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## Exploring the Phytochemical Composition and Pharmacological Activities of *Cerbera* manghas and C. odollam: A Comprehensive Review

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**Copyright:** © 2024 Ilmiawati *et al.* This is an openaccess article distributed under the terms of the <u>Creative Commons</u> Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. *Cerbera manghas* and *C. odollam*, often perceived as similar species, exhibit distinct physical characteristics and phylogenetic classifications. Despite their reputation as poisonous plants, both species have diverse benefits and are potential sources of pharmacological compounds. This report comprehensively summarizes the compounds identified within the *genus Cerbera*, coupled with reported bioactivities. Over 100 compounds, including phenolics, flavonoids, terpenoids, and steroids, have been isolated from *C. manghas* and *C. odollam*. Cardiac glycosides (steroids) are the predominant compounds in these species and demonstrate robust cytotoxic activity. Furthermore, both plants show promise as antioxidants and antimicrobial agents, and exhibit insecticidal, termiticidal, and larvicidal properties. This review consolidates the current understanding of the phytochemical and pharmacological attributes of *C. manghas* and *C. odollam*.

Keywords: Cerbera, Cerbera manghas, Cerbera odollam, Pharmacological activities,

Introduction

*Cerbera* genus is a mangrove plant that belongs to the Apocynaceae family and is widespread in tropical Asia, Australia, and various islands in the Indian and western Pacific Oceans.<sup>1</sup> The two most common species of *Cerbera* are *C. odollam* and *C. manghas.* In Indonesia these two species are known as "bintaro", while in other countries they are known as pong-pong tree, blind rhino, mango laut, wood octopus, and babuto.<sup>2</sup>

C. manghas is a tree that can reach 20 m in height with a diameter of 70 cm. The branches of the tree are thick and succulent, while the stem contains prominent lenticels and softwood. The leaves are dark green and spirally arranged. The fruit is oval and has a single seed. When ripe, it changes colour to bright red.3 C. odollam is a tree measuring up to 12 m and has dark green leaves with leaf stalks measuring 2-5 cm long. The fruit is round, like an apple or a small mango, with poisonous seeds. When the fruit is ripe, it will change from green to reddish purple to brownish black and fall from the tree.<sup>4</sup> Distinguishing features include the flowers of C. odollam with tiny yellow eyes and the oval fruits. In contrast, flowers of C. manghas have a prominent pink eye, and fruits are more elongated, resembling mango.<sup>5</sup> In several reports, it is stated that the C. manghas species is the same as C. odollam. Based on the phylogenetic tree, C. odollam and C. manghas are different plants.<sup>6</sup> Based on literature search, the two species are also reported to contain different compounds or secondary metabolites.5

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Almost all parts of the bintaro plant contain a toxin called "Cerberin" which is a toxin that can block human calcium ion channels, thereby disrupting the heartbeat and can cause death, therefore this plant is known as 'suicide tree.' Ingestion of the kernel can cause nausea, vomiting, hyperkalemia, thrombocytopenia, and ECG abnormalities. Exposure to high doses of Cerbera odollam carries the highest risk of mortality.7 Apart from that, there are also reports of cases of death due to ingestion C. odollam seeds in the US, with symptoms of vomiting and bradycardia.8 There are also reports of women committing suicide several hours after ingestion pong-pong seeds obtained via the internet.9 However, this plant is also reported to have various activities, including antioxidant,<sup>10-11</sup> anticancer,<sup>12</sup> anti-inflammatory,<sup>13</sup> and antimicrobial.<sup>14</sup> These activities are due to the secondary metabolites contained therein, such as saponins, terpenoids, and alkaloids, phenolic acids, flavonoids, cardiac glycosides, steroids, iridoids, lignans, and other compounds.<sup>3</sup> Various reports also show its potential as a bioinsecticidal and pesticide in the agricultural field and termiticidal activity in various species.12 This review article summarizes various compounds reported from C. manghas and C. odollam, along with their multiple bioactivities, antioxidant, antimicrobial, including cytotoxic, insecticidal. termiticidal, and larvicidal activities. Although several studies also discuss reviews of the Cerbera genus, in this article, the review is more comprehensive regarding compounds that have been reported in both species (C. odollam and C. manghas) as well as their activities, starting from the first report up to the latest data. This review is essential to provide more information regarding the potential of Cerbera plants in various bioactivities, both from extracts and isolated compounds, so that this plant is not only known as a poisonous plant but also a valuable

## Methodology

plant.

