate (Figure 1). The fruits are schizocarp, formed by five mericarps with a nervous-reticulate dorsal face, smooth lateral faces and smooth or striated obovoid or reniform seeds.¹⁰

Some species of *Pavonia* possess floral nectaries formed by multicellular glandular trichomes, providing a thick area located near the internal base of calyx. This characteristic attracts hummingbirds, which are pollinators of tubulous flowers, such as *P. glazioviana*¹¹ and *P. multiflora*. Species that possesses flowers with twisted corolla and short staminal tube formed by free stamens, such as *P. malacophylla*, *P. varians*, *P. zeylanica* and *P. distinguenda*, are pollinated by bees.¹²

Ethnopharmacological relevance

Different species of *Pavonia* Cav. are related in folk medicine as a treatment for several diseases. Among the most used parts of those plants used by some tribes in therapeutics are flowers, bark, roots, rhizomes and flowers (Table 1).

Juice of *P. odorata* leaves is used by traditional medicine Ayuverda as a treatment for dysentery, gonorrhoea and halitosis, whereas leaves macerate as a paste are used as a treatment for rheumatism, foot infections and antipyretic.¹³⁻¹⁸

Powder from seeds of *P. senegalensis* is used as a contraceptive.¹⁹ Decoct of *P. urens* roots is largely used as a treatment for toothache.^{20,21} Brewing of roots and leaves of *P. zeylanica*, as well as decocts, powder and pastes are largely used by eastern communities as a treatment for osteoarthritis, joint pain, bone fractures, cough with discharge and

healing of wounds.²²⁻²⁶ Leaves' juice and the entire plant prepared as infusion are also used for its vermifuge and purgative properties.²⁷⁻³⁰

Several ethnopharmacological studies regarding *Pavonia* species have been described in literature, which give us basis for deepening the chemical and pharmacological knowledge of those herbs, since many of the pharmacological activities are related to traditional use of medicinal plants, therefore providing essential information to the development of new drugs.

Chemical composition

Based on literature data, 29 references in the area of phytochemistry have been find to species of the genus *Pavonia*: 10 papers referred to species *P. odorata* (06) and *P. zeylanica* (04); 9 papers referred to species *P. malacophylla* (03), *P. glazioviana* (03) and *P. sepium* (03), and; 2 papers referred to *P. cancellata*. Besides, several other papers have been related in this field with the species *P. varians*, *P. xanthogloea*, *P. sepioides*, *P. distinguenda*, *P. multiflora*, *P. hastata*, *P. lasiopetala*, *P. schiedeana* and *P. alnifolia*. 169 compounds have been isolated and/or identified in the genus *Pavonia* (Table 2), comprehending the most diverse classes of secondary metabolites ever related.

Fat acids, terpenoids, steroids, flavonoids, phenolics and other compounds such as pheophytins, hydrocarbons and volatile oils are some of the substances that can be found in the genus *Pavonia*. A broad profile of such compounds within has been detected in a study of the chemical composition of oils in the aerial parts of the species *Pavonia odorata* through hyphenated gas chromatography techniques coupled with mass spectrometry.¹⁰⁵ All compounds and their chemical structures are related in Table 2 and Figure 2, respectively.

Fatty acids

Fatty acids are molecule that consists of the most diverse lipids and, by enzymatic action, become free fatty acids, presenting powerful biological activities.¹²²

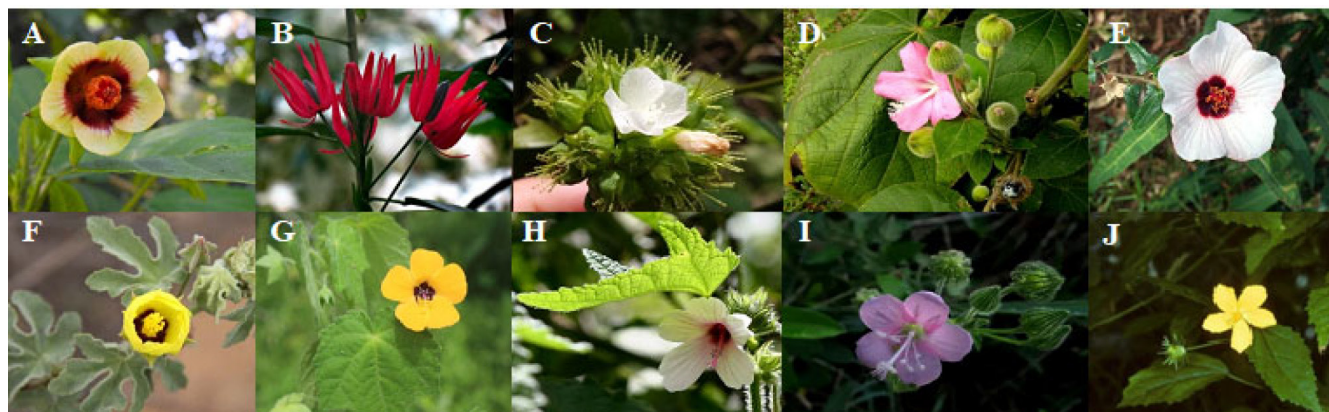


Figure 1. *Pavonia* plants. A) *P. alnifolia*, B) *P. multiflora*, C) *P. fruticosa*, D) *P. malacophylla*, E) *P. hastata*, F) *P. varians*, G) *P. procumbens*, H) *P. urens*, I) *P. odorata*, J) *P. spinifex*

Table 1. Species of *Pavonia* genus and their uses in folk medicine

Scientific name/ Popular name	Used plant part	Traditional Use	Therapeutic Properties	References
<i>Pavonia cancellata</i> /Malva-rasteira	LV	Poultice	Boils	31
<i>Pavonia distinguenda</i>	AP	*	Antitumor and antibacterial	32
<i>Pavonia fruticosa</i> /Anamu	WP	Decoction	Antipyretic and common cold	33
<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i> / <i>Pavonia rosa</i>	LV	*	Breaks and disintegrates kidney and urinary stones; Diuretic	34

Table 1. Species of *Pavonia* genus and their uses in folk medicine (cont.)

