

## Three New C<sub>21</sub> Steroidal Glycosides from the Stems of *Marsdenia tenacissima*

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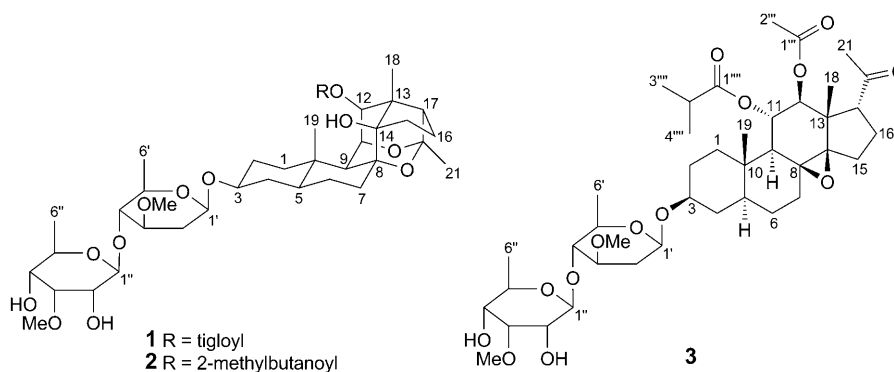
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Three new glycosides, (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20R)-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-12-O-tigloyl-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnane-12,14-diol (**1**), (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20R)-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-12-O-(2-methylbutanoyl)-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnane-12,14-diol (**2**), and (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ )-12-acetoxy-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-20-oxo-8,14-epoxypregnan-11-yl isobutyrate (**3**) were isolated from the stems of *Marsdenia tenacissima*. The structures of the new compounds were elucidated by means of spectral data, including HR-ESI-MS, and 1D- and 2D-NMR.

**Introduction.** – The stems of *Marsdenia tenacissima* (ROXB.) WIGHT et ARN. (Asclepiadaceae), a traditional Chinese medicine known as 'tongquanteng', is used for the treatment of many diseases, such as cancers and asthma [1]. Since 1990s, *Xiao'aiping* injection (an extract of *Marsdenia tenacissima*) has been produced and marketed by *Nanjing Sanhome Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.* (Nanjing, Jiangsu, P. R. China), and clinically proved to be effective for esophageal, lung, and gastric cancer. Many steroidal glycosides have been isolated from this plant and reported [2–6]. The present investigation revealed three new C<sub>21</sub> steroidal glycosides, **1–3**, which were determined to be (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20R)-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-12-O-tigloyl-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnane-12,14-diol (**1**), (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,8 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20R)-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-12-O-(2-methylbutanoyl)-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnane-12,14-diol (**2**) and (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ )-12-acetoxy-3-[(2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-20-oxo-8,14-epoxypregnan-11-yl isobutyrate (**3**). The isolation and structure elucidation of these three new C<sub>21</sub> steroidal glycosides are described in this article.

**Results and Discussion.** – Compound **1** was obtained as a colorless, amorphous solid. The IR spectrum displayed absorption bands for OH (3440 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and C=O (1707 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Specific rotation,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  ( $c = 0.31\text{M}$ , MeOH), was  $-5.3$ . The molecular formula was established as C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>13</sub> by HR-ESI-MS, showing the  $[M + Na]^+$  ion peak at  $m/z$  773.4094 (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>13</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 773.4088).

