

## LIGNAN GLYCOSIDES FROM *PARSONSIA LAEVIGATA*\*

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**Abstract**—Bis-*O*-rhamnosides of lariciresinol, 5,5'-dimethoxylariciresinol and secoisolariciresinol, and pinoresinol-apiosyl(1→2)-glucoside were isolated from *Parsonsia laevigata*.

### INTRODUCTION

*Parsonsia laevigata* Alston is a climbing evergreen shrub, indigenous to the Ryukyu Islands, and known as a feeding plant for the larvae of *Idea leuconoe* Erichson. In the preceding paper of this series, we described parsonine [1], a pyrrolizidine alkaloid having a dienone system as found in danaidone [2], from the stems. This paper deals with bis-*O*-rhamnosides and apiosylglucoside of known lignans from the stems and the leaves.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The methanol percolate of the air-dried stems was partitioned with chloroform and butanol. The butanol extract on column chromatography gave three lignan glycosides (1–3). From the air-dried leaves of the same plant, four lignan glycosides (1–4) were obtained.

Compound 1 showed the  $[M + Na]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  675.262 in FABMS, indicating a molecular formula of  $C_{32}H_{44}O_{14}$ . Upon acetylation, a heptaacetate (1a) was obtained. In the  $^1H$  NMR spectrum, a pair of three proton signals due to two tri-substituted benzene rings was observed together with a singlet proton peak due to two methoxyl groups, and the presence of two 3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl or 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl groups was suggested (Table 1). In the 2D-NOESY spectrum, cross peaks were observed between the methoxyl protons and H-2(H-2'), and the structures of the phenyl groups were determined to be 3(3')-methoxy-4(4')-hydroxyphenyls. The two component sugars were assignable as rhamnose based on the coupling constants of H-1–H-6, and the chemical shifts in the  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum (Table 2). Since the coupling constant between each anomeric carbon and proton ( $^1J_{C-H}$ ) had a value of 170.9 Hz, the rhamnosyl linkages were considered to be  $\alpha$ .

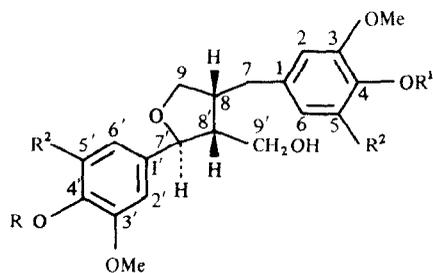
Compound 1 was hydrolysed enzymatically to yield an aglycone (1b), which was identified as (+)-lariciresinol [3] based on EIMS ( $m/z$  360.158,  $C_{20}H_{24}O_6$ ), the  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra and specific rotation. A rhamnose

(2 mol/mol of 1) molecule was determined to be linked to the *p*-hydroxyl of each phenyl group by a comparison of the  $^{13}C$  NMR signals of 1b and 1. The rhamnosidic linkages were also assigned on the basis of the cross peaks observed between the anomeric protons and H-5 and H-5' in the 2D-NOESY spectrum of 1. Upon acid hydrolysis of 1 with 1 M HCl, L-rhamnose ( $[\alpha]_D + 9.0^\circ$ ) and a crystalline aglycone (1c) were obtained. Compound 1c also has a molecular formula,  $C_{20}H_{24}O_6$  based on the  $M^+$  peak at  $m/z$  360.157 and afforded a tetraacetate (1d). The C-7' signal in 1c showed an upfield shift (–35.2 ppm) in comparison with those in 1 or 1b. Since the proton signals of one of the two benzene rings were transformed into two singlet peaks, 1c was assigned as (+)-isolariciresinol formed by acid [3]. The structure of 1 was therefore determined to be lariciresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside.

