# **REVIEW**

# Bioactive constituents form Buddleja species

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**Abstract**: Present review discuss the reported work on structures, origins and the potent biologically active natural products isolated from Genus *Buddleja*, which is known for having many important pharmacologically active substances. The Genus *Buddleja* have more than 100 species, many of them are distributed in Mediterranean and Asian regions. A very small number of common species of the Genus in majority of fruiting plants have been investigated for their biological potential. So for, isolation of about 153 or more new/novel chemical substances have been reported. Purposes of the review is to discuss the structurally established and pharmacologically significant natural substances from wide variety of different species of this genus. Traditionally, species of the genus are reported to be used for healing, treatment of liver diseases, bronchial complaints, preventing several other diseases by exhibiting diuretic properties, sedative functions, analgesic potential, antirheumatic actions, antimicrobial activities, anti hyperglycemic functions and antioxidant properties. In this review we will describe recently established medicinal chemistry aspects and complete list of phytoconstituents as well as their sources and reference.

**Keywords**: *Buddleja*, Chemical constituents, structures, antimicrobial, antispasmodic, enzymeinhibitory and antioxidant activities.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Genus Buddleja related to the family Scrophulariaceae that includes hundrade species, distributed worldwide from Southern USA to Chile, Africa and Asia but are lacking as natives from European countries. It represent only 04 species in Pakistan i.e., B. asiatica Lour, B. crispa Benth, B. davidii Franch and B. lindlevana (Abdullah 1974). Plants of Genus Buddleja are considered to be active against various diseases. The ethnopharmacological studies of Buddleja species summarize main functions such as healing of wounds, against liver disfunctions, bronchial complaints, displaying diuretic actions, antioxidant properties, sedative, antirheumatic and in some cases analgesic functions (Ahmad et al., 2009; Houghton and Mensah, 1999). Various Buddleja species have uses against skin problems, ulcer, clustered nebulae, conjunctival congestion and other health problems. Plants of the genus have shown analgesic, antiinflammatory, antimicrobial, anticataratic, antipyretic, antihepatotoxic, hypoglycaemic, neuroprotective, molluscicidal and amoebicidal activities (Hegnauer and Koolman, 1978; Ahmand et al., 1988: El-Domiaty et al., 2009). Buddleja species have also been used against cancers (Hu et al., 2001). Plant of B. saligna in whole is used to treat colds, and display purgatives functions (Hutchings A et al., 1996). The B. globosa leaves are used indigenously by Mapuche in wounds healing and ulcer (Murillo 1989). B. globose leaves are effective in wounds

curing, thus offering antioxidant functions (Mensah et al., 2001). B. officinalis' flowers and flower buds have uses against Hepatitis (Lee S., et al 2008), as antispasmodic, and for treatment of cholagogue, and several ophthalmic problems (Duke and Ayensu, 1985). B.madagascariensis' leaves have traditional uses against asthma, curing coughs, bronchitis, and as substitute to soap (Houghton 1984). B. asiatica parts have been used as Chinese traditional medicines to cure fever, ache, diarrhea, and articular rheumatism (Jiangsu 1977). Some of their compounds display antiprliferative activity (Wu et al., 2012). Buddleja species comprises distinctive chemical features, bearing flowers with fused petals (Jiangsu 1977). Literature survey reveals that many constituents have been isolated from genus Buddleja that includes iridoids, lignin irdidoids. Also lignans, phenylethanoid, phenylpropanoid, terpenoids (sesquiterpen, di and tri terpens along with their glycosides), neolignans, flavonoids, steroids, aromatic esters, phenolic fattyacid esters and several saponins has been reported (Joshi 2012). Many of these substances display diverse biopotentials. In this review, we summaries all the compounds isolated from genus Buddleja reference to their biopotential published in last few years (table 1).