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopic data of the sugar moiety of **1** exhibited signals for two anomeric H-atoms at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.58 ( $dd$ ,  $J = 10.0, 1.5$ , H–C(1')) and 4.79 ( $dd$ ,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$ , H–C(1'')), with corresponding <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  97.2 and 99.1, suggesting the



presence of a disaccharide (Table 1). Both glycosidic linkages are  $\beta$ -oriented, as deduced from the coupling constants (10.0 and 8.0 Hz) of the two anomeric H-atoms. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data ascribed to the sugar moiety of **1** (Table 1) were identical to those reported for pachybiose<sup>1)</sup> [6], which was confirmed by examination of the corresponding HMBC and NOESY spectra (Fig. 1). In addition, the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.79 (*dd*,  $J = 7.0, 1.0, 3 \text{ H}$ ), 1.86 (*s*, 3 H), and 6.85 (*dd*,  $J = 7.0, 1.0, 1 \text{ H}$ ) suggested the presence of a tigloyl group, which was confirmed by the corresponding  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and DEPT signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  167.6 (C), 128.6 (C), 138.6 (CH), 12.1 (Me), 14.4 (Me), and HSQC, HMBC, and NOESY results (Table 1 and Fig. 1). The configuration was identified to be *trans* by comparing the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopic data with the reference values [7].

For the aglycone moiety of **1**, 21 C-atoms were left, suggesting a  $\text{C}_{21}$  steroid. This was supported by the three Me signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.09 (*s*), 0.97 (*s*), and 1.20 (*s*) in the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 1). The  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of the aglycone were in good agreement with those of 3-*O*-pachybiosyltenacigenin A [6], except for the signals of C(11) and C(12), which were shifted by  $\Delta\delta(\text{C}) - 3.0$  and  $+0.7 \text{ ppm}$ , respectively, due to the esterification of tigloyl. The linking position of tigloyl group and sugar moiety were deduced from the HMBC correlations H–C(12)/C(1''') and H–C(1')/C(3) (Fig. 1). Therefore, the structure of compound **1** was unequivocally assigned as (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20*R*)-3-*O*- $\beta$ -allopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)- $\beta$ -oleandropyranoside-12-*O*-tigloyltenacigenin A<sup>2)</sup>.

Compound **2** was obtained as a colorless, amorphous solid. The IR spectrum revealed the presence of OH ( $3439 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and C=O ( $1707 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) groups. Specific rotation of **2**,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$  ( $c = 0.28\text{M}$ , MeOH), was determined to be  $-4.7$ . The molecular formula was established by HR-ESI-MS as  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{64}\text{O}_{13}$  from the  $[M + \text{Na}]^+$  ion peak at  $m/z$  775.4224 ( $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{64}\text{NaO}_{13}$ ; calc. 775.4245). The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of **1** apart from the absence of the tigloyl group. Instead, the presence of 2-methylbutanoyl group was evident, which was confirmed by the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  0.89 (*t*,  $J = 7.5, 3 \text{ H}$ ) and 1.18 (*d*,  $J = 7.0, 3 \text{ H}$ ), with corresponding  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR

1) Pachybiose = 2,6-dideoxy-4-*O*-(6-deoxy-3-*O*-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-*O*-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranose.

2) For systematic names, see the *Exper. Part*.

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of Compound **1**.  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz.

