

Antimicrobial Activity of Isopteropodine

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Bioassay-directed fractionation for the determination of antimicrobial activity of *Uncaria tomentosa*, has led to the isolation of isopteropodine (0.3%), a known *Uncaria* pentacyclic oxindol alkaloid that exhibited antibacterial activity against Gram positive bacteria.

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