

Acylated Stilbene Glucosides and Further Constituents from *Acanthopanax brachypus*

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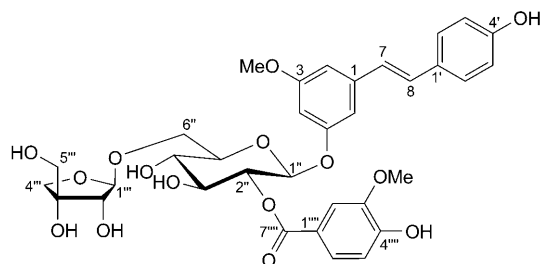
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Two new acylated stilbene glucosides, (*E*)-3-*O*-methylresveratrol 5-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-(2''-vanilloyl)glucopyranoside (**1**) and (*E*)-3-*O*-methylresveratrol 5-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-2''-[(*E*)-feruloyl]glucopyranoside (**2**), together with five known compounds 2-methoxyphenyl β -D-glucopyranoside, (–)-syringaresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, acantrifoside A, β -sitosterol, and daucosterol, were isolated from the EtOH extract of *Acanthopanax brachypus*. Their structures were characterized by means of spectroscopic methods, especially by ¹H-, ¹³C-, 2D-NMR, and HR-MS, as well as by chemical methods and comparison with literature data.

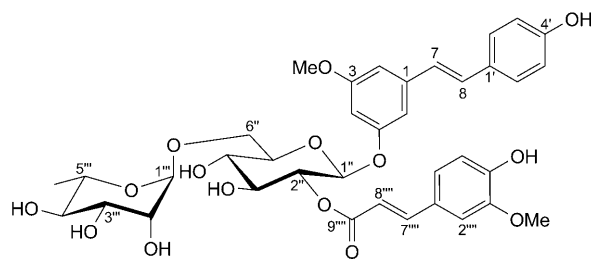
Introduction. – The genus *Acanthopanax* belonging to the Araliaceae family includes 37 species around the world, which are widely distributed in Korea, Japan, China, and the far-eastern region of Russia. 26 Species and 18 varieties grow in mainland China [1][2]. The root and stem bark of these plants have been clinically used for a long time as a tonic and sedative, as well as for the treatment of rheumatism, diabetes, chronic bronchitis, hypertension, anti-stress, ischemic heart disease, and gastric ulcer [3–6]. As an endangered shrub in the wild due to overharvesting and loss of habitat through deforestation, *Acanthopanax brachypus* HARMS is distributed in a narrow geographical area, most in the Loess Plateau of the Northwest of China [7][8]. The seeds of *A. brachypus* have been reported to contain many microelements indispensable to human body, alleviate women menopause syndrome, and exhibit immunostimulating and anticancer activities [9][10]. Rhizome extracts have been used to inhibit the allergic response in China and Korea [11]. Roots, leaves, and flowers possess various therapeutic uses [12–14]. To date, however, the research mainly concentrated on the reproductive biology and ecology, there has been a few studies on the chemical composition and biological activity. Only syringaresinol diglucoside, syringin, sucrose, β -sitosterol, and fatty acids have been previously isolated from this plant [15][16]. Further phytochemical investigation led to the isolation of two new acylated stilbene glucosides, (*E*)-3-*O*-methylresveratrol 5-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-(2''-vanilloyl)-glucopyranoside¹⁾ (**1**) and (*E*)-3-*O*-methylresveratrol 5-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-2''-[(*E*)-feruloyl]glucopyranoside¹⁾ (**2**), together with five known compounds (2-methoxyphenyl β -D-glucopyranoside, (–)-syringaresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, acantrifoside A, β -sitosterol, and daucosterol) from

¹⁾ For systematic names, see *Exper. Part*.

the stem bark of *A. brachypus*. In the present communication, we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of these new compounds.



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Results and Discussion. – Compound **1** was obtained as a pale yellowish amorphous powder, and was assigned the molecular formula $C_{34}H_{38}O_{15}$, requiring 16 degrees of unsaturation, based on HR-FAB-MS (m/z 687.2296 [$M + H$] $^+$; calc. 687.2289). The UV spectrum exhibited absorptions at 258, 308, and 326 nm, suggesting the presence of a conjugated aromatic system [17]. The IR spectrum showed the presence of OH (3429 cm^{-1}), aromatic ($1600, 1508, 1456\text{ cm}^{-1}$), and conjugated CO (1715 cm^{-1}) groups.

