A new synthesis of cytotoxic (+)-7-epi-Goniofufurone

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Cytotoxic styryl lactone, (+)-7-epi-Goniofufurone (1), has been prepared with a new route from 3-O-benzyl-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-phenyl- β -L-ido-pentofuranose (6), a derivative of (+)-glucose. Treatment of 14 with HCl solution cleaved TBDMS and isopropylidene and simultaneously caused ring closure to afford 1 while treatment of 14 with Sc(OTf)₃ only removed TBDMS to give 15.

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Introduction

Recently, a group of the bioactive styryl lactones has been isolated from the ethanol extract of the stem bark of *Gonithalamus giganteus* Hook. F. & Thomas (Annonaceae) in Thailand. ¹⁻³ It was shown that they are marginally cytotoxic against human tumor cell, especially significant cytotoxic against 3PS murine lymphocytic leukemia cell. ¹ These styryl lactones can be classified into two kinds according to their structure features besides monocyclic lactones. One kind possesses fused bicyclic unit with a six-membered lactone moiety and the other with a five-membered lactone. (+)-7-Epi-Goniofufurone (1) is one of the latter class (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1 Structure of (+)-7-epi-Goniofufurone (1).

Because of their magical structure and unique anti-

tumor activities, many organic chemists have been interested in developing methodology for syntheses of these styryl lactones. Over the past few years, several syntheses of styryl lactones have been reported. Herein we would report a new method for the synthesis of 1 from 3-O-benzyl-1, 2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-phenyl- β -L-idopentofuranose (6), which was readily prepared from (+)-glucose by acetonation, protection of 3-OH with benzyl, selective deacetonation, glycol oxidation cleavage and Grignard reaction.

Results and discussion

Compound 6 that possesses the chiral centers and carbon skeleton required for target molecule 1 was chosen as the starting material. The key point was how to form the γ -lactone and five-membered ether ring from 6. The synthetic route is shown in Scheme 1.

Treatment of **6** with t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride in the presence of imidazole at r.t. afforded a protected alcohol **7** in 84% yield. Compound **7** was reacted with 1, 3-propanedithiol and TiCl_4^{11} at -20°C to give a dithioacetal compound **8** in 58% yield. Isopropylidenation of **8** with 2,2-dimethoxypropane and PTSA (cat.) in CH₂Cl₂ afforded **9** in 94% yield. In order to cleave the S,S-acetal moiety of **9**, several conditions were tested. Among them HgO and HgCl₂ in acetone and water, NBS in acetone, $\text{Ce}(\text{NH}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)_6$ in acetone, $\text{PhI}(\text{OCOCF}_3)_2$ in methanol have been tried, but none of them gave satisfactory results. Fortunately, while CH₃I and CaCO₃ in CH₃CN and water $(1:1)^{12}$ were used, the aldehyde **10** was obtained successfully. We rationalized that in the

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structure of **9** (Fig. 2) the axial O-benzyl group and the neighbouring equatorial S, S-acetal of 1, 3-dioxane ring are at the same side so that the bulky reagent, such as $PhI(OCOCF)_2$, could not attack S, S-acetal due to the

hindrance from benzyl group. However, the reaction of smaller CH_3I with 9 underwent smoothly, not only because the volume of methyl group is smaller, but also because iodide ion is a stronger leaving group.

Scheme 1

Reagents and conditions: (a) t-BuMe₂SiCl, imidazole, DMF, r.t., 14 h, 84%; (b) $CH_2(CH_2SH)_2$, $TiCl_4$, CH_2Cl_2 , $-20^{\circ}C$, 1 h, 58%; (c) $(CH_3)_2C(OCH_3)_2$, PIS(cat), r.t. 1 h, 94%; (d) CH_3I , $CaCO_3$, CH_3CN - H_2O (1:1),50 $^{\circ}C$, 7 h; (e) LDA, AcOEt, THF, $-78^{\circ}C$, 1.5 h, 83% (two steps); (f) Pd/C (10%, cat.), H_2 , r.t., 4 days, 85%; (g) PISA (cat.), CH_2Cl_2 , r.t., 5 h,79%; (h) MsCl, Pyridine, r.t., 7 h, 73%; (i) 2 mol/L HCl- CH_3OH - CH_2Cl_2 , 50 $^{\circ}C$, 5 h, 79%.

