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Phytonutrients and bioactive compounds in the leaves of *Solenostemon monostachyus*

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Plants can either be consumed [1, 2] or used for medicinal purposes. *Solenostemon monostachyus* is a very nutritious and health beneficial plant, and its leaves have been traditionally used for treating diabetes, malaria, sickle cell anemia, hypertension, among other disorders. The methanolic extract of *S. monostachyus* leaves was used to reverse from 26.85% sickled blood of sickle cell patients to 1.90% [3]. This effect can be attributed to its bioactive compounds. The quantification of vitamins A, C, D and E, and twenty secondary metabolites in the plant leaves methanolic extract was performed by HPLC-(UV detector): vitamin A (0.824 ± 0.486 ng/g dry weight), vitamin E (1.355 ± 1.549 ng/g dry weight), ascorbic acid (57.229 ± 18.543 µg/g dry weight), hesperidin (13.67 ± 1.62 mg/g), rosmarinic acid (10.58 ± 0.52 mg/g), myricetin (10.22 ± 0.50 mg/g), chicoric acid (9.81 ± 0.00 mg/g), chlorogenic acid (6.02 ± 0.04 mg/g), genistein (4.90 ± 0.26 mg/g), caffeic acid (3.65 ± 0.20 mg/g), quercetin (1.19 ± 0.00 mg/g), p-coumaric acid (1.16 ± 0.01 mg/g), cinnamic acid (0.72 ± 0.04 mg/g), kaempferol (0.72 ± 0.25 mg/g), daidzein (0.71 ± 0.02 mg/g), apigenin (0.35 ± 0.00 mg/g), lutein (0.26 ± 0.00 mg/g) and luteolin (0.17 ± 0.02 mg/g) were detected and quantified. Hesperidin, myricetin, quercetin and apigenin were the major bioactive compound detected in this plant. This is the first study to identify the bioactive compounds in *S. monostachyus*.

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