The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum (Table 1) showed the presence of a 1,3,5-trisubstituted aromatic ring at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.70 (br. s, 1 H), 6.40 (br. s, 1 H), and 6.63 (br. s, 1 H), one MeO group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.81 (s, 3 H), a *para*-disubstituted aromatic ring at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.43 (*d*, $J = 8.5$, 1 H) and 6.88 (*d*, $J = 8.5$, 1 H), and two (*E*)-olefinic H-atoms at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.85 (*d*, $J = 16.0$, 1 H) and 7.01 (*d*, $J = 16.0$, 1 H) [18]. Moreover, the HMBC and NOESY correlations H–C(7)/C(2) and C(6), H–C(8)/C(2') and C(6'), and H–C(7)/H–C(2') and H–C(8)/H–C(6) were observed. These spectra were consistent with those published for (*E*)-resveratrol [19][20] and (*E*)-resveratrol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside [21][22]. In the NMR and DEPT spectrum of **1**, the signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.91 (*d*, $J = 7.5$, 1 H) and $\delta(\text{C})$ 101.3 (CH), 76.8 (CH), 74.5 (CH), 71.3 (CH), 76.9 (CH), and 68.2 (CH₂) indicated the presence of a β -glucopyranose (Glc) moiety. Likewise, the signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.10 (*d*, $J = 2.4$, 1 H) and $\delta(\text{C})$ 109.5 (CH), 78.2 (CH), 80.7 (C), 74.8 (CH₂), and 65.1 (CH₂) indicated the presence of a β -apiofuranose (Api) moiety [23][24]. The remaining signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.18 (*d*, $J = 2.6$, 1 H), 6.76 (*d*, $J = 8.0$, 1 H), 7.25 (*dd*, $J = 8.0, 2.6$, 1 H), and 3.75 (s, 3 H), and $\delta(\text{C})$ 122.8 (C), 110.2 (CH), 147.1 (C), 150.2 (C), 116.9 (CH),

Table 1. ^1H , ^{13}C , and 2D-NMR Data of **1**. At 400/100 MHz, resp., in CD_3OD ; δ in ppm, J in Hz. Arbitrary atom numbering.

	$\delta(\text{C})$ (DEPT)	$\delta(\text{H})$	HMBC (H \rightarrow C)	NOESY
C(1)	141.5 (C)			
H–C(2)	107.3 (CH)	6.70 (br. s)	1, 3, 4, 6, 7	9
C(3)	162.1 (C)			
H–C(4)	104.0 (CH)	6.40 (br. s)	2, 3, 5, 6	9
C(5)	159.3 (C)			
H–C(6)	107.8 (CH)	6.63 (br. s)	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	8, 1''
H–C(7)	126.8 (CH)	6.85 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.0$)	1, 2, 6, 1', 8	2'
H–C(8)	129.8 (CH)	7.01 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.0$)	1, 2', 6', 7	6
Me(9)	55.9 (Me)	3.81 (s)	3	2, 4
C(1')	131.6 (C)			
H–C(2')	128.7 (CH)	7.43 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	3', 4', 6', 8	7
H–C(3')	115.4 (CH)	6.88 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 2', 4', 5'	OH
C(4')	158.7 (C)			
H–C(5')	115.4 (CH)	6.88 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 4', 6'	OH
H–C(6')	128.7 (CH)	7.43 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 4', 5', 8	
H–C(1'')	101.3 (CH)	4.91 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.5$)	5, 2''	6, 3'', 5''
H–C(2'')	76.8 (CH)	4.53 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 9.5, 7.5$)	7''', 1'', 3''	4''
H–C(3'')	74.5 (CH)	3.39–3.45 (<i>m</i>) ^a	2'', 4''	1'', 5''
H–C(4'')	71.3 (CH)	3.39–3.45 (<i>m</i>) ^a	3'', 5''	2''
H–C(5'')	76.9 (CH)	3.39–3.45 (<i>m</i>) ^a	4'', 6''	1'', 3''
CH ₂ (6'')	68.2 (CH ₂)	3.98 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 11.5, 1.8$), 3.71 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 11.5, 5.0$)	1'', 5''	
H–C(1''')	109.5 (CH)	5.10 (<i>d</i> , $J = 2.4$)	6'', 2'''	
H–C(2''')	78.2 (CH)	3.74 (<i>d</i> , $J = 2.4$)	1'''	
C(3''')	80.7 (C)			
CH ₂ (4''')	74.8 (CH ₂)	3.87, 3.61 (<i>2d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	2'', 3'''	
CH ₂ (5''')	65.1 (CH ₂)	3.39, 3.36 (<i>2d</i> , $J = 11.0$)	2'', 3'''	
C(1''')	122.8 (C)			
H–C(2''')	110.2 (CH)	7.18 (<i>d</i> , $J = 2.6$)	1''', 4''', 7'''	8'''
C(3''')	147.1 (C)			
C(4''')	150.2 (C)			
H–C(5''')	116.9 (CH)	6.76 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.0$)	1''', 3'''	OH
H–C(6''')	123.2 (CH)	7.25 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 8.0, 2.6$)	2''', 4''', 7'''	
C(7''')	164.5 (C)			
Me(8''')	55.6 (Me)	3.75 (s)	3'''	2'''