This review was based on a literature review. The literature used was reliable literature published from 1976 until 2023. The literature used were scientific articles, research journals, and books on both national and international levels. The literature review was carried out by searching for articles using the keywords "bintaro," "*Cerbera*,"

"Cerbera manghas," "Cerbera odollam," "compound of Cerbera," "bioactivity of Cerbera," and so on Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, Springer, MDPI, PubMed and Researchgate.

## **Results and Discussion**

## Compounds in Cerbera manghas and Cerbera odollam

More than 100 compounds, including phenolics, terpenoids, and steroids, have been isolated from *C. manghas* and *C. odollam*. The most common group of compounds among these two groups is the cardiac glycoside group, a steroid derivative. The complete data are presented in Table 1. Data were sorted by library year, from oldest to latest. The compounds previously reported in the literature have not been rewritten. The first report was published in 1976, reporting the isolation of flavonoid and steroid compounds, namely Nicotiflorin, Rutin, and (+)-Bornesitol.<sup>15</sup> The subsequent discovery was reported in 1977, reporting the isolation of several compounds belonging to the cardiac glycoside group, including Cerberin, Nerifoliin, and Thevetin B. The compound most often found in *Cerbera* plants (*C. manghas* and *C. odollam*) is Cerberin, a group of cardiac glycosides. This compound is found in several parts of plants, namely leaves,<sup>17</sup> fruit,<sup>18</sup> and seeds.<sup>16, 19-21</sup>.

Most of the compounds were isolated from parts of plant leaves, whereas parts of plants rarely studied are fruits. Only one publication was found regarding compounds from *C. manghas* fruit parts, namely phenolic acid and terpenoid groups,<sup>18</sup> including benzoic acid, vanillic acid, Vanillin, and Isophthalaldehydic acid.

#### Bioactivities

## Cytotoxic Activity

The bintaro plant is known to be toxic and poisonous. Some studies on the cytotoxic activity of bintaro plants are presented in Table 2. Cytotoxic activity in the genus *Cerbera* was partly reported as the  $ED_{50}$ value (µg/mL) and partly as the IC<sub>50</sub> value (µg/mL). Some of the literature initially said concentrations in micromolar units, but in this study, it was converted to µg/mL to be compared with other studies. Almost all of the literature reports the activity of the isolated compounds from the genus *Cerbera*, except for one report regarding the cytotoxic activity of *Cerbera* extract.<sup>40</sup> The cytotoxic activity of *Cerbera* compounds and extract was tested against oral human epidermoid carcinoma (KB), breast cancer cells (BC, MCF7 & T47D), human small cell lung cancer (NCI-H187), ovarian cancer cell lines (SKOV3 & CaOV3), kidney of an African green monkey (Vero), human liver hepatocellular carcinoma cell line (HepG2), promyelocytic leukemia cell line (HL-60), cervical carcinoma cells (HeLa), human colon cancer cells (Col2), and human endometrial cancer (Ishikawa).

Most of the compounds tested for cytotoxic activity were cardiac glycosides, and most showed strong cytotoxic activity, including 17*a*and 17*β*-Neriifolin, Cerberin, 7,8-Dehydrocerberin, Tanghinin, Neriifolin, and Tanghinigenin. Cerberin's cytotoxic activity against KB, BC, and NCI-H187 cells was reported twice by different literature and gave results that were not much different, showing strong activity against all three cancer cells.<sup>19,21</sup> The mechanism of cell death by17*β*H-Neriifolin was further evaluated using Hoescht 33342 assay, and it was found that the compound killed the cancer cells via apoptosis. 17*β*H-Neriifolin and ouabain both bound at *α*-subunit in Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase and their binding energy were -8.16 ± 0.74 kcal/mol and -8.18 ± 0.48 kcal/mol respectively.<sup>41</sup>