#### Compounds from buddleja species Terpenoids

#### Monoterpenoids

Iridoids along with their glycosidic compounds bearing acubin, and catalpol skeletons as well as ajugol structure 1 to 32 are isolated from different Buddleja's species i.e. *B*.

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globosa, B. japonica, B. asiatica, B. Japonica, and B. Davidi (Zhang et al., 2010; Arciniegas et al., 1997).

### Sesquiterpenes

Composed 33-46 that have caryophyllane, humulene, benzofuran skeleton and others belongs to *sesquiterpenes* group are achieved from *B. davidii*, *B. globosa*, *B. sessiliflora*, *B. cordata*, *B. crispa* and *B. Lindleyana* (Yoshida *et al.*, 1978; Yoshida *et al.*, 2011; Devivar *et al.*, 1995; Ahmad *et al.*, 2004; Lu *et al.*, 2004; Houghton *et al.*, 1996).

## Diterpenes

Compound 47 (a abietane diterpene) has been isolated from *B. albiflora B. asiatica*, *B. globosa* and *B. yunanensis* bark (Mensah A *et al.*, 2000; Yamamoto A *et al.*, 1991) along with its deoxy analogues 48 and 49; (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993). Molecule 50 (Maytenone) bearing two buddlejone like moieties has also been isolated from *B. Globosa* (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1991). *Lio et al* published compound 51 (a non-cyclic crocetingentiobiose ester) from the flowers of *B. officinalis* (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993) *maxim* and sesquiterpenes, buddlindeterpene C (52) has also been reported from *Buddleia lindleyana* (Houghton *et al.*, 1996).

## Triterpenes

From the leaves of Buddleja species, the presence of triterpene saponins had been assumed for some time since the leaves have been used for cleansing, washing purposes, and as fish poisons (Houghton 1984). Compound 53 (Saikosaponin A) and 04 oleanane kind of triterpenes 54-57 have been reported from B. japonica and B. Madagascariensis (Emam et al., 1997; Ding N et al., 1992). A range of saponines, mimangosides 58-64 and Songaroside A (66) had been isolated from flowers of B. officinalis Maxim including, known as "Mi Meng Hua" reported and use in Chinese medicine Traditionally (Guo et al., 2004; Liu et al 2008). Compounds 66-67, which are oleanane kind triterpenes, have also been published form B. Asiatica (Kapoor et al., 1982). Several analogues (68-72) of amyrin together with glutinol (73), Lupeol (74), and ursailc acid (75) have also been revealed from various Buddleja species (Abdullah 1974; Murillo 1989; Yamamoto et al., 1993; Devivar et al., 1995; Houghton 2003). Figs. 1- 6 show structure of the compounds 1-21, 22-29, 30-38, 39-58, 59-64, 65-84.

# Flavonoids

The genus *Buddleja* contains many flavonoids and also glycosides. A set of Luteolin and its derived compounds 76-85 have been isolated from *B*. officinalis, *B*. asiatica, *B*. globosa and *B*. Davidii (Hu et al., 2001; Lee et al., 2009; Matsuda et al., 1995; Fan et al., 2008; Varma and Nobles 1968). Arciniegas et al (1997) have reported the flavonoids 86-88 from *B*. Perviflora, while 89, 90 and 91 were reported by Emam et al 39-40 form *B*.

# Phenylethanoids

Many of the phenylethanoid compounds have also been reported from genus *Buddleja*. Compounds 94-99 were reported by *Lio and Houghton* form *B. Officinalis* (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993). Compound 100 (Angoroside) and compounds 102-110 have also been reported from roots of *B. Davidii* (Moussa and Balansard 1997; Ahmad and Sticher 1988), while 101 was reported from *B. Japonica* (Miyase *et al.*, 1991). Recent reports revealed that the flowers of *B. Offficinalis* furnished compounds 111-113 Neobudofficide B (a phenylethanoid glycoside) has been isolated from *B. Offficinalis* (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993; Li *et al.*, 1997). Acevedo and his collaborators, have characterized and identified mixture of 2[4'-hydroxyphenyl] derivatives of different fatty acid esters 114-123 by using extensive HPLC (Acevedo *et al.*, 2000).

