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3 **11 Abstract**  
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5 12 The dried bark of *Phellodendron amurense* Rupr., known as “Guanhuangbo” in China, has been  
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7 13 widely used as traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years. In this paper, an accurate and  
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9 14 reliable high performance liquid chromatography coupled with diode array detection and mass  
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11 15 spectrometry (HPLC-DAD-MS) method was developed for quality evaluation of wild  
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13 16 Guanhuangbo. Six bioactive compounds, including chlorogenic acid, phellodendrine,  
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15 17 magnoflorine, jatrorrhizine, palmatine and berberine, were determined simultaneously in 37  
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17 18 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples collected from different locations of China. The  
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19 19 chromatographic conditions and extraction procedures were optimized by an orthogonal design  
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21 20 during the study whereas the identities of compounds were confirmed by LC-MS. Moreover,  
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23 21 similarity analysis and hierarchical clustering analysis were successfully applied to demonstrate  
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25 22 the variability of these wild Guanhuangbo samples, and data from different analysis showed good  
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27 23 consistency. The results indicated that the developed multi-compounds determination method in  
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29 24 combination with fingerprint analysis was suitable to quantitative analysis and quality evaluation  
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31 25 of the dried bark of wild *Phellodendron amurense* Rupr..

32 **26 Keywords** *Phellodendron amurense* Rupr., Fingerprint analysis, HPLC-DAD-MS, Quality  
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## 1. Introduction

Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has played an indispensable role in preventing and treating human diseases for a long time, which have already attracted global attention<sup>1</sup>. In the process of “modernization” and “globalization” of TCM, a key issue is the consistency and controllability of quality of TCM<sup>2</sup>. Traditionally, the identification of TCM is performed according to its morphology, one or two markers’ TLC identification and/or content determination. However, this method does not provide a complete profile of the drug, so it cannot distinguish drugs with similar appearance and/or similar main chemical constitution<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, quantitative analysis of multi-compounds coupled with qualitative analysis of chromatographic fingerprinting is the development trend to evaluate TCM quality.

The dried bark of *Phellodendron amurense* Rupr., known as “Guanhuangbo” in China, has been widely used as traditional Chinese medicine, which is officially listed in Chinese Pharmacopoeia (2010 version)<sup>4</sup>. Guanhuangbo shows the function of clearing heats and dampness, purging fire and eliminating steaming of bone, relieving toxicity and curing sores from the viewpoint of TCM theory<sup>5-7</sup>. Pharmacologically, the main active ingredients of Guanhuangbo are attributed to alkaloids, such as magnoflorine can protect human high density lipoprotein against lipid peroxidation<sup>8</sup>; phellodendrine, magnoflorine, jatrorrhizine, palmatine and berberine exhibit the effects of anti-Alzheimer, antioxidant, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and antihyperglycemic and so on<sup>9-12</sup>. Meanwhile, studies have shown the beneficial properties to humans such as antioxidant, hypoglycaemic, antiviral and hepatoprotective activities have been attributed to chlorogenic acid in *in vitro*, *in vivo* and epidemiological studies<sup>13</sup>. In Chinese Pharmacopoeia (2010 version), only palmatine and berberine are included to evaluate the quality of Guanhuangbo. Nonetheless, such a means of quality control is not sufficient to evaluate the quality of Guanhuangbo, considering that *P. amurense* Rupr. is widely distributed in many geographical locations in China and the diverse geographical sources which has different ecological environments and other factitious factors could possibly result in great variations of their chemical constituents. Therefore, it is highly desirable to develop an accurate and systematical method for quality evaluation.

