Bufadienolides from *Drimia robusta* and *Urginea epigea* (Hyacinthaceae)

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Two bufadienolides, 6β-acetoxy-3β,8β,14β-trihydroxy-12-oxobufa-4,20,22-trienolide (1) and 14β-hydroxybufa-3,5,20,22-tetraenolide (2) were isolated from *Drimia robusta* and *Urginea epigea*, respectively.

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Limonoids from Cedrela sinensis

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Five limonoids, 11β -hydroxy- 7α -obacunyl acetate (1), 11-oxo- 7α -obacunyl acetate (2), 11-oxo- 7α -obacunol (3), 11β -hydroxycneorin G (4), and 11-oxocneorin G (5), were isolated from the leaves of *Cedrela sinensis* (Meliaceae).

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Two labdane diterpenoids and a seco-tetranortriterpenoid from Turreanthus africanus

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Seeds of *Turreanthus africanus* afforded two labdane (1, 2) diterpenoids and a limonoid (3). Their structures were elucidated by extensive NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

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Saponins and acylated saponins from

Dizygotheca kerchoveana

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Nine saponins and two acylated saponins were isolated from the leaves and the stem of branches of *Dizygotheca kerchoveana*. Their structures were established by chemical and spectroscopic means.

Taxanes with C-5-amino-side chains from the needles of *Taxus canadensis*

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Five taxanes with an amino-side chain on C-5 were identified for the first time in the needles of the Canadian yew, *Taxus canadensis*. Four of the compounds shown are taxanes. Their structures were established by spectroscopic methods.

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Germacranolides from Calea urticifolia

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Four germacranolides, named calealactones A, B, and C and 2,3-epoxycalealactone A were isolated from the leaves of $Calea\ urticifolia$.

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Corsifurans A–C, 2-arylbenzofurans of presumed stilbenoid origin from *Corsinia coriandrina* (Hepaticae)

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Chemical investigation of the diethyl ether extract from *Corsinia coriandrina* resulted in the identification and synthesis of three 4',5-O-disubstituted 2-arylbenzofurans as natural products together with (E)- and (Z)-3,4'-dimethoxystilbene.

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Three isocoumarins and a benzofuran from the cultured lichen mycobionts of *Pyrenula* sp.

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The spore-derived mycobionts of the lichen *Pyrenula* sp. were cultivated on a malt-yeast extract medium supplemented with 10% sucrose. The investigation of the metabolites resulted in isolation of four compounds, three isocoumarins 1–3 and a benzofuran 4.

Two aurone glycosides from heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus*

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Two aurone glycosides viz 6 hydroxy 5 methyl 3',4',5' trimethoxy aurone 4-*O*-rhamnopyranoside and 6,4' dihydroxy aurone 4-*O*-rutinoside have been isolated from the ethanolic extract of the wood of *Pterocarpus santalinus*.

Flavonoids from shoots, roots and roots exudates of *Brassica alba*

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3,5,6,7,8-Pentahydroxy-4'-methoxy flavone in shoots, 2',3',4',5',6'-pentahydroxy chalcone and 3,5,6,7,8-pentahydroxy flavone in roots and exudates were obtained. Apigenin was found in the shoots and roots, but not in the root exudates.

Guangsangons F–J, anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory Diels–Alder type adducts, from *Morus macroura* Miq.

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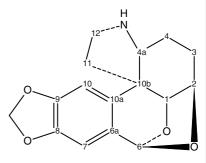
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Five Diels–Alder type adducts, named guangsangos F (1), G (2), H (3), I (6), and J (7), along with two known compounds, mulberrofuran J and kuwanon J, were isolated from *Morus macroura* (Moraceae).

Augustamine type alkaloids from Crinum kirkii

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Two augustamine type of Amaryllidaceae alkaloids were isolated from the bulbs of *Crimum kirkii*. Their structures and those of the other reported alkaloids were established by physical and spectral properties.



4a,N-Dedihydronoraugustamine

In vitro anti-herpetic activity of sulfated polysaccharide fractions from *Caulerpa racemosa*

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Sulfated heteropolysaccharide fractions isolated from the marine green algae *Caulerpa racemosa* were partially characterised by IR, GC, GC–MS and SEC. The hot water extracted polysaccharide fractions show anti-herpectic activity.

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C₃₁–C₃₄ methylated squalenes from a Bolivian strain of *Botryococcus braunii*

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Four methylated squalenes were isolated from the internal lipids of the freshwater green microalga *Botryococcus braunii*. Together they accounted for 4.5% of dry wt.

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$$C_{31}$$
 C_{32} C_{33} C_{33}

$$C_{34}$$

Quassinoid glucosides from seeds of Brucea amarissima

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Four quassinoid glucosides, javanicosides I, J, K and L, were isolated from the seeds of this plant. They showed moderate cytotoxic activities against P-388 murine leukemia cells.

Javanicoside L