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## Chemical Studies on *Viburnum awabuki* K. KOCH

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From *Viburnum awabuki* K. KOCH (Caprifoliaceae), four new acetyl glucosides of scopoletin, 2',6'-di-*O*-acetylscopolin (1), 3',6'-di-*O*-acetylscopolin (2), 6'-*O*-acetylscopolin (3) and 2'-*O*-acetylscopolin (4), and two lupane-type triterpenes, 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid (6) and its 6 $\beta$ -epimer (7), were isolated. Their structures were elucidated on the basis of physico-chemical evidence, including proton and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry.

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*Viburnum awabuki* K. KOCH (Caprifoliaceae) is an evergreen which is cultivated as a windbreak in the southern part of Japan.<sup>1)</sup> Vibsanine A and B have been isolated from this plant as a piscicidal compound and a plant growth inhibitor, respectively, along with vibsanines C, D, E and F.<sup>2)</sup>

In this paper, we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of four new acetyl derivatives of a coumarin glucoside, 2',6'-di-*O*-acetylscopolin (1), 3',6'-di-*O*-acetylscopolin (2), 6'-*O*-acetylscopolin (3) and 2'-*O*-acetylscopolin (4), and two lupane-type triterpenes, 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid (6) and 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-3-on-28-oic acid (7). Fresh leaves of the title plant were extracted with hot methanol (MeOH). The ethyl acetate (AcOEt)-soluble fraction of the extract was separated by repeated column chromatography as described in the experimental section to give four new coumarin derivatives, 1, 2, 3 and 4, and two triterpenes, 6 and 7, along with scopolin (5), lup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid (8),<sup>3)</sup> ursolic acid, and vibsanines B and C.

Compound 1, mp 184—186 °C, has the molecular formula, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>, based on the elemental analysis and the mass spectrum (MS). The ultraviolet (UV) spectrum of 1 showed the characteristic coumarin absorption (described in the experimental section). The proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C-NMR) spectra of 1 (Table I) showed the presence of the coumarin skeleton [ $\delta$  6.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4) and 114.8 (C-3), 143.3 (C-4)], two acetyl groups [ $\delta$  2.12 (6H, s)], a methoxyl group [ $\delta$  3.82 (3H, s) and  $\delta$  57.0 (q)] and a glucosyl moiety (Table I) having acetyl groups. The two singlet proton signals,  $\delta$  6.90 and 7.10, showed that two substituents were at C-6 and C-7 of the B-ring. From these data, 1 was supposed to be a diacetate of scopolin (7-*O*-glucosyl-6-methoxycoumarin) or iso-scopolin (6-*O*-glucosyl-7-methoxycoumarin). In a nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) experiment, irradiation of H-4 gave 11% NOE at the  $\delta$  6.90 signal and irradiation of the methoxyl group gave 19% NOE at the same signal. These results indicated that the aglycone part was scopoletin and 1 was an acetate of scopolin, which was confirmed by methanolysis of 1 to give scopoletin and methyl  $\alpha$ -glucopyranoside. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra, the C-1', C-3' and C-5' signals appeared at higher field ( $\delta$  100.1, 74.7 and 74.9, respectively), so the substitution pattern of the acetyl groups was considered to be 2',6'-diacetyl. This was confirmed from the use of the exciton chirality

method of Nakanishi *et al.*<sup>4)</sup> Compound **1** was *p*-bromobenzoylated to give di-*p*-*O*-bromobenzoate (**1a**), (confirmed by the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum). The benzoate (**1a**) showed a strong Cotton effect in the circular dichroism (CD) spectrum and the *A*-value<sup>5)</sup> was  $-55.4$  (Fig. 1), which accorded with the calculated *A*-value of the 3,4-di-*O*-*p*-bromobenzoate of glucose ( $-62$ ). Thus, the structure of **1** was determined to be 2',6'-*O*-acetylscopolin.

Compound **2**, mp 155–158 °C, has the same molecular formula as **1** based on elemental analysis and the MS (*m/z*: 438). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **2** showed almost the same signal patterns (Table I) as in the case of **1**. Only the carbon signals of the glucosyl moieties were different from each other, so **2** was concluded to be a positional isomer of the acetyl groups. In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **2**, the C-2', C-4' and C-5' signals appeared at higher field ( $\delta$  72.4, 69.5 and 75.4 respectively), so **2** was concluded to be 3',6'-*O*-acetylscopolin.

