Isomeric phenylpropanoid from *Stereospermum suaveolens* (Roxb.) DC growing in Bangladesh

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Plants have long been a crucial source of bioactive compounds for developing innovative therapeutics against various diseases. The research aimed to explore the natural compound composition of methanol extracts from the leaves and stem bark of *Stereospermum suaveolens* (Roxb.) DC (Family: Bignoniaceae) through repeated chromatographic separation and purification processes using silica gel. The phytochemical investigation led to the identification of two isomeric phenylpropanoids, namely 4-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamic acid (**1**) and 4-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamic acid (**2**). The chemical structures of these isolated compounds have been determined by using the data obtained from ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR, COSY, HSQC and HRMS, and have been confirmed by comparing the results with published reports. Notably, this marks the first reported instance of the isolation of the isomeric 4-methoxycinnamic acids from any plant species so far.

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