Studies on the Constituents of *Cimicifuga* Species. XV.¹⁾ Two New Diglycosides from the Aerial Parts of *Cimicifuga simplex* WORMSK.

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Two new diglycosides (I, II) were isolated from the aerial parts of Cimicifuga simplex (Ranunculaceae), and their structures were determined to be 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-xylopyranoside (I) and 23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-xylopyranoside (II). Two known xylosides (Ia, IIa) were also isolated and identified as 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-xylopyranoside (Ia) and 23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-xylopyranoside (IIa). Cellulase A [Amano] 3 hydrolyzed I and II to afford Ia and IIa respectively, while Cellulase T [Amano] 4 hydrolyzed I and II to afford 25-O-acetylcimigenol (Ib) and 23-O-acetylshengmanol (IIb) as the aglycones, respectively.

Keywords Cimicifuga simplex; Ranunculaceae; cycloartane; glucosyl xyloside; cellulase

We recently reported on the isolation of a new triterpenic xyloside, 7β -hydroxy-23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-xyloside, from the aerial parts of Cimicifuga simplex. 1) In our continuing work, we isolated two new diglycosides (I, II) along with the two known xylosides (Ia, IIa) from the same herb. This paper deals with the structure elucidation of I and II as 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-xylopyranoside and 23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-xylopyranoside, and the identification of Ia and IIa to 25-Oacetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-xylopyranoside and 23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-xylopyranoside . This is the first report on the isolation of diglycosides from the Cimicifuga species, although triterpenol bisdesmosides have been reported recently.²⁾ This paper also describes that Cellulase A [Amano] 3 hydrolyzed I and II to afford Ia and IIa, respectively, while Cellulase T [Amano] 4 hydrolyzed I and II to afford the aglycones Ib and IIb, respec-

The new diglycosides (I, II) and the xylosides (Ia, IIa) were obtained as described in the experimental section

after repeated chromatographies on octadecylsilanized silicic acid (ODS) and silica gel columns of a water soluble portion shaken with *n*-butanol about the methanolic extracts of the aerial parts.

I was obtained as colorless needles, mp $285-286\,^{\circ}\text{C}$, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 11.6\,^{\circ}$, and the molecular formula was determined to be $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{68}\text{O}_{15}$, by the FAB-MS $[(M+1)^+; m/z \ 825]$. The IR spectrum exhibited strong hydroxyl and ester carbonyl bands at 3550-3480 and $1738\,\text{cm}^{-1}$. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (Table I) and the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (Table II) spectra were similar to those of cycloartane derivatives previously isolated from the *Cimicifuga* species. $^{1-6}$

I was hydrolyzed with Cellulase A [Amano] 3 to afford Ia, mp 224—225 °C, $C_{37}H_{58}O_{10}$, [α]_D +25.2°, whereas when I was hydrolyzed with Cellulase T [Amano] 4, it afforded Ib, mp 191—192 °C, $C_{32}H_{50}O_6$, [α]_D +34.1°. By direct comparison with authentic specimens, Ia was identified to 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-xyloside, 5) and Ib was identified to 25-O-acetylcimigenol. 5)

D-Glucose, $[\alpha]_D + 60.8^\circ$ and a mixture of methyl- α -D xyloside and methyl- β -D-xyloside, $[\alpha]_D + 61.1^\circ$ were

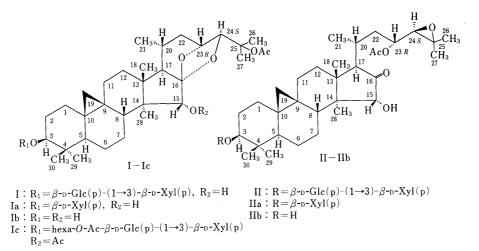


Fig. 1. Structures of I, II and Their Derivatives

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TABLE I. ¹H-NMR Chemical Shifts of I, II and the Derivatives in Pyridine-d₅