	RH	*	Dysentery, anti-inflammatory, anti-hemorrhagic; Antipyretic, digestive and astringent	35,36
	RH and LV	*	Antipyretic, stomachic, dysentery and antiurolytic	37,38
	WP	*	Antipyretic, stomachic, dysentery; Rheumatism; Antiemetic; Anti-hemorrhagic; Demulcent, carminative, diaphoretic, diuretic, anti-inflammatory, spasmolytic and astringent	29,39-45
	ST and RT	*	Antipyretic	7
	ST	*	Bone fractures	46
	AP	*	Colds, diaphoretic, diuretic, demulcent; Antipyretic, anti-inflammatory and anti-hemorrhagic	47-49
<i>Pavonia odorata</i> Sugandhibala	*	*	Antipyretic, stomachic, dysentery; Anti-hemorrhagic; Skin diseases, anti-inflammatory, spasmolytic; Nervous weakness	3,50-54
	LV	Leaf juice	Dysentery; Gonorrhea; Anti-halitosis	12-15
		Paste	Rheumatism; Foot infection, and antipyretic	16,17
	RT	*	Stomachache, anti-inflammatory, anti-hemorrhagic; Antipyretic, diuretic; Carminative, diaphoretic, polydipsia, burning when urinating, demulcent astringent, stomachic, haemorrhages from intestines; bleeding disorders, dysentery and antiulcerogenic; appetizer	4,29,52,55-58
		Paste	Athlete's foot	1,59
		Powder	Dislocations of bone joints; Osteoarthritis	21,22
		Decoction	Dysentery and carminative	60,61
<i>Pavonia procumbens</i>	*	*	Antiulcerogenic, fumigation, vermifuge, analgesic and skin infections	2,51,62-64
	RT	Decoction	Retained placenta and prevention of miscarriage	65
<i>Pavonia schiedeana</i> Cadillo	RT and WP	Poultice	Antipyretic	66
	LV	Infusion	Hypoglycemic; retained placenta and prevention of miscarriage	65,67
	LV	Aqueous extract	Bone and soft tissue infections	68,69
<i>Pavonia senegalensis</i>	RT	Inhalation and infusion	Diarrhea and induce labour	70,71
	SD	Powder	Contraceptive	18
	FL	Infusion	Analgesic and skin problems	72,73
<i>Pavonia spinifex</i>	LV and TW	Infusion	Stomach problems, gallstones and liver pain	
	LV	*	Hepatoprotection, antioxidant, anticancer, antifungal and antibacterial	74
	AP	Inhalation and decoction	Antipyretic	75
	RT	*	Pneumonia and stomachic	76,77
<i>Pavonia urens</i>		Decoction	Toothache	19,20
	LV	*	Boils	78
		Smoke	Repellent for mosquitoes and house flies	79-81
<i>Pavonia varians</i> Malva-peluda	*	*	Infections of the digestive system, and anti-inflammatory	82
<i>Pavonia xanthogloea</i> Erva-de-ovelha	*	*	Antimicrobial and antitumor	83,84
	LV	*	Eczema; Eye diseases; Antipyretic, Anthelmintic, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, toothache; Dysentery, anti-hemorrhagic and emollient	43,85-91
		Decoction	Cough with phlegm	23
<i>Pavonia zeylanica</i> Citramutti		Ground	Constipation in animals	92
		Paste	Bone fractures; Healing of acute and chronic wounds	24,25
	*	*	Skin diseases, anthelmintic, leprosy, scabies, ringworm, dermatitis, acne, wounds and antiulcerogenic; Blood circulation	3,93

Table 1. Species of *Pavonia* genus and their uses in folk medicine (cont.)

Scientific name/ Popular name	Medicinal Parts	Traditional Use	Therapeutic Properties	References
<i>Pavonia zeylanica</i> Citramutti	WP	Inhalation	Wound dressing	94
		*	Antipyretic and anthelmintic; Paralysis; Joint pain	4,95,96
		Infusion and leaf juice	Vermifuge and purgative	26-29
	RT	*	Demulcent, carminative, diaphoretic, diuretic, astringent, tonic, anti-hemorrhagic and anti-inflammatory; Antiulcerogenic	88,97
		Powder	Dislocations of bone joints; Osteoarthritis	21,22

* not reported in the literature. **AP:** Aerial Parts; **FL:** Flowers; **FR:** Fruits; **LV:** Leaves; **RH:** Rhizomes; **RT:** Roots; **SD:** Seeds; **ST:** Stems; **TW:** Twigs; **WP:** Whole Plant.

Table 2. Isolated compounds from *Pavonia* genus

Nº	Name	Source	Reference	Nº	Name	Source	Reference
Fatty acids				32	Cedran-diol,8S,13		
1	Malvalic acid	SD of <i>P.sepiu.</i> and <i>P.z.</i>	98-101	33	Cedrol		
2	Sterculic acid			34	S-guaiazulene		
3	Palmitic acid			35	Pinocarveol	RT of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-104,106
4	Stearic acid	SD of <i>P.z.</i> , RT and AP of <i>P.o.</i>	48,101-105	36	α -terpinene		
5	Oleic acid			37	Pavonanol*		
6	Linoleic acid			38	β -pinene		
7	Dihydrosterculic acid	SD of <i>P.z.</i>	101	39	<i>p</i> -cymene		
8	(9Z,12Z,15Z)-9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid			40	1,8-cineole		
	2,3-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)propyl-ester	RT of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-104,106	41	(Z)-linalooloxide		
9	Isovaleric acid			42	(E)-linalooloxide		
10	Caproic acid			43	Linalool		
11	Dodecanoic acid			44	(E)-pinocarveol		
12	Methyl tetradecanoate			45	Borneol		
13	Tetradecanoic acid			46	Menthol		
14	Methyl-(2E,6E)-farnesate	AP of <i>P.o.</i>	105	47	Terpinen-4-ol		
15	Pentadecanoic acid			48	<i>p</i> -cymen-8-ol		
16	Methyl palmitate			49	α -terpineol		
17	Methyl linoleate			50	Carvone		
18	Methyl oleate			51	Geraniol	AP of <i>P.o.</i>	105
Terpenoids				52	Thymol		
19	α -amirine	AP of <i>P.mal.</i>	107	53	Eugenol		
20	β -amirine			54	β -damascenone		
21	Lupeol	AP of <i>P.mal.</i> and <i>P.d.</i>	31,108	55	β -caryophyllene		
22	Blumenol C			56	β -eudesmol		
23	Vomifoliol			57	Murolane		
24	4,5-dihydroblumenol A			58	Farnesyl acetone		
25	3-oxo- α -ionol	LV of <i>P.mul.</i>	109	59	Phytol		
26	Loliolide			60	β -caryophyllene oxide		
27	Taraxerol <i>p</i> -methoxybenzoate			61	Guaiol		
28	Cycloart-23Z-en-3 β , 25-diol	AP of <i>P.g.</i>	110	62	γ -eudesmol		
29	Cycloart-25Z-en-3 β , 24-diol			63	α -eudesmol	RT and AP of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-105
30	Taraxerol	AP of <i>P.d.</i>	31	64	α -pinene		
31	Germanicol			Steroids			
				65	Sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside	AP of <i>P.c.</i> , <i>P.mal.</i> and <i>P.g.</i>	107,110-112
				66	Stigmasterol-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside		

Table 2. Isolated compounds from *Pavonia* genus (cont.)