Besides of that, other literature states that the compound 2'-Epi-2'-O-Acetylthevetin B (GHSC-74) (cardiac glycoside group) isolated from *C. manghas* seed, can reduce the viability of HepG2 cells, which is influenced by time and dose.<sup>46</sup> Other research states that  $\beta$ -D-Glucosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-thevetosides of 17 $\beta$ -digitoxigenin (GHSC-73) (cardiac glycoside group) isolated from the seed of *C. manghas* can reduce the viability of HepG2 cells which is influenced by time and dose without decreasing the viability of Chang human liver cells and Swiss albino 3T3 fibroblasts, induced efficiently stimulated apoptosis in HepG2 cells as evidenced by DNA fragmentation, annexin V/PI binding assay and DAPI staining.<sup>47</sup>

Compound	Group	Plant part	Species	Reference
Nicotiflorin	Flavonoid			
Rutin	Leaves		C. manghas	15
(+)-Bornesitol	Steroid			
Cerberin				
Neriifolin				
Thevetin B		Card		
2'-O-Acetyl thevetin B		Seed		
Deacetyltanghinin	Steroid (Cardiac			16
Gentiobiosyl deacetyltanghinin	glycosides)		C. manghas	
$17\beta$ H-tanghinigenin $\beta$ -L-thevetoside		Root bark		
17βH-tanghinigenin β-D-glucosyl-(1" $\rightarrow$ 4')-β-L-thevetoside		& stem		
Digitoxigenin $\beta$ -L-thevetoside		T		
$17\beta$ H-digitoxigenin $\beta$ -L-thevetoside		Leaves		
Cerbinal				
Cerberic acid	Iridoid	Bark	C. manghas	22
Cerberinic acid				
Manghaslin	F1 '1	Ŧ		22
Clitorin	Flavonoid	Leaves	C. manghas	23
3-O)-(2-RhamnosyIrutinosyl-7-O-β-glucosylquercetin	Flavonoid	Leaves	C. manghas	24
17α-Neriifolin	Steroid (Cardiac	T	C. manghas;	25
17α-Deacetyltanghinin	glycosides)	Leaves	C. odollam	25

Table 1: Compounds isolated from C. odollam and C.manghas

Compound	Group	Plant part	Species	Reference
Cerleaside A				
$\beta\beta$ -Hydroxydigitoxigenin- $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside (= Cerdollaside)				
7α-Cerdollaside				
Digitoxigenin <i>a</i> -L-acofrioside				
= solanoside)				
7α-Solanoside				
Fanghinigenina α-L-Acofrioside				
$7\alpha$ -Digitoxigenin $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl- $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside				
$7$ <i>α</i> -Tanghinigenin $\beta$ -D-glucos-3-ulosyl-(1→4)- <i>α</i> -L-				
hevetoside			C. odollam	
Deagenin $\beta$ -D-glucosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside (=				
Cerleaside B)				
Digitoxigenin $\beta$ -D-Gentiotriosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside	Steroid (Cardiac	Ŧ	C. manghas	26
$7\alpha$ -Digitoxigenin $\beta$ -D-glucosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ - $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside	glycosides)	Leaves		26
17β-Digitoxigenin β-D-glucosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-α-L-thevetoside				
17α-Tanghinigenin			C. manghas;	
$^{17eta}$ -Tanghinigenin			C. odollam	
Digitoxigenin Gentiotriosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ - $\alpha$ -L-thevetoside				
Tanghinigenin				
17 <i>α</i> -Digitoxigenin <i>β</i> -D-Apiosyl-(1→6)- <i>β</i> -D-glucosyl-				
$1\rightarrow 4$ )- <i>a</i> -L-thevetoside				
17α-Digitoxigenin β-D-cellobiosyl-α-L-thevetoside	Steroid (Cardiac	Stem	C. manghas	27
17α-Digitoxigenin β-D-Gentiobiocyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-α-L-	glycosides			-
hevetoside				
-)-Olivil				
+)-Cycloolivil				
5-5"-Bis-olivil (= Cerberalignan A)		Stem	C. manghas;	
5'-5"-Bis-olivil (= Cerberalignan A)	Lignan	Stelli	C. odollam	28
5'-5''-Bis-olivil (= Cerberalignan B)	Lignan			20
$\beta - \beta - \beta B - \delta $				
Divil 4'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside		Leaves	C. manghas	
			C. manghas;	
Cerberalignan D-I	Lignan	Stem	C. mangnas; C. odollam	29
Cerberalignan J-N	Lignan	Stem	C. manghas	30
Cerberidol	Ziginni	Stelli	c. mangitus	50
Epoxycerberidol				
Cyclocerberidol				
Cerberidol-3-O-β-D-allopiranosyde	Terpenoid	Leaves	C. manghas;	31
Cerberidol-3,10-bis-O-β-D-allopiranosyde	reipenoia	LUAVUS	C. odollam	51
Epoxycerberidol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-allopiranosyde				
Cyclocerberidol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-allopiranosyde				
0-O-Benzoyltheveside				
10-Dehydrogeniposide Loganin	Iridoid	Leaves	C. manghas	32