Although several analytical methods have been employed to quantify chemical markers based on HPLC<sup>14-16,18</sup>, the former methods have simultaneously determined only two or three compounds in wild Guanhuangbo. A rapid and validated multi-components analytical method is

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3 59 yet highly desirable for the systematical evaluation of quality, as a result, in the study, a reliable  
4 and accurate method by HPLC-DAD-MS was developed for quantitative analysis of six bioactive  
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7 61 compounds, including chlorogenic acid, phellodendrine, magnoflorine, jatrorrhizine, palmatine  
8 and berberine, which chlorogenic acid is phenylpropanoids, and the other 5 compounds are  
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10 63 alkaloids, in Guanhuangbo. Furthermore, similarity analysis (SA) and hierarchical clustering  
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12 65 analysis (HCA) were successfully applied to demonstrate the variability of the six bioactive  
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14 67 compounds in the 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples which were collected from different  
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16 69 locations in China. The current developed method has the advantages of higher extraction  
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18 67 efficiency, greater resolution and more compounds determination. Moreover the  
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20 69 chemometrics-assisted HPLC-DAD-MS was firstly applied in evaluating the quality of  
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## 24 70 **2. Materials and methods**

### 25 71 **2.1. Materials and reagents**

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28 72 **Thirty-two** batches Guanhuangbo samples were collected at DBH (diameter at breast height)  
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30 73 of *P. amurense* Rupr. in July 2013, which distributed in Jilin, **Liaoning and Heilongjiang** Province  
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32 74 of China with the growth years being over ten years whereas the other 5 batches Guanhuangbo  
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34 75 samples were obtained from Beijing City, Hebei and Anhui Province, respectively. All of these  
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36 76 specimens, identified by Prof. Bengang Zhang, were kept at our laboratory for future reference.  
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38 77 The air-dried samples stored at room temperature until analysis. Six reference compounds,  
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40 78 chlorogenic acid, phellodendrine, magnoflorine, jatrorrhizine chloride, palmatine chloride,  
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42 79 berberine chloride, were purchased from Phytomarker Ltd. (Tianjin, China). The purities of all the  
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44 80 reference compounds were more than 98%.

45 81 Acetonitrile was purchased from Honeywell Burdick & Jackson (Muskegon, USA).  
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47 82 Analytical grade of methanol and hydrochloric acid were purchased from Beijing Chemical Works  
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49 83 (Beijing, China). Chromatographic grade of acetic acid was obtained from Tianjin Guangfu Fine  
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51 84 Chemical Research Institute (Tianjin, China). Ammonium acetate was **obtained** from  
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53 85 Xilong Chemical Co., Ltd. Pure water (18.2M $\Omega$ ) for the HPLC analysis was obtained from a  
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55 86 Milli-Q System (Millipore, Billerica, MA, USA).

### 56 87 **2.2. Preparation of standard solutions and samples preparation**

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58 88 The standard stock solutions of six reference compounds were prepared by weighing  
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4 89 accurately and dissolving them with methanol, and then the standard stock solutions were diluted  
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6 90 to generate an appropriate concentration range to establish calibration curves. All the stock and  
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9 92 All the air-dried Guanhuangbo samples were pulverized to powder, sieved (65-mesh) and  
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11 93 oven-dried to constant mass at 45°C. Powdered sample (0.5000 g) was suspended in 50 ml 1%  
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13 94 hydrochloric acid within methanol in a capped conical flask, weighed accurately, and extracted  
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15 95 with ultrasonic thrice (40 minutes for each time). After cooling, weigh again, and compensate the  
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17 96 loss of the weigh with extraction solvent, and mix well. The sample solution was filtered through a  
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19 97 0.22 µm membrane filter prior to HPLC analysis.

### 20 98 **2.3. Instrumentation and chromatographic conditions**

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22 99 Chromatographic analysis was performed by a Waters 2695 high performance liquid  
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24 100 chromatography system (Milford, MA, USA) coupled with a 2996 photodiode array detector, and  
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26 101 chromatographic data were processed by Waters Empower 2 data station. Chromatographic  
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28 102 separation was performed on a Agilent ZORBAX SB-C<sub>18</sub> column (250 mm×4.6 mm i.d., 5 µm). A  
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30 103 linear gradient elution of solvent A (Water contains 0.3% acetic acid, 4 mM ammonium acetate)  
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32 104 and solvent B (Acetonitrile) were applied with the following program: 0-5 min, 5 to 10% B; 5-18  
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34 105 min, 10 to 13% B; 18-20 min, 13 to 18% B; 20-30 min, 18-40% B and 30-40 min, 40 to 90% B. A  
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36 106 pre-equilibration period of 10 min was used between individual runs. The flow rate was at 1.0  
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38 107 mL·min<sup>-1</sup> and the injection volume was 4 µL. The wavelength was set at 280 nm. The column and  
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40 108 auto-sampler were maintained at 30°C and 25°C, respectively.

