# *IN VITRO* RADICAL-SCAVENGING ACTIVITY, TOXICITY AGAINST *A. salina*, AND NMR PROFILES OF EXTRACTS OF LICHENS COLLECTED FROM BRAZIL AND ANTARCTICA

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Extracts of six lichen species collected from Brazil and Antarctica were investigated for their potential toxicity and radical-scavenging properties. The composition of the extracts was investigated using TLC and NMR, leading to identification of atranorin (1), along with salazinic (2), barbatic (3),  $\alpha$ -alectoronic (4),  $\alpha$ -collatolic (5), cryptochlorophaeic (6), caperatic (7), lobaric (8), and protolichesterinic (9) acids. All acetone extracts were evaluated for their 2,2'-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging ability and subjected to *Artemia salina* bioassay. The free-radical-scavenging activities of each extract (100 µg) ranged from 8.9 ± 0.1% to 38.7 ± 2.5% and the EC<sub>50</sub> values ranged from 0.24 ± 2.10 to 3.54 ± 0.28 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>, while the toxicity of the extracts against *A. salina* were low (151.0 to >600 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>).

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## INTRODUCTION

Plants, fungi, mosses, algae, and lichens are responsible for the production of numerous compounds with enormous structural diversity, primarily classified according to their biosynthetic origins. Among these, phenolic compounds, such as flavonoids, tannins, xanthones, caffeic acid and its analogues, and resveratrol, are potent antioxidants and free-radical scavengers, which exert a potent inhibitory effect against oxidative damage to human cells-impairment that can lead to diseases such as cancer, osteoporosis, and degenerative conditions.<sup>1</sup> Phenolic compounds are important antiviral, anti-inflammatory, antiatherosclerotic, and anticancer agents, and are also known for their cardioprotective effect, among other properties.<sup>2</sup> Among natural phenolic compounds, those generated by lichens have been widely studied for their potential activity. The biosynthesis of these compounds in lichens occurs via two major routes: acetate-polymalonate and shikimic acid pathways. The acetate-polymalonate pathway accounts for production of the majority of typical lichenic substances, such as depsides, depsidones, dibenzofurans, usnic acids, anthraquinones, xanthones, and higher aliphatic acids. The shikimic acid pathway is the source for pulvinic acid derivatives. Non-phenolic substances, including terpenes, steroids, and carotenoids, are synthesized through the mevalonate route.<sup>3</sup> Because lichens are potential sources of pharmacologically active compounds, investigations to evaluate the biological activities (antimicrobial, antiviral, antitumor, antioxidant, allelopathic, etc.),4 including free-radical--scavenging activity<sup>5</sup> of their extracts or the isolated compounds (and their structurally modified analogues) have been conducted.

Despite the potential radical-scavenging activity of many phenolic compounds, these compounds can be toxic and pose health risks. Therefore, extract toxicity is a crucial feature; however, it can be easily evaluated by assaying the extracts against the brine shrimp *Artemia salina*. This assay has proven to be excellent for preliminary screening of the toxicity of compounds; the indicated toxicity is subsequently evaluated by additional tests. Nonetheless, despite its advantages, the *A. salina* assay has seldom been used for lichen extracts or for compounds isolated from lichens.<sup>6</sup> To identify new sources of anti-oxidizing agents and free-radicalscavenging compounds potentially useful as food additives or in cosmetics and other products of interest, several studies have addressed the antioxidant activity of plant and lichen extracts, however, only few have identified the compounds responsible for these properties.<sup>7</sup>

With a view to expand the available knowledge on free-radical scavengers, the present study evaluates the extracts of six lichens in a TLC-based 2,2'-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging assay. Free-radical-scavenging activity was quantified spectrophotometrically and toxicity was evaluated on *A. salina* larvae. TLC and NMR analyses were used to elucidate the composition of each extract.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table 1 shows the results obtained from free-radical-scavenging activity assay,  $EC_{50}$  values, and that from the toxicity assay. In terms of free-radical-scavenging activity (FRSA) and  $EC_{50}$  values, the most promising extracts were those of *P. wainioi* and *C. cryptochlorophaea* (FRSA% = 28.14 ± 0.41% and 38.7 ± 2.5%;  $EC_{50} = 0.56 \pm 1.34$  and 0.24 ± 2.1 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Extracts of *P. cetratum*, *C. aggregata*, and *S. alpinum* exhibited inhibitory potentials ranging from 12.53% to 13.85% and  $EC_{50}$  values of 1.88 ± 0.76 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (for *P. cetratum*), 3.54 ± 0.28 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (for *C. aggregata*), and 1.55 ± 0.9 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> (for *S. alpinum*), while *P. mesotropum* extract showed the lowest activity (8.9 ± 0.1% and  $EC_{50}$  of 3.13 ± 0.56 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>). However, extracts of *P. wainioi*, *C. cryptochlorophaea*, and *C. aggregata* were less toxic to *A. salina* than those of *P. mesotropum*, *P. cetratum*, and *S. alpinum*.

TLC and NMR were used to investigate the nature of compounds present in the extracts. All the extracts contained at least one compound exhibiting DPPH radical scavenging activity as determined by TLC bioautography. When visualized with methanol:sulfuric acid and *p*-anisaldehyde or FeCl<sub>3</sub> solutions, constituent phenolic compounds separated by TLC in each extract could be identified. NMR spectra of all species showed chemical shift signals that led to structural characterization of the principal compounds, while signals of lower intensity were attributed to functional groups present in minor constituents.

| Extracts             | % dry wt. | $\begin{array}{c} DPPH \\ (FRSA\%)^a \\ EC_{50} (mg \ mL^{-1})^b \end{array}$ | A. salina<br>(LC <sub>50</sub> in $\mu g$ mL <sup>-1</sup> , 95% CI) <sup>c</sup> | Extract composition                                    |  |
|----------------------|-----------|---|---|--|--|
| C. cryptochlorophaea | 33.3      | 38.7±2.5<br>0.24±2.10   | >600.0 µg mL <sup>-1</sup>  | Atranorin<br>Cryptochlorophaeic acid<br>Caperatic acid |  |
| P. wainioi           | 25.6      | 28.14±0.41<br>0.56±1.34   | >600.0 µg mL <sup>-1</sup>  | Atranorin<br>α-Alectoronic acid<br>α-Collatolic acid   |  |
| S. alpinum           | 15.3      | 13.85±0.90<br>1.55±0.90   | 151.25 μg mL <sup>-1</sup><br>(99.0 – 231.1)                                      | Atranorin<br>Lobaric acid                              |  |
| C. aggregata         | 7.1       | 13.25±0.10<br>3.54±0.28   | 690.6 μg mL <sup>-1</sup><br>(370.5 – 1287.0)                                     | Atranorin<br>Barbatic acid                             |  |
| P. cetratum          | 21.0      | 12.5±0.4<br>1.88±0.76   | 383.5 µg mL <sup>-1</sup><br>(110.9 – 1325.7)                                     | Atranorin<br>Salazinic acid                            |  |
| P. mesotropum        | 5.8       | 8.9±0.1<br>3.13±0.56  | 207.3 μg mL <sup>-1</sup><br>(95.0 – 452.0)                                       | Atranorin<br>Protolichesterinic acid                   |  |
| Orcinol              | _         | 22.60±0.58<br>1.48±0.65   | <50.00 µg mL <sup>-1</sup>  | _  |  |
| Quinine sulfate      | _         | NT  | 65.70 μg mL <sup>-1</sup><br>(23.5 – 183.4)                                       | _  |  |

Table 1. Composition and activity of lichen extracts

 ${}^{a}$ FRSA%: free-radical-scavenging activity of extract (100 µg);  ${}^{b}$ EC<sub>50</sub>: concentration of extract in the reaction mixture needed to decrease the initial DPPH concentration by 50%;  ${}^{c}$ LC<sub>50</sub>: concentration that causes 50% death; 95% CI: 95% confidence interval. NT: not tested.