# Phenylpropanoids

*Liu et al* isolated a range of phenylpropanoids asiatcide A-D (123-126) from *B. asiatica* (Gilani *et al.*, 2009).

# Lignans

lignans are also reported from *Buddleja* species, among which mostly are dimeric but some are trimeric congeners. *Houghton* isolated 127-132 (Buddlenol A-F) and compounds 133-134 from *B. davidii* stem (Liu *et al.*, 2008; Houghton 1985).

## Steroids

Glutinol 135 and Chondrillasterol 136 which are sterols have been isolated from *B. globosa* and *B. Asiatica* (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1991) while the 137-140 sterols have been obtained repeatedly from genus *Buddleja* (Abdullah, 1974; Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993; Hu *et al.*, 2001; Ahmad *et al.*, 2005). Among other substances, free sugar compounds, benzoic acids, fatty acid esters, several alkaloids and sphingolipids (141-154) are reported from the *Buddleja* species (Yamamoto *et al.*, 1993; Yamamoto *et al.*, 1991; Acevedo *et al.*, 2000; Liu *et al.*, 2008; Houghton, 1985; Ahmad *et al.*, 2005; Ahmad *et al.*, 2006; Ahmad *et al.*, 2007; Bui *et al.*, 2011). Figs. 7-9 show structure of the compounds 85-95, 96-102, 103-112 respectively.

# Biological activity

#### Antimicrobial activities

The essential oil obtained from *B. asiatica* is known for potential antifungal actions against *Trichophyton rubrum*, *Trichoderma viride*, *Curvularia parasadii*, and *Aspargillus flavours* (Garg and Oswal 1981).

Compound	Name	Source
1	Acubin	B. globosa
2	<i>p</i> -methoxicinnamoyl acubine	B. globosa
3	Buddlejosid A <sub>2</sub>	B. japonica
4	Buddlejosid A	B. crispa
5	Buddlejoside B	B. crispa
6	Buddlejoside C	B. crispa
7	Catalpol	B. yunenesis
8	Methyl-catalpol	B. yunenesis
9	Benzoyl Catalpol	B.dividii
10	<i>p</i> -Methoxycinnamoyl Catalpol	B.dividii
11	Dimethoxycinnamoyl Catalpol	B.dividii
12	Buddlejoside A <sub>3</sub>	B. japonica
13	Buddlejoside $A_4$	B. japonica
14	Buddlejoside $A_5$	B. japonica, B. crispa
15	Buddlejoside $A_6$	B. japonica
16	Buddlejoside A <sub>7</sub>	B. japonica
17	Buddlejoside A <sub>8</sub>	B. japonica
18	Buddlejoside A <sub>9</sub>	B. japonica
19	Buddlejoside $A_{10}$	B. japonica
20	Buddlejoside A <sub>11</sub>	B. japonica
21	Buddlejoside A <sub>12</sub>	B. japonica
22	Buddlejoside A <sub>13</sub>	B. japonica
23	Buddlejoside A <sub>14</sub>	B. japonica
24	Buddlejoside A <sub>15</sub>	B. japonica
25	Buddlejoside A <sub>16</sub>	B. japonica
26	6-vanillyajugol	B. japonica
27	6-feruloyl-ajugol	B. japonica
28	Buddlejoside A <sub>1</sub>	B. japonica
29	Buddlin	B. asiatica
30	Neolignan 1	B.devidi
31	Neolignan 2	B.devidi
32	Neolignans 3	B.devidi
33	Buddledin A	B. davidii
34	Buddledin B	B. davidii
35	Buddledin C	B. davidii
36	Buddledin D	B. davidii
37	Buddledin E	B. davidii
38	Dihydroxybuddledin A	B. globosa, B. asiatica
39	Zerumbone	B. globosa
40	Buddledone A	B. globosa
41	Buddledone B	B. globosa, B. asiatica
42	Cycloclorinone	B. cordata
43	1-Hydroxycycloclorinone	B. sessiliflora
44	Buddlejone II	B. crispa
45	Buddlindeterpene A	B. lindleyana
46	Buddlindeterpene B	B. lindleyana
47	Buddlejone	B. albiflora. B. globosa, B. asiatica
48	Deoxy buddlejone	B. globosa
49	11,14-dihydroxy-8,11,13-abietatrien-7-one	B. yunenesis
50	Maytenone	B. globosa