	I	Ia	Ib	$Ic^{a)}$	II	IIa	ПР
1	1.17, 1.51	1.18, 1.51	1.18, 1.51		1.20, 1.55	1.18, 1.50	1.15, 1.53
2	1.88, 2.32	1.90	1.86 dddd		1.90	1.95, 2.32	1.84, 1.95
		2.30 dd (3.5, 12.5)	(4.0, 11.5, 12.5, 12.5)		2.30 ddd		
			2.00		(4.0, 4.0, 13.0)		
3	3.48 dd (4.0, 11.5)	3.46 dd (4.0, 12.0)	3.49 dd (4.5, 11.5)	3.06 dd (9.5, 5.0)	3.48 dd (4.0, 11.5)	3.50 dd (4.0, 11.5)	3.52 dd (4.5, 12.0)
5	1.25	1.25	1.24 dd (4.0, 13.0)		1.28	1.27	1.28
6	0.65, 1.50	0.67 ddd	0.71 dddd		0.73 ddd	0.74 ddd	0.77 ddd
		(12.0, 12.0, 12.0)	(2.5, 13.0, 13.0, 13.0)		(12.0, 12.0, 12.0)	(12.0, 12.0, 12.0)	(12.0, 12.0, 12.0)
		1.48	1.50		1.58	1.50	1.56
7	1.15, 2.05	1.15, 2.05	1.15, 2.05		1.18, 2.05	1.18, 2.00	1.18, 2.00
8	1.63	1.63	1.62		1.78	1.78	1.85
11	1.15, 2.05	1.15, 2.05	1.15, 2.05		1.15, 2.10	1.15, 2.10	1.11, 2.12
12	1.50, 1.62	1.51, 1.61	1.50, 1.60		1.75 (2H)	1.75 (2H)	1.75 (2H)
15	4.26 s	4.23 s	4.22 s	4.26	4.36 s	4.35 s	4.33 s
17	1.41 d (11.0)	1.41 d (11.0)	1.41 d (11.0)		2.35 d (6.2)	2.34 d (6.5)	2.31 d (6.6)
18	1.10 s	1.10 s	1.11 s		1.37 s	1.37 s	1.35 s
19	0.23 d (4.0)	0.25 d (4.0)	0.27 d (4.0)	0.38 d (4.0)	0.33 d (4.0)	0.34 d (4.0)	0.33 d (4.0)
	0.48 d (4.0)	0.48 d (4.0)	0.51 d (4.0)	0.63 d (4.0)	0.56 d (4.0)	0.57 d (4.0)	0.58 d (4.0)
20	1.62	1.60	1.65		2.10	2.05	2.08
21	0.81 d (7.0)	0.81 d (6.7)	0.82 d (6.5)	0.90 d (7.5)	1.26 d (6.7)	1.26 d (7.0)	1.23 d (7.5)
22	0.95	0.94 dd (12.5, 12.5)	0.94 dd (13.0, 13.0)		1.78	1.75	1.76
	2.25	2.24 ddd	2.25 ddd		2.60 ddd	2.62 ddd	2.62 dd (11.0, 12.:
		(7.5, 10.0, 12.5)	(7.0, 9.5, 13.0)		(2.0, 12.0, 12.0)	(2.0, 12.0, 12.0)	
23	4.63 d (9.2)	4.56 d (9.2)	4.56 d (9.5)	4.30 d (9.0)	5.36 ddd	5.36 ddd	5.35 ddd
					(2.0, 8.3, 9.2)	(2.5, 8.5, 11.0)	(2.5, 8.8, 11.0)
24	4.13 s	4.08 s	4.07 s	3.68 s	3.06 d (8.3)	3.05 d (8.5)	3.00 d (8.8)
26	1.67 s	1.62 s	1.61 s	1.45 s	1.29 s	1.30 s	1.24 s
27	1.71 s	1.65 s	1.64 s	1.40 s	1.44 s	1.42 s	1.38 s
28	1.15 s	1.15 s	1.14 s	0.86	1.21 s	1.21 s	1.18 s
29	1.26 s	1.26 s	1.16 s	0.93	1.33 s	1.30 s	1.17 s
30	1.01 s	1.01 s	1.03 s	0.75	1.05 s	1.06 s	1.06 s
COCH ₃	1.95 s	1.95 s	1.96 s	2.12, 2.08	2.12 s	2.12 s	2.04 s
				2.04(4Ac) 1.98(2Ac)			
1'-H	4.81 d (7.5)	4.81 d (7.5)		4.95 d (8.5)	4.83 d (8.0)	4.84 d (8.0)	
2'-H	4.03 dd (7.5, 9.0)	3.99 dd (7.5, 9.0)		4.99 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.04 dd (9.0, 8.0)	4.02 dd (8.0, 8.5)	
3'-H	4.19 dd (9.0, 9.0)	4.13 dd (9.0, 9.0)		3.80 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.21 dd (9.0, 9.0)	4.18 dd (8.5, 8.5)	
4′-H	4.08 ddd	4.19 ddd		4.86 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.10 ddd	4.22 ddd	
	(5.0, 9.0, 9.0)	(5.5, 9.0, 9.0)			(5.5, 9.0, 9.0)	(5.0, 8.5, 9.0)	
5'-H	3.69 dd (9.0, 11.5)	3.69 dd (9.0, 11.0)		3.25 dd (10.0, 12.5)	3.71 dd (9.0, 11.3)	3.74 dd (9.0, 11.5)	
5'-H	4.28 dd (5.0, 11.5)	4.31 dd (5.0, 11.0)		4.01 dd (8.5, 12.5)	4.30 dd (5.5, 11.3)	4.35 dd (5.0, 11.5)	
1"-H	5.32 d (7.7)			4.36 d (8.5)	5.32 d (8.0)		
2"-H	4.05 dd (7.7, 9.0)			5.04 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.05 dd (8.0, 8.0)		
3"-H	4.22 dd (8.5, 8.5)			5.12 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.03 dd (8.0, 8.0)		
4"-H	4.06 dd (8.5, 8.5)			4.93 dd (8.5, 8.5)	4.06 dd (8.0, 8.0)		
5"-H	4.02 ddd			3.66 m	4.02 ddd		
	(2.0, 5.0, 8.5)				(2.0, 5.0, 8.0)		
6"-H	4.19 dd (5.0, 11.5)			3.83 dd (4.0, 12.5)	4.20 dd (5.0, 11.3)		
6"-H	4.54 dd (2.0, 11.5)			4.06 dd (4.0, 12.5)	4.53 dd (2.0, 11.3)		

