



Review on Phytochemical Constituents of the Genus *Cassia*

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Abstract

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Over thousands of years, an astounding number of novel medications have been identified from natural sources, many of them based on their use in conventional medical care. It is now well acknowledged that Indian medicinal herbs hold considerable promise for the production of clinically beneficial medications that may even be utilized by allopathic doctors. *Cassia* is a large genus of around 5000 species of flowering plants in the family leguminaceae / fabaceae. It is extensively distributed over the world, with only 20 species being indigenous to India. In the conventional Indian medical system, this plant has been given credit for a variety of therapeutic characteristics. There are reports indicating its antibacterial activity against a wide spectrum of bacteria, anti-tumor, hepatoprotective antifertility, antioxidant as well as its actions on the central nervous systems. The plants are important sources of tannins, glycosides and flavonoides, linoleic, oleic and stearic acid. This chemical review shows the important bioactive classes of genus *Cassia* plants extract, including anthraquinones, flavonoids, alkaloids, terpenes, essential oil and sterols.

Keywords: Fabaceae, *Cassia*, Anthraquinone.

1. Introduction

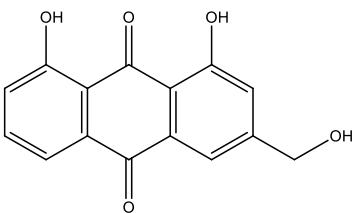
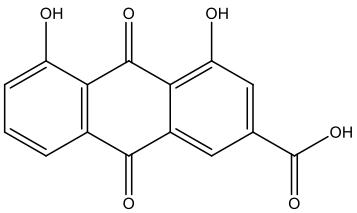
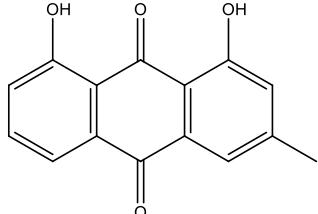
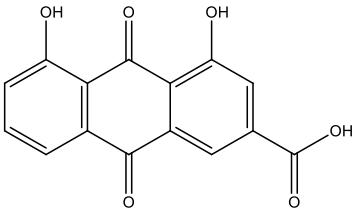
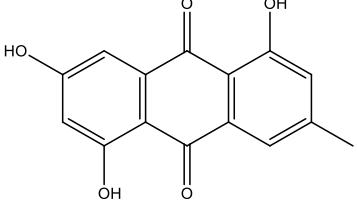
Researchers have been working to find and validate plant-derived compounds for the treatment of numerous ailments during the past few years. It's interesting to note that over 25% of contemporary medications are thought to be derived either directly or indirectly from plants. It is important to note that Indian medicinal plants are regarded as a rich source of many pharmacological principles and substances that are frequently utilized as over-the-counter treatments for a variety of diseases (**Danish et al., 2011**). The biggest family of flowering plants on Earth and the primary family of the genus *Cassia* is the Fabaceae or Leguminosae, generally known as the bean, pea, or legume family. The traditional medical system makes extensive use of *Cassia* species for the treatment of numerous ailments. The chemical compounds of *Cassia* species have a synergistic mechanism that makes them more advantageous.