^a) Overlapping signals.

123.2 (CH), 164.5 (C), and 55.6 (Me) as well as HMBC H–C(6''')/C(7''') and Me(8''')/C(3''') (see *Fig. 1*) indicated a vanilloyl moiety in **1**. In the FAB-MS spectrum of **1**, the significant ion peaks at m/z 555 ($[M + H - 132]^+$), 537 ($[M + H - 150]^+$), 405 ($[M + H - 150 - 132]^+$), 243 ($[M + H - 162 - 150 - 132]^+$), and 151 ($[\text{vanilloyl}]^+$) also indicated the presence of vanilloyl, glucosyl, and apiosyl groups in **1**. This conclusion was further supported by the detection of vanillic acid, glucose, and apiose (in the ratio of 1 : 1, determined by *co*-TLC with authentic samples and GC-MS analysis [25]) after acid hydrolysis.

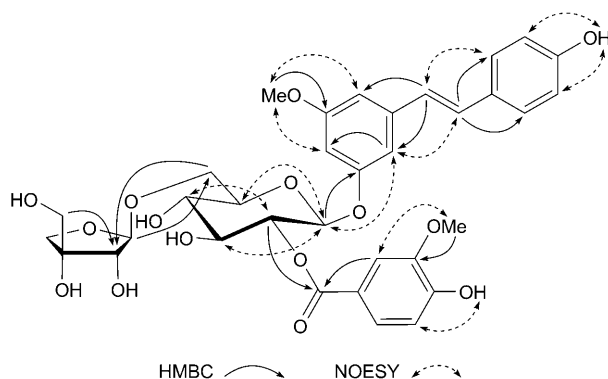


Fig. 1. Key HMBC (H → C) and NOESY (H ↔ H) correlations of **1**

Comparison of the ^{13}C -NMR spectral data of **1** with (*E*)-5-*O*-methylresveratrol 3-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 → 6)- β -D-glucopyranoside [26] indicated that the vanilloyl moiety was attached to the C(2'') of glucose as this C-atom signal was shifted downfield [27–30], while the C(1'') and C(3'') signals were shifted upfield, respectively. The downfield shift of C(6'') indicated that the terminal apiosyl group was connected to the glucosyl residue through a (1 → 6)-*O*-glycosidic linkage. The downfield shift of C(5) revealed the glycosylation of the aglycone at C(5). These aforementioned conclusions were also supported by the HMBC correlations H–C(2'')/C(7'''), H–C(1'')/C(6''), CH₂(6'')/C(1'''), H–C(1'')/C(5), and Me(9)/C(3), along with the NOESY correlations H–C(1'')/H–C(6), H–C(2'')/H–C(4''), H–C(5'')/H–C(3'') and H–C(1''), and Me(9)/H–C(2) and H–C(4) in the HMBC and NOESY spectra.

On the basis of the foregoing studies, the structure of **1** was established as (*E*)-3-*O*-methylresveratrol 5-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl-(1 → 6)- β -D-(2''-vanilloyl)glucopyranoside¹.