	$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{a}}$	$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$		$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{a}}$	$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(1)$	38.5	1.58–1.63 ( <i>m</i> )	Tigloyl:		
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(1)$		1.10–1.18 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(1'')$	167.7	
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(2)$	28.5	1.86–1.89 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(2'')$	128.6	
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(2)$		1.45–1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(3'')$	138.6	6.85 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 7.0, 1.0$ )
$\text{H-C}(3)$	77.1	3.60–3.69 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(4'')$	12.1	1.86 ( <i>s</i> )
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(4)$	34.5	1.56–1.64 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(5'')$	14.4	1.79 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 7.0, 1.0$ )
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(4)$		2.39–2.47 ( <i>m</i> )	Oleandropyranose:		
$\text{H-C}(5)$	45.7	1.34–1.36 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(1')$	97.2	4.58 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 10.0, 1.5$ )
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(6)$	27.7	1.24–1.29 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(2')$	36.1	1.45–1.52 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(6)$		1.48–1.52 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(2')$		2.27–2.33 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(7)$	33.6	1.25–1.33 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(3')$	78.9	3.36–3.38 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(7)$		1.60–1.65 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(4')$	79.4	3.30–3.34 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{C}(8)$	77.8		$\text{H-C}(5')$	71.4	3.31–3.35 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H-C}(9)$	57.5	2.38–2.41 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{Me}(6')$	18.6	1.36 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 6.0$ )
$\text{C}(10)$	35.4		$\text{MeO}$	55.2	3.37 ( <i>s</i> )
$\text{H-C}(11)$	68.3	4.43–4.45 ( <i>m</i> )	Allopyranose:		
$\text{H-C}(12)$	71.9	5.19 ( <i>d</i> -like, $J = 4.0$ )	$\text{H-C}(1'')$	99.1	4.79 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.0, 2.0$ )
$\text{C}(13)$	44.3		$\text{H-C}(2'')$	72.7	3.46–3.52 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{C}(14)$	81.1		$\text{H-C}(3'')$	81.1	3.77–3.80 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(15)$	34.2	1.29–1.36 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(4'')$	72.8	3.18 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 9.5, 3.5$ )
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(15)$		2.26–2.33 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{H-C}(5'')$	71.4	3.52–3.57 ( <i>m</i> )
$\text{H}_a\text{-C}(16)$	23.0	1.43–1.48 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{Me}(6'')$	17.8	1.25 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 6.0$ )
$\text{H}_b\text{-C}(16)$		1.84–1.89 ( <i>m</i> )	$\text{MeO}$	61.9	3.65 ( <i>s</i> )
$\text{H-C}(17)$	55.7	1.96–1.97 ( <i>m</i> )			
$\text{H-C}(18)$	16.5	1.09 ( <i>s</i> )			
$\text{H-C}(19)$	16.0	0.97 ( <i>s</i> )			
$\text{C}(20)$	99.7				
$\text{H-C}(21)$	24.2	1.20 ( <i>s</i> )			

<sup>a</sup>) Recorded at 125 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . <sup>b</sup>) Recorded at 500 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

and DEPT signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  176.3 (C), 41.6 (CH), 26.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 17.6 (Me), and 11.9 (Me) (Table 2). The linking position of the 2-methylbutanoyl group was confirmed by the HMBC relationship  $\text{H-C}(12)/\text{C}(1'')$  (Fig. 2). Thus, the structure of compound **2** was identified as (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ ,20*R*)-3-*O*- $\beta$ -allopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)- $\beta$ -oleandropyranoside-12-*O*-(2-methylbutanoyl)tenacigenin A<sup>2</sup>).

Compound **3** was obtained as a colorless, amorphous solid. The IR spectrum displayed absorption bands for OH ( $3433\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and C=O ( $1736\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Specific rotation,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$  ( $c = 0.23\text{M}$ , MeOH), was +26.3. The molecular formula was established as  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{64}\text{O}_{14}$  by HR-ESI-MS, showing the  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  ion peak at  $m/z$  803.4202 ( $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{64}\text{NaO}_{14}^+$ ; calc. 803.4194).

The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and DEPT data of compound **3** were in good agreement with those of marsdenoside F [8], except that the signal at  $\delta(\text{C})$  20.6, belonging to Me of the Ac group of marsdenoside F, is replaced with the signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  34.5 (CH), 18.9 (Me), and 18.6 (Me) in **3** (Table 3). The corresponding  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopic data,  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.39 (*qq*,  $J = 7.0, 7.0, 1\text{ H}$ ), 1.07 (*d*,  $J = 7.0, 3\text{ H}$ ), and 1.08 (*d*,  $J = 7.0, 3\text{ H}$ ), suggested the