Compound	Group	Plant part	Species	Reference
Theveside				
10-Carboxyloganin	Iridoid			
Cyclocerberidol-3-O-β-D-glucoside				
Epoxycerberidol-3-O-β-D-glucoside				
3-(Hydroxyisopropyl)pentane-1,4-diol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside		Leaves	C. manghas	33
3-(Hydroxyisopropyl)pentane-1-ol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside	Terpenoid	Leuves	e. mangnas	55
$(3\xi,4\xi)$ -3-Isopropyl-3,4-epoxypentane-1,5-diol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-				
glucoside				
(Z)-3-Isopropyl-3-pentene-1,5-diol-1-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside				
(-)-14-Hydroxy-3 $\beta$ -(3-O-methyl-6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnosyl)-				
$11\alpha$ , $12\alpha$ -epoxy-(5 $\beta$ , $14\beta$ , $17\beta$ H)-card-20(22)-enolide				
(-)-14-Hydroxy- $3\beta$ -(3-O-methyl-6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-	Steroid (Cardiac			
glucopyranosyl)-11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -epoxy-(5 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\beta$ H)-card-	glycoside)	Roots	C. manghas	34
20(22)-enolide				
(–)-17β-Neriifolin				
(-)-Cycloolivil	Lignan			
$17\beta$ -Neriifolin	Staroid (Cardia			
$3\beta$ -O-(2'-O-Acetyl-L- thevetosyl)- $15(14\rightarrow 8)$ -abeo- $5\beta$ -(8R)-	Steroid (Cardiac	seed	C. odollam	19
14-oxo-card-20(22)-enolide (= 2'-O-Acetyl cerleaside A)	glycoside)			
3β-O-(2'-O-acetyl-α-L-thevetosyl)-14β-hydroxy-7-en-5β-				
card-20(22)-enolide	steroid (Cardiac	seed	C. manghas	21
(= 7,8-Dehydrocerberin)	glycoside)			
1,3-Bis( <i>m</i> -carboxylphenyl)-propan-2-one	Dhamal's said	D - 1-	C I	25
2-(m-carboxylphenyl)-3-(m-carboxylbenzyl) succinic acid	Phenolic acid	Bark	C. manghas	35
Cerberic acid A & B	Iridoid	Bark	C. manghas	36
<i>p</i> -Hydroxybenzaldehyde	Phenol			
Benzamide	Amide			
n-Hexadecane acid monoglyceride	Fatty acid	-		
Loliolide	Iridoid	Leaves	C. manghas	17
$\beta$ -Sitosterol	Stanai 1			
Daucosterol	Steroid			
Triticusterol	Steroid			
Dihydroxy-4-methoxy benzoic acid	Dhama 1	Stem bark	C. odollam	37
2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-6-methyl benzoic acid	Phenol			
Uvaol				
(23Z)-9,19-cycloart-25-ene-3β,24-diol				
Euphorbol				
Ursolic acid	Terpenoid	Leaves	C. manghas	38
2α-Hydroxyursolic acid				
3-O-Acetyl ursolic acid				
α-Amyrin				
Benzoic acid				
Vanillic acid	Phenolic acid	Fruit	C. manghas	18
Vanillin				

Compound	Group	Plant part	Species	Reference
p-Hydroxybenzaldehyde				
Isophthalaldehydic acid				
$\beta$ -hydroxygpropiovanillone				
Ficusol				
Evofolin B				
3,4'-Dihydroxypropiophenone				
p-Hydroxybenzoic acid				
Protocatechuic acid				
Cerbinal	Terpenoid			
$\beta$ -Amyrin				
Lupeol	Storeid	Laamaa	C - 1-11	20
$\beta$ -Sitostenone	Steroid	Leaves	C. odollam	39
Triticusterol				

