

PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF SOME PLANTS OF  
ANNONACEAE FOR ANTI-TUMOUR ACTIVITY

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Claims on the occurrence of anti-tumour active compounds in plants of the family Annonaceae<sup>1</sup> prompted us to investigate the Sri Lankan species belonging to this family.

Bark samples of the plants investigated were sequentially extracted with hexane and methanol. The latter extracts were partitioned between chloroform and water to obtain two fractions and an insoluble interface. The chloroform