The phenolic compounds in the extracts are derived from orsellinic or  $\beta$ -methyl orsellinic acids. Depsides and depsidones derived from orsellinic acid have alkyl groups (one, three, five, or seven carbons) linked to C-6 and C-6'. Phenolic hydroxyls (either free or as a methoxy group) occur at C-2, C-4, C-2', and C-4'. In the depsidone structures, in addition to the ester linkage between aromatic rings, an ether linkage between C-2 and C-5' is present. In addition to -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>OH, -CHO, or -COOH groups linked to C-3 and C-3', depsides and depsidones derived from  $\beta$ -methyl orsellinic acid have the same substituent groups as the depsides and depsidones derived from orsellinic acid.<sup>8</sup>

Analysis of the NMR spectra and chromatographic behavior led to identification of the compounds in each extract (Figure 1) and indicated those with DPPH-scavenging properties.

Atranorin (1), a depside, was present in all the extracts investigated. TLC and NMR spectra provided evidence of its presence. Evidence from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR include low-intensity signals at 3.80-3.93 ppm corresponding to a methyl ester, four signals at 10.20-12.55 ppm corresponding to the hydrogen of the CHO and three hydroxyls, and two singlets at 6.40 and 6.70 ppm corresponding to hydrogens on C-5 and C-5'. Evidence from <sup>13</sup>C- and DEPT-135 NMR spectra include signals at 192.0-193.9 ppm (for CHO), at 109.0–109.8 and 115.6-116.0 ppm (C-5 and C-5' methine carbons), at 52.0–53.0 ppm (methyl ester), and those at 24.0-25.0, 20.0-22.0, and 9.0-9.8 ppm (three methyls attached to aromatic rings).<sup>9</sup> Chromatographic migration of atranorin was compared against an authentic sample (not shown).

*P. cetratum* – According to Hale and Fletcher,<sup>10</sup> this species contains atranorin, along with salazinic and consalazinic acids; all substances of taxonomic relevance. TLC of its extract revealed atranorin (1,  $R_f = 0.73$ ) and salazinic acid (2,  $R_f = 0.33$ ). Consalazinic acid was not detected in the extract, probably occurring at low concentration in this lichen. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral analysis identified intense signals at 4.69, 6.91, and 10.49 ppm, which are assigned to two hydrogens of a methylene group (–CH<sub>2</sub>OH), one methine hydrogen (C-5), and an aldehyde proton, respectively. In addition, a large signal at 8.37 ppm indicates a hydroxyl linked to a lactol ring. These signals can be assigned to the depsidone, salazinic acid. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectrum, the signals at 52.7, 192.8, and 94.7 ppm confirm methylene, aldehyde, and lactol carbons, respectively. These and additional signals confirm the presence of salazinic acid.<sup>11</sup> Low-intensity signals in <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra could be due to atranorin. The NMR spectrum of the acetone extract of *P. cetratum* did not exhibit signals identifying consalazinic acid. *P. cetratum* therefore contains atranorin and salazinic acid, both of which proved to exhibit DPPH scavenging ability. However, FRSA of the extract (100 µg) was low (12.5 ± 0.4%). The EC<sub>50</sub> was 1.88 ± 0.76 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> and the toxicity to *A. salina* (LC<sub>50</sub>) was 383.5 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>.

Cladia aggregata – According to Ahti *et al.*,<sup>12</sup> *C. aggregata* contains stictic, constictic, norstictic, and cryptostictic acids. Elsewhere in Brazil and through most of the range of *C. aggregata*, a barbatic acid chemotype is dominant. TLC of the acetone extract revealed one spot with  $R_f = 0.46$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the compound contained four sets of signals which are attributed to methyl groups, one methyl ether (3.84 ppm), two aromatic hydrogens (6.60 and 6.68 ppm), and one –OH group at 10.73 ppm. Comparison of NMR data of the predominant compound with that of an authentic sample of purified barbatic acid (**3**) (depside) confirmed the structure of the compound. TLC revealed the DPPH scavenging activity of **3**. Toxicity, however, was low (LC<sub>50</sub> = 690.6 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>), and 100 µg of the extract inhibited 13.25 ± 0.10% of DPPH activity while the EC<sub>50</sub> value was 3.54 ± 0.28 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>.

*Parmotrema wainioi* – The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra contained less intense chemical shifts. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, a large singlet at 10.94 ppm suggests a hydroxyl in a lactol ring. A multiplet (resembling a triplet) at 2.58 ppm indicates the presence of a deshielded –CH<sub>2</sub>– group, adjacent to a single –CH<sub>2</sub>– group, hence the possibility that the –CH<sub>2</sub>– group is linked to a carbonyl group. Such hydrogens are present in α-alectoronic (**4**) and α-collatolic (**5**) acids. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the extract exhibits an agglomeration of signals in the region below 4 ppm, making it difficult to assign the chemical shifts accurately, which is not surprising given the structural similarity of these compounds. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum also shows









CH<sub>3</sub>

Figure 1. Structures of compounds 1-9 identified in the lichen extracts

a number of signals in the region of aliphatic carbons. The intense signals in this spectrum include one at 13.90 ppm, characteristic of a alkyl terminal -CH<sub>3</sub>, and several others in the 22-40 ppm range, attributed to -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups. Signals at 207.2 and 209.4 ppm correspond to ketone carbonyls, while two deshielded signals at 42.8 and 48.0 ppm can be attributed to methylenes located in the vicinity of the ketone groups. Many signals appear to be duplicated in the 13C-NMR spectrum, owing to the structural similarity of the two depsidones, which only differ by the methoxyl subtituent at C-4 of  $\alpha$ -collatolic acid. These and other signals in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum indicate the presence of both  $\alpha$ -alectoronic (4) and  $\alpha$ -collatolic (5) acids in the extract.<sup>13</sup> These data were confirmed by TLC analysis;  $\alpha$ -alectoronic  $(R_f = 0.15)$  and  $\alpha$ -collatolic  $(R_f = 0.36)$  acids were well visualized with methanol:FeCl<sub>3</sub>. Compounds 4 and 5 proved to be active against DPPH free radical activity, 100  $\mu$ g of the extract inhibited 28.14 ± 0.41% of the activity and had an  $EC_{50} = 0.56 \pm 1.34$  mg mL<sup>-1</sup>. Toxicity was low (LC<sub>50</sub> > 600  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>).

