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Antiinflammatory, Anticholinesterase and Antioxidant Acitivites of Scopoletin Isolated from Canarium Sp. (Burseraceae Kunth)

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Bioassay guided fractionation of an ethanol extract of leaves of *Canarium sp.* (Burseraceae Kunth.) led to the isolation of scopoletin. The structure of this coumarin was elucidated based on spectroscopic methods including nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR-1D and 2D), and mass spectrometry. Scopoletin inhibited the enzymatic activity of 5-lipooxygenase and acetylcholinesterase with an IC₅₀ equal to 1.76 μ M and 0.27mM, respectively and confronted oxidation in the ABTS, DPPH, FRAP and β -carotene bleaching assay with EC₅₀ values equal to 5.62 μ M \pm 0.03, 0.19mM \pm 0.01, 0.25mM \pm 0.03 and 0.65mM \pm 0.07 respectively. Scopoletin being anti-inflammatory, acetylcholinesterase inhibitor and antioxidant might be of value for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer' diseases, Parkinson's disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Further in vivo studies are warranted.

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