Compound **2** was isolated as a pale yellow amorphous powder. The HR-FAB-MS showed a *quasi*-molecular-ion peak at m/z 727.2610 ($[M + H]^+$; calc. 727.2602), 60 mass units more than that of **1**, indicating the molecular formula as C₃₇H₄₂O₁₅, and corresponding to 17 degrees of unsaturation. The UV spectrum exhibited absorptions at 218, 306, and 324 nm. The IR spectrum of **2** showed absorption bands for OH (3431 cm⁻¹), aromatic rings (1600, 1512, 1455 cm⁻¹), and α,β -unsaturated ester (1701, 1632, 972 cm⁻¹) [31][32] functionalities. Comparison of the NMR and FAB-MS data of **2** with those of **1** suggested that compound **2** differs from **1** in the nature of the acyl and glycosyl substituents.

The ^1H -NMR of **2** (Table 2) showed the presence of a (*E*)-C=C bond by signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.48 and 6.25 with a coupling constant of $J = 15.9$ Hz, a typical *ABX* spin system in the aromatic region at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.04 (*d*, $J = 2.0$, 1 H), 6.95 (*d*, $J = 8.0$, 1 H), and 7.08 (*dd*, $J = 2.0$, 8.0, 1 H) with *ortho*, *ortho/meta*, and *meta* coupling constants, respectively, a *singlet* at $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.82 (*s*, 3 H) corresponding to a MeO group, and a broad signal exchangeable with D₂O corresponding to a OH group. The ^{13}C -NMR spectrum showed a signal at $\delta(\text{C})$ 165.5 due to the CO group of an ester function. These data indicated the presence of a (*E*)-feruloyl or (*Z*)-feruloyl unit in **2**. Further evidence came from the mass spectrum of **2**, which showed a significant fragment at m/z 177 characteristic of a

Table 2. ^1H , ^{13}C , and 2D-NMR Data of **2**. At 400/100 MHz, resp., in CD_3OD ; δ in ppm, J in Hz. Arbitrary atom numbering.

	$\delta(\text{C})$ (DEPT)	$\delta(\text{H})$	HMBC (H \rightarrow C)	NOESY
C(1)	141.8 (C)			
H–C(2)	106.9 (CH)	6.72 (br. <i>s</i>)	1, 3, 4, 6, 7	9
C(3)	160.4 (C)			
H–C(4)	103.8 (CH)	6.41 (br. <i>s</i>)	2, 3, 5, 6	9
C(5)	159.6 (C)			
H–C(6)	108.1 (CH)	6.65 (br. <i>s</i>)	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	8, 1''
H–C(7)	126.8 (CH)	6.84 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.1$)	1, 2, 6, 1', 8	2'
H–C(8)	129.8 (CH)	6.99 (<i>d</i> , $J = 16.1$)	1, 2', 6', 7	6
Me(9)	56.1 (Me)	3.79 (<i>s</i>)	3	2, 4
C(1')	131.8 (C)			
H–C(2')	128.5 (CH)	7.45 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	3', 4', 6', 8	7
H–C(3')	115.1 (CH)	6.86 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 2', 4', 5'	OH
C(4')	160.9 (C)			
H–C(5')	115.1 (CH)	6.86 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 4', 6'	OH
H–C(6')	128.5 (CH)	7.45 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.5$)	1', 4', 5', 8	
H–C(1'')	101.5 (CH)	4.89 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.5$)	5, 2''	6, 3'', 5''
H–C(2'')	76.3 (CH)	4.48 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 9.6, 7.5$)	9''', 1'', 3''	4''
H–C(3'')	75.1 (CH)	3.38–3.44 (<i>m</i>) ^a	2'', 4''	1'', 5''
H–C(4'')	71.5 (CH)	3.38–3.44 (<i>m</i>) ^a	3'', 5''	2''
H–C(5'')	76.8 (CH)	3.38–3.44 (<i>m</i>) ^a	4'', 6''	1'', 3''
CH ₂ (6'')	67.9 (CH ₂)	4.01 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 11.5, 1.9$), 3.65 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 11.5, 5.0$)	1'', 5''	
H–C(1''')	102.1 (CH)	5.08 (<i>d</i> , $J = 1.7$)	6'', 2'''	2'''
H–C(2''')	72.3 (CH)	3.62–3.78 (<i>m</i>) ^a		1'''
H–C(3''')	71.6 (CH)	3.62–3.78 (<i>m</i>) ^a		5'''
H–C(4''')	74.1 (CH)	3.42 (<i>d</i> , $J = 9.6$)		
H–C(5''')	69.8 (CH)	3.62–3.78 (<i>m</i>) ^a		3'''
Me(6''')	18.2 (Me)	1.28 (<i>d</i> , $J = 6.1$)	4''', 5'''	
C(1''')	126.8 (C)			
H–C(2''')	109.8 (CH)	7.04 (<i>d</i> , $J = 2.0$)	4''', 6''', 7'''	10'''
C(3''')	148.5 (C)			
C(4''')	149.1 (C)			
H–C(5''')	114.5 (CH)	6.95 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.0$)	1''', 3''', 4'''	OH
H–C(6''')	123.8 (CH)	7.08 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 2.0, 8.0$)	2''', 4''', 7'''	8'''
H–C(7''')	144.8 (CH)	7.48 (<i>d</i> , $J = 15.9$)	2''', 6''', 8''', 9'''	
H–C(8''')	115.7 (CH)	6.25 (<i>d</i> , $J = 15.9$)	1''', 7''', 9'''	6'''
C(9''')	165.5 (C)			
Me(10''')	55.7 (Me)	3.82 (<i>s</i>)	3'''	2''', 5'''

