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..... My brothers

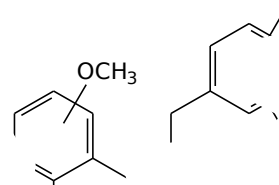
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Abstract

The heartwood of *Terminalia brownii* was extracted with 95% ethanol at ambient temperature. Qualitative tests on the alcoholic extractives were negative for alkaloids, steroids and anthraquinones, but positive for flavonoids, saponins and tannins. Fractionation of the alcoholic extract over silica gel using butanol : acetic acid : water (BAW) (5:2:6) gave a pure component - compound I. The structure of compound I was deduced on the basis of its IR, UV, NMR and MS spectra and the following structure was suggested.



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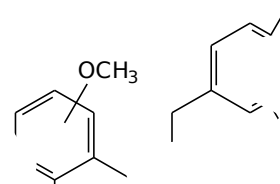
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