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Four tetranortriterpenoids from the stem bark of Khaya anthotheca

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Michel K. Tchimene, Pierre Tane, Dieudonne Ngamga, Joseph D. Connolly*, Louis J. Farrugia

Four tetranortriterpenoids, 1–3 and 6R,8 α -dihydroxycarapin, have been isolated from the stem bark of *Khaya anthotheca*.

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$$R^1 = OH$$
, $R^2 = OH$
2 $R^1 = OAC$, $R^2 = OH$
3 $R^1 = OAC$, $R^2 = OAC$

Sacculatane diterpenoids from axenic cultures of the liverwort Fossombronia wondraczekii

Hildegard Feld, Ursula Maria Hertewich, Josef Zapp, Hans Becker*

Five sacculatane diterpenoids along with sacculatal and sacculatanolide have been isolated from axenic cultures of the liverwort *Fossombronia wondraczekii* and their structures assigned on the basis of their spectroscopical properties.

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Mexicanolide limonoids from the Madagascan Meliaceae Quivisia papinae

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The seeds of *Quivisia papinae* have yielded five mexicanolide group limonoids, together with two known mexicanolide limonoids and two known triterpenoids. Quivisianolide A 9 possesses a hitherto unreported $9\alpha,11\alpha$ -epoxide ring, quivisianolide B 10 the corresponding $\Delta^{9(11)}$ double bond, and quivisianone 11 is a 17-keto *seco*-ring D compound.

Plocoralides A-C, polyhalogenated monoterpenes from the marine alga Plocamium corallorhiza

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Michael G. Knott, Henry Mkwananzi, Catherine E. Arendse, Denver T. Hendricks, John J. Bolton, Denzil R. Beukes*

Organic extracts of *Plocamium corallorhiza* contain three polyhalogenated monoterpenes, plocoralides A-C (1-3). Compounds 1-3 show moderate activity towards esophageal cancer cells.

Plocoralide A (1)

PHENOLICS

Bi-bicyclic and bi-tricyclic compounds from Dendrobium thyrsiflorum

Guang-Nong Zhang, Ling-Yan Zhong, S.W. Annie Bligh, Ying-Li Guo, Chao-Feng Zhang, Mian Zhang, Zheng-Tao Wang*, Luo-Shan Xu

Coumarin-benzofuran, dimeric phenanthrene and phenanthrene-phenanthraquinone derivatives, along with seven known ones, were isolated from Dendrobium thyrsiflorum (Orchidaceae). Four of the compounds showed significant cytotoxic activities against Hela, K-562 and MCF-7 cell lines.

Flavone C-glycosides from flowers of Trollius ledebouri

Jian-Hua Zou, Jun-Shan Yang*, Yue-Sheng Dong, Liang Zhou, Geng Lin

Four flavone C-glycosides, 2"-O-vanilloylvitexin (1), 2"-O-feruloylorientin (2), 2"-O-β-L-galactopyranosylvitexin (3), and 2"-O-β-L-galactopyranosylorientin (4), were isolated from the flowers of Trollius ledebouri, respectively.

Isolation and synthesis of a dimeric dihydrochalcone from Agapanthus africanus

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A dimeric dihydrochalcone was isolated from the roots of Agapanthus africanus, and synthesized via a pericyclic $[\pi 2_s + \pi 2_s]$ photocyclo-addition of the corresponding chalcone.

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Acylated anthocyanins from leaves of Oxalis triangularis

Torgils Fossen*, Saleh Rayyan, Maya H. Holmberg, Håvard S. Nateland, Øyvind M. Andersen

Five anthocyanins, the 3-(6-(4-malonylrhamnosyl)glucoside)-5-glucoside (2), the 3-(6-rhamnosylglucoside)-5-(6-malonylglucoside) (3), the 3-(6-(4-malonylrhamnosyl)-glucoside)-5-(6-malonylglucoside) (4), the 3-(6-(4-malonylrhamnosyl)glucoside) (5) and the 3-(6-(Z)-pcoumaroylglucoside)-5-glucoside (6) of malvidin, have been isolated from methanolic extracts of leaves of *Oxalis triangularis*.

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Anthraquinones from Hedyotis capitellata

Rohaya Ahmad, Khozirah Shaari, Nordin Hj. Lajis*, Ahmad Sazali Hamzah, Nor Hadiani Ismail, Mariko Kitajima

Four furanoanthraquinones together with four known anthraquinones and scopoletin were isolated from the stems of *Hedyotis capitellata*. Lucidin-3-O- β -glucoside was isolated from the roots of the plant.

