

Three New Benzophenone Glucosides from the Leaves of *Planchonella obovata*

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Chemical investigation of the EtOH extract of the leaves of *Planchonella obovata* resulted in the isolation of four benzophenone glucosides, **1–4**, of which three, **2–4**, are new chemical entities together with five known flavonol glycosides. Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic analysis. Among the isolated compounds, iriflophenone 2-*O*-(2,6-di-*O*-galloyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (**4**) showed some activity (91.4 and 15.0% inhibition at 100 and 10 μ g/ml, resp.) against the α -glucosidase of *Bacillus stearothermophilus*.

Introduction. – Inhibitors of α -glucosidases located in the small intestine brush border reduce the release of glucose from dietary carbohydrates and improve the glycemic control [1]. Several α -glucosidase inhibitors, *e.g.*, acarbose and miglitol, are currently used in clinic for the treatment of type-II diabetes [2]. In this context, we had set up an enzymatic screening system to find new α -glucosidase inhibitors from higher plants [3]. A preliminary study indicated that the AcOEt- and BuOH-soluble fractions of the MeOH extract of the leaves of *Planchonella obovata* (R. Br.) PIERRE (Sapotaceae) were active against α -glucosidase, both showing more than 85% inhibition at 100 μ g/ml, and 15 to 20% inhibition at 10 μ g/ml. *P. obovata* is an evergreen large tree, widely distributed in Tropical Asia such as India, Malaysia, Philippines, and Taiwan, serving as street and garden tree [4]. Previous studies on the chemical constituents of the *Planchonella* plants resulted in the isolation of pyrrolizidine alkaloids [5], triterpenoids [6], steroids, and saccharides [7]. However, no chemical investigation of the species *P. obovata* has been reported so far. Bioassay-guided fractionation and separation of these two active fractions *via* Sephadex LH-20, centrifugal partition chromatography, semi-preparative and preparative HPLC on RP-18 columns led to the isolation of nine compounds. Here, we describe the structural characterization and α -glucosidase inhibitory activity of these compounds.

Results and Discussion. – Compounds **1–4** (Fig. 1) possessed a common 2,4,4',6-tetraoxygenated benzophenone skeleton characteristic of iriflophenone derivatives. This conclusion was supported by their ¹H-NMR spectra which exhibited characteristic signals for a *meta*-coupled AX system (δ (H) 6.06 and 6.24 ($J=2.0$) for **1**) and an AA'XX' system (δ (H) 7.68 and 6.78 ($J=8.7$) for **1**), and by their ¹³C-NMR spectra, which displayed signals for a conjugated CO group (δ (C) 197.5 (C(7)) for **1**), four O-bearing aryl C-atoms (164 ppm > δ (C) > 157 ppm), six aromatic CH groups, of which two (for C(3) and C(5)) appeared between 95 and 99 ppm, and two non-O-bearing

quaternary C-atoms, one around $\delta(\text{C})$ 110 (for C(1)) and the other around $\delta(\text{C})$ 132 (for C(1')) [8]. These data also revealed an asymmetric moiety in ring A.

