New Triterpenoidal Alkaloids from Buxus sempervirens

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activity against Lemna minor Linn.

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Buxus sempervirens, (+)-16α, 31-Diacetylbuxadine and (-)-N_b-Demethylcyclomikuranine

Phytochemical studies on the ethanolic extract of the roots of Buxus sempervirens of Turkish origin have resulted in the isolation of two new triterpenoidal alkaloids, (+)- 16α , 31-diacetylbuxadine (1), (-)- N_b -demethylcyclomikuranine (2) along with three known natural products, (-)-cyclomikuranine (3), (-)-cyclobuxophylline-K (4) and (+)-buxaquamarine (5) isolated for the first time from this species of genus Buxus. The structures of these new natural products were established on the basis of extensive spectroscopic studies. Compound 1 exhibited antibacterial activity against human pathogenic bacteria and weak phytotoxic