N ^o	Name	Source	Reference	N ^o	Name	Source	Reference
67	β-sitosterol	AP of <i>P.c.</i> , <i>P.mal.</i> and <i>P.d.</i> ; RT of <i>P.o.</i>	31,106, 107,111, 112	100	2-[(1 <i>E</i>)-prop-1-en-1-yl] benzoic acid		
68	Stigmasterol	AP of <i>P.c.</i>	111,112	101	3-[(1 <i>E</i>)-prop-1-en-1-yl] benzoic acid	LV of <i>P.sepio.</i>	119
69	Ethyl iso-allocholate	RT of <i>P.o.</i>	106	102	Syringic acid		
Flavonoids				103	Protocatechuic acid		
70	Kaempferol 3- <i>O</i> -(6''- <i>O</i> - <i>p</i> -coumaroyl glucoside (Tiliroside)	AP of <i>P.c.</i> , <i>P.x.</i> , <i>P.mal.</i> , <i>P.v.</i> , <i>P.g.</i> , <i>P.d.</i>	11,31,83, 107, 111-114	Other compounds			
71	3,7-di- <i>O</i> -methylkaempferol	AP of <i>P.c.</i>	111,112	104	17 ³ -ethoxy-phaeophorbide <i>a</i>	AP of <i>P.mal.</i>	107,108
72	Quercetin	FL of <i>P.h.</i> and <i>Pl.</i> ;	11,83,	105	Phaeophytin <i>b</i>		
73	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)chromane-3,5,7-triol (Cyanidin)	AP of <i>P.x.</i> , <i>P.mal.</i> , <i>P.g.</i>	107,115	106	13 ² - <i>S</i> -hydroxy-phaeophytin <i>a</i>		
74	Rutin	AP of <i>P.a.</i> and <i>P.x.</i>	83,116	107	13 ² - <i>S</i> -hydroxy-17 ³ -ethoxy-phaeophorbide <i>a</i>	AP of <i>P.g.</i> and <i>P.mal.</i>	110
75	Quercitrin	AP of <i>P.x.</i>	83	108	Triaccontanol		
76	Kaempferol	AP of <i>P.mal.</i> , <i>P.g.</i>	11,107	109	<i>cis-p</i> -coumaric acid ethyl ester		
77	5,8-dihydroxy-7,4'-dimethoxyflavone	AP of <i>P.mal.</i>	108	110	Pavophylline	ST of <i>P.z.</i>	26,120
78	5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone (Acacetin)			111	Methyl-19-ketotetracosanoate		
79	5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxyflavone			112	12-Methyl-tetracosan-9-one	FL of <i>P.z.</i>	121
80	5-hydroxy-3,7,8,4'-tetramethoxyflavone	AP of <i>P.g.</i>	11,110, 117	113	Phenyl-alcohol		
81	5,7,4'-trihydroxy-3,8-dimethoxyflavone			114	Benzoic acid-2-hydroxy-ethyl-ester		
82	5,7,4'-trihydroxy-3-methoxyflavone			115	5aH-3a,12-methano-1H-cyclopropa [5',6'] cyclodeca[1',2',1,5] cyclopenta [1,2-d] [1,3] dioxal-13-one		
83	Kaempferol-3-glucoside (Astragalín)	AP of <i>P.d.</i>	31	116	2,7-diphenyl-1,6 dioxypyridazino[4,5,2',3'] pyrrolo[4',5'-d]pyridazine	RT of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-104,106
84	Dihydrokaempferol (Aromadendrin)	RT of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-104	117	Bicyclo [4, 3, 0] nonan-7-one,1-(2-methoxyvinyl)		
85	Aromadendrene			118	1,5- <i>bis</i> (3-cyclopentyl-propoxy)-1, 13,3,5,5-hexamethyltrisiloxane		
Compounds Phenolics				119	Pavonene*		
86	Gossypol	SD of <i>P.sch.</i>	118	120	Isovaleraldehyde		
87	Gallic acid			121	Azulene		
88	Catechin	AP of <i>P.x.</i>	83	122	Hexahydrofarnesyl-acetone	RT and AP of <i>P.o.</i>	48,102-105
89	Chlorogenic acid			123	6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one		
90	Caffeic acid	AP of <i>P.x.</i> ; LV of <i>P.sepio.</i>	83,119	124	Isopentyl alcohol		
91	Vanillic acid			125	Pentanol		
92	Ferulic acid	LV of <i>P.mul.</i> and <i>P.sepio.</i>	109,119	126	Hexanol		
93	<i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzoic acid			127	Benzyl alcohol		
94	<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	LV of <i>P.mul.</i>	109	128	Phenylethyl alcohol		
95	Salicylic acid			129	2-methoxy- <i>p</i> -cresol		
96	Cinnamic acid			130	2-methoxy-4-vinylphenol	AP of <i>P.o.</i>	105
97	<i>p</i> -Hydroxyphenylacetic acid	LV of <i>P.sepio.</i>	119	131	2,4- <i>bis</i> (1,1-dimethylethyl)-phenol		
98	Gentisic acid			132	Acetophenone		
99	4-[(1 <i>E</i>)-prop-1-en-1-yl]benzoic acid			133	2-nonanone		
				134	Isophorone		
				135	4-keto-isophorone		
				136	<i>p</i> -menth-4-en-3-one		

Table 2. Isolated compounds from *Pavonia* genus (cont.)

Nº	Name	Source	Reference
137	Dihydro-5-pentyl-2-(3H)-furanone		
138	Hexahydropseudoionone		
139	α -ionone		
140	Dihydro- β -ionone		
141	Dihydropseudoionone		
142	β -ionone		
143	4,8,12-trimethyltridecan-4-olide		
144	Phthalic acid		
145	2-pentyl-furan	AP of <i>P.o.</i>	105
146	3-butyl-pyridine		
147	<i>p</i> -allyl-anisole		
148	3-phenylpyridine		
149	Dihydroactinolide		
150	Ageratochromene		
151	Hexadecanolactone		
152	Hexanal		
153	Benzaldehyde		
154	Phenylacetaldehyde		
155	(2 <i>E</i>)-nonen-1-al		

Nº	Name	Source	Reference
156	1,3,4-trimethyl-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxyaldehyde		
157	2-methyl-3-phenyl-propanal		
158	2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzaldehyde		
159	Pentadecanal		
160	<i>p</i> -ethoxy-ethyl-benzoate		
161	Isobutyl-phthalate		
162	Naphthalene	AP of <i>P.o.</i>	105
163	Dodecane		
164	2-methyl-naphthalene		
165	Tetradecane		
166	2,3,6-trimethyl-naphthalene		
167	3-(2-methyl-propenyl)-1H-indene		
168	γ -cadinene		
169	Hexadecane		

Pa.: *P. alnifolia*; *Pc.*: *P. cancellata*; *Pd.*: *P. distinguenda*; *Pg.*: *P. glaziioviana*; *Ph.*: *P. hastata*; *Pl.*: *P. lasiopetala*; *Pmal.*: *P. malacophylla*; *Pmul.*: *P. multiflora*; *Po.*: *P. odorata*; *Psch.*: *P. schiedeana*; *Psepio.*: *P. sepioides*; *Psepiu.*: *P. sepium*; *Pv.*: *P. varians*; *Px.*: *P. xanthogloea*; *Pz.*: *P. zeylanica*. AP: Aerial Parts; FL: Flowers; LV: Leaves; SD: Seeds; ST: Stems; RT: Roots. *chemical structures not reported in the literature.