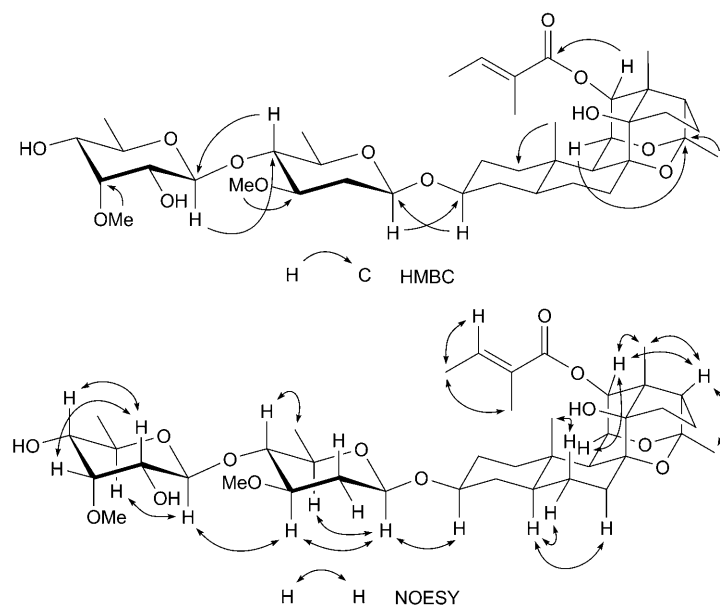


Fig. 1. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of **1**

presence of an isobutyryl group. The linking position of the isobutyryl group was deduced from the HMBC H–C(11)/C(1''') (Fig. 3). Accordingly, the structure of compound **3** was elucidated as (3 $\beta$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ ,12 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ )-3-*O*-6-deoxy-3-*O*-methyl- $\beta$ -D-

