

Alkaloids of *Mackinlaya* Species (Family Araliaceae)

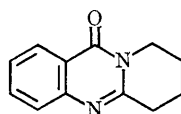
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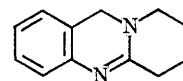
Two alkaloids from the leaves of *Mackinlaya subulata* Philipson and *Mackinlaya macrosciadia* (F. Muell.) F. Muell., the first isolated from plants of the family Araliaceae, belong to a new class. We have identified these as 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one (I) and 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazoline (II), which have previously been obtained by synthetic methods.^{1,2,3}

Biosynthetically these alkaloids are related to vasicine,^{4,5} which is considered to be derived from anthranilic acid and ornithine. We suggest that,

by analogy, the *Mackinlaya* alkaloids (I) and (II) may be synthesised in the plant from anthranilic acid and lysine.



(I)



(II)

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