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#### Isolation and structure determination of triterpenes from Iris tectorum

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Two triterpenes iritectol A (1) and iritectol B (2), together with known compounds, have been isolated from rhizomes of *Iris tectorum* Maxim.

#### Cucurbitacins from Bacopa monnieri

pp 1248-1254

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Four cucurbitacins, bacobitacin A–D (1–4) as well as a known cytotoxic, cucurbitacin E (5) together with three phenylethanoid glycosides, monnieraside I, III and plantioside B were isolated form the aerial parts of *Bacopa monnieri*. This is the first report on the characterization of cucurbitacins in *Bacopa monnieri*.

1 R = R<sub>2</sub> = H, R<sub>1</sub> = OH 2 R = R<sub>1</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = OAc

 $R = Ara(p) [(2 - 1) Rham] [(4 - 1) Ara(f) (2 - 1) Rham], R_1 = R_2 = H$   $R = Ara(p) [(2 - 1) Rham] [(4 - 1) Ara(f) (2 - 1) Rham] R_1 = OH R_2 = H$ 

#### Diterpenoids and triterpenoids from Euphorbia guyoniana

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Hamada Haba, Catherine Lavaud, Hassina Harkat, Abdulmagid Alabdul Magid, Laurence Marcourt, Mohammed Benkhaled\*

A diterpenoid with a tigliane skeleton, 4,12-dideoxy( $4\alpha$ )phorbol-13-hexadecanoate (1) and a cycloartane triterpenoid, 24-methylenecycloartane-3,28-diol (2), together with 17 known compounds were isolated from the roots of *Euphorbia guyoniana*. Their structures were determined by spectroscopic analysis.

#### Triterpenoid saponins with N-acetyl sugar from the bark of Albizia procera

pp 1261-1266

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Four triterpenoid saponins were isolated from the bark of *Albizia procera*. Their structures were elucidated by 1D and 2D NMR experiments, FABMS as well as chemical means. The cytotoxic activities of the isolates were evaluated.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_2\text{OR} \\ \text{HO} \\ \text{NHAc} \\ \end{array}$$

## Strobilols A-D: Four cadinane-type sesquiterpenes from the edible mushroom *Strobilurus ohshimae*

pp 1267-1271

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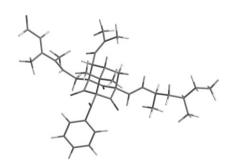
Four cadinane-type sesquiterpenoids, strobilols A, B, C and D, have been isolated from the edible mushroom *Strobilurus ohshimae*. Their structures were established on the basis of spectroscopic analysis.

#### Sinaicinone, a complex adamantanyl derivative from Hypericum sinaicum

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Tomáš Řezanka\*, Karel Sigler

The structure of sinaicinone, isolated from the aerial parts of the Egyptian medicinal plant *Hypericum sinaicum*, has been elucidated by means of spectroscopic data such as UV, IR, MS, 1D and 2D NMR spectra and chemical degradation. It is a complex adamantanyl derivative with a unique skeleton and oxygenated side chains.



#### **PHENOLICS**

#### Flavonoids and isoflavonoids from Gynerium sagittatum

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Four flavonoids along with the isoflavonoids ferreirin, dihydrocajanin, dalbergioidin, dihydrobiochanin A and biochanin A have been isolated from the roots of *Gynerium sagittatum*. A quantitative analysis of the isoflavonoids was performed by LC–ESI-MS.

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#### Anthocyanins from red cabbage - stability to simulated gastrointestinal digestion

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Gordon J. McDougall\*, Stewart Fyffe, Pat Dobson, Derek Stewart

The stability of red cabbage anthocyanins was assessed by an *in vitro* procedure that simulates human gastrointestinal digestion. Anthocyanins acylated with hydroxycinnamic acids were more stable than the unacylated forms with a marked difference in stability between different acylated hydroxycinnamic acids.

#### Prenylflavonoids from Flourensia fiebrigii

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María L. Uriburu\*, Roberto R. Gil, Virginia E. Sosa, Juana R. de la Fuente

Three flavonoids were isolated from *Flourensia fiebrigii*, amongst them the 5-deoxyprenylflavonoids (1, 2) and 4"-hydroxyprenylflavonoids (2, 3), together with known compounds previously determined in the genus. Their structures were established with the aid of spectroscopic analyses.

