

ISOFLAVANS AND A PTEROCARPAN FROM *ASTRAGALUS MONGHOLICUS*

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Abstract—Three new isoflavans, 7-*O*-methylisomucronulatol, isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-*O*-glucoside, 5'-hydroxyisomucronulatol 2',5'-di-*O*-glucoside, and one new pterocarpin, 3,9-di-*O*-methylnis-solin were isolated from *Astragalus mongholicus* roots. Their structures were established by spectral analyses and chemical conversions.

INTRODUCTION

The roots of *Astragalus mongholicus*, and certain species of *Astragalus* (Leguminosae), are used as an antiperspirant, a diuretic or a tonic in Oriental medicines [1]. This crude drug is reported to contain flavonoids [2, 3] and triterpenoid glycosides [4, 5] as well as active principles, γ -aminobutyric acid responsible for hypotensive activity [6] and L-canavanine showing inhibitory activity against silkworm metamorphosis [7]. Among *Astragalus* species, *A. mongholicus* is rarely investigated chemically. Therefore, we carried out a phytochemical investigation on the roots of this species. The work resulted in the isolation of three new isoflavans, 7-*O*-methylisomucronulatol (1), isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-*O*-glucoside (2) and 5'-hydroxyisomucronulatol 2',5'-di-*O*-glucoside (3), and one new pterocarpin, 3,9-di-*O*-methylnis-solin (4), in addition to the known isomucronulatol (5) and isomucronulatol 7-*O*-glucoside (6).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

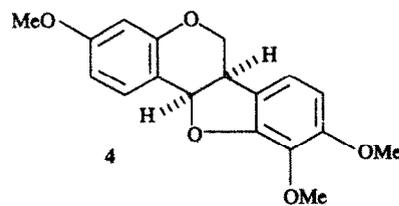
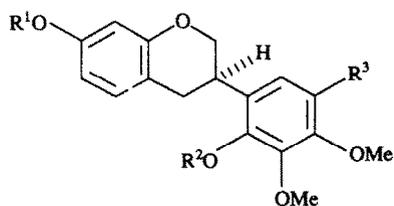
7-*O*-Methylisomucronulatol (1) analysed for the molecular formula $C_{18}H_{20}O_5$ from its $[M]^+$ ion peak at m/z 316 in the EI mass spectrum and the number of hydrogens and carbons in its 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra. The IR spectral band at 3400 cm^{-1} indicated the presence of a hydroxyl group in the molecule. The 1H NMR spectrum of 1 showed signals at δ 2.92 (1H, *dd*, $J = 5$ and 16 Hz), 3.0 (1H, *dd*, $J = 10$ and 16 Hz), 3.50 (1H, *m*), 4.04 (1H, *t*, $J = 10$ Hz) and 4.32 (1H, *dd*, $J = 3$ and 10 Hz), characteristic for the $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}$ group of an isoflavan skeleton [8–10]. Furthermore, its 1H NMR spectrum revealed five aromatic hydrogen signals at δ 6.42 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.48 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2.5$ and 8 Hz), 6.74 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz) and 6.98 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz), in addition to three aromatic methoxyl signals at δ 3.74, 3.82 and 3.90 (3H, each *s*). The above indicate that 1 has 1,2,4-tri- and

1,2,3,4-tetrasubstituted benzene rings. The mass fragment ion peaks generated by retro-Diels–Alder type fission clearly displayed the number of hydroxyl and methoxyl groups in each benzene ring. Thus, a prominent ion at m/z 180 was attributed to the B-ring having one hydroxyl and two methoxyl groups, and an ion peak at m/z 137 was supposed to be generated from the monomethoxylated A-ring. NOE difference spectra were further measured for the assignment of the positions of oxygen functions in the benzene rings. By irradiation of the methoxyl signal at δ 3.74 distinct NOE's were observed on the aromatic hydrogen signals at δ 6.42 and 6.48. This fact, supported by the evidence that the chemical shifts of the A-ring hydrogen signals were similar to those of 7-hydroxyisoflavan [11, 12], suggested that the methoxyl group in the A-ring is at C-7. Moreover, saturation of the methoxyl signal at δ 3.82 caused a significant enhancement of the doublet at δ 6.44, and no NOE was detected on irradiation of the remaining methoxyl signal at δ 3.90. These observations and the fact that isomucronulatol (5) and isomucronulatol 7-*O*-glucoside (6) were isolated from the same source suggests that isoflavan 1 has a 2'-hydroxy-3',4'-dimethoxy substituted B-ring. The CD spectrum of 1 exhibited a negative Cotton effect at 227 nm ($[\theta] -10030$) indicating that it has the 3*R* configuration [12–14]. Finally, its structural confirmation was obtained by monomethylation of isomucronulatol (5) with diazomethane to afford a product identical with 1.

Isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-*O*-glucoside (2) was determined to have the molecular formula $C_{29}H_{38}O_{15}$ by FAB mass spectral measurement (m/z 649 $[M + Na]^+$ and m/z 627 $[M + H]^+$) and an analysis of its 1H and ^{13}C NMR data. Compound 2 was thought to be an isoflavan glycoside from the signals due to the $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}$ group at δ 2.84 (2H, *br d*), 3.50 (1H, *m*) and 4.30 (2H, *m*), and two anomeric hydrogen signals at δ 4.60 and 4.80 (1H each *d*, $J = 7.2$ Hz) in its 1H NMR spectrum. Moreover, a comparative study of the aromatic hydrogen signals of 2 [δ 6.56 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz), 6.60 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$ and 8 Hz), 6.80 (2H, *s*) and 6.96 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz)] with those of 5 and 1, suggested that they have the same oxygenation patterns

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	R ¹	R ²	R ³
1	Me	H	H
2	Glc	Glc	H
3	H	Glc	O-Glc
3a	Ac	Glc(OAc) ₄	O-Glc(OAc) ₄
3b	H	H	OH
5	H	H	H
6	Glc	H	H

Table 1. ¹³C NMR data of compounds **1**, **2**, **3a** and **5**

C	1	2 *	3a	5
2	69.9 <i>t</i>	70.8 <i>t</i>	69.9 <i>t</i>	69.8 <i>t</i>
3	32.3 <i>d</i>	31.2 <i>d</i>	29.2 <i>d</i>	32.1 <i>d</i>
4	30.0 <i>t</i>	29.8 <i>t</i>	30.6 <i>t</i>	30.0 <i>t</i>
4a	114.5 <i>s</i>	116.5 <i>s</i>	118.3 <i>s</i>	113.7 <i>s</i>
5	130.2 <i>d</i>	130.5 <i>d</i>	129.1 <i>d</i>	130.2 <i>d</i>
6	107.3 <i>d</i>	108.9 <i>d</i>	112.6 <i>d</i>	108.1 <i>d</i>
7	159.5 <i>s</i>	155.6 <i>s</i>	148.7 <i>s</i>	155.8 <i>s</i>
8	101.5 <i>d</i>	105.0 <i>d</i>	108.7 <i>d</i>	102.9 <i>d</i>
8a	155.2 <i>s</i>	157.7 <i>s</i>	153.7 <i>s</i>	154.8 <i>s</i>
1'	120.4 <i>s</i>	129.2 <i>s</i>	130.8 <i>s</i>	120.6 <i>s</i>
2'	147.5 <i>s</i>	148.8 <i>s</i>	145.1 <i>s</i>	147.6 <i>s</i>
3'	135.5 <i>s</i>	142.3 <i>s</i>	142.2 <i>s</i>	135.5 <i>s</i>
4'	151.2 <i>s</i>	152.9 <i>s</i>	141.6 <i>s</i>	151.2 <i>s</i>
5'	103.7 <i>d</i>	109.3 <i>d</i>	146.9 <i>s</i>	103.5 <i>d</i>
6'	121.9 <i>d</i>	121.9 <i>d</i>	110.3 <i>d</i>	121.8 <i>d</i>
1''	—	102.0 <i>d</i>	99.3 <i>d</i>	—
2''	—	73.4 <i>d</i>	70.0 <i>d</i>	—
3''	—	78.5 <i>d</i>	71.2 <i>d</i>	—
4''	—	71.5 <i>d</i>	67.1 <i>d</i>	—
5''	—	75.5 <i>d</i>	71.2 <i>d</i>	—
6''	—	62.1 <i>t</i>	60.3 <i>t</i>	—
1'''	—	102.0 <i>d</i>	100.0 <i>d</i>	—
2'''	—	73.4 <i>d</i>	70.7 <i>d</i>	—
3'''	—	78.1 <i>d</i>	71.4 <i>d</i>	—
4'''	—	71.0 <i>d</i>	68.6 <i>d</i>	—
5'''	—	74.7 <i>d</i>	71.4 <i>d</i>	—
6'''	—	61.5 <i>t</i>	61.0 <i>t</i>	—
OMe	55.4 (<i>q</i>) 55.9 <i>q</i> 61.1 <i>q</i>	55.7 <i>q</i> 61.1 <i>q</i> —	60.1 <i>q</i> 60.3 <i>q</i> —	55.7 <i>q</i> 60.8 <i>q</i> —

