

Phytochemicals of the Genus *Maytenus*

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The genus *Maytenus* is a member of the Celastraceae family, of which several species have long been used in traditional medicine. Between 1976 and 2021, nearly 270 new compounds have been isolated and elucidated from the genus *Maytenus*. Among these, maytansine and its homologues are extremely rare in nature. Owing to its unique skeleton and remarkable bioactivities, maytansine has attracted many synthetic endeavors in order to construct its core structure.

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1. Introduction

Plants of the genus *Maytenus*, a widely distributed member of the Celastraceae family, include approximately 300 plant species that are spread in tropical and subtropical regions of the world [1]. The genus *Maytenus* is widely used in folk medicines around the world, with the roots, bark and leaves being used for the treatment of cancer, gastric ulcers and arthritis because of their anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antiallergic and antitumor properties [2][3][4][5]. Studies have shown that a diverse group of chemical substances, triterpenoids, sesquiterpenes and alkaloids, are responsible for the various biological activities of the plants in this genus [6]. Among them, the macrolide alkaloid, maytansine, was first isolated from *M. serrata* [7], and was shown to be an anti-tumor agent with a novel structure, having some clinical potential. In a clinical trial, maytansine was shown to have promising anti-tumor activities against lymphocytic leukemia, lymphoma, ovarian cancer, breast cancer and melanomas [8][9]. Owing to its unique skeleton and remarkable bioactivity, maytansine has attracted a lot of interest for the possible reconstruction of its core structure. Many synthetic studies of the partial structure of maytansine have been reported. Furthermore, several friedelane triterpenoids with their aromatized characteristic structures and sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids have been isolated from the genus *Maytenus*, and these have also showed good anti-tumor [10][11] and anti-bacterial [12] characteristics. The new chemical constituents and biological activities of *Maytenus* are given in this review of work from the past 45 years, as well as several chemical synthesis methods of maytansine or maytansine fragments, with the view of realizing their potential development and utilization in the medical field.

2. Chemical Constituents of *Maytenus*

Over the past decades, a large variety of biologically active secondary metabolites have been isolated and identified from the members of the genus *Maytenus*, which include a series of triterpenoids, such as friedelane triterpenoids, lupane triterpenes, oleanane triterpenes, sesquiterpenes and their alkaloids, along with some potent anti-tumor maytansinoids. Many scholars have extensively investigated the species, which belong to the genus *Maytenus*, and they have isolated several novel compounds with a wide variety of structures, which may prove to be useful against different diseases.

2.1. Triterpenoids

The genus *Maytenus* is a rich source of triterpenoids. These types of compounds are characteristic components found in this genus. The known triterpenoids from 1995 to 2005 were summarized by Zhang et al. [13] and Pu et al. [14][15]. Since then, several new triterpenoids have been discovered. Therefore, we have attempted to update all the data relating to the new triterpenoids isolated from the genus *Maytenus* from 1976 to 2021.

2.1.1. Friedelane Triterpenoids

Friedelane triterpenoids are important characteristic components of the Celastraceae family. Moreover, they are endowed with novel chemical diversity and possess a broad spectrum of biological activities. The friedelane triterpenoids are pentacyclic triterpenes composed of 30 carbons, which are converted from oleanolic acid by methyl shifts. In the five six-membered rings, the A/B, B/C and C/D rings are all *trans* and the D/E rings are mostly *cis* (i.e., H-18 β). There is one β -CH₃ substitution at each of the C-4, C-5, C-9, C-14 and C-17 positions. The C-3 position is often substituted with a hydroxyl group, although sometimes the hydroxyl group is oxidized to a carbonyl group.

The compound pristimerin (**1**) was isolated from *M. chuchuhuasca* [16]. A new nortriterpene quinone methide, 15 α -hydroxy-21-keto-pristimerine (**2**), has been obtained from the root bark of *M. catingarum* [17]. Fourteen compounds, including 2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10), 7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione-23-al (**3**), 2,22 β -dihydroxyl-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10), 7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione (**4**), 2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-23,24,29-trinor-1,3,5(10), 7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione (**5**), 2,22 β -dihydroxyl-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10), 7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione (**6**), 2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10)-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione (**7**), 2,15 α ,22 β -trihydroxy-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10)-friedelatriene-21-one (**8**), 3,22 β -dihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1(10)-3,5-friedelatriene-2,7,21-trione (**9**), 3,22 β -dihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1(10), 3,5-friedelatriene-21-one (**10**), 2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-25(9 \rightarrow 8)-1,3,5(10), 7-friedelatetraene-21-one-23-al (**11**), 23-oxo-iso-tingenone (**12**), (8S)-7,8-dihydro-7-oxo-tingenone (**13**), (7S,8S)-7-hydroxy-7,8-dihydro-tingenone (**14**), (8S)-7,8-dihydro-6-oxo-tingenol (**15**) and 23-nor-6-oxo-tingenol (**16**) were isolated from the roots of *M. amazonica* [18] [19]. Compounds 28-hydroxy-friedelane-1,3-dione (**17**) and macrocarpins A–D (**18**–**21**) were obtained from the roots of *M. macrocarpa* [20] [21], while maytenolone (**22**) has been isolated from *M. diversifolia* [22]. Three compounds 6-oxo-iguesterol (**23**), 6-oxo-tingenol (**24**) and 3-O-methoxy-6-oxo-tingenol (**25**) have been obtained from the root bark of *M. canariensis* [12]. Four new triterpenes blepharotriol (**26**), 6-deoxoblepharodol (**27**), isoblepharodol (**28**) and 7-oxo-blepharodol (**29**) were separated from *M. blepharodes* [23].

Compounds 15 α -hydroxy-tingenone (**30**), 15-dehydro-pristimerin (**31**), vitideasin (**32**) and 20 β -hydroxy-scutione (**33**) were separated from the roots of *M. vitis-idaea* [24]. Six new compounds, including 7-oxo-7, 8-dihydro-scutione (**34**), 6,23-dioxo-7,8-dihydro-pristimerol-23-oic Acid (**35**), 23-nor-blepharodol (**36**), 3-methoxy-6-oxo-tingenol-23-oic Acid (**37**), retusonine (**38**) and 21-Oxopristimerine (**39**) were isolated from the root bark of *M. retusa* [25]. A new compound 3-O-Methyl-6-oxo-pristimerol (**40**) has been isolated from the hexane/Et₂O 1:1 extract of the root bark of *M. chubutensis* [26]. Compounds 3 β ,24-epoxy-2 α ,3 α -dihydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-29-oic acid methyl ester (**41**), 2 α -acetoxy-3 β ,24-epoxy-3 α -hydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-29-oic acid methyl ester (**42**), 3 α -hydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-28-oic acid (**43**) and 3-oxo-D:A-friedooleanan-28,30-olide (**44**) were obtained from the root bark of *M. jelskii* [27]. Compounds 3 β ,11 β -dihydroxyfriedelane (**45**) and 3,4-seco-friedelan-3,11 β -olide (**46**) have been obtained from the hexane extracts of the leaves of *M. robusta* [28], while (16 β)-16-hydroxy-pristimerin (**47**) was from *M. salicifolia* [29]. A new triterpenoid, 12,16-dihydroxyfriedelan-3-one (**48**), was isolated from an ethyl acetate extract of *M. oblongata* [30]. Compounds 3 β ,24 β -epoxy-29-methoxy-2 α ,3 α ,6 α -trihydroxy-D:A-friedelane (**49**) and 3 β ,24 β -epoxy-29-methoxy-2 α ,3 α ,6 α -triacetoxy-D:A-friedelane (**49a**) were obtained from the root bark extracts of *M. cuzcoina* [31]. Three new pentacyclic triterpenoids, friedel-1-en-3,16-dione (**50**), 1 α ,29-dihydroxyfriedelan-3-one (**51**) and 16 β ,28,29-trihydroxyfriedelan-3-one (**52**) have been separated from *M. robusta* [32]. Dispemroquinone (**53**) was isolated from *M. dispermus* [33]. A new norquinonemethide triterpene with a netzahualcoyene type skeleton, scutione (**54**), was isolated from the root bark of *M. scutoides* [34]. Compounds zeylasterone (**55**) and demethylzeylasterone (**56**) were obtained from *M. blepharodes* [35], and compound 3,15-dioxo-21 α -hydroxy friedelane (**57**) was isolated from the methanol extracts of *M. robusta* [36]. Maytenfoliol (**58**) was separated from *M. diversifolium* [37]. Four new cytotoxic triterpenoid dimers, including cangorosin A (**59**), atropcangorosin A (**60**), dihydroatropcangorosin A (**61**) and cangorosin B (**62**) were obtained from the extracts of *M. ilicifolia* [38]. Two new triterpenes, umbellatin α (**63**) and umbeilatin β (**64**), have been separated from *M. umbellata* [39]. Two novel trimer triscutins, A and B (**65**–**66**), have been isolated from extracts of the root bark of *M. scutoides* [40]. Four new triterpene dimers, xuxuarine E α (**67**), scutionin α B (**68**), 6',7'-dihydro-scutionin α B (**69**) and 6' β -methoxy-6',7'dihydro-scutionin α B (**70**), have been isolated from the extracts of the roots of *M. blepharodes* and *M. magellanica* [41] [42] (Table 1 and Figure 1).