Canoparmelia cryptochlorophaea - TLC showed three spots,

one of them corresponded to a tranorin ( $R_t = 0.71$ ). The NMR spectrum showed signals attributable to atranorin, in addition to signals corresponding to -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups. These groups can be indicative of alkyl chains linked to aromatic rings. Analysis of 1H-, 13C-, and DEPT-135 NMR signals, coupled with the chromatographic profile of the extract, suggests the presence of cryptochlorophaeic acid (6) in the extract.14 However, the 13C-NMR spectrum contains signals indicating a compound with a long alkyl chain and signals at 174.4, 170.8, and 168.2 that can be attributed to carboxyl groups, in addition to others indicative of caperatic acid (7), which was not visualized with ferric chloride on TLC. According to Elix et al.,<sup>15</sup> cryptochlorophaeic (6) and caperatic (7) acids, along with atranorin (1), are produced by C. *cryptochlorophaea*. Cryptochlorophaeic acid ( $R_{\rm f} = 0.29$ ) inhibited DPPH activity. This extract  $(100 \,\mu g)$  was the most active, producing  $38.7 \pm 2.5\%$  inhibition and an EC<sub>50</sub> of  $0.24 \pm 2.1$  mg mL<sup>-1</sup>, but exhibited low toxicity (LC<sub>50</sub> > 600.0  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>).

*Stereocaulon alpinum* – According to Øvstedal and Smith,<sup>16</sup> this species contains atranorin and lobaric acid. TLC of the acetone extract

revealed the presence of atranorin ( $R_f = 0.63$ ) and another compound  $(R_{\rm f} = 0.40)$ . The extract (100 µg) inhibited DPPH activity (13.85 ± 0.90%). The EC<sub>50</sub> value was 1.55  $\pm$ 0.90 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> and this extract was the most toxic against A. salina (LC<sub>50</sub> = 151.25  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the extract contains no signals identifying atranorin, but contains several other signals indicating two alkyl chains, a methoxy group, and four aromatic hydrogens. The DEPT-135 NMR spectrum confirms the presence of alkyl groups ( $\delta$  13.8–41.0 ppm), a methoxy group ( $\delta$  56.5 ppm), and methine carbons at 105.7, 106.1, and 111.5 ppm. These three methine carbons indicate a depsidone structure derived from orsellinic acid. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum, the signal at 203.1 ppm can be attributed to a keto group at C-1" or C-1" of the alkyl chain linked to an aromatic ring. The location of the other signals suggests that the structure of the compound is that of lobaric acid (8). These data are in agreement with the results reported by Sundholm and Huneck.15

Parmotrema mesotropum - This extract showed the lowest inhibition of DPPH activity (8.9  $\pm$  0.1%; EC\_{50}= 3.13  $\pm$  0.56 mg mL^{-1}) and proved to be toxic to A. salina (LC<sub>50</sub> = 207.3  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>). Signals in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra confirmed the presence of atranorin. In addition, the two singlets at 6.2 and 5.9 ppm can be attributed to geminal hydrogens in an olefinic system. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum, signals at 124.1 and 133.9 ppm confirm the presence of an olefinic system. Signals at 4.67 ppm, two singlets at 1.22 and 0.84 ppm, a doublet at 1.63, and a signal at 3.54 ppm in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum suggest an aliphatic chain structure. In the <sup>13</sup>C- and DEPT-135 NMR spectra, two -CH- groups at 79.1 and 49.2 ppm suggest a lactone ring. Signals at 10.3 ppm ( $\delta^{13}$ C) and 0.84 ppm ( $\delta^{1}$ H) correspond to a -CH<sub>3</sub> group at the end of the alkyl chain, while others at 22 to 40 ppm reveal -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups. These data are compatible with the structure of protolichesterinic acid (9),<sup>17</sup> a compound that occurs as (+) and (-) isomers, which was not visualized on TLC after spraying with methanol:sulfuric acid and heating. Atranorin and protolichesterinic acid (9) were thus identified in the extract. The low activity of this extract against DPPH probably results from the scavenging activity of atranorin alone.

The phenolic structures identified in the extracts contain (in addition to phenolic hydroxyls) substituents including -COOH, -CHO,  $-CH_2OH$ ,  $-CH_3$ , or an alkyl chain. The phenolic hydroxyls can be methylated. Phenols are capable of donating a hydrogen atom to free radicals, and its antioxidant activity depends on the number and position of hydroxyl groups and other substituents in the molecule.<sup>18</sup>

Free radicals, such as hydroxyls, reactive oxygen species, and hydrogen peroxide, are crucial to many cellular processes. Physiological mechanisms involving these radicals are regulated by enzymes, including tyrosinase, catalase, protein kinase C, and superoxide dismutase, or compounds such as ascorbic acid and tocopherol.<sup>19</sup> However, when the mechanism of antioxidant protection becomes unbalanced, side effects occur due to the attack of free radicals on unsaturated fatty acids, proteins, and nucleic acids in cell membranes, potentially resulting in diseases, among them cancer, atherosclerosis, emphysema, arthritis, and cirrhosis.20 These processes of oxidative deterioration of biomolecules involve enzymatic and non-enzymatic oxidation. Antioxidants can protect against non-enzymatic oxidation, whereas enzymatic oxidation can be prevented by typical inhibitors.<sup>21</sup> Supplements or foods containing antioxidants can be used to reduce oxidative damage.<sup>22</sup> Synthetic additives have been widely employed, although their safety and toxicity have been the subject of debate.<sup>23</sup> The A. salina assay is currently used to screen extracts or compounds for toxicity. Assay results can be correlated with toxicity against tumor cells, a correlation akin to that established by Solis et al.<sup>24</sup> for this assay and the toxicity of compounds against KB (human nasopharyngeal carcinoma) cells.

Cytotoxicity of phenols is related to lipophilicity, as expressed by the base-10 logarithm of the octanol-water partition coefficient (log *P*), a parameter of importance in chemical toxicology as it can indicate metabolic fate, biological transport properties, and intrinsic biological activity. Electronic character has also been considered in QSAR studies.<sup>25</sup> The degree of ionization ( $pK_a$ ) of phenols is another parameter considered in toxicity investigations.<sup>26</sup>

