

chromatography³ to give *dehydrocorydaline* (as chloride, 0.024%, IR, NMR, reduction with NaBH₄ to give (±)-corydaline, m.m.p.) and *dehydrothalictrifoline* (as chloride, 0.007%, NMR, reduction to give *dl*-thalictrifoline, m.m.p.). In conclusion, (+)-1-methylcorypalline, cavidine, α-allocryptopine and dehydrothalictrifoline were isolated for the first time from the title plant.

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TRITERPENOID CONSTITUENTS OF *KAGENECKIA OBLONGA*

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Plant. *Kageneckia oblonga* Ruiz et Pav., voucher specimen deposited in the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, Santiago, Chile. *Source.* Southern slope of Manquehue Mountain, Santiago, Chile. *Plant part examined.* Leaves and twigs.

Extraction. 500 g of powdered plant material were extracted (Soxhlet) with CHCl₃–AcOEt (1:1). The solvents were partially removed under vacuum, affording a precipitate which was filtered and washed with small portions of the same solvent mixture: 4.5 g.

Esterification and separation of the products. 0.9 g of crude product was methylated with CH₂N₂ in Et₂O, yielding 0.92 g of solid residue. Preparative TLC gave five chromatographically homogeneous fractions: A (400 mg), B (190 mg), C (11 mg), D (33 mg), E (5 mg).

*Ursolic acid methyl ester*¹ (*Compound A*). Identified by m.p., [α]_D, IR, MS. (Found: C, 79.1; H, 10.8. Calc. for C₃₁H₅₀O₃; C, 79.09; H, 10.71%). Acetate identified by m.p., m.m.p., [α]_D, IR, MS and co-TLC. (Found: C, 77.15; H, 10.0. Calc. for C₃₃H₅₂O₄; C, 77.30; H, 10.22%).

*Benthamic acid methyl ester*² (*Compound B*). Identified by m.p. (130–131°, lit. 127–129°), m.m.p., [α]_D, IR, MS and co-TLC. (Found: C, 76.3; H, 10.3. Calc. for C₃₁H₅₀O₄; C, 76.49; H, 10.35%). Monoacetate identified by m.p. (241–243°, lit. 235–238°), [α]_D, IR, NMR and MS. (Found: C, 74.8; H, 9.7. Calc. for C₃₃H₅₂O₅; C, 74.96; H, 9.91%).

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