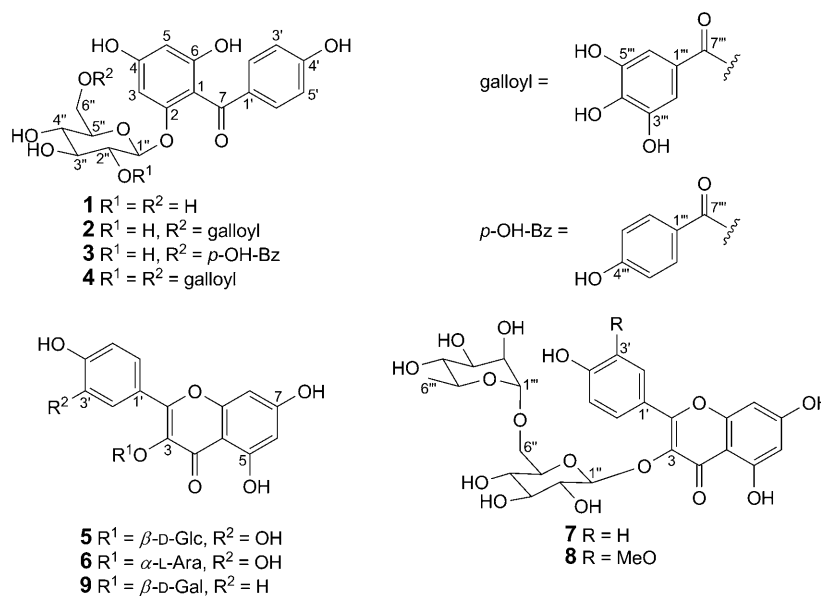


Fig. 1. Structures of compounds 1–9

Compound **1** had a molecular formula $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_{10}$, as deduced from ESI-MS, and ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR data. It contained a β -D-glucopyranosyl residue as evidenced by the characteristic signals for the anomeric H-atom ($\delta(\text{H})$ 4.82 ($d, J = 7.6$)) and anomeric C-atom ($\delta(\text{C})$ 102.2 (d)), and C(6) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 62.4 (t)). The structure of **1** was established as iriflophenone 2- O - β -D-glucopyranoside by comparison with literature data [9]. The ^{13}C -NMR data of **1** (CD_3OD) were almost identical to those reported except for the data for C(1) and C(1') [9]. The reported chemical shifts for C(1) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 99.8) and C(1') ($\delta(\text{C})$ 124.4) should be revised to $\delta(\text{C})$ 110.3 (s) and $\delta(\text{C})$ 132.1 (s), respectively. The revised assignments were confirmed by the correlations in the HMBC spectrum: C(1) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 110.3, s)/H–C(3) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.24, d) and H–C(5) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.06, d), and C(1') ($\delta(\text{C})$ 132.1, s)/H–C(3')/H–C(5') ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.78, d). During our literature survey, we also found that the reported ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR data (D_2O) for iriflophenone 4- O - β -D-glucopyranoside [8] were identical to those of **1** (D_2O). To clarify the glycosylated position, an NOESY experiment for **1** was carried out. This spectrum showed that the anomeric H-atom had NOE correlation with one aryl H-atom ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.24) only, instead of two as expected for the 4- O - β -D-glucopyranoside (for a typical NOESY depiction, see Fig. 2 for compound **4**). Likewise, the HMBC spectrum of **1** (for a typical HMBC, see Fig. 2 for compound **4**) revealed that the signal of the O -glucosylated C-atom ($\delta(\text{C})$ 158.7, C(2)), assigned by its correlation to the anomeric H-atom ($\delta(\text{H})$ 4.82), correlated to one aryl H-atom *singlet* only ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.24, H–C(3)). Hence, the structure of iriflophenone 4- O - β -D-glucopyranoside reported in [8] should be revised as **1**.

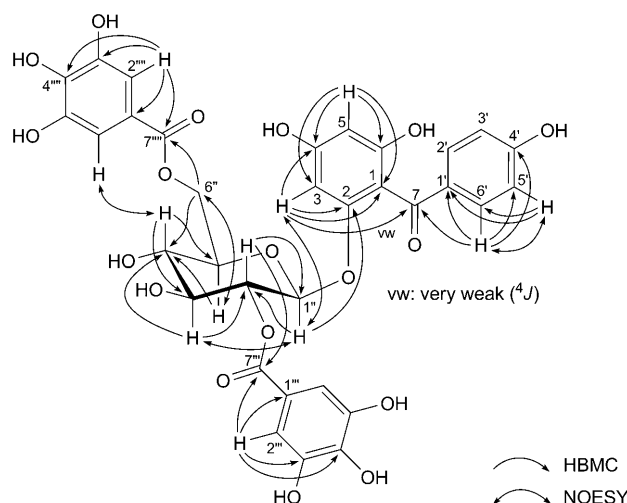


Fig. 2. NOESY Correlations and HMBCs of compound **4** (CD₃OD, 400 MHz)