### 41 109 **2.4. HPLC-DAD-MS analysis**

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43 110 HPLC-DAD-MS analysis was carried out with Applied Biosystem 3200 Q-Trap mass  
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45 111 spectrometer (Foster City, CA, USA) connected to an Agilent 1200 HPLC system via  
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47 112 electro-spray ionization interface. The chromatographic conditions were as described above.  
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49 113 Electro-spray ionization was applied in positive ion modes for MS and MS/MS with an ion spray  
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51 114 voltage of 4000 V, curtain gas of 10 psi, nebulizer gas of 70 psi and auxiliary gas 40 psi. The ion  
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53 115 source temperature was set at 400°C. Ultrapure nitrogen was used as nebulizer, heater, curtain and  
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55 116 collision-activated dissociation (CAD) gas. Moreover chlorogenic acid was identified in negative  
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57 117 ion modes. Data were processed by the Analyst 1.4 software (Applied Biosystems / MDSSciex).  
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59 118 MS data, retention time and UV-Vis spectra were used to identify the bioactive compounds  
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3 119 contained in Guanhuangbo. The assignments were validated by co-elution with the corresponding  
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5 120 reference compounds and by comparison with published data.  
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## 7 121 **2.5. Method validation and Chemometrics analysis**

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11 123 method was validated for the calibration curves, limit of detection and quantification (LOD and  
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13 124 LOQ), repeatability, stability, and accuracy of the six bioactive compounds.

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15 125 SA was performed by the Similarity Evaluation System for Chromatographic Fingerprint of  
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17 126 Traditional Chinese Medicine (Version 2004A), which was recommended by China's State Food  
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19 127 and Drug Administration (CFDA). **HCA was applied to demonstrate the variability of the content**  
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21 128 **of six bioactive compounds in 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples by using SPSS (Version**  
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## 24 130 **3. Results**

### 25 131 **3.1. Optimization of HPLC conditions**

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27 132 In general, a suitable chromatographic column, mobile phase, elution mode and detection  
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29 133 wavelength are critically important for chromatographic separation. Therefore, to obtain accurate  
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31 134 and optimal chromatographic conditions, different HPLC parameters were examined and  
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33 135 compared, including various columns (Waters XBridge C<sub>18</sub> 250 mm×4.6 mm, 5 μm, Dikma  
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35 136 Diamonsil C<sub>18</sub> 250 mm×4.6 mm, 5 μm, Kromasil KR100-5 C<sub>18</sub> 250 mm×4.6 mm, 5 μm and  
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37 137 Agilent ZORBAX SB-C<sub>18</sub> 250 mm×4.6 mm, 5 μm), mobile phases (methanol-water and  
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39 138 acetonitrile-water with different modifiers, including phosphoric acid, phosphoric buffer, formic  
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41 139 acid, and acetic acid solutions adjusted by ammonium acetate or triethylamine with different pH  
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43 140 values), column temperatures (25°C, 30°C and 35°C), and mobile phase flow rates (0.8, 1.0 and  
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45 141 1.2 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>). **The monitoring wavelength was set at 280 nm, where most of compounds could be**  
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47 142 **detected and had adequate absorption.** As a result, the optimized HPLC condition was established  
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49 143 by comparing the resolution, baseline, elution time and the number of characteristic peaks in each  
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51 144 chromatogram after repeated experiments. Typical chromatograms for chemical analysis were  
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53 145 shown in **Fig. 1.**

### 54 146 **3.2. Optimization of the extraction methods**

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56 147 To obtain satisfactory extraction efficiency, ultrasonic, heat refluxing, and soxhlet extraction  
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4 149 bioactive compounds extraction than any other ways and thus was used in further experiments.  
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6 150 The other factors of extraction procedures were optimized by an orthogonal ( $L_9 3^4$ ) experimental  
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8 151 design, including extraction solvents (60% methanol, 100% methanol and 1% hydrochloride  
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10 152 within methanol), sample-solvent ratios (1:50, 1:100 and 1:150, w/v), and extraction time (20, 30  
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12 153 and 40 min) and extraction cycles (1, 2 and 3 cycles). Each extract combination was tested in  
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14 154 triplicate. Comparing the numbers, areas and resolution of the chromatographic peaks obtained by  
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16 155 different extraction procedures, the optimal extraction procedures were established. The samples  
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18 156 were extracted in 1% hydrochloride within methanol of sample/solvent ratio (w/v) 1:100 by  
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20 157 ultrasonic extraction, the process carried out three cycles (40 min each time).

