

**ISOLATION OF AN INDOLIC ALKALOID AND IRIDOID FROM
 BRANCHES OF
 KERIANTHERA PRECLARA**

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Species of the Rubiaceae family are known for producing pharmacologically relevant alkaloids such as quinine and emetine, as well as other substances such as anthraquinones, saponins, iridoids, and flavonoids. *Kerianthera preclara* J.H.Kirkbr. is a native species from the Amazon region, with records of collections reported only for the state of Amazonas and no previous chemical studies. The objective of this work was to carry out a phytochemical investigation of the *K. preclara* branches methanolic extract, which was analyzed by comparative thin layer chromatography (TLC) and ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). This extract, when revealed with Dragendorff's reagent, showed orange spots, indicating the presence of nitrogenous substances. Therefore, it was subjected to liquid-liquid partition and further chromatographic fractionations allowing the isolation the indole alkaloid cinchonamine from the dichloromethane phase and the iridoid kingiside from the ethyl acetate phase. Structural identification was performed by one- and two-dimensional ¹H, ¹³C NMR, combined with data from the scientific literature. The ¹H NMR spectrum of cinchonamine showed signals in δ 11.16 (1H, s, NH), δ 7.48 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-9), δ 7.40 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-12) δ 7.09 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 8.0; 6.9; 0.9 Hz, H-11), δ 6.98 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 7.8; 6.9; 0.8, H-10), δ 6.10 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 17.3; 10.3, 7.5 Hz, H-19), δ 5.13 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, H-18a), δ 5.22 (1H, d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, H-18b), δ 4.51 (1H, *t*, *J* = 9 Hz, H-3), δ 3.50 (1H, *m*, H-5a), δ 3.65 (1H, *m*, H-5b), δ 3.13 (1H, *m*, H-21a), δ 3.25 (1H, *m*, H-21b), δ 2.86 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 8.8; 5.7 Hz, H-6a), δ 2.99 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 14.3, 4.7 Hz, H-6b), δ 2.54 (m, H-20), δ 2.73 (m, H-17), δ 2.14 (m, H-14), δ 1.99 (m, H-15), δ 1.67 (m, H-16a), 2.06 (m, H-16b). In the ¹H NMR spectrum of kingiside, a signal was observed in δ 7.50 (1H, s, H-3), δ 1.36 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-10), δ 3.63 (3H, s, OMe), δ 5.55 (1H, *d*, *J* = 5.5, H-1), δ 4.72 (1H, *dq*, *J* = 4.5; 6.4 Hz), an anomeric hydrogen in δ 4.50 (1H, *d*, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-1') and several signals compatible with the glucosyl unit in the region δ 2.80-3.20. The results of this research deepen the chemical knowledge about *K. preclara* and reinforce its potential for future chemical and biological investigations. The authors would like to thank CAPES, CNPq, FAPESP, FINEP and LTQPN-INPA.

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