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**Abstract:**

*Ethnopharmacological relevance*:

*Tetradenia (T.) riparia* (Hochst.) Codd (Lamiaceae), formerly known as *Iboza riparia* (Hochst.) N.E.Br., is one of the most frequently used medicinal plants in traditional Rwandese medicine. It was used as a remedy against a wide range of diseases including malaria, angina, yaws, dental abscesses, headache, worm infections and several kinds of fevers and aches.

*Aim of the study*:

This study aims to identify the compounds active against helminths from *Tetradenia riparia*.

*Methods*:

A bioassay-guided isolation of anthelmintic compounds from the leaves of *Tetradenia riparia* was performed using a *Caenorhabditis elegans* (*C. elegans*) testing model.

*Results*:

The bioassay-guided isolation led to one active compound, i.e. 8(14),15-sandaracopimaradiene-7α,18-diol. Its $IC_{50}$ value was 5.4 ± 0.9 µg/mL (17.8 ± 2.9 µM).

*Conclusions*:

We identified the bioactive compound from *Tetradenia riparia* responsible for its anthelmintic activity: 8(14),15-sandaracopimaradiene-7α,18-diol. Although the compound and several of its bioactivities have been described before, this is the first report of its anthelmintic effect.