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NEW QUASSINOID GLYCOSIDES, YADANZIOSIDES A - H, FROM BRUCEA JAVANICA

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Eight new antileukemic quassinoid glycosides, yadanziosides A - H (1 - 8) were isolated from seeds of *Brucea javanica* and their structures were determined by chemical transformation and spectral analysis.

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As a continuation of studies on bitter principles of Simaroubaceous plants, glycosides in *Brucea javanica* (L.) MERR were investigated. This paper describes the structures of eight new quassinoid glycosides, some of which showed antileukemic activities against the murine P-388 lymphocytic leukemia.

The methanolic extract of defatted seeds of *B. javanica* was partitioned between dichloromethane and water. The organic layar, on evaporation, gave a residue, which was dissolved in hot methanol. After cooling, brusatol, 2) which precipitated as crystals, was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo and subjected to separation by silica-gel column chromatography. After elution with benzene-ethyl acetate, elution with ethyl acetate-methanol afforded fractions containing crude glycosides. The combined fractions were separated by silica-gel chromatography (elution: lower layer of chloroform-methanol-water), and then either by partition chromatography on silicic acid (elution: chloroform-ethanol), a Lobar column Lichroprep RP-8 (elution: methanol-water), or Toyopearl HW-40S (elution: methanol) to give eight new glycosides, yadanziosides A (1; 0.01%), B (2; 0.002%), C (3; 0.001%), D (4; 0.001%), E (5; 0.002%), F (6; 0.001%), G (7; 0.01%), and H (8; 0.001%) together with known brusatol, 2) dehydrobrucein A, 3) brucein D, 4) brucein E, 4) bruceoside A, 5) bruceoside B, 5) and yadanziolide A.1)

Yadanzioside B ($\underline{2}$), mp 189-195°C; IR (KBr) 3425, 1735, and 1635 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 255 nm, gave a peak at m/z 707 due to $[M+Na]^+$ in SI-MS, from which the molecular formula, $C_{32}H_{44}O_{16}$, was deduced, and was shown to be a hexoside from an appearance of a peak at m/z 522.2082 corresponding to $[M-C_6H_{10}O_5]^+$ in the EI-high resolution mass spectrum. $^1H-$ and $^{13}C-NMR$ spectra suggest that yadanzioside B ($\underline{2}$) must be a $\beta-D$ -glucoside of brucein A ($\underline{9}$). 3 , 6) Glycosylation shifts ($\Delta\delta$ +18.1 ppm and $\Delta\delta$ +1.9 ppm) of the signals due to C-3 and C-4 respectively were observed in the $^{13}C-NMR$, indicating that D-glucose is attached at C-3 of the aglycone. An anomeric proton was observed at δ 5.46 as a doublet (J=7.3 Hz) in the $^{1}H-NMR$

spectrum. On acid hydrolysis with 1M ${\rm H_2SO_4}$ -methanol, $\underline{2}$ gave brucein A ($\underline{9}$), and hydrolysis with HCl-methanol afforded methyl D-glucoside, which was identified by GLC after trimethylsilylation. Thus the structure of yadanzioside B ($\underline{2}$) was determined to be $3-O-\beta-D$ -glucosyl brucein A.

Yadanzioside A ($\underline{1}$), mp 200-204°C; IR (KBr) 3400, 1740, 1675, and 1625 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 256 nm, was shown by SI-MS to be a glucoside with the same molecular formula as that of $\underline{2}$. Yadanzioside A ($\underline{1}$) was hydrolyzed with β -glucosidase at 37°C to give brucein A ($\underline{9}$). Since a doublet signal due to $C_{(4)}$ -CH₃ of the aglycone part of $\underline{1}$ was observed at δ 1.13 (J=6 Hz), the brucein A moiety isomerizes into a 3-keto-1-ene structure and forms the glycoside linkage through an oxygen atom on C-2. The structure of yadanzioside A ($\underline{1}$) was formulated as 2-0- β -D-glucosyl brucein A.

