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CHROMONES FROM SPATHELIA GLABRESCENS

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Plant. Spathelia glabrescens Planch. (UWI Herbarium No. 30516). Source. Collected in April near Ewarton, Jamaica. Previous work. On sister species. 1-3

Compounds isolated. Sorbifolin,¹ spatheliabischromene,³ alloptaeroxylin,^{3,4} 6-(3,3-dimethylallyl)-alloptaeroxylin (recently isolated⁵ from S. sorbifolia) and (+)-nerolidol were isolated from the petrol extract of the roots and identified by direct comparison with authentic material by m.m.p., TLC, and IR and NMR analysis. Sorbifolin could be crystallized directly from the gum obtained on concentrating the petrol solution, while preparative TLC of the mother liquour gave the other compounds.

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FATTY ESTERS AND STEROLS FROM THE BARK OF AMARORIA SOULAMEOIDES*

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Amaroria soulameoides A. Gray, a small tree found in the Fiji Islands, is the sole member of a monotypic genus of the Simaroubaceae. The plant has not previously been studied

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