Compound **3**, mp 229 °C, has the molecular formula, C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, based on elemental

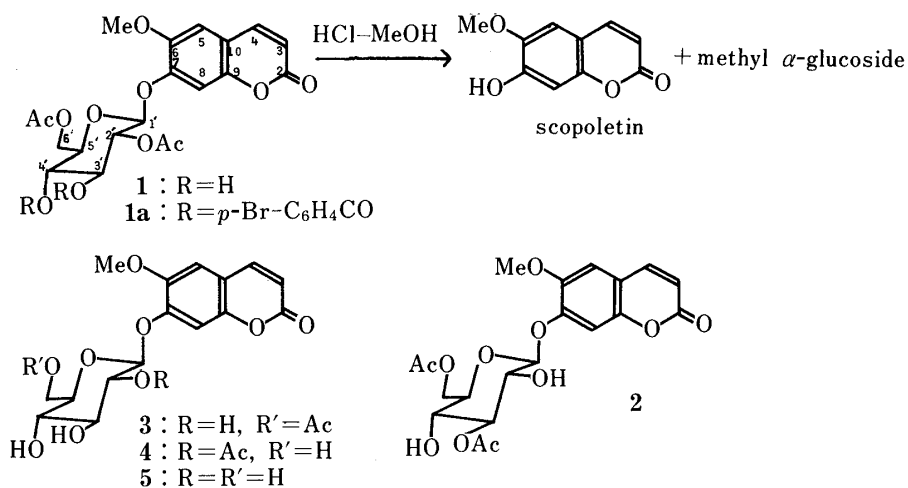


Chart 1

TABLE I. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Chemical Shifts of **1**–**5**<sup>a)</sup>

Carbon No.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
C-2	161.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.9
C-3	114.8	114.4	114.2	114.6	114.1
C-4	143.3	143.5	143.4	143.5	143.5
C-5	110.4	110.3	110.1	111.0	110.3
C-6	147.6	147.1	147.9	147.5	147.2
C-7	150.4	151.3	151.3	151.3	151.3
C-8	106.1	104.7	104.6	105.9	104.3
C-9	149.4	150.1	150.1	149.8	150.1
C-10	114.1	113.4	113.1	113.9	113.0
C-1'	100.1	101.7	102.0	100.6	102.0
C-2'	73.4	72.4	74.4	75.9	74.7
C-3'	74.7	78.9	78.2	74.8	78.5
C-4'	70.7	69.5	71.2	71.4	71.2
C-5'	74.9	75.4	75.6	79.3	78.9
C-6'	63.5	64.0	64.4	62.1	62.4
OMe	57.0	56.3	56.3	56.8	56.5
C=O	170.6	170.6	170.6	169.9	
	171.7				
CH <sub>3</sub>	20.8	20.6	20.6	21.0	

<sup>a)</sup> Measured in pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>.

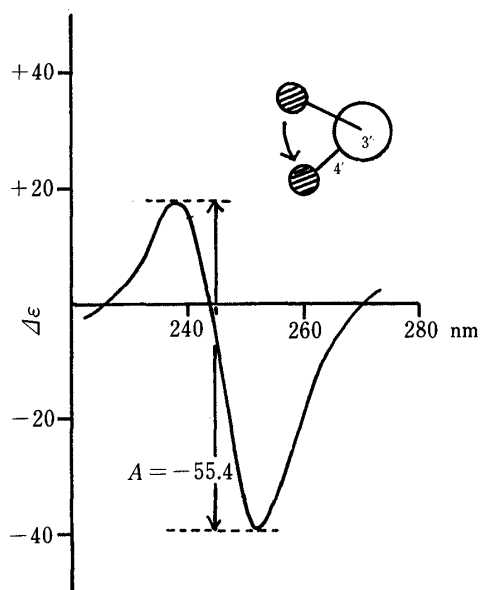


Fig. 1. CD Spectrum of the Di-*O-p*-bromobenzoate (**1a**) of **1**

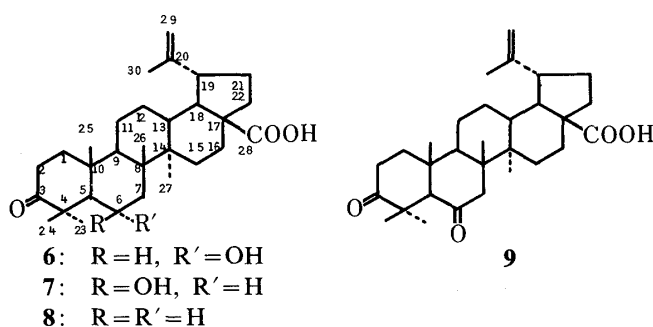


Chart 2

analysis and the MS ( $m/z$ : 396). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **3** indicated that **3** is a monoacetate of scopolin. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum the C-6' signal appeared at lower field ( $\delta$  64.4) and the C-5' signal appeared at higher field ( $\delta$  75.6), while the other carbon signals of the glucosyl moiety appeared at ordinary field (Table I). Thus, **3** was concluded to be 6'-*O*-acetylscopolin.

