

# Triterpenoid Constituents of *Huperzia miyoshiana*

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Thirteen triterpenoids, including three new ones, miyoshianols A (1), B (2) and C (3), were isolated from *Huperzia miyoshiana*. The structures of these new compounds were established as 3-O-dihydroferuloyltohogenol (1), 16-oxo-3 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-24-ferulate (2) and 16-oxo-3 $\alpha$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-24-ferulate (3), respectively, on the basis of their spectroscopic analysis.

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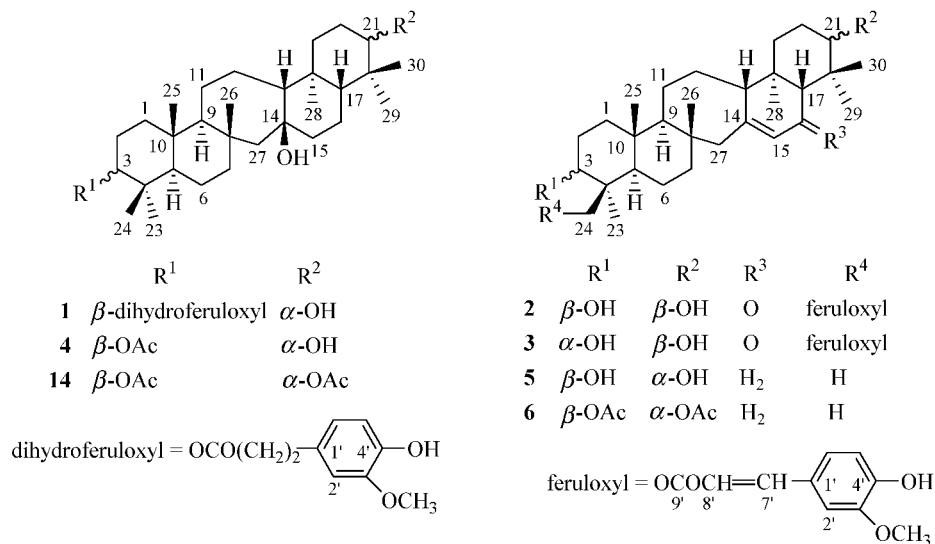
## Introduction

Serratenediol (5), a representative serratene-type triterpenoid with 7-membered ring-C and 7 tertiary methyls, was firstly isolated from the Japanese club moss *Lycopodium serratum* (= *Huperzia serrata*) in 1964.<sup>1,2</sup> Subsequently intense activities in this field have led to the discovery of a series of this type triterpenoids from diverse plants, such as conifers (especially *Pinus* and *Picea* species),<sup>3,4</sup> club moss (*Lycopodium* and *Huperzia* species),<sup>3,4</sup> ferns<sup>5</sup> and the liverwort (*Nardia scalaris*).<sup>6</sup> Recently, we reported three new triterpenoids with ser-

ratane-type from *Huperzia serrata*.<sup>7</sup> As a continuous interest in this species, we investigated the non-alkaloid constituents of *Huperzia miyoshiana* (Makino) Ching (Huperziaceae), a club moss grows merely in the middle part of Asia, obtaining three new triterpenoids, miyoshianols A (1), B (2) and C (3), together with 10 known compounds, 3-O-acetyltohogenol (4),<sup>8</sup> 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-serrat-14-en-21 $\alpha$ -ol (5),<sup>9</sup> serrat-14-en-3 $\beta$ , 21 $\alpha$ -diyl-acetate (6),<sup>10</sup> 21 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-serrat-14-en-3 $\beta$ -yl-acetate (7),<sup>8</sup> 21 $\beta$ -hydroxy-serrat-14-en-3 $\beta$ -yl-acetate (8),<sup>8</sup> 3 $\beta$ -hydroxy-serrat-14-en-21 $\beta$ -ol (9),<sup>9</sup> 16-oxo-3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-serrat-14-en-21 $\beta$ -ol (10),<sup>11</sup> 3 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-29-ol (11),<sup>12</sup> 3 $\alpha$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-24-ol (12) and 3 $\beta$ , 21 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-24-ol (13).<sup>13</sup> The chemical components of this plant was reported for the first time. In this paper, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of above-mentioned new compounds.

