

SHORT COMMUNICATION

A SAPOGENIN OF SEEDS OF *ZIZYPHUS JUJUBA* VAR.
SPINOSUS

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Abstract—Ebelin lactone was obtained on hydrolysis of the saponin fraction of the seeds of *Zizyphus jujuba* Mill. var. *spinosus* Hu.

Plant. *Zizyphus jujuba* var. *spinosus* Hu (syn.: *Z. vulgaris* Lam. var. *spinosus* Hu., *Z. jujuba* Mill.)—Rhamnaceae.

Uses. Medicinal (as a Chinese drug).

Previous work. Seeds.^{1, 2}

Seeds. (Suanzaoren in Chinese and Sansonin in Japanese.) Extracted MeOH, hydrolysis 5% H₂SO₄ in 50% aq. EtOH. Ebelin lactone^{3, 4} u.v. NMR, i.r. TLC).

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