Compound **4**, mp 208–210 °C, has the molecular formula,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_{10}$ , based on elemental analysis and the MS spectrum. The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra indicated that **4** was also a monoacetate of scopolin, like **3**. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum, the C-2' signal appeared at lower field ( $\delta$  75.9), the C-3' signal at higher field ( $\delta$  74.8) and the other signals at ordinary field. Thus, **4** was concluded to be 2'-*O*-acetylscopolin.

The molecular formula of compound **6**, mp 276–279 °C, was suggested to be  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_4$ , from the MS. The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **6** showed the presence of characteristic signals of lupane-type triterpenes, such as those of five tertiary methyl groups ( $\delta$  0.73, 0.99, 1.03, 1.29 and 1.32), an isopropenyl group [ $\delta$  1.69, (3H, s, vinyl methyl), 4.60 and 4.71 (each H, brs, exomethylene), and  $\delta$  109.7 (t) and 151.5 (s)], a carbonyl group ( $\delta$  221.1), a carboxyl group ( $\delta$  179.2) and a hydroxyl group [ $\delta$  3.87 (H, dt,  $J=4.8$  and 10.9 Hz) and  $\delta$  67.5]. These results indicated that **6** is lupane-type triterpene, having a 3-keto group. A comparison of the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **6** with that of lupenone<sup>6)</sup> indicated that **6** is 6-hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid. Compound **7**, mp 274–276 °C, has the same molecular formula,  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_4$ , as **6** based on elemental analysis and the MS. The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **7** showed signals

TABLE II.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Chemical Shifts of **6**–**9**

Carbon No.	<b>6</b> <sup>a)</sup>	<b>7</b> <sup>b)</sup>	<b>8</b> <sup>b)</sup>	<b>9</b> <sup>b)</sup>
C-1	39.7	40.1	39.7	41.2
C-2	33.2	34.5	34.1	33.9
C-3	217.0	216.3	216.0	214.4
C-4	42.5	42.2	47.3	47.0 <sup>c)</sup>
C-5	58.6	56.5	54.8	65.5
C-6	67.5	69.8	19.7	212.0
C-7	44.2	41.9	33.7	52.0
C-8	38.4	37.5	40.7	47.7 <sup>c)</sup>
C-9	49.2 <sup>c)</sup>	50.9 <sup>c)</sup>	49.9 <sup>c)</sup>	50.7 <sup>d)</sup>
C-10	32.2	34.5	37.0	43.8
C-11	21.9	21.3	21.5	21.7
C-12	25.6	25.2	25.6	25.2
C-13	38.0	37.5	38.6	38.3
C-14	41.4	42.9	42.5	43.1
C-15	29.8	29.9	29.8	29.8
C-16	32.9	32.2	32.2	32.1
C-17	56.2	56.9	56.5	56.3
C-18	49.0 <sup>c)</sup>	49.5 <sup>c)</sup>	49.4 <sup>c)</sup>	49.5 <sup>d)</sup>
C-19	47.4	47.0	46.9	47.0
C-20	150.5	150.3	150.2	150.1
C-21	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7
C-22	37.1	37.0	36.8	37.0
C-23	25.6	25.7	26.7	24.3
C-24	19.4	21.3	21.0	21.6
C-25	16.4 <sup>d)</sup>	17.3 <sup>d)</sup>	15.9	16.2 <sup>e)</sup>
C-26	17.7 <sup>d)</sup>	17.1 <sup>d)</sup>	15.9	16.5 <sup>e)</sup>
C-27	14.6	15.0	14.6	15.0
C-28	179.2	181.9	182.2	185.2
C-29	109.7	109.8	109.7	110.0
C-30	19.4	19.5	19.4	19.5

*a)* Measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ . *b)* Measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . *c, d, e)* Assignments may be interchanged in each column.

