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# *PENTACYCLIC TRITERPENES FROM THE BRANCHES OF Monteverdia acanthophylla (CELASTRACEAE)*

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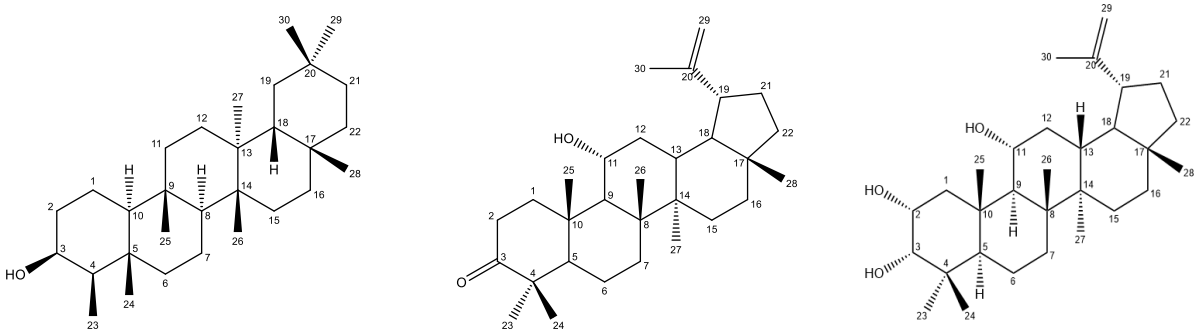
*Monteverdia acanthophylla* (basionym *Maytenus acanthophylla*) is a Brazilian species in the family Celastraceae, commonly known as "pau-de-jararaca" or "espinheira-santa", occurring mainly in the states of Bahia and Minas Gerais and.[1] This study reports the phytochemical investigation of hexane and chloroform extracts obtained from the branches of the species. Chromatographic methods, including thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and column chromatography (CC), were employed to isolate the compounds. Structural elucidation was carried out by $^{1}H$ and $^{13}C$ nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, supported by 2D NMR experiments (HSQC, HMBC, COSY, and NOESY). The pentacyclic triterpene friedelan-3$\beta$-ol (**1**, friedelane-type skeleton) and the lupane-type triterpenes 11$\alpha$-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-one (**2**) and lup-20(29)-ene-2$\alpha$,3$\alpha$,11$\alpha$-triol (**3**), in addition to fatty acids, were identified. Among these, the two lupane triterpenes are reported here for the first time from *M. acanthophylla*. Furthermore, the compound 3 is described for the first time in the literature.

**Figure 1:** Chemical structure of compounds **1–3**.



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