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GLUCOSIDES IN *CORNUS CAPITATA* AND *C. KOUSA*

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Plant. *Cornus capitata* Wall. (Subgen. *Benthamia* Lindl.)¹ *Source.* The Botanic Garden of the University of Copenhagen. *Previous work on iridoid glucosides.* None. *Present work.* The glycoside fraction from leaves (48 g) and twigs (12 g), obtained as previously described,² was separated by chromatography on a silica gel column (CHCl₃–MeOH, 3:1). Two major fractions were studied: (a) one (114 mg), purified by preparative TLC and recrystallization from EtOH to give a homogeneous specimen of cornin (44 mg) identified by m.m.p., co-chromatography, and NMR; and (b) another (225 mg), not obtained in crystalline form, but identified as phlorin by undergoing emulsin-catalyzed hydrolysis to glucose (co-chromatography) and phloroglucinol (triacetate; m.m.p., and NMR). *Hexaacetate* of phlorin, m.p. 154–155.5°, $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –26.0° (c 2.0, CHCl₃); lit.³: m.p. 156–158°, $[\alpha]_D^{17}$ –25.5° (c 1.8, CHCl₃).

Plant. *Cornus kousa* Hance var. *chinensis* (subgen. *Benthamia* Lindl.)¹ *Source.* As above. *Previous work on iridoid glucosides.* None. *Present work.* 50 g of frozen leaves were treated as above. Column chromatography as described above afforded solely cornin (233 mg) (m.m.p., co-chromatography, and NMR).

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