## Clitorin and manghaslin from *Carica papaya* leaf juice: characterisation and antioxidant properties

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## Introduction Phytochemicals

alongside attention equal synthetic deserve compounds as potential inhibitors against diseases such as dengue. Carica papaya L., a member of the Caricaceae family, has been reported promising efficacy results of its leaves based on in vitro and in vivo experiments, particularly in terms of its antidengue properties. Flavonols have been identified as the most prevalent phytochemicals present in C. papaya leaf. These compounds not only possess antiviral potential but also exhibit significant radical scavenging activity due to the presence of phenolic moieties.





In this study, two flavonoid fractions (namely clitorin

and manghaslin) were obtained from freeze-dried *C. papaya* leaf juice using liquid-liquid extraction and centrifugal partition chromatography. The collected yield was monitored by high performance thin layer chromatography and characterised using ultra-high performance liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry. Their antioxidant properties were evaluated using DPPH and ABTS assays.

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OThe high-performance thin-layer chromatography profile of clitorin and manghaslin fraction under ultraviolet light at 366 nm.

From the LC-MS analysis, clitorin detected at retention time 2.43 min with 739.35 m/z [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. While for manghaslin was detected at retention time 2.37 min with 755.46 m/z [M-H]<sup>-</sup>.



**µ**Utilising the Quest Graph<sup>™</sup> IC50 Calculator, the values for

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the 50% inhibition of free radical scavenging activity  $(IC_{50})$  were extrapolated. The manghaslin consists of quercetin aglycone, with extra hydroxyl group shows at least 7 times higher antioxidant activity than the clitorin. Bioactivity associated with the difference of their antioxidant activities shall be studied as well.



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