Among the extracts assayed, C. cryptochlorophaea and P. wainioi extracts exhibited highest radical-scavenging activity and lowest toxicity to A. salina. The extract of C. aggregata was the least toxic to A. salina and showed intermediate radical-scavenging activity. S. alpinum, and P. cetratum extracts showed radical-scavenging activity in the same range as C. aggregata, despite being more toxic to A. salina. P. mesotropum extract displayed the lowest radical-scavenging activity and proved toxic. Toxicity of P. mesotropum, P. cetratum, and S. alpinum extracts is possibly related to the presence of atranorin and protolichesterinic, salazinic, and lobaric acids. Proper interpretation of DPPH-scavenging results and toxicity against A. salina requires, however, a deeper investigation than merely taking into account the effects of chemical groups present in each molecule of a given extract. The log P values, for instance, ranged from  $5.77 \pm 0.40$  to 7.76 $\pm$  0.57 (except for salazinic acid, log P = 1.84  $\pm$  0.62), revealing a predominantly lipophilic character among the compounds identified. Regarding the  $pK_{a}$  values of substituent groups, it appears that in cryptochlorophaeic acid, the presence of three phenolic hydroxyls  $(6.14 \pm 0.50$  to  $7.53 \pm 0.25)$  and a carboxyl (the latter ionized under the assay conditions) favor radical-scavenging activity, which could explain the higher activity displayed by the C. cryptochlorophaea extract. Barbatic acid, present in C. aggregata, is also ionized under the same conditions and contains two phenolic hydroxyls, but the extract of C. aggregata exhibited lower free-radical scavenging activity than that of C. cryptochlorophaea. In P. wainioi extract, α-alectoronic and  $\alpha$ -collatolic acids, and atranorin lack free carboxyl groups. Although  $\alpha$ -alectoronic and  $\alpha$ -collatolic acids contain two and one phenolic hydroxyl(s), respectively, scavenging activity of the P. wainioi extract was greater than that of C. aggregata (containing atranorin and barbatic acid) or P. cetratum (atranorin and salazinic acid). Barbatic and salazinic acids each have two phenolic hydroxyls. Furthermore, barbatic acid also contains a carboxyl that becomes ionized under the assay conditions (Table 2). None of the extracts exhibited scavenging activity significantly different from that of orcinol (p > 0.05). In all extracts evaluated, DPPH-scavenging activity and toxicity to A. salina may result not only from lipophilic and electronic effects, but also from synergistic or antagonistic effects between compounds present in the extracts.

Among the species studied, only C. aggregata and S. alpinum have been cited in the literature. Barbatic acid, isolated from the former, has been tested against four multi-drug resistant Staphylococcus aureus strains and the MIC assays place this compound in the same level of inhibition as other lichen substances.<sup>27</sup> The ethanolic extract of C. aggregata has been evaluated against four Malassezia strains, which are responsible for pityriasis versicolor and seborrheic dermatitis in humans. The results indicate C. aggregata as a potential source for cosmaceuticals.<sup>28</sup> Lobaric acid isolated from S. alpinum has been evaluated for its thermodynamic, photophysical, and photochemical properties, however its SPF (Sun Protection Factor) is very low when compared to homosalate (reference solar filter).<sup>29</sup> Lobaric acid has also been evaluated against twelve human cancer cells lines and is active against K-562 (leukemia), T47-D (mammary carcinoma), and Capan-1 cells, and inhibition of tubulin polymerization is observed.30,31

Protolichesterinic acid, the aliphatic  $\gamma$ -methylene lactone, inhibits two lipoxygenases (5-LOX and 12-LOX) *in vitro*.<sup>30,32</sup>In addition, the

**Table 2.** Log P values of compounds and pK<sub>a</sub> values of ionizable groups

| Extract Composition            | $\log P^{a}$    | $pK_{a}^{a}$  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Atranorin (1)                  | $6.14 \pm 0.49$ | C-2 (OH) $5.64 \pm 0.45$ ;<br>C-4 (OH) $5.98 \pm 0.30$ ;<br>C-2' (OH) $9.12 \pm 0.20$   |
| Cryptochlorophaeic<br>acid (6) | $7.45 \pm 0.43$ | C-2 (OH) 7.53 $\pm$ 0.25;<br>C-2'(OH) 6.14 $\pm$ 0.50;<br>C-4'(OH) 6.40 $\pm$ 0.50;<br>C-7'(COOH) 2.81 $\pm$ 0.43   |
| Caperatic acid (7)             | $7.54 \pm 0.41$ | C-3' (COOH) 2.90 ± 0.36;<br>C-3 (OH) 11.11 ± 0.29;<br>C-4' (COOH) 3.64 ± 0.36   |
| α-Alectoronic acid (4)         | $6.30 \pm 0.59$ | C-4 (OH) 6.93 ± 0.40;<br>C-2' (OH) 8.71 ± 0.40;<br>C-2'''(OH) 11.18 ± 0.20  |
| α-Collatolic acid (5)          | $5.95 \pm 0.55$ | C-2'(OH) 8.73 ± 0.40;<br>C-2'''(OH) 11.18 ± 0.20  |
| Lobaric acid (8)               | $7.76 \pm 0.57$ | C-2′ (OH) 7.12 ± 0.20;<br>C-7′(COOH) 2.60 ± 0.20  |
| Barbatic acid ( <b>3</b> )     | $5.95 \pm 0.42$ | C-2 (OH) 7.63 ± 0.45;<br>C-2''(OH) 7.51 ± 0.45;<br>C-7'(COOH) 2.68 ± 0.25   |
| Salazinic acid (2)             | 1.84 ± 0.62     | $\begin{array}{c} \text{C-2 (OH) } 5.39 \pm 0.40;\\ \text{C-2 '(OH) } 8.53 \pm 0.40;\\ \text{C-8 '(CH_2OH) } 13.43 \pm 0.10;\\ \text{C-9 '(OH) } 9.86 \pm 0.20 \end{array}$ |
| Protolichesterinic acid (9)    | $5.77 \pm 0.40$ | C-6 (COOH) 3.05 ± 0.40  |
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<sup>a</sup>Log P and  $pK_a$  values were calculated using ACD 6.0 software.

acid significantly inhibits [3H]-thymine uptake in Capan-1, PANC-1 (both pancreatic cancer), PC-3 (prostatic adenocarcinoma), T47-D (mammary carcinoma), NIH:OVCAR-3 (ovarian adenocarcinoma), NCI-H1417 (small-cell lung cancer), and JURKAT (T-cell leukemia) cell lines, with EC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 2.4  $\pm$  0.9 µg mL<sup>-1</sup> to 4.3  $\pm$  3.3 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>. It exhibits moderate activity against AGS (gastric adenocarcinoma), HL-60 (acute promyelocytic leukemia), Capan-2 (pancreatic cancer), and K-562 (erythroleukemia) cell lines, with  $EC_{s0}$  values = 7.0 ± 0.9–10.7 ± 0.1 µg mL<sup>-1.30</sup> Protolichesterinic and lobaric acids show a strong cytotoxic effect on HCT-116 and HeLa cell lines in a concentration-dependent manner.7 The antiproliferative activity of protolichesterinic acid against HeLa cells at 40  $\mu$ M has been related to induction of programmed cell death through a caspase-dependent pathway.7 Atranorin induces apoptosis and inhibits cell proliferation in nine human cancer cell lines.<sup>33</sup> Salazinic acid shows strong activity toward FemX (human melanoma) and LS174 (human colon carcinoma) cell lines,<sup>7</sup> but low cytotoxicity against MM98 (malignant mesothelioma) and A431 (vulvar carcinoma) cells, as well as against HaCaT keratinocytes.  $^{34}\,\alpha\text{-Alectoronic}$  acid shows a two-fold higher  $IC_{50}$  value than that observed for cisplatin against B16 murine melanoma cells.13 Information on the toxicity of cryptochlorophaeic,  $\alpha$ -alectoronic,  $\alpha$ -collatolic, and barbatic acids remains scarce. To the best of our knowledge, an evaluation of the chemical composition and radical-scavenging and toxic activities of P. wainioi, P. cetratum, P. mesotropum and C. cryptochlorophaea extracts has not been reported previously.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, *C. cryptochlorophaea* and *P. wainioi* extracts were most active against DPPH free-radical activity and proved to be the least toxic against *A. salina*, while *P. mesotropum*, *P. cetratum*, and S. alpinum extracts were the least active against DPPH activity and most toxic against A. salina. Extracts of C. aggregata exhibited DPPH-scavenging activity similar to that of the latter three lichens, albeit proving to be less toxic. DPPH-based TLC bioautography and NMR analysis revealed that atranorin (1), along with salazinic (2), barbatic (3),  $\alpha$ -alectoronic (4),  $\alpha$ -collatolic (5), cryptochlorophaeic (6), and lobaric (8) acids, contributes to the radical-scavenging activity of the extracts investigated. These compounds, as well as caperatic (7) and protolichesterinic (9) acids, probably accounted for the toxicity against A. salina. All the lichen species investigated are promising sources for compounds 1–9, which possess important biological activities.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

