

Secondary Metabolites from the Soft Coral

Sarcophyton cinereum

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Abstract :

Soft coral *Sarcophyton cinereum* collected by SCUBA from the coast of Hsiao Liouciou Island, Taiwan in 2012, was stored in a freezer at the Department of Marine Biotechnology and Resources, NSYSU until extraction. The frozen bodies of *S. cinereum* were sliced and exhaustively extracted with EtOAc. The crude extract showed significant anti-inflammatory activity on inhibition of superoxide anion generation and elastase release in fMLP/CB-induced human neutrophils. The EtOAc residue was separated with column chromatography and RP-HPLC to afford ten new cembranolide-related compounds (**1–10**) and 12 known compounds (**11–22**). The structures of the new compounds were elucidated by spectroscopic analyses, including 1D NMR data and 2D NMR correlations.

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