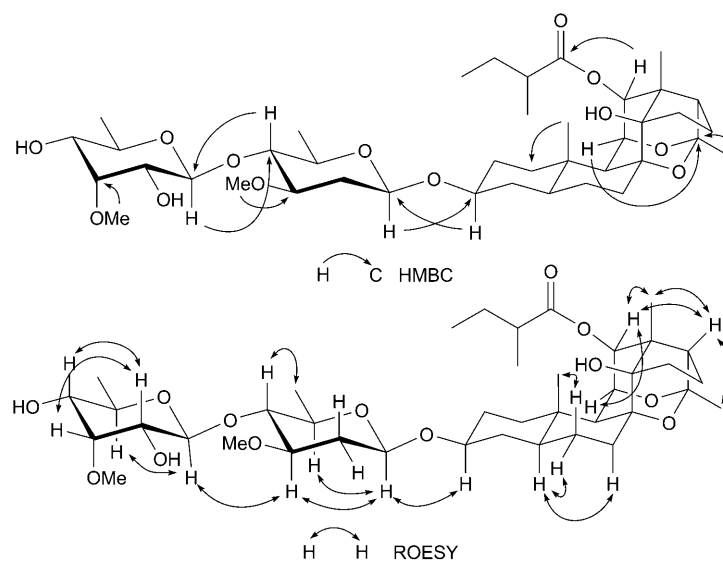


Fig. 2. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of **2**

Table 2. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Data of Compound 2. δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	δ(C) <sup>a)</sup>	δ(H) <sup>b)</sup>		δ(C) <sup>a)</sup>	δ(H) <sup>b)</sup>
H <sub>a</sub> -C(1)	38.3	1.58–1.65 (m)	2-Methylbutanoyl:		
H <sub>b</sub> -C(1)		1.13–1.18 (m)	H-C(1''')	176.3	
H <sub>a</sub> -C(2)	28.4	1.84–1.90 (m)	H-C(2''')	41.6	2.33–2.44 (m)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(2)		1.44–1.49 (m)	H <sub>a</sub> -C(3''')	26.3	1.38–1.46 (m)
H-C(3)	77.1	3.59–3.68 (m)	H <sub>b</sub> -C(3''')		1.69–1.77 (m)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(4)	34.3	1.56–1.65 (m)	H-C(4''')	11.9	0.89 (t, J = 7.5)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(4)		2.35–2.37 (m)	H-C(5''')	17.6	1.18 (d, J = 7.0)
H-C(5)	45.8	1.21–1.30 (m)	Oleandropyranose:		
H <sub>a</sub> -C(6)	27.7	1.24–1.31 (m)	H-C(1')	97.3	4.57 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.0)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(6)		1.48–1.52 (m)	H <sub>a</sub> -C(2')	36.1	1.43–1.52 (m)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(7)	33.5	1.25–1.33 (m)	H <sub>b</sub> -C(2')		2.27–2.34 (m)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(7)		1.62–1.66 (m)	H-C(3')	78.8	3.36–3.42 (m)
C(8)	77.8		H-C(4')	79.3	3.32–3.35 (m)
H-C(9)	57.4	2.36–2.39 (m)	H-C(5')	71.4	3.31–3.35 (m)
C(10)	35.3		Me(6')	18.5	1.36 (d, J = 5.5)
H-C(11)	68.5	4.28–4.29 (m)	MeO	55.7	3.37 (s)
H-C(12)	71.7	5.26 (d-like, J = 4.0)	Allopyranose:		
C(13)	44.4		H-C(1'')	99.2	4.79 (d, J = 8.5)
C(14)	81.0		H-C(2'')	71.9	3.46–3.50 (m)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(15)	34.0	1.28–1.36 (m)	H-C(3'')	81.1	3.77–3.79 (m)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(15)		2.23–2.33 (m)	H-C(4'')	72.9	3.18 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.5)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(16)	22.9	1.43–1.47 (m)	H-C(5'')	71.4	3.52–3.58 (m)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(16)		1.82–1.88 (m)	Me(6'')	17.8	1.26 (d, J = 6.0)
H-C(17)	55.3	1.96–1.97 (m)	MeO	61.9	3.65 (s)
H-C(18)	16.1	1.06 (s)			
H-C(19)	15.7	1.09 (s)			
C(20)	99.7				
H-C(21)	24.2	1.19 (s)			

<sup>a)</sup> Recorded at 125 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>b)</sup> Recorded at 500 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

allopyranosyl-(1 → 4)-β-D-oleandropyranosyl-11-O-isobutyryl-12-O-acetyltenacigenin B<sup>2</sup>).

### Experimental Part

*General.* Silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>; 200–300 mesh) and TLC precoated silica-gel G plates were from *Qingdao Marine Chemical Plant*, Qingdao, P. R. China. *Sephadex LH-20* was purchased from *GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB* (USA). *YMC\*GEL® ODS-A rp-filler* (500 mesh) was obtained from *YMC Co., Ltd.* (Japan). Prep. HPLC: *Waters delta 600* pump and *Waters 2487 UV* detector purchased from *Waters Corporation* (USA). Prep. HPLC column: *Waters sunfire™ prep. C<sub>18</sub> 5 μm* (10 × 250 mm) obtained from *Waters Corporation* (USA). Optical rotations: *RUDOLPH Automatic* polarimeter. UV Spectra: *Shimadzu 2410PC*. IR Spectra (KBr): *Nicolet Impact 410*; in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and 2D-NMR spectra: *Bruker-AV-500* spectrometer (δ in ppm rel. to Me<sub>4</sub>Si, J in Hz). HR-ESI-MS: *Micro-Q-TOF* spectrometer.

*Plant Material.* The stems of *Marsdenia tenacissima* were purchased from *Anhui Fengyuan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.*, P. R. China, in June 2006, and identified by Prof. *De-Kang Wu* (Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine). A voucher specimen has been deposited with the Herbarium of Chinese Pharmaceutical University, Nanjing, P. R. China (reference No. 20060628).