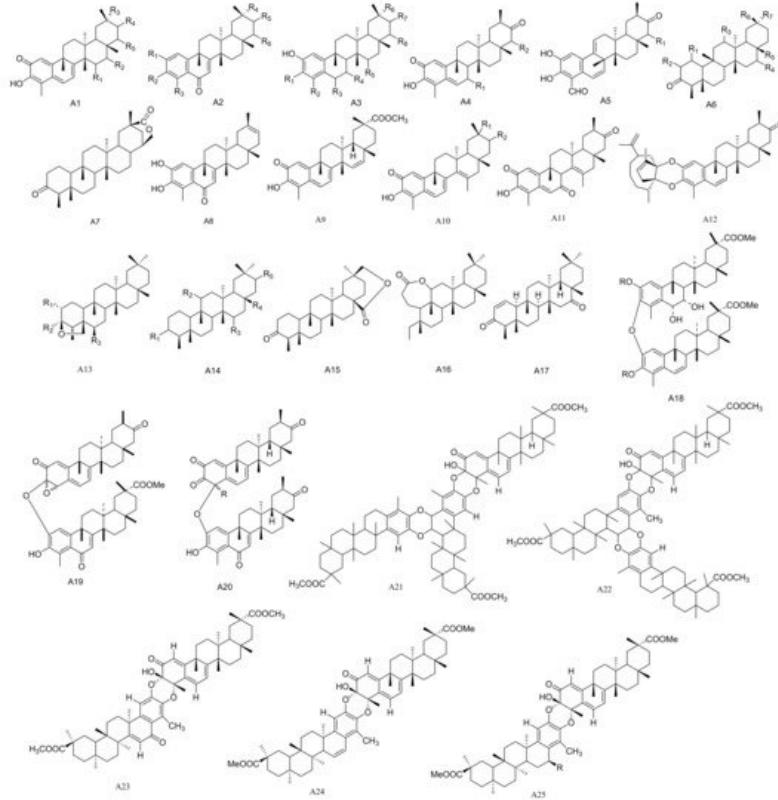


Figure 1. Twenty-five types (A1–A25) of friedelane triterpenoids skeletons.

Table 1. The friedelane triterpenes isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
1	Pristimerin	H	H	COOMe	H	H	-	-	-	A1	[16]
2	15 α -hydroxy-21-keto-pristimerine	α -OH	H	COOMe	=O	H	-	-	-	A1	[17]
3	2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10),7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione-23-al	OH	OH	CHO	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[18]
4	2,22 β -dihydroxyl-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10),7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione	OH	OH	CH ₃	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[18]
5	2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-23,24,29-trinor-1,3,5(10),7-friedelatetr-aene-6,21-dione	OH	OH	H	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[18]
6	2,22 β -dihydroxyl-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10),7-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione	OH	OCH ₃	CH ₃	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[18]
7	2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10)-friedelatetraene-6,21-dione	OH	CH ₃	=O	H	H	H	=O	β -OH	A3	[18]
8	2,15 α ,22 β -trihydroxy-3-methoxy-24,29-dinor-1,3,5(10)-friedelatriene-21-one	OCH ₃	CH ₃	H	H	α -OH	H	=O	β -OH	A3	[18]
9	3,22 β -dihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1(10)-3,5-friedelatriene-2,7,21-trione	=O	β -OH	=O	H	-	-	-	-	A4	[18]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
10	3,22 β -dihydroxy-24,29-dinor-1(10),3,5-friedelatriene-21-one	H	β -OH	=O	H	-	-	-	-	A4	[18]
11	2,3,22 β -trihydroxy-24,29-dinor-25(9→8)-1,3,5(10),7-friedelatetraene-21-one-23-al	β -OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A5	[18]
12	23-oxo-iso-tingenone	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A5	[19]
13	(8S)-7,8-dihydro-7-oxo-tingenone	=O	H	=O	H	-	-	-	-	A4	[19]
14	(7S, 8S)-7-hydroxy-7,8-dihydro-tingenone	α -OH	H	=O	H	-	-	-	-	A4	[19]
15	(8S)-7,8-dihydro-6-oxo-tingenol	OH	CH ₃	=O	H	H	H	=O	H	A3	[19]
16	23-nor-6-oxo-tingenol	OH	OH	H	H	=O	H	-	-	A2	[19]
17	28-hydroxy-friedelane-1,3-dione	=O	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	CH ₃	-	A6	[20]
18	Macrocarpin A	OH	CHO	=O	H	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[21]
19	Macrocarpin B	OH	OH	COOH	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[21]
20	Macrocarpin C	OH	OCH ₃	COOH	H	=O	β -OH	-	-	A2	[21]
21	Macrocarpin D	α -OH	β -OH	=O	H	-	-	-	-	A4	[21]
22	Maytenfolone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A7	[22]
23	6-oxo-iguesterol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A8	[12]
24	6-oxo-tingenol	OH	OH	CH ₃	H	=O	H	-	-	A2	[12]
25	3-O-methoxy-6-oxo-tingenol	OH	OCH ₃	CH ₃	H	=O	H	-	-	A2	[12]
26	Blepharotriol	OH	OH	OH	COOMe	H	H	-	-	A2	[23]
27	6-deoxoblepharodol	OH	CH ₃	H	H	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[23]
28	Isoblepharodol	OH	CH ₃	H	=O	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[23]
29	7-oxo-blepharodol	OH	CH ₃	=O	=O	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[23]
30	15 α -hydroxy-tingenone	α -OH	H	H	=O	H	-	-	-	A1	[24]
31	15-dihydro-pristimerin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A9	[24]
32	Vitideasin	α -COOCH ₃	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	A10	[24]
33	20 β -hydroxy-scutione	α -OH	=O	-	-	-	-	-	-	A10	[24]
34	7-oxo-7,8-dihydro-scutione	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A11	[25]
35	6,23-dioxo-7,8-dihydro-pristimerol-23-oic Acid	OH	COOH	=O	H	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[25]
36	23-nor-blepharodol	OH	H	=O	H	H	COOMe	H	H	A3	[25]
37	3-methoxy-6-oxo-tingenol-23-oic Acid	OH	OCH ₃	COOH	H	=O	H	-	-	A2	[25]
38	Retusonine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A12	[25]
39	21-Oxopristimerine	H	H	COOMe	=O	H	-	-	-	A1	[25]
40	3-O-methyl-6-oxo-pristimerol	OH	OCH ₃	CH ₃	COOMe	H	H	-	-	A2	[26]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
41	3 β ,24-epoxy-2 α ,3 α -dihydroxy-D:A-friedooleanan-29-oic acid methyl ester	OH	OH	H	-	-	-	-	-	A13	[27]
42	2 α -acetoxy-3 β ,24-epoxy-3 α -hydroxy- D:A-friedooleanan-29-oic acid methyl ester	OAc	OH	H	-	-	-	-	-	A13	[27]
43	3 α -hydroxy- D:A-friedooleanan-28-oic acid	α -OH	H	H	COOH	H	-	-	-	A14	[27]
44	3-oxo-D:A-friedoolean-28,30-olide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A15	[27]
45	3 β ,11 β -dihydroxyfriedelane	β -OH	β -OH	H	CH ₃	H	-	-	-	A14	[28]
46	3,4-seco-friedelan-3,11 β -olide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A16	[28]
47	(16 β)-16-hydroxypristimerin	H	β -OH	COOMe	H	H	-	-	-	A1	[29]
48	12,16-dihydroxyfriedelan-3-one	H	H	α -OH	β -OH	CH ₃	CH ₃	CH ₃	-	A6	[30]
49	3 β ,24 β -epoxy-29-methoxy-2 α ,3 α ,6 α -trihydroxy-D:A-friedelane	OH	OH	β -OH	-	-	-	-	-	A13	[31]
49a	3 β ,24 β -epoxy-29-methoxy-2 α ,3 α ,6 α -triacetoxy-D:A-friedelane	OAc	OAc	β -OAc	-	-	-	-	-	A13	[31]
50	Friedel-1-en-3,16-dione	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A17	[32]
51	1 α ,29-dihydroxyfriedelan-3-one	α -OH	H	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	-	A6	[32]
52	16 β ,28,29-trihydroxyfriedelan-3-one	H	H	H	β -OH	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	-	A6	[32]
53	Dispemroquinone	=O	H	H	COOMe	-	-	-	-	A5	[33]
54	Scutione	H	=O	-	-	-	-	-	-	A10	[34]
55	Zeylasterone	OH	OH	COOH	COOMe	H	H	-	-	A2	[35]
56	Demethylzeylasterone	OH	OH	COOH	COOH	H	H	-	-	A2	[35]
57	3,15-dioxo-21-hydroxyfriedelane	=O	H	=O	CH ₃	α -OH	-	-	-	A14	[36]
58	Maytenfoliol	H	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	-	A6	[37]
59	Cangorosin A	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A18	[38]
60	Atropcangorosin A	H(atropisomer of 7-bu)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A18	[38]
61	Dihydroatropcangorosin A	6',7'-dihydro derivative of 8-BU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A18	[38]
62	Cangorosin B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A19	[38]
63	Umbellatin α	α -Me	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A20	[39]
64	Umbeilatin β	β -Me	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A20	[39]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
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2.52. Lupane Triterpenes