Compound **2** had a molecular formula C₂₆H₂₄O₁₄, as deduced from HR-ESI-MS. Its ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were highly similar to those of **1** except for the presence of additional signals typical for a galloyl moiety ($\delta(\text{H})$ 7.07 (*s*, H–C(2''), H–C(6'')); $\delta(\text{C})$ 168.3 (*s*, C(7'')), 146.4 (*s*, C(3''), C(5'')), 139.8 (*s*, C(1'')), and 110.2 (*d*, C(2''), C(6'')) [10]. Hence, **2** is a galloyl derivative of **1**. The ¹H-NMR assignment of the glucosyl moiety in **2** (Table I) was accomplished by analysis of a COSY spectrum. These data revealed that the signals of the Glc CH₂(6) (*i.e.*, CH₂(6'')) in **2** were downfield-shifted relative to those in **1** ($\delta(\text{H})$ 4.46/4.38 vs. 3.86/3.67) (Table I). Accordingly, the structure of **2** was established as iriflophenone 2-*O*-(6-*O*-galloyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside. This structure was supported by the correlation of the ester C-atom (*i.e.*, C(7'')) to the Glc CH₂(6) (*i.e.*, CH₂(6'')) and H–C(2)/H–C(6) of the galloyl residue (*i.e.*, H–C(2'')/H–C(6'')) observed in the HMBC spectrum.

Compound **3** had a molecular formula C₂₆H₂₄O₁₂, as deduced from HR-ESI-MS. Its ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were also very similar to those of **1** except for the presence of additional signals typical for a 4-hydroxybenzoyl moiety, an *AA'XX'* system at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.90 (*d*, H–C(2'')/H–C(6'')) and 6.83 (*d*, H–C(3'')/H–C(5'')) ($J_{AX} = 8.8$ Hz) in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, and $\delta(\text{C})$ 168.1 (*s*, C(7'')), 163.5 (*s*, C(4'')), 133.0 (*d*, C(2''), C(6'')), and 116.2 (*d*, C(3''), C(5'')) in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum [11]. Since the signals of the Glc CH₂(6) (*i.e.*, CH₂(6'')) in **3**, assignable on the basis of the characteristic coupling pattern, were also downfield-shifted relative to those in **1** ($\delta(\text{H})$ 4.60/4.25 in **3** vs. 3.86/3.67 in **1**), this arylcarboxyl residue was *O*-linked to the Glc C(6). Accordingly, the structure of **3** was established as iriflophenone 2-*O*-[6-*O*-(4-hydroxybenzoyl)]- β -D-glucopyranoside.

Compound **4** had a molecular formula C₃₃H₂₈O₁₈, as deduced from HR-ESI-MS. Its ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were similar to those of **2** except for the presence of additional signals typical for another galloyl moiety at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.92 (*s*, 2 H) in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, and the corresponding C-atom signals in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum

Table 1. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR Data of Compounds 1–4 (^1H at 400 MHz; ^{13}C at 100 MHz, in CD_3OD)