Table 3. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Data of Compound **3**. δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	δ(C) <sup>a)</sup>	δ(H) <sup>b)</sup>		δ(C) <sup>a)</sup>	δ(H) <sup>b)</sup>
H <sub>a</sub> -C(1)	37.6	1.48–1.54 ( <i>m</i> )	Acetyl:		
H <sub>b</sub> -C(1)		1.20–1.27 ( <i>m</i> )	C(1'')	170.6	
H <sub>a</sub> -C(2)	29.0	1.45–1.48 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(2'')	20.8	1.97 ( <i>s</i> )
H <sub>b</sub> -C(2)		1.74–1.80 ( <i>m</i> )	Isobutyryl:		
H-C(3)	76.2	3.58–3.65 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(1''')	176.0	
H <sub>a</sub> -C(4)	34.7	1.64–1.70 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(2''')	34.5	2.39 ( <i>qq</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.0, 7.0)
H <sub>b</sub> -C(4)		1.30–1.35 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(3''')	18.9	1.07 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.0)
H-C(5)	43.9	1.30–1.34 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(4''')	18.6	1.08 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.0)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(6)	26.8	1.37–1.43 ( <i>m</i> )	Oleandropyranose:		
H <sub>b</sub> -C(6)		1.54–1.62 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(1')	96.9	4.58 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 10.0, 1.5)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(7)	31.7	1.23–1.27 ( <i>m</i> )	H <sub>a</sub> -C(2')	36.1	1.45–1.51 ( <i>m</i> )
H <sub>b</sub> -C(7)		1.85–1.92 ( <i>m</i> )	H <sub>b</sub> -C(2')		2.28–2.34 ( <i>m</i> )
C(8)	66.7		H-C(3')	78.8	3.36–3.42 ( <i>m</i> )
H-C(9)	51.1	2.00 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 10.5)	H-C(4')	79.2	3.30–3.42 ( <i>m</i> )
C(10)	39.1		H-C(5')	71.4	3.31–3.35 ( <i>m</i> )
H-C(11)	68.5	5.35 ( <i>t</i> -like, <i>J</i> = 10.0)	Me(6')	18.4	1.37 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 5.5)
H-C(12)	75.1	4.98 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 10.0)	MeO	55.6	3.37 ( <i>s</i> )
C(13)	45.8		Allopyranose:		
C(14)	71.3		H-C(1'')	99.1	4.79 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.5)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(15)	26.5	1.97–2.02 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(2'')	71.9	3.46–3.50 ( <i>m</i> )
H <sub>b</sub> -C(15)		1.54–1.62 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(3'')	81.0	3.79 ( <i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)
H <sub>a</sub> -C(16)	24.9	2.17–2.20 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(4'')	72.9	3.15–3.18 ( <i>m</i> )
H <sub>b</sub> -C(16)		1.58–1.64 ( <i>m</i> )	H-C(5'')	71.3	3.50–3.57 ( <i>m</i> )
H-C(17)	60.1	2.91 ( <i>d</i> -like, <i>J</i> = 7.0)	Me(6'')	17.9	1.26 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.0)
H-C(18)	16.7	1.07 ( <i>s</i> )	MeO	61.9	3.66 ( <i>s</i> )
H-C(19)	12.7	1.04 ( <i>s</i> )			
C(20)	210.6				
H-C(21)	29.8	2.20 ( <i>s</i> )			

<sup>a)</sup> Recorded at 125 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>b)</sup> Recorded at 500 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

*Extraction and Isolation.* The dried stems of *Marsdenia tenacissima* (30 kg) were extracted with 95% EtOH (720 l) at r.t. for 2 h for 3 times. The filtered soln. was concentrated *in vacuo* to yield an extract (17 kg), which was further extracted with AcOEt (50 l). Concentrating the AcOEt extract *in vacuo* afforded a residue (408.5 g), which was separated by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; petroleum ether (PE)/acetone 15:1 → acetone) to give 154 fractions (*Fr. 1*).

