OP-38 FURTHER DITERPENES FROM THE LEAF EXUDATE OF *PSIADIA PUNCTULATA.*

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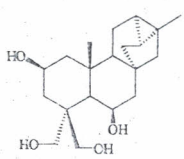
The leaves of *Psiadia punctulata* (Compositae), an East African species, are extensively covered by an exudate (up to 25% w/w of dry material), especially when young. The exudate is most likely responsible for the unpalatability (to herbivores) and drought resistance, which is exhibited by this shrub. The chemistry of the exudate could also explain the use of the species for relief of fever and abdominal pains as well as its use for expunging ectoparasites from cattle [1]. Five new trachyloban diterpenoids, trachyloban-2β,6β,18,19-tetraol (1), trachyloban-2β,18,19-triol (2), trachyloban-6β,18,19-triol (3), 2-oxotrachyloban-6β,18-diol, 17-hydroxy-18-trachylobanoic acid, and one kaurene diterpene, 17-kaurenoic acid, have been isolated from the exudate of *P. punctulata*. These new compounds add to the five diterpenoids already reported previously [2], showing that the leaf exudate of this plant is a rich source of diterpenoids. The Middle Eastern species, *P. arabica,* with which *P. punctulata* is confused, exhibits kaurene [3,4] but not trachyloban diterpenes which confirms a distinction between the two. In this presentation, the results of our findings will be discussed.



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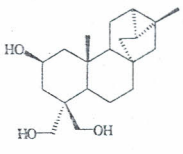

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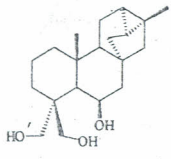

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