| | $\delta(\text{H})$ | | | | $\delta(\text{C})$ | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ^{a)} | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ^{b)} |
| C(1) | | | | | 110.3 (s) | 110.7 (s) | 110.6 (s) | 111.3 (s) |
| C(2) | | | | | 158.7 (s) | 158.6 (s) | 158.6 (s) | 157.9 (s) |
| H–C(3) | 6.24 (d, $J=1.8$) | 6.22 (d, $J=2.0$) | 6.25 (d, $J=2.0$) | 6.27 (d, $J=2.2$) | 95.8 (d) | 96.2 (d) | 95.9 (d) | 96.8 (d) |
| C(4) | | | | | 162.4 (s) | 162.2 (s) | 160.1 (s) | 158.9 (s) |
| H–C(5) | 6.06 (d, $J=1.8$) | 6.07 (d, $J=2.0$) | 6.08 (d, $J=2.0$) | 6.06 (d, $J=2.2$) | 98.1 (d) | 98.4 (d) | 98.4 (d) | 98.7 (d) |
| C(6) | | | | | 159.6 (s) | 159.7 (s) | 162.7 (s) | 161.6 (s) |
| C(7) | | | | | 197.5 (s) | 197.4 (s) | 197.6 (s) | 196.7 (s) |
| C(1') | | | | | 132.1 (s) | 132.3 (s) | 132.4 (s) | 131.6 (s) |
| H–C(2'/6') | 7.68 (d, $J=8.8$) | 7.65 (d, $J=8.8$) | 7.64 (d, $J=8.7$) | 7.41 (d, $J=8.7$) | 133.5 (d) | 133.4 (d) | 133.4 (d) | 133.2 (d) |
| H–C(3'/5') | 6.78 (d, $J=8.8$) | 6.74 (d, $J=8.8$) | 6.73 (d, $J=8.7$) | 6.56 (d, $J=8.7$) | 115.8 (d) | 115.8 (d) | 155.7 (d) | 115.6 (d) |
| C(4') | | | | | 163.6 (s) | 163.4 (s) | 163.4 (s) | 163.4 (s) |
| H–C(1'') | 4.82 (d, $J=7.6$) | ca. 4.80 ^{c)} | 4.89 (d, $J=7.8$) | 5.09 (d, $J=8.0$) | 102.2 (d) | 102.4 (d) | 101.1 (d) | 100.8 (d) |
| H–C(2'') | 3.09 (dd, $J=7.6, 8.8$) | 3.11 (dd, $J=7.7, 9.3$) | 3.08 (dd, $J=9.0, 7.8$) | ca. 4.80 ^{c)} | 74.6 (d) | 74.6 (d) | 74.5 (d) | 74.6 (d) |
| H–C(3'') | 3.37 (dd, $J=8.8, 9.3$) | 3.38–3.44 (m) | 3.39 (t, $J=9.0$) | 3.63 (dd, $J=8.0, 9.0$) | 77.7 (d) | 77.6 (d) | 77.7 (d) | 76.3 (d) |
| H–C(4'') | 3.27 (t, $J=9.3$) | 3.36–3.42 (m) | ca. 3.31 ^{d)} | 3.58 (dd, $J=9.0, 9.2$) | 71.0 (d) | 71.1 (d) | 71.6 (d) | 71.2 (d) |
| H–C(5'') | 3.33–3.37 (m) | 3.61 (ddd, $J=2.2, 4.8, 9.5$) | 3.60–3.64 (m) | 3.71 (ddd, $J=2.2, 4.4, 9.5$) | 78.1 (d) | 75.5 (d) | 75.5 (d) | 75.6 (d) |
| $\text{CH}_2(6'')$ | 3.86 (dd, $J=12.3, 2.3$), 3.67 (dd, $J=12.3, 5.3$) | 4.46 (dd, $J=2.2, 12.1$), 4.38 (dd, $J=4.8, 12.1$) | 4.60 (dd, $J=2.1, 11.8$), 4.25 (dd, $J=7.0, 11.8$) | 4.51 (dd, $J=2.2, 12.0$), 4.40 (dd, $J=12.0, 4.4$) | 62.4 (t) | 64.4 (t) | 65.0 (t) | 64.2 (t) |
| C(1''') | | | | | 121.3 (s) | 122.0 (s) | 121.4 (s) | |
| H–C(2'''/6''') | | 7.07 (s) | 7.90 (d, $J=8.8$) | 6.92 (s) | 110.2 (d) | 133.0 (d) | 110.6 (d) | |
| H–C(3'''/5''') | | | 6.83 (d, $J=8.8$) | | 146.4 (s) | 116.2 (d) | 146.1 (s) | |
| C(4''') | | | | | 139.8 (s) | 163.5 (s) | 139.7 (s) | |
| C(7''') | | | | | 168.3 (s) | 168.1 (s) | 166.9 (s) | |