#### Species selection and preparation

Parmotrema cetratum (Ach.) Hale, Parmotrema wainioi (A. L. Smith) Hale and Canoparmelia cryptochlorophaea (Hale) Elix and Hale were collected near Piraputanga village in Aquidauana country, Mato Grosso do Sul state, Brazil (20°27'21.2"S, 55°29'00.9"W; alt. ~200 m; P. cetratum on rock, P. wainioi and C. cryptochlorophaea on corticicolous substrate in open forests). These species were identified by Dr. Mariana Fleig and the vouchers were deposited at the Campo Grande Herbarium of the Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (CGMS 37950, for P. cetratum; CGMS 38012, for P. wainioi; and CGMS 37949, for C. cryptochlorophaea). Parmotrema mesotropum (Müll. Arg.) Hale was collected from Praça Bolívia, Santa Fé neighborhood, Campo Grande country, Mato Grosso do Sul state, Brazil (20°26'57.05"S, 54°35'8.72"W, on corticicolous substrate). This species was identified by Dr. Luciana Canêz and a voucher was deposited at the Campo Grande Herbarium (CGMS 37545). Cladia aggregata (Sw.) Nyl. was collected from Fortaleza canyon at the Parque Nacional da Serra Geral, Cambará do Sul country, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil (29°04'04.3'S, 49°57'50.8"W, alt. ~1030 m, on terricolous substrate). Stereocaulon alpinum Laurer was collected from Keller Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands, Antarctica (62°04'40.50"S, 58°25'50"W, alt. ~10 m, on mosses). These two species were collected and identified by A. A. Spielmann and were deposited at the Campo Grande Herbarium (CGMS 37946, for C. aggregata, and CGMS 37544, for S. alpinum). Species were selected based on availability and botanical identification. Fragments of each lichen (200-500 mg) were cleaned (removing the substrates) and triturated in a mortar and the resulting powder exhaustively treated with acetone at room temperature. After solvent evaporation, the extracts were stored in a desiccator. TLC and 1H-, 13C-, and DEPT-135 NMR methods were employed for analysis of the extracts.

# TLC

The extracts were chromatographed on aluminum plates coated with silica gel  $GF_{254}$  (0.20 mm, Macherey-Nagel), using the following eluents: (I) toluene:ethyl acetate:acetic acid, 6:4:1 v/v/v; (II) toluene:acetic acid, 85:15 v/v.<sup>35</sup> Spots were visualized under UV (254 nm) and then sprayed with methanol:sulfuric acid (10%) followed by *p*-anisaldehyde:sulfuric acid and finally heated until complete appearance of the spots, or sprayed with a methanolic solution of FeCl<sub>3</sub> (5%). Migration of substances was expressed as rate of flow ( $R_f$ ).

## NMR analysis

<sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and DEPT-135 NMR spectra were acquired in DMSO- $d_6$ . Chemical shifts were calibrated using the solvent signal

as reference. All NMR experiments were conducted on a Bruker Advance DPX300 instrument (operating at 300.13 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75.48 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C).

## Evaluation of antioxidant (DPPH-scavenging) activity

The antioxidant activity of extracts, based on their DPPH scavenging activity, was determined as described by Hatano *et al.*<sup>36</sup> Solutions of extract in methanol:DMSO (1:1 v/v) were added to freshly prepared solution of DPPH (0.004% w/v) in methanol:DMSO (2.0 mL), which was protected from light. The mixture was incubated in the dark at room temperature for 30 min. Absorbance was recorded at 517 nm using a Bioespectro SP220 spectrophotometer. Free-radical-scavenging activity (FRSA%) was calculated as follows:

$$FRSA\% = (A_{blank} - A_{sample})/A_{blank} \times 100$$

where  $A_{blank}$  is the absorbance of the control reaction (containing all reagents except the test extract) and  $A_{sample}$  is the absorbance of the test extracts. Assays were carried out in triplicate. A test with methanol:DMSO against DPPH showed no variation in absorbance at 517 nm. Orcinol was used as the positive control. Results of FRSA% were expressed for 100 µg mL<sup>-1</sup> of each extract. EC<sub>50</sub> values (concentration of extract in the reaction mixture needed to decrease the initial DPPH concentration by 50%) were determined by linear regression analysis of the obtained DPPH-FRSA values (*software* Origin 6.0)

In order to identify the compounds responsible for free-radical--scavenging activity, TLC assays were performed. Extracts (100 µg) solubilized in acetone were spotted on a TLC plate and eluted using appropriate solvents. TLCs of *P. wainioi* and *C. cryptochlorophaea* extracts were conducted using eluent II; eluent I was employed for extracts of *C. aggregata*, *P. cetratum*, *P. mesotropum*, and *S. alpinum*. After drying, the plates were sprayed with a methanolic solution of DPPH (0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>). The reaction was monitored and after 30 min the compounds exhibiting antioxidation activity appeared as yellow-white spots against a purple background. Another TLC plate, processed under the same conditions, was visualized after heating with methanol:sulfuric acid (10%). Subsequently, *p*-anisaldehyde was applied to the plate, which was then heated. The TLC of *P. wainioi* was visualized with a methanolic solution of FeCl<sub>3</sub> (5%).

For each extract, comparison of chromatographic profiles, made visible by DPPH and by methanol:sulfuric acid or methanol:FeCl<sub>3</sub>, indicated the presence of active substances. Compounds were identified by comparing their chromatographic behavior with that of pure substances or by NMR analysis of the extract.

## Statistical analysis

Statistical calculations were performed using Origin 6.0 *software*. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was employed to determine the statistical significance of extract activity.

