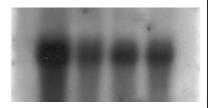
Seasonal cardenolide production and $Dop5\beta r$ gene expression in natural populations of *Digitalis obscura*

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Productivity variations and seasonal fluctuations of cardenolides have been studied in 10 natural populations of *Digitalis obscura*. Isolation and seasonal expression of the gene encoding the progesterone 5β-reductase are reported.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1869



The class III peroxidase multigenic family in rice and its evolution in land plants

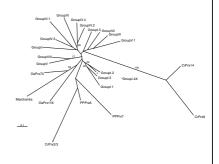
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An extensive search was performed in rice genome in order to draw up the complete list of class III peroxidases present in this organism. Phylogenetic studies performed in rice and other plants identified a putative primitive peroxidase, which probably played a crucial role in apparition of land plants.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1879



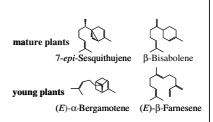
The sesquiterpene hydrocarbons of maize (*Zea mays*) form five groups with distinct developmental and organ-specific distributions

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Analysis of the sesquiterpene content of young and mature maize plants revealed five groups of hydrocarbons, each with a different spatial and temporal distribution in the plant. Within each group, compounds co-occurred in the same constant ratio to one another, indicative of possible biosynthetic relationships.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1895

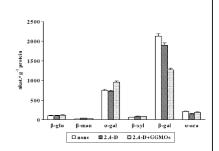


Changes in glycosidase activities during galactoglucomannan oligosaccharide inhibition of auxin induced growth

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The inhibition of 2,4-D-induced elongation growth by galactoglucomannan oligosaccharides in pea stem segments (*Pisum sativum* L. cv. Tyrkys) after 18 h of incubation results in changes of extracellular, intracellular and cell wall glycosidase activities (β -D-glucosidase, β -D-mannosidase, β -D-galactosidase, β -D-xylosidase, α -D-galactosidase, and α -L-arabinosidase).



Salt-induced lipid changes in *Catharanthus roseus* cultured cell suspensions

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Exposure of *Catharanthus roseus* cell suspensions to increasing salinity induced several changes in membrane lipid content and composition. The observed increase in phospholipid, free sterol and fatty acid unsaturation, suggests a modification in membrane fluidity.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1911

Increasing salinity



Membrane lipids of C. roseus



Modification of phospholipid, glycolipid, sterol content and composition



Change in membrane fluidity

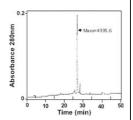
Isolation and characterization of wound-inducible carboxypeptidase inhibitor from tomato leaves

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Carboxypeptidase inhibitor protein, previously reported not to be wound-inducible in tomato leaves, was identified in wounded tomato leaves and was isolated and characterized.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1919



Flavonoids from shoots and roots of *Trifolium repens* (white clover) grown in presence or absence of the arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus *Glomus intraradices*

María A. Ponce, José M. Scervino, Rosa Erra-Balsells, Juan A. Ocampo, Alicia M. Godeas

Analysis of extracts obtained from *Trifolium repens* roots and shoots revealed that compositions of the flavonoid mixtures varied in the presence or absence of the arbuscular fungus *Glomus intraradices*.

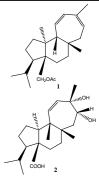
Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1925

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Mulinane-type diterpenoids from Azorella compacta display antiplasmodial activity

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Two mulinane-type diterpenoids were isolated from *Azorella compacta*: 20-hydroxymulin-11,13-dienyl acetate **1** and 13,14-dihydroxymulin-11-en-20-oic acid **2**. Both compounds, as well as three previously isolated diterpenes were evaluated for new potential as in vivo growth inhibitors of *Plasmodium berghei*.



Fresh organically grown ginger (*Zingiber officinale*): composition and effects on LPS-induced PGE₂ production

Shivanand D. Jolad, R. Clark Lantz, Aniko M. Solyom, Guan J. Chen, Robert B. Bates, Barbara N. Timmermann

Ginger extracts were analyzed directly by GC-MS without modification to trimethylsilyl ether derivatives. From organically grown Hawaiian white and yellow ginger varieties 51 compounds were identified, of which 20 had not been previously reported as ginger constituents.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1937

Minor pyrano-isoflavones from *Eriosema kraussianum*: activity-, structure-, and chemical reaction studies

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The structure of one of the minor isoflavones is shown (7). X-ray studies confirm the structure of the pyrano-isoflavone isolated previously.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1955

Insect growth inhibition by tocotrienols and hydroquinones from *Roldana barba-johannis*

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Tocotrienols and hydroquinones displaced insecticidal and insect growth inhibitory activities against Fall Armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*).

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1963

Antioxidant phenolic and quinonemethide triterpenes from *Cheiloclinium cognatum*

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The triterpenes, 22β -hydroxypristimerin and cognatine, were isolated together with seven known compounds from *Cheiloclinium cognatum*. The isolates were investigated for their radical scavenging abilities.

Water-soluble polysaccharides from *Salvia officinalis* L. possessing immunomodulatory activity

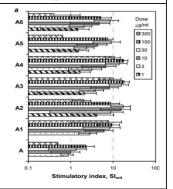
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Immunomodulatory study revealed the capacity of all ion-exchange fractions of the polysaccharide complex A to induce the proliferation of rat thymocytes in the order $A_2 > A_3 = A_4 > A_1 = A_5 = A_6 > A$.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1983



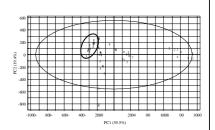
Metabolomic analysis of *Strychnos nux-vomica*, *Strychnos icaja* and *Strychnos ignatii* extracts by ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry and multivariate analysis techniques

Michel Frédérich, Young Hae Choi, Luc Angenot, Goetz Harnischfeger, Alfons W.M. Lefeber, Robert Verpoorte

¹H Nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry and multivariate analysis techniques were applied for the metabolic profiling of three *Strychnos* species:

S. nux-vomica, S. ignatii, and S. icaja.

Phytochemistry, 2004, 65, 1993



Constituents from the bark of Tabebuia impetiginosa

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Sixteen compounds were isolated from the bark of *Tabebuia impetiginosa*, whose structures were determined using both spectroscopic and chemical methods.