Antioxidant, Antiinflammatory and Antiplatelet Aggregating Activities of *Maytenus guyanensis* Bark Extract

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**SUMMARY.** In the present study, the bark ethanol extract of *Maytenus guyanensis* Klotzch (Celastraceae) was investigated for total phenol content, free radical scavenging (DPPH, ABTS, superoxide anion radical and singlet oxygen), antiinflammatory, antiplatelet and antiaggregating activities. *M. guyanensis* exhibited IC₅₀ 8.2 ± 0.2, 28.4 ± 0.7, 35.6 ± 3.0 and 517 ± 70.8 μg/mL in the DPPH, ABTS, superoxide and singlet oxygen assays, respectively. Total phenol content was found to be 58.7 ± 1.7 mEq gallic acid (mg/g dry extract). Significant antiinflammatory activity was demonstrated when extract was orally administered (400 mg/kg b.w.) reducing edema in 40 % when compared with carrageenin. Also, exhibited antiplatelet aggregating activity, with IC₅₀ 142 ± 14.3, 133 ± 2.3 and 166 ± 0.3 μg/mL, for platelet aggregation, when induced by adrenalin, adenosine diphosphate or arachidonic acid, respectively. These results suggest that *M. guyanensis* bark extract could have potential applications in oxidative, inflammatory and homeostasis-related dysfunctions.

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