Drug Status Report

**Drug:** Yunnan Bai Yao

**Drug Name Status:** Yunnan Bai Yao is the brand name.

Yunnan Bai Yao is a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) used as a haemostatic drug and consists of *Radix Notoginseng* as its primary active ingredient\(^1\).

*Radix Notoginseng* is a herb that is more commonly known as Radix *Panax notoginseng* or in TCM as “San Qi”\(^2\). The presence of a variety of saponins in Radix *Panax Notoginseng* is believed to provide the pharmacological effects of Yunnan Bai Yao, and these saponins have been identified to include a number of notoginsenosides and ginsenosides\(^3,4\).

![Chemical structures of Notoginsenoside R1 and Ginsenoside Re](image)

Canadian Status: Yunnan Bai Yao is not specifically listed in the CDSA and does not contain any substances that are similar to those listed in the Schedules to the CDSA.

Recommendation: Yunnan Bai Yao is not included in any of the Schedules to the CDSA and is not considered a controlled substance.

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\(^2\) [http://www.tcmTreatment.com/herbs/0-sanqi.htm](http://www.tcmTreatment.com/herbs/0-sanqi.htm)
