

CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS FROM *Daphne pedunculata*

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The genus *Daphne* (Thymelaeaceae), including 44 species, is widely distributed in the southwest and northwest regions of China. Different classes of natural products have been isolated from these species, including coumarins, flavonoids, and diterpenoids. Some species are widely used for treating wound, bruises, and faucitis in folk medicine. It is reported that coumarins of genus *Daphne* are the most important constituents for their antiinflammation and antitumor activities [1]. The species of *Daphne pedunculata* H. F. Zhou ex C. Y. Chang is an aiophyllus arbuscular plant, and no phytochemical investigation has been reported on this plant yet. Herein, we present the study results on the chemical composition of this plant.

The leaves and stems of *D. pedunculata* were collected in Anning, Yunnan Province, China, in May 2006. The plant material was authenticated by Prof. Hanchen Zheng, Department of Pharmacognosy, Second Military Medical University. A voucher specimen (collection No. 0603) is deposited at the Herbarium of the School of Pharmacy, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China.

Air-dried aerial parts of *D. pedunculata* (11.5 kg) were extracted with 70% ethanol (50 L × 3) at room temperature. The ethanol extract was dissolved in 2 L of H₂O to form a suspension and extracted successively with petroleum ether, CHCl₃, EtOAc, and *n*-BuOH. The CHCl₃ and EtOAc soluble fractions (100.0 g and 120.0 g, respectively) were subjected to a series of chromatographic techniques, such as silica gel column (200–300 mesh), Sephadex LH-20, and PTLC, yielding compounds 1–16. The compounds were identified using mass and NMR spectral data, and all these data were in good agreement with the literature [2–15]. All those compounds were isolated from *D. pedunculata* for the first time.

Umbelliferone (1) (7-Hydroxycoumarin), C₉H₆O₃, yellow amorphous powder, mp 225–227°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 163 [M+H]⁺, 185 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [2].

Herniarin (2) (7-Methoxycoumarin), C₁₀H₈O₃, white amorphous powder, mp 117–118°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 177 [M+H]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [3].

Hydrangetin (3) (7-Methoxy-8-hydroxycoumarin), C₁₀H₈O₄, white amorphous powder, mp 172–173°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 215 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [4].

Daphnin (4) (Daphnetin-7-O-β-D-glucoside), C₁₅H₁₆O₉, white amorphous powder, mp 223–224°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 363 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [5].

Daphkoreanin (5) (Daphnetin-8-O-β-D-glucoside), C₁₅H₁₆O₉, white amorphous powder, mp 223–224°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 363 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [5].

Daphnorin (6) (Daphnoretin-7-O-β-D-glucoside), C₂₅H₂₂O₁₂, white amorphous powder, mp 202–204°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 537 [M+Na]⁺; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 3.78 (3H, s, 6-OCH₃), 4.21–4.91 (6H, m, Glc-H-2–6), 5.83 (1H, d, J = 7.0, Glc-H-1), 6.36 (1H, d, J = 9.0, H-3'), 7.14 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.0, H-6'), 7.15 (1H, s, H-8), 7.18 (1H, d, J = 2.0, H-8'), 7.49 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-5'), 7.58 (1H, s, H-5), 7.68 (1H, d, J = 9.0, H-4'), 7.74 (1H, s, H-4); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅, δ): 56.0 (6-OCH₃), 70.8 (Glc-C-5), 74.4 (Glc-C-3), 78.2 (Glc-C-4), 78.8 (Glc-C-6), 101.7 (C-8'), 104.0 (Glc-C-2), 104.5 (C-8), 106.4 (Glc-C-1), 109.3 (C-5), 112.3 (C-10), 113.6 (C-6'), 114.4 (C-3'), 114.8 (C-10'), 129.6 (C-5'), 129.6 (C-4), 137.7 (C-3), 143.1 (C-4'), 147.3 (C-6), 147.4 (C-7), 150.2 (C-9), 155.6 (C-9'), 157.0 (C-7'), 159.9 (C-2), 160.0 (C-2') [6].

Apigenin (7) (4',5,7-Trihydroxyflavone), C₁₅H₁₀O₅, white amorphous powder, mp 352–354°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 271 [M+H]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) data as described in [7].

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Luteolin (8) (3',4',5,7-Tetrahydroxyflavone), C₁₅H₁₀O₆, yellow amorphous powder, mp 328–330°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 287 [M+H]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) data as described in [8].

Luteolin-7,3'-dimethylether-5-O-β-D-glucoside (9), C₂₃H₂₄O₁₁, yellow amorphous powder, mp 264–266°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 499 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 3.15–3.74 (6H, m, Glc-H-2–6), 3.87 (6H, s, 7,3'-OCH₃), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.0, Glc-H-1), 6.83 (1H, s, H-3), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 2.0, H-6), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-5'), 7.11 (1H, d, J = 2.0, H-8), 7.57 (1H, s, H-2'), 7.61 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-6'), 9.91 (1H, s, 4'-OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ): 55.9 (3'-OCH₃), 56.0 (7-OCH₃), 60.9 (Glc-C-6), 69.9 (Glc-C-4), 73.5 (Glc-C-2), 75.7 (Glc-C-3), 77.6 (Glc-C-5), 96.6 (C-8), 103.5 (C-6), 104.2 (Glc-C-1), 106.1 (C-3), 109.2 (C-10), 110.0 (C-2'), 115.7 (C-5'), 120.0 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-1'), 147.9 (C-3'), 150.3 (C-4'), 158.1 (C-5), 158.4 (C-9), 161.2 (C-2), 163.4 (C-7), 176.9 (C-4) [9].