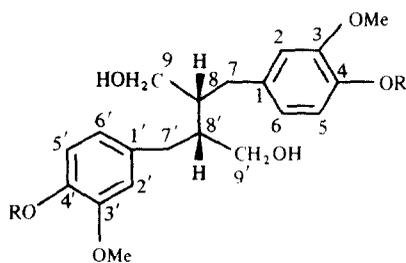
On the basis of the  $[M + Na]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  735.284 in the FABMS, the molecular formula of 2 was established as  $C_{34}H_{48}O_{16}$ , having two more methoxyl groups than 1. The presence of two extra methoxyl groups was confirmed in the  $^1H$  NMR spectra in which the methoxyl proton peaks were observed as two singlet peaks of 6H each at  $\delta$  3.67 and 3.65. In the phenolic proton signals, two singlet peaks for two protons each were observed at  $\delta$  6.67 and 7.00, suggesting the presence of two 3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl residues (Table 1). The C-5 and C-5' signals which appeared at  $\delta$  118.7 and 118.9 in 1 were shifted downfield and transformed into singlet carbons which duplicated the signals of C-3 and C-3' at  $\delta$  154.0, while upfield shifts were observed in C-4(C-4') and C-6(C-6'). Since the proton and carbon signals due to rhamnose and a furan ring in the lignan were observed with the same chemical shifts as those in 1 (Table 2), and  $^1J_{C-H}$  between C-1 and H-1 in the rhamnose was observed as 172.4 ppm, showing to be  $\alpha$ -linkage, the structure of 2 was determined to be 5,5'-dimethoxy-lariciresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside.

Compound 3 was obtained as crystals and the  $[M + Na]^+$  peak was shown at  $m/z$  677.277 in the FABMS, indicating the molecular formula ( $C_{32}H_{46}O_{14}$ ) to be two mass units higher than that of 1. In the  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum, only 16 signals including those from rhamnosyl and 3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl groups were

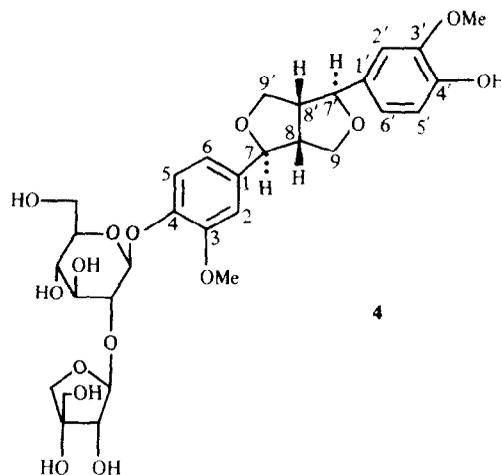
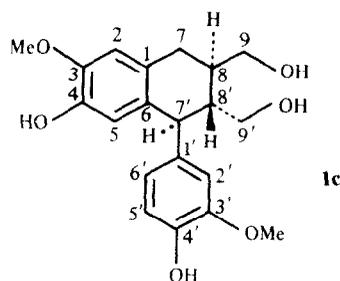
\*Part 2 in the series 'Studies on *Parsonsia*'. For Part 1, see ref. [1].



- 1  $R^1 = \alpha\text{-L-rhamnosyl}, R^2 = \text{H}$   
 1a 1-heptaacetate  
 1b  $R^1 = R^2 = \text{H}$   
 2  $R^1 = \alpha\text{-L-rhamnosyl}, R^2 = \text{OMe}$



- 3  $R = \alpha\text{-L-rhamnosyl}$   
 3a 3-octaacetate  
 3b  $R = \text{H}$



observed, suggesting that **3** retains a magnetically symmetrical structure (Table 2). While **3** provided an octaacetate (**3a**) and the component sugars were assignable as two mole of rhamnose, the presence of two primary carbinols in the lignan moiety was indicated by a pair of methylene protons at  $\delta$ 4.10 (2H, *dd*) and 3.97 (2H, *dd*). The aglycone of **3** was therefore considered to be secoisolaricresinol [4, 5]. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals due to the lignan moiety of **3** were in good agreement with those of secoisolaricresinol [4] with downfield shifts of C-4 (4') and C-1 (1'). Upon acid hydrolysis, an aglycone (**3b**) was obtained and identified as secoisolaricresinol based on the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum and the specific rotation value. Based on the glycosylation shifts of the C-4 (4') signal, the rhamnosyl linkages were assigned to the 4 and 4'-OH.

Compound **4** showed the  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  peak at  $m/z$  675.225 in the FAB/MS, suggesting the molecular formula,  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{15}$ . In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, the pinoresinol monoglucoside moiety [6] was assignable with a downfield shift of C-2 of glucose (+20 ppm) and an upfield shift of C-1 of glucose (-16 ppm). The remaining five carbon signals including one oxygenated methylene carbon, one primary carbinol carbon and one tertiary carbon, were in good agreement with those of the terminal  $\beta\text{-D}$ -apiose [7, 8]. All proton signals of the sugar moiety of **4** were assignable based on the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra. Upon partial hydrolysis of **4**, apiose, glucose, (+)-pinoresinol and pinoresinol monoglucoside [6] were identified on TLC. Since only D-types are known for naturally occurring glucose

and apiose, the component sugars in **4** are tentatively assigned both as D-type. In the 2D-NOESY spectrum of **4**, cross peaks were observed between H-5 in the pinoresinol and the anomeric proton in the glucose, and also the anomeric proton of the apiose and H-2 of the glucose as observed in 2-*O*- $\beta\text{-D}$ -apiosyl-D-glucose-1 $\beta$ ,5'-dibenzoate [9]. The structure of **4** was thus determined to be pinoresinol-4-*O*- $\beta\text{-D}$ -apiosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta\text{-D}$ -glucoside.