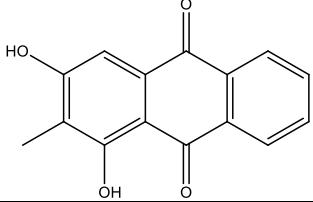
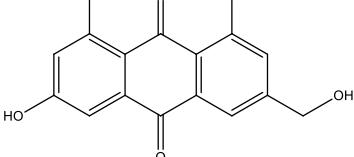
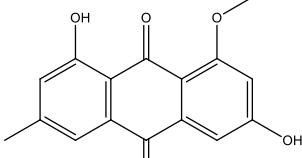
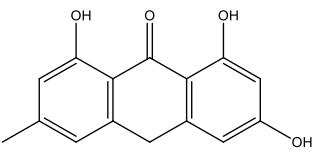
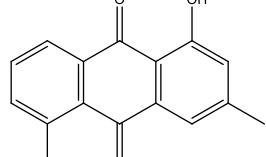
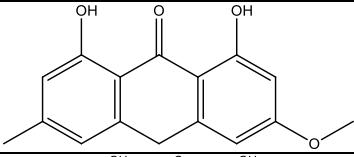
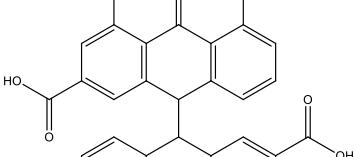
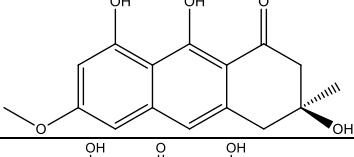
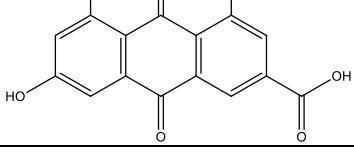
Plants belonging to this genus are used to treat gastrointestinal issues, jaundice, anorexia, rheumatism, and skin infections such eczema, scabies, and ringworm. Around 1854 names of different species are listed for the genus *Cassia* in "The Plant List" (TPL, 2013), and among these, some of the recognised species include *Cassia abbreviate*, *C. aciphylla*, *C. fistula*, *C. javanica*, *C. phyllodinea*, *C. renigera*, and *C. stowardii* (**Khurm et al., 2021**).

Phytochemicals are plant compounds that are not edible but have defence or disease-prevention abilities. Crude plant extracts from different plant parts such as leaves, barks, seeds, flowers, yields various active ingredients (**Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013**). This mini review aims to elucidate the phytochemical screening of the various medicinally important species of *Cassia*.

2. Chemical constituents reported from species of genus *Cassia*

Table 1: Anthraquinones reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. absus</i> , <i>C. grandis</i> , <i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. abbreviata</i> , <i>C. acutifolia</i> , <i>C. alata</i> , <i>C. corymbosa</i> , <i>C. fastuosa</i> , <i>C. occidentalis</i> , <i>C. auriculata</i>	Aloe-Emodin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Juvekar and Halade, 2006) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. laevigata</i> , <i>C. fistula</i> , <i>C. nigricans</i> , <i>C. acutifolia</i> , <i>C. didymobotrya</i> , <i>C. javanica</i> , <i>C. multiglandulosa</i> , <i>C. nodosa</i> , <i>C. occidentalis</i> , <i>C. pudibunda</i> , <i>C. sophera</i> , <i>C. spectabilis</i> ,	Emodin		(Nazif et al., 2000) (Lee et al., 2001) (Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Obodozie et al. 2005) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. garrettiana</i> , <i>C. javanica</i> , <i>C. siamea</i> , <i>C. tora</i> , <i>C. absus</i> , <i>C. abbreviata</i> , <i>C. acutifolia</i> , <i>C. alata</i> , <i>C. biflora</i> , <i>C. renigera</i>	Chrysophanol		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Tewtrakul et al., 2007) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. angustifolia</i> , <i>C. didymobotrya</i> , <i>C. javanica</i> , <i>C. reticulataa</i> , <i>C. didymobotrya</i> , <i>C. fastuosa</i> , <i>C. occidentalis</i>	Rhein		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. alata</i>	Alatinone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)

<i>C. auriculata</i>	Rubiadin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nigricans</i>	Citreorosein		(Rashed, 2021) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. didymobotrya</i> , <i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. occidentalis</i> ,	Questin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. grandis</i>	Emodin-9-anthrone		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. fistula</i>	Ziganein		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nomane</i> , <i>C. grandis</i>	Physcion-9-anthrone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. italic</i> , <i>C. angustifolia</i>	Sennidine A and B		(Waltenberger et al., 2008) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. singueana</i> , <i>C. torosa</i>	Torosachrysone		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. laevigataa</i> , <i>C. tomentosa</i> , <i>C. multiglandulosa</i> , <i>C. floribunda</i> , <i>C. sophera</i>	Floribundone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013) (Khurm et al., 2021)