*Spectrum was measured in pyridine-*d*₅, and others in chloroform-*d*.

in the benzene rings. In addition to the above signals, two 3H singlets at δ 3.88 and 3.90 were assigned for two aromatic methoxyls. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2**, on comparison with that of **5**, revealed downfield shifts of the

signals at C-4a ($\Delta\delta$ +2.8 ppm), C-6 ($\Delta\delta$ +0.8 ppm) and C-8 ($\Delta\delta$ +2.1 ppm) on the A-ring and those at C-1' ($\Delta\delta$ +8.6 ppm), C-3' ($\Delta\delta$ +6.8 ppm) and C-5' ($\Delta\delta$ +5.8 ppm) on the B-ring due to the glycosylation effects of the hydroxyl group at C-7 [15] and C-2', respectively. A negative Cotton effect at 227 nm ($[\theta]$ -5630) in its CD spectrum indicated the *R* configuration at C-3 [12–14]. Acid hydrolysis of **2** yielded an isoflavan identical with **5** together with glucose. The configurations of the glycosidic linkages were determined as β by the anomeric hydrogen doublets with large coupling constants (J = 7.2 Hz, each). From these findings, compound **2** was identified as isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-*O*-glucoside.

5'-Hydroxyisomucronulatol 2',5'-di-*O*-glucoside (**3**) showed an absorption band at 3350 cm⁻¹ in its IR spectrum, indicating the presence of hydroxyl groups in the molecule. The FAB mass spectrum gave ions at m/z 665 [M+Na]⁺ and 643 [M+H]⁺ which gave the molecular formula C₂₉H₃₈O₁₆. Like the other isoflavans, its ¹H NMR spectrum revealed five aliphatic hydrogen and two methoxyl signals. In addition, two anomeric hydrogen signals were observed at δ 5.63 and 5.67 (1H each *d*, J =7 Hz) which suggested that compound **3** is an isoflavan glycoside with two sugar moieties. Three aromatic hydrogen signals at δ 6.76 (1H, *dd*, J =2 and 8 Hz), 6.80 (1H, *d*, J =2 Hz) and 6.97 (1H, *d*, J =8 Hz) in the ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** were similar to those of the isoflavans **1**, **2**, **5** and **6**, an observation which indicates that they have the same substituted A-ring. Another signal appearing as a singlet at δ 7.42 suggested the presence of an isolated hydrogen in the B-ring. In order to clarify the oxygenation patterns of the aromatic rings, the ¹³C NMR spectral data of the acetylated product (**3a**) and the previous isoflavans (**2** and **5**) were compared. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3a**, carbon signals of the A-ring appearing at δ 118.3 (C-4a), 129.1 (C-5), 112.6 (C-6), 148.7 (C-7), 108.7 (C-8) and 153.7 (C-8a) shifted from those of the corresponding carbons of isomucronulatol (**5**) by +4.6, -1.1, +4.5, -7.1, +5.8 and -1.1 ppm, respectively. The differences of these chemical shifts were considered to be due to the acetylation effect of the hydroxyl group at C-7 [16]. Moreover, from biogenetic considera-