Compound	Group		Cytotoxic to-	Concentra tion	Value	Species	Reference
$3\beta$ -O-(2'-O-acetyl-L- thevetosyl)-			KB		7.56		
15(14→8)-abeo-5β-(8R)-14-oxo-			BC		4.62		
card-20(22)-enolide (= 2'-O-Acetyl			NCI-H187		7.42		
cerleaside A)					7.42		
			KB		Inactive		
Cerleaside A			BC		9.12		
			NCI-H187		inactive		
			KB		0.078	C. odollam	19
17α-Neriifolin			BC		0.049	C. bublium	19
			NCI-H187		0.032		
			KB		0.017		
$17\beta$ -Neriifolin			BC	ED50	0.048		
			NCI-H187	(µg/mL)	0.076		
	Steroid	(Cardiac	KB		1.92		
			BC		1.63		
Card and a	glycoside)		NCI-H187		1.24		
Cerberin			KB		1.29		
			BC		0.77		
			NCI-H187		2.3		
			KB		1.75		
7,8-Dehydrocerberin			BC		0.0006	C. manghas	21
			NCI-H187		16.7		
			KB		0.05		
Tanghinin			BC		1.48		
-			NCI-H187		0.1		
			MCF7		0.009		
			T47D	IC50	0.011		
$17\beta$ H-Neriifolin			SKOV3	(µg/mL)	0.015	C. odollam	42
			CaOV3		0.017		

Table 2. Cytotoxic activity of extracts/compounds on C. odollam and C. manghas

Compound	Group	Cytotoxic to-	Concentra tion	Value	Species	Reference
		Vero		0.013		
Neriifolin		HepG2		0.15		43
Tanghinigenin		HL-60		0.84		44
		HepG2		44.7		
Cerberic acid A	Iridoid	MCF-7		52.3		36
		HeLa		48.7		
(–)-14-Hydroxy-3β-(3-O-methyl-6-						
deoxy-α-L-rhamnosyl)-11α,12α-				0.015		
epoxy-(5β,14β,17βH)-card-20(22)-		Col2		0.0042	C. manghas	
enolide	Steroid (Cardenolide)	Ishikawa				
(-)-14-Hydroxy-3β-(3-O-methyl-6-	Steroid (Cardenonde)					34
deoxy-a-L-glucopyranosyl)-11a,12a-		Col2		0.02		34
epoxy-(5β,14β,17βH)-card-20(22)-		Ishikawa		0.008		
enolide						
(–)-17β-Neriifolin	Steroid (Cardiac	Col2		0.01		
(-)-1/ <i>p</i> -mermonn	glycoside)	Ishikawa		0.09		
	Methanol extract of	MCF-7		8.49		
	leaves	T47D		10.99	C. odollam	40
	Methanol extract of	MCF-7		100	C. oaollam	40
	fruit	T47D		> 100		

Note: Activity category in ED<sub>50</sub> values ( $\mu$ g/ml); Strong if <5, moderate if 5-20, weak if 20-50, and inactive if >50.<sup>19</sup> Activity category in IC<sub>50</sub> values ( $\mu$ g/ml); strong if <10, moderate if 10-50, weak if 50-100, and inactive if >100.<sup>45</sup>

#### Antioxidant activity

Several studies have reported the antioxidant activity of the bintaro plant. However, the literature is limited to the activity of the plant extract or fraction (both *C. odollam* and *C. manghas*) with several different extracting solvents, and no reports have been found regarding the antioxidant activity of compounds in the bintaro plant. A summary of the antioxidant activities of *the C. odollam* and *C. manghas* extracts and their fractions is presented in Table 3. Overall antioxidant activity was stated to be very strong if IC<sub>50</sub> value is < 50 µg/mL, strong if IC<sub>50</sub> value is 51-100 µg/mL, moderate if 1C<sub>50</sub> value is 101-150 µg/mL, and weak if IC<sub>50</sub> value is > 150 µg/mL.<sup>48</sup> From these results it can be seen that extracts that provide powerful antioxidant activity are methanol extract of the bark *C. odollam*, and fractions that provide extreme antioxidant activity are carbon tetrachloride and chloroform fraction of the methanolic extract of leaves and bark *C. odollam*.<sup>37,39</sup>

#### Antimicrobial activity

The bintaro plants (*C. odollam* and *C. manghas*) have been reported to have antimicrobial (both antibacterial and antifungal) potential. However, the literature regarding the antifungal activity of *Cerbera* plants is less than that regarding its antibacterial activity. Several reports on the antimicrobial activities of bintaro plants are presented in Table 4.

