

## Sesquiterpenoids and Phenylpropane Derivatives from *Sonchus uliginosus*

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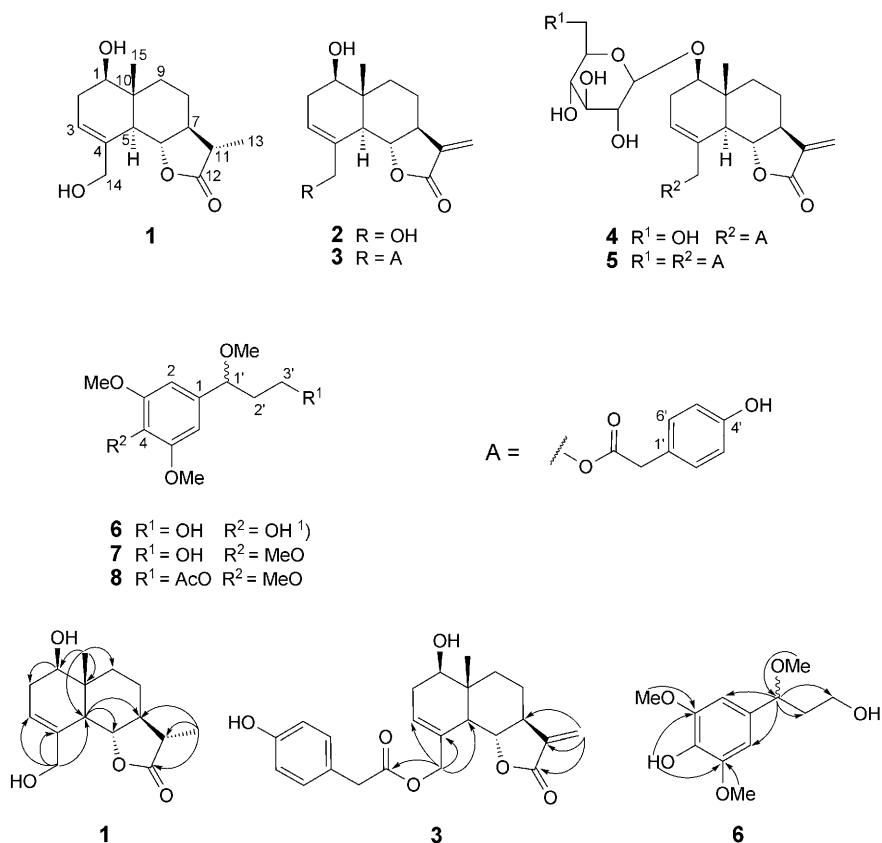
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Six new compounds were isolated from the whole plant of *Sonchus uliginosus*, including three eudesmane-type sesquiterpenoids ( $1\beta,6\alpha$ )-1,6,14-trihydroxyeudesm-3-en-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone (**1**), ( $1\beta,6\alpha$ )-1,6,14-trihydroxyeudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone (**2**), and ( $1\beta,6\alpha$ )-1,6-dihydroxy-14-*O*-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]eudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone (**3**), and three phenylpropane derivatives, 4-hydroxy- $\gamma$ ,3,5-trimethoxybenzenepropanol (**6**),  $\gamma$ ,3,4,5-tetramethoxybenzenepropanol (**7**), and  $\gamma$ ,3,4,5-tetramethoxybenzenepropanol acetate (**8**), together with the two known compounds **4** and **5**. The new structures were elucidated by means of spectroscopic methods, such as IR, EI-MS, HR-ESI-MS, 1D- and 2D-NMR, and by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported for structurally related compounds.

**Introduction.** – The genus *Sonchus*, representing 8 species in China, has long been used as folk medicine for the treatment of fever, stasis, and inflammation, as well as for detoxication and mobilization of blood circulation [1]. In some species, eudesmanolides [2][3], sesquiterpane glycosides [4][5][6], and ionone glycoside derivatives [5] have been found. Up to now, the chemical constituents of *S. uliginosus* have not been investigated. In continuation of our studies aimed at finding new chemical constituents from the Compositae plant family, we now report six new, *i.e.*, **1–3** and **6–8**, and two known compounds, *i.e.*, **4** and **5** [6], isolated from the whole plant of *S. uliginosus*.<sup>1)</sup>