#### Geranyl flavonoids from the leaves of Artocarpus altilis

pp 1300-1306

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Five geranyl dihydrochalcones (2, 4, 5, 8, 9), along with four known geranyl flavonoids (1,3,6, 7), were isolated from the leaves of *Artocarpus altilis*. Their structures were established by spectroscopic means and by comparison with the literature values. Compounds 2, 4, and 9 exhibited moderate cytotoxicity against SPC-A-1, SW-480, and SMMC-7721 human cancer cells.

#### **GENERAL CHEMISTRY**

#### Iridoid glycosides from the stems of Pithecoctenium crucigerum (Bignoniaceae)

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The chemical investigation of the methanol extract from the stems of *Pithecoctenium* crucigerum afforded theviridoside 1, three derivatives (6'-O-cyclopropanoyltheviridoside 2, 10-O-hydroxybenzoyltheviridoside 3, 10-O-vanilloyltheviridoside 4) along with five known phenylethanoid glycosides.

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1: 
$$R_1, R_2 = H$$
2:  $R_2 = H$ ,  $R_1 = H$ 
3:  $R_1 = H$ ,  $R_2 = H$ 
4:  $R_1 = H$ ,  $R_2 = H$ 

#### Activity-guided isolation of antiplasmodial dihydrochalcones and flavanones from Piper hostmannianum var. berbicense

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Bénédicte Portet, Nicolas Fabre\*, Vincent Roumy, Heinz Gornitzka, Geneviève Bourdy, Séverine Chevalley, Michel Sauvain, Alexis Valentin, Claude Moulis

Four dihydrochalcones were isolated from the leaves of *Piper hostmannianum* var. *berbicense* with the known dihydrochalcones 2',6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxydihydrochalcone, adunctin E and (–)-methyllinderatin together with linderatone and strobopinin. All isolated compounds were evaluated for their antiplasmodial and cytotoxic activities against *Plasmodium falciparum* and MCF-7 cells.

#### Phenylethanoids, iridoids and a spirostanol saponin from Veronica turrilliana

pp 1321-1326

Emanuela P. Kostadinova, Kalina I. Alipieva\*, Tetsuo Kokubun, Rilka M. Taskova, Nedjalka V. Handjieva

Two phenylethanoid glycosides, turrilliosides A and B, and a steroidal saponin, turrillianoside, together with eight known glucosides were isolated from *Veronica turrilliana*, Plantaginaceae. Radical scavenging potential, antifungal and antibacterial activities of selected compounds were tested.

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$$\alpha$$
 HO OH  $\alpha$  OH  $\alpha$ 

## Cyathenosin A, a spiropyranosyl derivative of protocatechuic acid from *Cyathea phalerata*

pp 1327-1330

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Cyathenosin A is the first example of a naturally occurring compound containing a spirocyclic orthoester pyranosidic structure.

# Secondary metabolites from *Commiphora opobalsamum* and their antiproliferative effect on human prostate cancer cells

pp 1331-1337

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A cycloartane-type triterpenoid (1), an aliphatic alcohol glycoside (2), and two sesquiterpenoids (3 and 4), along with six known sesquiterpenoids were isolated from the resinous exudates of *Commiphora opobalsamum*. Compounds 1 and 2 had moderate antiproliferative activity against human prostate cancer cell lines with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 5.7 to 23.6  $\mu$ M, and were able to inhibit the expression of androgen receptor (AR) in LNCaP cells.

## Secondary metabolites from the roots of *Engelhardia roxburghiana* and their antitubercular activities

pp 1338-1343

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Engelharquinone (1) engelharquinone epoxide (2), engelharolide (3), and engelhardic acid (4), were isolate and identify for the first time from a plant source together with 20 previously known compounds, four of which were not reported as plant constituents previously. A biological evaluation showed that three of the previously isolated antitubercular constituents [(–)-4-hydroxy-1-tetralone, 3-methoxyjuglone and engelhardione] and engelharquinone (1) exhibited moderate antitubercular activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* 90-221387.

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