## Results and discussion

The planar structure of compound 4 was deduced to



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be the same with 3-*O*-acetyltohenol<sup>8</sup> by means of IR, EIMS and NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HMQC and HMBC) analyses. The configuration of **4** was elucidated through chemical conversions. Acetylation of **4** with Ac<sub>2</sub>O afforded **14**, dehydration of **14** with SOCl<sub>2</sub>-pyridine gave the sole product **6**. These results confirmed compound **4** to be 3-*O*-acetyltohenol with 14β-OH.<sup>14</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals (Tables 1 and 2) were assigned completely for the first time.

The molecular formula C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>6</sub> of miyoshianol A (**1**)

is deduced from the HREIMS. The IR spectrum of **1** resembles that of **4** with the exception of the extra signals for an aromatic ring (1518, 1463 and 1369 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Tables 1 and 2) spectra show signals for seven tertiary methyl groups, a methine ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.65, dd,  $J = 11.4, 4.7$  Hz;  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  80.8) geminal to an ester group with equatorial orientation, a methine ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.55, dd,  $J = 11.3, 4.3$  Hz;  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  78.4) connected with an equatorial hydroxyl, and an oxygenated quaternary carbon ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  74.9). Comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **1**

**Table 1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of compounds **1**–**4** in C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N<sup>a</sup>

