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^{13}C—NMR CHEMICAL SHIFTS OF SOME OXYGENATED LUPANE DERIVATIVES FROM *PLEUROSTYLIA OPPOSITA* (CELASTRACEAE)

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Although complete assignment of the ^{13}C–NMR chemical shifts of lupenone, lupeol, 1,3–, 1,20– and 1,23–dioxygenated lupanes have been reported, chemical shifts of 6–oxygenated derivatives have not been assigned in the lupane, hopane, ursane and oleanane triterpenes. In this paper the ^{13}C–NMR chemical shifts of 3β, 20–dihydroxy–lupane, 6β, 20–dihydroxy–lupan–3–one, 6β–hydroxy–lup–20 (29)–en–3–one, 6β, 28–dihydroxy–lup–20(29) –en–3–one and lupa–5,20(29)–diene–3–one isolated from *Pleurostylia opposita* (Celastraceae) are reported for the first time.

^{13}C–NMR data confirmed the structures assigned to these compounds. 6β–Hydroxy lupane derivatives showed characteristic effects in the chemical shifts of carbons in the neighbourhood of the hydroxy group due to the electronic effect of the hydroxy group and *syn*–diaxial interaction with axial methyl groups 24, 25 and 26. The large γ–gauche shielding effect normally observed for hydroxy compounds was not present in the 6β –hydroxy lupanes studied. The methyl carbons C–24, C–25 and C–26 were shifted downfield due to their *syn*–diaxial interaction with the 6β–hydroxy group.

The ^{13}C–NMR data indicate that the hydroxy group at C–28 in 6β, 28–dihydroxy–lup–20 (29)–ene–3–one, has a γ–gauche conformation to C–22.