a) The data in CDCl₃.

obtained by HPLC of acidic hydrolysis products of I and identified by comparison of the ¹H-NMR spectra. The 1→3 connectivity between D-glucose and D-xylose was established as follows. Acetylation of I with acetic anhydride in pyridine afforded a heptaacetate (Ic), mp 160—161 °C, $C_{57}H_{82}O_{22}$, and in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, a triplet which remained at δ 3.80 ppm without acetylation was assigned to 3'-H by the decoupling experiment. Namely, irradiation at 4'-H (4.86 ppm) changed the triplet (3'-H) to a doublet and a pair of dd signals due to 5'-H (3.25) and 5'-H (4.01) to a pair of doublets at the same time. A methine carbon at 87.80 ppm was assigned to 3'-C by a cross peak with the 3'-H in the ¹H-¹³C shift correlation spectroscopy of I, and the glycosylation shift was ca. 9 ppm (Table II). The β -D-glucopyranosyl moiety was clarified by the assignment of ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR signals, especially, 1"-H (5.32 ppm, d, J=7.7 Hz) and 1"-C (105.21 ppm), as shown in Tables I and II. Thus, the structure of the new diglycoside (I) should be 25-O-

acetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-xylopyranoside.

II was obtained as colorless needles, mp 245—246 °C, $[\alpha]_D - 38.2^\circ$, $[M]_{338} - 11231^\circ$, $[M]_{290} + 21349^\circ$, and the molecular formula was determined to be $C_{43}H_{68}O_{15}$ by the FAB-MS $[(M+1)^+, m/z~825, (M+Na)^+, m/z~847]$. The IR spectrum showed strong hydroxyl bands at 3500—3420 cm⁻¹ and an ester carbonyl and five-membered ketone band at 1738 cm⁻¹.