Site	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
H-1	1.70 <sup>b</sup> , 1.00 <sup>b</sup>	1.80 <sup>b</sup> , 1.03 <sup>b</sup>	1.80 <sup>b</sup> , 1.56 <sup>b</sup>	1.68 <sup>b</sup> , 0.99 <sup>b</sup>
H-2	1.70 <sup>b</sup> , 1.70 <sup>b</sup>	1.95 <sup>b</sup> , 1.95 <sup>b</sup>	2.17 <sup>b</sup> , 1.95 <sup>b</sup>	1.64 <sup>b</sup> , 1.71 <sup>b</sup>
H-3	4.65 (dd, $J = 11.4, 4.7$ Hz)	3.62 (dd, $J = 11.4, 4.6$ Hz)	4.19 (br. s)	4.58 (dd, $J = 11.1, 4.7$ Hz)
H-5	0.92 <sup>b</sup>	1.00 <sup>b</sup>	1.90 <sup>b</sup>	0.90 <sup>b</sup>
H-6	1.41 <sup>b</sup> , 1.36 <sup>b</sup>	1.84 <sup>b</sup> , 1.84 <sup>b</sup>	1.41 <sup>b</sup> , 1.26 <sup>b</sup>	1.42 <sup>b</sup> , 1.42 <sup>b</sup>
H-7	1.73 <sup>b</sup> , 1.42 <sup>b</sup>	1.40 <sup>b</sup> , 1.20 <sup>b</sup>	1.38 <sup>b</sup> , 1.21 <sup>b</sup>	1.73 <sup>b</sup> , 1.41 <sup>b</sup>
H-9	1.65 <sup>b</sup>	0.85 <sup>b</sup>	1.00 <sup>b</sup>	1.65 <sup>b</sup>
H-11	2.05 <sup>b</sup> , 1.60 <sup>b</sup>	1.90 <sup>b</sup> , 1.21 <sup>b</sup>	1.84 <sup>b</sup> , 1.15 <sup>b</sup>	2.01 <sup>b</sup> , 1.60 <sup>b</sup>
H-12	1.88 <sup>b</sup> , 1.67 <sup>b</sup>	1.97 <sup>b</sup> , 1.15 <sup>b</sup>	1.90 <sup>b</sup> , 1.12 <sup>b</sup>	1.85 <sup>b</sup> , 1.65 <sup>b</sup>
H-13	1.09 <sup>b</sup>	2.50 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz)	2.48 (br. d, $J = 8.6$ Hz)	1.10 <sup>b</sup>
H-15	1.93 <sup>b</sup> , 1.65 <sup>b</sup>	5.95 (s)	5.94 (s)	1.92 <sup>b</sup> , 1.62 <sup>b</sup>
H-16	1.72 <sup>b</sup> , 1.20 <sup>b</sup>	—	—	1.74 <sup>b</sup> , 1.17 <sup>b</sup>
H-17	0.98 <sup>b</sup>	3.03 (s)	3.04 (s)	0.98 <sup>b</sup>
H-19	1.90 <sup>b</sup> , 1.12 <sup>b</sup>	2.29 (br. t, $J = 11.3$ Hz) 1.59 (dd, $J = 11.4, 4.8$ Hz)	2.26 (td, $J = 13.1, 3.0$ Hz) 1.55 (m)	1.88 <sup>b</sup> , 1.12 <sup>b</sup>
H-20	1.93 <sup>b</sup> , 2.02 <sup>b</sup>	2.03 <sup>b</sup> , 1.88 <sup>b</sup>	2.03 <sup>b</sup> , 1.82 <sup>b</sup>	1.95 <sup>b</sup> , 1.95 <sup>b</sup>
H-21	3.55 (dd, $J = 11.3, 4.3$ Hz)	3.60 (br. s)	3.59 (br. s)	3.54 (dd, $J = 11.1, 4.8$ Hz)
H-23	0.83 (s, 3H)	1.51 (s, 3H)	1.48 (s, 3H)	0.81 (s, 3H)
H-24	0.91 (s, 3H)	5.02 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz) 4.78 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz)	4.69 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz) 4.40 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz)	0.88 (s, 3H)
H-25	0.84 (s, 3H)	0.96 (s, 3H)	0.89 (s, 3H)	0.82 (s, 3H)
H-26	1.02 (s, 3H)	0.77 (s, 3H)	0.73 (s, 3H)	1.00 (s, 3H)
H-27	1.74 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz) 1.58 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz)	2.40 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz) 1.95 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz)	2.34 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz) 1.87 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz)	1.72 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz) 1.55 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz)
H-28	1.35 (s, 3H)	0.91 (s, 3H)	0.89 (s, 3H)	1.34 (s, 3H)
H-29	1.14 (s, 3H)	1.38 (s, 3H)	1.38 (s, 3H)	1.13 (s, 3H)
H-30	1.30 (s, 3H)	1.85 (s, 3H)	1.71 (s, 3H)	1.28 (s, 3H)
H-2'	7.00 (br. s)	7.33 (br. s)	7.38 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz)	2.04 (s, 3H, OAc)
H-5'	7.21 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz)	7.19 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz)	7.23 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz)	—
H-6'	6.92 (br. d, $J = 7.6$ Hz)	7.23 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz)	7.27 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.7$ Hz)	—
H-7'	3.07 (br. t, $J = 7.6$ Hz)	8.06 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz)	8.05 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz)	—
H-8'	2.80 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz)	6.82 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz)	6.78 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz)	—
OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.80 (s, 3H)	3.72 (s, 3H)	3.78 (s, 3H)	—

<sup>a</sup> Values were recorded at 400 MHz,  $J$  in Hz. <sup>b</sup> The signals were either multiplets or overlapping with other peaks, and assignments were performed by measuring the center of cross peaks in the 2D NMR spectra.

with those of **4** indicates that both have the same serratane-type triterpenoid moiety. The remained signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **1** disclose a dihydroferulic acid ester group<sup>12</sup> by exhibiting signals for three ABX pattern aromatic protons ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.00, br. s; 7.21, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz; 6.92, br. d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), two methylene groups with  $\text{A}_2\text{B}_2$  system (each 2H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.07 and

2.80) and a phenolic methoxy group ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.80, s, 3H;  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  56.0). Therefore, miyoshianol A is the dihydroferulate of tohogenol. The HMBC spectrum displays the correlations of C-27/ $\text{H}_3$ -26, C-9/ $\text{H}_3$ -25,  $\text{H}_3$ -26, C-5/ $\text{H}_3$ -23,  $\text{H}_3$ -24,  $\text{H}_3$ -25, C-3/ $\text{H}_3$ -23,  $\text{H}_3$ -24 and C-9'/H-3, affirming **1** to be 3-*O*-dihydroferuloyltohogenol.

