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ABSTRACT

This work describes the studies on several angular methyl oxygenated friedooleananes which were isolated from two Sri Lanka Elaeodendron species, E. glaucum and E. balae (Celastraceae). The occurrence and chemistry of angular methyl oxygenated oleananes and friedooleananes is surveyed.

Two new methyl oxygenated D:A-friedooleananes, 3,28-dioxo-D:A-friedooleanan-25-ol and 25,28-dihydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-3-one along with eight known D:A-friedooleananes were isolated from the stem bark of E. glaucum. Another methyl oxygenated D:A-friedooleanane, 28,29-dihydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-3-one was isolated from the stem bark of E. balae. The benzene extract of the root bark of E. balae contained a new methyl oxygenated D:B-friedooleanane, 3 β ,29-dihydroxy-D:B-friedoolean-5-ene together with olean-12-ene-3 β ,11 α -diol, pristimerin, tingenone, 20-hydroxytingenone and a new triterpene quinone-methide, 3,21-dihydroxy-24,29-dinor-D:A-friedooleana-2,5,7,9(11),10(1)-pentene-2,22-dione.

The ethyl acetate extract of the root bark of E. balae contained (-)-3,3',5,5',7-pentahydroxy-4'-methoxy 2,3-cis-flavane, 4',5,7-trihydroxy-(-)-epicatechin (4 β →8)-4-O'-methyl-(-)-epigallocatechin and a new leucoanthocyanidin whose structure was postulated on the basis of its ¹H NMR

and ^{13}C NMR spectral data. The first two flavonoids were also found in the methanol extract of the stem bark of E. balae together with the sugar alcohol dulcitol which was also found in the methanol extract of the root bark of the same species.

The thesis also includes a short chapter on the arguments used to assign the ^{13}C NMR signals of four D:A-friedooleananols, one D:A-friedooleananal and two hydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-3-ones.

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