Flavonoids from *Ulex* Species

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Nine flavonoids have been isolated from *Ulex jussiaei* and *U. minor* (Leguminosae). From both species the isoflavonoids ulexin A and the new naturally occurring ulexin B have been identified, together with isoderrone, the pterocarpans (-)-maackiain and (-)-4-methoxy-maackiain, and the chalcone isobavachromene. The pterocarpan (-)-2-methoxymaackiain was only present in the first species and the isoflavones isolupalbigenin and ulexone A have been identified in the second one. $^{13}$C NMR data of isobavachromene, isolupalbigenin and ulexone A are also included. The antifungal activity of the isolated compounds was tested by the bioautographic method against *Cladosporium cucumerinum*. The most active compounds were the pterocarpans, the chalcone and the isoflavones with non-hydroxylated open chain prenyl substituents.