THREE NEW TERPENOID ACIDS FROM UNCARIA THWAITESII (HOOK F.) ALSTON (RUBIACEAE)

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The timber of *Uncaria thwaitesii* (Hook f.) alston was extracted with hot light petroleum (40-60°) and the residue extracted with hot acetone. A cold ether extract of the latter gave uncaric acid, diketo uncaric acid and diacetate of uncaric acid.

The chemical and physical data of these compounds will be discussed.