Refikite $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. Point Group: 222. Crystals are small scales, or acicular.

Physical Properties: Tenacity: "Fragile". Hardness = "Very soft". D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 1.087 M.P. 182 °C.

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* White. *Luster:* Resinous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial. $\alpha = \text{n.d.}$ $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = \text{n.d.}$ 2V(meas.) = n.d.

Cell Data: Space Group: $P2_12_12$. a = 10.43 b = 22.35 c = 7.98 Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kolbermoor, Germany.

5.50 (10), 6.09 (9), 5.20 (7), 7.97 (3), 4.28 (2), 11.2 (1), 4.82 (1)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
\mathbf{C}	77.77	78.90
Η	11.18	10.59
O	11.05	10.51
Total	100.00	100.00

(1) Near Teramo, Italy. (2) $\mathrm{C}_{20}\mathrm{H}_{32}\mathrm{O}_2$ (\$-13-dihydro-\$d\$-pimaric acid).

Occurrence: In lignite (near Teramo, Italy); in roots of fossil spruce in a swamp (Kolbermoor, Germany).

Association: n.d.

Distribution: From Montório al Vomano, 10 km southwest of Teramo, Abruzzi, Italy. Found near Kolbermoor, Bavaria, Germany. At Krásno, Czech Republic.

Name: To honor Refik Bey (?–1865), Turkish journalist.

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