

Cover Picture

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The cover picture shows an indoloquinolizidine derivative that has been identified as a potent cell-death-inducing (apoptosis) agent, after the screening of 11 000 natural-product-derived and -inspired compounds in three human tumour cell lines. The background shows the stark white branches of a dead tree in front of the green of a living one, while the blue sea in the distance symbolises (unreachable) eternity. FACS analysis indicated that the derivative shown is one of seven compounds that are able to arrest cells in the G₂M phase of the cell cycle. For more details see the article by F. Wehner et al. on p. 401 ff.