Yadanzioside C (3), mp 204-209°C; IR (KBr) 3445, 1740, 1680, and 1640 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 221 and 254 nm, gave a peak at m/z 749 due to $[M+Na]^+$ in SI-MS, which corresponds to the molecular formula, $C_{34}H_{46}O_{17}$. On acid hydrolysis with 1M H_2SO_4 -methanol and with HCl-methanol, 3 afforded brucein C (10)^{3,6,7)} and methyl D-glucoside, respectively. Since a doublet signal due to $C_{(4)}$ -CH₃ was observed at δ 1.19 (J=6.7 Hz) in the 1H -NMR of 3, the structure of yadanzioside C (3) was determined to be $2-O-\beta-D$ -glucosyl brucein C.

Yadanzioside F ($\underline{6}$), mp 202-207°C; IR (KBr) 3450, 1740, 1680, and 1630 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 256 nm, exhibited a peak at m/z 643 due to [M+H]⁺ in SI-MS, indicating the molecular formula $C_{29}H_{38}O_{16}$, and was hydrolyzed with β -glucosidase to give brucein B ($\underline{11}$).^{3,6} Since the $C_{(4)}$ -CH₃ of $\underline{6}$ was observed as a doublet signal at δ 1.15 (J=5 Hz), yadanzioside F ($\underline{6}$) was formulated as 2-O- β -D-glucosyl brucein B.

Yadanzioside G (7), mp 180-185°C; IR (KBr) 3450, 1740, 1685, and 1645 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 222 and 253 nm, afforded a peak at m/z 791 due to [M+Na]⁺ in SI-MS, corresponding to the molecular formula, $C_{36}H_{48}O_{18}$, and was hydrolyzed with β -

glucosidase to give bruceantinol ($\underline{12}$). 3,7) In the 1 H-NMR spectrum of $\underline{7}$, a doublet signal due to $C_{(4)}$ -CH₃ was observed at δ 1.17 (J=6 Hz). The structure of yadan-zioside G ($\underline{7}$) was formulated as 2-0- β -D-glucosyl bruceantinol.

Yadanzioside D ($\underline{4}$), mp 207-212°C, exhibited the IR-absorption bands due to hydroxyl (3430 cm⁻¹) and δ -lactone (1745 cm⁻¹), but no UV absorption maximum characteristic of a conjugated carbonyl group. In the EI-MS of $\underline{4}$, a peak at m/z 480 due to an aglycone appeared and the ¹H-NMR spectrum suggests the presence of an acetoxyl group. On hydrolysis with β -glucosidase, $\underline{4}$ yielded the aglycone ($\underline{13}$), $C_{23}H_{30}O_{11}$, ¹H-NMR δ : 1.52, 1.55, 2.09, 3.78, 4.01, and 6.76; MS m/z: 482, 464, 446, 440, 422, and 404. The aglycone ($\underline{13}$) was oxidized with MnO₂ to give isobrucein B ($\underline{14}$). Since a doublet signal due to $C_{(1)}$ -H appeared at δ 4.01 ($J_{1,2}$ =8 Hz) in the ¹H-NMR of $\underline{13}$ and a glycosylation shift ($\Delta\delta$ +11.0 ppm) due to C-2 was observed in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum, the configuration of $C_{(2)}$ -OH of $\underline{13}$ was established to be α -equatorial and the glycoside linkage occurred through the C-2 oxygen atom. The structure of yadanzioside D ($\underline{4}$) was determined to be the β -D-glucoside of the allylic alcohol ($\underline{13}$) derived from isobrucein B ($\underline{14}$).

