Pyrrolizidine Alkaloids from Lithospermum canescens Lehm.

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acetyl-lycopsamine and O^7 -acetylintermedine four new PAs were found. Their structures are O^7 -(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-butanoyl)- O^9 -(+)-trachelanthoyl-heliotridine (= O^7 -(3-hydroxy-3-

methyl-butanovl)-rinderine = canescine), O^7 -(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-butanovl)- O^9 -(-)-viridifloryl-heliotridine (= O^7 -(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-butanoyl)-echinatine = canescenine) and

their O^{13} -acetyl-derivatives (= acetylcanescine; acetylcanescenine).

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