^{a)} ^1H -NMR Data for galloyl-2 (R^2): $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.11 (s, H–C(2'''/6''')), ^{b)} ^{13}C -NMR data for galloyl-2 (R^2): $\delta(\text{C})$ 121.3 (s, C(1''')), 110.3 (d, C(2'''/6''')), 146.5 (s, C(3'''/5''')), 139.8 (s, C(4''')), 168.3 (s, C(7''')). ^{c)} Signals overlapped with DOH. ^{d)} Signals overlapped with CD_2HOD .

(Table 1). Hence, **4** is a galloyl derivative of **2**. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ data of the glucosyl moiety in **4**, assigned based on the analysis of a COSY spectrum, revealed that the signals of the Glc H–C(1), H–C(2), and $\text{CH}_2(6)$ in **4** were downfield-shifted relative to those in **1** ($\delta(\text{H})$ 5.09 vs. 4.82 (H–C(1)); 4.80 vs. 3.09 (H–C(2)); 4.51/4.40 vs. 3.86/3.67 ($\text{CH}_2(6)$)). Accordingly, the two galloyl residues were *O*-linked to the Glc C(2) and C(6), respectively. The structure of **4** was established as iriflophenone 2-*O*-(2,6-di-*O*-galloyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside. This structure was confirmed by the observation of the correlation of the galloyl-1 (R') C(7) (*i.e.*, C(7'''), an ester C-atom) to the Glc H–C(2) (*i.e.*, H–C(2'')), and the galloyl-2 (R') C(7) (*i.e.*, C(7''')) to the Glc $\text{CH}_2(6)$ (*i.e.*, $\text{CH}_2(6'')$) in the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 2).

Compounds **5–9** were flavonol 3-*O*-glycosides, and were identified as quercetin 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**5**) [12], quercetin 3-*O*- α -L-arabinopyranoside (**6**) [13], kaempferol 3-*O*-robinobioside (**7**) [14], isorhamnetin 3-*O*-robinobioside (**8**) [15], and kaempferol 3-*O*- β -D-galactopyranoside (**9**) [16], upon comparing their spectroscopic data to those reported.

To the best of our knowledge, the benzophenone glucosides **2–4** are new chemical entities. The complete ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectral assignments for these compounds (Table 1) were accomplished based on detailed 1D- and 2D-NMR spectral analysis as indicated above. The NOESY and HMBC correlations for **4** are depicted in Fig. 2 as typical examples for compounds **1–4**.

The inhibitory activities of compounds **1–9** against α -glucosidase type IV from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* [3] were assayed (Table 2). The flavonol glycosides **7–9** with kaempferol or 3'-methoxykaempferol as aglycon were inactive at a concentration of 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. The flavonol glycoside **6** with quercetin as aglycon showed some activity with 40.1% inhibition at the same concentration. Hence, the presence of more phenolic functions in the aglycon, such as quercetin in **5** vs. kaempferol in **7**, and a less-polar glycosyl residue, such as L-arabinosyl in **6** vs. D-glucosyl in **5**, appear to increase the activity (Table 2). As for benzophenone glucosides **1–4**, the inhibition order is as follows: **4** (91.4%), **1** (33.0%), **2** (9.6%), **3** (3.5%). Thus, more galloyl residues (**4** vs. **2**) and more phenolic functions (**2** vs. **3**) provide better activity as observed for stilbenoids

