

Chemical Constituents from the Stem of *Astronia formosana*

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Astronia formosana Kanehira (Melastomataceae) is an endemic small tree distributing in the forests at altitudes of 300-500 m in the southern part of Taiwan, islands Lanyu and Lutaο. The methanolic extract of the stem of this plant showed potent anti-inflammatory. Bioassay-guided fractionation of active ethyl acetate-soluble layer from the stem of this species led to the isolation of three tannins: 3,3',4-tri-*O*-methylellagic acid (**1**), 3,3'-di-*O*-methylellagic acid (**2**), and 3,4-di-*O*-methylellagic acid (**3**) along with three triterpenoids: betulic acid (**4**), arjunilic acid (**5**), and stachlic acid C (**6**). The structures of these compounds were elucidated by spectroscopic techniques. The isolation work and their bioactivities assay are still in progress.