**Table 1**: Compounds isolated from the plants of the genus *Buddleja*.

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51	Crocetin-gentiobiose ester	B. officinalis
52	Buddlindeterpene C	B. lindleyana
53	saikosaponin A	B. japonica
54	Buddlejasaponin I	B. japonica, B. madagascariensis
55	Buddleiasaponin II	B. japonica
56	Buddleiasaponin III	B. japonica
57	Buddleiasaponin IV	B. japonica
58	Mimengoside A	B officinalis
59	Mimengoside B	B officinalis
60	Mimengoside C	B. officinalis
61	Mimengoside D	B. officinalis
62	Mimengoside E	B. officinalis
63	Mimengoside E	B. officinalis
64	Mimengoside G	B. officinalis
65	Songaroside A	B. officinalis
66	13 28-epoyy-23-dihydroxy-11-oleanene-3-one	B. officinatis
67	13.28  epoxy 218.23  dihydroxy 11  oleanene 3  one	B. asiatica
68	13,20-cpoxy-21p,23-diffydroxy-11-occatene-5-one	B. ustatica B. madagascariansis
60	a Amyrin	B. madagascariensis
70	ß-Amyrone	B. officinalis
70	ß-Amyrin	B. elobosa
72	B-Amyrin acetate	B. globosa
73	Glutinol	B. globosa
74	Lupeol	B. globosa
75	Ursalic acid	B. asiatica
76	Luteolin	B. officinalis
77	Luteolin glucopyranoside	B. officinalis
78	Apigenin	B. officinalis
79	Apigenin-7- <i>O</i> -glucoside	B. globosa
80	Acacetin	B. officinalis
81	Acacetin-7-O-rutenoside (Linarin)	B. davidii. B. asiatica
82	Quercitin	B. davidii
83	Diosmin	B. asiatica
84	Isorhoifolin	B. officinalis
85	6-Hydroxyluteolin	B. globosa
86	Eriodictyol	B. perviflora
87	Glucohesperetin	B. perviflora
88	Pyracanthoside	B. perviflora
89	Hesperetin	B. madagascariensis
90	Diosmetin	B. madagascariensis
91	Scutellarin 7-O-glucoside	B. globosa, B. madagascariensis, B. asiatica
92	Rutin	B. asiatica
93	Calceolarioside A	B. officinalis
94	Campneoside II	B. officinalis
95	Pliumoside	B. officinalis
96	Echinacoside	B. officinalis
97	Forsythoside B	B. officinalis
98	Angoroside A	B. officinalis
99	Angoroside C	B. davidii
100	Acetoside	B. japonica, B. officinalis,
101	Plantainoside C	B. davidii
102	Jionoside D	B. davidii
103	2-Acetylmartynoside	B. davidii

