

**E2-29: Clerodane diterpenoid from *Cyathocalyx zeylanica* (Annonaceae)**

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During the search for plant derived antitumor agents from Sri Lankan flora, a diterpene, a azafluorenone alkaloid and sitosterol glucoside from the stem bark of *Cyathocalyx zeylanica* were obtained. A crystalline diterpene from the methanol extract of stem bark has now been isolated, the structure of which has been elucidated as 3-hydroxy-cleroda-4(18), 13(14)-diene-15-oic acid (I) with the aid of spectroscopic data.

Analysis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C shift correlated NMR spectra and NOE difference studies allowed assignment of all the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C signals of (I).

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