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## A flavone compound isolated from the stem bark of *Butea frondosa*: A broad spectrum bactericide especially active on *Bacillus*

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### Abstract

The Quinoline compound isolated from the ethyl acetate fraction of *B. Frondosa* stem bark showed some significant antimicrobial activity when tested against 106 different bacterial strains belonging to 9 different genera of both Gram-positive and Gram-negative. Minimum inhibitory concentration of the drug were measured using an agar dilution technique. Twenty four of 36 strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* were inhibited by 100-200 mg/l of drug. This drug also inhibited strains of *Bacillus spp*, *Shigella spp*, *Salmonella spp* and *Pseudomonas spp* at a concentration of 100-400 mg/l. Other bacteria including *Escherichia coli*, *Vibrio cholerae* and *V. parahaemolyticus* were moderately sensitive to drug. In the *in vivo* studies this compound offered significant protection to swiss albino mice at a concentration of 80 µg /mouse (P<0.001) when challenged with 50 median lethal dose of *Salmonella typhimurium* NCTC 74.