Reaction of 10 with a solution of LDA/EtOAc in THF at -78°C provided the diastereoisomeric alcohols 11a and 11b which were separated easily by flash chro-

matography in a ratio of 25 to 1 in 83% yield (two steps from 9 to 11). Due to the presence of 3-O-benzyl, 5-C-phenyl and 5-O-TBS the acetate enolate attacked the

carbonyl group of 10 with high diastereoselectivity from less hindrance. The catalytic hydrogenation of 11a on Pd/C gave a dihydroxyl product 12 in 85% yield. The lactonization reaction of 12 with PTSA (cat.) in CH_2Cl_2 gave 13 in 79% yield. The structure of 13 was proved by IR, ¹H NMR and NOESY spectra. The configuration of 11(a,b) and 12 was determined in a similar way. α , β -Unsaturated lactone 14 was formed when 13 was treated with methylsulfonyl chloride in dry pyridine in 73% yield. According to the literature, ⁵ if TBDMS and isopropylidene groups could be cleaved at the same time then the five-membered ether ring will be constructed by intramolecular Michael addition reaction. In order to cleave TBDMS, several commonly used methods (TBAF

Fig. 2 Proposed model showing higher hindrance from benzyl group in compound 9.

in THF, KF in THF, HOAc and H_2O , PTSA (cat.) in CH_2Cl_2) were tried but the products were complicated. While 14 was treated with $Sc(OTf)_3^{13}$ in CH_3CN and water at room temperature (Scheme 2), a crystal product was obtained in 44% yield. X-ray structure analysis proved that it is

Scheme 2

Conditions and reagents: (a) $Sc(OTf)_3$, H_2O , CH_3CN , r.t., 38 h, 44%; (b) 1 mol/L HCl- CH_3OH - CH_2Cl_2 , $50^{\circ}C$, 5 h, 75%.

a (TBAF in TBDMS-cleaved compound **15** (Fig. 3). Then we tried to cleave TBDMS and isopropylidene simultaneously with 2 mol/L HCl aqueous in methanol and

 CH_2Cl_2 at $50^{\circ}C$, and the target molecule 1 was obtained with good yield (75%). The HCl not only cleaved two protecting groups, but also induced the formation of five-membered ether ring. The structure and relative configuration of 1 were confirmed by X-ray structure analysis.

Experimental

Melting points were measured with a ZED-II type apparatus and were uncorrected. IR spectra were measured in CHCl3 or in KBr on a Shimadzu IR-440 infrared spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were taken using HP5989A mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker AMX-300 (300 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl3 unless otherwise stated, and chemical shifts were reported in δ (TMS as internal standard). Elemental analyses were performed on a Foss-Heraeus Vario EL instrument. Optical rotations were taken with a Perkin-Elmer 241MC Polarimeter at the sodium D line. CH₂Cl₂ was freshly distilled from calcium hydride and THF from sodium benzophenone prior to use. Other solvents were purified before use according to the standard procedures. The commercially available reagents were used as received without further purification.

(1S, 2R, 3S, 4R, 5S)-3-O-Benzyl-1, 2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-phenyl-5-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl- β -L-ido-pentofuranose (7)

To a stirred solution of 6 (2 g, 5.62 mmol) and imidazole (573.9 mg, 8.43 mmol) in dry DMF (50 mL) at r.t. was added t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.27 g, 8.43 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 14 h. The solution was diluted with Et₂O (50 mL) and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried (Na2SO4) and filtered. Removal of the solvent and flash chromatograph of the resultant residue (EtOAcpetroleum ether, 1:6) afforded 7 (2.22 g, 84%) as a white solid. mp $78-79^{\circ}$ C. $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 12.3(c \ 1.18, Et-$ OAc). δ_{H} : -0.09(s, 3H), 0.10(s, 3H), 0.82(s,9H), 1.29(s, 3H), 1.50(s, 3H), 3.34(d, J = 3.0)Hz, 1H), 4.14(AB, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26(dd, J = 8.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (AB, J = 11.5 Hz,1H), 4.50(d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97(d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 6.01(d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.40(m, 10H). m/z(%): 471 $(M^+H, 0.50)$, 221 (PhCHOTBS⁺, 65.10), 90(PhCH₂⁺, 100). Anal. C_{27} - $H_{38}O_5Si$. Calcd: C, 68.94; H, 8.09. Found: C, 68.98; H, 8.32.