Overall, polar solvent extracts were better antibacterial agents than nonpolar solvents. This can be seen from the antibacterial activity of butanol extract of *C. manghas* leaves against *K. pneumonia* which is better than n-hexane extract.<sup>50</sup> Likewise, ethyl acetate extract of *C. manghas* leaves has better antibacterial activity against *E. coli* than dichloromethane extract.<sup>51</sup> However, water extracts do not seem to provide good antibacterial activity, such as water extracts of *C. manghas* seed and meat.<sup>52</sup> Other literature also reports that phylloplane yeast isolated from C. manghas leaves can inhibit growth and sporulation of *Aspergillus* sp. and *Penicillium* sp.<sup>53</sup>

## Insecticidal, Termiticidal and Larvicidal Activities

Several studies have reported the *Cerbera* plant's insecticidal, termiticidal, and larvicidal activities. The data are presented in Table 5. Most of the literature reports the activity of *Cerbera* leaves. Based on the data in Table 5, the seed is the part of the *Cerbera* plant that has the potential to be an insecticidal is the seed.<sup>56</sup> Literature related to termiticidal activity on *Cerbera* plants is still rare. Based on research by Hashim et al.<sup>57</sup>, a part of the *Cerbera* plant that provides the highest termiticidal activity after 14 days is the flower, with a termite mortality (TM) of 100%.

The larvicidal activity reported by Komalamisra et al.<sup>58</sup> and Tarmadi et al.<sup>59</sup> yielded different results, even though they used the same samples and plant parts. This is because the origin of the plants used is different, where the *C. odollam* samples tested by Komalamisra *et al.*<sup>58</sup> came from Thailand, while those tested by Tarmadi *et al.*<sup>59</sup> came from Indonesia. Differences in the growing locations of plants can produce different secondary metabolites, thus providing other activities.

Reports of insecticidal, termiticidal, and larvicidal activities of *C. manghas* extract were lower than those of *C. odollam. C. manghas* leaf extract does not have a significant lethal effect on *R. linearis* insects; it also provides mortality of only 33%.<sup>60,65</sup>

Apart from the data in the table, there was also termiticidal activity against *Coptotermes* sp. observed every two days during the ten days of observation. The report showed that the methanol extract of *C. odollam* leaves caused 100% termite mortality on the last observation. Whereas bark extracted with n-hexane and acetone caused 100% termite mortality of the compound was carried out by Tarmadi et al.<sup>67</sup> where the oleic acid isolated from *C. manghas* showed low termicidal activity as it delivered

low mortality in *Coptotermes gestroi* Wasmann and *Cryptotermes cynocephalus* Light.

Other literature also reports that leaves, rinds, and stem bark extracts of *C. odollam* showed low larvicidal activity against *Culex quinquefasciatus*. In contrast, seed kernel extract and its fractionation using n-hexane and ethyl acetate solvents showed high activity.<sup>68</sup>

## Conclusion

In conclusion, *Cerbera manghas* and *Cerbera odollam* have emerged as promising sources of pharmacologically relevant compounds, often recognized for their toxicity. The presence of diverse secondary metabolites, including phenolics, flavonoids, terpenoids, and steroids, highlights their potential medicinal significance. Notably, cardiac glycosides, identified as the dominant steroid compounds, exhibit robust cytotoxic activity, emphasizing the pharmacological potential of these plants. This investigation revealed variations in antioxidant and antimicrobial activities, with methanol extracts displaying high antioxidant potential and polar extracts demonstrating superior antimicrobial efficacy. Despite their documented insecticidal, termiticidal, and larvicidal activities, a comprehensive comparative analysis across species, plant parts, and extraction solvents remains limited because relevant reports are scarce. This study highlights the need for further research to explore a wider range of bioactivities inherent in *Cerbera* plants that are yet to be extensively investigated. Continued exploration of their pharmacological properties is key to unlocking the full spectrum of potential applications of these intriguing botanical species.