**Table 2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compounds **1–4** in  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}^a$

Site	$\delta_{\text{C}}$				HMBC (C to H)	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
C-1	38.2 t	39.2 t	33.8 t	38.0 t	Me-25, H-2	Me-25, H-2
C-2	24.3 t	28.4 t	26.7 t	24.1 t	—	—
C-3	80.8 d	78.1 d	69.9 d	80.7 d	Me-23, 24	Me-23, H-2, 24
C-4	38.1 s	43.1 s	42.7 s	38.0 s	Me-23, 24, H-3, 6	Me-23, H-5, 24
C-5	55.6 d	56.4 d	50.0 d	55.4 d	Me-23, 24, 25, H-6	Me-23, 25, H-24
C-6	19.3 t	20.8 t	19.4 t	19.2 t	H-7	Me-25
C-7	44.6 t	45.9 t	45.6 t	44.5 t	Me-26, H-6, 27	Me-26, H-6
C-8	38.3 s	38.1 s	38.3 s	38.1 s	Me-28, H-9, 27	Me-26, H-6, 27
C-9	59.5 d	62.9 d	62.6 d	59.3 d	Me-25, 26, H-27	Me-25, 26, H-27
C-10	38.5 s	38.5 s	38.5 s	38.4 s	Me-25, H-1	Me-25, H-1, 5, 9
C-11	19.4 t	25.3 t	25.3 t	19.3 t	H-9, 12	—
C-12	26.3 t	26.9 t	27.0 t	26.2 t	—	—
C-13	60.5 d	59.0 d	59.1 d	60.4 d	Me-28, H-27	Me-28, H-27, 28
C-14	74.9 s	163.5 s	163.6 s	74.8 s	H-15, 27	H-27
C-15	46.0 t	129.1 d	129.1 d	45.9 t	H-27	H-27
C-16	25.7 t	201.4 s	201.4 s	25.6 t	—	H-17
C-17	56.1 d	59.6 d	59.6 d	56.0 d	Me-28, 29, 30	Me-28, 29, 30
C-18	39.0 s	44.8 s	44.8 s	38.8 s	Me-28, H-17, 19	Me-28, H-17
C-19	39.0 t	32.1 t	32.0 t	39.0 t	Me-28, H-20	Me-28, H-21
C-20	28.5 t	26.0 t	26.0 t	28.4 t	—	H-21
C-21	78.4 d	76.0 d	76.0 d	78.3 d	Me-29, 30	Me-29, 30
C-22	39.8 s	37.7 s	37.7 s	39.7 s	Me-29, 30	Me-29, 30, H-17
C-23	28.1 q	23.4 q	23.6 q	28.0 q	Me-24, H-3	H-24
C-24	16.7 q	66.5 t	68.1 t	16.6 q	Me-23, H-3	Me-23, 25
C-25	16.7 q	16.0 q	16.4 q	16.6 q	H-9	—
C-26	23.4 q	19.9 q	20.0 q	23.3 q	H-9, 27	H-27
C-27	62.2 t	55.9 t	56.0 t	62.0 t	Me-26	Me-26, H-15
C-28	16.5 q	15.3 q	15.3 q	16.4 q	—	H-17, 19
C-29	16.8 q	22.3 q	22.2 q	16.7 q	Me-30, H-21	Me-30, H-17
C-30	29.2 q	29.1 q	29.1 q	29.1 q	Me-29, H-21	Me-29, H-17
C-1'	132.3 s	126.7 s	126.7 s	170.6 s (C=O)	H-2', 6', 7', 8'	H-6', 7', 8'
C-2'	113.1 d	111.6 d	111.7 d	21.2 q (OAc)	H-6', 7'	H-6', 7'
C-3'	148.8 s	149.0 s	149.6 s	—	H-2', 5', OCH <sub>3</sub>	H-2', 5', OCH <sub>3</sub>
C-4'	146.8 s	151.2 s	151.2 s	—	H-2', 5', 6'	H-2', 5', 6'
C-5'	116.7 d	117.0 d	117.0 d	—	H-6'	H-6'
C-6'	121.6 d	123.0 d	123.1 d	—	H-2', 7'	H-2', 5', 7'
C-7'	31.3 t	145.6 d	145.7 d	—	H-2', 6', 8'	H-2', 6'
C-8'	37.1 t	116.0 d	115.6 d	—	H-7'	H-7'
C-9'	172.8 s	168.1 s	168.0 s	—	H-7', 8', 3	H-7', 8', 24
OCH <sub>3</sub>	56.0 q	56.0 q	56.0 q	—	—	—