similar to those of **6**, except for the C-5, -6 and -7 signals (Table II). Thus, it was considered that **6** and **7** are C-6 epimers. This was confirmed by obtaining the same diketo derivative (**9**) from both **6** and **7** by oxidation. In the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, the signal of the proton at C-6 of **6** appeared as a triplet-doublet ( $J = 10.9$  and  $4.8$  Hz) and that of the proton at C-6 of **7** appeared as a broad doublet ( $W_{1/2}$ ,  $J = 7.5$  Hz). These results indicate that the 6-hydroxyl group of **6** is equatorial and the 6-hydroxy group of **7** is axial. Compounds **6** and **7** were concluded to be  $6\alpha$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid and  $6\beta$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid, respectively. Ageta and Kobayashi<sup>7)</sup> isolated the  $6\alpha$ -isomer from the same source. Compound **6** was shown to be identical with an authentic sample of the  $6\alpha$ -isomer (as a methyl ester).

### Experimental

All melting points were measured on a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO A-202 grating infrared spectrometer and UV spectra on a Shimadzu UV-210 spectrometer. Optical rotations were determined on a JASCO DIP-140 digital polarimeter. CD spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-20A automatic recording spectropolarimeter.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-FX 90Q FT (90 MHz) NMR spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard ( $\delta$  value).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-FX 90Q FT (22.5 MHz) NMR spectrometer ( $\delta$  value). MS were recorded on JEOL JMS D-100 and JMS 01SG-2 mass spectrometers. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on

precoated Silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> plates (Merck). Column chromatography was carried out on Silica gel Type 60 (Merck).

**Extraction and Isolation of Constituents**—Fresh leaves of *V. awabuki* (9 kg), were extracted with hot MeOH. The MeOH extract was extracted with AcOEt to give the AcOEt extract (260 g). The aqueous solution was extracted with *n*-butanol to give the *n*-butanol extract (160 g). The AcOEt extract was placed on a top of a silica gel column and eluted with *n*-hexane, chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), AcOEt, acetone and MeOH successively to give five eluates. The CHCl<sub>3</sub> eluate (38 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column (benzene–acetone = 100 : 3) to give 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic acid (**6**) (350 mg) and the 6 $\beta$ -isomer (**7**) (50 mg). The AcOEt eluate (89 g) gave ursolic acid (6.3 g), vibsanine B (1.5 g), vibsanine C (500 mg), 2',6'-di-*O*-acetylscopolin (**1**) (90 mg), 3',6'-di-*O*-acetyl scopolin (**2**) (30 mg) and 6'-*O*-acetylscopolin (**3**) (20 mg) on repeated silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH gradient solvent system). The acetone eluate (60 g) gave ursolic acid (2 g), **1** (120 mg), **2** (25 mg) and **3** (30 mg) repeated silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH gradient solvent system). The *n*-butanol fraction (160 g) was subjected to Mitsubishi Diaion HP-20 column chromatography. The MeOH–water (50 : 50) eluate was chromatographed on a silica gel column (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH gradient solvent system) to give **1** (400 mg), **2** (20 mg), **3** (20 mg), 3'-*O*-acetylscopolin (**4**) (60 mg) and scopolin (**5**) (40 mg).

**2',6'-Di-*O*-acetylscopolin (1)**—mp 184–186 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3500, 1720, 1260, 1080. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 205.3 (4.4), 227.5 (4.2), 250 (3.7), 257.5 (3.6), 287 (3.8), 339 (4.0). MS  $m/z$ : 438 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>), 192. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 52.63; H, 5.30. Found: C, 52.77; H, 4.97. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–CD<sub>3</sub>OD): 2.08 (3H, s, Ac), 2.12 (3H, s, Ac), 3.82 (3H, s, OMe), 6.29 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 6.90 (H, s, H-5), 7.10 (H, s, H-8), 7.65 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table I.

**Methanolysis of 1**—2',6'-Di-*O*-acetylscopolin (**1**) (30 mg) was dissolved in 5% HCl–MeOH (5 ml) and refluxed for 1 h. The filtrate was evaporated to give the residue, which was separated by TLC to give scopoletin and methyl  $\alpha$ -glucoside. Scopoletin was identified by comparison with an authentic sample. Methyl  $\alpha$ -glucoside was *p*-bromobenzoylated to give the per-*p*-bromobenzoate, which was shown to be identical with an authentic sample by high performance liquid chromatography.