(2R, 3S, 4R, 5S)-3-O-Benzyl-2, 4-dihydroxyl-5-C-phenyl-5-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl pentanal 1, 3-propane-dithiol acetal (8)

To a stirred solution of 7 (2 g, 4.25 mmol) and 1, 3-propanedithiol (0.69 g, 6.38 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) was added dropwise $TiCl_4$ (0.72 g, 4.68 mmol) at $-20\,^{\circ}\!\!\mathrm{C}$. After stirred for 1 h at $-20\,^{\circ}\!\!\mathrm{C}$, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃(10 mL) was added. The mixture was filtered through a bed of Celite and washed with

5% NaOH (20 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Concentration of the filtrate and flash chromatograph of the resultant residue (EtOAcpetroleum ether, 1:3) afforded **8** (1.28 g, 58%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 8.43(c \ 1.08, EtOAc). \delta_H: -0.20(s, 3H), 0.08(s, 3H), 0.90(s, 9H), 1.96 (m, 2H), 2.62—2.87(m, 4H), 3.80(s, 1H), 4.00—4.07(m, 3H), 4.37(AB, <math>J=11.1 \ Hz, 1H), 4.55(AB, J=11.1 \ Hz, 1H), 4.88(d, J=5.8 \ Hz, 1H), 7.17—7.33(m, 10H). <math>m/z(\%)$: 521(M⁺H, 1.10), 251(C₁₃H₁₅OS₂⁺, 27.48), 221(PhCHOTBS⁺, 43.79), 119(C₄H₇S₂⁺, 73.18), 91(PhCH₂⁺, 100). Anal. C₂₇H₄₀O₄S₂Si. Calcd: C, 62.31; H, 7.69. Found: C, 62.56; H, 8.01.

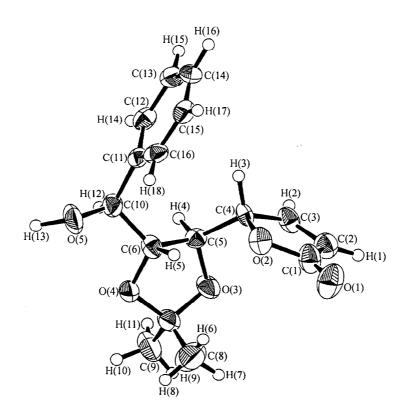


Fig. 3 Structure of 15 by X-ray diffraction analysis.

(2R, 3S, 4R, 5S)-3-O-Benzyl-2, 4-O-isopropylidene-5-C-phenyl-5-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl pentanal 1,3-propanedithiol acetal (9)

To a stirred solution of 8 (1.20 g, 2.31 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) at room temperature was added acetone dimethyl ketal (0.43 mL, 3.46 mmol) and PT-SA (cat.). The solution was stirred at room temperature

for a further 1 h and quenched with a saturated NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL). The organic layer was washed with water and brine then dried (Na₂SO₄). Removal of solvent gave a white solid which was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:5) to gave 9 (1.22 g, 94%) as a white solid. mp 107—109°C. [α]²⁰ - 34.29(c 1.05, EtOAc). δ_H : - 0.21(s, 3H), 0.07(s, 3H), 0.89(s, 9H), 1.50(s, 3H), 1.60(s, 3H), 2.00—2.05(m, 2H), 2.57—2.61

(m, 4H), 3.15(s, 1H), 3.82(dd, J = 10.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92(dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12(d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.47(AB, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75(AB, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.84(d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26—7.38(m, 10H). m/z(%): $251(C_{13}H_{15}OS_2^+, 19.59)$, $221(PhCHOTBS^+, 22.75)$, $119(C_4H_7S_2^+, 17.07)$, $91(PhCH_2^+, 100)$. Anal. $C_{30}H_{44}O_4S_2Si$. Calcd: C, 64.29; H, 7.86; Found: C, 64.46; H, 8.04.

(2R, 3S, 4R, 5S)-3-O-Benzyl-2, 4-O-isopropylidene-5-C-phenyl-5-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl pentanal (10)

To a stirred solution of 9 (1.2 g, 2.14 mmol) in CH_3CN (20 mL) and water (20 mL) was added CH_3I (1.6 mL, 25.68 mmol) and $CaCO_3$ (5.10 g, 51.36 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50°C for 7 h and filtered through Celite. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and filtered. Removal of solvent gave crude aldehyde 10 as yellow oil which was used in the following step without further purification.