<i>C. tora,</i> <i>C. obutsifolia</i>	Obtusifolin		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. torosa,</i> <i>C. sophera</i>	Phlegmacin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Dave and Ledwani., 2012) (Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. torosa,</i> <i>C. obutsifolia</i>	Xanthorin		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012)
<i>C. multiglandulosaa</i>	Sengulone		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. garrettiana</i>	Cassialoin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. didymobotrya</i>	Germichrysone		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. siamea</i>	Lupinacidin A		(Ye et al., 2014)

<i>C. siamea</i>	Chrysophanol 1-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (Pulmatin)		(Ye et al., 2014)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i>	Obtusifolin 2-O- β -glucopyranoside		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i>	Chryso-obtusin 2-O- β -glucopyranoside		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. obtusifolia, C.tora</i>	Chrysoobtusin		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012)
<i>C. longiracemosa</i>	Chrysophanolbiantrone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. acutifolia, C. nigricans, C. occidentalis</i>	Emodol		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012)
<i>C. occidentalis</i>	Physcion-8-O-beta-D-glucoside		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012)

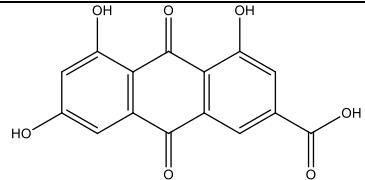
<i>C. mimosoides,</i> <i>C. nigricans</i>	Emodic acid		(Dave and Ledwani., 2012)
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Table 2: Chromones and Stilbenes reported in genus *Cassia*:

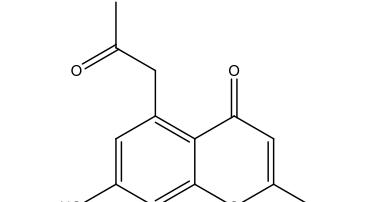
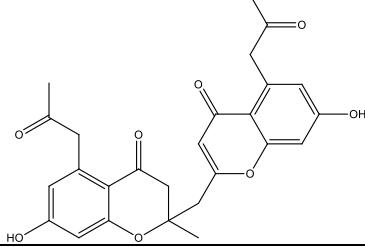
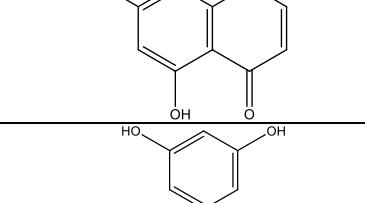
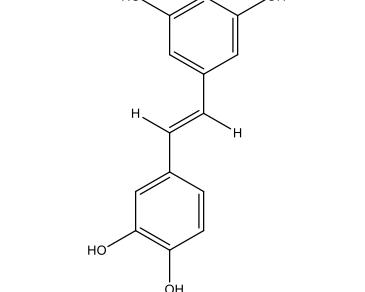
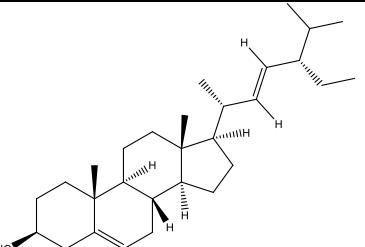
Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. siamea,</i> <i>C. muttijuga</i>	5 - acetyl - 7 - hydroxy - 2 - methyl chromone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. torosa,</i> <i>C. siamea</i>	Chrobisiamone		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. torosa</i>	5,7-dihydroxy chromone		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. garrettiana</i>	3, 3', 4, 5' - tetrahydroxy stilbene (piceatannol)		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Tewtrakul et al., 2007)

Table 3: Phytosterols reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. obtusifolia,</i> <i>C. reticulate,</i> <i>C. kleinii,</i> <i>C. tora,</i> <i>C. racemosa,</i> <i>C. fistula,</i> <i>C. abbreviata</i>	Stigmasterol		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)

