Chemical differentiation between Uncaria tomentosa and Uncaria guianensis by LC-PDA, FT-IR and UV methods coupled to multivariate analysis: a reliable tool for adulteration recognition

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Highlights

- US pharmacopeia method did not recognize simulated adulterated *Uncaria tomentosa*.
- Different multivariate methods were made to recognize UG adulteration in UT samples
- UV analysis showed good performance in adulteration recognition, and quantification
- LC-PDA analysis of polyphenols can be a confirmatory method for unclassified sample
- Flavonoids distribution profile presented higher levels in UG compared with UT