

**Original Research Article**  
**Characterization of Chemical Constituent and  
Biological Activity of Roots from *Cleistanthus  
oblonggifolius* (Roxb.) Mull.Arg**

**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** *Cleistanthus oblongifolius* is a species of Asian trees, originally described by William Roxburgh and later placed by Johannes Müller Argoviensis; it is now included in the family Phyllanthaceae. Distributed throughout Indochina and Malesia, its name in Vietnam is *cọc rào*; it has been recorded from: the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Australia (Queensland), Bangladesh, Borneo, Cambodia, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, peninsular Malaysia, Maluku, Myanmar, New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sulawesi, Sumatera, Vietnam and Thailand. Several species of this genus are highly poisonous (*C. collinus*), some are brewed for treating dysentery (*C. decurrens*), and *C. myrianthus* for asthma.

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**Objective:** This study was conducted to investigate the effect of crude extract and purified substance on inhibition of AIDS and cancer.

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**Methods:** Phytochemical studies were carried out using hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol, the dried herbs were ground and extracted by chromatography and some were tested. HIV-1 RT, Anti-syncytiom and cytotoxicity. The obtained purification compounds were used to determine the structure by spectroscopic techniques such as UV. IR, NMR and MS.

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**Results:** The study found that compound 3-O-methylelagic acid 4'-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranoside, from the roots of this plant, it was also found that ethyl acetate and methanol class extracts inhibited Anti-HIV-1 RT up to 100% and 65% pure substance. For all extracts and purified compounds, syncytium inhibition assay was shown to inhibit HIV with  $EC_{50} < 7.8 \mu M$ ,  $TI > 2.31$ . SH-SY5Y anticancer was shown with  $ED_{50} = 6.7 \mu M$ .

**Conclusion:** *C. oblongifolius* extract, most of these fractions were potent in inhibiting HIV-1 RT and syncytium (MC99+1A2) inhibition. In addition, hexane extract inhibited the growth of SH-SY5Y cancer cells more than other cancer cells. However, the isolated purified compound only had an inhibitory effect on HT-29 cells with  $ED_{50} 10.11 \mu g/mL$ .

**Keywords:** *Cleistanthus oblongifolius*; PHYLLANTHACEAE; Biological Activity

## 1. Introduction

*Cleistanthus* genus belongs to the Phyllanthaceae family and is distributed in tropical region of Africa, Asia and Australia [1]. A total of 15 species distributed in various regions of Thailand including *decurrens*, *denudatus*, *glandulosus*, *gracilis*, *helferi*, *hirsutopetalus*, *hirsutulus*, *macrophyllus*, *oblongifolius*, *papyraceus*, *polyphyllus*, *praetermissus*, *refus*, *sumatranus* and *tomentosus* [2]. As for the benefits of *C. collinus*, the bark, roots, leaves and berries are highly toxic, especially the extracts of this plant that cause severe gastrointestinal disorders, The Muser hill tribes of Thailand used *C. hirsutulus* to treat infected wounds in both humans and animals, in addition, the leaves and fruits of this plant are irritating to fish due to their intoxicating effect [3]. Further, parts of *C. decurrens* have been brewed for

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dysentery and *C. myrianthus* for asthma [4]. Phytochemical studies have found many groups of natural product chemicals, as well as new lignans, (7*R*,8*S*)-3,3,5-trimethoxy-4,4-dihydroxy-7-en-7,9-epoxy-8,8-lignan and (7*R*,8*S*)-3,3-dimethoxy-4,4-dihydroxy-7-en-7,9-epoxy-8,8-lignan [5], gracileistanthoside [6], cleistanthoside B [7], and Cleistanthin A [8]. In this study, compound extraction and structure determination were performed by NMR-based spectroscopy and AIDS and cancer bioactivity tests will be discussed below.