<sup>a</sup> Values were recorded at 100 MHz, and assignments were from DEPT and 2D NMR spectra.

The molecular ion at  $m/z$  648.4009 in the HREIMS discloses the molecular formula  $C_{40}H_{56}O_7$  for miyoshianol B (**2**) ( $C_{40}H_{56}O_7$  requires 648.4026). The IR spectrum of **2** suggests the presence of hydroxyl group ( $3417\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl group ( $1702$  and  $1666\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Table 1) of **2** reveals signals for six tertiary methyl groups, a proton ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.03$ , s, H-17) of a methine neighbored to a ketone, a vinylic proton ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 5.95$ , s, H-15), an axial proton ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.62$ , dd,  $J = 11.4, 4.6\text{ Hz}$ , H-3) geminal to a hydroxyl group, an equatorial proton ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.60$ , br. s, H-21) geminal to a hydroxyl group, and a pair of AB model protons ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 4.78$  and  $5.02$ , each 1H, d,  $J = 11.7\text{ Hz}$ , H<sub>2</sub>-24), indicating a 16-oxoserratriol-type triterpenoid.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum exhibits signals due to a 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene ring ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 7.33$ , br. s;  $7.23$ , d,  $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}$ ; and  $7.19$ , d,  $J = 8.7\text{ Hz}$ ), two *trans*-conjugated olefinic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}} 8.06$  and  $6.82$  (each 1H, d,  $J = 15.8\text{ Hz}$ ) and a phenolic methoxyl group at  $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.72$  (s, 3H), indicating the existence of a ferulic acid ester group.<sup>12</sup> The 40 carbons signals observed in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2) are characterized by the DEPT experiment, suggesting that **2** has an ester carbonyl, a ketone, four  $\text{sp}^2$  quaternary carbons, six  $\text{sp}^2$  methines, two oxymethines, an oxymethylene, five  $\text{sp}^3$  quaternary carbons, four  $\text{sp}^3$  methines, nine methylenes, six tertiary methyls and a phenolic methoxy group.

The above evidences demonstrate **2** to be a 16-oxoserratene triol ferulate. Further structural information is discovered from extensive 2D NMR (HMQC, HMBC and NOESY) analyses. The HMBC (Table 2) spectrum shows the correlations from the methylene protons ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 5.02$  and  $4.78$ ) to the carbonyl carbon of ferulic acid ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 168.1$ ), from H-17 ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.03$ ) to C-16 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 201.4$ ), C-28 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 15.3$ ), C-29 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 22.3$ ) and C-30 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 29.1$ ), from H<sub>3</sub>-26 ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 0.77$ ) to C-27 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 55.9$ ), and from H<sub>3</sub>-25, H<sub>3</sub>-26 ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 0.96, 0.77$ ) to C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}} 62.9$ ), suggesting that the ferulic acid ester group is located at C-23 or C-24. The feruloxyl group attached to C-24 is constructed on the basis of NOE (Fig. 1) correlations between H<sub>a</sub>-24 ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 4.78$ ) and H<sub>3</sub>-25, and between H<sub>b</sub>-24 ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 5.02$ ) and H-6. Therefore, **2** is formulated as 16-oxo-3 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-

serrat-14-en-24-ferulate.