Ethyl (3R, 4S, 5R, 6R, 7S)-5-O-benzyl-3-hydroxyl-4,6-O-isopropylidene-7-C-phenyl-7-O-t-butyldimethylsil-yl heptylate (11a) and its diastereoisomer (11b)

To a stirred solution of i-Pr₂NH (0.36 mL, 2.57 mmol) in dry THF (4 mL) was added n-BuLi (1.6 mol/L, 1.6 mL, 2.57 mmol) at 0°C. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h and then ethyl acetate (0.32 mL, 3.21 mmol) was added at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for a further 1 h, then a solution of 10 in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise at -78℃, which was stirred at the same temperature for 1.5 h and quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). After the temperature of the mixture raised to room temperature, it was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (30 mL) and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Concentration of the filtrate and flash chromatograph of the resultant residue (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:10) gave the major product 11a (961.5 mg, 80%) and the minor product 11b (38.5 mg, 3.2%), both are colorless oil. **11a**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 32.5(c \ 1.13, \ \text{EtOAc}). \ \delta_H: -0.06(s,$ 3H), 0.06(s, 3H), 0.80(s, 9H), 1.26(m, 3H), 1.45(s, 3H), 1.49(s, 3H), 2.37(dd, J = 16.9,

8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80(dd, J = 16.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13(s, 1H), 3.56(dd, J = 9.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06—4.21(m, 3H), 4.31(d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78(d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27—7.38(m, 10H). m/z(%): 557(M⁺ - 1), 243(C₁₁ H₁₅ O₆⁺, 34.21), 221(PhCHOTBS⁺, 33.10), 129(C₆H₉O₃⁺, 7.48), 91(PhCH₂⁺, 100). Anal. C₃₁H₄₆O₇Si. Calcd: C, 66.67; H, 8.24; Found: C, 66.75; H, 8.49. 11b: $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 19.3(c 1.04, EtOAc)$.

Ethyl (3R, 4S, 5R, 6R, 7S)-2, 5-dihydroxyl-4, 6-O-isopropylidene-7-C-phenyl-7-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl hep-tylate (12)

A stirred solution of **11a** (900 mg, 1.61 mmol) in EtOAc (20 mL) was hydrogenated on Pd/C (10%, 9 mg) at room temperature under atmospheric pressure for four days and filtered through Celite. Concentration of the filtrate and flash chromatograph of the resultant residue (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:4) afforded 12 (640 mg, 85%) as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} + 3.2(c \ 1.00, \text{Et-}$ OAc). δ_{H} : 0.16(s, 3H), 0.28(s, 3H), 1.11(s, 9H), 1.40(s, 3H), 1.51(s, 3H), 1.61(s, 3H), 2.62(dd, J = 16.4, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.67(dd, J = 16.4,1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95(d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73(m,1H), 3.88(m, 1H), 4.11-4.24(m, 3H), 4.85(d, 3H)J = 5.3 Hz, 1H, 7.20-7.34(m, 5H). m/z(%): $119(C_4H_7S_2^+, 45.15), 73(CH_3CH_2OCO^+, 87.56),$ 43((CH₃)₂CH⁺, 44.64). Anal. C₂₄H₄₀O₇Si. Calcd: C, 61.54; H, 8.55. Found: C, 61.34; H, 8.82.

(3R, 4S, 5R, 6R, 7S)-5, 6-O-Isopropylidene-7-C-phenyl-7-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl-L-ido-heptanono-3-hydroxyl- γ -lactone (13)

A solution of 12 (625 mg, 1.34 mmol) and PTSA (31.3 mg, cat.) in dry $CH_2Cl_2(10 \text{ mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and quenched with a saturated NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (2 × 10 mL) and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure and flash chromatograph of the resultant residue (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:4) afforded 13 (446.7 mg, 79%) as white solid. mp 131—133 °C. [α]_D²⁰ + 54.3 (c 1.00, EtOAc). ν_{max} : 3515(OH), 1768(γ -lactone)

cm⁻¹. $\delta_{\rm H}$: -0.03(s, 3H), 0.08(s, 3H), 0.90(s, 9H), 1.10(s, 3H), 1.32(s, 3H), 2.28(dd, J=18.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.86(dd, J=8.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39(d, J=6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92(d, J=5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26—7.35(m, 5H). m/z(%): 422(M⁺, 1,75), 291(M⁺ - OTBS, 36.75), 221(PhCHOTBS⁺, 100). Anal. C_{22} H₃₄ O₆Si. Calcd: C, 62.52; H, 8.06. Found: C, 62.27; H, 8.28.