### 1.1 Plant Information



**Fig.1** Morphological of *C. oblongifolius*

**Source:** Dr. Narong Nantasean, a botanist at the forest herbarium, ministry of natural resources and environment. Bangkok

*C. oblongifolius* is a species of Asian trees, originally described by William Roxburgh and later placed by Johannes Müller Argoviensis; it is now included in the family Phyllanthaceae. They have a self-supporting growth form. They have simple, broad leaves. Individuals can grow to 26 m. Distributed throughout Indochina and Malesia, its name in Vietnam is *cọc rào*; it has been recorded from: the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Australia (Queensland), Bangladesh,

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Borneo, Cambodia, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, Peninsular Malaysia, Maluku, Myanmar, new Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sulawesi, Sumatera, Thailand and Vietnam [9].

## 1.2 Chemical Constituent

Chemical composition of *C. oblongifolius*, there are several groups including lignan, furofuranoid lignans, dibenzylbutane lignans, triterpenoid and ellagic derivatives. For this research, ellagic acid glycoside derivatives were found. Their structure was elucidated as 3-O-methylellagic acid 4'-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranoside [10] by IR, EI-MS and NMR spectroscopic techniques.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1 Experimental

#### 2.1.1 General Experimental Procedures

$^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz), and 2D NMR spectra were noted on a Brüker AV-500 spectrometer in deuterated methanol ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) solution. Melting points were explained by a Büchi 322 micro melting point apparatus and have to be uncorrected. UV-visible absorption spectra were carried out using a UV-2550 (SHIMADZU) UV-Vis spectrometer (Shimadzu). Infrared spectra (IR) were written down as KBr pellets using a Shimadzu 8900 FT-IR spectrophotometer and major bands were taken down in wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Finnigan Polaris Q mass spectrometer at 70 eV (probe) and EIMS were estimated by a Brüker Esquire apparatus. Column chromatography (CC) were demanded using silica gel 60 H from E. Merck. 70-230 mesh ASTM, cat. No. 7734 and No.7736. The thin-layer chromatography (TLC) technique was preceded on silica gel 60 PF<sub>254</sub> at aluminum sheets ultraviolet light.

## 2.1.2 Plant Material

The roots of *C. oblongifolius* (mattapha, suddee & bkf staff 1127 holotype BKF) were collected at, Amphoe Soi Dao, Chanthaburi province, Thailand, in October, 2020. The plant materials were recognized by Dr. Narong Nantasean, a botanist at the forest herbarium, ministry of natural resources and environment. Bangkok

## 2.1.3 Preparation of Extraction and Isolation

The air-dried powdered roots from *C. oblongifolius* (1.25 kg) were extracted with n-hexane (6 Lx 3 daysx 5 times), EtOAc (6 Lx 3 daysx 4 times), and MeOH (6.5 Lx 3 daysx 4 times) to give crude n-hexane extract (7.75 g), crude EtOAc extract (8.83 g) and crude MeOH extract (123.76 g), respectively.

The n-hexane extract (7.75 g) was separated by column chromatography on silica gel Merck No.7734 mesh 70-230 ASTM. The n-hexane extract was found stigmasterol 0.17 g

The EtOAc extract (8.83 g) was separated by column chromatography on silica gel on silica gel Merck No.7734 mesh 70-230 ASTM, eluted with a gradient system between n-hexane, EtOAc, and MeOH to give four fractions (A<sub>1</sub>-A<sub>10</sub>). Unfortunately, the results of the experiments did not reveal any interesting compounds. It's not suitable to be taken separately.

The MeOH extract (123.76 g) was further divided by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with a gradient system between n-hexane, EtOAc, and MeOH to give ten fractions (B<sub>1</sub>-B<sub>10</sub>). Fraction E<sub>7</sub> (2.57 g) was separated by flash CC with n-hexane: EtOAc (100:0-0:100) then with EtOAc: MeOH (100:0-0:100) to yield three subfractions (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>). Subfraction C<sub>2</sub> was further separated by flash CC with n-hexane: EtOAc (100:0-0:100) to afford D<sub>1</sub>-D<sub>3</sub>. The subfraction D<sub>3</sub> was as well crystallized by ethanol to a white needle of 3-O-methylellagic acid 4'-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranoside 0.89 mg (1).

