

Search for natural product for promoting hair growth based on Wnt signaling

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Wnt signaling maintains hair inducing activity including regeneration of hair follicle. On the basis of our screening program targeting activation of TCF/ β -catenin transcriptional activity, a plant extract of *Excoecaria indica* was selected as a positive sample. Activity-guided fractionations led to the isolation of α -sapinine (**1**) as active compound. Also, two flavonoid glycosides, myricetin 3-O- β -D-galactopyranoside (**2**) and myricetin 3-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**3**) were isolated from *Erythrophleum succirubrum* as active compounds. Compound **1** led to more than 20-fold increase in TCF/ β -catenin transcriptional activity at 1.4 or 2.9 μ M.