Four lignans were isolated from *P. laevigata*. Although laricresinol [3], 5,5'-dimethoxylaricresinol [10] and secoisolaricresinol [4, 5] are already known lignans, this is the first isolation of their rhamnosides, and pinoresinol apiosyl-glucoside.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

**General.** Mps uncorr NMR 400 and 100 MHz,  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , TMS as int. standard. TLC and silica gel CC, the following solvent systems were used, 1.  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7:2:1, 7:3:1, bottom layer), 2. EtOAc-MeOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4:1:5, top layer).

**Extraction and isolation of the lignan glycosides.** Air-dried and powdered stems of *Parsonsia laevigata* (2.4 kg) collected at Kikai-jima in July, 1983, were percolated with MeOH. The MeOH percolate was concd *in vacuo* to 1 l, and diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1 l). The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was partitioned with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The  $\text{CHCl}_3$  extract (9.8 g) was used for the isolation of parsonine [1].

The aq. layer, after partition with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , was concd *in vacuo* and partitioned with BuOH. The BuOH extract (26.1 g) was eluted on a polystyrene column (Mitsubishi Chem. Co., CHP-

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts of lignans (in C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N)

H	1	1b	1c	2	3	4
2	6.99 d (1) <sup>a</sup>	7.00 d (2)	6.86 s	6.67 s	7.01 d (2)	7.20 d (2) <sup>c,d</sup>
5	7.39 d (8) <sup>e</sup>	7.19 d (8)	6.96 s		7.36 d (8)	7.50 d (8) <sup>a</sup>
6	6.89 dd (8, 1)	6.91 dd (8, 2)		6.67 s	6.93 dd (8, 2)	6.96 dd (8, 2) <sup>e</sup>
7	2.78 dd (13, 11)	2.80 dd (13, 12)	3.13 dd (15, 5)	2.79 dd (14, 11)	3.00-3.09 m	4.91 d (5) <sup>c,e</sup>
	3.20 dd (13, 4)	3.26 dd (13, 5)	3.23 dd (15, 11)	3.21 dd (14, 4)		
8	2.97 m	3.07 m	2.58 m	3.00 m	2.42 m	3.10-3.24 m
9	3.99 t (8)	4.07 dd (8, 7)	4.21 br s	4.00 dd (8, 7)	3.97 dd (11, 5)	
	4.21 t (8)	4.31 dd (8, 7)		4.22 t (8)	4.10 dd (11, 3)	
2'	7.31 d (1) <sup>b,e</sup>	7.33 d (2)	7.06 d (2)	7.00 s	7.01 d (2)	7.24 d (2) <sup>f,s</sup>
5'	7.46 d (8) <sup>d</sup>	7.26 d (8)	7.18 d (8)		7.36 d (8)	7.26 d (8)
6'	7.19 dd (8, 1) <sup>e</sup>	7.20 dd (8, 2)	6.96 dd (8, 2)	7.00 s	6.93 dd (8, 2)	7.08 dd (8, 2) <sup>h</sup>
	5.33 d (6) <sup>e</sup>	5.35 d (6)	4.35 d (11)	5.34 d (5)	3.00-3.09 m	4.94 d (5) <sup>h,b</sup>
8'	2.69 m	2.83 m	2.34 m	2.71 m	2.42 m	3.10-3.24 m
9'	4.09 dd (11, 7)	4.14 dd (11, 7)	3.93 dd (11, 4)	4.11 dd (10, 7)	3.97 dd (11, 5)	
	4.19 dd (11, 7)	4.26 dd (11, 7)	4.25 dd (11, 3)	4.21 dd (10, 7)	4.10 dd (11, 3)	
-OMe	3.67 <sup>b</sup> , 3.69 <sup>a</sup>	3.73 (×2)	3.55, 3.80	3.65, 3.67	3.64 (×2)	3.79 <sup>f</sup> , 3.84 <sup>d</sup>
sugar moieties	rha			rha	rha	glc
1	6.04 <sup>c</sup> , 6.06 <sup>d</sup> br s			6.03, 6.05 br s	6.04 (×2) br s	5.57 d (8) <sup>a</sup>
2	4.84 (×2) br s			4.97 (×2) br s	4.85 (×2) br s	4.57 t (8) <sup>b</sup>
3	4.74 (×2) dd (9, 3)			4.80 (×2) dd (9, 3)	4.76 (×2) dd (9, 3)	4.36 dd (8, 9)
4	4.35 (×2) dd (10, 9)			4.35 (×2) dd (10, 9)	4.37 (×2) t (9)	4.20 t (9)
5	4.49 m			5.03 m	4.52 m	4.00 m
6	1.60 (×2) d (6)			1.65, 1.67 d (6)	1.61 (×2) d (6)	4.47 dd (12, 2)
1'						4.27 dd (12, 4)
2'						apiose
4'						6.62 <sup>s,b</sup>
						4.85 s
						4.43 d (9)
						4.91 d (9)

