

## **Antitubercular activity of pentacyclic triterpenoids from plants of Argentina and Chile**

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### **Abstract**

Screening of plants from South America for antitubercular activity and subsequent assay-guided fractionation resulted in the isolation and characterization of several pentacyclic triterpenoids. The MIC values of 22 triterpenoids were determined using the radiorespiratory BACTEC assay and range from 8  $\mu$ M to above 128  $\mu$ M. The structure-activity relationships are discussed.

### **Keywords**

Pentacyclic triterpenoids, Antitubercular, Assay-guided isolation, Structure-activity relationship.