

## Structures of Six New Eremophilenolides from the Rhizomes of *Petasites japonicus* MAXIM.<sup>1)</sup>

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Six new eremophilenolides, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (1), 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ -methoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (2), 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dimethoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (3), the mixture of 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (4) and 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (5), and 6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxy-8 $\beta$ -hydroxy-3-oxoeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (6), were isolated from the dried rhizomes of *Petasites japonicus* MAXIM. (Compositae). The structures of these compounds were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic evidence.

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The rhizomes of *Petasites japonicus* MAXIM. (Compositae) have been used for the treatment of tonsillitis, contusion and poisonous snake bite in China.<sup>2)</sup> In previous papers, we reported on the structure elucidation of eremophilenolides,<sup>3)</sup> triterpenoids,<sup>4)</sup> anthraquinones,<sup>4)</sup> and phenolic compounds.<sup>5)</sup> The present paper describes the further isolation and structure elucidation of six new eremophilenolides: 3 $\beta$ -hydroxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (1), 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ -methoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (2), 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dimethoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (3), the mixture of 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (4) and 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (5), and 6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxy-8 $\beta$ -hydroxy-3-oxoeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (6). Extraction and isolation were carried out as described in the Experimental section.

Compound 1, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> -136.0°, was isolated as colorless needles, mp 168—169°C. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of a hydroxyl group (3471 cm<sup>-1</sup>), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone (1741 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and a double bond (1684 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\max}$ : 223 nm). The <sup>1</sup>H- (Table I) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table II) spectra were

similar to those of the eremophilenolides previously isolated from the rhizomes of *P. japonicus*<sup>3)</sup> and showed signals due to a tertiary methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.85 (s, H-15),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  25.0 (C-15)], a secondary methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.98 (d,  $J=7.3$  Hz, H-14),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  7.5 (C-14)], an olefinic methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.80 (dd,  $J=1.5, 1.5$  Hz, H-13),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  8.1 (C-13)], an AB-type methylene [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.20 (d,  $J=13.9$  Hz, H-6 $\beta$ ), 2.75 (dd,  $J=13.9, 1.5$  Hz, H-6 $\alpha$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.7 (C-6)], a hydroxy-bearing methine [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.13 (ddd,  $J=11.4, 4.4, 4.4$  Hz, H-3 $\alpha$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  68.9 (C-3)], an oxygenated methine [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.80 (m, H-8 $\alpha$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.7 (C-8)] and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  122.3 (C-11), 161.8 (C-7), 174.7 (C-12)], establishing that the lactone belongs to a sesquiterpene of the eremophilane-type. Naya *et al.*<sup>6)</sup> reported that for 8 $\alpha$ -methoxyeremophilenolide derivatives, the chemical shifts due to the secondary methyl group (H-14) are downfield from those due to the tertiary methyl group (H-15), whereas this relationship is reversed in the 8 $\beta$ -series. These variations in the chemical shifts may be explained similarly in terms of the effect due to the alteration in geometry of the skeleton observed in the steroid field: by bending rings away from the angular methyl group, or by blocking the angular methyl's view over the remaining skeleton the

TABLE I. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Chemical Shifts (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)

Proton	1	2	3	4a	5a	6
3 $\alpha$	4.13 ddd ( $J=11.4, 4.4, 4.4$ )	4.07 ddd ( $J=11.4, 4.4, 4.4$ )	4.01 ddd ( $J=11.4, 4.4, 4.4$ )	4.97 ddd ( $J=11.7, 4.4, 4.4$ )	4.99 ddd ( $J=3.0, 3.0, 2.9$ )	
6 $\alpha$	2.75 dd ( $J=13.9, 1.5$ )	4.35 d ( $J=1.5$ )	4.28 d ( $J=1.5$ )	6.19 d ( $J=1.5$ )	5.76 s	5.61 s
6 $\beta$	2.20 d ( $J=13.9$ )					
8 $\alpha$	4.80 m	4.77 m				
9 $\alpha$	2.17 ddd ( $J=12.8, 6.6, 2.2$ )	2.17 ddd ( $J=12.8, 6.6, 2.2$ )				
13	1.80 dd ( $J=1.5, 1.5$ )	1.97 dd ( $J=1.5, 1.5$ )	2.01 d ( $J=1.5$ )	1.83 d ( $J=1.5$ )	2.03 s	2.02 s
14	0.98 d ( $J=7.3$ )	0.95 d ( $J=7.3$ )	0.94 d ( $J=7.3$ )	0.96 d ( $J=7.3$ )	0.95 d ( $J=7.0$ )	1.02 d ( $J=6.6$ )
15	0.85 s	0.83 s	0.83 s	0.97 s	1.26 s	1.00 s
3'				6.97 qq ( $J=7.0, 1.5$ )	6.84 qq ( $J=7.0, 1.5$ )	6.20 qq ( $J=7.3, 1.5$ )
4'				1.87 dq ( $J=7.0, 1.1$ )	1.81 dq ( $J=7.0, 1.1$ )	2.04 dq ( $J=7.3, 1.5$ )
5'				1.93 dq ( $J=1.5, 1.1$ )	1.84 dq ( $J=1.5, 1.1$ )	1.92 dq ( $J=1.5, 1.5$ )
6-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.49 s	3.47 s			
8-OCH <sub>3</sub>			3.20 s			
COCH <sub>3</sub>				2.00 s	1.89 s	
COCH <sub>3</sub>				2.10 s	2.08 s	