**Results and Discussion.** – Compound **1** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. The molecular formula of **1** was determined as  $C_{15}H_{22}O_4$  based on HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  284.1861 ( $[M + NH_4]^+$ )). The IR spectrum showed absorption bands for OH groups ( $3289\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a  $\gamma$ -lactone carbonyl group ( $1763\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Comparing the data and features of the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of **1** (Table 1) with those of known compounds [3][7], a structure based on a ( $6\alpha$ )-6,14-dihydroxyeudesman-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone with an additional OH group and a C=C bond was inferred and confirmed by the HMBC data (see Fig.). The relative configuration of **1** was determined on the basis of the analysis of coupling constants and NOE experiments. From all these data, the structure of compound **1** was deduced as ( $1\beta,6\alpha$ )-1,6,14-trihydroxyeudesm-3-en-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone.

<sup>1)</sup> Arbitrary atom numbering; for systematic names, see *Exper. Part*.

Figure. Key HMBC correlations (H → C) for **1**, **3**, and **6**

The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DEPT) spectra (Table 1) indicated the presence of 15 C-atoms, *i.e.*, two Me, four CH<sub>2</sub> (one for a CH<sub>2</sub>OH), and six CH groups and three quaternary C-atoms. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, there were typical signals for two Me groups at  $\delta$ (H) 1.15 (*d*,  $J=7.2$  Hz) and 1.10 (*s*), as well as a signal for a C=CH moiety at  $\delta$ (H) 6.14 (*br. s*, 1 H). In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum, there were resonances for an ester carbonyl at  $\delta$ (C) 178.74, and three oxygenated C-atoms at  $\delta$ (C) 80.73, 74.19, and 64.02. The HMBC cross-peaks between Me(15) at  $\delta$ (H) 1.10 and C(1) at  $\delta$ (C) 74.19, C(5) at  $\delta$ (C) 48.89, C(9) at  $\delta$ (C) 34.94, and C(10) at  $\delta$ (C) 40.92, and between H–C(1) at  $\delta$ (H) 3.88 and C(2) at  $\delta$ (C) 32.91 indicated that the OH group was attached at C(1) (Fig.). The HMBC cross-peaks between CH<sub>2</sub>(14) at  $\delta$ (H) 4.60 and C(3) at  $\delta$ (C) 120.63, C(4) at  $\delta$ (C) 137.69, and C(5) at  $\delta$ (C) 48.89 indicated that the C=C bond was between C(3) and C(4). The HMBC cross-peaks between H–C(5) at  $\delta$ (H) 2.39 and C(6) at  $\delta$ (C) 80.73 and C(7) at  $\delta$ (C) 53.02 revealed that the  $\gamma$ -lactone moiety was at C(6) and C(7).

The large coupling constants observed for H–C(1) with H–C(2) ( $J(1\alpha,2\beta)=9.6$  Hz) and for H–C(6) with H–C(5) ( $J(6\beta,5\alpha)=10.4$  Hz) and H–C(7) ( $J(6\beta,7\alpha)=10.4$  Hz) allowed the assignment of the relative configuration at the stereogenic centers C(1), C(6), and C(7), *i.e.*, of the  $\alpha$ -position of H–C(1) and the  $6\alpha,7\beta$ -orientation of the  $\gamma$ -lactone moiety. In addition, in the NOE difference spectrum of **1**, the signal of H–C(6) was enhanced (2.85%) on irradiation of Me(15), indicating the  $\beta$ -orientation of H–C(6), whereas the signals of H–C(1), H–C(5), and H–C(7) were not affected, indicating their  $\alpha$ -orientation. Further NOEs were observed for H–C(1)/H–C(5) and H–C(7) (3.61 and 1.81%, resp.), which also confirmed the relative configuration at C(1), C(5), C(6), and C(7). The configuration at C(11) was deter-

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of **1**–**3**. At 400 and 100 MHz, resp., in ( $\text{D}_5$ ) pyridine (**1** and **2**) or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (**3**);  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz; trivial atom numbering.

