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Short report

## Aqueous extract of Sri Lankan *Erythrina indica* leaves has sedative but not analgesic activity

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### Abstract

In contrast to what was reported for the Indian plant, the aqueous leaf extract of Sri Lankan *Erythrina indica* showed potent sedative activity but no analgesic effects, as claimed by Sri Lankan Ayurvedic physicians. © 1999 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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**Plant.** Fresh mature leaves of *Erythrina indica* Lamark (Fabaceae) were plucked from a house garden at Ganemulla, Sri Lanka, in October–December 1996 and authenticated by Dr (Mrs) A.S. Seneviratna, Department of Botany, University of Colombo.

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