

GreenTap - A Method for Stimulating Production and Extraction of Metabolites in Plants

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Overview

A method for inducing and extracting valuable plant metabolites without damaging the plant or interfering with compound formation. This system enables efficient metabolite extraction and facilitates the discovery of new plant-derived compounds, addressing the challenges of complex synthesis and destructive harvesting from natural sources.

Applications

- **Production of Bioactive Compounds:** Increases yield of plant metabolites used in pharmaceuticals, food, and cosmetics.
- **Novel Metabolite Discovery:** Provides a platform for identifying new plant-based compounds with potential industrial applications.
- **Flexible Extraction System:** Can be tailored to various plants and metabolites by adjusting stimulants and extraction conditions.

Advantages

- **Non-Destructive Method:** Preserves plant health while allowing continuous metabolite extraction.
- **Optimizable System:** Extraction can be fine-tuned for specific compounds, enhancing efficiency and versatility.

Stage of Development

The system has been tested with numerous plant species to produce and collect a number of metabolites, including alkaloids in tomato plants, taxol and other taxanes in *Taxus baccata*, and vinca alkaloids in *Catharanthus roseus*.

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