### 20 158 **3.3. LC-MS identity confirmation**

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22 159 HPLC-DAD-MS was used to identify the six bioactive compounds from the extract of  
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24 160 Guanhuangbo samples. By comparison with retention time, ultraviolet spectra, precursor ions, and  
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26 161 diagnostic fragment ions of the corresponding reference compounds, six bioactive compounds in  
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28 162 HPLC-chromatogram of Guanhuangbo were unambiguously identified as chlorogenic acid (**1**),  
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30 163 phellodendrine (**7**), magnoflorine (**8**), palmatine chloride (**13**), jatrorrhizine chloride (**14**),  
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32 164 berberine chloride (**15**), respectively (**Table 1**). The results further revealed that the six  
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34 165 investigated compounds were the main chemical constituents of Guanhuangbo, which was of great  
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36 166 importance to establish a relatively accurate and feasible method for its quality evaluation.

### 37 167 **3.4. Method validation of quantitative analysis**

#### 38 168 **3.4.1. Calibration curves, LOD and LOQ**

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40 169 Calibration curves of six bioactive compounds were determined by using the developed  
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42 170 method. Their correlation coefficient values ( $R^2 \geq 0.9991$ ) indicated appropriate correlations  
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44 171 between concentrations of each analytes and their peak areas within the investigated ranges for all  
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46 172 the analytes. The LODs and LOQs were determined at a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) of about 3 and  
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48 173 10, respectively. The reference calibration curves, linear range,  $R^2$ , LOD and LOQ were listed in  
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50 174 **Table 2**.

#### 51 175 **3.4.2. Precision, repeatability, stability and recovery test**

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53 176 The intra- and inter-day precisions were investigated by analyzing a mixed standard solution  
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55 177 in five replicates in one day and by duplicating the experiments once a day for five consecutive  
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57 178 days. The relative standard deviation (RSD) values of the six analytes were all less than 1.23%. To  
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3 179 confirm the repeatability of the developed assay, six independently prepared samples (S1) were  
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5 180 analyzed to test the repeatability of the above method. The RSD values were all less than 1.16%.  
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7 181 Stability of sample solution was tested at the time interval of 0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 48 and 72 h at room  
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9 182 temperature. The results (RSD<2.19%) showed that the sample solutions were stable within 3  
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11 183 days. The results were shown in **Table 3**.

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13 184 Recoveries were tested to investigate the accuracy of the method by adding the mixed  
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15 185 standard solutions to known amounts samples (S1). The resultant samples were then extracted and  
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17 186 analyzed (n=6) by using the proposed procedure. The ratio of determined and add amount were  
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19 187 used to calculate the recovery. The results were shown in **Table 4**, and the recoveries of the six  
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21 188 bioactive compounds were ranged from 97.05% to 103.68%, and their RSD values were less than  
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23 189 1.82%.

