Isolation and identification of naphthoquinone derivatives from the fruits of *Catalpa ovata* G. Don as antimicrobial substances

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Abstract

The bioassay-guided isolation gave an antimicrobial compounds having a naphthoquinone skeleton from the methanol extract of *Catalpa ovata* fruits. The methanol extract of *C. ovata* fruits showed strong antimicrobial activity and was solvent fractionated. The ethyl acetate-soluble neutral fraction was successively purified by silica gel adsorption chromatography, Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography and ODS column chromatography. Further purification by HPLC on an ODS column (60% MeOH) and Fluofix column (40% MeOH) gave antimicrobial active compound 1 and 2, respectively. The structures were characterized to 9 methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-3,4-dihydropyrano[2,3-b]naphthoquinone (1) and 2,2-dimethyl-3-hydro-4 oxopyrano[2,3-b]naphthoquinone (2) by its MS, ¹H-, ¹³C-, and two dimensional NMR spectroscopic analyses.

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