

PP51. PHYTOCHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION STUDY OF *ARTEMISIA VACHANICA* KRASCH. EX POLJAKOV

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The genus of *Artemisia* (Asteraceae) is a large and diverse plants containing 478 species. *A. vachanica* is distributed in Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and West Himalaya [1]. *A. vachanica* is found to be a novel plant source of artemisinin [2]. The dried aerial parts of *A. vachanica* (5 kg) were minced and extracted with 95% ethanol (3 × 30 L, 10 d each time). Crude extract (1 kg) was suspended in water and partitioned with petroleum ether, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and n-Butanol. The dichloromethane fraction (159.2 g) was separated through silica gel, and further purified by varying chromatography techniques and semi-preparative HPLC. The structures of isolated compounds were elucidated based on spectroscopic data ID, 2D NMR, HRMS, and a comparison with reported data. Five known compounds were isolated and identified from the *A. vachanica* as xanthoxylin [3], anemarrhenoside B [4], β -sitosterol, stigmasterol [5], eupatrin [6] and 8-epiisovangustin. All of them were isolated from *A. Vachanica* for the first time, and anemarrhenoside B was isolated from *Artemisia* genus for the first time.

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