<sup>a-h</sup>Cross peaks were observed between the signals marked <sup>a-s</sup> or <sup>b</sup> in the 2D-NOESY spectrum.

Table 2  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts of lignans (in  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ )

C		1	1b	2	3	4	pino glc *
1	s	136.7	132.7	135.7	137.3	136.3	136.1
2	d	113.8	113.5	106.3	114.3	111.3	111.2
3	s	145.7 <sup>a</sup>	146.3 <sup>a</sup>	154.0	144.9	147.1	147.3
4	s	149.9	148.6	139.9	151.2	150.2	150.1
5	d	118.7 <sup>b</sup>	116.5 <sup>b</sup>	154.0 (s)	119.1	116.5	116.4
6	d	119.1 <sup>b</sup>	119.4	106.3	122.0	118.8	119.0
7	t	33.4	35.5	34.1	35.8	86.0 (d)	86.0 (d)
8	d	43.0	43.3	42.9	44.3	54.7	54.7
9	t	73.2	73.2	73.2	61.1	71.9	71.9
1'	s	139.9	136.0	137.9	137.3	133.1	133.1
2'	d	111.1	110.9	103.8	114.3	110.0	110.9
3'	s	145.0 <sup>a</sup>	147.3 <sup>a</sup>	154.0	144.9	147.8	147.8
4'	s	151.2	148.6	141.1	151.2	148.8	148.8
5'	d	118.9 <sup>b</sup>	116.3 <sup>b</sup>	154.0 (s)	119.1	116.4	116.4
6'	d	121.2	121.8	103.8	122.0	119.7	119.6
7'	d	83.2	83.5	83.3	35.8 (t)	86.3	86.3
8'	d	53.6	53.7	53.5	44.3	54.7	54.7
9'	t	60.1	60.2	60.1	61.1	71.9	71.9
-OMe	q	55.9 (x2)	56.1 (x2)	56.0 (x2)	55.9 (x2)	56.0	56.0 (x2)
				55.9 (x2)		56.1	
sugar moieties		rha x 2		rha x 2	rha x 2	glc	glc
1	d	101.6†		103.5‡	101.7§	100.6	102.2
2	d	70.9		71.0	70.9	76.8	74.8
3	d	73.8		73.8	73.9	79.0	78.8*
4	d	72.1		72.2	72.1	71.5	71.3
5	d	72.6		72.7	72.6	78.6	78.5*
6	q	18.5		18.5	18.5	62.3 (t)	62.4 (t)
						apiose	
1'	d					110.3	
2'	d					78.0	
3'	s					80.8	
4'	t					75.1	
5'	t					66.4	

<sup>a,b</sup>Signals may be interchangeable in each vertical column

\*Pinoresinol monoglucoside

† $^1J_{\text{C-H}} = 170.9$  Hz

‡ $^1J_{\text{C-H}} = 172.4$  Hz

§ $^1J_{\text{C-H}} = 170.9$  Hz

20P) with 0–100% MeOH. The eluates with 30–50% MeOH was then chromatographed on a silica gel column with solvent 1. The fractions containing lignan glycosides were again chromatographed on a silica gel column with solvent 2 and then on an ODS column with MeCN–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:4) to isolate **1** (125 mg), **2** (40 mg) and **3** (23 mg).

Air-dried leaves of the same plant (500 g) were treated in the same manner as described above. From the BuOH extract (5.3 g), **1** (64 mg), **2** (26 mg), **3** (11 mg) and **4** (12 mg) were isolated.

