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#### ABSTRACT

The investigation of antimalarial principles from the seeds of Amomum krervanh ( ZINGIBERACEAE ) has led to the separation of seven pure compounds comprising four monoterpenes, one flavonoid and possibly two diterpenes. Three of the monoterpenes are known compounds, *viz* : myrtenal, myrtenol and *trans* -pinocarveol, while the fourth is a new compound whose structure has been elucidated as *trans* -3-hydroxymyrtanal. The flavonoid has been found to be 3,7,4'-trimethoxy-5-hydroxyflavone. Only partial structures have been proposed for the remaining two compounds which are thought to be diterpenes.

The above compounds ( with exception of the flavonoid ) give EC<sub>50</sub> values in the range 10<sup>-5</sup>-10<sup>-8</sup> g/ml. Besides *in vitro* testing, *in vivo* tests were also carried out on myrtenol and one of the diterpenes which exhibited an *in vitro* EC<sub>50</sub> value of 6.15 x 10<sup>-8</sup> g/ml. However, *in vivo* test results are not yet conclusive due to problems concerning solubility of the compounds.