	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b> <sup>a)</sup>	
	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$
H–C(1)	3.88 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=6.8$ , 9.6)	74.19 ( <i>d</i> )	3.88 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=6.8$ , 9.6)	74.08 ( <i>d</i> )	4.10 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=7.2$ , 9.2)	82.72 ( <i>d</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (2)	2.64, 2.39 ( <i>2m</i> )	32.91 ( <i>t</i> )	2.64, 2.59 ( <i>2m</i> )	32.91 ( <i>t</i> )	2.16, 2.08 ( <i>2m</i> )	30.50 ( <i>t</i> )
H–C(3)	6.14 ( <i>br. s</i> )	120.63 ( <i>d</i> )	6.14 ( <i>br. s</i> )	120.75 ( <i>d</i> )	5.61 ( <i>br. s</i> )	130.34 ( <i>d</i> )
C(4)	–	137.69 ( <i>s</i> )	–	137.53 ( <i>s</i> )	–	131.04 ( <i>s</i> )
H–C(5)	2.39 ( <i>d</i> , $J=10.4$ )	48.89 ( <i>d</i> )	2.39 ( <i>d</i> , $J=10.4$ )	49.37 ( <i>d</i> )	2.51 ( <i>d</i> , $J=10.8$ )	48.46 ( <i>d</i> )
H–C(6)	4.16 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=10.4$ , 10.4)	80.73 ( <i>d</i> )	4.11 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=10.4$ , 10.4)	81.13 ( <i>d</i> )	2.65 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=10.8$ , 10.8)	81.92 ( <i>d</i> )
H–C(7)	1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	53.02 ( <i>d</i> )	2.50 ( <i>m</i> )	50.50 ( <i>d</i> )	2.08 ( <i>m</i> )	49.76 ( <i>d</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (8)	1.68, 1.47 ( <i>2m</i> )	22.50 ( <i>t</i> )	1.81, 1.51 ( <i>2m</i> )	20.87 ( <i>t</i> )	2.03, 1.76 ( <i>2m</i> )	20.47 ( <i>t</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (9)	1.47, 1.33 ( <i>2m</i> )	34.94 ( <i>t</i> )	1.47, 1.33 ( <i>2m</i> )	34.60 ( <i>t</i> )	1.68, 1.08 ( <i>2m</i> )	34.16 ( <i>t</i> )
C(10)	–	40.92 ( <i>s</i> )	–	40.99 ( <i>s</i> )	–	39.87 ( <i>s</i> )
H–C(11) or C(11)	2.32 ( <i>m</i> )	40.07 ( <i>d</i> )	–	139.57 ( <i>s</i> )	–	138.11 ( <i>s</i> )
C(12)	–	178.74 ( <i>s</i> )	–	170.07 ( <i>s</i> )	–	173.83 ( <i>s</i> )
Me(13) or CH <sub>2</sub> (13)	1.15 ( <i>d</i> , $J=7.2$ )	12.12 ( <i>q</i> )	6.10, 5.31 ( <i>2d</i> , $J=2.4$ )	115.63 ( <i>t</i> )	5.76, 5.34 ( <i>2d</i> , $J=2.8$ )	118.70 ( <i>t</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (14)	4.60 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=14.4$ , 6.8)	64.02 ( <i>t</i> )	4.60 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=14.4$ , 6.8)	64.02 ( <i>t</i> )	4.43, 4.15 ( <i>2d</i> , $J=10.8$ )	68.71 ( <i>t</i> )
Me(15)	1.10 ( <i>s</i> )	10.93 ( <i>q</i> )	1.07 ( <i>s</i> )	10.93 ( <i>q</i> )	0.54 ( <i>s</i> )	11.67 ( <i>q</i> )

<sup>a)</sup> Ester group A–C(14):  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.85 (*d*,  $J=8.4$ , H–C(2',6')), 6.48 (*d*,  $J=8.4$ , H–C(3',5')), 3.31 (*d*,  $J=14.8$ , CH<sub>2</sub>–C(1'));  $\delta(\text{C})$  125.83 (*s*, C(1')), 131.12 (*d*, C(2',6')), 115.85 (*d*, C(3',5')), 154.70 (*s*, C(4')), 40.99 (*t*, CH<sub>2</sub>–C(1')), 173.99 (*s*, COO).

mined by means of empirical rules [8]. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum, the  $\delta(\text{C})$  12.12 of Me(13) is typical for 6-hydroxyeudesman-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactones having an  $\alpha$ -methyl group at C(11). This was confirmed by an NOE at the signal of H–C(11) (2.74%) on irradiation of H–C(6), indicating the  $\beta$ -orientation of H–C(11).