Xanthones from Garcinia cowa Roxb. latex

W. Mahabusarakam*, P. Chairerk, W.C. Taylor

Five xanthones named cowagarcinone A–E together with six known compounds were isolated from the latex of *Garcinia cowa*. The crude latex and isolated compounds were investigated for their radical scavenging activities.

ALKALOIDS

Glaucacyclopeptide A from the seeds of Annona glauca

Alassane Wélé*, Idrissa Ndoye, Yanjun Zhang, Jean-Paul Brouard, Jean-Louis Pousset, Bernard Bodo

The structure of glaucacyclopeptide A was determined on the basis of its MS/MS fragmentation, chemical degradation and extensive 2D NMR.

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Indole alkaloids from the leaves of Philippine Alstonia scholaris

Allan Patrick G. Macabeo, Karsten Krohn*, Dietmar Gehle, Roger W. Read, Joseph J. Brophy, Geoffrey A. Cordell, Scott G. Franzblau, Alicia M. Aguinaldo

Manilamine, a *seco*-uleine alkaloid identified for the first time from the genus *Alstonia*, and N^4 -methyl angustilobine B were isolated from the leaves of the Philippine medicinal plant, *Alstonia scholaris*.

An unusual quinolinone alkaloid from Waltheria douradinha

Solange C.S.M. Hoelzel, Eleno R. Vieira, Sandro R. Giacomelli, Ionara I. Dalcol, Nilo Zanatta, Ademir F. Morel*

The chemical investigation of the methanolic extract of the root bark of *Waltheria douradinha* (Sterculiaceae) afforded waltherione-A, an unusual quinolinone alkaloid.

GENERAL CHEMISTRY

Leishmanicidal cycloartane-type triterpene glycosides from Astragalus oleifolius

Meltem Özipek*, Ali A. Dönmez, İhsan Çalış, Reto Brun, Peter Rüedi, Deniz Tasdemir

Two cycloartane-type glycosides oleifoliosides A (1) and B (2) were isolated from the lower stem parts of *Astragalus oleifolius* and evaluated for in vitro trypanocidal, leishmanicidal and antiplasmodial activities as well as their cytotoxic potential on primary mammalian (L6) cells. Their structures were identified as 3-O-[β -xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -arabinopyranosyl]-6-O- β -xylopyranosyl-3 β ,6 α ,16 β ,24(S),25-pentahydroxycycloartane and 3-O-[β -xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -arabinopyranosyl]-6-O- β -glucopyranosyl-3 β ,6 α ,16 β ,24(S),25-pentahydroxycycloartane, respectively, by means of spectroscopic methods (IR, 1D and 2D NMR, ESI-MS).

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Prenylated anthronoid antioxidants from the stem bark of *Harungana madagascariensis*

Simeon F. Kouam, Bonaventure T. Ngadjui, Karsten Krohn*, Pascal Wafo, Asma Ajaz, M. Iqbal Choudhary

Two prenylated anthronoids, harunmadagascarins A and B, were isolated from the stem bark of *Harungana madagascariensis*.

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Steryl epoxide, secobutanolide and butanolides from the stem wood of *Machilus zuihoensis*

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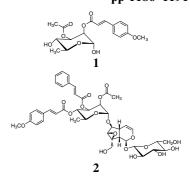
The dimeric steryl epoxide, machillene (1), the secobutanolide, secomahubanolide (2), and two butanolides, zuihoenalide (3), and 3-(1-methoxyoctadecyl)-5-methylene-5*H*-furan-2-one (4), together with 12 known compounds, have been isolated from the stem wood of *Machilus zuihoensis*. Their structures were determined by means of spectroscopic analyses. Machillene (1) showed cytotoxic activity against NUGC-3 and HONE-1 cancer cell lines in vitro.

A sugar ester and an iridoid glycoside from Scrophularia ningpoensis

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Anh-Tho Nguyen*, Jeanine Fontaine, Hugues Malonne, Magda Claeys, Michel Luhmer, Pierre Duez

A sugar ester, ningposide D (1) and a iridoid glycoside, scrophuloside B_4 (2) together with six known compounds were isolated from cytotoxic extracts of the roots of *Scrophularia ningpoensis*. Their structures were established on the basis of spectral evidence. The isolated compounds: oleanonic acid, ursolonic acid, β -sitosterol and scrophuloside B_4 (2) inhibit the proliferation of several cancer human cell lines, i.e., MCF7, K562, Bowes, T24S and A549.



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