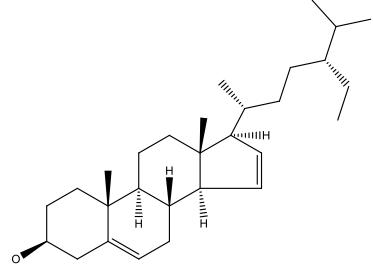
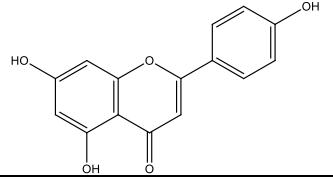
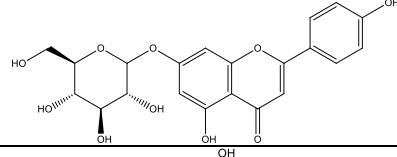
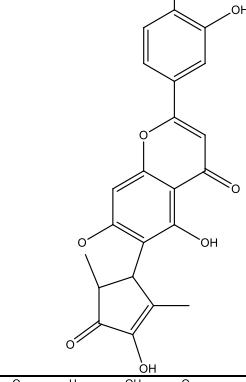
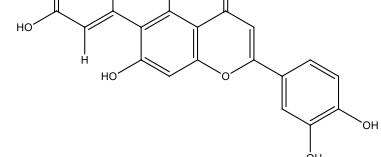
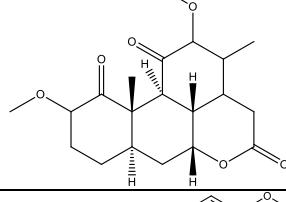
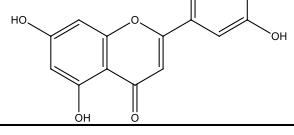
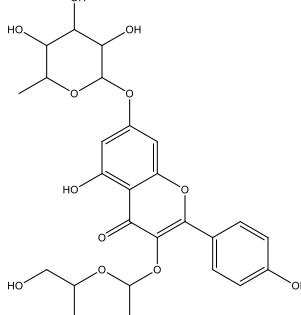
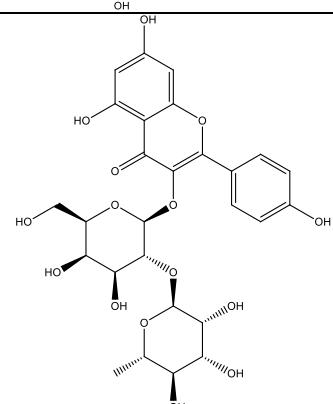
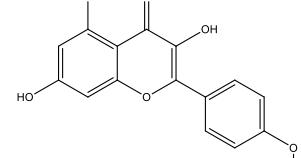
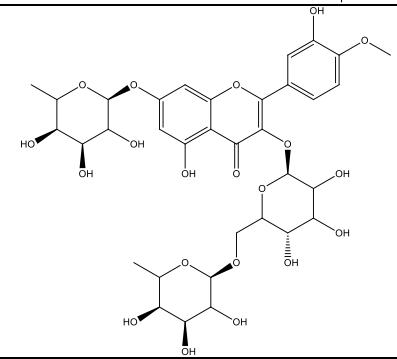
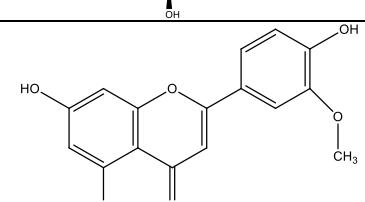
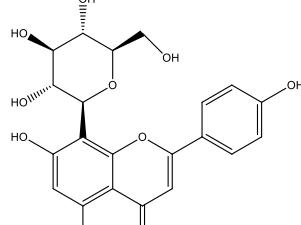
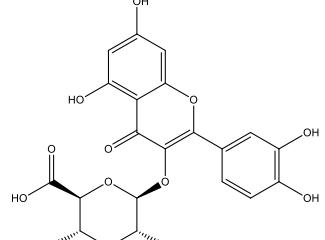
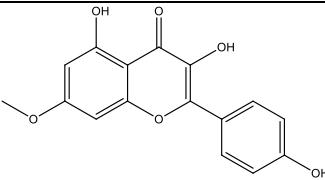
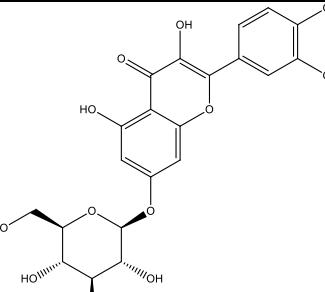
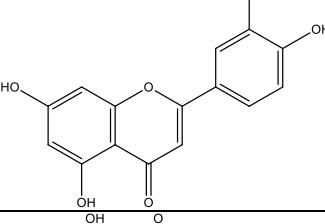
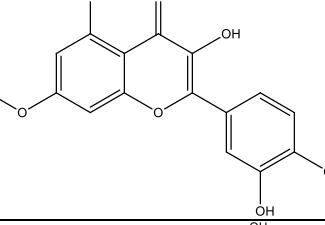
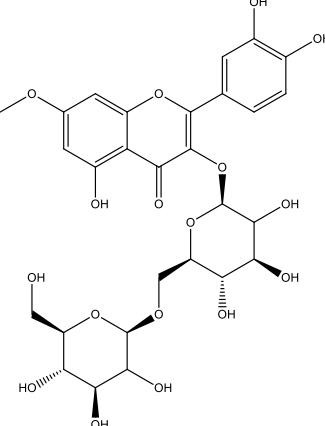
<i>C. obtusifolia,</i> <i>C. reticulate,</i> <i>C. kleini,</i> <i>C. tora,</i> <i>C. racemose,</i> <i>C. fistula,</i> <i>C. nigricans,</i> <i>C. didymobotrya,</i> <i>C. abbreviata,</i> <i>C. glauca,</i> <i>C. pudibunda,</i> <i>C. siamea,</i> <i>C. tomentosa</i>	β -sitosterol		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
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Table 4: Flavonoids reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. italica,</i> <i>C. siamea,</i> <i>C. absus</i>	Apigenin		(Khurm et al., 2021) (Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. italica</i>	Apigenin-7-glycoside		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nomame</i>	Demethyltorosafavone C		(Kitanaka and Takido, 1992)
<i>C. nomame</i>	Demethyltorosafavone D		(Kitanaka and Takido, 1992)
<i>C. javanica</i>	Javanicin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. torosa</i>	Diosmetin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)

