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In Vitro Analysis of Cytotoxic Activities of *Monotheca buxifolia* Targeting WNT/β-Catenin Genes in Breast Cancer Cells

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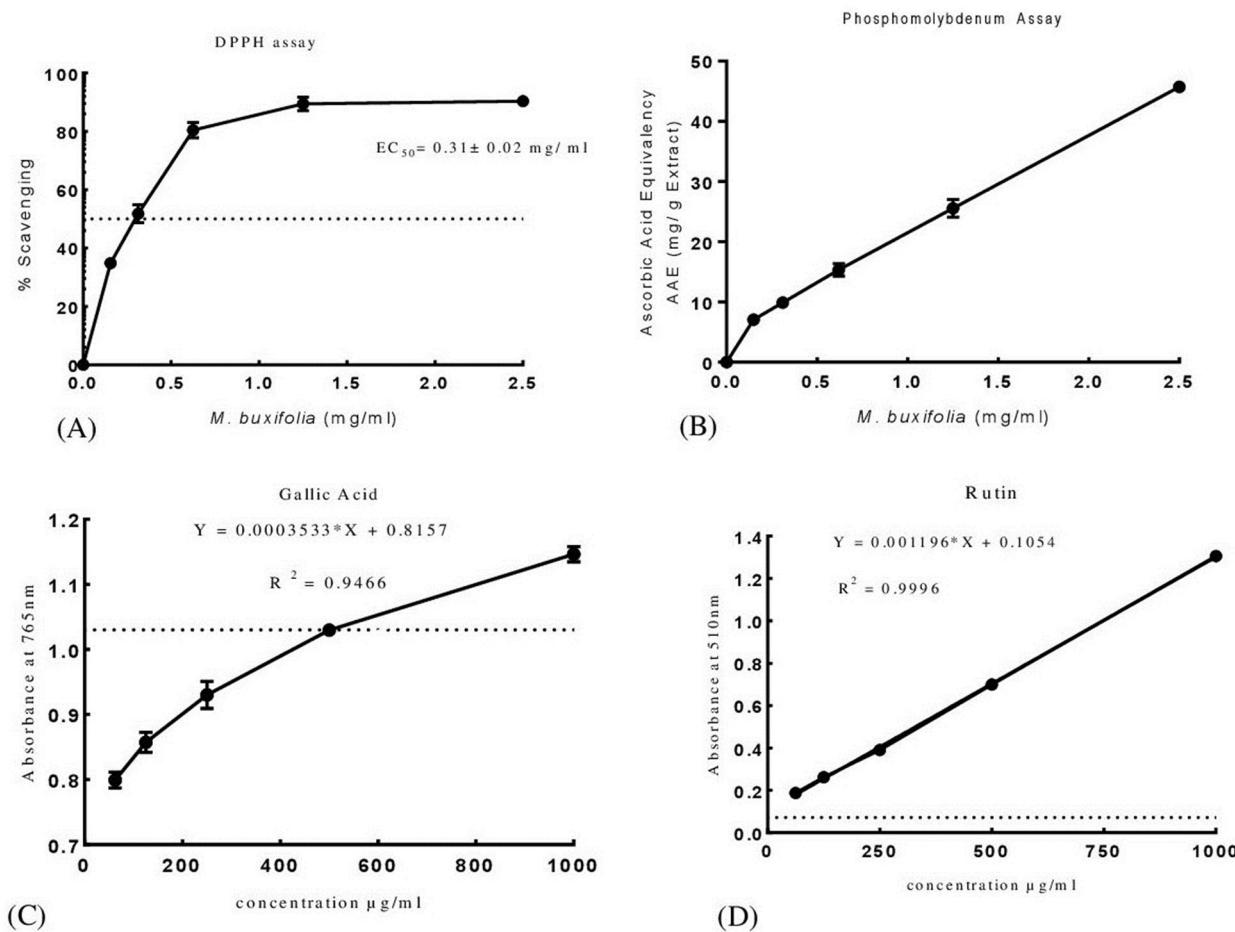


Figure S1. DPPH radical scavenging assay was performed using methanolic extract of *M. buxifolia* at varying concentrations (A); Phosphomolybdate assay was performed using different concentrations of methanolic extract of *M. buxifolia* (B); Total phenolic contents were evaluated using Gallic acid as a standard (C); and Flavonoid contents were evaluated using Rutin as a standard (D). Each value represents a mean \pm SD.