Lupane triterpenes are characterized by the combination of C-21 and C-19, clustered into a five-membered carbocyclic E ring. There is an isopropenyl group substituted at the 19th position of the E ring with an α configuration, as well as a double bond at the C-20(29) position. The rings of the A/B, B/C, C/D and D/E types are all *trans*. The new triterpenes 3 β ,28,30-dihydroxy-lup-20(29)-ene triol (**71**) and 28,30-Dihydroxylup-20(29)-ene-3-one (**72**) were obtained from *M. canariensis* [43], while compound 6 β ,7 β -dihydroxylup-20(29)-ene-3-one (**73**) was isolated from the leaves of a Brazilian medicinal plant, *M. ilicifolia* [44]. 3-oxo-lup-20(29)-en-30-al (**74**), 30-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-one (**75**), (11 α)-11-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-one (**76**) and (3 β)-lup-20(30)-ene-3,29-diol (**77**) have been obtained from the hexane extracts of the stems and branches of *M. imbricate* [45]. Compounds 11 α -hydroxy-*epi*-betulin (**78**), 6 β -hydroxybetulin (**79**), 24-hydroxybetulin (**80**), rigidanol-28-aldehyde (**81**) and 28-hydroxyglochidone (**82**) have been isolated from *M. cuzcoina* and *M. chiapensis* [46]. Compounds 11 α -hydroxy-glochidone (**83**), 3-*epi*-nepeticin (**84**) and 3-*epi*-calenduladiol (**85**) were separated from the root barks of *M. cuzcoina* and the leaves of *M. chiapensis* [47]. Four new triterpenes, including 3 α ,16 β ,28-Trihydroxylup-20(29)-ene (**86**), 3 α ,16 β -dihydroxylup-12-ene (**87**), 3 β ,16 β -dihydroxylup-12-ene (**88**) and 16 β -3,4-Secolup-20(29)-en-3-oic acid (**89**), were obtained from the aerial parts of *M. apurimacensis* [48], while compound 3-(*E*)- β -coumaroylnepeticin (**90**) was isolated from *M. retusa* [25]. Compound 3,4-seco-lupa-4(23)-20(29)-diene-3,28-dioic acid 28-methyl ester (**91**) has been separated from the hexane/Et₂O 1:1 extracts of the root barks of *M. magellanica* [26]. 1 β -Hydroxy-3 β -caffeoate lup-20(29)-ene (**92**) was isolated from the roots of *M. apurimacensis* [49]. Compounds 3-oxo-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-ene (**93**), 3 β -hydroxy-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-ene (**94**) and 3,4-seco-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-en-3-oic acid (**95**) were isolated from the leaves of *M. robusta* [28] (Table 2 and Figure 2).

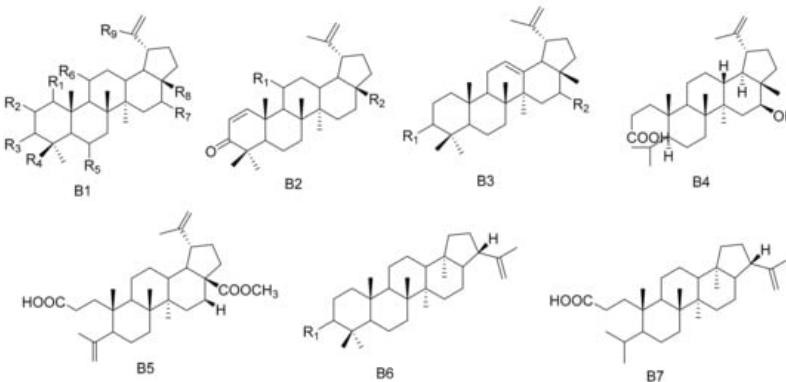


Figure 2. Seven types (B1–B7) of lupane triterpenes skeletons.

Table 2. The lupane triterpenes isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	R ₉	Type	Ref.
71	3 β ,28,30-Lup-20(29)-ene triol	H	H	OH	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₂ OH	B1	[43]
72	28,30-Dihydroxylup-20(29)-ene-3-one	H	H	=O	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₂ OH	B1	[43]
73	Maytefolins A	H	α -OH	=O	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	B1	[44]
74	3-oxolup-20(29)-en-30-al	H	H	=O	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₃	CHO	B1	[45]
75	30-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-one	H	H	=O	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	B1	[45]
76	(11 α)-11-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-one	H	H	=O	CH ₃	H	α -OH	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	B1	[45]
77	(3 β)-lup-20(30)-ene-3,29-diol	H	H	β -OH	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	B1	[45]
78	11 α -hydroxy- <i>epi</i> -betulin	H	H	α -OH	CH ₃	H	α -OH	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	B1	[46]
79	6 β -hydroxybetulin	H	H	β -OH	CH ₃	β -OH	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	B1	[46]
80	24-hydroxybetulin	H	H	=O	CH ₂ OH	H	H	H	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	B1	[46]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	R ₉	Type	Ref
81	Rigidenol-28-aldehyde	H	H	=O	CH ₃	H	α -OH	H	CHO	CH ₃	B1	[46]
82	28-hydroxyglochidone	H	CH ₂ OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B2	[46]
83	11 α -hydroxy-glochidone	α -OH	CH ₃	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B2	[47]
84	3- <i>epi</i> -nepeticin	H	H	α -OH	CH ₃	H	α -OH	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	B1	[47]
85	3- <i>epi</i> -calenduladiol	H	H	α -OH	CH ₃	H	H	H	OH	CH ₃	B1	[47]
86	3 α ,16 β ,28-Trihydroxylup-20(29)-ene	H	H	α -OH	CH ₃	H	H	β -OH	CH ₂ OH	CH ₃	B1	[48]
87	3 α ,16 β -dihydroxylup-12-ene	α -OH	β -OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B3	[48]
88	3 β ,16 β -dihydroxylup-12-ene	β -OH	β -OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B3	[48]
89	16 β -3,4-seco-lup-20(29)-en-3-oic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B4	[48]
90	3-(E)- β -coumaroylnepeticin	H	H		CH ₃	H	α -OH	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	B1	[25]
91	3,4-seco-lupa-4(23):20(29)-diene-3,28-dioicacid 28-methyl ester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B5	[26]
92	1 β -Hydroxy-3 β -caffeoate lup-20(29)-ene	β -OH	H	OCaf	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	B1	[49]
93	3-oxo-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-ene	=O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B6	[28]
94	3 β -hydroxy-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-ene	β -OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B6	[28]
95	3,4-seco-21 β -H-hop-22(29)-en-3-oic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B7	[28]

2.1.3. Oleanane Triterpenes

Oleanane triterpenes are widely distributed in the plant kingdom. The configuration of the rings is A/B, B/C and C/D, and they are all of the *trans* configuration, while the D/E ring is *cis*. There are eight methyl groups on the core nuclei, and the methyl groups at positions C-10, C-8 and C-17 are all β configuration. The methyl group at the C-14 position is α configuration, while the C-4 and C-20 positions each have two methyl groups. There may also be other substituents present in the molecule. Two new oleanane triterpenes, 3 β ,19 α -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid (**96**) and 3 α ,19 α -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid (**97**), were obtained from *M. austyoyunnanensis* [44]. Compound 3-oxo-11 α -methoxyolean-12-ene (**98**) was obtained from the extracts of the roots of *M. spinosa* [24], while 22 α -hydroxy-29-methoxy-3 β -tetradecanoate-olean-12-ene (**99**) was separated from the root bark extracts of *M. cuzcoina* [31]. The new compound maytefolin B (**100**) was separated from the leaves of a Brazilian medicinal plant, *M. ilicifolia* [44]. One new triterpene, 3 β -peroxy-7 β ,25-epoxy-D:B-friedoolean-5-ene (**101**), was separated from the aerial parts of *M. apurimacensis* [48]. Compounds krukovines A (28-hydroxyolean-12-ene-3,11-dione) (**102**) and krukovines C (6 β ,28-dihydroxyolean-12-ene-3,11-dione) (**103**) have been obtained from a South American medicinal plant known as “chuchuhuasi” (*M. krukovii*) [50]. The aerial parts of *M. undata* yielded four new 12-oleanene and 3,4-seco-12-oleanene triterpene acids, namely, 3-oxo-11 α -methoxyolean-12-ene-30-oic acid (**104**), 3-oxo-11 α -hydroxyolean-12-ene-30-oic acid (**105**), 3-oxo-olean-9(11), 12-diene-30-oic acid (**106**) and 3,4-seco-olean-4(23), 12-diene-3,29-dioic acid (**107**) [51], while 3 α -22 β -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oicacid (**108**) was obtained from the methanol extracts of the barks of *M. laevis* [52]. Compound olean-9(11):12-dien-3 β -ol (**109**) was isolated from the roots of *M. acanthophylla* [53] and compound 3 β -hydroxy-D:B-friedo-olean-5-ene (**110**) was isolated from *M. salicifolia* Reissek [54]. Compound 19 α -hydroxy-3-olean-12-en-29-oic acid (**111**) was isolated from *M. austyoyunnanensis* [55] (Table 3 and Figure 3).