Coupling constants ( $J$  in Hz) are given in parentheses.

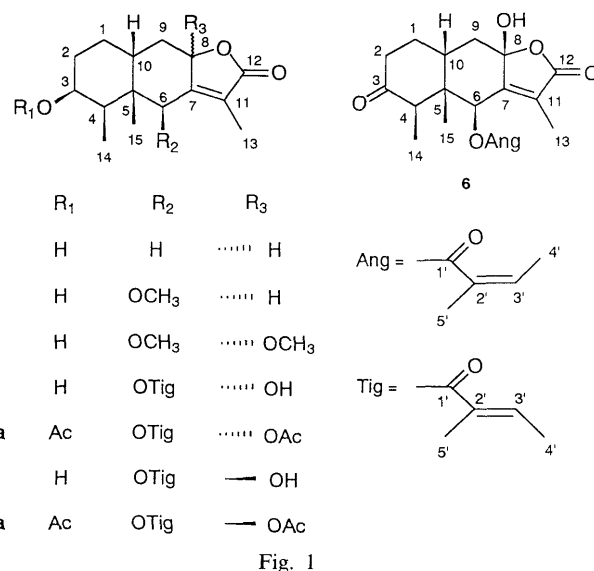
TABLE II.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Chemical Shifts ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)

Carbon	1	2	3	4a	5a	6
1	27.3	27.3	26.9	26.3	21.1	26.3
2	29.3	28.9	28.7	25.3	24.6	38.7
3	68.9	68.7	68.8	71.5	73.1	209.9
4	44.7	38.2	38.8	35.5 <sup>a)</sup>	32.3	45.1
5	41.0	46.6	47.2	45.6	41.9	46.6
6	33.7	80.5	79.8	70.2	70.2	70.6
7	161.8	160.9	157.2	154.2	149.7	151.1
8	77.7	77.4	106.9	104.6	103.4	103.5
9	34.6	35.3	38.1	35.6 <sup>a)</sup>	38.0	36.7
10	35.2	35.1	34.9	35.1	34.6	34.7
11	122.3	121.9	126.2	126.2	129.8	129.4
12	174.7	174.6	171.4	170.8	170.3 <sup>c)</sup>	170.5
13	8.1	8.5	8.4	8.5 <sup>b)</sup>	8.9	9.0
14	7.5	7.4	7.6	8.6 <sup>b)</sup>	12.3	8.0
15	25.0	19.5	18.9	19.7	18.3	18.9
1'				166.4	166.5	166.8
2'				127.9	127.9	126.7
3'				139.0	137.5	141.1
4'				14.7	14.4	16.0
5'				12.2	12.1	20.6
6-OCH <sub>3</sub>		60.0	59.6			
8-OCH <sub>3</sub>			50.1			
COCH <sub>3</sub>				21.3	21.3	
COCH <sub>3</sub>				22.2	21.6	
COCH <sub>3</sub>				168.1	168.3	
COCH <sub>3</sub>				170.0	170.3 <sup>c)</sup>	

a—b) Assignments may be reversed. c) Signals were overlapped.