**Laricresinol-4,4'-bis-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside (1)**. Fine prisms, mp 124–127° (from MeOH).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} - 100.0^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 1.3), FABMS *m/z* 675.262, C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>14</sub>Na requires 675.263. Upon acetylation with Ac<sub>2</sub>O and pyridine at room temp., a heptaacetate was obtained, FDMS *m/z* 946 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>21</sub>). Compound **1** (40 mg) was dissolved in 4 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O and shaken with hesperidinase (Tanabe Pharm. Co. Ltd, 25 mg) at 38° for 5 hr. The mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with BuOH. The BuOH extract was purified on a silica gel column with solvent 1 (14:2:3) to give (+)-laricresinol as a solid,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} + 32.7^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 1.0), EIMS *m/z*: 360.158, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 360.157.

Compound **1** (50 mg) was dissolved in 1 M HCl in 50% EtOH (3 ml) and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min. The mixture was then deacidified with IR-410A and the EtOH was evapd *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended on H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with BuOH. The BuOH extract was crystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to give (+)-isolaricresinol as prisms, mp 153–154°,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} + 44.3^\circ$  (MeOH, *c* 0.35), EIMS *m/z* 360.157, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 360.157.  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR  $\delta$  33.6 (C-7), 40.6 (C-8), 48.0, 48.3 (C-7',8'), 55.9, 56.2 (–OMe), 62.2 (C-9'), 65.8 (C-9), 112.9 (C-2'), 114.0 (C-2), 116.3 (C-5'), 117.8 (C-5), 123.0 (C-6), 128.1, 134.3, 139.9, 146.3, 146.5, 147.0, 148.9 (C-1, 3, 4, 6, 1', 3', 4'). The H<sub>2</sub>O layer, after extraction with BuOH, was concd *in vacuo* and the component sugar examined on TLC (solvent 1, 7:3:1, solvent 2, 4:1:0.5) and shown to be rhamnose by co-chromatography with authentic L-rhamnose. After purification on a silica gel column with solvent 1 (7:3:1), the rhamnose showed  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} + 9.0^\circ$  (final value, H<sub>2</sub>O, *c* 0.40). **1c**-tetraacetate (**1d**) Formed on acetylation of **1c** with pyridine and Ac<sub>2</sub>O, prisms, mp 166–167°, FDMS *m/z* 528 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>10</sub>).

5,5'-Dimethoxylaricresinol-4,4'-bis-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside (2)

Prisms from MeOH, mp 225–230°,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} - 120.7^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 1.45), FABMS *m/z* 735.284, C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Na requires 735.284.

*Secoisolariciresinol-4,4'-bis-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside* (3). Prisms from MeOH, mp 112–116°,  $[\alpha]_D^{27} - 0.16^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 1.04), FABMS *m/z*: 677.277, C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>14</sub>Na requires 677.278 3-acetate (3a): FDMS *m/z*: 990 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>22</sub>). Upon hydrolysis with 1 M HCl as described for 1, an aglycone of 3 (3b) was obtained as a solid,  $[\alpha]_D^{30} - 28.2^\circ$  (MeOH, *c* 0.33), EIMS *m/z*: 362.174 C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 362.173. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ : 2.45 (2H, *m*, H-8,8'), 3.07 (4H, *m*, H-7,7'), 4.04 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 11, 5 Hz, H-9a,9'a), 4.16 (2H, *dd*, *J* = 11, 3 Hz, H-9b,9'b).

*Pinoresinol-4-O- $\beta$ -D-*apiosyl*-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucoside* (4). Solid,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 47.5^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 0.75), FABMS *m/z*: 675.225 C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>15</sub>Na requires 675.226. FABMS (negative) *m/z*: 651 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>, 537, 501, 433, 357. Compound 4 (12 mg) was refluxed with 0.5 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 50% dioxane (1 ml) for 30 min and the mixture was diluted with MeOH. The mixture was deacidified with IR-410A and concd *in vacuo*. The mixture was then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with BuOH. The presence of pinoresinol and pinoresinol monoglucoside in the BuOH extract was shown by TLC of the extract against authentic samples [4] (solvents 1 and 2). (+)-Pinoresinol was obtained by CC on silica gel (solvent 1, 7:1:2), solid,  $[\alpha]_D^{30} + 75.4^\circ$  (MeOH; *c* 0.18). The H<sub>2</sub>O layer showed apiose and glucose on TLC (solvents 1 and 2, with aniline hydrogen phthalate as a colour reagent).

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