^a) Overlapping signals.

(*E*)-feruloyl or (*Z*)-feruloyl moiety [33]. The positions occupied by the OH and MeO groups in the aromatic ring were established through the observation of the key HMBC and NOESY correlations Me(10''')/C(3'''), H–C(2'''), and H–C(5'''), and H–C(6''')/C(4'''), and H–C(2''')/Me(10''') (Fig. 2). These data confirmed that the MeO and OH groups were attached to C(3''') and C(4'''), respectively, in accordance with a (*E*)-feruloyl residue. The signals for an anomeric CH group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.08 (*d*, $J =$

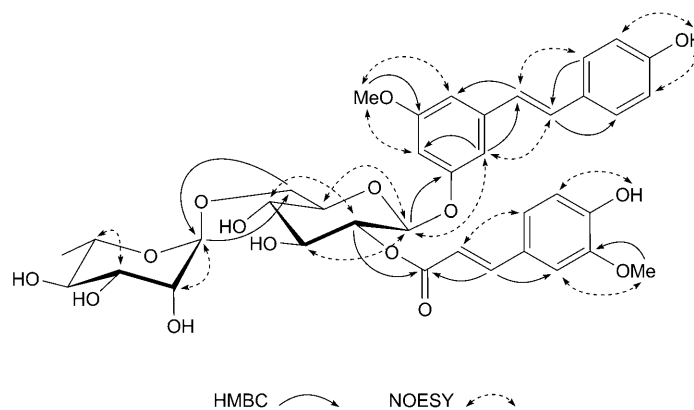


Fig. 2. Key HMBC (H \rightarrow C) and NOESY (H \leftrightarrow H) correlations of **2**

1.7, 1 H) and δ (C) 102.1, together with a Me group at δ (H) 1.28 (*d*, $J=6.1$, 3 H) and δ (C) 18.2 revealed an α -L-rhamnosyl (Rha) group in **2**. The above conclusions were also verified by the FAB-MS fragment ions at m/z 581 ($[M+H-146]^+$), 551 ($[M+H-176]^+$), 405 ($[M+H-176-146]^+$), 243 ($[M+H-162-176-146]^+$), and 177 ($[feruloyl]^+$), as well as the detection of (*E*)-ferulic acid, D-glucose and L-rhamnose (in the ratio of 1:1) after acid hydrolysis of **2**.

As such, the correlations H-C(1'')/C(5), H-C(1''')/C(6''), CH₂(6'')/C(1'''), H-C(2'')/C(9'''), and H-C(1'')/H-C(6) in the HMBC and NOESY spectra confirmed that the (*E*)-feruloyl and α -L-rhamnosyl groups were attached to C(2'') and C(6'') of β -D-glucose, respectively, which in turn was located at C(5) of the aglycone. From the above spectroscopic evidence, the structure of **2** was established as (*E*)-3-*O*-methylesveratrol 5-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- β -D-2''-[(*E*)-feruloyl]-glucopyranoside¹.