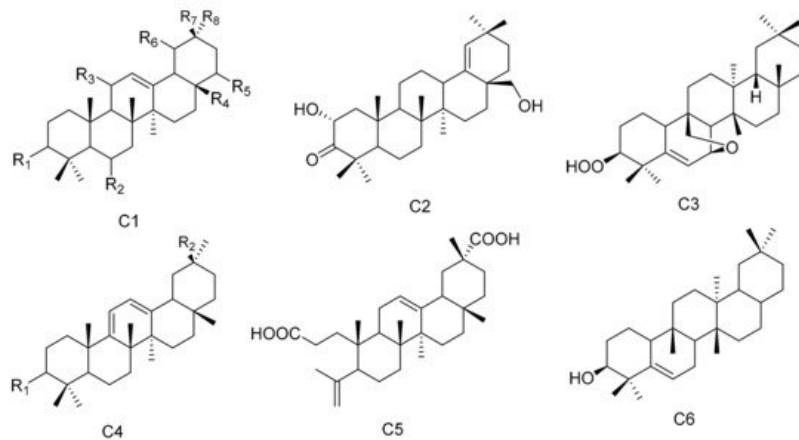


Figure 3. Six types (C1–C6) of oleanane triterpenes skeletons.

Table 3. The oleanane triterpenes isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
96	3 β ,19 α -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid	β -OH	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OH	CH ₃	COOH	C1	[14]
97	3 α ,19 α -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid	α -OH	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OH	CH ₃	COOH	C1	[14]
98	3-oxo-11 α -methoxyolean-12-ene	=O	H	α -OCH ₃	CH ₃	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	C1	[24]
99	22 α -hydroxy-29-methoxy-3 β -tetradecanoate-olean-12-ene	β -COOC ₁₃ H ₂₇	H	H	CH ₃	α -OH	H	CH ₃	COOMe	C1	[31]
100	Maytefolin B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C2	[44]
101	3 β -peroxy-7 β ,25-epoxy-D:B-friedoolean-5-ene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C3	[48]
102	28-hydroxyolean-12-ene-3,11-dione	=O	H	=O	CH ₂ OH	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	C1	[50]
103	6 β ,28-dihydroxyolean-12-ene-3,11-dione	=O	β -OH	=O	CH ₂ OH	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	C1	[50]
104	3-oxo-11 α -methoxyolean-12-ene-30-oic acid	=O	H	α -OCH ₃	CH ₃	H	H	COOH	CH ₃	C1	[51]
105	3-oxo-11 α -hydroxyolean-12-ene-30-oic acid	=O	H	α -OH	CH ₃	H	H	COOH	CH ₃	C1	[51]
106	3-oxo-olean-9(11),12-diene-30-oic acid	=O	COOH	-	-	-	-	-	-	C4	[51]
107	3,4-seco-olean-4(23),12-diene-3,29-dioic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C5	[51]
108	3 α -22 β -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid	α -OH	H	H	CH ₃	β -OH	H	CH ₃	COOH	C1	[52]
109	Olean-9(11):12-dien-3 β -ol	β -OH	CH ₃	-	-	-	-	-	-	C4	[53]
110	3 β -Hydroxy-D:B-friedo-olean-5-ene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C6	[54]
111	19 α -hydroxy-3-olean-12-en-29-oic acid	=O	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OH	CH ₃	COOH	C1	[55]

2.1.4. Other Triterpenes

In addition to the above, other types of triterpene compounds have also been isolated from *Maytenus*. These include triterpene dimers, ursane triterpenes and dammarane triterpenes. The compound 3-Oxo-methoxyurs-12-ene (**112**) was isolated from *M. spinosa* [24]. Three ursane triterpenes, krukovines B, D and E (**113–115**), were obtained from *M. krukovi* [50]. Compound maytefolin C (**116**) has been isolated from the leaves of *M. ilicifolia* [44], while 28-hydroxy-12-ursene-3 β -yl-

caffeoate (uvaol-3-caffeoate) (**117**) has been isolated from the methanol extracts of the barks of *M. laevis* [52]. An ursane triterpene 3β -stearylxylo-urs-12-ene (**118**) was obtained from *M. salicifolia* [56]. The stem bark exudates of *M. macrocarpa* yielded ten dammarane triterpenes, namely, 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-al (**119**), 24-(*Z*)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-al (**120**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-ol (**121**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-23- α -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al (**122**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-23- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al (**123**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-6- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al (**124**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-dammara-6- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-ol (**125**), 23-(*Z*)-3,25-dioxo-25-nor-dammara-20,24-diene (**126**), 24-(*E*)-3-oxo-23-methylene-dammara-20,24-dien-26-oico (**127**), 24(*Z*)-3-oxodammara20(21),24-dien-27-oic acid (**128**) and octa-nor-13-hydroxydammara-1-en-3,17-dione (**129**). This was in 1997, and it was the first time that dammarane triterpenes were isolated from Celastraceae [57][58] (Table 4 and Figure 4).

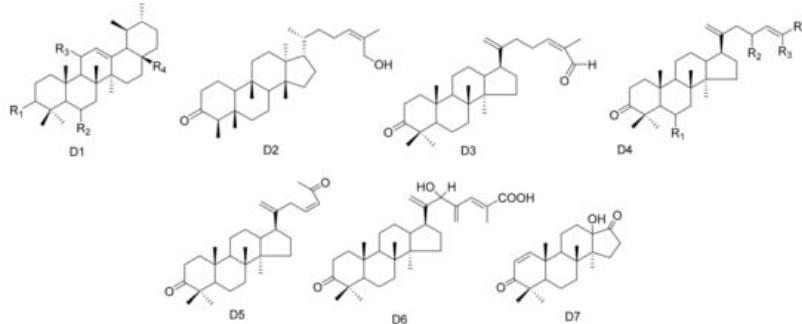


Figure 4. Seven types (D1–D7) of other triterpenes skeletons.

Table 4. The other triterpenes isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Type	Ref.
112	3-Oxo-methoxyurs-12-ene	=O	H	α -OCH ₃	CH ₃	D1	[24]
113	Krukovines B	=O	H	CH ₂ OH	H	D1	[50]
114	Krukovines D	=O	OH	CH ₂ OH	H	D1	[50]
115	Krukovines E	=O	H	OH	H	D1	[50]
116	Maytefolins C	-	-	-	-	D2	[44]
117	28-hydroxy-12-ursene-3 β -yl-caffeoate	β -OCaf	H	CH ₂ OH	H	D1	[52]
118	3 β -stearylxylo-urs-12-ene		H	CH ₃	H	D1	[56]
119	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-al	-	-	-	-	D3	[57]
120	24-(<i>Z</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-al	-	-	-	-	D3	[57]
121	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-20,24-dien-26-ol	H	H	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	D4	[57]
122	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-23- α -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al	H	α -OH	CH ₃	CHO	D4	[57]
123	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-23- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al	H	β -OH	CH ₃	CHO	D4	[57]
124	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-6- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-al	β -OH	H	CH ₃	CHO	D4	[57]
125	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-dammara-6- β -hydroxy-20,24-dien-26-ol	β -OH	H	CH ₃	CH ₂ OH	D4	[57]
126	23-(<i>Z</i>)-3,25-dioxo-25-nor-dammara-20,24-diene	-	-	-	-	D5	[57]
127	24-(<i>E</i>)-3-oxo-23-methylene-dammara-20,24-dien-26-oico	-	-	-	-	D6	[58]
128	24(<i>Z</i>)-3-oxodammara20(21),24-dien-27-oic acid	H	H	COOH	CH ₃	D4	[58]
129	Octa-nor-13-hydroxydammara-1-en-3,17-dione	-	-	-	-	D7	[58]

2.2. Sesquiterpenoids

The most widespread and characteristic metabolites isolated from the Celastraceae family are a large group of unusual and highly oxygenated sesquiterpenoids, based on the [5,11-epoxy-5 β ,10 α -eduesman-4(14)-ene] skeleton known as dihydro- β -agarofum. Sesquiterpenes have multiple substitution sites in their structure, and common substituents include -

OH, -OAc, -Ofu, -Obz and -Onic, which is due to the diversification of their positions and types. There is a high probability that there are several new compounds from this group that still need to be discovered [59].