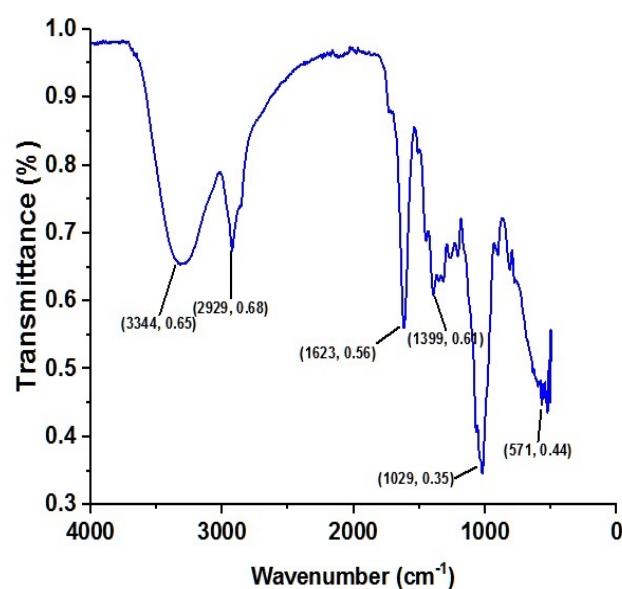


Figure S2. FTIR analysis of *M. buxifolia*.