## Toxicity to Artemia salina

A. salina assays were conducted as described by Meyer *et al.*<sup>37</sup> Dried brine shrimp eggs were bred in saline solution (38 g L<sup>-1</sup> in distilled water) and the container was illuminated with a 40 W lamp. After 48 h, the nauplii were collected and added (10 per vial) to the solutions of the lichen extracts, which were solubilized in saline solutions with 1% DMSO to give final concentrations of 600, 400, 200, 120, 60, and 30  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>. Quinine sulfate was used as the control. Bioassays were conducted in triplicate, and after 24 h of contact the survivors

were counted and  $LC_{50}$  values calculated using Probitos *software*.<sup>38</sup> Extracts with  $LC_{50}$  lower than 600 µg mL<sup>-1</sup> were considered active.

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Tables 1S, 2S, 3S, and 4S (NMR experimental and literature data), Figures 1S and 2S (TLC of extracts), and Figures 3S–20S (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and DEPT-135 NMR spectra) are available at http://quimicanova. sbq.org.br in PDF format with free access.

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# IN VITRO RADICAL-SCAVENGING ACTIVITY, TOXICITY AGAINST A. salina, AND NMR PROFILES OF EXTRACTS OF LICHENS COLLECTED FROM BRAZIL AND ANTARCTICA

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| C                |                                 | Atrano           | orin ( <b>1</b> ) |                                  | Salazinic acid (2)              |                                  |            |                                   | Barbatic acid (3)      |                               |              |              |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| U -              | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | ${}^{1}H^{b(*)}$ | $^{13}C^{a}$      | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>b (*)</sup> | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | <sup>1</sup> H <sup>c (**)</sup> | $^{13}C^a$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>c (**)</sup> | ${}^{1}\mathbf{H}^{d}$ | $^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}$ | $^{13}C^{d}$ | $^{13}C^{e}$ |
| 1                |                                 |                  |                   | 102.8                            |                                 |                                  | 111.9      | 111.9                             |                        |                               | 110.0        | 109.9        |
| 2                |                                 |                  | 161.0             | 169.1                            |                                 |                                  | 163.6      | 163.9                             |                        |                               | 159.4        | 159.8        |
| 3                |                                 |                  |                   | 108.6                            |                                 |                                  | 110.7      | 110.3                             |                        |                               | 107.0        | 106.8        |
| 4                |                                 |                  |                   | 167.4                            |                                 |                                  | 164.0      | 164.9                             |                        |                               | 161.1        | 161.0        |
| 5                | 6.47 s                          | 6.40 s           | 109.0             | 112.8                            | 6.91 s                          | 6.84 m                           | 117.4      | 117.5                             | 6.88 s                 | 6.57 s                        | 106.3        | 106.3        |
| 6                |                                 |                  |                   | 152.4                            |                                 |                                  | 152.3      | 152.8                             |                        |                               | 138.9        | 139.1        |
| 7                |                                 |                  |                   | 169.7                            |                                 |                                  | 160.3      | 160.0                             |                        |                               | 168.6        | 169.2        |
| 8                | 2.38 s                          | 2.69 s           | 21.2              | 25.5                             | 2.44 s                          | 2.47 d, 0.8 Hz                   | 21.4       | 21.9                              | 2.56 s                 | 2.55 s                        | 22.7         | 23.3         |
| 9                | 10.27 s                         | 10.36 s          | 193.9             | 193.8                            | 10.48 s                         | 10.50 d, 0.5 Hz                  | 192.7      | 193.5                             | 2.0 s                  | 1.98 s                        | 8.0          | 8.0          |
| 1'               |                                 |                  |                   | 110.3                            |                                 |                                  | 109.7      | 109.6                             |                        |                               | 115.7        | 115.2        |
| 2'               |                                 |                  |                   | 162.9                            |                                 |                                  | 152.9      | 153.3                             |                        |                               | 161.3        | 163.9        |
| 3'               |                                 |                  |                   | 116.8                            |                                 |                                  | 123.4      | 122.5                             |                        |                               | 111.6        | 114.1        |
| 4'               |                                 |                  | 151.4             | 152.0                            |                                 |                                  | 148.1      | 147.9                             |                        |                               | 151.7        | 149.6        |
| 5′               | 6.68 s                          | 6.52 s           | 115.7             | 116.0                            |                                 |                                  | 138.0      | 137.6                             | 6.5 s                  | 6.28 s                        | 115.8        | 112.6        |
| 6'               |                                 |                  | 136.6             | 139.9                            |                                 |                                  | 137.3      | 137.5                             |                        |                               | 138.9        | 139.7        |
| 7′               |                                 |                  | 169.8             | 172.2                            |                                 |                                  | 165.9      | 166.3                             |                        |                               | 173.0        | 173.2        |
| 8'               | 2.44 s                          | 2.54 s           | 9.3               | 9.3                              |                                 |                                  | 94.6       | 95.2                              | 2.0 s                  | 1.89 s                        | 23.0         | 23.3         |
| 9′               | 2.08 s                          | 2.09 s           | 21.2              | 24.0                             | 4.70 ls                         | 4.70 s                           | 52.7       | 54.2                              | 2.48 s                 | 2.52 s                        | 9.1          | 9.3          |
| OCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.92 s                          | 3.99 s           | 52.3              | 52.3                             |                                 |                                  |            |                                   | 3.89 s                 | 3.84 s                        | 55.7         | 55.7         |

adChemical shifts from the spectra of P. cetratum and C. aggregata extracts in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 300/75 MHz; bcliterature data; (\*) CDCl<sub>3</sub>; (\*\*) CDCl<sub>3</sub>-DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (1:3 v/v); <sup>c</sup>Spectral data obtained from pure substance in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 300/75 MHz (HMBC and HMQC); s = singlet, d = duplet, ls = large singlet, t = triplet, m = multiplet.

Table 2S. Chemical shifts from the spectra of *P. wainioi* extract in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 300/75 MHz

