The whole dried plant (410 g) was extracted 3 × MeOH: after removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was extracted 3× 200 ml 1% HCl. The acidic fraction was basified with ammonia and extracted with $CHCl_3$ giving 380 mg solid. Preparative TLC of this residue [SiO_2/$CHCl_3$ with $Ce^{IV}(SO_4)_2$ as spray reagent] gave 50 mg of *N-N'*-di-o-tolylethylendiamine.

N-N'-Di-o-tolylethylendiamine. Recrystalization from *n*-pentane gave m.p. 70–71°, λ_{max} 247 nm (log ε 4·46), 291 (3·77); in EtOH. ν_{max} 3460, 3420, 1612, 1592 cm^{-1} in $CHCl_3$. NMR ($CDCl_3$, TMS) δ, 2·10 (s, 6 H, 2 Me-aryl), 3·46 (s, 4 H, N-CH_2-CH_2-N), 3·30 (broad band removed with D_2O, 2 NH), 6·64 (*m*, 4 H aromatic protons ortho or ortho and para to NH), 7·05 (*m*, 4 H aromatic protons meta to NH). The lack of equivalence of the 4 meta protons showed the probable structure. MS: *m/e* 240 (M^+, 30) (found 240·1632 ± 0·0027; calc. for $C_{16}H_{20}N_2$: 240·1626) 121 (89), 120 (100), 118 (19), 106 (17), 91 (49), 79 (4), 78 (3), 77 (10), 65 (23).

N-N'-Di-p-tolylethylendiamine was also prepared [2] giving the following NMR data: 2·22, 3·30 (*s*, 4 H, N-CH_2-CH_2-N), 3·55 (s, removed with D_2O, 2 NH), 6·53 and 6·96 (*m*, 4 H, aromatic protons meta, equivalents, from NH).

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TRITERPENOID SAPOGENINS OF *SCHIMA MERTENSIANA*

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Plant. *Schima mertensiana* Koidz. (Theaceae); syn. *S. boninensis* Nakai. *Source*. The Bonin Islands, Japan. *Previous work*. On related species. *S. kankawaensis* Hay (A_1-barrigenol)[1] and *S. liukiuensis* Nakai (A_1-barrigenol, R_1-barrigenol)[2].

Present work. The MeOH extractive of the bark of *S. mertensiana* was partitioned between *n*-BuOH–H_2O. The saponin mixture obtained from the *n*-BuOH soluble portion after ordinary working-up procedures was subjected to acid hydrolysis followed by treatment with alkali and silica-gel chromatography. Primulagenin A (3β,16α,28-trihydroxy-olean-12-ene)[3], dihydropriverogenin A (3β,16α,22α,28-tetrahydroxy-olean-12-ene)[4], A_1-barrigenol (3β,15α,16α,22α,28-pentahydroxy-olean-12-ene)[5], barringtogenol C (3β,16α,21β,22α,28-pentahydroxy-olean-12-ene)[6], and R_1-barrigenol (3β,15α,16α,21β,22α,28-hexahydroxy-olean-12-ene)[5] were obtained in the respective yields of 2·2, 6·0, 35·8, 7·2 and 13·3% (from the total sapogenol mixture), and identified with the authentic specimens by direct comparison (m.m.p., IR, TLC). This is the first time that primulagenin A, dihydropriverogenin A and barringtogenol C have been isolated from *Schima* species.

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