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CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND LIPOXYGENASE INHIBITORY ACTIVITY OF THE ESSENTIAL OIL OF *ALSTONIA ANGUSTILOBA*

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Abstract. This study was aimed to investigate the chemical compositions and lipoxygenase inhibitory activity of the essential oil extracted from *Alstonia angustiloba* growing in Malaysia. The essential oils were obtained by hydrodistillation and fully characterized by gas chromatography and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry methods. Analysis of the *A. angustiloba* essential oil resulted in the identification of twenty-five chemical components, which constitute 90.8% of the total oil. The most abundant components of *A. angustiloba* oil were linalool (21.2%), 1,8-cineole (16.8%), *α*-terpineol (9.5%), terpinen-4-ol (8.5%), *β*-caryophyllene (6.2%), and caryophyllene oxide (5.2%). The essential oil displayed moderate activity towards lipoxygenase inhibitory activity with an IC_{50} value of 45.8 μg/mL.

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