The ¹H-NMR (Table I) and ¹³C-NMR (Table II) spectra were similar to those of 23-O-acetylshengmanol derivatives previously isolated from the *Cimicifuga* species. ^{1,6)}

II was hydrolyzed with Cellulase A [Amano] 3 to afford IIa, mp 285—286 °C, $C_{37}H_{58}O_{10}$, $[\alpha]_D$ -45.5°, $[M]_{338}$ -12372°, $[M]_{290}$ +14246°; II was also hydrolyzed with Cellulase T [Amano] 4 to afford IIb, mp 175—176 °C, $C_{32}H_{50}O_6$, $[\alpha]_D$ -44.1°. By direct comparison with authentic specimens, IIa was identified to 23-*O*-acetyl

Table II. 13 C-NMR Chemical Shifts of I, II and Their Derivatives in Pyridine- d_5

I	Ia	Ib	II	IIa	ПР
32.08	32.13	32.22	31.70	31.74	32.21
		30.64	29.48	29.51	30.83
		77.57	88.11	88.03	77.63
			40.82	40.79	40.80
		46.80	46.92	47.96	47.10
	20.76	20.91	20.47	20.53	21.00
	26.14	25.79	26.17	26.14	26.53
	48.34	48.28	47.77	47.72	48.11
	19.69	19.54	19.59	19.59	19.80
26.32	26.37	26.53	26.25	26.28	26.81
26.02	26.05	26.12	25.47	25.47	25.79
33.69	33.71	33.62	32.52	32.53	32.81
41.50	41.52	41.44	41.06	41.06	41.32
46.89	46.90	47.02	45.58	45.58	45,84
	79.86	79.63	82.31	82.28	82.57
112.10	112.11	112.04	219.64	219.58	219.73
59.08	59.09	59.00	59.46	59.46	59.73
19.19	19.21	19.10	19.34	19.31	19.60
	30.63	30.64	30.01	29.99	30.42
23.62	23.64	23.52	27.46	27.46	27.72
19.19	19.21	19.10	19.86	19.85	20.09
37.59	37.60	37.51	36.44	36.44	36.72
71.38	71.39	71.33	71.73	71.74	71.92
86.47	86.48	86.39	64.75	64.75	64.96
82.94	82.95	82.91	58.35	58.38	58.46
21.26	21.26	21.23	24.24	24.21	24.44
22.70	23.05	22.89	18.87	18.86	19.10
11.50	11.52	11.41	11.52	11.47	11.73
25.29	25.41	25.71	25.09	25.17	25.85
15.13	15.14	14.45	14.98	14.93	14.61
170.08	170.09	170.12	170.49	170.50	170.55
22.03	22.03	21.94	20.56	20.53	20.74
106.56	107.16			106.79	
74.00	75.19		74.93	74.79	
87.80	78.19		87.39		
71.38	70.88		69.03		
66.03	66.69		65.81	66.36	
105.21			104.91		
75.23			73.81		
77.90			78.02		
69.27			71.06		
78.29					
62.26			61.95		
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shengmanol 3-O- β -D-xyloside,⁶⁾ and IIb was identified to 23-O-acetylshengmanol.⁶⁾

D-Glucose, $[\alpha]_D + 60.5^\circ$ and a mixture of methy- β -D-xyloside and methyl- α -D-xyloside, $[\alpha]_D + 66.9^\circ$ were obtained by HPLC of acidic hydrolysis products of II and identified, similarly to I. The connectivity $1 \rightarrow 3$ between D-glucose and D-xylose was confirmed by the definitive assignment of ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of II (Tables I and II). Thus, the structure of II should be 23-O-acetyl-shengmanol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - β -D-xylopyranoside.

25-*O*-Acetylcimigenol 3-*O*- β -D-xylopyranoside (Ia) and 23-*O*-acetylshengmanol 3-*O*- β -D-xylopyranoside (IIa) were also isolated and identified.