### 24 190 **3.5. Sample analysis**

#### 25 191 **3.5.1. Quantitative analysis**

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27 192 The developed assay method was subsequently applied to quantitative analysis of six  
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31 194 locations of China. Each sample was analyzed three times to determine the mean content (mg/g)  
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33 195 and the data were summarized in **Table 5**. The results indicated that the content of six bioactive  
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35 196 compounds varied greatly among the samples collected from different locations, and the total  
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37 197 content of six bioactive compounds was higher in **S3, S16, S19, S29 and S36**, and lower in **S10,**  
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39 198 **S15, S26, S31, S32 and S34**. In Chinese Pharmacopoeia (2010 version), it stipulates that the  
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41 199 content of palmatine should not be less than 3 mg/g and that of berberine should not less than 6  
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43 200 mg/g in Guanhuangbo. **The present results suggested that ten wild Guanhuangbo samples did not**  
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45 201 **meet the requirement with the palmatine content being lower than 3 mg/g and/or the berberine**  
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47 202 **content being lower than 6 mg/g.** But the means content of analytes were higher than stipulation  
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49 203 and superior to the purchase samples. Meanwhile phellodendrine and magnoflorine were **deemed**  
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51 204 **to be the** main chemical constituents in the term of content as well, which might be beneficial to  
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53 205 evaluate the quality of Guanhuangbo comprehensively. Six bioactive compounds were identified  
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55 206 and quantified simultaneously. The established method was simple and accurate for quality  
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57 207 evaluation of Guanhuangbo.

#### 58 208 **3.5.2. Similarity analysis**

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4 209 A total of 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples from different geographical locations  
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8 211 Chinese Medicine (Version 2004A) was performed based on their HPLC fingerprints. Fifteen  
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10 212 peaks that existed in all 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples were assigned as “characteristic  
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12 213 peaks”. The reference fingerprint (marked with R) is generated by the chromatograms of 37  
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14 214 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples using median method. The similarities were compared to  
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18 216 chromatograms were. The similarity values during tested samples ranged from 0.826 to 0.998  
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20 217 (Table 5), indicating chemical constituents of Guanhuangbo from different sources varied  
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22 218 significantly in terms of identities and quantities. S8 that collected from Jilin Province and S32  
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24 219 collected from Liaoning Province were markedly different from others for the content of their  
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26 220 palmatine was higher than berberine. Besides, most of samples which collected from different  
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28 221 geographical locations were similar to the ones that purchased from drug stores. Therefore,  
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30 222 chromatographic fingerprint combined with similarity analysis was an efficient method to judge  
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32 223 the consistency of samples.

### 3.5.3. Hierarchical cluster analysis

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34 225 In order to validate the results of similarity analysis and further elucidate the resemblance  
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36 226 relationship among samples, HCA was applied by SPSS 19.0. The results of HCA data which were  
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38 227 acquired by submitting the fifteen characteristic peak areas to analysis showed that 37 batches of  
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42 229 between cluster I and cluster II was shorter than the distance between cluster I and cluster III,  
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44 230 which indicated cluster III was less similar to that of cluster I and cluster II. According to Table 5,  
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46 231 cluster III was formed by the samples which the total content was lower, and/or the similarity  
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48 232 value was less than 0.90. The samples in cluster II were S3, S16, S19, S29 and S36, which the  
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50 233 contents of six bioactive compounds in the samples were higher than other clusters. Cluster I  
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52 234 consisted of the remaining samples including the purchased one which implied that most of  
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54 235 samples had satisfied drug store's requirements. The result was very similar to the quantitative  
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56 236 analysis and similarity analysis. Hence, HCA was helpful to differentiate and evaluate the  
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## 4. Conclusion

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3 239 A fast and validated HPLC-DAD-MS method combined with chemometrics tools was first  
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5 240 developed for the comprehensive quality evaluation of Guanhuangbo. The proposed method  
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7 241 which combined fingerprint analysis with quantitative analysis was successfully applied to  
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9 242 determined simultaneously six bioactive compounds in 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples  
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11 243 collected from different locations in China, and fifteen peaks in the extract solution of  
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13 244 Guanhuangbo were assigned as “characteristic peaks”. The results indicated that the samples from  
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15 245 different locations shared a similar HPLC pattern but the contents of the six bioactive compounds  
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17 246 in the samples varied greatly. Based on the fingerprints, 37 batches of wild Guanhuangbo samples  
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19 247 were classified or discriminated by chemometric tools (SA and HCA) objectively and successfully.  
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21 248 Therefore the developed HPLC-DAD-MS method displayed good precision, stability, sensitivity  
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23 249 and recovery, and was suitable to evaluate the quality of Guanhuangbo, especially in combination  
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25 250 with chemometric tools.

