

# Draculone, a New Anthraquinone Pigment from the Tropical Lichen *Melanotheca cruenta*

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A new red anthraquinone, draculone, has been isolated from the corticolous tropical lichen *Melanotheca cruenta* (= *Trypethelium cruentum* = *Pyrenula cruenta*) together with minor quantities of the known anthraquinone pigment haematommone. The structure of draculone was determined as 2-acetyl-1,3,4,6,8-pentahydroxyanthraquinone by spectroscopic methods.