Experimental⁷⁾

Extraction and Isolation of I, II, Ia and IIa The dried aerial parts (6.07 kg) of Cimicifuga simplex, were collected in August, 1991 in Sendai, Japan and identified by G. Kusano, and the representative samples, which have been deposited at the Department of Pharmacognosy, Osaka

University of Pharmaceutical Sciences, were extracted with MeOH (801×3) at room temperature overnight. The MeOH solution was subjected to an activated charcoal column chromatography $(250\,\mathrm{g}, 6.7\,\mathrm{cm})$ i.d. $\times\,37\,\mathrm{cm}$) and the passed fraction was concentrated *in vacuo* to gummy extracts $(0.5\,\mathrm{kg})$.

The concentrated extracts were shaken with n-BuOH (300 ml) three times and the joined n-BuOH layer was washed with water (200 ml) twice. The water washings were subjected to a Diaion HP-20 column (5.5 cm i.d. \times 30 cm) chromatography and after elution with water (2.0 l), the adsorbed fraction was eluted with MeOH (1.0 l). After evaporation of the MeOH, the residue was kept at room temperature for several weeks to provide crystalline precipitates (3.0 g).

The precipitates were chromatographed on SiO_2 (150 g, 4.0 cm i.d. × 35.0 cm) and eluted with $CHCl_3$ –MeOH (10:1) [fraction A] and $CHCl_3$ –MeOH (5:1) [fraction B]. The ODS chromatographies (100 g, 3.5 cm i.d. × 24 cm) were carried out for each fraction. Elution with MeOH–H₂O (5:1) afforded Ia (120 mg) and with MeOH–H₂O (2:1), IIa (85 mg), from fraction A. Elution with MeOH–H₂O (9:1) afforded I (350 mg) and with MeOH–H₂O (2:1), II (200 mg), from fraction B.

I, mp 285—286 °C, Anal. Calcd for $C_{43}H_{68}O_{15} \cdot H_2O$: C, 61.12; H, 8.13. Found: C, 60.59; H, 8.46. FAB-MS: m/z 825 [M+1]⁺, $[\alpha]_D$ +11.6° (c=0.30, MeOH). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3550—3480 (OH), 1738 (OAc). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR (pyridine- d_5) ppm: Tables I and II.

Ia, mp 224—225 °C, $C_{37}H_{58}O_{10}$, FAB-MS: m/z 663 [M+1]⁺, $[\alpha]_D$ +25.2° (c=0.31, MeOH: pyridine=3:1). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3500—3480 (OH), 1735 (OAc). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra (Table I and II) were identical with those of an authentic specimen of 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O- β -D-xyloside.

II, mp 245—246 °C, Anal. Calcd for $C_{43}H_{68}O_{15} \cdot H_2O$: C, 61.12; H, 8.13. Found: C, 61.33; H, 8.38. FAB-MS: m/z 825 [M+1]⁺, 847 [M+Na]⁺, [α]_D -38.2° (c=1.01, MeOH), ORD: [M]₃₃₈ -11231° , [M]₂₉₀ +21349° (c=0.44, MeOH). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3500—3420 (OH), 1738 (OAc, >C=O). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR (pyridne- d_5) ppm: Tables I and II.

IIa, mp 285—286 °C, $C_{37}H_{58}O_{10}$, FAB-MS: m/z 663 [M+1]⁺, 685 [M+Na]⁺, ORD: [M]₃₃₈ -12372° , [M]₂₉₀ $+14246^{\circ}$ (c=0.45, MeOH). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3570—3430 (OH), 1727 (OAc), 1742 (> C=O). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR (Tables I and II) spectra were identical with those of an authentic specimen of 23-*O*-acetylshengmanol 3-*O*-β-D-xylopyranoside.

Hydrolysis of I with Cellulase A [Amano] 3 and T [Amano] 4 I (70 mg) was dissolved in 1% ethanolic AcOH (20 ml), then water (40 ml) was added on stirring and the solution was adjusted to pH 4.5 by the dropwise addition of AcOH. Cellulase A [Amano] 3 (from Aspergillus niger, 300 mg) was added and the solution was stirred for 4d at room temperature. The reaction solution was shaken with EtOAc (50 ml × 3), and after washing of the joined EtOAc layer with water and drying ultin Na₂SO₄, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to afford a crystalline Na₂SO₄, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to afford a crystalline id. × 9 cm) chromatography afforded Ia (66.3 mg) as colorless needles after recrystallization from a mixture of EtOAc and MeOH. Ia was identified to 25-O-acetylcimigenol 3-O-β-D-xyloside by direct comparison with the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of an authentic specimen.