Two sesquiterpene polyesters with new polyhydroxy skeletons, $1\alpha,9\alpha$ -dibenzoyloxy- $6\beta,8\alpha,15$ -triacetoxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**130**) and $1\alpha,9\alpha$ -dibenzoyloxy- $2\alpha,6\beta,8\alpha,15$ -tetracetoxy- 4β -hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran (**131**), were isolated from the aerial portions of *M. canariensis* [60]. Compounds $6\beta,8\beta,15$ -triacetoxy- $1\alpha,9\alpha$ -dibenzoyloxy- 4β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**132**), $1\alpha,6\beta,8\beta,15$ -tetraacetoxy- 9α -benzoyloxy- 4β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**133**) and ($1S,4S,6R,7R,8R,9R$)- $1,6,15$ -triacetoxy- $8,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 4β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**134**) were isolated from the aerial parts of *M. macrocarpa* [61]. Compounds ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S$)- $6,15$ -diacetoxyl- $1,2,9$ -tribenzoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy- 8 -oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**135**) and 9β -cinnamoyloxy- $2\beta,3\beta$ -diacetoxyl- 6β -hydroxy- α -nicotinoyloxydihydro- β -agarofuran (**136**) were separated from *M. blepharodes* [41]. Eight sesquiterpenoids, including 1α -acetoxyl- $2\alpha,6\beta,9\beta$ -trifuroxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**137**), $1\alpha,2\alpha$ -diacetoxyl- $6\beta,9\beta$ -difuroxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**138**), 1α -acetoxyl- $6\beta,9\beta$ -difuroxy- $2\alpha,4\beta$ -dihydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**139**), 1α -acetoxyl- 2α -benzoyloxy- $6\beta,9\beta$ -difuroxy- 4β -dihydro- β -agarofuran (**140**), 1α -acetoxyl- $6\beta,9\beta$ -difuroxy- 2α -propionyloxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**141**), 1α -acetoxyl- $6\alpha,9\beta$ -difuroxy- 2α -(2 -methylbutyroyloxy)- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**142**), $1\alpha,2\alpha,15$ -triacetoxy- $6\beta,9\beta$ -difuroxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**143**) and $1\alpha,2\alpha,15$ -triacetoxy- $6\beta,9\beta$ -dibenzoyloxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**144**) were obtained from the n-hexane: Et₂O (1:1) extracts of the fruits of *M. cuzcoina* [59].

The n-hexane/Et₂O (1:1) extracts of the root barks of *M. magellanica* yielded eight new dihydro- β -agarofuran sesquiterpenes (**145**–**152**), and the n-hexane/Et₂O (1:1) extracts of the root barks of *M. chubutensis* yielded two more new compounds of this family (**153**–**154**). Their structures were elucidated as ($1R,2R,4S,5R,7S,9S,10R$)- 2 -acetoxyl- 1 -benzoyloxy- 9 -cinnamoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**145**), ($1R,2S,3S,5R,7R,9S,10R$)- 2 -acetoxyl- 9 -benzoyloxy- 1 -cinnamoyloxy- 3 -nicotinoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**146**), ($1R,2S,3S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $2,6$ -diacetoxyl- 1 -benzoyloxy- 9 -cinnamoyloxy- 3 -nicotinoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**147**), ($1R,2S,3S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $2,6$ -diacetoxyl- $1,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 3 -nicotinoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**148**), ($1R,2S,3S,4S,5R,7S,8S,9R,10R$)- $2,3$ -diacetoxyl- $8,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 1 -nicotinoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**149**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,8S,9R,10S$)- $6,8$ -diacetoxyl- $1,2,9$ -tribenzoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**150**), ($1R,2S,3S,4S,5R,7S,8S,9R,10R$)- $2,8$ -diacetoxyl- $3,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 1 -nicotinoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**151**), ($1R,2S,4R,5S,6R,7R,8S,9R,10S$)- $6,8$ -diacetoxyl- $1,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 2 -nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**152**), $1\alpha,15$ -diacetoxyl- $6\beta,9\beta$ -dibenzoyloxy- 2α -nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**153**) and $1\alpha,15$ -diacetoxyl- $6\beta,9\beta$ -dibenzoyloxy- 2α -nicotinoyloxy- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**154**) [62]. Compounds ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S$)- $1,2,6,9,15$ -pentaacetoxyl- 4 -hydroxy- 8 -oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**155**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S$)- $1,2,9,15$ -taacetoxyl- $4,6$ -dihydroxy- 8 -oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**156**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S$)- $1,9,15$ -triacetoxyl- $2,4,6$ -trihydroxy- 8 -oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**157**), ($1R,2S,3S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S$)- $1,2,3,6,9,12,15$ -heptaacetoxyl- 4 -hydroxy- 8 -oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**158**) and $1\alpha,2\alpha,3\beta,6\beta,8\alpha,9\alpha,12,15$ -octaacetoxyl- 4β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**159**) were isolated from the leaves of *M. chiapensis* [63]. In addition, ($1S,4S,5S,6R,7R,8S,9R,10R$)- 8 -acetoxyl- $1,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 6 -nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**160**) and ($1S,4R,5R,6R,7R,8S,9R,10R$)- 8 -acetoxyl- $1,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 4 -hydroxy-nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**161**) have been isolated from the roots of *M. apurimacensis* [49].

Thirteen sesquiterpenes, including ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- 115 -diacetoxyl- $2,6$ -dibenzoyloxy- 9 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**162**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $1,2,15$ -triacetoxyl- 6 -benzoyloxy- 9 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**163**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $1,15$ -diacetoxyl- 6 -benzoyloxy- 9 -(3 -furoyloxy)- $2,4$ -dihydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**164**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $1,15$ -diacetoxyl- $6,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- $2,4$ -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**165**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- $1,2,6,15$ -tetracetoxyl- 9 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**166**), ($1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R$)- 1 -Acetoxy- $2,6$ -dibenzoyloxy- 9 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**167**), ($1S,2S,3S,4S,5R,7R,9S,10R$)- $2,3$ -diacetoxyl- 9 -benzoyloxy- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**168**), ($1S,2R,4S,5R,7R,9S,10R$)- 2 -acetoxyl- 9 -benzoyloxy- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**169**), ($1S,2R,4S,5R,7R,9S,10R$)- 2 -Acetoxy- $1,9$ -di-(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**170**), ($1S,2R,4S,5R,7R,9S,10R$)- 2 -Acetoxy- 9 -trans-cynamoiloxyl- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**171**), ($1S,4S,5R,7R,9S,10S$)- 9 -Benzoyloxy- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)- 4 -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**172**), ($1S,2R,3R,4R,5S,7R,9S,10R$)- $2,3$ -diacetoxyl- 9 -benzoyloxy- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**173**) and ($1S,2R,4R,5S,7R,9S,10R$)- 2 -Acetoxy- 9 -benzoyloxy- 1 -(3 -furoyloxy)-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**174**) have been isolated from the hexane-Et₂O extracts of the fruits of *M. jelskii* [64]. Nine new β -dihydroagarofurans, $1\alpha,2\alpha,9\beta,15$ -tetracetoxyl- 8β -benzoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**175**), 1α -benzoyloxy- $2\alpha,6\beta,8\alpha$ -triacetoxyl- 9α -methylbutyroyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**176**), $1\alpha,6\beta$ -diacetoxyl- $2\alpha,8\alpha,9\alpha$ -tribenzoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**177**), 1α -benzoyloxy- $2\alpha,6\beta,8\alpha,9\alpha$ -tetraacetoxyl- β -dihydroagarofuran (**178**), $1\alpha,6\beta,8\alpha$ -triacetoxyl- 9α -benzoyloxy- 2α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**179**), ($1R,2S,4R,5S,6R,7R,8R,9S,10S$)- $1,6$ -diacetoxyl- $8,9$ -dibenzoyloxy- 2 -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**180**), $1\alpha,6\beta,15$ -

triacetoxy-8 α -methylbutyroyloxy-9 α -benzoyloxy-2 α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**181**), 1 α ,6 β ,15-triacetoxy-8 α ,9 α -dibenzoyloxy-2 α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**182**) and 1 α ,6 β ,8 β ,15-tetracetoxo-2 α -hydroxy-9 α -benzoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**183**), were isolated from the leaves of *M. spinosa* [65]. Five new compounds, chiapens A–E (**184–188**), were isolated from *M. chiapensis* [66].