Finally, the five known compounds were identified as 2-methoxyphenyl β -D-glucopyranoside [34], (–)-syringaresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside [35][36], acantrifoside A [37], β -sitosterol [38] and daucosterol [39], based on comparison of their spectral data with those published.

Besides the new compounds **1** and **2**, 2-methoxyphenyl β -D-glucopyranoside and acantrifoside A were obtained for the first time from *A. brachypus*. This is also the first report on the isolation of (*E*)-resveratrol derivatives from the genus *Acanthopanax*. Numerous interesting biological properties have been described for (*E*)-resveratrol derivatives, including the inhibition of the growth of tumor cell lines *in vitro*, the inhibition of carcinogenesis *in vivo* [40] and the induction of apoptosis [41]. Plants containing stilbenoids may therefore have a potential for the development of new drugs.

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Experimental Part

General. All solvents were distilled before use. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC): precoated silica-gel *GF₂₅₄* plates (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Plant, P. R. China). Column Chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 100–200, 200–300 mesh; Qingdao) and *Sephadex LH-20* gel (Amersham Biosciences). GC-MS: *GC6890N-MSD5973N* (Agilent); *HP-5* MS fused silica capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 μm). Optical rotations: *Perkin-Elmer 341* digital polarimeter. UV Spectra: *Shimadzu UV-300* spectrophotometer; λ_{max} (log ε) in nm. IR Spectra: *Perkin-Elmer 577* spectrometer with KBr pellets; in cm⁻¹. 1D- and 2D-NMR Spectra: *Bruker DRX-400* spectrometer; in CDCl₃, CD₃OD or (D₆)acetone soln.; δ in ppm rel. to Me₄Si, *J* in Hz. FAB-MS: *VG Auto-Spec-3000* mass spectrometer; in *m/z*, glycerol matrix.

Plant Material. The stem bark of *A. brachypus* was collected from Qingyang of Gansu Province, P. R. China, in August 2007, and identified by Prof. Xiao-Qiang Guo (Department of Life Sciences, Longdong University, P. R. China). A voucher specimen (No. 2007-18) was deposited with the Herbarium of the Department of Life Sciences, Longdong University.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried and pulverized stem barks of *A. brachypus* (5.0 kg) were extracted three times with 95% aq. EtOH at r.t. (15 l × 7 d, each time), and then the extracts were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure at 60° to yield 242 g of a brown viscous residue. The EtOH extract was suspended in distilled H₂O (1500 ml) and partitioned successively with hexane (500 ml), AcOEt (500 ml), and BuOH (sat. with H₂O, 500 ml). The concentrated AcOEt-soluble extract (188 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂ (480 g; 100–200 mesh), polarity gradient with hexane, CHCl₃, Me₂CO, and MeOH, pure or in mixtures); *Fractions A₁–A₁₈* (TLC control). *Fr. A₂* (2.0 g, CHCl₃/Me₂CO 1:2) was rechromatographed on *Sephadex LH-20* with MeOH as eluent to give (–)-syringaresinol-4,4'-bis-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (12 mg). *Fr. A₅* (1.5 g, Me₂CO/MeOH 5:2) was rechromatographed over SiO₂ (50 g; 200–300 mesh, CHCl₃/MeOH 3:7), and further purified by prep. TLC (MeOH/CHCl₃/hexane, 1:5:2) to afford 2-methoxyphenyl β-D-glucopyranoside (24 mg). *Fr. A₈* (13.0 g, Me₂CO/MeOH 3:8) was rechromatographed over SiO₂ (120 g; 200–300 mesh) with a gradient mixture of CHCl₃/MeOH (from 2:1 to 1:4) to give seven subfractions (*Fr. A₈₀₁–A₈₀₇*). *Subfr. A₈₀₂* (1.3 g) was chromatographed on *Sephadex LH-20* with MeOH/H₂O (1:1) to afford compound **1** (19 mg). *Subfr. A₈₀₄* (870 mg) was separated in the same way as *Subfr. A₈₀₂* to afford compound **2** (23 mg). *Fr. A₁₂* (13.9 g) was rechromatographed over SiO₂ (130 g; 200–300 mesh) with a gradient mixture of AcOEt/MeOH (from 8:1 to 1:7) to yield crude acantrifoside A, which was repeatedly subjected to SiO₂ column (113 g; 200–300 mesh) with a gradient mixture of CHCl₃/MeOH (from 3:1 to 1:10) to afford 13 mg of pure material. *Fr. A₁₇* (9.0 g) was further purified over a SiO₂ column (100 g; 200–300 mesh) eluting stepwise with CHCl₃/MeOH (from 5:1 to 1:8), and then over *Sephadex LH-20* eluting with MeOH to obtain β-sitosterol (16 mg) and daucosterol (15 mg), resp.

