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TRITERPENES FROM THE LEAVES OF *PLEUROSTYLIA OPPOSITA* (CELASTRACEAE)

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Pleurostylia was considered to be a monotypic genus, but four species have been reported recently. We have reported the isolation and structural investigation of the stem bark constituents of *Pleurostylia opposita*. The isolation of the two triterpenes friedelin and epifriedelinol along with two alkaloids from the leaves of *P. africana* has also been reported. In this paper we report the isolation and identification of triterpenes from the leaves of *P. opposita*.

The benzene extract (40 g) of the leaves of *P. opposita* on column and preparative thin layer chromatography yielded an unidentified acetate (0.1 g, m.p. 50–51°), friedelin (2.4 g), epifriedelinol (2.5 g), β–sitosterol (0.1 g), α–amyrin (0.8 g), 6β, 20–dihydroxy–lupan–3–one (0.1 g), 3β, 6β–dihydroxy–lup–20(29)–ene (0.15 g) and 6β, 28–dihydroxy–lup–20(29)–ene–3–one (0.2 g).