Studies described in literature review that activities of those compounds depend on the level of unsaturation and the size of hydrocarbons chain, resulting antibacterial, antifungal and antimycobacterial activities.^{123,124} A recent study has shown that *P. malacophylla* and *P. cancellata* have palmitic, oleic and linoleic acids as majoritarian fatty acids.¹²⁵

Eighteen fatty acids have been isolated and identified in species *P. sepium*, *P. odorata* and *P. zeylanica* (Table 2). Palmitic (**3**) and caproic (**10**) fatty acids showed significant activities in preparatory *in silico* studies as having inhibitory properties for the activities of glycerol-kinase enzyme from the fungus *Epidermophyton floccosum*¹⁰⁴ and inhibitory properties for the alcohol-dehydrogenase enzyme from the protozoan *Entamoeba histolytica*.⁵³

Terpenoids and steroids

Terpenoids can be found in several groups of organisms. In plants, they are present under distinct aspects such as volatile molecules or adhered to resins. Their oxygenated, hydrogenated and dehydrogenated derivatives have hydrocarbons as a base-structure, being widely distributed among plant species.¹²⁶

Forty-six terpenoids have been isolated and identified in *P. odorata*, *P. multiflora*, *P. malacophylla*, *P. glaziioviana* and *P. distinguenda*, being the last one of the most common of *Pavonia* species. Terpenoids α -amirine (**19**) and β -amirine (**20**) showed *in vitro* antibacterial activities against *Escherichia coli*.¹⁰⁷ The terpenoid cicloart-23Z-en-3 β -25-diol (**28**) also presented *in vitro* antimicrobial activities against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilopsis* e *Aspergillus fumigatus*.¹¹⁰

Compounds loliolide (**26**) and the taraxerol *p*-metoxybenzoate (**27**) have demonstrated significant *in vitro* activities on the inhibition of electrons flux in photosystem II of plants, therefore allowing those molecules to become future candidates to herbicides as they prevent photosynthesis.¹²⁷

Steroids are a minority class in *Pavonia* genus, with only five isolated compounds (**65-69**). Phytosteroids share as common structure ciclopentanoperidrofenantrene as carbonic skeleton, being β -sitosterol and stigmasterol the most common steroids of this genus and commonly encountered attached to sugar monomers.¹²⁸

Flavonoids and phenolic compounds

Flavonoids are the most important and diversified class of phenolic compounds among natural products, being relatively abundant secondary metabolites and responsible for several functions in plants' organisms.¹²⁹

Seventeen flavonoids have been isolated from *Pavonia* species, being sixteen of those members of subclass flavone (**70-84**) and one, to flavanonol subclass (**85**). Many isolated flavonoids have glycosids attached to their structures.

Among the isolated compounds, flavonoid 5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxyflavone (**79**) has demonstrated *in vitro* antimicrobial, *in silico* anticancer, *in vitro* antineoplastic, *in vitro* antiprotozoal and *in vitro* photoprotective activities.^{130,131}

The compound tiliroside (**70**) has demonstrated *in vitro* and *in vivo* antihypertensive activities, leading to reduction of peripheric vascular and vasorelaxant resistances by blocking the Calcium channels dependent of voltage (Ca_v) in cells of vascular smooth muscle (VSMCs);¹³² *in vitro* antimicrobial activity;^{31,107} *in silico* antidiabetic activity through interaction with human pancreatic α -amylase enzyme;¹¹⁴ *in vitro* anticancer and anticolinesterasic activities.³¹

Nineteen phenolic compounds (**87-105**) have been identified and isolated from the species *P. xanthogloea*, *P. sepioides*, *P. multiflora* and *P. schiedeana*. Studies demonstrated that those compounds presented different activities. Gross ethanolic extract and fractions of ethyl acetated from extractive process of *P. sepioides* leaves have shown a large quantity of phenolic compounds present on the samples, which