(4S, 5R, 6R, 7S)-5, 6-O-Isopropylidene-7-C-phenyl-7-O-t-butyldimethylsilyl-L-ido-hept-2-enono- γ -lactone (14)

To a stirred solution of 13 (410 mg, 0.97 mmol) in dry pyridine (25 mL) at room temperature was added dropwise MsCl (0.9 mL 11.64 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 7 h before addition of water (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL) and the organic layer was washed further with 5% HCl (20 mL), water and brine. The solution was dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue which was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:7) to afford 14 (286 mg, 73%) as white solid. mp 153—154°C. $[\alpha]_D^{14} + 6.1(c \ 0.45, \ \text{EtOAc})$. ν_{max} : 1752(α , β -unsaturated γ -lactone) cm⁻¹. $\delta_{\rm H}$: -0.02(s, 3H), 0.10(s, 3H), 0.89(s, 9H), 1.15(s, 3H), 1.32(s, 3H), 3.85(dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45(dd, J =8.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52(t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93(d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26(dd, J = 5.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.38(m, 5H). m/z (%): 221 (PhCHOTBS⁺, 100), 183 $(M^+-221, 11.58), 139(C_6H_3O_4^+, 29.95).$ Anal. C₂₂H₃₂O₅Si. Calcd: C, 65.35; H, 7.92. Found: C, 65.61; H, 7.86.

(4S,5R,6R,7S)-5,6-O-Isopropylidene-7-C-phenyl-L-ido-hept-2-enono- γ -lactone (15)

To a stirred solution of 14 (31.6 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added Sc(OTf)₃ (0.58 mg, 1.84% of 14) and water (7.04 μ L, 0.39 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 38 h and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resultant residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAC-petroleum ether, 1:1) to give 15 as a white solid (10.2 mg, 44%). Recrys-

tallization from CH₂Cl₂ and petroleum ether (1:3) gave colorless needles. mp 144—146°C. [α]_D¹⁹ – 65.8(c0.2, MeOH). ν_{max} : 3513, 1754(α , β -unsaturated- γ -lactone) cm⁻¹. δ_{H} : 1.36(s, 3H), 1.40(s, 3H), 2.92 (br, 1H), 3.96(dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45(dd, J = 8.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70(d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.03(dd, J = 5.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15(dd, J = 5.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33—7.42(m, 5H). m/z(%): 290(M⁺, 10.65), 272(M⁺ – H₂O, 95.02), 214(M⁺ + H – Ph, 91.67), 182(M⁺ – 107 – H, 83.94), 107(Ph-CHOH⁺, 100). Anal. $C_{16}H_{18}O_5$. Calcd: C, 66.21; H, 6.21. Found: C, 66.55; H, 6.15.

(+)-7-Epi-Goniofufurone (1)

To a stirred solution of 14 (253 mg, 0.63 mmol) in CH₃OH (16 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added dropwise 2 mol/L HCl (2.5 mL). The solution was stirred at 50°C for 5 h, then filtered through Celite. Concentration of the filtrate followed by flash chromatography (EtOAc-petroleum ether, 1:1) afforded 1 (124 mg, 79%) as a white solid which was recrystallized from acetone and petroleum ether (1:3) to give colorless needles. mp 203—204°C (Lit¹ 190—192°C). [α]_D¹⁵ +111.8(c 0.36, EtOH) {Lit¹[α]_D²⁰ + 108(c 0.2, EtOH). ν_{max} : 3368(OH), 1756(γ -lactone) cm⁻¹. δ_{H} $(CDCl_3 + (CD_3)_2CO)$: 2.63(dd, J = 18.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82(dd, J = 18.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13(dd, J =5.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18(d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H),5.08(d, J = 5.8 Hz,1H),5.14 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.45 (m, 5H). m/z $(\%): 250(M^+, 0.53), 233(MH^+ - H_2O, 12.33),$ $126(M^{+} - PhCHOH - H_{2}O, 40.62), 107(PhCHOH^{+},$ 82.77). Anal. C₁₃ H₁₄ O₅. Calcd: C, 62.40; H, 5.60. Found: C, 62.30; H, 5.56.

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