

Antibacterial Diterpenoids from *Astragalus brachystachys*

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Antibacterial bioassay guided fractionation of acetone extracts of *Astragalus brachystachys* resulted in isolation of sclareol and two related labdane-type diterpenoids, 14*R*-epoxysclareol and 6 β -hydroxysclareol. The antibacterial activity of the isolated compounds was measured and it was deduced that the epoxidation at the double bond of sclareol or hydroxylation at C-6 decreased the activity of the resulting compounds. Salvigenin (5-hydroxy-4',6,7-trimethoxyflavone) was also separated from this plant for the first time.