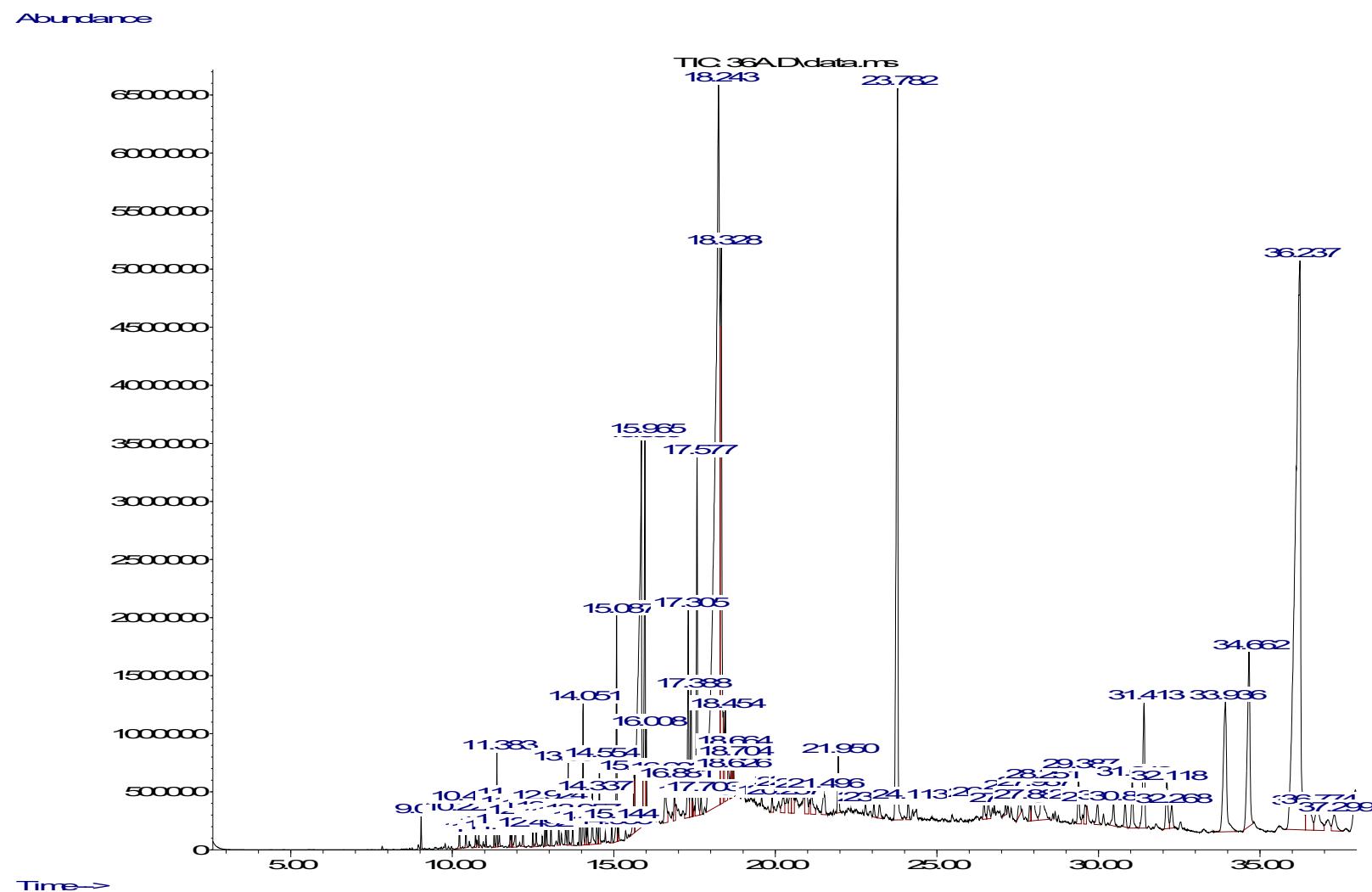


Figure S3. GCMS analysis of *M. buxifolia*.

Table S1. Summary of Casp- 7 and Casp-9-fold expression by Real time PCR for methanolic *M. buxifolia* extract (n= 6).

Treatments/ samples	Targeting Casp-7		Targeting Casp-9	
	Mean of $\Delta\Delta$ CT	Fold Expression	Mean of $\Delta\Delta$ CT	Fold Expression
NTC	0.00 ± 0.59	1.04 ± 0.41	0.00 ± 0.15	1.00 ± 0.01
Doxorubicin 0.75 µg	-1.71 ± 0.08	3.26 ± 0.05	-1.82 ± 0.20	3.52 ± 0.48
<i>M. buxifolia</i> 100 µg/ ml	-1.19 ± 0.04	2.28 ± 0.06	-1.10 ± 0.08	2.14 ± 0.13
<i>M. buxifolia</i> 300 µg/ ml	-1.45 ± 0.04	2.72 ± 0.07	-1.40 ± 0.01	2.64 ± 0.01

Table S2. Summary of Wnt- 3a and β - catenin gene fold expression by Real time PCR for methanolic *M. buxifolia* extract (n= 6).

Treatments/ samples	Targeting Wnt- 3a gene		Targeting β - catenin gene	
	Mean of $\Delta\Delta$ CT	Fold Expression	Mean of $\Delta\Delta$ CT	Fold Expression
NTC	0.00 ± 0.41	1.02 ± 0.28	0.00 ± 0.06	1.00 ± 0.04
Doxorubicin 0.75 µg	2.77 ± 0.09	0.14 ± 0.007	1.09 ± 0.09	0.47 ± 0.02
<i>M. buxifolia</i> 100 µg/ ml	2.36 ± 0.11	0.20 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.04	0.68 ± 0.01
<i>M. buxifolia</i> 300 µg/ ml	2.25 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.001	0.66 ± 0.04	0.63 ± 0.01

Table S3. List of primers used in the study.

Sr. No	Primer Name	Sequence	Product size (bp)
1	Caspase-1_F	TACCTCTTCCCAGGACATTA	110
2	Caspase-1_R	ATGGACTTTCAGTACCCTTC	
3	Caspase-3_F	GCCTGTAACTTGAGAGTAGATG	114
4	Caspase-3_R	GTATGGAGAAATGGCTGTAG	
5	Caspase-7_F	TACCTGGTCTCACCTATCC	143
6	Caspase-7_R	CCAGGCTTACATCCATTCT	
7	Caspase-9_F	GAGACAGAGTTATGCCATGTTA	136
8	Caspase-9_R	GGCCCTAACGACCAGAAATAG	
9	Wnt- 3a_F	GGCACTAGGTAGGCTTCTA	142
10	Wnt- 3a_R	GAAGCCTCATCCACCATAAA	
11	β Catenin_F	GCTTTAGGACTTCACCTGAC	105
12	β Catenin_R	CTTCCATCCCTCCTGTTAG	
13	GAPDH_F	GTATGACAACAGCCTCAAGAT	196
14	GAPDH_R	GTCCTCCACGATACCAAAG	

Table S4. Optimized PCR conditions.

Steps	Sub-cycles	Conditions	PCR cycles
Initial Denaturation		95 °C, 12 min	1
PCR Cycles	Denaturation	95 °C, 15 sec	40
	Primer annealing	61°C, 20 sec	
	Primer extension	72 °C, 20 sec	
Hold		95 °C, 15 sec	