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ABSTRACT

The crystal structure of the bromo derivative of a cyclic diterpene has been determined. The crystals are of orthorhombic symmetry with  $a = 9.00\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 31.46\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 7.31\text{\AA}$ . The structure was solved by the normal heavy atom procedure, and refined by least-squares to a residual of  $R = 0.064$ .

The molecule is shown to be phyllocladan-15-yl bromoacetate, rather than to be a neo-atisirane derivative, as had been expected.