## **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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Table 3; Antioxidant activity of C. odollam and C. manghas extracts/fractions with DPPH method

Species	Extract/fraction	IC <sub>50</sub>	Reference
C. manghas	Ethanol extract of leaves	292 µg/mL	49
	Methanol extract of the bark	46.0 μg/mL	
	n-hexane soluble fraction of the methanol extract of the bark	135.0 µg/mL	
	Carbon tetrachloride soluble fraction of the methanol extract of	26.0 ug/mI	
	the bark	26.0 μg/mL	37
	Chloroform soluble fraction of the methanol extract of the bark	21.0 µg/mL	
	Aqueous fraction of the methanol extract of the bark	62.5 μg/mL	
C. odollam	Methanol extract of leaves	75.02 μg/mL	
	Carbon tetrachloride fraction of the methanolic extract of	72.01 / 1	
	leaves	72.01 μg/mL	20
	Chloroform fraction of the methanolic extract of leaves	40.00 µg/mL	39
	Petroleum ether fraction of the methanolic extract of leaves	280.01 μg/mL	
	Aqueous fraction of the methanolic extract of leaves	265.17 μg/mL	
	Standard equivalent in methanolic extract. (IC %) at 5 $\mu g/mL$	80.029%	1.4
	Standard equivalent in aqueous extract. (IC %) at 5 $\mu$ g/mL	88.381%	14

Table 4: Antimicrobial activity of extracts/compounds on C. odollam and C. manghas

Species	extract/fraction	Mass/ Concentration extract/ fraction	Bacteria	Diameter of the inhibition zone (mm)	Reference
Antibacterial					
n-hexane extract of	n horrows antroast of the	250 mg/mL		17.5	
		500 mg/mL		18	
	leaves	1000 mg/mL	Klebsiella	19	50
C. manahaa		250 mg/mL	pneumonia	21	50
C. manghas	Butanol extract of the leaves	500 mg/mL		23.5	
	of the leaves	1000 mg/mL		25	
	n-hexane extract of the	0.05 a/mI	Staphylococcus aureus	8.43	52
	seed	0.05 g/mL	Bacillus cereus	4.88	32

Species	extract/fraction	Mass/ Concentration extract/ fraction	Bacteria	Diameter of the inhibition zone (mm)	Reference
			Escherichia coli.	3.56	
	Ethyl acetate extract of		Staphylococcus aureus	5.15	
	the seed		Bacillus cereus	2.26	
			Escherichia coli.	0.11	
	Aquades extract of the		Staphylococcus aureus	0.39	
	seed		Bacillus cereus	0	
			Escherichia coli.	10.05	
	Ethyl acetate extract of		Staphylococcus aureus Bacillus cereus	10.95 4.24	
	the meat		Escherichia coli.	8.35	
			Staphylococcus aureus	5.28	
	n-hexane extract of the		Bacillus cereus	1.31	
	meat		Escherichia coli.	2.59	
			Staphylococcus aureus	0.16	
	Aquades extract of the		Bacillus cereus;	0	
	meat		Escherichia coli.	0	
		10 mg/mL		10	
		20 mg/mL	Staphylococcus aureus	11.33	
	Ethyl acetate extract of the leaves	30 mg/mL		13.67	
		10 mg/mL		8.5	
		20 mg/mL	Escherichia coli	9.17	
		30 mg/mL		10.33	51
		10 mg/mL		9.83	
		20 mg/mL	Staphylococcus aureus	13.33	
	Dichloromethane extract	30 mg/mL		15.83	
	of the leaves	10 mg/mL		7.17	
		20 mg/mL	Escherichia coli	8.33	
		30 mg/mL		10.17	
			Streptococcus saprophyticus	16	
			Streptococcus pyogenes	11	
			Salmonella typhi	15	
Methanol seed C. odollam	Methanol extract of the	500 μg/hole	Shigella boydii;		54
	seed		Shigella sonnie; Staphylococcus	0	
			epidermis		
			Shigella flexneri;		
			Shigella dysenteriae;	6	
			Staphylococcus aureus		
	Methanol extract of the leaves	400 µg/disc	Bacillus megaterium; Shigella flexneri	8	39