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27 251 In addition, the total contents of the six bioactive compounds in samples can change with the  
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29 252 growth year of *P. amurense* Rupr.. The contents of compounds are positively correlated with the  
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31 253 growth year of *P. amurense* Rupr. <sup>17-18</sup>. The ecological factors can affect the quality of  
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33 254 Guanhuangbo as well <sup>19-22</sup>. Hence we need further research the relationship between ecological  
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35 255 factors and the quality evaluation of Guanhuangbo perfectly.

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290 **Table 1** Identification of the six bioactive compounds in Guanhuangbo

Peak No.	Identification	RT (min)	$\lambda$ max (nm)	m/z(MS)	m/z (MS <sup>n</sup> )
1	Chlorogenic acid*	10.95	220,240,326	353[M-H] <sup>+</sup>	191
7	Phellodendrine	18.77	205,285,	343[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	280,199
8	Magnoflorine	24.99	223,270,303	343[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	313, 265
13	Jatrorrhizine chloride	35.18	227,266,347	339[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	323, 294,
14	Palmatine chloride	37.57	227,275,347	353[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	337,322, 294
15	Berberine chloride	38.38	230,266,348	337[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	321,306,278

291 \* negative ion mode

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293 **Table 2** Linearity, LODs and LOQs for six bioactive compounds

Compound	Calibration curve	R <sup>2</sup>	Linear range (µg/ml)	LOD (µg/ml)	LOQ (µg/ml)
Chlorogenic acid	$y = 1238495.5804 x - 22299.2873$	0.9998	1.15-34.5	0.06	0.19
Phellodendrine	$y = 803590.4898 x - 2134.4801$	0.9992	1.8-54	0.08	0.26
Magnoflorine	$y = 1647959.1336 x - 94021.7334$	0.9994	10.1-303	0.04	0.13
Jatrorrhizine chloride	$y = 5568942.8620 x + 739.5792$	0.9991	0.12-3.6	0.01	0.04
Palmatine chloride	$y = 3756362.6306 x - 131546.7061$	0.9998	6.2-186	0.02	0.05
Berberine chloride	$y = 2968997.0134 x + 18869.1690$	0.9994	3.65-109.5	0.02	0.06

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295 **Table 3** Precisions, stability and repeatability of six bioactive compounds

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Compound	Precisions (n=6)		Repeatability (n=6)	Stability (n=6)
	Intra-day RSD (%)	Inter-day RSD (%)	RSD (%)	RSD (%)
Chlorogenic acid	0.88	0.98	1.16	2.19
Phellodendrine	0.65	0.77	0.68	0.72
Magnoflorine	0.95	1.23	1.01	1.93
Jatrorrhizine chloride	0.61	0.69	0.99	2.10
Palmatine chloride	0.54	0.96	0.97	1.92
Berberine chloride	0.32	0.93	1.15	1.78

297 **Table 4** Recovery of the six bioactive compounds. (n=6)

Compound	Original (mg)	Spiked (mg)	Found* (mg)	Recovery (%)	Average recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Chlorogenic acid	0.2425	0.2300	0.4698	98.84	97.91	0.83
			0.4678	97.96		
			0.4662	97.28		
			0.4701	98.94		
			0.4661	97.24		
Phellodendrine	0.3042	0.3600	0.4660	97.19	101.03	1.82
			0.6591	98.57		
			0.6752	103.05		
			0.6690	101.33		
			0.6604	98.96		
Magnoflorine	1.9203	2.0200	0.6722	102.23	97.05	1.30
			0.6716	102.05		
			3.8790	96.97		
			3.9101	98.51		
			3.8851	97.27		
Jatrorrhizine chloride	0.0161	0.0240	3.9056	98.28	103.68	0.77
			3.8585	95.95		
			3.8451	95.29		
			0.0411	103.99		
			0.0408	102.76		
Palmatine chloride	1.0170	1.2400	0.0410	103.62	99.59	1.18
			0.0413	104.77		
			0.0408	102.79		
			0.0411	104.17		
			2.2286	97.71		
Berberine chloride	0.7104	0.7300	2.2451	99.04	98.47	0.79
			2.2484	99.31		
			2.2639	100.56		
			2.2565	99.96		
			2.2690	100.97		
Berberine chloride	0.7104	0.7300	1.4277	98.26	98.47	0.79
			1.4261	98.04		
			1.4261	98.03		
			1.4243	97.79		
Berberine chloride	0.7104	0.7300	1.4314	98.77	98.47	0.79
			1.4398	99.91		

298 \* Found is the sum of the Original and Spiked quantities.