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104	3-Acetylmartynoside	B. davidii
105	4-Acetylmartynoside	B. davidii
106	Martynoside	B. davidii
107	Isomartynoside	B. davidii
108	Leucosceptoside A	B. davidii
109	Leucosceptoside B	B. davidii
110	Phenylethyl glycoside	B. officinalis
111	Bioside	B. officinalis
112	Salidroside	B. officinalis
112	2[4hydroxyphenyl]-ethyl hexacosanoate	B. officiation
113	2[4 -hydroxyphenyl]-ethyl nexteosanoate	B. cordata
115	2[4 hydroxyphenyl] ethyl lignocerate	B. cordata
115	2[4 hydroxyphenyl] ethyl tricosanoate	B. cordata
110	2[4 -itydroxyphenyi] -ethyl theosanoate	B. cordata
117	2[4 -ilydroxyphenyl] -thiyl benchidete	B. cordata
110	2[4 -Hydroxyphenyl] -thyl nonodeconosta	B. cordata
119	2[4 - Hydroxyphenyl] -ethyl honadecanoate	B. cordata
120	2[4 -hydroxyphenyl] -ethyl hentedeeneete	B. cordata
121	2[4 - Hydroxyphenyl] -ethyl nepratecalioate	B. cordata
122	Asiatisida A	B. coradia P. asiation
123	Asiatiside P	B. asiatica P. asiatica
124	Asiatiside D	B. asiatica
125	Asiatiside C	D. usialica B. asiatica
120	Buddlenel A	B. davidii
127	Buddlenol R	B. davidii
120	Buddlenol C	B. davidii
129	Buddlenol D	B. davidii
130	Buddlenol E	B. davidii
131	Buddlenol E	B. davidii
132	Balanophonin	B. davidii
133	Svringaresinol	B. davidii
135	Glutinol	B. darran B. globosa
136	Chondrillasterol	B. globosa
137	B-Sitosterol	B. giocosa B. vunenesis
138	Stigmasterol	B. madagascar B vunenesis B asiatica
139	B-Sitosterol-O-glucoside	<i>B</i> asiatica
107	$(22R)$ -Stigmasta-79(11)-dien-22 $\alpha$ -ol-3 $\beta$ - $\Omega$ - $\beta$ -D-	D. astanca
140	galactopyranoside	B. crispa, B. asiatcia
141	Sucrose	B. vunenesis
142	Hexvl <i>p</i> -hvdroxy-cinamate	B. crispa
143	Ferulic acid methyl ester	B. globosa
144	<i>p</i> -Coumeric acid methyl ester	B. globosa
1.45	3-(4-Acetoxy-phenyl)-acrylic acid 3-phenyl-propyl	
145	ester	B. crispa
146	Nonyl benzoate	B. crispa
147	Methyl β-orcinolcarboxylate	B. cordata
148	β-orcinolcarboxylate	B. cordata
149	Coniferaldehyde	B. davidii
150	Buddamin	B. davidii
151	Crispin A	B. crispa
152	Crispin B	B. crispa
153	BDL-H3 (Aryl ester)	B. crispa
154	Methylscutelloside	B. officinalis







	$\mathbf{R}_1$	R <sub>2</sub>	$R_3$
12	Н	t-p-MeOCin	Ac
13	Ac	t-p-MeOCin	Н
14	t-p-MeOCin	Н	Ac
15	Н	c-p-MeOCin	Ac
16	Ac	c-p-MeOCin	Н
17	н	t-p-MeOCin	Н
18	Н	t-p-MeOCin	Ac
19	Ac	t-p-MeOCin	Н
20	Ac	c-p-MeOCin	Н
21	Ac	OH	Н

Fig. 1: Structure of the compounds 1-21



Fig. 2: Structure of the compounds 22-29









Fig. 3: Structure of the compounds 30-38

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Fig. 4: Structure of the compounds 39-58

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Fig. 5: Structure of the compounds 59-64





Fig. 6: Structure of the compounds 65-84



Fig. 7: Structure of the compounds 85-95













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Fig. 8: Structure of the compounds 96-102