<i>C. torosa</i>	Diosmetin 3' - O - β - D - glucopyranoside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. torosa</i>	Torsaflavone 3' - O - β - D glucopyranoside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. hirsuta</i> , <i>C. montana</i>	Kaempferol 3-O- β -D-rutinoside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nodosa</i> , <i>C. angustifolia</i>	Kaempferol 3-O- β -D-glucoside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. angustifolia</i>	Kaempferol 3-O-gentiobioside		(Khurm et al., 2021)

<i>C. spectabilis</i>	Kaempferol rhamnoside - 7 - O - glucoside		(Ganapathy et al., 2002)
<i>C. tomentosa</i>	Kaempferol - 3 - O - galactorhamnoside		(Ganapathy et al., 2002)
<i>C. glauca</i>	Kaempferide		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. italica</i>	Tamarixetin 3-rutinoside-7-rhamnoside		(Ganapathy et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. torosa</i>	Chrysoeriol		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nomane</i>	Vitexin		(Ganapathy et al., 2002)

<i>C. tora</i>	Quercetin-3- <i>O</i> - β -D-glucuronide		(Vijayalakshmi <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
<i>C. javanica</i>	Kaempferol 7-methylether		(Khurm <i>et al.</i> , 2021)
<i>C. italica</i>	Quercetin 7-glucoside		(Khurm <i>et al.</i> , 2021)
<i>C. nigricans</i> , <i>C. siamea</i> , <i>C. nomane</i> , <i>C. torosa</i> , <i>C. absus</i> , <i>C. biflora</i>	Luteolin		(Ganapaty <i>et al.</i> , 2002) (Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013) (Khurm <i>et al.</i> , 2021)
<i>C. garrettiana</i> ,	Rhamnetin		(Ganapaty <i>et al.</i> , 2002)
<i>C. fistula</i>	Rhamnetin 3- <i>O</i> -gentiobioside		(Ganapaty <i>et al.</i> , 2002) (Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013) (Khurm <i>et al.</i> , 2021)