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300 **Table 5** Content (mg/g) of six bioactive compounds in Guanhuangbo collected from different  
 301 locations (n=3).

Sample No.	Origin	Similarity value	Content (mg/g)						Total
			1	7	8	13	14	15	
S1	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.947	1.17	2.29	9.96	0.23	5.14	10.83	29.62
S2	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.990	2.98	3.21	5.59	0.51	6.76	20.85	39.89
S3	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.980	3.30	4.14	8.61	0.76	9.52	22.26	48.59
S4	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.974	0.91	1.87	8.21	0.39	4.21	11.27	26.86
S5	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.998	1.30	2.88	6.92	0.56	4.78	20.01	36.46
S6	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.976	2.43	3.11	9.00	0.35	2.88	19.63	37.41
S7	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.994	1.04	2.41	7.85	0.35	3.08	17.58	32.31
S8	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.826	0.97	2.53	7.24	0.42	9.62	8.71	29.49
S9	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.988	0.40	2.07	3.19	0.27	2.96	16.11	25.01
S10	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.983	0.83	1.70	8.00	0.18	3.79	9.51	24.02
S11	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.992	1.51	3.20	3.70	0.60	5.54	21.32	35.87
S12	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.995	1.22	2.04	3.25	0.32	2.98	12.87	22.67
S13	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.990	1.27	1.99	5.04	0.29	2.71	11.95	23.24
S14	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.990	1.56	2.31	4.37	0.32	2.73	14.75	26.03
S15	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.984	0.77	1.35	3.87	0.24	1.81	9.28	17.32
S16	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.956	2.22	5.09	9.67	0.36	11.83	21.72	50.88
S17	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.981	1.21	3.85	6.86	0.31	7.57	19.73	39.52
S18	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.994	3.38	3.87	11.32	0.37	5.88	21.16	45.99
S19	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.922	4.08	4.63	15.53	0.40	4.94	28.42	58.01
S20	Tonghua city, Jilin Province	0.987	2.48	2.94	7.75	0.31	3.47	18.49	35.46
S21	Baoding city, Hebei Province	0.995	Tr*	2.46	7.73	0.31	5.46	16.94	32.91
S22	Xiyuan Hospital CACMS, Beijing	0.990	Tr*	3.04	8.65	0.29	7.23	17.53	36.74
S23	Bozhou city, Anhui Province	0.991	Tr*	2.71	6.88	0.31	6.59	18.08	34.57
S24	Peking University Third Hospital, Beijing	0.981	Tr*	3.20	9.05	0.29	7.88	17.14	37.55
S25	Anguo city, Hebei Province	0.993	Tr*	2.04	6.97	0.28	4.95	14.68	28.91
S26	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.980	0.67	0.77	4.11	0.08	2.73	5.27	13.62
S27	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.929	1.92	1.97	11.86	0.41	7.41	10.28	33.86
S28	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.992	2.31	2.16	7.92	0.32	4.17	17.98	34.85
S29	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.922	6.01	4.71	16.92	0.67	15.25	20.54	64.10
S30	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.984	1.77	1.47	7.01	0.24	2.74	9.06	22.29
S31	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.957	1.16	0.56	4.43	0.07	1.54	4.15	11.91
S32	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.840	1.24	1.22	7.39	0.13	5.11	4.26	19.36
S33	Fushun city, Liaoning Province	0.993	3.04	3.09	12.99	0.57	6.26	18.94	44.91
S34	Hailun city, Heilongjiang Province	0.953	1.27	2.12	6.34	0.29	3.95	7.97	21.90
S35	Hailun city, Heilongjiang Province	0.915	1.08	2.08	7.12	0.35	6.95	8.72	26.30
S36	Hailun city, Heilongjiang Province	0.923	2.48	3.67	16.15	0.30	8.18	15.59	46.38
S37	Hailun city, Heilongjiang Province	0.962	1.74	2.86	6.74	0.57	4.86	12.05	28.81

302 Tr\*: below LOQ.

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