Table 2. Inhibitory Effects of Compounds **1–9** against α -Glucosidase

| Compound | Inhibition [%] ^{a)} ^{b)} | |
|----------|--|---------------------|
| | 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ | 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| 1 | 33.0 \pm 3.1 | – 1.6 \pm 5.7 |
| 2 | 9.6 \pm 7.1 | 0.2 \pm 5.5 |
| 3 | 3.5 \pm 2.4 | 1.4 \pm 2.8 |
| 4 | 91.4 \pm 6.3 | 15.0 \pm 6.9 |
| 5 | 9.7 \pm 1.4 | 2.2 \pm 0.6 |
| 6 | 40.1 \pm 7.8 | – 0.6 \pm 0.7 |
| 7 | – 13.3 \pm 1.2 | – 4.5 \pm 1.5 |
| 8 | – 14.2 \pm 3.4 | – 5.6 \pm 2.3 |
| 9 | – 8.7 \pm 3.8 | – 6.5 \pm 1.6 |

^{a)} The % inhibition at two concentrations of each tested compound in triplicate experiments was expressed as mean \pm SD. ^{b)} The % inhibition of the positive control acarbose: 70.5 \pm 5.2 at 40 ng/ml.

[3]. At 10 µg/ml, only compound **4** showed weak activity, 15.0% inhibition, which was even weaker than the BuOH-soluble fraction (97 and 20% inhibition at 100 and 10 µg/ml, resp.) of the MeOH extract of the leaves. This may be due to synergistic effects or the presence of additional active constituents in the extract.

Experimental Part

General. HPLC: Agilent 1100 system, Phenomenex Prodigy ODS-3 (250 × 10 mm, 5 µm; semi-prep.), Lichrospher RT RP-18e (250 × 25 mm, 5 µm; prep. use) (Merck, D-Darmstadt), detection at 280 nm, MeCN and MeOH (Mallinckrodt Baker Inc., USA), deionized H₂O (Barnstead water purification system, Dubuque, IA, USA). Centrifugal partition chromatography (CPC): Sanki CPC (model LLB-M, 110 ml; Sanki Engineering Ltd., Kyoto, Japan). TLC (System I): silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ (Merck, D-Darmstadt); CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O 7:4:1. Bioassay system: SPECTRAMax PLUS (Molecular Devices, California, USA); *p*-nitrophenyl α-D-glucopyranoside, α-glucosidase type IV from *B. stearothermophilus* (Sigma–Aldrich Co., Germany), K₂HPO₄ and KH₂PO₄ (Merck, D-Darmstadt). M.p.: DSC. Optical rotations: Jasco DIP-370 polarimeter. UV Spectra (MeOH): λ_{max} nm (log ε), Hitachi 150-20 Double Beam spectrophotometer. CD Spectra (MeOH): λ in nm, Jasco J-720 spectropolarimeter. IR Spectra (KBr): Jasco FT/IR-410 spectrometer; in cm⁻¹. ¹H-, ¹³C-, and 2D-NMR spectra: Bruker AV-400 spectrometer (δ in ppm, in CD₃OD, residual non-deuterated solvent peaks as reference: δ(H) 3.30 and δ(C) 49.0 ppm, *J* in Hz). MS: MicrOTOF orthogonal ESI-TOF (HR-ESI-MS) mass spectrometer (Bruker, Daltonik, D-Bremen), in *m/z* (rel. %).

Plant Material. The leaves of *Planchonella obovata* (R. Br.) PIERRE were collected in September 2006, in Lanyu Island, Taitung County, Taiwan. A specimen was authenticated by Prof. *Ih-Sheng Chen*, College of Pharmacy, Kaohsiung Medical University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. A voucher specimen (NTUSP200609A) was deposited with the Herbarium of School of Pharmacy, National Taiwan University.