## 2.2 Test for Phytochemical Analysis

### 2.2.1 Anti-HIV1-RT Activity and Anti-Syncytium Assay

*Anti-HIV1-RT (Reverse Transcriptase) Assay* [10]:

Anti-HIV1-RT and cytotoxicity assay of the extracts of *C. oblongifolius* were conducted at the Service Centre of Department of Physiology and Microbiology, Mahidol University, Thailand. The anti-HIV1-RT activities were decided by testing RT inhibition [11, 12]. The extracts were diluted to give 20 mg/mL of 100% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) after the removal of tannin by polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). The final volume was 200 µg/mL in 10% DMSO, and

Nevirapine, 2 µg/mL was worked of as a positive control. The HIV1-RT (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech Asia Pacific Ltd., Hong Kong) kit was used. The 96-well plate (100 U/µL, 4 µL/well) was filled with samples (2 µL/well), and then 2.5 µg/µL of poly-A and 0.125 µg/mL of oligo dT16 primer were added to 4 µL/well and incubated at 37 °C for 20 mins. The reaction was affixed by 0.2 M EDTA (2 µL/well) and incubated at 4 °C for 15 mins. The signal of fluorescence was measured at an emission wavelength of 535 nm and excitation wavelength of 480 nm after Pico green dissolved in TE buffer (1:2000) was put in (volume 200 µL/well). The results were evaluated as a percentage of inhibition.

#### *Cell-based assay for anti-HIV-1:*

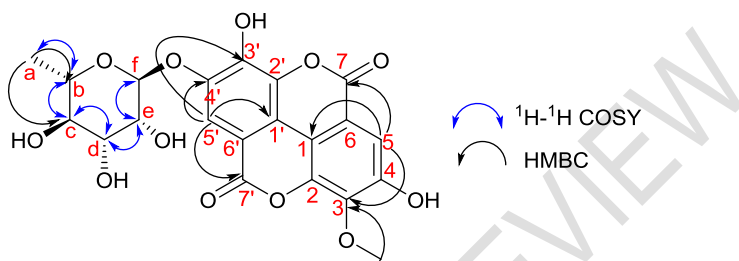
The syncytium assay was performed in triplicate using  $\Delta$ Tat/rev MC99 virus and 1A2 cell system [13, 14], starting at the final concentrations of 3.9–125 µg/mL or higher. Virus control and cell control wells contained neither the extracts nor the virus; cytotoxicity control wells containing cells with the extracts and positive control, i.e., azidothymidine, AZT, were included. The result was expressed as 50% effective concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>). Cytotoxicity of the extracts was also carried out, in parallel and in duplicate, using a colorimetric XTT assay. The result was indicated as the concentration that inhibited 50% formazan formation in uninfected cells (IC<sub>50</sub>). The therapeutic index (TI) was calculated using the equation:  $TI = IC_{50}/EC_{50}$ .

#### **2.2.2 Cytotoxicity**

*Cytotoxicity activity* of the extracts of *C. oblongifolius* was also investigated using the standard Sulforhodamine B (SRB) assay. Ellipticine was operated as a positive control [15, 16]. The concentrations of the samples were 20 - 0.16 µg/mL in 0.5% DMSO. The cancer cell lines were employed, including human intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (KKU-M213), human pharyngeal squamous carcinoma (FaDu), human colorectal adenocarcinoma (HT-29), human mammary gland/breast adenocarcinoma (MDA-MB-231), human neuroblastoma (SH-SY5Y), human lung carcinoma (A 549), and highly differentiated immortalized human cholangiocyte cell line (MMNK-1). MEM (minimum essential medium with Earles salt and L-glutamine) in 10% FBS were spending for culturing the cell lines. The cell lines were kept at temperature 37 °C for 72 hours 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in the air, and 100% relative humidity, followed by stabilizing with 20% trichloroacetic acid at 4 °C for 60 minutes and then stained for 30 minutes by 0.4% SRB in 1% acetic acid at room temperature. The unbound dye was cleaned with 1% acetic acid, while the already dried stain was mixed with 10 mM Tris base with pH = 10. The absorbance was gauged at 510 nm on a microplate reader, and the 50% effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>) was calculated.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Phytochemical research on *C. oblongifolius*, this is the first time to reveal the bioactivity and spectroscopic potential of a chemical composition. This will be clear about the correct structure that can be referenced further.



