

**A FLAVONE GLYCOSIDE FROM *EXACUM*
MACRANTHUM Arn. (GENTIANACEAE)**

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Claims of medicinal properties¹ and the occurrence of xanthone glycosides² in plants belonging to the family, Gentianaceae prompted us to initiate studies on *Exacum*, the largest genus of this family in Sri Lanka and here we report our studies on an endemic species *E. macranthum* Arn.

The hot methanol extract of *E. macranthum* yielded a flavone glycoside which was shown to be acacetin-7-O- β -runtinoside (Linarin)³ by spectroscopic methods and chemical degradation. This is the first report of the occurrence of a flavonoid glycoside in a member of the family, Gentianaceae.

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