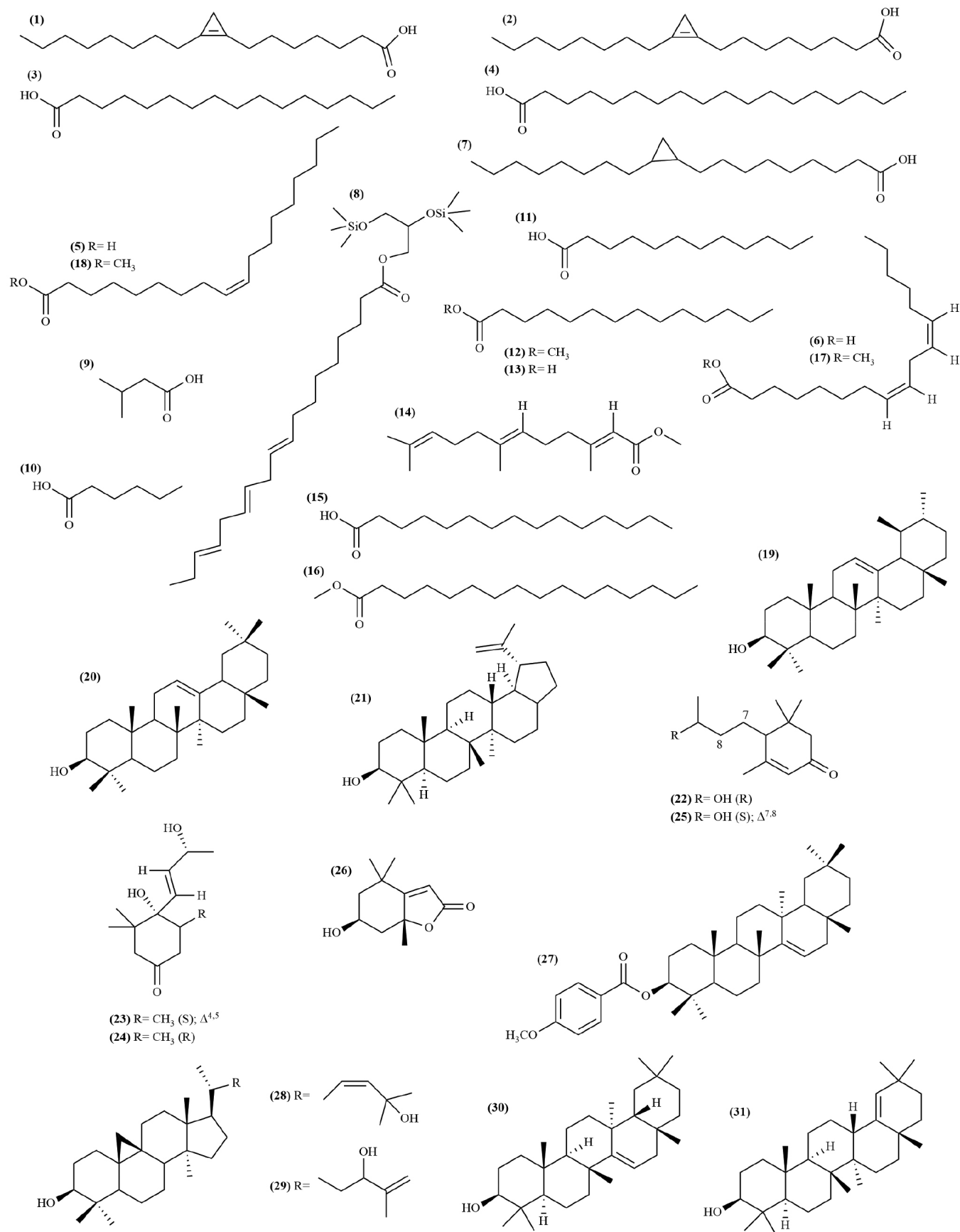


Figure 2. Compounds isolated from Pavonia species

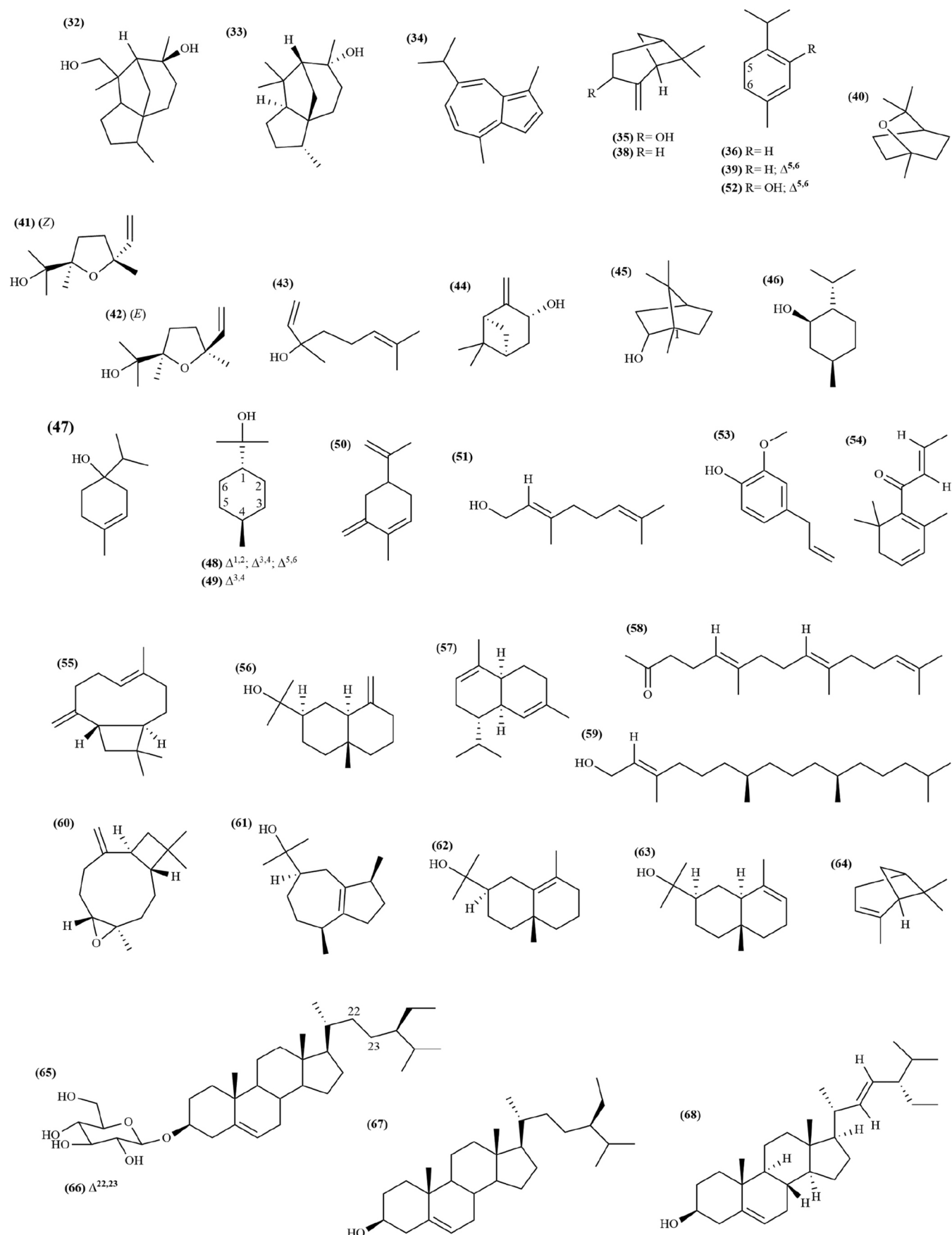


Figure 2. Compounds isolated from *Pavonia* species (cont.)

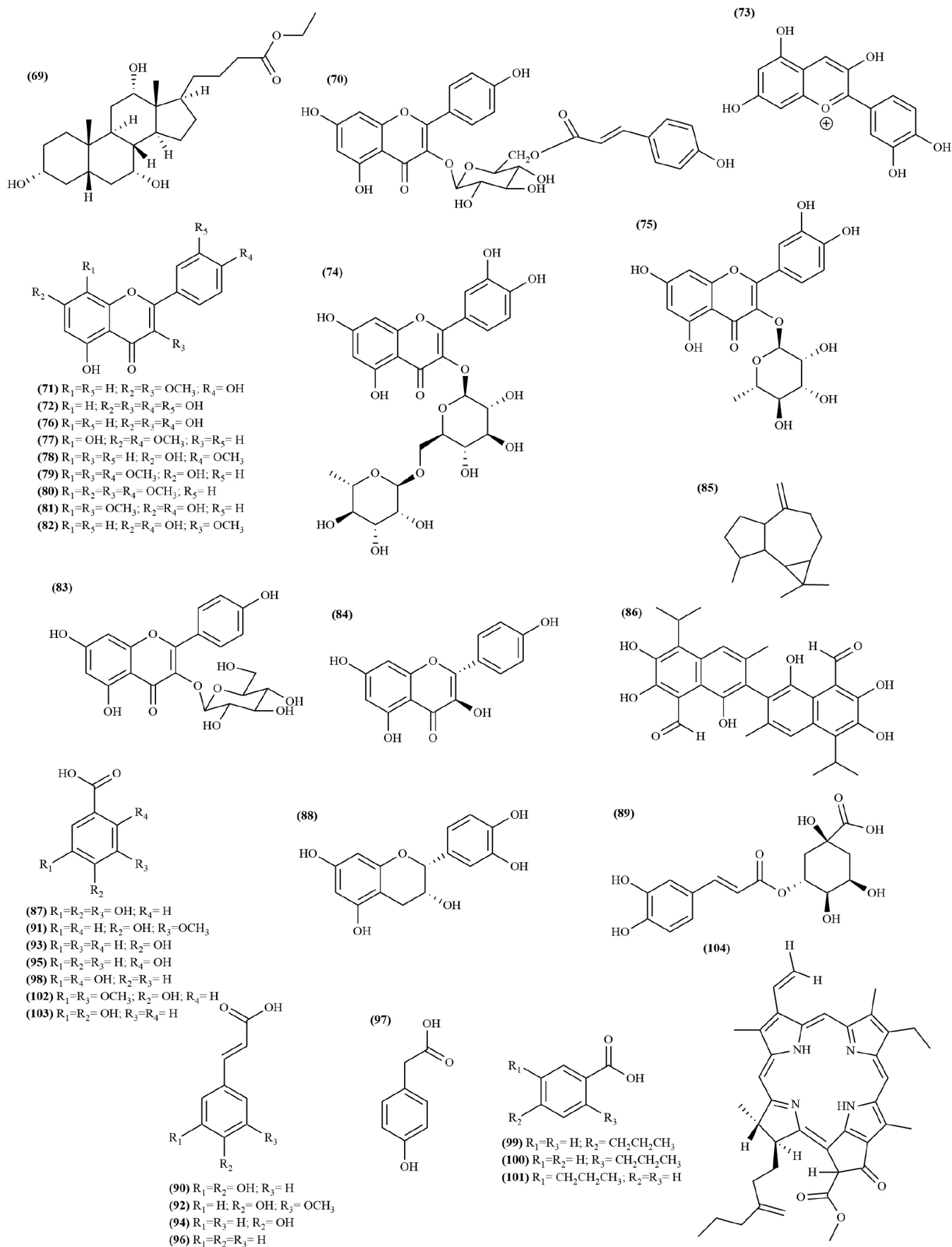


Figure 2. Compounds isolated from Pavonia species (cont.)