**Fig. 2** Chemical structure, COSY and HMBC correlations

**Compound 1** was isolated as white needles. The molecular formula was determined to be  $C_{21}H_{18}O_{12}$  on the basis of the pseudo molecular ion  $[M+H]^+$  peak in EIMS at  $m/z$  462. The UV spectrum displayed the absorption maxima at 258 (4.61), 300 (1.32) and 358 (1.06) nm with melting point (358-359.6) °C [18]. The IR spectrum showed characteristic absorptions for hydroxyl groups of sugar and phenolic at  $3489\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2964$ ,  $2947\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $CH_2$ ,  $CH_3$ , two carbonyl esters for  $1697\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1464$ ,  $1373\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for C-O-C. The mass spectrum showed a characteristic fragment ion at  $m/z$  163 (9.29 %), which was produced losing sugar, rhamnopyranosyl unit in the structure. The fragment ion at  $m/z$  313 (77.81 %) in the mass spectrum due to ellagic acid fragmentation. Additionally, the fragment ions at  $m/z$  299 (14.33 %) in the mass spectrum indicated the presence of the methyl group in the structure of ellagic moiety [17]. The <sup>1</sup>H signal of 1 at 7.59 (s, 1H) and 7.91 (s, 1H) were assigned at C-5 and C-5', respectively. The dominant signal at position 3 (4.19, s, 3H) belongs to the only methoxy group on the ellagic acid structure.

**Table 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz, MeOD- $d_4$ ) NMR spectra data of compound **1**

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (Int., Mult., $J$ in Hz) <sup>c</sup>	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	-	111.9 (C)
2	-	141.7 (C)
3	-	140.5 (C)
4	-	152.6 (C)
5	7.59 (s, 1H, 5-ArCH)	111.6 (CH)
6	-	113.3 (C)
7	-	159.5 (C=O)
1'	-	114.9 (C)
2'	-	136.5 (C)
3'	-	140.5 (C)
4'	-	146.8 (C)
5'	7.91 (s, 1H, 5'-ArCH)	112.5 (C)
6'	-	113.3 (C)
7'	-	159.6 (C=O)
O-CH <sub>3</sub>	4.19 (s, 3H, 3-ArC)	60.7 (CH <sub>3</sub> )
a	1.28 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H, a-CH <sub>3</sub> )	16.7 (CH <sub>3</sub> )
b	3.74 (dd, $J = 9.3, 6.2$ Hz, 1H, b-CH)	69.8 (CH)
c	3.52 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, c-CH)	72.3 (CH)
d	4.00 (dd, $J = 9.3, 3.4$ Hz, 1H, d-CH)	70.7 (CH)
e	4.19 (m, 1H, e-CH)	70.3 (CH)
f	5.58 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, f-CH)	100.2 (CH)

The HMBC technique, showing the relationship between H-f (5.58 ppm) and C-4' (146.8 ppm), confirmed that the sugar fraction was attached to the allergic acid at 4' position. The COSY experimental results showed the connection of protons on the carbon structure of sugar as follows: H/C; H-a/C-a; H-b/C-b; H-c/C-c; H-d/C-d; H-e/C-e; H-f/C-f. From the data, it can be confirmed that it is a rhamnopyranose type. When analyzed with  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR detects carbon resonance signal of ellagic acid at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  4<sup>o</sup> 13 signals, 3<sup>o</sup> 1 signal. Similarly, the experiment also found the following sugar carbon signal groups: 3<sup>o</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>, 1 signal, methine CH, 5 signals. The positions of the 7' and 7 ester groups were confirmed by the HMBC relationship between H-5' with C-7' and H-5 with C-7, respectively. In addition, the HMBC relationship of protons and other carbons in the structure can be seen in Fig. 1. These data are in agreement with structure **1** for this first new ellagic acid glycoside derivatives compound of *C. oblongifolius*, for which the trivial name 3-O-methylellagic acid 4'-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranoside [10].