Extraction and Isolation. The powdered, dried leaves (342.6 g) were percolated with MeOH (2.5 l × 3) at r.t. and then extracted with warm MeOH (2 l, 50°) to give the MeOH extract (50.2 g) upon evaporation under reduced pressure. This extract suspended in H₂O (500 ml) was partitioned against CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 300 ml), AcOEt (1 × 300 ml), and BuOH (sat. with H₂O, 3 × 300 ml) to give fractions soluble in CH₂Cl₂ (13.1 g), AcOEt (6.8 g), BuOH (9.1 g), and H₂O (24.4 g). A portion of the AcOEt-soluble fraction (*E.I*, 2.6 g) was fractionated on a CPC (× 2, 1.35 g each run) with the upper phase of CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O 10:10:5 as mobile phase, to give four fractions (*E.I-1*–*E.I-4*). *Fr. E.I-2* (147.7 mg) yielded **1** (25.6 mg) and **2** (49.4 mg) after separation over a Sephadex LH-20 column (329 ml, 50% MeOH_{aq}). *Fr. E.I-3* (75.6 mg) yielded **3** (4.5 mg) after separation over a Sephadex LH-20 (329 ml, 75% MeOH_{aq}), followed by semi-prep. HPLC on an RP-18 column (four runs, 18% MeCN_{aq}, flow rate 2.5 ml/min), and two successive Sephadex LH-20 columns (106 ml, 50% MeOH_{aq}; 85 ml, MeOH). Another portion of the AcOEt-soluble fraction (*E.II*, 2.7 g) was fractionated on a Sephadex LH-20 column (740 ml, MeOH) to give three fractions (*E.II-1*–*E.II-3*). *Fr. E.II-2* (966 mg) was sonicated with CH₂Cl₂ and AcOEt, 20 ml each, in sequence to give fractions soluble in CH₂Cl₂ and AcOEt (*E.II-2E*, 399 mg). *Fr. E.II-2E* was separated over a Sephadex LH-20 column (353 ml, CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 1:1) to give four fractions (*E.II-2E-1*–*E.II-2E-4*). *Fr. E.II-2E-4* (6.0 mg) was pure **4**. *Fr. E.II-2E-2* (21.4 mg) dissolved in 50% MeOH_{aq} was separated by semi-prep. HPLC on an RP-18 column (4 runs), delivered with 17% MeCN_{aq}, yielded **5** (4.7 mg) and **6** (1.4 mg). The BuOH-soluble fraction (*B*, 9.1 g) was fractionated on a Sephadex LH-20 column (3.31 l, MeOH) to give seven fractions (*B-1*–*B-7*), combined based on silica-gel TLC analysis. Part of *Fr. B-2* (222 mg out of 1.30 g) was further purified by CC on Sephadex LH-20 (328 ml, MeOH/H₂O 3:1) to give additional crop of compound **1** (146 mg). Most of *Fr. B-3* (140 mg out of 175 mg) dissolved in 9% MeCN_{aq} was separated by prep. HPLC on a RP-18 column (four runs), delivered with 9% to 32% MeCN_{aq} in 60 min by a linear gradient mode, flow rate 8.2 ml/min, to give three fractions (*B-3-1*–*B-3-3*). *Fr. B-3-2* (*t*_R 42–55 min; 36.7 mg) was further separated by semi-prep. HPLC on a RP-18 column (five runs), eluted by 37 to 41% MeOH_{aq}, flow rate 2.4 ml/min, to give three fractions (*Frs. B-3-2-1*–*B-3-2-3*). *Fr. B-3-2-2* (3.4 mg; *t*_R 45.7 min) yielded **7** (2.0 mg) after separation

over a *Sephadex LH-20* column (97 ml, MeOH). *Fr. B-3-2-3* (6.7 mg) yielded **8** (1.6 mg; t_R 21.2 min) after separation by semi-prep. HPLC on a *RP-18* column (two runs), eluted by 20% MeCN_{aq}, flow rate 2.5 ml/min with UV detection at 280 nm. Most of *Fr. B-5* (150 mg out of 197 mg) dissolved in 50% MeOH_{aq} was separated by prep. HPLC on a *RP-18* column (four runs), with 19% MeCN_{aq}, flow rate 8.0 ml/min, detection at 280 nm, to give **9** (t_R 54.2 min; 1.2 mg) and additional crop of **3** (t_R 57 min; 10.8 mg). *Fr. B-6* (461 mg) was separated on a *Sephadex LH-20* column (329 ml, 75% MeOH_{aq}), followed by recrystallization (H₂O), to yield additional crop of **2** (53.9 mg).

