#### myo-Inositol-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexakisphosphate

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myo-Inositol-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexakisphosphate (Ins P<sub>6</sub> or phytic acid) is a common constituent of eukaryotic cells where it has a large number of functions in addition to its classical role in storage of phosphorus and minerals in seeds and other plant tissues.

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myo-Inositol-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexakisphosphate or Phytic Acid

#### Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 1045 Covalent binding of chloroacetamide herbicides to the active site cysteine of plant type III polyketide synthases

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These herbicides inactivate chalcone synthase and stilbene synthase irreversibly by covalent binding to the active site cysteine. A stilbenecarboxylate synthase and a pyrone synthase are not affected, suggesting subtle differences in the accessability of the active sites.

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ O = C \\ H - C - C - S \\ H - N \\ R \end{array}$$

# Plastoquinones are effectively reduced by

ferredoxin:NADP<sup>+</sup> oxidoreductase in the presence of sodium cholate micelles Significance for cyclic electron transport and chlororespiration

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The stimulatory effect of sodium cholate on plastoquinone-mediated NADPH oxidation and oxygen uptake in the presence of ferrodoxin:NADP+ oxireductase is described.

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## Hofmannolin, a cyanopeptolin from Scytonema hofmanni PCC 7110

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The cyclic depsipeptide hofmannolin was isolated from the terrestrial cyanobacterium Scytonema hofmanni PCC 7110 and classified as a cyanopeptolin.

### Cloning and regiospecificity studies of two flavonoid glucosyltransferases from Allium cepa

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Two UDP-glucose-dependent flavonoid glucosyltransferases isolated from the epidermal layer of yellow onion (Allium cepa) were heterologously expressed for the first time and their substrate specificity investigated. The two enzymes exhibited significantly different substrate specificity, but regiospecificity of both was consistent with quercetin glucosides found in A. cepa.

### Natural variation for seed oil composition in Arabidopsis thaliana

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The natural variation for seed oil content and fatty acid composition was surveyed in 360 publicly available accessions of Arabidopsis thaliana and candidates for genes underlying a proportion of the variation were identified.

#### More chemistry of the thaxtomin phytotoxins

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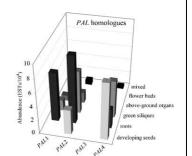
Product analysis indicated a possible involvement of N-acetyl tryptophan and 4-nitrotryptophan in biosynthesis of the thaxtomins. Three new thaxtomin analogues were also isolated.

#### Phytochemistry, 2003, 64, 1097 An in silico assessment of gene function and organization of the phenylpropanoid pathway metabolic networks in Arabidopsis thaliana and limitations thereof

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In this study, an exhaustive analysis of The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) and The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR) databases, together with all currently compiled EST sequence data, was carried out in order to determine to what extent the various metabolic networks from phenylalanine ammonia lyase (PAL) to the monolignols were organized and/or could be predicted. Only 13 out of 65 annotated genes in this pathway could be given a precise function.



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thaxtomin A

### The absolute configuration of prunioside A from Spiraea prunifolia and biological activities of related compounds

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The stereochemistry of prunioside A was determined by chemical transformations and NMR data analysis. Compounds related to prunioside A have inhibitory effects on the synthesis of nitric oxide in LPS-stimulated macrophage-like RAW 264.7 cells.

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### Antifeedant *neo*-clerodanes from *Teucrium* tomentosum Heyne. (Labiatae)

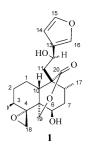
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An antifeedant neo-clerodane diterpenoid teuctosin (1) was isolated from the aerial parts of Teucrium tomentosum.



#### Diterpenes from Alomia myriadenia (Asteraceae) with cytotoxic and trypanocidal activity

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Further investigation of the aerial parts of Alomia myriadenia revealed the halimane diterpene ent-8S,12S-epoxy-7R,16dihydroxyhalima-5(10),13-dien-15,16-olide along with two known labdanes, 6,7-methylenedioxycoumarin (ayapin), and kaempferol-7-methylether (rhamnocitrin). Cytotoxic and trypanocidal activities of the diterpenes were evaluated in vitro.

### Flavonoid composition related to petal color in different lines of Clitoria ternatea

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Flavonoids in the petals of different petal color lines in Clitoria termatea were investigated with LC/MS/MS. A new compound, delphinidin 3-O-(2"-O-α-rhamnosyl-6"-O-malonyl)-β-glucoside, was identified in a mauve petal line. While ternatins (3',5'-disubstituted polyacylanthocyanins) were identified in all blue petal lines, the mauve petal line accumulated delphinidin 3-O-(6"-Omyl)-β-glucoside instead. The change in flower color from blue to mauve was due to the lack of substitutions at both 3'- and 5'-positions in the ternatins. Glucosylation at the 3'- and 5'-positions of anthocyanin might be a critical step for producing blue color in the petals of C. ternatea.

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1 R<sub>1</sub>=rhamnosyl, R<sub>2</sub>=malonyl

2 R<sub>1</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=malonyl

3 R<sub>1</sub>=rhamnosyl, R<sub>2</sub>=H

 $4 R_1 = R_2 = H$ 

# Diterpenes and sesquiterpenes from the bark of *Taxus yunnanensis*

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Two taxane-type diterpenes and two drimane-type sesquiterpenes were isolated from the bark of *Taxus yunnanensis* together with 35 known taxane-type diterpenes, a known drimane-type sesquiterpene and a known flavanone.

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# Xanthones from the stem bark of *Garcinia nigrolineata*

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Nine xanthones, nigrolineaxanthones A-1, together with nine known xanthones, were isoloated from the crude methanol extract of the stem bark of *Garcinia nigrolineata*. The structures were elucidated by analysis of the spectroscopic data, especially using 1D and 2D NMR data.

# Ratio of *erthro* and *threo* forms of $\beta$ -O-4 structures in tension wood lignin

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Investigation of *Liriodendron tulipifera* showed that the ratio of *erythro* form versus *threo* form in  $\beta$ -O-4 structures in lignin was higher in tension wood than in opposite wood and these ratios were correlated with the methoxyl group contents (correlation coefficient R = 0.98).

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R<sub>1</sub> = H (Guaiacyl) or OCH<sub>3</sub> (Syringyl) R<sub>2</sub> = H (Guaiacyl) or OCH<sub>3</sub> (Syringyl)

# Evidence for cross-linking in tomato cutin using HR-MAS NMR spectroscopy

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Structure of intact cutin from Lycopersicon esculentum fruit cuticle, swollen in DMSO, was determined using high-resolution magic angle spinning (HR-MAS) NMR spectroscopy, showing mainly esters, primary and secondary alcohols, fatty acids, and in addition, functionalities such as  $\alpha$ -branched carboxylic acids, and esters of mid-chain alcohols showing possible cross-linking sites.

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