

# New Withanolides from Fresh Berries of *Withania somnifera*

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The chloroform extract of the fresh berries of *Withania somnifera* has been investigated to afford stigmasterol, its glucoside, withanone, 27-hydroxy withanolide A along with two new withanolides, namely, iso-withanone (**1**) and 6 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -epoxy-1 $\alpha$ ,3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ -trihydroxy-witha-24-enolide (**2**). Compound **1** possesses an uncommon 17 $\alpha$ -oriented side chain whereas compound **2** has 1 $\alpha$ ,3 $\beta$ -dihydroxy group which is a molecule of biogenetic significance for withasteroids.

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