Compounds 1 α ,6 β -diacetoxo-8 α -hydroxy-9 β -furoyloxy- β -agarofuran (**189**), 1 α -acetoxo-6 β ,8 α -dihydroxy-9 β -furoyloxy- β -agarofuran (**190**), 1 α -benzoyloxy-2 α ,3 β ,6 β ,9 β ,14-pentaacetoxo-8-oxo- β -agarofuan (**191**) and 1 α -furoyloxy-2 α ,3 β ,6 β ,9 β ,14-pentaacetoxo-8-oxo- β -agarofuan (**192**) were obtained from an extract of the seeds of *M. boaria* [67]. Bilocularins A–I (**193–201**) were isolated from *M. bilocularis*. In addition, bilocularins D–F are the first examples of dihydro- β -agarofurans, which bear a hydroxyacetate group [68][69]. Compounds (1S,4S,5S,6R,7R,8R,9R,10S)-6-acetoxo-4,9,10-trihydroxy-2,2,5a,9-tetramethyloctahydro-2H-3,9a-methanobenzo[b]oxepin-5-yl furan-3-carboxylate (**202**), (1S,4S,5S,6R,7R,8R,9R,10S)-6-acetoxo-4,9-dihydroxy-2,2,5a,9-tetramethyloctahydro-2H-3,9a-methanobenzo[b]oxepine-5,10-diyl bis(furan-3-carboxylate) (**203**), (1S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S)-6-acetoxo-9-hydroxy-2,2,5a,9-tetramethyloctahydro-2H-3,9a-methanobenzo[b]oxepine-5, 10-diyl bis(furan-3-carboxylate) (**204**) and (1S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S, 10S)-6-acetoxo-10-(benzoyloxy)-9-hydroxy-2,2,5a,9-tetramethyloctahydro-2H-3,9a-methanobenzo[b]-oxepin-5-yl furan-3-carboxylate (**205**) were isolated from the seeds of *M. boaria* [70][71]. Compounds 2 β ,6 β -diacetoxo-1 α ,9 β -dibenzoyl-3 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**206**), 1 α ,2 α ,6 β ,8 α -tetraacetoxo-9 β -benzoyl-15-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**207**) and 1 α ,2 α ,6 β ,8 α ,15-pentaacetoxo-9 β -benzoyl-dihydro- β -agarofuran (**208**) have been separated from *M. boaria* [72]. 1 β -acetoxo-9 α -benzoyloxy-2 β ,6 α -dinicotinoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran (**209**) was obtained from the anti-microbiologically active ethanol extracts of *M. heterophylla* [73]. In addition, an eudesmane glucoside, boarioside (**210**), has been isolated from *M. boaria* [74]. Compounds 4-deacetyl-10-oxo-dihydropotrydial (**211**) and 4 β -acetoxo-9 β ,10 β ,15 α -trihydroxyp robotrydial (**212**) were obtained from solid cultures of an endocytic fungal strain, *Phomopsis* species Lz42, cultivated on *M. hookeri* [75] (Table 5 and Figure 5).

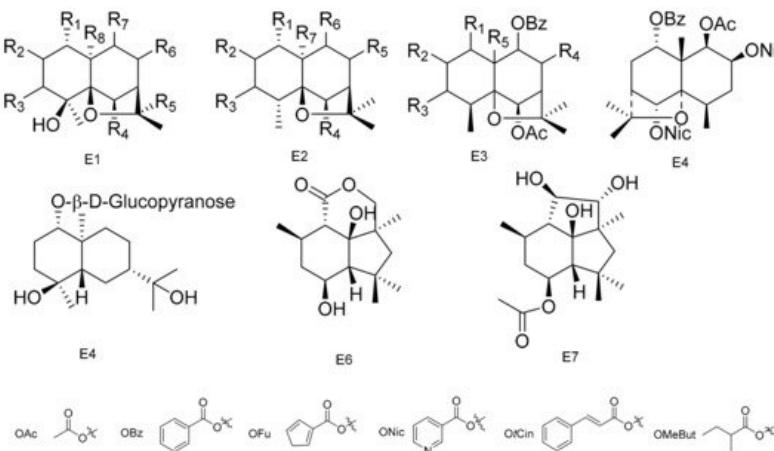


Figure 5. Seven types (E1–E7) of sesqiterpenoids skeletons.