| G                |                                 | α – Alectoro                          | nic acid (4) |                                  | $\alpha$ – Collatolic acid (5)  |                                  |              |                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| C                | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}(^{*})}$ | $^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>b (*)</sup> | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | <sup>1</sup> H <sup>c (**)</sup> | $^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>c (**)</sup> |
| 1                |                                 |                                       | 113.8        | 113.6                            |                                 |                                  | 112.8        | 114.0                             |
| 2                |                                 |                                       | 160.2        | 162.5                            |                                 |                                  | 161.4        | 161.7                             |
| 3                | 6.39 d, 3.1 Hz                  | 6.89 s                                | 104.7        | 106.3                            | 6.39 d, 3.1 Hz                  | 6.60 d, 2.4 Hz                   | 106.4        | 104.7                             |
| 4                |                                 |                                       | 160.3        | 162.5                            |                                 |                                  | 160.4        | 163.5                             |
| 5                | 6.60 d, 3.1 Hz                  | 6.74 s                                | 115.3        | 117.6                            | 6.60 d, 3.1 Hz                  | 6.57 d, 2.4 Hz                   | 117.7        | 115.2                             |
| 6                |                                 |                                       | 141.0        | 142.6                            |                                 |                                  | 141.2        | 141.3                             |
| 7                |                                 |                                       | 161.7        | 162.7                            |                                 |                                  | 161.8        | 162.2                             |
| 1′               |                                 |                                       | 104.7        | 106.0                            |                                 |                                  | 106.4        | *i                                |
| 2′               |                                 |                                       | 160.3        | 160.3                            |                                 |                                  | 160.4        | 160.3                             |
| 3'               | 6.50 s                          | 6.81 s                                | 107.9        | 107.3                            | 6.50 s                          | 6.8 s                            | 108.2        | 108.1                             |
| 4′               |                                 |                                       | 150.0        | 151.2                            |                                 |                                  | 154.2        | 150.6                             |
| 5'               |                                 |                                       | 141.0        | 141.0                            |                                 |                                  | 141.2        | 140.2                             |
| 6'               |                                 |                                       | 129.3        | 132.1                            |                                 |                                  | 129.5        | *i                                |
| 7′               |                                 |                                       | 163.5        | 169.5                            |                                 |                                  | 163.5        | 168.4                             |
| 1″               | 3.39 s                          | 4.09                                  | 48.0         | 47.8                             | 3.39 s                          | 3.98 s                           | 48.0         | 47.9                              |
| 2″               |                                 | 2.09 s                                | 207.2        | 206.6                            |                                 |                                  | 209.4        | 206.6                             |
| 3″               | 2.53 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 2.59 t, 7.5 Hz                        | 42.8         | 42.7                             | 2.53 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 2.54 t, 7.4 Hz                   | 42.8         | 42.8                              |
| 4″               | 1.59 m                          | 1.52 m                                | 23.2         | 23.3                             | 1.59 m                          | 1.61 m                           | 23.3         | 23.3                              |
| 5″               | 1.31 ls                         | 1.24-1.31 m                           | 31.3         | 32.0                             | 1.31 ls                         | 1.25-1.30 m                      | 31.5         | 31.3                              |
| 6″               | 1.24 s                          | 1.24-1.37 m                           | 22.4         | 23.4                             | 1.24 s                          | 1.35-1.40 m                      | 22.4         | 22.5                              |
| 7″               | 0.88 t, 6.0 Hz                  | 0.89 t, 7.0 Hz                        | 13.9         | 14.5                             | 0.88 t, 6.0 Hz                  | 0.89 t, 6.9 Hz                   | 13.9         | 13.9                              |
| 1‴               | 3.39 ls                         | 3.73 and 3.39                         | 31.3         | 31.0                             | 3.39 ls                         | 3.39 ls                          | 31.5         | 31.2                              |
| 2‴               |                                 |                                       | 104.7        | 106.5                            |                                 |                                  | 106.4        | 104.8                             |
| 3‴               | 1.98 d, 6.0 Hz                  | 2.08-2.10 m                           | 40.7         | 41.3                             | 1.98 d, 6.0 Hz                  | 2.01 t                           | 40.7         | 40.9                              |
| 4‴               | 1.59 m                          | 1.62 m                                | 24.2         | 22.9                             | 1.59 m                          | 1.61 m                           | 23.3         | 22.9                              |
| 5‴               | 1.31 ls                         | 1.33-1.37 m                           | 31.3         | 32.6                             | 1.31 ls                         | 1.35-1.40 m                      | 31.5         | 31.6                              |
| 6‴′              | 1.24 s                          | 1.33-1.37 m                           | 23.4         | 22.4                             | 1.24 s                          | 1.25-1.30 m                      | 22.4         | 22.4                              |
| 7‴               | 0.88t, 6.0 Hz                   | 0.93                                  | 14.6         | 13.9                             | 0.88 t, 6.0 Hz                  | 0.93 t, 6.9 Hz                   | 13.9         | 13.9                              |
| OCH <sub>3</sub> |                                 |                                       |              |                                  | 3.83 ls                         | 3.84 s                           | 55.8         | 55.8                              |

<sup>a</sup>Chemical shifts attributed to  $\alpha$ -alectoronic and  $\alpha$ -collatolic acids; <sup>bc</sup>literature data; <sup>(\*)</sup> acetone-d<sub>6</sub>, 500/125 MHz; <sup>(\*\*)</sup> CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500/125 MHz; <sup>\*i</sup> Not determined. s = singlet, d = duplet, ls = large singlet, t= triplet, m= multiplet.

| C    |                        | Cryptochloroph                    | aeic acid (6)  |                                     | Lobaric acid (8)                |                      |              |                                       |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| C    | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{a}$ | <sup>1</sup> H <sup>b,c (*)</sup> | ${}^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>b,c (**)</sup> | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | ${}^{1}H^{b,c(***)}$ | $^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>b,c (****)</sup> |
| 1    |                        |                                   | 113.8          | 105.0                               |                                 |                      | 111.0        | 111.1                                 |
| 2    |                        |                                   | 160.1          | 166.4                               |                                 |                      | 162.7        | 162.7                                 |
| 3    | 6.24 s                 | 6.35 d, 2.5 Hz                    | 97.5           | 99.5                                | 7.00 s                          | 6.74 d               | 105.7        | 105.9                                 |
| 4    |                        |                                   | 157.3          | 165.5                               |                                 |                      | 164.0        | 164.1                                 |
| 5    | 6.30 s                 | 6.35 d, 2.5 Hz                    | 108.4          | 111.5                               | 7.10 s                          | 6.75 d               | 111.5        | 111.5                                 |
| 6    |                        |                                   | 143.8          | 148.8                               |                                 |                      | 140.4        | 140.7                                 |
| 7    |                        |                                   | 165.1          | 169.8                               |                                 |                      | 162.0        | 162.0                                 |
| 1'   |                        |                                   | 104.9          | 110.9                               |                                 |                      | 120.0        | 120.1                                 |
| 2'   |                        |                                   | 154.4          | 165.1                               |                                 |                      | 151.4        | 152.9                                 |
| 3'   |                        | 6.57 d, 2.5 Hz                    | 124.7          | 109.2                               | 6.70 s                          | 6.77 s               | 106.1        | 105.9                                 |
| 4'   |                        |                                   | 158.9          | 154.9                               |                                 |                      | 148.5        | 148.6                                 |
| 5'   | 6.30 s                 | 6.48 d, 2.5 Hz                    | 110.3          | 116.5                               |                                 |                      | 144.3        | 144.5                                 |
| 6'   |                        |                                   | 144.5          | 149.3                               |                                 |                      | 134.2        | 134.1                                 |
| 7'   |                        |                                   | 173.8          | 173.2                               |                                 |                      | 168.3        | 168.3                                 |
| 1″   | 2.66 t, 7.7 Hz         | 2.62 m                            | 35.9           | 37.5                                |                                 |                      | 203.1        | 202.9                                 |
| 2″   | 2.39 m                 | 1.53 m                            | 31.4           | 32.8                                | 2.85 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 2.84 t               | 41.0         | 41.1                                  |
| 3″   | 1.47m                  | 1.27 m                            | 29.5           | 32.6                                | 3.53 m                          | 1.73 m               | 25.4         | 25.5                                  |
| 4″   | 1.25 m                 | 1.27 m                            | 22.4           | 23.2                                | 1.34 m                          | 1.41 m               | 21.4         | 22.0                                  |
| 5″   | 0.83 m                 | 0.84 t                            | 14.4           | 14.3                                | 0.88 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 0.95 t               | 13.8         | 13.9                                  |
| 1‴   | 2.77 t, 7.5 Hz         | 2.58 m                            | 33.3           | 36.8                                | 2.85 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 3.10 t               | 31.3         | 31.4                                  |
| 2‴   | 2.39 m                 | 1.53 m                            | 31.6           | 32.6                                |                                 | 1.73 m               | 30.4         | 30.5                                  |
| 3‴   | 1.47 m                 | 1.27 m                            | 29.5           | 32.3                                | 1.53 m                          | 1.54 m               | 27.1         | 27.4                                  |
| 4‴   | 1.25 m                 | 1.27 m                            | 22.4           | 23.0                                | 1.34 m                          | 1.45 m               | 21.2         | 21.6                                  |
| 5‴   | 0.80 m                 | 0.83 t                            | 14.4           | 14.3                                | 0.88 t, 7.5 Hz                  | 0.95 t               | 13.8         | 13.9                                  |
| OCH, | 3.68 s                 | 3.73 s                            | 56.2           | 55.8                                | 3.90 s                          | 3.90 s               | 56.5         | 56.5                                  |