Yadanzioside E ($\underline{5}$), mp 190-195°C; IR (KBr) 3450, 1740, and 1645 cm⁻¹, possesses the molecular formula, $C_{32}H_{44}O_{16}$, deduced from a peak at m/z 707 due to [M+Na]⁺ in SI-MS and was hydrolyzed with β -glucosidase to afford an aglycone ($\underline{15}$), 1H -NMR δ : 1.54, 1.66, 2.14, 3.74, 4.02, 5.08, and 6.75. This was treated with MnO₂ to yield a keto alcohol ($\underline{16}$), 1H -NMR δ : 1.19, 1.94, 1.96, 2.19, 3.78, and 6.23; MS m/z: 520, 502, 484, 437, 420, 402, 388, 374, 345, and 315, the structure of which could be established by 1H -NMR and MS spectra. The structure of yadanzioside E ($\underline{5}$) was thus determined to be the β -D-glucoside of $\underline{15}$.

Yadanzioside H ($\underline{8}$), mp 180-185°C; IR (KBr) 3450, 1750, and 1640 cm⁻¹, has the molecular formula, $C_{32}H_{46}O_{16}$, deduced from a peak at m/z 709 due to [M+Na]⁺ in SI-MS and was hydrolyzed with β -glucosidase to give an aglycone ($\underline{17}$), 1 H-NMR δ : 0.94, 0.97, 1.52, 1.53, 3.80, 3.98, and 6.82, which on oxidation with MnO₂ afforded isobrucein A ($\underline{18}$). The position of the glycoside linkage was determined to be C-2 from the glycosylation shift ($\Delta\delta$ +11.0 ppm). Yadanzioside H ($\underline{8}$), on hydrogenation (10% Pd-C/EtOH), gave a dihydro derivative, which was identical with a

| | Table 1. ² H-NMR Spectra (90MHz, C_5D_5N) ^a) of Yadanziosides A-H ($1-8$) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | 1 | <u>2</u> b) | <u>3</u> b) | 4 | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | 7 | <u>8</u> | | |
| 1 – H | 7.22s | 3.25d(16) | 7.29s | c) | c) | 7.22s | 7.25s | c) | | |
| 2-H | - | - | - | 4.45m | 4.42m | _ | - | 4.42m | | |
| 3-H | _ | - | _ | 5.72brs | 5.69brs | _ | _ | 5.69brs | | |
| 15-H | 6.84d(13) | 6.9br | 6.8br | 6.78d(12) | 6.76d(13) | 6.76d(13) | 6.81d(13) | 6.82d(13) | | |
| C(4)-Me | 1.13d(6) | 2.04d(1.2) | 1.19d(6.7) | 1.43brs | 1.43brs | 1.15d(5) | 1.17d(6) | 1.42brs | | |
| C ₍₁₀₎ -Me | 1.61s | 1.71s | 1.63s | 1.43brs | 1.43brs | 1.63s | 1.64s | 1.42brs | | |
| CO ₂ Me | 3.84s | 3.84s | 3.73s | 3.77s | 3.72s | 3.81s | 3.89s | 3.79s | | |
| 2'-H | c) | c) | 6.77d(1.2) | _ | 5.82brs | - | 6.06s | c) | | |
| 3'-Me | 0.96d(6) 0.99d(6) | 0.95d(6.7) 0.98d(6.7) | 2.40brs | - | 1.67s 2.14s | · _ | 2.26s | 0.94d(6) 0.97d(6) | | |
| 4'-Me | - | - | 1.41s 1.42s | - | - | | 1.42s 1.46s | - | | |
| -OAc | _ | - | - | 2.09s | - | 2.10s | 1.95s | - | | |
| Anomeric -H | c) | 5.46d(7.3) | 5.37d(7.0) | 4.93d(8) | 4.94d(6) | c) | c) | c) | | |

Table I. ¹H-NMR Spectra (90MHz, C₅D₅N)^a) of Yadanziosides A-H (1-8)

a) Coupling constants in Hz in parentheses. b) Measured at 400 MHz. c) Not measured.

