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A Review of Extraction, Isolation, and Separation Techniques for Bufadenolides from Bryophyllum Pinnatum

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Abstract: Bryophyllum pinnatum, a succulent plant with a rich ethnomedicinal history, has garnered significant attention for its bioactive compounds, particularly bufadienolides. These cardiac glycosides possess potent pharmacological properties, including cardiotonic, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer activities. This review delves into the diverse techniques employed for the extraction, isolation, and separation of bufadienolides from B. pinnatum. We critically assess various methods, such as maceration, Soxhlet extraction, ultrasound-assisted extraction, and supercritical fluid extraction, in terms of their efficiency, selectivity, and environmental impact. Additionally, we explore chromatographic techniques, including thin-layer chromatography, high-performance liquid chromatography, and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, for the purification and characterization of bufadienolides. By providing a comprehensive overview of these methodologies, this review aims to facilitate future research on B. pinnatum and the development of novel therapeutic agents based on its bioactive compounds.

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