

Chemical Constituents and Cytotoxic Principle from *Cephalantheropsis gracilis*

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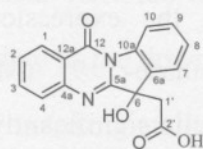
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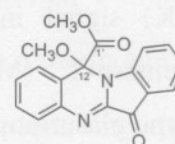
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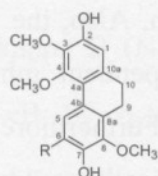
Cephalantheropsis gracilis afforded five new compounds: cephalanthrin-A (1), -B (2), cephathrene-A (3), -B (4), methyl 2-(aminocarbonyl)phenylcarbamate (5), and fifty-two known compounds. The structures of the new compounds were determined by spectroscopic analysis. Among the compounds isolated, tryptanthrin (6), phaitanthrin A (7), cephalinone D (19), and flavanthrin (30) showed significant cytotoxicity against MCF-7, NCI-H460, and SF-268 cell lines.



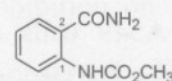
Cephalanthrin A (1)



Cephalanthrin B (2)



Cephathrene A (3): R = H
Cephathrene B (4): R = OCH₃



methyl 2-(aminocarbonyl)phenylcarbamate (5)

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