Compound **2** was obtained as a white amorphous powder with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$  as deduced by HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  282.1707 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ )). The IR spectrum showed typical absorption bands for OH groups ( $3290\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and an  $\alpha$ -methylene-substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone moiety ( $1753\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). From further data (see *Table I*), the structure of **2** was elucidated as (1 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )-1,6,14-trihydroxyeudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone.

Comparing the NMR data of **2** with those of **1**, the main difference was that the  $\alpha$ -methyl-substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone moiety of **1** ( $\delta(\text{H})$  1.15 (*d*,  $J=7.2$  Hz, Me(13)) and 2.32 (*m*, H–C(11));  $\delta(\text{C})$  12.12 (C(13)), 40.07 (C(11)), and 178.74 (C(12)) was replaced in **2** by an  $\alpha$ -methylene-substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone moiety ( $\delta(\text{H})$  6.10 and 5.31 (*2d*,  $J=2.4$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>(13));  $\delta(\text{C})$  at 115.63 (C(13)), 139.57 (C(11)), and 170.07 (C(12)). The HMBC cross-peaks between CH<sub>2</sub>(13) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.10 and 5.31 and C(7) at  $\delta(\text{C})$  50.50, C(11) at  $\delta(\text{C})$  139.57, and C(12) at  $\delta(\text{C})$  170.07 confirmed the presence of an  $\alpha$ -methylene-substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone unit. The remaining signals were similar to the ones of **1**.

Compound **3** was obtained as a yellow gum. The molecular formula  $C_{23}H_{26}O_6$  was deduced from HR-ESI-MS which gave an  $[M + Na]^+$  ion peak at  $m/z$  421.4446. Comparing with compound **2**, the IR spectrum of **3** showed extra absorption bands for a benzyl group (1611, 1516, and 1445  $cm^{-1}$ ) and another ester carbonyl (1710  $cm^{-1}$ ), besides the absorption bands for an OH group (3404  $cm^{-1}$ ), and an  $\alpha$ -methylene-substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone unit (1759  $cm^{-1}$ ). From the spectral data (see *Table 1*), compound **3** was identified as (1 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )-1,6-dihydroxy-14-*O*-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]eudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone.

The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum of **3** was similar to that of **2**, except for the appearance of signals due to a (4-hydroxyphenyl)acetate moiety at  $\delta(H)$  6.85 (*d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H–C(2'), H–C(6')), 6.48 (*d*,  $J=8.4$  Hz, H–C(3'), H–C(5')), and 3.31 (*d*,  $J=14.8$  Hz,  $CH_2$ –C(1')) [6][9], which was confirmed by the  $^{13}C$ -NMR chemical shifts  $\delta(C)$  125.83 (C(1')), 131.12 (C(2'), C(6')), 115.85 (C(3'), C(5')), 154.70 (C(4')), 40.99 ( $CH_2$ –C(1')), and 173.99 (COO). The EI-MS of **3**, with a fragment ion at  $m/z$  151.9 ( $C_8H_8O_3^+$ ), which was higher than other peaks, also indicated the presence of a (4-hydroxyphenyl)acetate group. The HMBC cross-peaks (*Fig.*) between  $CH_2(14)$  at  $\delta(H)$  4.43 and 4.15 and an ester C=O at  $\delta(C)$  173.99 indicated that the (4-hydroxyphenyl)acetate group was attached at C(14).

Compound **6** was obtained as a colorless gum. The HR-ESI-MS experiment showed the  $[M + Na]^+$  signal at  $m/z$  265.1049, in accord with the molecular formula  $C_{12}H_{18}O_5$ . In the IR spectrum, absorption bands for OH groups (3361  $cm^{-1}$ ) and a benzyl group (1610, 1516, 1459  $cm^{-1}$ ) were present. Careful comparison of the  $^1H$ - and  $^{13}C$ -NMR data of **6** (*Table 2*) with those of related compounds [10–12], led to the conclusion that **6** had a phenylpropane skeleton. From further data (see *Table 2*), the structure of compound **6** was deduced as 3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methoxypropane<sup>1</sup>).