Yuanhuanin (10) (Luteolin-7-methylether-5-O-β-D-glucoside), C₂₂H₂₂O₁₁, yellow amorphous powder, mp 266–268°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 485 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 3.13–3.74 (6H, m, Glc-H-2–6), 3.91 (3H, s, 7-OCH₃), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.0, Glc-H-1), 6.61 (1H, s, H-3), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-5'), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 3.0, H-6), 7.04 (1H, d, J = 3.0, H-8), 7.37 (1H, s, H-2'), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-6'), 9.30 (1H, s, 3'-OH), 9.88 (1H, s, 4'-OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ): 56.0 (7-OCH₃), 60.9 (Glc-C-6), 69.9 (Glc-C-4), 73.6 (Glc-C-2), 75.7 (Glc-C-3), 77.6 (Glc-C-5), 96.6 (C-8), 103.5 (C-6), 103.8 (Glc-C-1), 105.9 (C-3), 109.2 (C-10), 113.0 (C-2'), 115.9 (C-5'), 118.6 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-1'), 145.7 (C-3'), 149.3 (C-4'), 158.1 (C-5), 158.4 (C-9), 161.6 (C-2), 163.4 (C-7), 176.9 (C-4) [9].

Glucogenkwanin (11) (Genkwanin-5-O-β-D-glucoside), C₂₂H₂₂O₁₀, yellow amorphous powder, mp 273–274°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 469 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 3.13–3.74 (6H, m, Glc-H-2–6), 3.87 (3H, s, 7-OCH₃), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 7.0, Glc-H-1), 6.72 (1H, s, H-3), 6.93 (1H, d, J = 3.0, H-6), 6.96 (2H, m, H-3', 5'), 7.08 (1H, d, J = 3.0, H-8), 7.96 (2H, m, H-2', 6'), 10.30 (1H, s, 4'-OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ): 56.0 (7-OCH₃), 60.9 (Glc-C-6), 69.9 (Glc-C-4), 73.6 (Glc-C-2), 75.7 (Glc-C-3), 77.6 (Glc-C-5), 96.6 (C-8), 103.5 (C-6), 103.8 (Glc-C-1), 105.9 (C-3), 109.2 (C-10), 113.0 (C-2'), 115.9 (C-5'), 118.6 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-1'), 145.7 (C-3'), 149.3 (C-4'), 158.1 (C-5), 158.4 (C-9), 161.6 (C-2), 163.4 (C-7), 176.9 (C-4) [10].

Yuankanin (12), C₂₇H₃₀O₁₄, white amorphous powder, mp 185–188°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 601 [M+Na]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) data as described in [11].

Horsfieldin (13), C₂₀H₂₀O₆, white amorphous powder, mp 164–165°C; EI-MS *m/z*: 356 [M]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 3.07 (1H, m, H-8'), 3.33 (2H, m, H-9), 3.86 (2H, m, H-9'), 3.94 (3H, s, 4'-OCH₃), 4.15 (1H, d, J = 9.0, H-8), 4.49 (1H, d, J = 6.0, H-7), 4.86 (1H, d, J = 6.0, H-7'), 5.97 (2H, s, OCH₂O), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-5), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 8.0, 2.0, H-6), 6.86 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.0, H-6'), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 2.0, H-2), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 8.0, H-5'), 6.99 (1H, d, J = 2.0, H-2'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 52.2 (C-8'), 54.6 (C-8), 56.0 (4'-OCH₃), 69.8 (C-9), 71.7 (C-9'), 82.1 (C-7'), 85.9 (C-7), 101.1 (OCH₂O), 106.5 (C-2'), 108.2 (C-5'), 108.6 (C-2), 114.3 (C-5), 119.0 (C-6'), 119.5 (C-6), 132.3 (C-1), 135.2 (C-1'), 145.6 (C-3), 146.4 (C-4), 147.2 (C-4'), 148.0 (C-3') [12].

Daphnemonone (14) (1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2-penten-1-one), C₁₇H₁₆O₂, white amorphous powder, mp 151–153°C; EI-MS *m/z*: 252 [M]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 1.83 (2H, m, H-4), 2.71 (2H, m, H-5), 3.08 (2H, m, H-2), 4.17 (1H, m, H-3), 6.82 (2H, d, J = 7.0, H-3', 5'), 7.14 (1H, m, H-4''), 7.18 (4H, m, H-2'', 3'', 5'', 6''), 7.86 (2H, d, J = 7.0, H-2', 6'), 10.29 (1H, s, 4'-OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD, δ): 32.9 (C-5), 40.3 (C-4), 46.6 (C-2), 68.9 (C-3), 116.2 (C-3', 5'), 126.7 (C-4''), 129.4 (C-2'', 3'', 5'', 6''), 130.4 (C-1'), 132.0 (C-2', 6'), 143.4 (C-1''), 163.9 (C-4'), 200.0 (C-1) [13].

p-Hydroxybenzoic acid (15), C₇H₆O₃, white needles, mp 103–104°C; ESI-MS *m/z*: 139 [M+H]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) data as described in [14].

n-Octacosanol (16), C₂₈H₅₈O, white amorphous powder, mp 81–83°C; EI-MS *m/z*: 420 [M]⁺. The ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) data as described in [15].

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