Assay for α -Glucosidase Activity. Tests were performed by the method of *Pistia-Brueggemann* and *Hollingsworth* [17], slightly modified according to [3]. Compounds **1–9** were dissolved in 10% MeOH_{aq} and assayed against α -glucosidase (type IV from *Bacillus stearothermophilus*). Acarbose (*Bayer*) was chosen as the pos. control.

Iriflophenone 2-O- β -D-Glucopyranoside (= *3,5-Dihydroxy-2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]phenyl β -D-Glucopyranoside*; **1**). TLC (System 1): R_f 0.57. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -30.0$ ($c = 0.1$, MeOH) ([10]: -24 ($c = 1.0$, MeOH)). CD: $[\theta]_{231} + 5822$, $[\theta]_{240} + 3533$, $[\theta]_{277} + 5985$, $[\theta]_{298} + 3156$. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1* (CD₃OD).

Iriflophenone 2-O-(6-O-Galloyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (= *3,5-Dihydroxy-2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]phenyl 6-O-[(3,4,5-Trihydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]- β -D-glucopyranoside*; **2**). TLC (System 1): R_f 0.43. M.p. 220.9°. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -10.0$ ($c = 0.1$, MeOH). UV: 276 (4.48), 219 (4.88). CD (MeOH): $[\theta]_{230} + 9603$, $[\theta]_{243} + 5960$, $[\theta]_{269} + 7047$. IR: 3522, 3274, 1682, 1595, 1510, 1455, 1325, 1264, 1192, 1177, 1081, 1048, 925, 833, 772. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. ESI-MS (neg.): 559.0 ($[M - H]^-$). ESI-MS (pos.): 583.1 ($[M + Na]^+$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 559.1094 ($[M - H]^-$), C₂₆H₂₃O₁₄; calc. 559.1088).

Iriflophenone 2-O-[6-O-(4-Hydroxybenzoyl)]- β -D-glucopyranoside (= *3,5-Dihydroxy-2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]phenyl 6-O-[(4-Hydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]- β -D-glucopyranoside*; **3**). TLC (System 1): R_f 0.67. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.0$ ($c = 0.1$ MeOH). UV: 273 (4.42), 214 (4.87). CD (MeOH): $[\theta]_{227} + 10271$, $[\theta]_{257} + 9498$. IR: 3336, 2925, 1698, 1604, 1511, 1455, 1275, 1167, 1072, 769. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. ESI-MS (neg.): 527.1 ($[M - H]^-$). ESI-MS (pos.): 551.2 ($[M + Na]^+$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 527.1174 ($[M - H]^-$), C₂₆H₂₃O₁₂; calc. 527.1190).

Iriflophenone 2-O-(2,6-Di-O-galloyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (= *3,5-Dihydroxy-2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]phenyl 2,6-Bis-O-[(3,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)carbonyl]- β -D-glucopyranoside*; **4**). TLC (System 1): R_f 0.13. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -30.0$ ($c = 0.1$, MeOH). UV: 274 (4.63), 217 (5.01). CD (MeOH): $[\theta]_{215} + 3517$, $[\theta]_{233} + 3282$, $[\theta]_{258} + 12016$, $[\theta]_{265} + 13089$, $[\theta]_{273} + 13375$, $[\theta]_{313} + 73$ $[\theta]_{366} + 6981$. IR: 3355, 1704, 1609, 1450, 1317, 1228, 1034, 930, 762. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. HMBC and NOESY: *Fig. 2*. ESI-MS (neg.): 710.7 ($[M - H]^-$). ESI-MS (pos.): 734.8 ($[M + Na]^+$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 711.1220 ($[M - H]^-$), C₃₃H₂₇O₁₈; calc. 711.1197).

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