*Fr. 1* (86–92) was further subjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/PE 20:1:20), CC (*Sephadex LH-20*; MeOH), and CC (*ODS-A*; acetone/H<sub>2</sub>O 3:2), and finally to a prep. HPLC column (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 42:58) to yield **3** (12 mg).

*Fr. 1* (93–98) was further submitted to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/PE 15:1:15), CC (*Sephadex LH-20*; MeOH), and CC (*ODS-A*; acetone/H<sub>2</sub>O 11:9), and finally to a prep. HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 40:60) to yield **1** (10 mg) and **2** (9 mg).

(3β,5α,8α,11α,12β,14β,17α,20R)-3-*[[2,6-Dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl-β-D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl-β-D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-14-hydroxy-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnan-12-yl (2E)-2-Methylbut-2-enoate* (**1**). Colorless, amorphous solid. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –5.3 (*c* = 0.31M, MeOH). IR (KBr): 3440, 2944, 1707, 1380, 1245, 1082. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see *Table 1*. Key correlations of HMBC and ROESY: see *Fig. 1*. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 773.4094 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>13</sub>; calc. 773.4088).

(3β,5α,8α,11α,12β,14β,17α,20R)-3-*[[2,6-Dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl-β-D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl-β-D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-14-hydroxy-8,20:11,20-diepoxypregnan-12-yl 2-Methylbuta-*

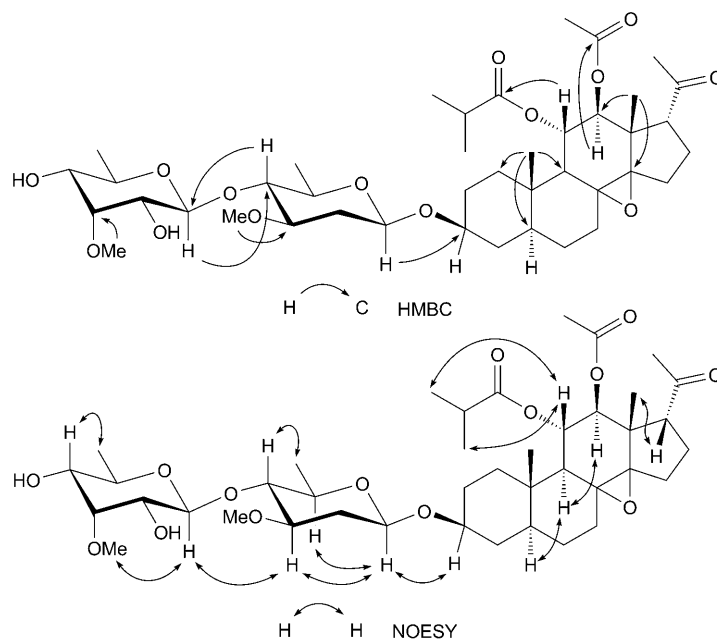


Fig. 3. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of **3**

noate (**2**). Colorless, amorphous solid. IR (KBr): 3439, 2937, 1707, 1380, 1270, 1076.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -4.7$  ( $c = 0.28\text{M}$ , MeOH).  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 2. Key correlations of HMBC and ROESY: see Fig. 2. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 775.4224 ( $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{64}\text{NaO}_{13}$ ; calc. 775.4245).

( $3\beta,5\alpha,11\alpha,12\beta,14\beta,17\alpha$ )-12-(Acetyloxy)-3-[[2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(6-deoxy-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-allopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-20-oxo-8,14-epoxypregnan-11-yl 2-Methylpropanoate (**3**). Colorless, amorphous solid. IR (KBr): 3433, 2971, 2933, 1736, 1374, 1252.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +26.3$  ( $c = 0.23\text{M}$ , MeOH).  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 3. Key correlations of HMBC and ROESY: see Fig. 3. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 803.4202 ( $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{64}\text{NaO}_{14}$ ; calc. 803.4194).

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