Table 2.  $^1H$ - and  $^{13}C$ -NMR Data of **4**–**6**. At 300 and 75 MHz, resp., in  $CDCl_3$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz; arbitrary atom numbering<sup>1</sup>).

	<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>8</b>	
	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$
C(1)	–	132.63 ( <i>s</i> )	–	137.31 ( <i>s</i> )	–	137.26 ( <i>s</i> )
H–C(2,6)	6.54 ( <i>br. s</i> )	102.82 ( <i>d</i> )	6.53 ( <i>br. s</i> )	102.89 ( <i>d</i> )	6.51 ( <i>br. s</i> )	102.96 ( <i>d</i> )
C(3,5)	–	147.08 ( <i>d</i> )	–	153.32 ( <i>d</i> )	–	153.34 ( <i>s</i> )
C(4)	–	134.02 ( <i>s</i> )	–	137.31 ( <i>s</i> )	–	137.26 ( <i>s</i> )
H–C(1')	4.30 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=4.2$ , 9.3)	84.08 ( <i>d</i> )	4.32 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=3.9$ , 9.3)	83.98 ( <i>d</i> )	4.15 ( <i>m</i> )	80.77 ( <i>d</i> )
$CH_2(2')$	2.03, 1.85 ( <i>2m</i> )	40.50 ( <i>t</i> )	2.02, 1.85 ( <i>2m</i> )	40.44 ( <i>t</i> )	2.11, 1.94 ( <i>2m</i> )	37.17 ( <i>t</i> )
$CH_2(3')$	3.78 ( <i>t</i> , $J=5.7$ )	61.22 ( <i>t</i> )	3.79 ( <i>t</i> , $J=5.4$ )	61.16 ( <i>t</i> )	4.15 ( <i>m</i> )	61.44 ( <i>t</i> )
MeO–C(1')	3.24 ( <i>s</i> )	56.50 ( <i>q</i> )	3.26 ( <i>s</i> )	56.72 ( <i>q</i> )	3.23 ( <i>s</i> )	56.75 ( <i>q</i> )
MeO–C(3,5)	3.90 ( <i>s</i> )	56.25 ( <i>q</i> )	3.88 ( <i>s</i> )	56.03 ( <i>q</i> )	3.87 ( <i>s</i> )	56.04 ( <i>q</i> )
OH–C(4) or MeO–C(4)	5.59 ( <i>s</i> )	–	3.86 ( <i>s</i> )	60.81 ( <i>q</i> )	3.85 ( <i>s</i> )	60.83 ( <i>q</i> )
AcO	–	–	–	–	2.02 ( <i>s</i> )	21.03 ( <i>q</i> ), 171.12 ( <i>s</i> )

The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (DEPT) spectra indicated that **6** contained three MeO, two  $\text{CH}_2$ , three CH, and four quaternary C-atoms. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum showed two overlapped C=CH moieties at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.54 (br. s, 2 H), an OH proton at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.59 (br. s, 1 H), and three MeO groups at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.90 (s, 6 H) and 3.24 (s, 3 H). In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum, typical signals for an oxygenated  $\text{CH}_2$  at  $\delta(\text{C})$  61.22 and an oxygenated CH at  $\delta(\text{C})$  84.08 were present. The EI-MS of **6** with the molecular ion  $M^+$  at  $m/z$  242 and the base peak at  $m/z$  197 (loss of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}$ ), confirmed the presence of a  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  moiety. The HMBC cross-peaks (Fig.) between the upfield MeO signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.24 and C(1') at  $\delta(\text{C})$  84.08 indicated that this MeO group was attached at C(1')<sup>1</sup>. The HMBC cross-peaks between H–C(1') at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.30 and C(2') at  $\delta(\text{C})$  40.50 and C(3') at  $\delta(\text{C})$  61.22 suggested the existence of a  $\text{CH}(\text{OMe})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  side chain. In addition, the HMBC cross-peaks between H–C(1') at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.30 and C(2) and C(6) at  $\delta(\text{C})$  102.82 indicated that this  $\text{CH}(\text{OMe})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  side chain was attached at C(1) of the aromatic ring.

