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Separation of Phenylpropanoid and Iridoid Glycosides from roots of Stachytarpheta cayennensis (Rich.) Vahl, by High Speed Countercurrent Chromatography

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*In the beggining there was the
Craig.....*



*...and then ... the
HSCCC era..*



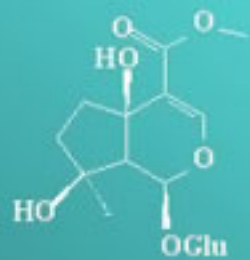
Stachytarpheta cayennensis

- The roots of this plant are used in Brazilian Folk Medicine for rheumatism, and back pain.
- *Topical application of the macerated leaves and roots - also recommended to treat sore skin wounds*



The Family Verbenaceae and the Genus Stachytarpheta

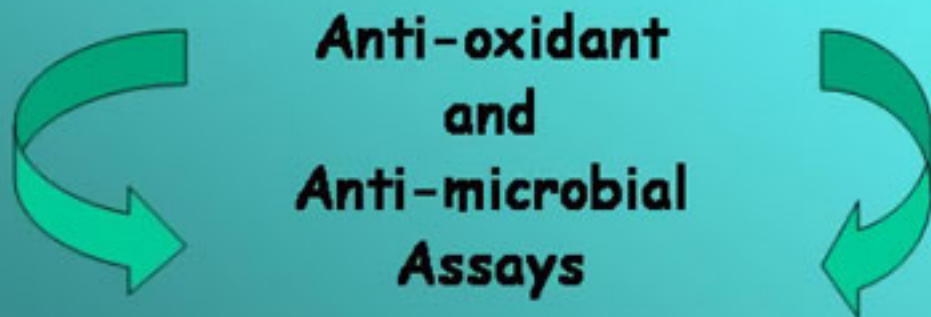
- Verbenaceae are known to be rich in both phenylpropnoid and iridoid glycosydes
- The *Genus Stachytarpheta* - rich in iridoids mainly of the ipolamiide type



Ipolamiide

Stachytarpheta cayennensis

**Crude Ethanolic Extract
from the Roots**



**the Ethyl Acetate extract afforded the
best results in the two assays!!**

Gradient Elution in CCC...

...can be very useful when samples have a wide range of polarities to be covered...

...which is obtained when the gradient progressively increases the elution strength of the mobile phase.

The choice of a proper solvent system for a gradient elution in CCC can be a difficult task!!!

Gradient Elution in CCC



Systems consisting of

EtOAc/1-BuOH/H₂O and **EtOAc/2-BuOH/H₂O**
are very useful for both isocratic and gradient
separation of rather polar compounds

A. Foucault,
1995



compounds that prefer
water to ethyl acetate, but
prefer butanol to water can
be purified by using these
two systems.