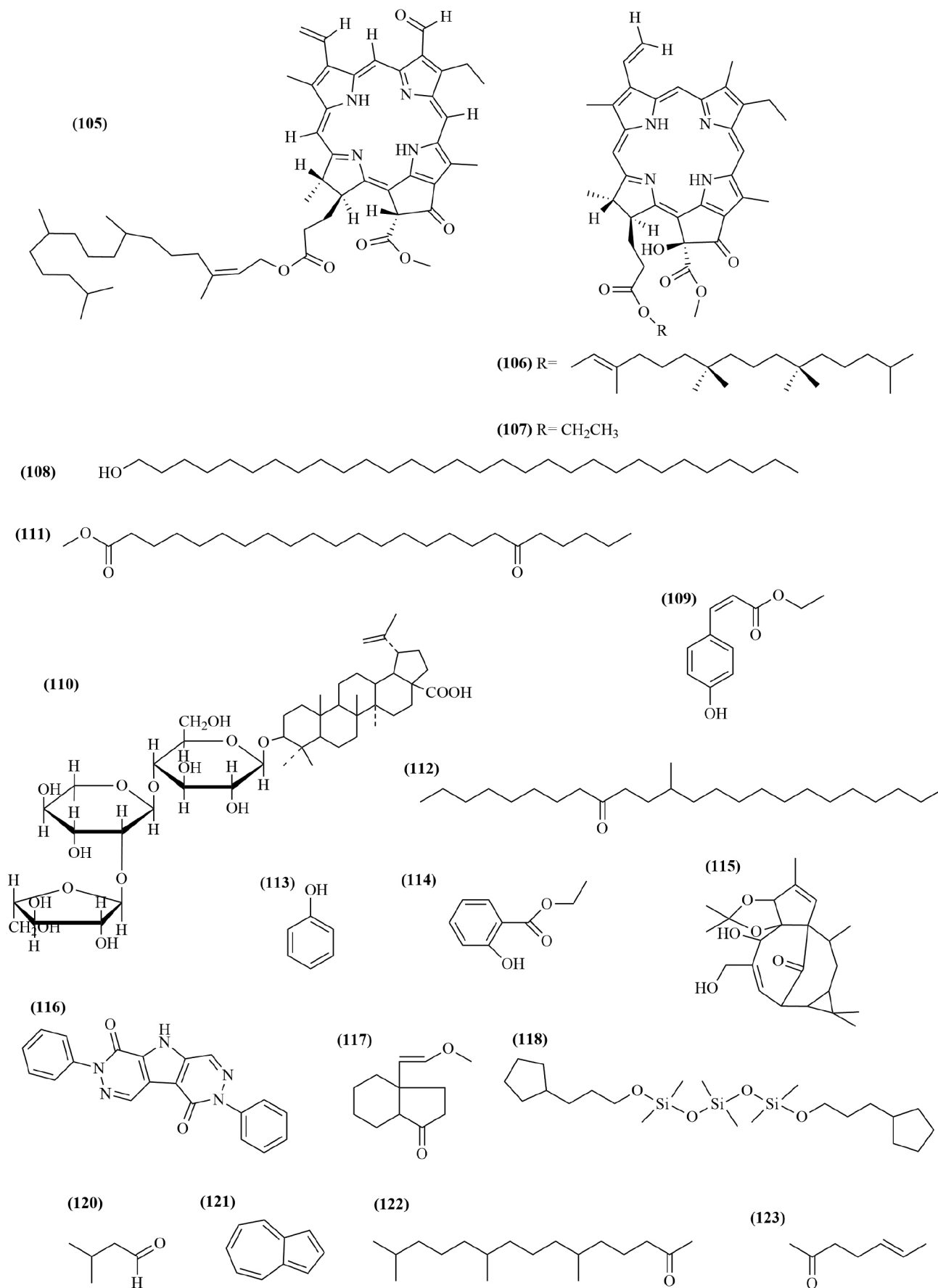


Figure 2. Compounds isolated from *Pavonia* species (cont.)

explains the antioxidant activity of those substances against free radicals inhibitions tests through the methods of DPPH and ABTS.¹¹⁹

Besides that species, other studies have shown a large potential of antioxidant activity as a primordial activity of those phenolic compounds such as described for *P. xanthogloea*, *P. zeylanica*, *P. odorata*, *P. distinguenda*, *P. varians*, *P. glazioviana* and *P. procumbens*.^{31,44,82,83,90,105,117,133-135}

Other compounds

Differently from previously mentioned compounds, other classes of secondary metabolites have been isolated and identified in a lesser frequency on *Pavonia* species. Among those compounds, we can list alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, pheophytins and hydrocarbons (106-171) (Table 2, Figure 2).

Chaves¹⁰⁷ has conducted a phytochemical study of *P. malacophylla*, isolating and identifying the compound 17³-ethoxy-phaeophorbide A (104), which has presented *in vitro* antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*.

Pharmacological study

Several pharmacological activities involving *Pavonia* species have been arousing interest of scientific community hence there is a large collection of reports of their use in folk medicine. Researches have been developed to confirm the anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antioxidant, cytotoxic, antitumoral, antidiabetic, antimicrobial and antiviral potential of *Pavonia* species through scientific analysis (Table 3).

Anti-inflammatory and analgesic activities

Plants constitute a vast and precious source of natural products, which are essential to human health as they play several biological roles such as anti-inflammatory and analgesic activities, as it has been demonstrated by some studies over extracts and isolated compounds.¹⁰⁶

Alcoholic extract of *P. zeylanica* leaves has shown *in vivo* anti-inflammatory activity in rat foot edema induced by carrageenan and

Table 3. *In vitro*, *in vivo*, and *in silico* biological studies reported from *Pavonia* genus

