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TRITERPENOIDS FROM *PORIA CARBONICA*

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Plant. *Poria carbonica*. **Source.** Isolated from Douglas-fir utility poles in Oregon, U.S.A.¹ **Previous work.** Isolation and characterization of eburicoic acid and dehydroeburicoic acid from several species of *Fomes*,² *Polyporus*² and *Lenzites*,³ and from *Poria cocos*.⁴

Present work. Light petrol. extraction of *Poria carbonica* grown on malt extract agar yielded, on concentration, a mixture of eburicoic acid and dehydroeburicoic acid, C₃₁H₅₀O₃ and C₃₁H₄₈O₃ respectively, m.p. 281–3°, [α]_D²⁵ +39.5° (CHCl₃). UV, 235, 243, 252 nm (EtOH). Methyl esters (m.p., UV, IR, NMR and MS).

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DRYOCRASSIN: A NEW ACYLPHLOROGLUCINOL FROM *DRYOPTERIS CRASSIRHIZOMA*

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Plant. *Dryopteris crassirhizoma* Nakai. **Uses.** Oreoresin of the dried rhizome and frond bases was used as a taenifuge in Japan.¹ **Previous work.** Filixic acid-like substance.² **Present**

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