

LICHENS

ERGOSTEROL PEROXIDE FROM *PELTIGERA APHTHOSA* AND
P. DOLICHORRHIZA

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Plant. *Peltigera aphthosa* (L.) Willd. and *Peltigera dolichorrhiza* (Nyl.) Nyl., both collected on Mount Fuji. *Previous work.* Unknown compound X₃, m.p. 183–184°, from the above lichens.¹

Thallus. Extracted hexane, chromatographed. Ergosterol peroxide, C₂₈H₄₄O₃, m.p. 183–184°, [α]_D –23.9°. Ergosterol peroxide acetate,² m.p. 198–201° (m.m.p., TLC and IR).

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ASPIDIACEAE

A NEW ACYLPHLOROGLUCINOL FROM *DRYOPTERIS DICKINSII*

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Recently, Penttilä and Sundman¹ reported the isolation and synthesis of filixic acids BBB, PBB and PBP from *Dryopteris filix-mas*, while the presence of filixic acids ABB, ABP and ABA was only presumed. In this communication we report the isolation, characterization and synthesis of filixic acid ABA.

RESULTS

Dried rhizomes of *Dryopteris dickinsii* were percolated with Et₂O and the Et₂O extract was treated with MgO. The raw filicin obtained by Aebi's method² was chromatographed on silica and eluted with cyclohexane-CHCl₃ (1:1).

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