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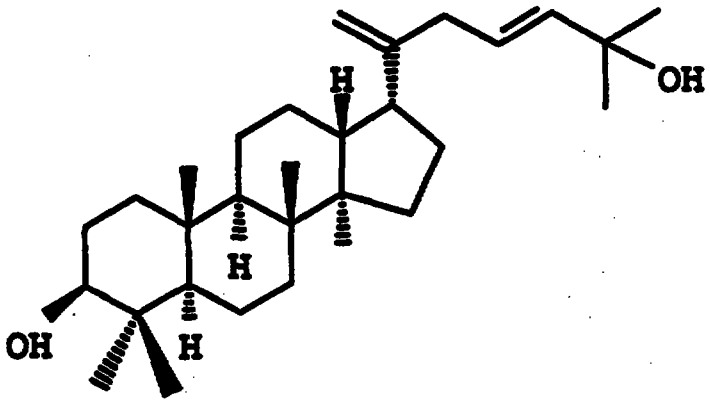
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Dammara compounds have immunosuppressant and anti-inflammatory activity and are useful as pharmaceuticals, particularly for use as immunosuppressant and anti-inflammatory agents. 17α dammara compounds are novel and are included per se, for example the compound of formula (IC) [(17α)-23-(E)-dammara-20,23-dien-3β,25-diol], which may be obtained from the flour of the shoots of the Palmyrah palm, *Borassus flabellifer* L. In addition processes for the synthesis of this and other dammara compounds and intermediates thereof are described.



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