Compound **7** was obtained as a colorless gum. The molecular formula was established as  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$  on the basis of the HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  279.1206 ( $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ )). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectral data (Table 2) of **7** were very similar to those of **6**, except for the signals of OH–C(4) which were replaced by those of a MeO–C(4)<sup>1</sup>. This could be confirmed by the HMBC cross-peaks between MeO–C(4) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.86 and C(4) at  $\delta(\text{C})$  137.31. The above data allowed us to assign **7** as 3-hydroxy-1-methoxy-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)propane<sup>1</sup>.

Compound **8** was characterized as the acetate of **7**. The IR spectrum revealed absorption bands for a C=O group ( $1737\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 2) also suggested the presence of an AcO group ( $\delta(\text{H})$  2.02 and  $\delta(\text{C})$  21.03 and 171.12). These data, together with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_6$ , assigned by the HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  321.1308 ( $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ )), suggested for **8** the structure of 3-(acetyloxy)-1-methoxy-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)propane<sup>1</sup>.

Compounds **6–8** are chiral and were isolated in optically active form. The absolute configuration at the asymmetric center C(1') was not determined.

The known compounds **4** [6] and **5** [6] were identified by comparison of their physical and spectral data with those reported in the literature.

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### Experimental Part

*General.* Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (200–300 mesh; *Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory*, Qingdao, P. R. China). TLC: silica  $\text{GF}_{254}$  (10–40  $\mu$ ; *Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory*); detection at 254 nm or by heating after spraying with 5%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in EtOH (v/v).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ : *Perkin-Elmer-341* polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Nicolet-NEXUS-670* FT-IR spectrometer; in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV Spectra: *Shimadzu-UV-260* spectrometer. NMR Spectra: *Bruker-AM-400* FT-NMR spectrometer and *Varian-Mercury-300BB* spectrometer ( $^1\text{H}$  at 400 or 300 MHz;  $^{13}\text{C}$  at 100 or 75 MHz);  $\text{SiMe}_4$  as internal standard. MS: *VG-ZABHS* instrument at 70 eV for EI, and *Bruker-APEX-II* instrument with glycerol as the matrix for HR-ESI; in  $m/z$  (rel. %).

*Plant Material.* The whole plant of *Sonchus uliginosus* was collected in Heyang County, Shanxi province, P. R. China, in August 2005, and identified by Prof. *Guoliang Zhang* from the School of Life Science, Lanzhou University. A voucher specimen (No. 2005-C008) was deposited at the College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Lanzhou University.

*Extraction and Isolation.* The air-dried whole plant of *S. uliginosus* (7.5 kg) was pulverized and extracted with MeOH (7 days  $\times$  3 times) at r.t. The solvent was evaporated giving an extract (600.0 g)

which was suspended in H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 l) and successively partitioned with petroleum ether (60–90°) (1.5 l), AcOEt (1.5 l), and BuOH (1.5 l). The AcOEt portion afforded, on concentration, a residue (7.8 g) which was subjected to CC (silica gel (100 g), CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1, 15:1, 10:1, 5:1, 3:1, 1:1, and 0:1): Fractions *F*<sub>1</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1, 800–1000 ml), *F*<sub>2</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 15:1, 1000–1200 ml), *F*<sub>3</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 10:1, 1000–1200 ml), *F*<sub>4</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 5:1, 2600–2800 ml), *F*<sub>5</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 3:1, 2800–2900 ml), *F*<sub>6</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 3:1, 1000–1200 ml), and *F*<sub>7</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 1:1 to 0:1, 3300–3500 ml). *F*<sub>1</sub> (185 mg) was subjected to repeated CC (silica gel, petroleum ether/AcOEt 2:1 to 1:1): pure **6** (6 mg), **7** (4 mg), and **8** (3 mg). *F*<sub>2</sub> (600 mg) was subjected to CC (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/acetone 8:1) to afford *F*<sub>2.1</sub>, *F*<sub>2.2</sub>, *F*<sub>2.3</sub>, and *F*<sub>2.4</sub>. *F*<sub>2.3</sub> (68 mg) was further purified by repeated CC (silica gel, petroleum ether/acetone 2:1): **1** (18 mg) and **2** (12 mg). *F*<sub>4</sub> (2.0 g) was subjected to CC (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 15:1) to afford a crude fraction which was further separated by prep. TLC (silica gel *GF*<sub>254</sub> (10–40 μ), 25×25 cm, AcOEt/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 10:1:0.5): **5** (8 mg, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.476). *F*<sub>5</sub> (1.8 g) was subjected to CC (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 10:1): *F*<sub>5.1</sub>, *F*<sub>5.2</sub>, *F*<sub>5.3</sub>, *F*<sub>5.4</sub>, and *F*<sub>5.5</sub>. *F*<sub>5.2</sub> (800 mg) was further purified by repeated CC (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 8:1) to afford crude **4** (96 mg) which was subjected to prep. TLC (silica gel *GF*<sub>254</sub> (10–40 μ), 25×25 cm, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 4:1): **4** (56 mg, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.434). *F*<sub>6</sub> (600 mg) was subjected to CC (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 5:1) to afford a crude fraction containing **3** (32 mg) which was further separated by prep. TLC (silica gel *GF*<sub>254</sub> (10–40 μ), 25×25 cm, AcOEt/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1:0.5): **3** (12 mg, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.515).