methyl signal may cause a downfield shift.<sup>6)</sup> Naya and his colleagues also reported that the homoallylic coupling ( $J=1.0\text{--}1.5\text{ Hz}$ ) between the olefinic methyl group (H-13) and H-6 $\alpha$  found in the 8 $\alpha$ -series, is absent in the 8 $\beta$ -series. The value of the optical rotation of the 8 $\beta$ -series, which had a steroidal conformation, was positive, and that of the 8 $\alpha$ -series, which had a non-steroidal conformation, was negative.<sup>6)</sup> The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** showed a singlet of the tertiary methyl group (H-15) at  $\delta$  0.85 and a doublet of the secondary methyl group (H-14) at  $\delta$  0.98 ( $J=7.3\text{ Hz}$ ), as well as the homoallylic coupling ( $J=1.5\text{ Hz}$ ) of the olefinic methyl group (H-13) with H-6 $\alpha$ . Furthermore, the value of the optical rotation was negative. These data indicated that **1** exists in a non-steroidal conformation. The position of the hydroxyl group was determined to be at the C-3 $\beta$  by comparing the chemical shift, coupling pattern and constants of the hydroxy-bearing methine proton of **1** with those of 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ -acyleremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olides.<sup>3)</sup> On the basis of the above evidence, the structure of **1** was determined to be 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-remophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide. Compound **1** was isolated from a natural source for the first time, although **1** has already been synthesized by Naya *et al.*<sup>7)</sup>

Compound **2**,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -189.6^\circ$ , was isolated as colorless needles, mp 180—181 °C. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of a hydroxyl group ( $3474\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $1746\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a double bond ( $1678\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 219 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **2** were virtually identical to those of **1** except for the presence of a methoxyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.49 (s),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  60.0]. The position of the methoxyl group was determined by  $^1\text{H}$ -detected heteronuclear mul-



tip bond correlation (HMBC) and nuclear Overhauser effect correlation spectroscopy (NOESY). In the HMBC spectrum, a cross peak was observed between the methoxyl group at  $\delta$  3.49 and the C-6 at  $\delta$  80.5, so that the methoxyl group is attached at the C-6. In the NOESY spectrum, each signal of H-6 $\alpha$  and H-8 $\alpha$  showed a correlation, so that the methoxyl group is  $\beta$ -oriented. On the basis of this evidence, the structure of **2** was determined to be 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ -methoxyremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide.

Compound **3**,  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -86.7^\circ$ , was isolated as colorless oil. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of a hydroxyl group ( $3509\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $1757\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a double bond ( $1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 225 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **3** were virtually identical to those of **2** except for the presence of one more methoxyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.20 (s),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  50.1], the position of which was determined as follows. In the HMBC spectrum, a cross peak was observed between the methoxyl group at  $\delta$  3.20 and the C-8 at  $\delta$  106.9, so that this methoxyl group is attached at the C-8. In the NOESY spectrum, each signal of the methoxyl proton and H-6 $\alpha$  showed a correlation, so that this methoxyl group is  $\alpha$ -oriented. Based on this evidence, the structure of **3** was determined to be 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-6 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dimethoxyremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide.

A mixture of compounds **4** and **5** was obtained as colorless oil. These compounds could not be separated by silica gel column chromatography or HPLC. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum was virtually identical to that of C-8-epimers of 6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxy-3 $\beta$ ,8-dihydroxyremophileno-olides<sup>8)</sup> except for the presence of a tigloyloxy group in place of an angeloyloxy group. The mixture was treated with acetic anhydride-pyridine to afford an epimeric mixture of diacetate (**4a** and **5a**), which was then separated by silica gel column chromatography. Compound **4a**,  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -66.7^\circ$ , was isolated as a colorless oil. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $1776\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester ( $1729\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a double bond ( $1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -

unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\max}$ : 222 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **4a** were virtually identical to those of 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide<sup>8)</sup> except for the presence of a tigloyloxy group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.87 (dq,  $J=7.0, 1.1$  Hz, H-4'), 1.93 (dq,  $J=1.5, 1.1$  Hz, H-5'), 6.97 (qq,  $J=7.0, 1.5$  Hz, H-3'),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  12.2 (C-5'), 14.7 (C-4'), 127.9 (C-2'), 139.0 (C-3'), 166.4 (C-1')] in place of an angeloyloxy group. The position of the tigloyloxy group was confirmed by the HMBC spectrum, in which a cross peak was observed between the H-6 $\alpha$  at  $\delta$  6.19 and the C-1' at  $\delta$  166.4, confirming that a tigloyloxy group was attached at the C-6 $\beta$ . The structure of **4a** was then determined to be 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide. Thus, the structure of **4** is 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide.