Species	Material used	Experimental model	Reference
Anti-inflammatory and Analgesic Activity			
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves alcoholic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - anti-inflammatory and antinociceptive by inhibition the arachidonic acid pathway	88
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves and stems aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> - anti-inflammatory and analgesic	136
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - anti-inflammatory activity by inhibition protein denaturation	90
<i>P.o.</i>	Roots extract	Anti-inflammatory activity	137
<i>P.o.</i>	Roots methanolic, chloroform and ethyl acetate extract	<i>In vitro</i> - anti-inflammatory	106
Antioxidant Activity			
<i>P.x.</i>	Aerial parts hexane fractions, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate, n-butanol, and water ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of DPPH, H ₂ O ₂ and sodium nitroprusside radicals (SNP)	83
<i>P.v.</i>	Aerial parts hydroalcoholic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - stabilization of radicals free DPPH	82
<i>P.gla.</i>	Aerial parts ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of DPPH radicals	117,134
<i>P.pro.</i>	Leaves methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of ABTS radicals	135
<i>P.d.</i>	Aerial parts methanolic extract and hexane fraction	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of DPPH radicals	31
<i>P.sep.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract, hexane fraction, dichloromethane fraction, ethyl acetate fraction and aqueous fraction	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of DPPH and ABTS radicals	119
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of radicals free	90
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant methanolic extract, hydroalcoholic fractions and ethyl acetate	<i>In vivo</i> - inhibition of lipoperoxidation	44
<i>P.o.</i>	Aerial parts essential oils	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of ORAC radicals	105
<i>P.o.</i>	Leaves aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of FRAP, NO radicals and reduction of phosphomolybdenum	133
Antitumor and Cytotoxic Activity			
<i>P.gla.</i>	5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxy flavone	<i>In silico</i> - uterine and ovarian anticancer; <i>In vitro</i> - antineoplastic activity against sarcoma, carcinoma, melanoma and squamous cells	130,131
<i>P.d.</i>	Methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - anticancer activity against leukemia, ovary, colon, prostate, kidney, breast, resistant breast, lung and melanoma; cytotoxic for <i>Artemia salina</i> larvae	31
	Hexane fraction		
	Dichloromethane fraction		
<i>P.o.</i>	Tiliroside	<i>In vitro</i> - Erlich's ascites carcinoma (EAC) and cytotoxic	44
	Whole plant methanolic extract, hydroalcoholic and ethyl acetate fractions		
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - lung and human breast cancers	138
Antidiabetic Activity			
<i>P.v.</i>	Tiliroside	<i>In silico</i> - interaction by the human pancreatic α -amylase enzyme	114

Table 3. *In vitro*, *in vivo*, and *in silico* biological studies reported from *Pavonia* genus (cont.)

Species	Material used	Experimental model	Reference
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> – reduced blood sugar levels	86,136
	Leaves and stems aqueous extract		
<i>P.o.</i>	Roots extract	<i>In vitro</i> – reduced blood sugar levels	139
Antimicrobial and Antiviral Activity			
<i>P.mal.</i>	Mixture of α -amirine and β -amirine 17 ³ -ethoxy-pheforbide A Tiliroside Acetate Fraction	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Candida albicans</i>	107
	Hexane:Acetate (9:1) fraction		
	Hexane:Acetate (1:1) fraction		
	Acetate:Methanol (9:1) fraction		
	Acetate:Methanol (1:1) fraction		
<i>P.gla.</i>	Aerial parts Crude Ethanolic Extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , <i>Candida tropicalis</i> , <i>Candida parapsilopsis</i> , <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> and <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	131
	5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxy flavone Cicloart-23Z-en-3 β , 25-diol		
<i>P.pro.</i>	Leaves methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> and <i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	63
<i>P.u.</i>	Roots methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> , <i>Fusarium culmorum</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> and <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> .	76,77
<i>P.spi.</i>	Whole plant ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	140
<i>P.d.</i>	Aerial parts methanolic extract, hexane, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and n- butanolic fractions	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> , <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Salmonella setubal</i>	31
	Tiliroside		
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves dichloromethane extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	85
	Leaves ethyl acetate extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Escherichia coli</i>	
	Leaves diethyl ether extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	
	Leaves methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	
<i>P.o.</i>	Rhizomes essential oil	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , <i>Bacillus mycoides</i> , <i>Diplococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Salmonella typhi</i> H, <i>Salmonella paratyphi</i> A., <i>Shigella flexneri</i> , <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> Ogawa, <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella sp.</i> ; <i>Helminthosporium sp.</i> , <i>Fusarium solani</i> , <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> , <i>Aspergillus niger</i> , <i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> , <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> , <i>Botrydiodia sp.</i> , <i>Alternaria sp.</i> , <i>Rhizophus nodosus</i> , <i>Colletotrichum capsici</i> , <i>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</i> , <i>Chrysosporium indicum</i> and <i>Rhizoctonia sp.</i>	35,141-143
<i>P.o.</i>	Roots methanolic, chloroform and ethyl acetate extracts	<i>In vitro</i> – <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and <i>Candida albicans</i>	106
<i>P.o.</i>	Caproic and palmitic acids	<i>In silico</i> – inhibition of the activity of the glycerol kinase enzyme of <i>Epidermophyton floccosum</i>	104
Other Activities			
<i>P.c.</i>	Tiliroside	<i>In vitro e in vivo</i> – antihypertensive activity by reducing resistance peripheral vascular and vasorelaxing by blocking voltage-gated calcium channels (CaV) in vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs)	132
<i>P.gle.</i>	Leaves aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> – phytopesticidal activity against termites	144
<i>P.l.</i>	Leaves aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> - antiurolytic activity (inhibition of calcium oxalate nucleation by disintegrating into smaller particles with increasing fraction concentrations)	34
<i>P.pra.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – inhibition of tyrosinase enzyme	145
<i>P.sch.</i>	Aerial parts methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - Antiretroviral activity (reverse transcriptase inhibition)	146,147
<i>P.sch.</i>	Aqueous extract	Promoter of peripheral vascular blood flow; improves dryness and roughness of the skin and stimulates hair growth	148
<i>P.sen.</i>	Leaves aqueous ethanolic extracts	It does not present acute toxicity, however after 28 days the extract becomes nephrotoxic and slightly hepatotoxic	68
<i>P.a.</i>	Stems hydroethanolic extract	<i>In vivo e in vitro</i> - dose-dependent hypotensive and ACE inhibitor	116
<i>P.a.</i>	Stems ethanolic extract	<i>In vivo</i> - gastroprotective activity	149
<i>P.mul.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibitor of cathepsins K and V	109

Table 3. *In vitro*, *in vivo*, and *in silico* biological studies reported from *Pavonia* genus (cont.)

Species	Material used	Experimental model	Reference
<i>P.mul.</i>	Loliolide	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of electron flow in photosystem II	127
	Taraxerol <i>p</i> -methoxybenzoate		
<i>P.gla.</i>	5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxy flavone	<i>In vitro</i> – antiprotozoan (<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>) <i>In vitro</i> - photoprotective activity with a high level of protection (25.01 FPS)	130,131
<i>P.d.</i>	Tiliroside	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of acetylcholinesterase (AChE) activity	31
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - larvicide against <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	150
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves methanolic, hexanic, chloroformic, ethyl acetate and acetic	<i>In vitro</i> - larvicide against <i>Anopheles stephensi</i> and <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	151
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves and stems ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – laxative activity	136
<i>P.z.</i>	Leaves ethanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> - inhibition of denaturation of albumin, stabilization of the erythrocyte membrane and protection against hemolysis	90
<i>P.o.</i>	Rhizomes essential oil	<i>In vitro</i> – anthelmintic against tapeworms and roundworms	35,141-143
<i>P.o.</i>	Rhizomes essential oil	<i>In vitro</i> - Hypotensive, antispasmodic and intestinal relaxant	36
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant extract	Antirheumatic, antiasthmatic/antibronchial activities	137
<i>P.o.</i>	Roots aqueous and alcoholic extracts	<i>In vitro</i> – anthelmintic against <i>Pheretima postuma</i>	152
<i>P.o.</i>	Leaves methanolic extract	<i>In vitro</i> – larvicidal and repellent activity against <i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Anopheles stephensi</i> and <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	153
<i>P.o.</i>	Caproic, palmitic acids and hexahydro-pharnesyl-acetone	<i>In silico</i> – inhibition of the activity of the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase of <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	53
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> – inhibits the formation of minerals in urine samples	154
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant aqueous extract	<i>In vitro</i> – controls human urinary calculogenesis	155
<i>P.o.</i>	Whole plant extract	Antiparasitic activity against <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	29