Miyoshianol C (**3**) is assigned the molecular formula  $C_{40}H_{56}O_7$  by the HREIMS (calcd for 648.4026, found 648.4044). Its IR spectrum is similar to that of **2**. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Table 1) spectrum is nearly superposed with that of **2**, excluding a proton signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}} 4.19$  (br. s) instead of the H-3 signal ( $\delta_{\text{H}} 3.62$ , dd,  $J = 11.4, 4.6\text{ Hz}$ ) of **2**, indicating the proton attached to C-3 to be equatorial ( $\beta$ -configuration) rather than axial. Moreover, in contrast with the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **2**, those differences ( $\Delta\delta_{2,3}$ : C-1,  $-5.4$  and C-5,  $-6.4$ ) are attributed to the  $\gamma$ -gauche effect from the axial-hydroxyl attached to C-3 of **3**, validating **3** to be 16-oxo-3 $\alpha$ , 21 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-serrat-14-en-24-ferulate.

## Experimental

### General

All melting points were determined on a Fisher-Johns melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. The optical rotations were measured using a Perkin-Elmer 241 MC polarimeter in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$ . The IR spectra were taken on a Nicolet Magna 750 FTIR (KBr) spectrophotometer. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-400 instrument. The chemical shift values were reported in units ( $\delta$ ) with TMS as internal standard, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are given in Hz. EIMS and HREIMS data were obtained with an MAT-95 mass spectrometer. Silica gel (200–300, 400 mesh) and precoated plates of silica gel (HSGF<sub>254</sub>) (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Co. Ltd, Qingdao, China) were used for column chromatography (CC) and TLC, respectively.

### Plant material

Fresh whole plants of *Huperzia miyoshiana* (Makino) Ching (Huperziaceae) were collected at Changbai Mountain, Jilin Province, China in August 2000 and identified by Dr. Xiao-Qiang Ma of this institute. A voucher specimen has been deposited at the herbarium of this institute (No. 2000-79).

### Extraction and isolation

Air-dried and powdered whole plants (4.3 kg) of *H. miyoshiana* were extracted with 95% EtOH (3  $\times$  10 L) at room temperature. The EtOH extraction was concentrated under reduced pressure, then extracted with aqueous 1% HOAc (3  $\times$  1.5 L). After filtration, the filter residue was successively partitioned with petroleum ether,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  and EtOH (each 3  $\times$  1 L). Then the  $\text{CHCl}_3$  extract (70 g) was subjected to CC over silica gel (100–200 mesh, 1500 g) with gradient eluent of petroleum ether- $\text{CHCl}_3$  (50:1 to 0:1) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (25:1 to 0:1) to give frs. 1–8. Fr. 1 (300 mg) yielded needles, were re-

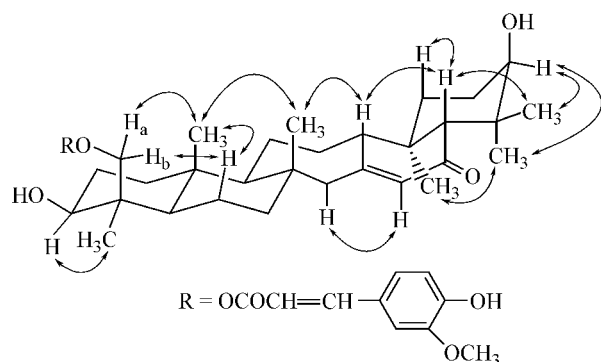


Fig. 1 Key NOE correlations of **2**.