Fig. 9: Structure of the compounds 103-112



Fig. 10: Structure of the compounds 113-134



Fig. 11: Structure of the compounds 135-145



Fig. 12: Structure of the compounds 146-154

Literature also revealed that the essential oil display good to excellent inhibition potential against the tested bacteria of Salmonella sp i.e. S. paratyphi bacterial strains, S. typhi bacteria, S. *jlexneri* bacteria, S. shiga bacteria and Vihrio cholera Eltor. A profound inhibition potential of the oil has also been reported to resist tested fungi's growth (dermatophytes) such as Aspergillus flavus, Trichoderma virideand and others (A. fumigatus and Trychophyton ruhrum). Most of the reported bioactivity related result affirm the published uses of B. asiatica's leaves (in various forms) to encounter skin infections exists in Asian countries (Garg and Dengre 1992). Methanolic extract in crude form of B. asiatica, and its various ethyl acetate and *n*-butanol fractions are known for impressive antibacterial actions against Gram (-) strains e.g. S. flexenari, S. boydi and E. coli however the crude and its chloroform part exhibit profound antifungal activity against the function of Fusarium solani and Microsporum canis (Ali et al., 2011). Its stem bark's oleophilic extracts of B. globosa presented promising antifungal potential against functions of the three fungies i.e. Trichophyton rubram, Tricophyton interdigitale, and the Epidermophyton floccosum but no activity was observed for these against yeasts (Mensah et al., 2007). Buddledin A compound (33) and buddledin compound (34) sesquiterpenes previously obtained from B. globosa evident significant antifungal action against T. rubrum, T. interdigitale, and E. floccosum, showing MIC data 43µM and 51µM, respectively (Mensah et al., 2007). Some verbascosides has been repoted from B. globosa leaves which has proven antimicrobial effect (Pardo F et al., 1993). Verbascoside 99 was obtained from B. cordata caused serious effect on S. aureus by disturbing protein synthesis and inhibiting leucine incorporation (Guillermo et al., 1999). Furthermore, the isolated compound 118 from stem bark extract of *B. cordata* revealed anti mycobacterial potential in a radio respirometric properties against M. Tuberculosis (Acevedo et al., 2000).

#### Antioxidant properties

Different extracts (hexane, dichloromethane, methanol) of B. globosa exhibited antioxidant functions i.e. 1,1diphenyl -2-picrylhydrazyl, DPPH, superoxid anion, lipid peroxidation property and xanthine oxidase inhibition, by using quercetin (in vivo) and allopurinol (in vitro) activity. Superoxide anion inhibition, lipo peroxidation, and DPPH bleaching action was found in MeOH serial and global extracts (Backhouse et al., 2008). Antioxidant potential has also been reported for the extracts of B. officinalis (Houghton et al., 2005). For all the isolated compounds, water and methanol extracts from B. officinalis, the antioxidant activities were examined by using total oxidant scavenging capacity (TOSC) assay against peroxynitrite. The obtained results showed that the phenylethanoid glycosides (a major class of compounds from flowers of B. officinalis), exhibited strong antioxidant activity. Among these, acteoside 100,

## Antispasmodic effects

The crude extracts from *B. crispa* and *B. asiatica* in ethanol responsible for concentration dependent (0.03 to 1.0mg/ml) relaxation of spontaneous and high potassium ion (80 mM) cause contraction displaying Ca<sup>+</sup> channel blocking (antispasmodic) functions in isolated rabbit's jejunum preparation (Gilani *et al.*, 2009: Ali *et al.*, 2011). *B. crispa* also showed anti hypertensive function, causes a dose dependent (3-10mg/kg) fall in mean arterial pressure in rat under anesthesia (Khan S, 2012). Compound 142 obtained from *B. crispa* proved to exhibit eight folds higher potential than Bc.Cr against the high K<sup>+</sup> than spontaneous contraction however the rest of the 02 molecules (140, 146) showed non active behavior (Gilani *et al.*, 2009).