Optimization of the BuOH Ratio in the Solvent System *EtOAc:BuOH:H₂O*

EtOAc:BuOH:H₂O 1:X:1



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1995

A: EtOAc:H₂O 1:1

B: BuOH:H₂O 1:1



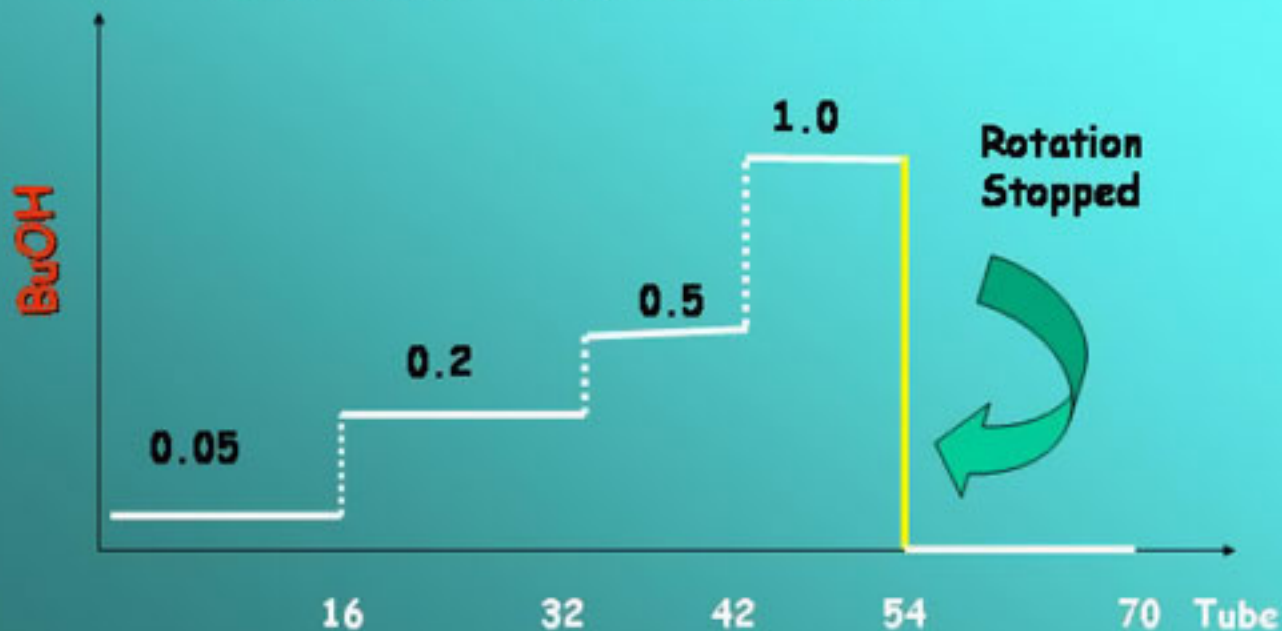
A: X= 0.2

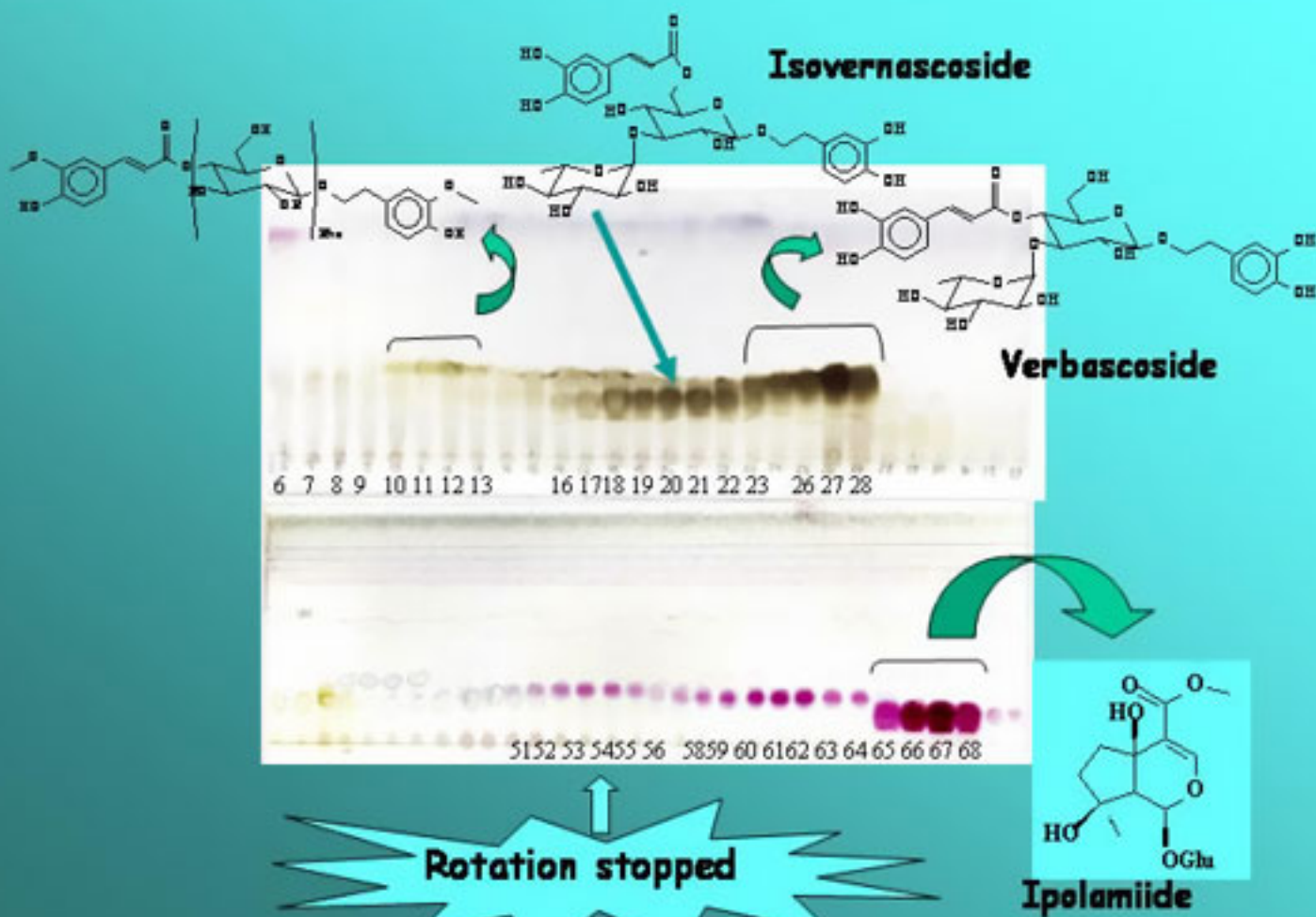
B: X=0.5

C: X=1.0

The Step-gradient was set as....

*EtOAc:BuOH:H₂O 1:X:1, normal phase, 2ml/min.,
850RPM, S_F = 78,7, 5ml fractions*





Conclusions

- The sequential increase of BuOH in the organic phase of an EtOAc : BuOH : H₂O normal phase CCC solvent system, and wash-off of stationary phase allowed the isolation of the bio-active compounds from the ethyl acetate extract of the roots of *Stachytarpheta cayennensis*.
- These compounds covered a far wider span of polarities than could have been achieved by more conventional isocratic CCC.

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