crystallized with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (5:1), affording **6** (15 mg). Fr. 2 (5 g) was chromatographed with petroleum ether-ether (4:1, 1:1, each 1500 mL) as eluent, affording **7** (500 mg) and **8** (20 mg). Fr. 3 (1.5 g) furnished solid crystals, were recrystallized with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (5:1) to yield **9** (50 mg). The concentrated mother liquor (800 mg) was purified with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (500 mL) to give **4** (130 mg) and **5** (30 mg). Repeated chromatography on fr. 4 (4.0 g) with increasing polarity eluent of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (15:1, 10:1, 5:1, each 500 mL) afforded **1** (50 mg). Fr. 5 (5.2 g) was followed by silica gel CC with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (2:1 to acetone) as eluate to give 3 sub-fractions: frs. 5.1—5.3, frs. 5.4—5.7 and frs. 5.8—5.12. Further purification on frs. 5.1—5.3, frs. 5.4—5.7 and frs. 5.8—5.12 resulted in **2** (17 mg), **3** (6 mg), **10** (8 mg) and **11** (50 mg), respectively. Fr. 6 (2.2 g) was purified on silica gel ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ , 3:1, 1500 mL) to afford **12** (40 mg) and **13** (75 mg).

**Acetylation of 3-O-acetyltohogenol (4) to tohogenol diacetate (14)** 3-O-acetyltohogenol (30 mg) in pyridine (2 mL) was acetylated with  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (1 mL) for 1 h at room temperature. Then the solution was poured into ice water, and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic extract was washed with 5% HCl and water, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated to give a residue, which was crystallized from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to afford tohogenol diacetate (27 mg) as prisms, m.p. 306—308 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 4.76 (dd,  $J = 10.5, 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.60 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 5.3$  Hz, 1H, H-21), 2.09, 2.05 (s, 3H, respectively,  $2 \times \text{COCH}_3$ ), 1.29, 1.01, 0.98, 0.95, 0.86, 0.84, 0.82 (s, 3H, respectively,  $7 \times \text{CH}_3$ ); IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3437 (OH), 2945, 1726, 1375, 1252, 1028, 993  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Dehydration of tohogenol diacetate (14) to 6**  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (5 drops) was added to an ice-cooled solution of diacetate tohogenol (25 mg) in pyridine (2 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Work-up as the above and crystallization of the residue gave **6** (17 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and TLC of the product did not show the presence of *iso*-serratenediol diacetate.

**Miyoshianol A (1)** Colorless needles from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (1:1), m.p. 247—249 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 15.7$  ( $c$  0.12,  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Tables 1 and 2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3504, 3408, 2939, 1720, 1518, 1463, 1369, 1182, 989, 752  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 638 ( $[\text{M}]^+$ , 0.7), 620 (41), 425 (55), 407 (44), 287 (11), 196 (35), 189 (39), 189 (39), 137 (100), 95 (44); HREIMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{62}\text{O}_6$  638.4546, found 638.4527.

**Miyoshianol B (2)** White powders, m.p. 235—238 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 19.3$  ( $c$  0.12,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Tables 1 and 2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3410,

2939, 1702, 1666, 1600, 1516, 1462, 1385, 1268, 1157, 1036, 986  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 648 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 10), 630 (14), 455 (27), 437 (12), 220 (19), 194 (51), 177 (100), 107 (45); HREIMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_7$  648.4026, found 648.4009.

**Miyoshianol C (3)** White powders, m.p. 240—243 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 15.4$  ( $c$  0.17,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Tables 1 and 2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3427, 2926, 1699, 1655, 1603, 1516, 1464, 1387, 1269, 1157, 995, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 648 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 10), 630 (12), 454 (25), 421 (20), 177 (90), 71 (65), 57 (100); HREIMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_7$  648.4026, found 648.4044.

**3-O-acetyltohogenol (4)** Colorless needles from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (1:1), m.p. 298—300 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 7$  ( $c$  0.27,  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data see Tables 1 and 2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3433, 2939, 1720, 1248, 1030, 993  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 502 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 9), 484 (58), 469 (47), 442 (29), 427 (49), 409 (41), 391 (37), 189 (92), 161 (47), 135 (96), 107 (100).

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