Table 3S. Chemical shifts from the spectra of C. cryptochlorophaea and S. alpinum extracts in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 300/75 MHz

<sup>a</sup>Chemical shifts attributed to  $\alpha$ -alectoronic and  $\alpha$ -collatolic acids; <sup>b,c</sup>literature data; <sup>(\*)</sup>DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 270 MHz; <sup>(\*\*)</sup> acetone-d<sub>6</sub>, 25.05 MHz; <sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, <sup>(\*\*\*\*)</sup>DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 25.05 MHz.

Table 4S. Chemical shifts from the spectra of C. cryptochlorophaea and P. mesotropum extracts in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 300/75 MHz

|      |                        | Caperatic a               | acid (7)       |                                  | Protolichesterinic acid (9)             |  |                |                                   |  |
|------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| C    | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{a}$ | ${}^{1}H^{b(*)}$          | ${}^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>b (*)</sup> | ${}^{1}\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$         | <sup>1</sup> H <sup>c (**)</sup>         | ${}^{13}C^{a}$ | <sup>13</sup> C <sup>c (**)</sup> |  |
| 1    | -                      |                           | 170.7          | 173.5                            | _                                       |  | 174.5          | 173.8                             |  |
| 1′   | 3.68 s                 | 3.63 s                    | 51.7           | 51.9                             | -                                       |  | -              | -                                 |  |
| 2    | 2.77                   | 3.33 dd, 10.2,<br>16.7 Hz | 42.0           | 33.3                             | -                                       |  | 134.0          | 132.3                             |  |
| 3    | -                      | 4.03 ddd, 4.4,<br>10.2 Hz | 75.5           | 47.6                             | 3.75 m                                  |  | 49.2           | 49.4                              |  |
| 3'   | -                      |                           | 173.9          | 176.5                            | -                                       |  | -              | -                                 |  |
| 4    | 3.50                   | 3.50 ddd, 4.4,<br>6.7 Hz  | 39.8           | 29.3                             | 4.68 m                                  | 4.81 q, 5.5; 5.6<br>Hz                   | 79.1           | 78.8                              |  |
| 4'   | -                      |                           | 175.0          | 177.2                            | -                                       |  | -              | -                                 |  |
| 5    | 1.60 m                 | 2.15 m and<br>1.84 m      | 27.8           | 28.3                             | 5.92 d, 2.4 Hz<br>and 6.20 d, 2.6<br>Hz | 6.43 d, 2.85<br>Hz and 6.03 d,<br>2.85Hz | 124.1          | 125.9                             |  |
| 6    | 1.47 m                 | 1.69 m                    | 26.9           | 30-32.5                          | -                                       |  | 168.2          | 163.1                             |  |
| 7    | 1.25 m                 | 1.2 – 1.4 m               | 29.5           | 30-32.5                          | 1.65 m                                  | 1.68 m                                   | 34.7           | 35.7                              |  |
| 8    | 1.25 m                 | 1.2 – 1.4 m               | 29.5           | 30-32.5                          | 1.23 m                                  | 1.3-1.2 m                                | 24.3           | 31.9-22.7                         |  |
| 9-15 | 1.25 m                 | 1.2 – 1.4 m               | 29.2           | 30-32.5                          | 1.23 m                                  | 1.3-1.2 m                                | 28.5-29.2      | 31.9-22.7                         |  |
| 16   | 1.25 m                 | 1.2 – 1.4 m               | 31.8           | 30-32.5                          | 1.23 m                                  | 1.3-1.2 m                                | 29.2           | 31.9-22.7                         |  |
| 17   | 1.25 m                 | 1.2 – 1.4 m               | 22.4           | 23.3                             | 1.23 m                                  | 1.3-1.2 m                                | 29.2           | 31.9-22.7                         |  |
| 18   | 0.80 m                 | 0.87 t                    | 14.4           | 14.6                             | 1.23 m                                  | 1.3-1.2 m                                | 23.6           | 31.9-22.7                         |  |
| 19   |                        |                           |                |                                  | 0.85 m                                  | 0.89 t, 5.9 Hz                           | 10.3           | 14.2                              |  |

<sup>a</sup>Chemical shifts attributed to caperatic and protolichesterinic acids; <sup>b.c</sup>literature data; <sup>(\*)</sup> pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>, 300/75 MHz; <sup>(\*\*)</sup> CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400/100 MHz.



Figure 1S. Chromatograms of the lichen extracts after application of methanolic solution of DPPH 0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>. 1 - P. mesotropum, 2 - P. cetratum, 3 - C. aggregata, 4 - S. alpinum, 5 - P. wainioi, 6 - C. cryptochlorophaea



**Figure 2S.** Chromatograms of the lichen extracts. 1 - P. mesotropum, 2 - P. cetratum, 3 - C. aggregata, 4 - S. alpinum, 5 - P. wainioi, 6 - C. cryptochlorophaea. Eluents: I) toluene: ethyl acetate: acetic acid 6:4:1 v/v/v (extracts 1 - 4); II) toluene: acetic acid 85:15 v/v (extracts 5 and 6). Visualization with methanol/sulfuric acid (90:10 v/v) and heated (extracts 1 - 4), p-anisaldehyde/ sulfuric acid and heated after visualization with methanol/sulfuric acid (extract 5)



Figure 4S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) spectrum of P. cetratum extract



Figure 5S. DEPT-135 NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of P. cetratum extract



Figure 6S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of the C. aggregata extract





Figure 10S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of P. wainioi extract

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Figure 12S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of C. cryptochlorophaea extract





Figure 14S. DEPT-135 NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of C. cryptochlorophaea extract



Figure 15S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of the S. alpinum extract



Figure 16S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of the S. alpinum extract





Figure 18S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of P. mesotropum extract

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Figure 19S. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of P. mesotropum extract



Figure 20S. DEPT-135 NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of P. mesotropum extract