Compound **5a**,  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +55.6^\circ$ , was isolated as colorless oil. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $1775\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester ( $1733\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a double bond ( $1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\max}$ : 225 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **5a** were virtually identical to those of 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide<sup>8)</sup> except for the presence of a tigloyloxy group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.81 (dq,  $J=7.0, 1.1$  Hz, H-4'), 1.84 (dq,  $J=1.5, 1.1$  Hz, H-5'), 6.84 (qq,  $J=7.0, 1.5$  Hz, H-3'),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  12.1 (C-5'), 14.4 (C-4'), 127.9 (C-2'), 137.5 (C-3'), 166.5 (C-1')] in place of an angeloyloxy group. The position of a tigloyloxy group was confirmed by the HMBC spectrum, in which a cross peak was observed between the H-6 $\alpha$  at  $\delta$  5.76 and the C-1' at  $\delta$  166.5, showing that a tigloyloxy group was attached at the C-6 $\beta$ . The structure of **5a** was then determined to be 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide. Thus, the structure of **5** is 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide.

Compound **6**,  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6$ ,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +38.1^\circ$ , was isolated as colorless oil. The IR spectrum suggested the presence of a hydroxyl group ( $3600\text{--}3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $1759\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), a six-membered ring ketone and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester ( $1713\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and a double bond ( $1648\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The UV spectrum also suggested the presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\lambda_{\max}$ : 220 nm). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra showed signals due to a tertiary methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.00 (s, H-15),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  18.9 (C-15)], a secondary methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.02 (d,  $J=6.6$  Hz, H-14),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  8.0 (C-14)], an olefinic methyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.02 (s, H-13),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  9.0 (C-13)], an angeloyloxy group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.92 (dq,  $J=1.5, 1.5$  Hz, H-5'), 2.04 (dq,  $J=7.3, 1.5$  Hz, H-4'), 6.20 (qq,  $J=7.3, 1.5$  Hz, H-3'),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  16.0 (C-4'), 20.6 (C-5'), 126.7 (C-2'), 141.1 (C-3'), 166.8 (C-1')],<sup>3)</sup> an angeloyloxy-bearing methine [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.61 (s, H-6 $\alpha$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  70.6 (C-6)], an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\gamma$ -lactone [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  129.4 (C-11), 151.1 (C-7), 170.5 (C-12)], a hemi-ketal carbon [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  103.5 (C-8)] and a carbonyl carbon [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  209.9 (C-3)], which is correlated with the secondary methyl group (C-14) at  $\delta$  1.02 in the HMBC spectrum. Thus, the structure of **6** was estimated to be 6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxy-8( $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ )-hydroxy-3-oxoeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide. In the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, the homoallylic coupling between the olefinic methyl group (H-13) and H-6 $\alpha$  is lacking. In the NOESY spectrum, each signal of the secondary methyl group (H-14) and H-6 $\alpha$  showed a

correlation. These data indicated that **6** exists in a steroidal conformation. On the basis of the above evidence, the structure of **6** was determined to be 6 $\beta$ -angeloyloxy-8 $\beta$ -hydroxy-3-oxoeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide.

#### Experimental

**General Procedures** Melting points were determined with a Yanagimoto micromelting apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were determined with a JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR 1725X infrared spectrophotometer and UV spectra with a Beckman DU-64 spectrophotometer.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-GSX 400 (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were given on a  $\delta$  (ppm) scale with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard (s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, double doublet; ddd, double double doublet; dq, double quartet; qq, quartet quartet; m, multiplet). The electron ionization mass spectrum (EI-MS) and high resolution mass spectrum (HR-MS) were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DX 303 mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was carried out on Kieselgel 60 (Merck; 230–400 mesh). Preparative HPLC was carried out on a Tosoh HPLC system (pump, CCPD; detector, UV-8011) using a TSK gel ODS-120T column (Tosoh) and TSK gel OH-120 column (Tosoh).