I (100 mg) was dissolved in 1% ethanolic AcOH (20 ml), then water (40 ml) was added as mentioned above, and Cellulase T [Amano] 4 (from Trichoderma viride, 300 mg) was added. The solution was stirred for 4d at room temperature. The reaction solution was shaken with EtOAc (30 ml × 3), and after washing of the joined EtOAc layer with water and drying over Na₂SO₄, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. Recrystallization from a mixture of EtOAc and MeOH afforded Ib (63.4 mg) as colorless needles. Ib was identified to 25-O-acetylcimigenol by direct comparison with an authentic specimen by ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra.

Acidic Hydrolysis of I (45.5 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (1 ml) and 1 N HCl (2 ml) was added, then the reaction solution was refluxed for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction solution was shaken with EtOAc (30 ml × 3). The water layer in the partition with EtOAc was subjected to Amberlite IRA-35 column chromatography and the passed fraction was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (10.4 mg in CH₃CN 0.6 ml and water 0.3 ml) was subjected to HPLC [column: LiChrosorb NH₂ (5 μm), solvent: CH₃CN-H₂O (4:1), rate: 1 ml/min., column temperature: 40 °C], and D-glucose, t_R 9:30 and 9:40 min, [α]_D +60.8° (c=0.44, 50% MeOH) and a mixture of methyl- β -D-xyloside and methyl- α -D-xyloside (5:1), t_R 3:40 min, [α]_D +61.1° (c=0.26, 50% MeOH) were obtained and identified by comparison of t_R values,

¹H-NMR spectra and $[\alpha]_D$ values with authentic specimens. Methyl-αand -β-D-glucosides, t_R 5:30 min and D-xylose, t_R 5:50 min were not isolated in the HPLC.

Acetylation of I After I (35 mg) was dissolved to pyridine- d_5 (0.4 ml) and the ¹H-NMR spectrum was measured, acetic anhydride (0.1 ml) was added and the mixture stood overnight at room temperature. After the usual treatment, the product (Ic, 46 mg) was obtained as a colorless powder, mp 160—161 °C, $C_{57}H_{82}O_{22}$, FAB-MS: m/z 1058 [M – AcOH]⁺. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : Table I.

Hydrolysis of II with Cellulase A [Amano] 3 and T [Amano] 4 II (60 mg) was dissolved in 1% ethanolic AcOH (20 ml), and water (40 ml) was added. Cellulase A [Amano] 3 (100 mg) was added and the solution was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. The products were treated as in the case of I, and IIa (40 mg) was obtained as colorless needles by recrystallization from MeOH and identified to 23-O-acetylshengmanol 3-O- β -D-xyloside by direct comparison of 1 H- and 13 C-NMR spectra with an authentic specimen. 6

II (30 mg) was dissolved in 1% ethanolic AcOH (20 ml), and water (40 ml) was added. Cellulase T [Amano] 4 (100 mg) was added and the solution was stirred for 2d at room temperature. The products were treated as above, and IIb was obtained as colorless needles by recrystallization from a mixture of EtOAc and isopropyl ether and identified to 23-O-acetylshengmanol by direct comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra with an authentic specimen.

Acidic Hydrolysis of II II (67 mg) was dissolved in a mixture of MeOH (1 ml) and 1 n HCl (2 ml) and refluxed in a bath for 2 h. The products were treated as mentioned in I. D-Glucose, $t_{\rm R}$ 9:30 and 9:40 min, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +60.5° (c=0.24, 50% MeOH) and methyl- α - and - β -D-xylosides, $t_{\rm R}$ 3:40 min, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +66.9° (c=0.18, 50% MeOH) were obtained and identified by direct comparison of HPLC and ¹H-NMR spectra of authentic specimens. Methyl- α - and - β -D-glucosides, $t_{\rm R}$ 5:30 min and D-xylose, $t_{\rm R}$ 5:50 min were not isolated.

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