(1β,6α)-1,6,14-Trihydroxyeudesm-3-en-12-oic Acid γ-Lactone (=rel-(3R,3aR,5aS,6S,9aR,9bR)-3a,4,5,5a,6,7,9a,9b-Octahydro-6-hydroxy-9-(hydroxymethyl)-3,5a-dimethylnaphtho[1,2-b]furan-2(3H)-one; **1**): White amorphous powder. M.p. 208–210°. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +104 (*c* = 0.2, acetone). IR: 3289, 1763. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 1. EI-MS: 266 (48, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 248 (100, [*M* – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 284.1861 ([*M* + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 284.1856).

(1β,6α)-1,6,14-Trihydroxyeudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic Acid γ-Lactone (=rel-(3aR,5aS,6S,9aR,9bR)-3a,4,5,5a,6,7,9a,9b-Octahydro-6-hydroxy-9-(hydroxymethyl)-5a-methyl-3-methylenenaphtho[1,2-b]furan-2(3H)-one; **2**): White amorphous powder. M.p. 208–210°. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +104 (*c* = 0.2, acetone). IR: 3290, 1753. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 1. EI-MS: 264 (32, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 246 (100, [*M* – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 282.1707 ([*M* + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 282.1700).

(1β,6α)-1,6-Dihydroxy-14-O-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetyl]eudesma-3,11(13)-dien-12-oic Acid γ-Lactone (=4-Hydroxybenzeneacetic Acid rel-[(3aR,5aS,6S,9aR,9bR)-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,6,7,9a,9b-Decahydro-6-hydroxy-5a-methyl-3-methylene-2-oxonaphtho[1,2-b]furan-9-yl]methyl Ester; **3**): Yellow gum. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +53 (*c* = 1.0, MeOH). IR: 3404, 1759, 1710, 1611, 1516, 1445. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 1. EI-MS: 398.1 (2, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 380.1 (8, [*M* – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>), 151.9 (45, [(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetic acid]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 421.4446 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 421.4445).

4-Hydroxy-γ,3,5-trimethoxybenzenepropanol (**6**): Colorless gum. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = –8 (*c* = 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3361, 2920, 2851, 1610, 1516, 1459, 1419, 1212, 1112, 1046, 906, 836. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 2. EI-MS: 242 (1.5, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 197 (100, [*M* – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 265.1049 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 265.1046).

γ,3,4,5-Tetramethoxybenzenepropanol (**7**): Colorless gum. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = –10 (*c* = 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3382, 2922, 2852, 1592, 1505, 1459, 1420, 1233, 1125, 1102, 834. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 2. EI-MS: 256 (11.7, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 211 (100, [*M* – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 279.1206 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 279.1203).

γ,3,4,5-Tetramethoxybenzenepropanol Acetate (**8**): Colorless gum. [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = –14 (*c* = 0.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3371, 2930, 2837, 1737, 1591, 1505, 1460, 1420, 1326, 1235, 1125, 1040, 835. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 2. EI-MS: 298 (71, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 211 (100, [*M* – C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 321.1308 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 321.1309).

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