



Two novel coumarins bearing an acetophenone derivative from the leaves of *Melicope Quercifolia*

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ABSTRACT

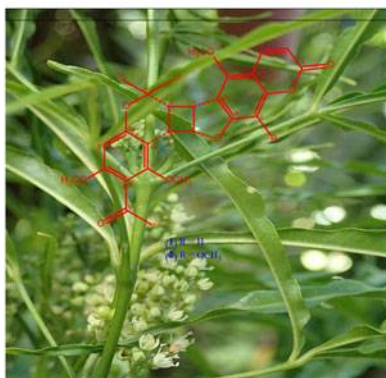
Meliquercifolins A (**1**), and B (**2**), two new coumarins bearing an acetophenone derivative were isolated from the leaves of *Melicope quercifolia* along with three known compounds, melicodenines E (**3**), F (**4**) and I (**5**). Structures of two new compounds were identified based on spectroscopic analyses (UV, HR-ESI-MS, 1D and 2D NMR). Cytotoxic activities of compounds (**1–5**) towards three human cancer cells (HeLa, MCF-7, P-388), compounds **1**, **4** and **5** showed very potent activity against HeLa cells with IC₅₀ values 2.6; 0.8; 1.1 μM, respectively.

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1. Introduction

Melicope quercifolia (Rutaceae) is a small tree and found as an endemic plant in West Java, Indonesia. The leaves of *M. quercifolia* have been used to treat skin diseases (Appelhans et al. 2018). Acetophenones (Nguyen et al. 2016), alkaloids (George et al. 2017), coumarins (Xu et al. 2016), flavonoids (Saputri et al. 2018), and phenylpropanoids (Nakashima et al. 2012) are phenolic compounds from the *Melicope* plants. Some of the phenolic compounds showed various Diels-Alder adduct and [2 + 2]

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