3-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-[*E*]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]phenyl 6-*O*-[(2*R*,3*R*,4*R*)-3,4-Dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl]-2-*O*-[(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)carbonyl]-β-D-glucopyranoside (**1**). Pale yellow amorphous powder. [α]_D²⁵ = –72.4 (*c* = 0.12, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 258 (4.65), 308 (4.38), 326 (4.47). IR (KBr): 3429, 1715, 1600, 1508, 1456, 1280, 1140, 1054. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. FAB-MS: 687 ([*M* + H]⁺), 555 ([*M* + H – 132]⁺), 537 ([*M* + H – 150]⁺), 405 ([*M* + H – 150 – 132]⁺), 243 ([*M* + H – 162 – 150 – 132]⁺), 151 ([vanilloyl]⁺). HR-FAB-MS: 687.2296 ([*M* + H]⁺, C₃₄H₃₉O₁₅; calc. 687.2289).

3-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-[*E*]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]phenyl 6-*O*-(6-Deoxy-α-L-mannopyranosyl)-2-*O*-[(2*E*)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-enyl]-β-D-glucopyranoside (**2**). Pale yellow amorphous powder. [α]_D²⁵ = –78.7 (*c* = 0.25, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 218 (4.46), 306 (3.98), 324 (4.18). IR (KBr): 3431, 1701, 1632, 1600, 1512, 1455, 1276, 1141, 1055, 972. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 2*. FAB-MS: 727 ([*M* + H]⁺), 581 ([*M* + H – 146]⁺), 551 ([*M* + H – 176]⁺), 405 ([*M* + H – 176 – 146]⁺), 243 ([*M* + H – 162 – 176 – 146]⁺), 177 ([feruloyl]⁺). HR-FAB-MS: 727.2610 ([*M* + H]⁺, C₃₇H₄₅O₁₅; calc. 727.2602).

2-Methoxyphenyl β-D-Glucopyranoside. Colorless needles. FAB-MS: 287 ([*M* + H]⁺), 125 ([*M* + H – 162]⁺).

Acantrifoside A. White powder. FAB-MS: 943 ([*M* + H]⁺), 797 ([*M* + H – 146]⁺), 635 ([*M* + H – 146 – 162]⁺), 473 ([*M* + H – 146 – 162 × 2]⁺).

Acid Hydrolysis of Compounds 1 and 2 and Determination of the Absolute Configuration of the Monosaccharides: Compounds **1** and **2** (each 10 mg) were dissolved in MeOH (10 ml) and 2N HCl (5 ml), resp. The mixtures were refluxed with magnetic stirring in a H₂O bath at 90° for 2 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with H₂O (5 ml) and extracted with AcOEt (2 ml × 3). The AcOEt phases were evaporated, and vanillic acid and (*E*)-ferulic acid were identified by TLC through comparison with authentic samples. The aq. layer was neutralized by passing through an ion-exchange resin (*Amberlite MB-3*) column eluted with H₂O, then concentrated and dried to furnish a monosaccharide residue. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (0.2 ml), to which 0.10M D-cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride in pyridine (0.2 ml) was added. The mixture was kept at 60° for 1.5 h. After the mixture was dried *in vacuo*, the residue was trimethylsilylated with 1-trimethylsilylimidazols (0.15 ml) for 2 h. The mixture was partitioned between hexane and H₂O (0.3 ml each), and the hexane extract was analyzed by GC/MS under the following conditions: *HP-5* MS fused silica capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 μm), column temp. at 230°, injection temp. at 250°, N₂ as carrier gas. In the acid hydrolysate of **1** and **2**, D-glucose, D-apiose, and L-rhamnose were confirmed by comparison of the retention times of their derivatives with those of D-glucose (26.1 min), L-glucose (22.8 min), D-apiose (13.5 min), L-apiose (11.1 min), D-rhamnose (12.7 min), L-rhamnose (13.2 min) [25], resp.

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