tions the two methoxyl groups on the B-ring were assumed to be attached to C-3' and C-4', and no NOE on irradiation of the two aromatic methoxyl signals suggested that the single aromatic hydrogen was present at C-6'. Consequently, the sugar moieties might be assigned to C-2' and C-5' hydroxyls, as the chemical shifts of sugar carbon signals excluded the presence of a disaccharide structure. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum showing significant shifts of the signals at C-2' ($\Delta\delta - 3.7$ ppm), C-4' ($\Delta\delta - 11.3$ ppm), C-5' ($\Delta\delta + 37.6$ ppm) and C-6' ($\Delta\delta - 11.6$ ppm) compared with those of isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-O-glucoside (**2**), confirmed the positions of the oxygen functions in the B-ring. Acid hydrolysis of **3a** afforded the aglycone **3b** and glucose. The anomeric hydrogen signals at $\delta 5.63$ and 5.67 with large coupling constant values ($J = 7$ Hz, each) indicated β -configurations for the glycosidic linkages. The *R* configuration at C-3 was assigned from its negative Cotton effect at 227 nm ($[\theta] - 4250$) in the CD spectrum [12–14]. The structure of the compound was therefore elucidated as indicated in formula **3**.

For 3,9-di-O-methylisissolin (**4**) the $[\text{M}]^+$ at m/z 314 in the EI mass spectrum, and the 18 carbon atoms from the ^{13}C NMR spectrum defined its molecular formula as $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5$. Compound **4** was recognized as a pterocarpan derivative from the characteristic ^1H NMR signals associated with the $\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}-\text{O}$ unit [10, 17] at $\delta 3.56$ (1H, *m*), 4.20 (2H, *m*) and 5.50 (1H, *d*, $J = 6$ Hz). Its ^1H NMR spectrum revealed the presence of five signals in the aromatic region at $\delta 6.42$ (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz), 6.60 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$ and 8 Hz), 6.82 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz) and 7.46 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz), which showed 1,2,4-tri- and 1,2,3,4-tetrasubstituted benzene rings, and three aromatic methoxyl signals at $\delta 3.78$, 3.82 and 3.90 (3H, each *s*). The chemical shifts of the aromatic hydrogen signals led to the assumption that **4** is 3,9,10-trimethoxypterocarpan. The coupling constant ($J = 6$ Hz) of the C-11a hydrogen signal at $\delta 5.50$ indicated a *cis* relationship between the two asymmetric centres [17], and the absolute configurations at C-6a and C-11a were defined as *R* by its negative optical rotation [17, 18] and the CD spectrum showing Cotton effects identical to those of related compounds [19]. Furthermore, hydrogenation of **4** afforded an isoflavan which matched well with 7-O-methylisomucronulatol (**1**). Thus, the structure of the compound was confirmed as shown in formula **4**.

EXPERIMENTAL

General. Mps are uncorr. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on at 500 MHz and 25 MHz, respectively, (TMS as int standard).

Extraction and isolation. Dried roots of *A. mongholicus* Bunge (10 kg) were extracted $\times 3$ with MeOH and the solvent evapd under red. pres. to give an extract (780 g). Partition of the MeOH extract with EtOAc– H_2O (1:1) afforded EtOAc (140 g) and H_2O layers. The H_2O layer was further extracted with *n*-BuOH and concd to yield *n*-BuOH and water sol. extract (120 and 500 g, respectively). The EtOAc extract (50 g) was subjected to reversed-phase CC over polyamide and eluted with H_2O –EtOH mixts of decreasing polarity. Rechromatography of the H_2O –EtOH (2:3) fr. by silica gel CC (*n*-hexane–EtOAc, 19:1, 9:1 and 4:1) gave 7-O-methylisomucronulatol (**1**, 10 mg) and 3,9-di-O-methylisissolin (**4**, 10 mg). The *n*-BuOH extract (100 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with EtOAc–MeOH mixts of increasing polarity. The EtOAc–MeOH (7:3) fr. was

repeatedly chromatographed by silica gel CC (EtOAc–MeOH, 4:1 and 3:1) to yield isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-O-glucoside (**2**, 20 mg) and 5'-hydroxyisomucronulatol 2',5'-di-O-glucoside (**3**, 6 mg).