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Species	extract/fraction	Mass/ Concentration extract/ fraction	Bacteria	Diameter of the inhibition zone (mm)	Reference
	Pet ether fraction of		Bacillus cereus;	<b>7</b> 0	
	methanol extract of the leaves		Shigella sonni	7-8	
	Carbon tetrachloride		Bacillus subtilis,		
	fraction of methanol		Bacillus megaterium,	7-9	
	extract of the leaves		Bacillus cereus, Staphylococus aureus & Sarcina lutea		
	Chloroform fraction of	400	Bacillus subtilis,		
	methanol extract of the	μg/disc	Bacillus polymyxa,	7-8	
	leaves	hB, dibe	kleb species	, 0	
	Aqueous fraction of		1		
	methanol extract of the		Bacillus subtilis	7	
	leaves				
			Bacillus subtilis;		
			Staphylococcus aureus;	2	
C. odollam	Methanol extract of the	100 μL/well	Escherichia coli		14
e. ouonum	leaves		Salmonella typhi	3	14
			Corynebacterium diphtheria;	0	
			Klebsiella pneumonia		
Antifungal					
	Ethanol extract of the		Aspergillus niger	13.4	
	leaves		Fusarium oxysporum	0	
		100 mg	Penicilium citrum	15.73	55
	Ethonol outroat of the for-it		Aspergillus niger	10.72	
C. odollam	Ethanol extract of the fruit		Fusarium oxysporum Penicilium citrum	9.39 8.67	
	Methanol extract of the		Saccharomyces cerevisiae	26	
	leaves		Candida albicans	20	
		$100 \ \mu L/well$	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	16	14
	Aqueous extract of the leaves		Candida albicans	9	

Table 5: Insecticidal, termiticidal, and larvicidal activity	of extracts on C. odollam and C. manghas
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Species	Part of plant	Species of larvae	Value	References	
Insecticidal	-				
C. manghas	Seed	Riptortus linearis	Mortality = 33.33%	60	
	Leaf		Mortality = 16.66%		
	Fruit	Spodoptera litura	Mortality = 100%	61	
			$LC_{50} = 0.6 \%$		
	T	Spodoptera litura (instar 2)	LC <sub>95</sub> = 11.88%	(2	
	Leaves	Spodoptera litura (instar	LC50 = 0.28 %	62	
		2+3)	$LC_{95} = 2.89\%$		
	Granule extract	of Spodoptera litura Fab	$LC_{50} = 1.41\%$	63	
	leaves	Spoaopiera illura Fab	$LC_{50} = 1.41\%$	05	

Species	Part of plant	Species of larvae	Value	References
C. odollam	Seed		LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.189 %	
	Seeu	Eurema sp	LC <sub>95</sub> = 1.36%	56
	Flesh of fruit		LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.315 %	
			$LC_{95} = 3.783\%$	
	T		LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.297 %	
	Leaves		$LC_{95} = 6.453\%$	
Termiticidal				
C. odollam	Leaves	Coptotermes gestroi	TM = 75.76%	
	Fruit		TM = 60.61%	
	Wood		TM = 36.36%	57
	Bark		TM =63.64%	
	Flower		TM = 100%	
	Seed		TM =48.48%	
Larvicidal				
C. manghas	Leaves		$LC_{50} = 5.097\%$	64
			$LC_{90} = 25.300\%$	
C. odollam	unripe fruits	Aedes aegypti	$LC_{50} = 102.23 \text{ mg/L}$	58
			$LC_{90} = 312.42 \text{ mg/L}$	
	Leaves		$LC_{50} = 96.16 \text{ mg/L}$	
			LC <sub>90</sub> = 229.9 mg/L	
	Rind		$LC_{50} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	
			$LC_{90} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	
	Bark		$LC_{50} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	
			$LC_{90} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	50
	Leaves		$LC_{50} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	59
			$LC_{90} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	
	seed kernel		$LC_{50} = 0.76 \text{ g/L}$	
			$LC_{90} > 1.0 \text{ g/L}$	

Note: TM = Termite Mortality; LC = Lethal Concentration

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