

**Tannins and related compounds. CXXII. new dimeric,
trimeric and tetrameric ellagitannins, lambertianins
A-D, from *Rubus lambertianus* seringe**

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Abstract

Chemical examination of the leaves of *Rubus lambertianus* Seringe (Rosaceae) has led to the isolation of four new ellagitannins, which were characterized on the basis of chemical and spectroscopic evidence to be dimers [lambertianins A (6) and B (7)], a trimer [lambertianin C (8)] and a tetramer [lambertianin D (10)], all having sanguisorbic acid ester group(s) as linking unit(s) between glucopyranose moieties. Furthermore, HPLC analyses of fifteen *Rubus* species collected in Japan and Taiwan revealed that the trimer (8) and the tetramer (10), together with sanguin H-6 (1), occur widely in these species.