7-O-Methylisomucronulatol (1). Needles, mp 140–141°. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} - 11.0^\circ$ (CHCl_3 ; *c* 0.4). CD (MeOH; *c* 0.02): $[\theta]_{216} - 14110$, $[\theta]_{227} - 10030$, $[\theta]_{282} + 3760$. EIMS m/z : 316 $[\text{M}]^+$, 180, 167, 165, 137. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 218 (4.11), 280 (3.70). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm^{-1} : 3400, 1615, 1505, 1460; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 2.92 (1H, *dd*, $J = 5$, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.0 (1H, *dd*, $J = 10$, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.50 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.74, 3.82, 3.90 (3H, each *s*, OMe), 4.04 (1H, *t*, $J = 10$ Hz, H-2), 4.32 (1H, *dd*, $J = 3$, 10 Hz, H-2), 6.42 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-8), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5'), 6.48 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2.5$, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.74 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-6'), 6.98 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5). ^{13}C NMR: see Table 1.

Isomucronulatol 7,2'-di-O-glucoside (2). Needles, mp 150–151°. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} - 24.3^\circ$ (MeOH; *c* 0.5). CD (MeOH; *c* 0.03): $[\theta]_{213} - 13500$, $[\theta]_{227} - 5630$, $[\theta]_{281} + 1040$. FABMS m/z : 649 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 627 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 465, 303. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 212 (4.66), 278 (3.94). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm^{-1} : 3350, 1615, 1500, 1460. ^1H NMR (100 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅) δ : 2.84 (2H, *br s*, H-4), 3.50 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.88, 3.90 (3H, each *s*, OMe), 4.30 (2H, *m*, H-2), 4.60, 4.80 (1H, each *d*, $J = 7.2$ Hz, anomeric H), 6.56 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz, H-8), 6.60 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.80 (2H, *s*, H-5', H-6'), 6.96 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5). ^{13}C NMR: see Table 1.

5'-Hydroxyisomucronulatol 2',5'-di-O-glucoside (3). Needles, mp 160–162°. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} - 17.7^\circ$ (MeOH; *c* 0.3). CD (MeOH; *c* 0.03): $[\theta]_{210} - 7890$, $[\theta]_{227} - 4250$, $[\theta]_{280} + 1820$. FAB-MS m/z : 665 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 643 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 481, 369, 319. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 225 (4.60), 276 (4.0). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm^{-1} : 3350, 1620, 1505, 1460. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅) δ : 2.94 (1H, *dd*, $J = 5$, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.14 (1H, *dd*, $J = 10$, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.82 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.96 (6H, *s*, OMe), 4.24 (1H, *t*, $J = 10$ Hz, H-2), 4.75 (1H, *dd*, $J = 4$, 10 Hz, H-2), 5.63, 5.67 (1H, each *d*, $J = 7$ Hz, anomeric H), 6.76 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.80 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz, H-8), 6.97 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5), 7.42 (1H, *s*, H-6').

