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Unnatural fluoro-oxindole alkaloids produced by Uncaria guianensis plantlets

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N atural products and their analogues have been sources of numerous important therapeutic agents. The medicinal plant *U. guianensis* (Rubiaceae) cultured *in vitro* produce four oxindole alkaloids that displays anti-tumoral activity. Natural products can be modified by several approaches, one of which is precursor-directed biosynthesis (PDB). Thus, the aim of this work was apply precursor-directed biosynthesis approach to obtain oxindole alkaloids analogues using *in vitro Uncaria guianensis*. Plantletes were cultivated into culture medium supplemented with 1mM of 6-fluoro-tryptamine, the indol precursor of alkaloids biosynthesis. *U. guianensis* explants were maintained at $25\pm2^{\circ}$ C, 55-60% relative humidity under the same photoperiod and light intensity. After 30 days, a methanolic extract from *U. guianensis* was obtained and analysed by HPLC-DAD analytical procedure. The chromatogram showed four natural alkaloids (mitraphylline, isomitraphylline, rhynchophylline and four additional peaks. Semi-preparative HPLC allowed isolation and purification of these four oxindole alkaloids analogues and the identity of the peaks was confirmed from high-resolution MS data (HRESIMS/MS in positive mode). All data confirmed that *Uncaria guianensis* produced fluoro-oxindole alkaloids analogues.

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