**Plant Material** The dried rhizomes of *Petasites japonicus* were purchased from Tochimoto Tenkaido Co., Ltd. in 1990.

**Extraction and Isolation** The dried rhizomes of *Petasites japonicus* (3.0 kg) were extracted three times with MeOH at room temperature for 2 weeks. The MeOH extract was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was suspended in a small excess of water. This suspension was extracted, successively, with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , AcOEt and *n*-BuOH. The  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -soluble fraction was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a residue (112.5 g). This residue (60.0 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column using benzene–AcOEt (9:1, 8:2, 7:3) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ –MeOH (8:2), and the eluate was separated into 4 fractions (frs. 1–4). Fraction 4 was rechromatographed on a silica gel column using benzene–AcOEt (6:4, 5:5, 4:6, 3:7) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ –MeOH (9:1, 8:2), and the eluate was separated into 4 fractions (frs. 1'–4'). Fraction 2' was rechromatographed on a silica gel column using *n*-hexane–acetone (5:4, 5:5, 4:5, 3:6) and acetone, and the eluate was separated into 8 fractions (frs. 1''–8''). Fraction 3'' was rechromatographed on a silica gel column using benzene–AcOEt (3:2, 2:2), and the eluate was separated into 7 fractions (frs. 1'''–7'''). Fraction 6''' was purified by preparative HPLC (Column, TSK gel ODS-120T, 21.5 mm i.d.  $\times$  30 cm; mobile phase, MeOH– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1); flow rate, 3.0 ml/min; UV detector, 220 nm) to give **3** (20.5 mg), a mixture of **4** and **5** (16.8 mg) and **6** (5.3 mg). Fraction 7''' was separated by preparative HPLC (Column, TSK gel OH-120, 7.8 mm i.d.  $\times$  30 cm; mobile phase, *n*-hexane–EtOH (5:1); flow rate, 0.85 ml/min; UV detector, 220 nm) to give a mixture of **1** and **2**. The mixture of **1** and **2** was purified by preparative HPLC (Column, TSK gel ODS-120T, 7.8 mm i.d.  $\times$  30 cm; mobile phase, MeOH– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1); flow rate, 1.2 ml/min; UV detector, 220 nm) to give **1** (2.7 mg) and **2** (8.9 mg).

**3 $\beta$ -Hydroxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (1)** Colorless needles (from  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ –AcOEt), mp 168–169  $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -136.0^\circ$  ( $c=0.3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3471, 1741, 1684. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}\text{ nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 223 (4.2). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 250.1577 ( $\text{M}^+$ , Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$ ; 250.1569).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: see Table I.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table II.

**3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-6 $\beta$ -methoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (2)** Colorless needles (from  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ –AcOEt), mp 180–181  $^\circ\text{C}$   $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -189.6^\circ$  ( $c=0.9$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3474, 1746, 1678. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}\text{ nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 219 (4.2). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 280.1662 ( $\text{M}^+$ , Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ ; 280.1675).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: see Table I.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table II.

**3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-6 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -dimethoxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (3)** Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -86.7^\circ$  ( $c=1.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3509, 1757, 1680. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}\text{ nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 225 (3.8). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 310.1807 ( $\text{M}^+$ , Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5$ ; 310.1780).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: see Table I.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table II.

**The Mixture of 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -Dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (4) and 3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (5)** Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.97 (3H, d,  $J=7.3$  Hz, H-14), 0.97 (3H, s, H-15), 7.00 (1H, qq,  $J=7.3, 1.3$  Hz, H-3'). **5**  $\delta$ : 1.06 (3H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz, H-14), 1.32 (3H, s, H-15), 6.91 (1H, qq,  $J=7.3, 1.3$  Hz, H-3').

**Acetylation of the Mixture of 4 and 5** Acetylation of 11 mg of the

mixture with acetic anhydride–pyridine for 2 d at room temperature followed by the usual work up and purification by silica gel column chromatography [benzene–AcOEt (19:1)] gave two diacetates [**4a** (5.4 mg) and **5a** (0.9 mg)].

**3 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ -Diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\beta$ -olide (4a)**  
Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -66.7^\circ$  ( $c=0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 1776, 1729, 1650. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{ nm}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ): 222 (4.2). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 448.2169 ( $M^+$ , Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; 448.2148). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: see Table I. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see Table II.

**3 $\beta$ ,8 $\beta$ -Diacetoxy-6 $\beta$ -tigloyloxyremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (5a)**  
Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{21} +55.6^\circ$  ( $c=0.1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 1775, 1733, 1650. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{ nm}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ): 225 (4.9). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 448.2133 ( $M^+$ , Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; 448.2148). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: see Table I. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see Table II.

**6 $\beta$ -Angeloyloxy-8 $\beta$ -hydroxy-3-oxoeremophil-7(11)-en-12,8 $\alpha$ -olide (6)**  
Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{19} +38.1^\circ$  ( $c=0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3600–3200, 1759, 1713, 1648. UV  $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{ nm}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ): 220 (4.3). HR-MS  $m/z$ : 362.1706 ( $M^+$ , Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub>; 362.1729). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: see Table I. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see Table II.

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