Table 5. The sesqiterpenoids isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
130	1 α ,9 α -dibenzoyloxy-6 β ,8 α ,15-triacetoxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	H	H	OAc	CH ₃	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[60]
131	1 α ,9 α -dibenzoyloxy-2 α ,6 β ,8 α ,15-tetracetoxo-4 β -hydroxydihydro- β -agrofuran	OBz	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[60]
132	6 β ,8 β -15-triacetoxy-1 α ,9 α -dibenzoyloxy-4 β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OBz	H	H	OAc	CH ₃	β -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[61]
133	1 α ,6 β ,8 β -15-tetraacetoxo-9 α -benzoyloxy-4 β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	H	H	OAc	CH ₃	β -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[61]
134	(1S,4S,5S,6R,7S,8S,9R)-1,6,15-triacetoxy-8,9-dibenzoyloxy-4 β -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	H	H	OAc	CH ₃	α -OBz	β -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[61]
135	(1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S)-6,15-diacetoxy-1,2,9-tribenzoyloxy-4-hydroxy-8-oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	α -OBz	H	OAc	CH ₃	O	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[41]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
136	9β-cinnamoyloxy-2β,3β-diacetoxy-6β-hydroxy- α -nicotinoyloxydihydro- β -agarofuran	ONic	β -OAc	β -OAc	OH	CH ₃	H	β -OCin	CH ₃	E1	[41]
137	1 α -acetoxy-2 α ,6 β ,9 β -trifuroyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OFu	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
138	1 α ,2 α -diacetoxy-6 β ,9 β -difuroyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
139	1 α -acetoxy-6 β ,9 β -difuroyloxy-2 α ,4 β -dihydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
140	1 α -acetoxy-2 α -benzoyloxy-6 β ,9 β -difuroyloxy-4 β -dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OBz	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
141	1 α -acetoxy-6 β ,9 β -difuroyloxy-2 α -proponyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OPr	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
142	1 α -acetoxy-6 α ,9 β -difuroyloxy-2 α -(2)-methylbutyroyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OBuMe	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[59]
143	1 α ,2 α ,15-triacetoxy-6 β ,9 β -difuroyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OFu	CH ₃	H	β -OFu	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[59]
144	1 α ,2 α ,15-triacetoxy-6 β ,9 β -dibenzoyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	β -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[59]
145	(1R,2R,4S,5R,7S,9S,10R)-2-acetoxy-1-benzoyloxy-9-cinnamoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	β -OAc	H	H	CH ₃	H	β -OH	CH ₃	E1	[62]
146	(1R,2S,3S,5R,7R,9S,10R)-2-acetoxy-9-benzoyloxy-1-cinnamoyloxy-3-nicotinoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OCin	β -OAc	β -ONic	H	CH ₃	H	H	CH ₃	E1	[62]
147	(1R,2S,3S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R)-2,6-diacetoxy-1-benzoyloxy-9-cinnamoyloxy-3-nicotinoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	β -OAc	β -ONic	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OCin	CH ₃	E1	[62]
148	(1R,2S,3S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10R)-2,6-diacetoxy-1,9-dibenzoyloxy-3-nicotinoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	β -OAc	β -ONic	H	CH ₃	H	β -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[62]
149	(1R,2S,3S,4S,5R,7S,8S,9R,10R)-2,3-diacetoxy-8,9-dibenzoyloxy-1-nicotinoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	ONic	β -OAc	β -OAc	H	CH ₃	β -OBz	β -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[62]
150	(1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,8S,9R,10S)-6,8-diacetoxy-1,2,9-tribenzoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	α -OBz	H	OAc	CH ₃	β -OAc	β -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[62]
151	(1R,2S,3S,4S,5R,7S,8S,9R,10R)-2,8-diacetoxy-3,9-dibenzoyloxy-1-nicotinoyloxy-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	ONic	β -OAc	β -OBz	H	β -OAc	β -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[62]
152	(1R,2S,4R,5S,6R,7R,8S,9R,10S)-6,8-diacetoxy-1,9-dibenzoyloxy-2-nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	α -ONic	H	OAc	β -OAc	β -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[62]
153	1 α ,15-diacetoxy-6 β ,9 β -dibenzoyloxy-2 α -nicotinoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -ONic	H	OBz	H	β -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[62]
154	1 α ,15-diacetoxy-6 β ,9 β -dibenzoyloxy-2 α -nicotinoyloxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -ONic	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	β -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[62]
155	(1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S)-1,2,6,9,15-pentaacetoxy-4-hydroxy-8-oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	O	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[63]
156	(1R,2S,4S,5S,6R,7R,9S,10S)-1,2,9,15-taacetox-4,6-dihydroxy-8-oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OH	CH ₃	O	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[63]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
157	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>S</i>)-1,9,15-triacetoxo-2,4,6-trihydroxy-8-oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OH	CH ₃	O	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[63]
158	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>S</i>)-1,2,3,6,9,12,15-heptaacetoxy-4-hydroxy-8-oxo-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	β -OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	O	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[63]
159	1 α ,2 α ,3 β ,6 β ,8 α ,9 α ,12,15-octaacetoxy-4 β -hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	β -OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	α -OAc	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[63]
160	(1 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,8 <i>S</i> ,9 <i>R</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-8-acetoxy-1,9-dibenzoyloxy-6-nicotynoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	H	H	ONic	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[49]
161	(1 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,8 <i>S</i> ,9 <i>R</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-8-acetoxy-1,9-dibenzoyloxy-4-hydroxy-nicotynoyloxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OBz	H	H	ONic	CH ₃	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[49]
162	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1,15-diacetoxo-2,6-dibenzoyloxy-9-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OBz	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[64]
163	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1,2,15-triacetoxo-6-benzoyloxy-9-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[64]
164	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1,15-diacetoxo-6-benzoyloxy-9-(3-furoyloxy)-2,4-dihydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[64]
165	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1,15-diacetoxo-6,9-dibenzoyloxy-2,4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[64]
166	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1,2,6,15-tetracetoxo-9-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[64]
167	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-1-Acetoxy-2,6-dibenzoyloxy-9-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OAc	α -OBz	H	OBz	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[64]
168	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2,3-diacetoxo-9-benzoyloxy-1-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	β -OAc	H	CH ₃	H	α -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[64]
169	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2-acetoxy-9-benzoyloxy-1-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[64]
170	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2-Acetoxy-1,9-di-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OFu	CH ₃	E1	[64]
171	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2-Acetoxy-9-trans-cynamoiloxo-1-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OCin	CH ₃	E1	[64]
172	(1 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>S</i>)-9-Benzoyloxy-1-(3-furoyloxy)-4-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	H	H	H	CH ₃	H	α -OBz	CH ₃	E1	[64]
173	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2,3-diacetoxo-9-benzoyloxy-1-(3-furoyloxy)-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	β -OAc	H	H	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[64]
174	(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i>)-2-Acetoxy-9-benzoyloxy-1-(3-furoyloxy)-dihydro- β -agarofuran	OFu	β -OAc	H	H	H	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[64]
175	1 α ,2 α ,9 β ,15-tetracetoxo-8 β -benzoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OAc	H	H	β -OBz	α -OAc	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[65]
176	1 α -benzoyloxy-2 α ,6 β ,8 α -triacetoxo-9 α -methylbutyryloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OBz	α -OAc	H	OAc	α -OAc	α -OMeBut	CH ₃	-	E2	[65]
177	1 α ,6 β -diacetoxo-2 α ,8 α ,9 α -tribenzyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OBz	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[65]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	Type	Ref.
178	1 α -benzoyloxy-2 α ,6 β ,8 α ,9 α -tetraacetoxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OBz	α -OAc	H	OAc	α -OAc	α -OAc	CH ₃	-	E2	[65]
179	1 α ,6 β ,8 α -triacetoxy-9 α -benzoyloxy-2 α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[65]
180	(1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,7 <i>R</i> ,8 <i>R</i> ,9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>S</i>)-1,6-diacetoxyl-8,9-dibenzoyloxy-2-hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₃	-	E2	[65]
181	1 α ,6 β ,15-triacetoxy-8 α -methylbutyroyloxy-9 α -benzoyloxy-2 α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	α -OMeBut	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[65]
182	1 α ,6 β ,15-triacetoxy-8 α ,9 α -dibenzoyloxy-2 α -hydroxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[65]
183	1 α ,6 β ,8 β ,15-tetracetoxyl-2 α -hydroxy-9 α -benzoyloxy- β -dihydroagarofuran	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	β -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[65]
184	Chiapens A	OH	α -OAc	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[66]
185	Chiapens B	OAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[66]
186	Chiapens C	OH	H	H	OAc	α -OBz	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[66]
187	Chiapens D	OAc	α -OAc	H	OBut	H	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[66]
188	Chiapens E	OAc	α -OAc	β -OAc	OAc	O	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[66]
189	1 α ,6 β -diacetoxyl-8 α -hydroxy-9 β -furoyloxy- β -agarofuran	OAc	H	H	OAc	α -OH	β -OFu	CH ₃	-	E2	[67]
190	1 α -acetoxyl-6 β ,8 α -dihydroxy-9 β -furoyloxy- β -agarofuran	OAc	H	H	OH	α -OH	β -OFu	CH ₃	-	E2	[67]
191	1 α -benzoyloxy-2 α ,3 β ,6 β ,9 β ,14-pentaacetoxyl-8-oxo- β -agarofuran	OBz	α -OAc	β -OAc	OBz	O	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[67]
192	1 α -furoyloxy-2 α ,3 β ,6 β ,9 β ,14-pentaacetoxyl-8-oxo- β -agarofuran	OFu	α -OAc	β -OAc	OFu	O	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[67]
193	Bilocularins A	OAc	H	H	OAc	α -OH	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[68]
194	Bilocularins B	OAc	H	H	OH	α -OAc	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[68]
195	Bilocularins C	OAc	H	H	OAc	O	α -OBz	CH ₂ OAc	-	E2	[68]
196	Bilocularins D	OHAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₂ OBz	E1	[69]
197	Bilocularins E	OHAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₂ OtCin	E1	[69]
198	Bilocularins F	OHAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₂ OH	E1	[69]
199	Bilocularins G	OAc	α -OAc	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₂ OAc	E1	[69]
200	Bilocularins H	OAc	α -OH	H	OAc	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₂ OH	E1	[69]
201	Bilocularins I	OAc	α -OH	H	ONic	CH ₃	H	β -OtCin	CH ₃	E1	[69]

2.3.1. Sesquiterpene Pyridine Alkaloids

(1*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*,7*R*,8*R*,9*R*,10*S*)-6-acetoxy-4,9,10-trihydroxy-2,2,5*a*,9-tetramethyloctahydro-2*H*-3,9-oxamethanoperazine pyridine

Among the naturally occurring nitrogen-containing compounds, the pyridine alkaloids constitute an important group, and these are relatively rare natural products. The Celastraceae family is a rich source of sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids. These compounds represent a novel type of chemical diversity, and have complicated stereo-chemistries. They also possess a broad spectrum of biological activities, such as having immunosuppressive and anti-tumor properties. The vast majority of macroline sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids, from the genus *Maytenus*, are based on the [5,11-epoxy-5 β ,10 α -dihydro-7 α ,10 α -dihydro- β -agarofuran] core known as dihydro- β -agarofum. These compounds are characterized by a pyridine dicarboxylic acid macrocycle (such as emarginatine, wilforine and hydroxywilforide acids), linked via ester linkages at the C-3 and C-15 positions [65][76]. Many of these alkaloids have been isolated by organic chemists over recent years. Below we summarize their information, including the names of compounds, their original plant source as well as their structures.

The potent anti-feedant wilforine (213) was isolated from *M. rigida* [77]. Compounds emarginatinines A–H (214–221) and emarginatinine (222) were obtained from *M. emarginata* and the leaves of *M. diversifolia*. [11][22][78][79]. Ebenifoline W-I (223), ebenifoline E-I (224) and ebenifoline E-II (225) were separated from the stem bark methanol extracts of *M. ebenifolia* Reiss [80]. Compounds aquifoliunines E-I-IV (226–229) have been obtained from the root barks of *M. aquifolium*. [81][82], while ilicifoliunines A–B (230–231) and mayteine (232) were isolated from the root barks of *M. ilicifolia* [83]. Laevisines A (233) and B (234) have been separated from the CHCl₃:MeOH (9:1) extracts of the barks of *M. laevis* [84]. Compounds mekongensine (235), 7-epi-mekongensine (236), 1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetylmekongensine (237), 9'-deacetoxymekongensine (238), 1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetyl-9'-deacetoxymekongensine (239), 7-epi-euojaponine A (240), 2-