Biological Activities of *C. oblongifolius* two mechanisms of resistance to HIVs were tested and the cell lines group was tested. The results of the anti-HIVs of crude extracts

were evaluated for their anti-HIV-1 activity employing reverse transcriptase (RT) and syncytium reduction assays using the  $\Delta$ Tat/Rev<sup>MC99</sup> virus in 1A2 cell lines systems as shown in Table 2. In the reverse transcriptase assay, ethyl acetate and methanol extracts exhibited very actively with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 100 % inhibition. All extracts and compound 1 displayed potent activity in syncytium inhibition assay with an effective concentration at 50% (EC<sub>50</sub>) value of <7.8  $\mu$ M (TI>2.31). Further, the hexane extract showed marked cytotoxicity (ED<sub>50</sub> = 6.70  $\mu$ g/ml against the SH-SY5Y cancer cell line. Furthermore, compound 1 was also exhibited moderately active with IC<sub>50</sub> 65 % inhibition (Table 3).

**Table 2.** Anti-HIV-1 RT and Anti-syncytium (MC99+1A2) study of crude extracts and isolated compound

Crude extracts/ compound	Anti-HIV-1 RT <sup>a</sup> (% inhibition)		Anti-syncytium (MC99+1A2) <sup>b</sup>			Activity
			IC <sub>50</sub>	EC <sub>50</sub>	TI <sup>c</sup>	
Hexane	60.69	MA	19.85	<7.8	>2.54	Active
Ethyl acetate	100	VA	47.27	9.65	4.9	Active
Methanol	100	VA	50.22	12.6	3.99	Active
Compound 1	65	MA	18.64	<7.8	>2.31	Active
AZT	-	-	>10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.31x10 <sup>-9</sup>	>2.32	Active

<sup>a</sup>Anti-HIV-1 RT activity express as % inhibition at 200  $\mu$ g/mL: very active (VA) = >70%

inhibition, moderately active (MA) = 50% to 69% inhibition, weakly active (WA)= 30% to 50% inhibition and inactive (I)= <30% inhibition; For determination of IC<sub>50</sub> in the HIV-1 RT assay, the coefficients of determination, R<sup>2</sup>, were 0.98–0.99 in all assays for 50% end point. <sup>b</sup>Anti-syncytium (MC99+1A2) EC<sub>50</sub> = dose of compound that reduced 50% syncytium formation by  $\Delta$ Tat/RevMC99 virus in 1A2 cells. AZT, averaged from three experiments, EC<sub>50</sub> 3.95 x 10<sup>-3</sup>  $\mu$ M; <sup>c</sup>TI, TherapeuticIndex: IC<sub>50</sub>/EC<sub>50</sub>

**Table 3.** Cytotoxicity study of crude extracts and isolated compound

Crude extracts/ compound	Cytotoxicity ED <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ g/mL) <sup>a</sup>							
	KKu-M213	FaDu	HT-29	MDA-MB-231	A 549	SH-SY5Y	MNN-K1	Hep G2
Hexane	14.56	11.64	13.29	13.48	11.06	6.70	11.50	11.94
Ethyl acetate	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.33	-
Methanol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compound 1	-	-	10.11	-	-	-	-	-
Ellipticine	0.60	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.47	0.41	0.44	0.61

<sup>a</sup>Cytotoxic assay: ED<sub>50</sub> less than 20  $\mu$ g/mL were considered active for extracts and ED<sub>50</sub> less than 4  $\mu$ g/mL were considered active for pure compounds. Cancer cell lines: KKU-M213 (Human cholangiocarcinoma) FaDu (Human squamous cell carcinoma) HT-29 (Human colon adenocarcinoma) MDA-MB-231 (Human mammary gland/breast

adenocarcinoma) A 549 (Human lung adenocarcinoma) SH-SY5Y (Human neuroblastoma) MNN-K1 (highly differentiated immortalized human cholangiocyte cell line) Hep G2 (Human hepatocellular carcinoma)

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In this research, the researchers brought plants that are not well studied, extracted, isolated and purified to obtain 3 classes of extracts and 1 pure substance. Then, they were tested for anti-AIDS and cancer. In order to prove the structure of compounds, spectroscopic techniques are used, which can make the structure clearer and more chemically informative. In addition, the potential of extracts and purified substances was also found to be used as a guideline for the development of anti-AIDS and cancer drugs in the future.

#### CONSENT

It is not applicable

#### ETHICAL APPROVAL

This study had been ethically approved by the institutional animal ethical committee of Mahidol university, Thailand.

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