3,9-Di-O-Methylisissolin (4). Needles, mp 136–137°. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} - 200.0^\circ$ (CHCl_3 ; *c* 0.4). CD (MeOH; *c* 0.02): $[\theta]_{212} - 157000$, $[\theta]_{234} - 39250$, $[\theta]_{284} + 19190$. EIMS m/z : 314 $[\text{M}]^+$, 299, 284, 267, 191, 178, 161. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 223 (4.10), 279 (3.71), 284 (3.71). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm^{-1} : 1615, 1500, 1455. ^1H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 3.56 (1H, *m*, H-6a), 3.78, 3.82, 3.90 (3H, each *s*, OMe), 4.20 (2H, *m*, H-6), 5.50 (1H, *d*, $J = 6$ Hz, H-11a), 6.42 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-8), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz, H-4), 6.60 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$, 8 Hz, H-2), 6.82 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-7), 7.46 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-1). ^{13}C NMR (25 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 130.5 (*d*, C-1), 108.9 (*d*, C-2), 155.6 (*s*, C-3), 105.0 (*d*, C-4), 157.7 (*s*, C-4a), 70.8 (*t*, C-6), 31.2 (*d*, C-6a), 129.2 (*s*, C-6b), 121.9 (*d*, C-7), 109.3 (*d*, C-8), 152.9 (*s*, C-9), 151.4 (*s*, C-10), 153.2 (*s*, C-10a), 79.2 (*d*, C-11a), 112.4 (*s*, C-11b), 55.5, 56.5, 60.8 (*q*, $3 \times \text{OMe}$).

Methylation of compound 5. A soln of **5** (5 mg) was treated with $\text{Et}_2\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$ and kept standing at 0° for 1 hr. Removal of solvent left the crude Me ether which was purified by silica gel CC to give **1** (2 mg) as needles, whose mass and ^1H NMR spectra were identical to those of authentic **1**.

Acid hydrolysis of compound 2. A soln of **2** (8 mg) in 0.5 M H_2SO_4 (3 ml) was heated at 70° for 4 hr. Usual work-up of the reaction mixt. afforded **5** (3 mg) and glucose. **Compound 5.** Needles. EIMS m/z : 302 $[\text{M}]^+$, 180, 167, 123. ^1H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 2.96 (2H, *br d*, $J = 7.2$ Hz, H-4), 3.56 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.83, 3.90 (3H, each *s*, OMe), 4.05 (1H, *t*, $J = 10$ Hz, H-2), 4.32 (1H, *dd*, $J = 3$, 10 Hz, H-2), 6.35 (1H, *d*, $J = 2$ Hz, H-8), 6.37 (1H, *dd*, $J = 2$, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5'), 6.76 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-6'), 6.92 (1H, *d*, $J = 8$ Hz, H-5). Glucose was identified by GC comparison with an authentic sample after acetylation with Ac_2O and pyridine.

Acetylation of compound 3. A soln of crude **3** (30 mg) in Ac₂O-pyridine (5 ml, 1:1) was kept standing at room temp. overnight. Usual work-up of the reaction mixt. gave a crude product which was purified by silica gel CC to yield **3a** (10 mg) as needles. EIMS *m/z*: 691 [M-C₁₄H₁₇O₉]⁺, 503, 429, 360, 331, 169. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.97, 1.99, 2.00, 2.01, 2.02, 2.04, 2.06, 2.08, 2.26 (3H, each s, OAc), 2.72 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 10, 16 Hz, H-4), 2.92 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 5, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.62 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.80, 3.82 (3H, each s, OMe), 3.92 (1H, *t*, *J* = 10 Hz, H-2), 5.14, 5.26 (1H, each *d*, *J* = 7 Hz, anomeric H), 6.52 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2 Hz, H-8), 6.58 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.64 (1H, *s*, H-6'), 7.01 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8 Hz, H-5). ¹³C NMR: see Table 1.

Acid hydrolysis of compound 3a. A soln of **3a** (8 mg) in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ was heated at 70° for 4 hr. Usual work-up of the reaction mixt. afforded the aglycone **3b** (3 mg) and glucose. **Compound 3b.** Needles. EIMS *m/z*: 318 [M]⁺, 196, 149, 123. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.77 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 5, 16 Hz, H-4), 2.83 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 10, 16 Hz, H-4), 3.43 (1H, *m*, H-3), 3.79, 3.82 (3H, each s, OMe), 3.91 (1H, *t*, *J* = 10 Hz, H-2), 4.19 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 2, 4, 10 Hz, H-2), 6.26 (1H, *d*, *J* = 2 Hz, H-8), 6.32 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2, 8 Hz, H-6), 6.36 (1H, *s*, H-6'), 6.80 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8 Hz, H-5). Glucose was identified as described for compound 5.

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