Table II. 13 C-NMR Spectra (22.5 MHz, C_5D_5N) of Yadanziosides A-H (1-8)

| 1 | 12.5q, 17.9q, 52.3d, 62.3t, 129.6d, 148.8 | 68.4d, 7 | 1.3d, 73.4d, | 73.7t, 74.5d | , 40.6d, , 75.9d, | 41.3d, 78.3d, | 43.3t, 78.7d, | 43.8d, 82.6s, | 46.6s, 83.5d, | 50.4q, 102.0d, |
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- 15.3q, 15.8q, 22.4q, 22.5q, 25.9d, 29.3t, 40.8s, 42.2d, 43.3d, 43.3t, 46.1s, 50.6d, 51,1t, 52.4q, 62.8t, 68.4d, 71.6d, 73.1d, 73.6t, 75.7d, 76.0d, 78.4d, 78.6d, 82.7s, 83.5d, 104.9d, 146.2s, 147.9s, 168.1s, 171.2s, 171.6s, 193.6s
- 3 12.6q, 15.6q, 18.0q, 28.9q, 28.9q, 30.0t, 39.7s, 40.5d, 41.4d, 43.8d, 46.7s, 50.3d, 52.4q, 62.4t, 68.4d, 71.3d, 73.2s, 73.6d, 73.8t, 74.7d, 76.1d, 78.6d, 79.0d, 82.6s, 83.5d, 102.0d, 112.9d, 129.3d, 149.2s, 166.5s, 168.2s, 168.3s, 171.2s, 194.5s
- 4 12.1q, 20.6q, 20.7q, 28.3t, 43.0d, 43.1d, 44.4s, 46.7s, 50.6d, 52.2q, 62.8t, 68.8d, 71.7d, 74.1t, 75.5d, 75.6d, 76.1d, 78.6d, 78.7d, 81.2d, 82.5s, 84.3d, 84.9d, 107.0d, 124.3d, 135.8s, 168.0s, 169.7s, 171.5s
- 5 12.1q, 20.2q, 20.8q, 27.0q, 28.3t, 42.9d, 43.1d, 44.4s, 46.7s, 50.6d, 52.2q, 62.7t, 68.2d, 71.6d, 74.1t, 75.6d, 75.7d, 76.0d, 78.5d, 78.6d, 81.2d, 82.5s, 84.2d, 84.8d, 106.9d, 116.0d, 124.3d, 135.9s, 158.2s, 165.3s, 168.2s, 171.4s
- 6 12.6q, 18.0q, 20.6q, 30.0t, 39.6s, 40.6d, 41.4d, 43.9d, 46.6s, 50.5q, 52.3d, 62.4t, 68.8d, 71.3d, 73.4d, 73.7t, 74.7d, 76.1d, 78.5d, 78.8d, 82.7s, 83.6d, 102.0d, 129.5d, 148.8s, 168.0s, 169.7s, 171.3s, 194.5s
- 7 12.5q, 14.5q, 18.0q, 21.4q, 25.8q, 26.4q, 30.1t, 39.6s, 40.4d, 41.4d, 43.9d, 46.6s, 50.2d, 52.6q, 62.4t, 68.7d, 71.4d, 73.4d, 73.7t, 74.6d, 76.0d, 78.4d, 78.8d, 82.3s, 82.6s, 83.5d 102.0d, 113.7d, 129.7d, 148.8s, 163.3s, 165.7s, 168.0s, 169.5s, 171.7s, 194.7s
- 8 12.1q, 20.7q, 22.4q, 25.5q, 25.8d, 28.3t, 43.1d, 43.1d, 43.3t, 44.4s, 46.7s, 50.8d, 52.2q, 62.8t, 68.4d, 71.6d, 74.1t, 75.5d, 75.7d, 76.1d, 78.6d, 78.7d, 81.2d, 82.5s, 84.3d, 84.9d, 107.0d, 124.3d, 135.8s, 168.2s, 171.4s, 171.6s

tetrahydro derivative of yadanzioside E ($\underline{5}$). Thus the structure of yadanzioside H ($\underline{8}$) was formulated as the β -D-glucoside of the allylic alcohol ($\underline{17}$) derived from isobrucein A ($\underline{18}$).

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