<i>C. tora</i>	Isoquercitrin		(Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013)
<i>C. tora</i>	Luteolin-7- <i>O</i> -glucopyranoside		(Vijayalakshmi et al., 2016)
<i>C. torosa</i>	Naringenin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. javanica</i>	Naringenin - 7 - glucoside		(Ganapathy et al., 2002)
<i>C. glauca</i> , <i>C. montana</i> , <i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. occidentalis</i> , <i>C. torosa</i> , <i>C. absus</i> , <i>C. corymbosa</i> , <i>C. garrettiana</i> ,	Quercetin		(Ganapathy et al., 2002) (Yadav et al., 2010) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. nodosa</i>	Quercetin - 3 - <i>O</i> - rhamnoside		(Ganapathy et al., 2002)

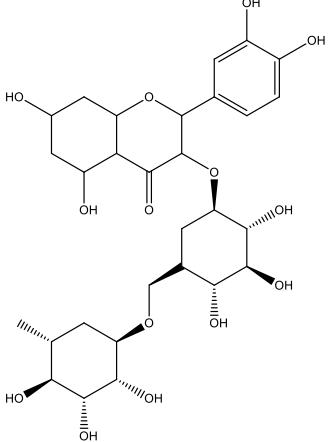
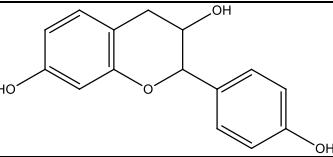
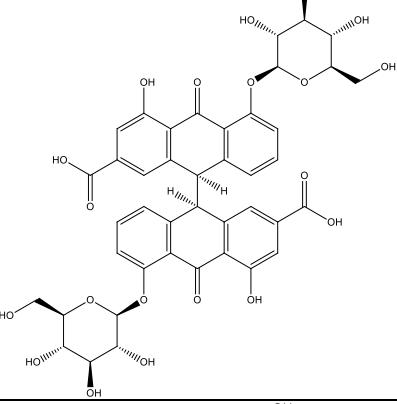
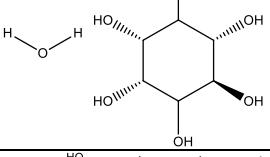
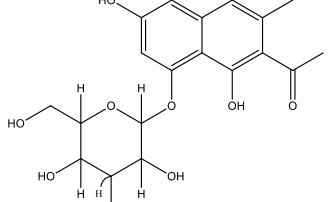
<i>C. hirsuta</i> , <i>C. montana</i> , <i>C. pudibunda</i> , <i>C. abusus</i>	Rutin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. abbreviata</i>	2R,3S-guibourtinidol		(Khurm et al., 2021)

Table 5: Glycosides reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. pumila</i> , <i>C. angustifolia</i> , <i>C. italic</i> , <i>C. podocarpa</i>	Sennoside A,B,C and D		(Dave and Ledwani, 2012) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. tora</i>	Ononitol monohydrate		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. angustifolia</i>	6 – hydroxy musizin glycoside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)

<i>C. auriculata</i>	α - Tocopherol- β -D-mannoside		(Desphande and Bhalsing, 2013)
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Table 6: Terpenes compounds reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	oleanolic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	ursolic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i> , <i>C. italic</i> , <i>C. tomentosa</i> , <i>C. renigera</i>	α -amyrin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i> , <i>C. javanica</i> , <i>C. renigera</i>	β -amyrin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	cycloeucalenol		(Khurm et al., 2021)

<i>C. spectabilis</i> , <i>C. fistula</i> , <i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. abbreviata</i>	lupeol		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i> , <i>C. siamea</i> , <i>C. fistula</i> , <i>C. obtusifolia</i>	friedelin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i> , <i>C. garrettiana</i>	Betulinic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)