Obenoxo-2-deacetylmaytine (**241**) and 7-*epi*-5-O-benzoyl-5-deacetylperitassine R_8 (**242**) have been isolated from the roots of *M. mekongensis* [85]. The compound 5-benzoyl-5-deacetylwilfordine (**243**) was isolated from *M. buchananii* (Loes.) J. G. Koenig ex W. T. Aiton [25]. This appears to be the first sesquiterpene nicotinoyl alkaloid found which was based on tetramethyloctahydro-2H-3,9a-dihydroxyfuranidopyridine skeleton with a benzoyl group at C-5 position [86]. Compounds putterines A (**244**) and B (**245**) have been separated from the roots of *M. putterlickoides* [76]. The compound 7-(acetoxy)-O¹¹-benzoyl-O^{2,11}-deacetyl-7-deoxoevone (**246**) was isolated from the methanol extracts of the barks of the Colombian medicinal plant, *M. laevis* [52]. Chiapenes ES-I (**247**), ES-II (**248**), ES-III (**249**) and ES-IV (**250**) were isolated from the leaves of *M. chiapensis* [87]. Compound wilfordine (**251**) was obtained from *M. jelskiana* [88]. Compounds O⁹-benzoyl-O⁹-deacetyl-7-deoxoevone (**252**) and 8 β -acetoxy-O¹-benzoyl-O¹-deacetyl-8-deoxoevone (**253**) have been separated from the organic extracts of the roots of *M. laevis* [54]. Compounds 1 α ,2 α ,6 β ,8 β ,15-pentaacetoxy-9 β -benzoyl-[4'-hydroxy- β -dihydro- β -agarofuran (**254**), 1 α ,2 α ,9 α ,15-tetracetoxy-4 β ,6 β -dihydroxy-8-oxo,3 β ,13-[4'-carboxybutyl]nicotinicacid-dicarbolactone- β -dihydroagarofuran (**255**); 1 α ,2 α ,9 α ,15-tetracetoxy-4 β ,6 β ,8 β -trihydro-3 β ,13-[4'-3-carboxybutyl]nicotinicacid-dicarbolactone- β -dihydroagarofuran(heterophylline) [β -dihydroagarofuran(heterophylline)] (**256**) and 1 α ,2 α ,8 β ,9 α ,15-pent acetoxy-4 β ,6 β -dihydroxy-3 β ,13-[4'-3-carboxybutyl]nicotinicacid-dicarbolactone- β -dihydroagarofuran (**257**) were isolated from the leaves of *M. spinosa* [74]. Compounds 4-deacetyl-10 β -benzoyl-4-deoxyalatamine (**258**), 1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetyl-4-deoxy-alatamine (**259**), 1-dibenzyl-4,12-deoxy-10 β -benzoyl-4-deoxyalatamine (**260**) and 4-deoxyisowilfordine (**261**) were obtained from an ethyl acetate extract of *M. oblongata* stems [31] (Table 6 and Figure 6).

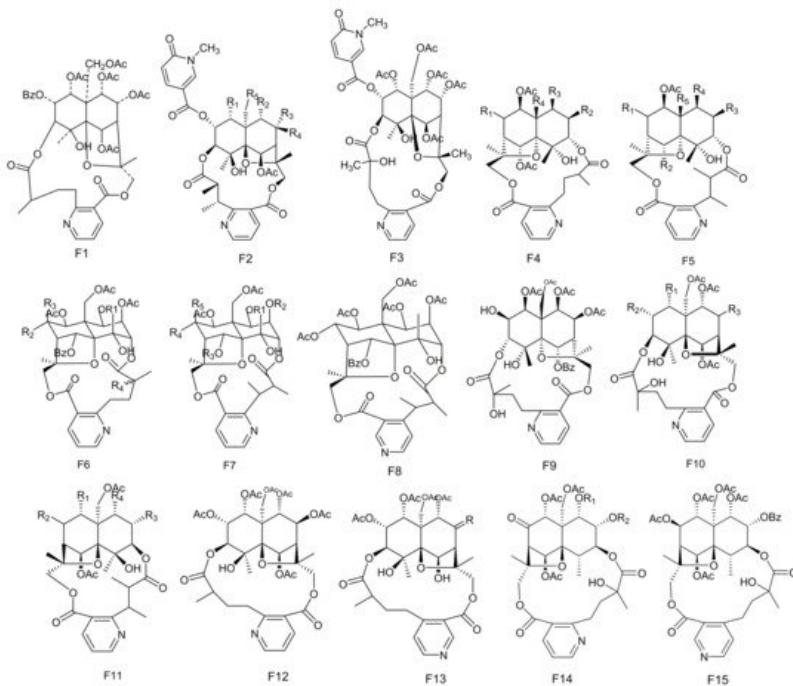


Figure 6. Fifteen types (F1–F15) of sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids skeletons.

Table 6. The sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids isolated from *Maytenus*.

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	Type	Ref.
213	Wilforine	-	-	-	-	-	F1	[77]
214	Emarginatine-A	OAc	OAc	OAc	H	OAc	F2	[78]
215	Emarginatine-B	OAc	Benzoate	H	OAc	OAc	F2	[78]
216	Emarginatine-C	OAc	OH	OAc	H	OAc	F2	[79]
217	Emarginatine-D	OA	OAc	OAc	H	OAc	F2	[79]
218	Emarginatine-E	OH	OH	H	OAc	OAc	F2	[79]
219	Emarginatine-F		OAc	H	OH	OAc	F2	[11]
220	Emarginatine-G	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CCH}_3\text{OO}$	OAc	OAc	H	OAc	F2	[11]
221	Emarginatine-H	OAc	OAc	OAc	H	OH	F2	[22]
222	Emarginatinine	-	-	-	-	-	F3	[79]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	Type	Ref.
223	Ebenifoline W-I	β -OAc	OBz	OBz	OAc	-	F4	[80]
224	Ebenifoline E-I	β -OAc	OAc	OH	OBz	OAc	F5	[80]
225	Ebenifoline E-II	β -OAc	OBz	OAc	OBz	OAc	F5	[80]
226	Aquifoliunine E-I	α -OBz	OAc	OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[81]
227	Aquifoliunine E-II	α -OH	OAc	OH	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[81]
228	Aquifoliunine E-III	α -OH	OAc	OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[82]
229	Aquifoliunine E-IV	α -ONic	OAc	OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[82]
230	Ilicifoliunines A	α -OBz	OH	OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[83]
231	Ilicifoliunines B	α -OBz	OAc	OAc	CH ₂ OAc	-	F4	[83]
232	Mayteine	β -OAc	OAc	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[83]
233	Laevisines A	β -OAc	OAc	OAc	OCOC(CH ₃)=CHCH ₃	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[84]
234	Laevisines B	β -OAc	OAc	ONic	CH ₂ OAc	-	F4	[84]
235	Mekongensine	Ac	H	OAc	OAc	-	F6	[85]
236	7- <i>epi</i> -mekongensine	Ac	OAc	H	OAc	-	F6	[85]
237	1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetylmekongensine	Bz	H	OAc	OAc	-	F6	[85]
238	9'-deacetoxymekongensine	Ac	H	OAc	H	-	F6	[85]
239	1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetyl-9'-deacetoxymekongensine	Bz	H	OAc	H	-	F6	[85]
240	7- <i>epi</i> -euojaponine	Bz	Ac	H	OAc	H	F7	[85]
241	2-O-benzoyl-2-deacetylmayteine	Bz	Bz	Ac	H	OAc	F7	[85]
242	7- <i>epi</i> -5-O-benzoyl-5-deacetylperitassine A	-	-	-	-	-	F8	[85]
243	5-benzoyl-5-deacetylwilfordidine	-	-	-	-	-	F9	[86]
244	Putterines A		OAc	COOCH ₃	COOCH ₃	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[76]
245	Putterines B		OAc	COOCH(CH ₃) ₂	COOCH ₃	CH ₂ OAc	F5	[76]
246	7-(acetoxy)-O ¹¹ -benzoyl-O ^{2,11} -deacetyl-7-deoxoevonine	β -OAc	OAc	OH	OAc	CH ₂ OBz	F5	[52]
247	Chiapenines ES-I	OBz	OBz	α -OAc	-	-	F10	[87]
248	Chiapenines ES-II	OBz	OBz	=O	-	-	F10	[87]
249	Chiapenines ES-III	OBz	OH	=O	-	-	F10	[87]
250	Chiapenines ES-IV	OAc	OH	=O	-	-	F10	[87]
251	Jelskiine	O <i>i</i> But	α -OAc	OH	OAc	-	F11	[88]
252	O ⁹ -benzoyl-O ⁹ -deacetylevonine	OBz	=O	OAc	OAc	-	F11	[24]
253	8 β -acetoxy-O ¹ -benzoyl- O ¹ -deacetyl-8-deoxoevonine	OAc	β -OAc	OAc	OBz	-	F11	[24]
254	1 α ,2 α ,6 β ,8 β ,9 α ,15-hexacetoxy-4 β -hydroxy-3 β ,13-[2'-(3-carboxybutyl)]nicotinicacid-dicarbo-lactone- β -dihydroagarofuran	-	-	-	-	-	F12	[65]

No.	Name	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	Type	Ref.
255	1 α ,2 α ,9 α ,15-tetracetoxo-4 β ,6 β -dihydroxy-8-oxo-3 β ,13-[4'-3'-carboxybutyl]nicotinicacid-dicarbolactone- β -dihydroagarofuran	=O	-	-	-	-	F13	[65]
258	4-deoxyalatamine	OAc	CH(CH ₃) ₂	-	-	-	F14	[31]
259	1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetyl-4-deoxyalatamine	OBz	OBz	-	-	-	F14	[31]
260	1,2-O-dibenzoyl-1,2-deacetyl-4-deoxyalatamine	OBz	OBz	-	-	-	F14	[31]
261	4-deoxyisowilfordine	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	265	266	-	F15	[31]
		262 R ₁ =CH ₃ R ₂ =CH ₃						
		263 R ₁ =CH ₂ CH ₃ R ₂ =CH ₃						
		264 R ₁ =CH(CH ₃) ₂ R ₂ =CH ₃						

Figure 7. The chemical structures of maytansinoids, isolated from *Maytenus*.

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