**3',6'-Di-*O*-Acetylscopolin (2)**—mp 155–158 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3500, 1740, 1280, 1080. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 204 (4.5), 226 (4.2), 287 (3.7), 340 (4.9). MS  $m/z$ : 438 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub> · 1/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.71; H, 5.18. Found: C, 53.14; H, 4.91. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>): 1.82 (3H, s, Ac), 1.89 (3H, s, Ac), 3.46 (3H, s, OMe), 6.10 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 6.81 (1H, s, H-5), 7.28 (H, s, H-8), 7.45 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table I.

**6'-*O*-Acetylscopolin (3)**—mp 229 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3450, 1730, 1280, 1080. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 205 (4.2), 227 (3.8), 287 (3.2), 338 (3.5). MS  $m/z$ : 396 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>10</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>10</sub>: C, 54.54; H, 5.09. Found: C, 54.10; H, 5.02. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>): 2.18 (3H, s, Ac), 3.98 (3H, s, OMe), 6.36 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 7.10 (H, s, H-5), 7.56 (H, s, H-8), 7.80 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table I.

**2'-*O*-Acetylscopolin (4)**—mp 208–210 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3510, 1725, 1255, 1060. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 204 (4.4), 224 (4.1), 287 (3.6), 342 (3.5). MS  $m/z$ : 396 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>10</sub>), 192. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>10</sub> · 3/5H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.09; H, 5.24. Found: C, 52.90; H, 5.00. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>): 1.89 (3H, s, Ac), 3.54 (3H, s, OMe), 6.15 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 6.85 (H, s, H-5), 7.26 (H, s, H-8), 7.47 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table I.

**Scopolin (5)**—mp 208–213 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3460, 1700, 1280, 1080. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 205 (4.4), 227 (4.1), 289 (3.6), 340 (3.8). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>9</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.61; H, 5.41, C, 51.61; H, 5.30. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>): 3.52 (3H, s, OMe), 6.12 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 6.83 (H, s, H-5), 7.19 (H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 7.28 (H, s, H-8). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table I.

**6 $\alpha$ -Hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic Acid (6)**—mp 276–279 °C (*n*-hexane–AcOEt). MS  $m/z$ : 470 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>4</sub>).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 78.3^\circ$  (*c* = 0.10, MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3370, 1739, 1700, 1240. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + CD<sub>3</sub>OD): 0.73, 0.99, 1.03, 1.29, 1.32, 1.69 (3H each, s, Me  $\times$  6), 3.87 (H, dt, *J* = 4.80, 10.69 Hz, H-6), 4.62, 4.71 (1H each, br s, H-29). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table II.

**6 $\beta$ -Hydroxylup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic Acid (7)**—mp 274–276 °C (*n*-hexane–AcOEt). MS  $m/z$ : 470 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 76.55; H, 9.85. Found: C, 76.46; H, 10.05. IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3520, 1697, 1460, 1379.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} - 27.1^\circ$  (*c* = 0.66, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.93, 1.14, 1.34, 1.69 (3H each, s, Me  $\times$  4), 1.41 (6H, s, Me  $\times$  2), 4.45 (1H, br s, H-6), 4.61, 4.72 (1H each, br s, H-29). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table II.

**Lup-20(29)-en-3-on-28-oic Acid (8)**—Amorphous powder. MS  $m/z$ : 454 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>3</sub>).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 31.5^\circ$  (*c* = 0.84, MeOH), IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1704, 1697, 1460, 1380. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.97, 0.99, 1.01, 1.08, 1.44, 1.69 (each 3H, s, Me  $\times$  6), 4.57, 4.68 (each H, br s, H-29). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table II.

**Oxidation of 6 and 7**—**6** (40 mg) was oxidized with Jones' reagent to give the diketo derivative (**9**). Colorless powder. MS  $m/z$ : 468 (M<sup>+</sup>) (C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.01, 1.14, 1.48, 1.71 (each 3H, s, Me  $\times$  4), 1.09 (6H, s, Me  $\times$  2), 4.64, 4.76 (each H, br s, H-29). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table II. Compound **7** was oxidized in the same way to give **9**.

***p*-Bromobenzoylation of 1**—A mixture of **1** (30 mg) and *p*-bromobenzoyl chloride (excess) in pyridine (2 ml) was stirred overnight at 100 °C. The reaction solution was poured into ice-water and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> to give the residue, which was purified by preparative layer chromatography to give the di-*p*-bromobenzoate (**1a**) of **1**; the structure of **1a** was identified by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, which showed the presence of two acetyl groups and two characteristic AA'BB'' type signals of *p*-bromobenzoate groups. CD (*c* = 0.003, MeOH):  $\Delta\epsilon - 38.7$  (254) (negative

maximum), +16.7 (237) (positive maximum).

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