Table 6: Alkaloids compounds reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. floribunda</i>	N1,N8-dibenzoylspermidine		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. racemosa</i>	Cassine		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. occidentalis</i>	N-methylmorpholine		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	(+)-3-O-feruloylcassine		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i> , <i>C. leptophylla</i>	Spectraline		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	(-)-3-O-acetylspectraline		(Khurm et al., 2021)

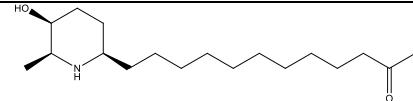
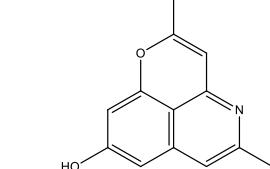
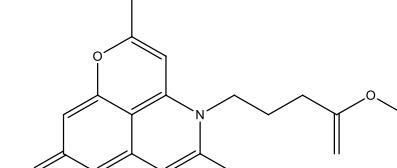
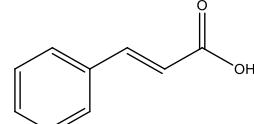
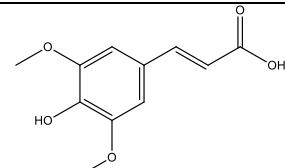
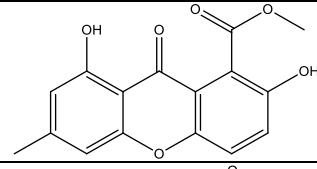
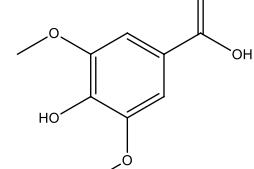
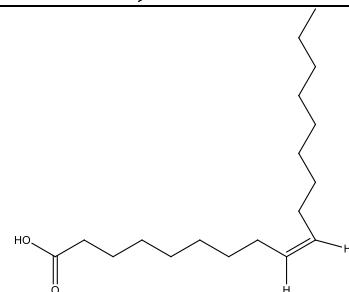
<i>C. spectabilis</i>	(-) iso-6-carnavaline (Spectalinine)		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. siamea</i>	Cassiarins A		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. siamea</i>	Cassiarins B		(Khurm et al., 2021)

Table 7: Miscellaneous compounds reported in genus *Cassia*:

Species	Compound Name	Compound Structure	Reference
<i>C. javanica</i>	Cinnamic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. javanica</i>	Sinapic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. occidentalis</i>	Pinselin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. laevigata</i> ,	Syringic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. reingera</i>	Oleic acid		(Ledwani and Singh, 2005)

<i>C. reingera</i>	Linoleic acid		(Ledwani and Singh, 2005)
<i>C. laevigata,</i>	Vanillic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. corymbosa</i>	Vernolic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. corymbosa</i>	Malvalic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. corymbosa</i>	Sterculic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. corymbosa</i>	Palmitoleic acid		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. laevigata</i>	Calendin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. reingera,</i> <i>C. absus</i>	Palmitic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Ledwani and Singh, 2005)
<i>C. reingera,</i> <i>C. glauca</i>	Stearic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002) (Ledwani and Singh, 2005)
<i>C. biflora</i>	Myristic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. biflora,</i> <i>C. javanica</i>	Behenic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. glauca</i>	Digitolutein		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. garrettiana</i>	Betulinic acid		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. javanica</i>	Triacontane		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)

<i>C. javanica</i>	Tetracosane		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. multiglandulosa</i>	Torosachrysone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i>	Uridine		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i>	Juglanin		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. occidentalis</i>	Germichrysone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. quinquangularata, C. tora,</i>	Rubrofusarin		(Khurm et al., 2021)
<i>C. obtusifolia</i>	Rubrofusarin - 6 - O - gentiobioside		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. tora</i>	Castasterone		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)
<i>C. tora</i>	Typhasterol		(Ganapaty et al., 2002)

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