# Enzyme Inhibitory Effects

The B. davidii leaves' extract in methanol exhibited inhibition potential of *acetvlcholinesterase* (AChE) in a bioautographic TLC assay. Another isolated product from same plant was Linarin which showed the highest inhibition potential of AChE (Fan et al., 2008). Weak inhibitory effect of both AChE and Butyrylcholinestrase was observed by nonyl benzoate 146 and hexyl phydroxycinnamate 142 which were obtained from B. crispa (Ahmad et al., 2005). The two versatile sphingolipids (Crsipin A 151, Crispin B 152) obtained from B. crispa have shown significant inhibitory effect on a-chymotrypsin in concentrations dependent manner bearing  $IC_{50}$  data as 42.62 mm and 9.45 mm, respectively. Almost similar function as the positive control i.e. chymostatin was reported for compound 152 which had an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 7.01mm (Ahmad et al., 2007). A significant inhibitory effect of Buddlejoside B 5 (isolated from B. crispa) was reported against lipoxygenase in concentrations dependent fashion with IC<sub>50</sub> value of 39.7±0.02mM (Miyase et al., 1991). The roots of B. globosa provided Lipophilic extracts and Lipophilic extracts from the stem of B. myriantha have shown inhibitory effect in 5-LOX and COX enzyme assays, whereas those of B. officinalis flowers, B. vunanesis, and B. asiatica stems displayed inhibition potential only against COX. Experiments for inhibition of the eicosanoid synthesis by the isolated compounds revealed that buddledin A molecule (33), crocetin monogentibiosylester molecule (51), and acacetin (80) displayed inhibition properties on COX bearing IC<sub>50</sub> values of 13.7µM, 28.2µM, and 77.5µM, respectively. On the other hand compound 33 have shown inhibitory action on 5-LOX bearing an IC50 value about 50.4µM (Liao et al., 1997). Crude extract of B. officinalis in methanol demonstrated *in vitro* aldose reductase inhibitory action. Flavonoids (compound 76-78 and 81) of *B. officinalis* have been reported as aldose reductase' inhibitors shown  $IC_{50}$  value of about 0.21, 0.28, 0.58 and 0.75 µM respectively (Matsuda *et al.*, 1995).

#### Other activities

Ding *et al* reported that compounds 58-64 (Mimangosides) isolated from B. officinalis have shown profound inhibition potential against HL-60 leukemia cells (Ding et al., 1992). A substantial invitro anti-aldosereductase activity was reported for Linarin 81 (Matsuda et al., 1995). It was also found to prevent H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> induced osteoblastic dysfunction of osteoblasts, employ antiresorptive action (at least in part) through RANKL reduction and by oxidative damage (Young et al., 2011). Compound 91 showed good antimicrobial activities (Ali et al., 2011). B. officinalis extracts were found to possess neuroprotective properties and microglial activating inhibition properties that possibly participate in brain ischemia (Lee et al., 2006). Compound 112 have shown selective inhibition of suppressed AP-1 activation due to its link to anti-inflammatory properties of B. Officinalis (Lee et al., 2005). The B. asiatica essential oil revealed for excellent anthelmintic effect against tapeworms (Garg and Dengre, 1992) while its petroether extract showed repellent actions against mosquitoes (Venkatachalam and Jebanesan 2001). Different extracts from many of the Buddleja species have been reported for possessing antihepatotropic properties (Houghton and Hikino, 1989). The B. asiatica' polar fractions have shown significant anti hapatotoxic properties compared to lignan silymarin (El-Domiatya et al., 2009). The iridoid 154 exert potential inhibition properties on PDGF-BB-induced proliferation in rat aortic VSMCs (Bui et al., 2011).

## CONCLUSION

The pharmacological importance of genus *Buddleja*, its chemical constituents and their diverse biological potential is compiled in this review. The crude extracts, fractions and isolated compounds from different parts of various plants related to this genus have been proved as potent antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory. Main constituents include iridoid glycosides that are significantly bioactive. Flavonoids are primarily enzyme inhibitory while the lignans are potent cytotoxic. The great structural complexity and good biological potential found in compounds isolated from plants of this genus suggest that different species of the genus are needed to be further explored to investigate their biological activities and to establish structure function correlation.

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