P.a.: *P. alnifolia*; *P.c.*: *P. cancellata*; *P.d.*: *P. distinguenda*; *P.gla.*: *P. glazioviana*; *P.gle.*: *P. glechomifolia*; *P.l.*: *P. lasiopetala*; *P.mal.*: *P. malacophylla*; *P.mul.*: *P. multiflora*; *P.o.*: *P. odorata*; *P.pra.*: *P. praemorsa*; *P.pro.*: *P. procumbens*; *P.sch.*: *P. schiedeana*; *P.sen.*: *P. senegalensis*; *P.sep.*: *P. sepioides*; *P.spi.*: *P. spinifex*; *P.u.*: *P. urens*; *P.v.*: *P. varians*; *P.x.*: *P. xanthogloea*; *P.z.*: *P. zeylanica*.

in vivo antinociceptive activity by inhibition of arachidonic acid formation.⁸⁸ Methanolic, chloroformic and ethyl acetate extracts of *P. odorata* roots have also demonstrated *in vivo* anti-inflammatory activity in albino rat foot edema induced by carrageenan.¹⁰⁶ (Table 3).

Antioxidant activity

Antioxidants are substances that control the action of free radicals, minimizing the risk of diseases, specially those related to oxidative damage on nervous system. Naturally, some enzymes are responsible for the protection of harmful effects of free radicals, such as catalase and dismutase superoxide, as well as natural products with antioxidant action such as ascorbic acid, tocopherol, phenolics and flavonoids.¹³³

The evaluation of antioxidant activity of extracts from the aerial parts of *Pavonia* species has shown the presence of phenolics and flavonoids as its constituents, having those compounds demonstrated a huge antioxidant potential in tests through the methods DPPH (1,1-diphenyl-2-picryl-hydrazil), H₂O₂ (hydrogen peroxide), NO (nitric oxide), ABTS (2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid), FRAP (Ferric Reduction Antioxidant Power), SNP (Sodium Nitroprussiate radicals), phosphomolybdenum reduction, ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) and TBARS (Thiobarbituric Acid Reactive Substances) (Table 3).

Cytotoxic and anticancer activities

Cancer is one of the most lethal diseases that affects humankind. Some phytochemical studies have demonstrated anticancer potentials in several plants due to their chemoprotective and antioxidant properties, which make plants an option to minimize the adverse effects of conventional cancer treatments.¹⁵⁶

Extracts and isolated compounds from *P. glazioviana*,

P. distinguenda and *P. odorata* have demonstrated anticancer activities. The tiliroside flavonoid isolated from *P. distinguenda* has shown *in vitro* anticancer activity against leukemic, ovarian, colon, prostate, kidney, breast, resistant breast and melanoma cells, besides being cytotoxic to *Artemia salina* larvae.³¹

Other flavonoid isolated from *P. glazioviana* (5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxyflavone) (**79**) has shown *in silico* anticancer activity against carcinogen uterine and ovarian cells, while having *in vitro* antineoplastic activity against sarcoma, carcinoma, melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma.^{130,131}

Extracts from the whole plant of *P. odorata* has shown *in vitro* anticancer activity against Ehrlich Ascites Carcinoma (EAC), lung and breast cancer.^{44,138}

Antidiabetic activity

Several plants are used by folk medicine worldwide against diabetes.⁸⁶ Some of the species quoted in literature are *P. zeylanica* and *P. odorata*. Extracts from their leaves, stems and roots have been evaluated regarding their *in vitro* antidiabetic activity, being constated a significant reduction of glucose levels in bloodstream.^{86,136,139}

In silico hypoglycemic activity of the tiliroside flavonoid isolated from *P. varians* through the interaction of this compound with human pancreatic α -amylase enzyme presented a lesser linking energy of -9.4 kcal/mol, being more stable in its active site when compared to the standard drug acarbose, that presented an energy of -7.6 kcal/mol.¹¹⁴

Antimicrobial activity

Bacterial resistance has been increasing significantly in the last years, which leads to high mortalities caused by generalized infections. This fact is a consequence of ungovernable use of

antibiotics. For those reasons, the search for new natural compounds with antimicrobial activity and new action mechanisms if necessary for the control of such micro-organisms.¹⁴⁰

Extracts, fractions and compounds isolated from *Pavonia* species have shown a great antimicrobial potential that has already been described in literature. Among the compounds that were tested against several fungal and bacterial lineages, we have α -amirine (**19**), β -amirine (**20**), 17³-ethoxy-phaeophorbide A (**104**)¹⁰⁷ isolated from *P. malacophylla*, cycloart-23Z-en-3 β ,25-diol (**28**), 5,7-dihydroxy-3,8,4'-trimethoxyflavone (**79**)¹¹⁰ isolated from *P. glazioviana*, tiliroside (**70**)^{31,107} isolated from *P. malacophylla* e *P. distinguenda* and caproic (**10**) and palmitic (**3**)¹⁰⁴ acids identified in *P. odorata* (Table 3).

Other activities

Other activities have been related for *Pavonia* species. Methanolic extract from *P. odorata* leaves has shown *in vitro* larvicide and repellent activities against *Aedes aegypti*, *Anopheles stephensi* and *Culex quinquefasciatus*.¹⁵³ Researches have shown anti-hypertensive,^{36,116,132} anti-helminthic,^{35,141-143,152} anti-urolithic,³⁴ gastroprotective,¹⁴⁹ laxative,¹³⁶ photoprotective,¹³¹ antiretroviral^{146,147} and several other kinds of activities.

Furthermore, a study on *P. senegalensis* has showed that fresh liquid ethanolic extract of leaves has not a very strong toxicity, becoming nephrotoxic and slightly hepatotoxic after 28 days.⁶⁸

CONCLUSIONS

Pavonia Cav. is one of the largest genus on Malvaceae *sensu lato* family and has showed different biologic activities amongst its species, which have already been mentioned in literature and scientific proved. Studies have shown that fatty acids, terpenoids, flavonoids and phenolics are the most common classes of secondary metabolites on this genus. Pharmacological *in vivo*, *in vitro* and *in silico* tests have given the researches promissory results due to the presence of those compounds, both isolated and present on the extracts, corroborating the reports of use of those herbs in folk medicine.

Nonetheless, there is a major need of keep exploring chemical and biological potentials of *Pavonia* species, both already and never studied, since medicinal plants are almost inexhaustible sources of bioactive molecules that can help the treatment and cure of several diseases that affect human populations worldwide.

This paper is a database with very relevant information from both phytochemical and biological studies of *Pavonia* species that can be further explored, aiming to understand the use of *Pavonia* by traditional medicine in various diseases, becoming alternatives for therapies by the use of these natural products with emphasis on the benefit of the world population.

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