

TRITERPENOIDS AND STEROLS FROM THREE *MILLETTIA* SPECIES

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Plant. *Millettia pachycarpa* Benth. (Hong Kong Herbarium voucher Specimen No. 6913). **Uses.** As insecticide and fish poison.¹⁻⁴ Of sister species for same purpose.^{3,5,6} **Previous work.** Rotenone in seeds,² in roots.⁴ Rotenone and rotenoids in *M. species*.⁵⁻⁷ On sister species: *M. auriculata*;⁸ *M. stuhlmannii* (flavonoids);⁹ *M. ferruginae*,¹⁰ *M. dura*,¹¹ and *M. auriculata*^{12,13} (isoflavonoids).

Leaves. (Extracted light petrol., chromatographed—alumina): friedelin C₃₀H₅₀O (m.p., m.m.p., [α]_D, IR): by re-chromatographing earlier light petrol. fractions. Friedelan-3 β -ol C₃₀H₅₂O (m.p., m.m.p., [α]_D, IR of both alcohol and acetate): from late light petrol. fractions. A sterol mixture (m.p., m.m.p., IR): from light petrol.–benzene (1:1) fractions, separated into campesterol (trace), stigmasterol and sitosterol (GLC).

Stems. Friedelin, friedelan-3 β -ol, sterol mixture (as for leaves).

Plant. *M. dielsiana* Harms. (Hong Kong Herbarium voucher Specimen No. 6872). **Previous work.** Occurrence of triterpenoid.¹⁴

Leaves. (Extracted light petrol., chromatographed—alumina): Friedelin from light petrol.–benzene (7:3) fractions. Friedelan-3 β -ol from light petrol.–benzene (3:2) fractions.

Stems. (Extracted light petrol., chromatographed—alumina): Friedelin from light petrol.–benzene (9:1) fractions. Taraxerone C₃₀H₄₈O (m.p., m.m.p., [α]_D, IR) from light petrol.–benzene (4:1) fractions. Friedelan-3 β -ol from light petrol.–benzene (1:4) fractions. A sterol mixture from benzene fractions, separated into campesterol, stigmasterol and sitosterol (GLC).

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Plant. M. nitida Benth. (Hong Kong Herbarium voucher Specimen No. 6903). *Previous work.* None.

Leaves. Friedelin and friedelan-3 β -ol as for *M. dielsiana* leaves.

Stems. Extracted light petrol., chromatographed—alumina): Friedelin from light petrol.–benzene (4:1) fractions. Taraxerone from light petrol.–benzene (7:3) fractions. Friedelan-3 β -ol from light petrol.–benzene (1:1) fractions. Taraxerol C₃₀H₅₀O (m.p., m.m.p., [α]_D, IR) from light petrol.–benzene (2:3) fractions. A sterol mixture from benzene fractions, as for *M. dielsiana* stems.

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TRITERPENOIDS OF *ISERTIA HYPOLEUCA* LEAVES*†

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