

Highly Acylated 3,4-Secograyanane Diterpenoids from the Fruits of *Pieris formosa*

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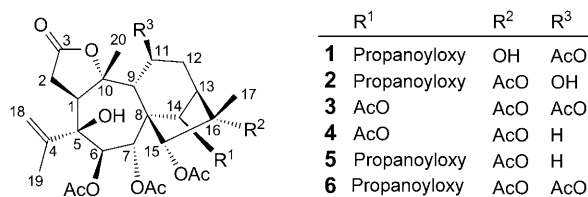
From the fruits of *Pieris formosa*, four new highly acylated 3,4-secograyanane diterpenoids, secorhodomollolides E–H (**1–4**, resp.), along with two known ones, secorhodomollolides C and D (**5** and **6**, resp.), were obtained. Their structures were established mainly by spectroscopic methods, including 1D- and 2D-NMR spectroscopy, and mass spectrometry.

Introduction. – Plants of the genus *Pieris*, evergreen shrubs or small trees, containing only seven species, mainly grow in East Asia, East of North America, and West Indies [1]. Although a small genus of the big family of Ericaceae, *Pieris* has attracted much attention due to its toxic constituents, grayanane diterpenoids. Since the first investigation by *Eykman* [2], ca. 40 grayanane diterpenoids have been isolated from the plants of genus *Pieris*.

Pieris formosa (WALL) D. DON, a well-known toxic plant, is distributed mainly in hilly and valley regions of South and Southwest China [3]. In folk practice, the juice of the fresh leaves of *P. formosa* can be used as insecticide or lotion for the treatment of ring worm and scabies [4]. Thirteen grayanane diterpenoids, pierisformosins A–D and pierisformosides A–I, were obtained from the flowers and leaves of *P. formosa* [5–9]. Recently, two new highly acylated 3,4-secograyanane diterpenoids (pierisoids A and B) [10] and a new grayanane diterpenoid (grayanotoxin XXII) [11] from the flowers of *P. formosa* were reported. Biological investigations showed that some of these diterpenoids displayed significant physiological properties, including potent acute toxicity in mammals [12][13], antifeedant, growth-inhibitory, and insecticidal activities [14][15].

Our previous phytochemical studies on the flowers of *P. formosa* led to the identification of pierisformotoxins A–D, along with 26 known compounds [16]. We now investigated the fruits of this plant, searching for further structurally unique diterpenoids. As a result, four new highly acylated 3,4-secograyanane diterpenoids, secorhodomollolides E–H (**1–4**, resp.), together with two known ones, secorhodomollolides C and D (**5** and **6**, resp.), were isolated from the fruits of *P. formosa*. Here, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of compounds **1–6** (Fig. 1).

Results and Discussion. – A 75% aqueous acetone extract of the fruits of *P. formosa* was partitioned between AcOEt and H₂O (1:1). The AcOEt layer was subjected repeatedly to column chromatography on silica gel and *Sephadex LH-20*, and then

Fig. 1. Structures of compounds **1–6**

purified by semipreparative HPLC to afford four new 3,4-secograyanane diterpenoids **1–4**, together with two known ones, secorhodomollolide C (**5**) and secorhodomollolide D (**6**).

Compound **1**, $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -30$ ($c = 0.17$, CHCl_3), was isolated as a white amorphous powder. The HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode; m/z 637.2512 ($[M - H]^-$)), together with the NMR data, provided the molecular formula of **1** as $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{14}$. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of **1** (Table 1) exhibited signals for a propanoyloxy group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.25 (t , $J = 7.5$, 3 H), 2.66 (dd , $J = 16.9$, 7.6, 1 H), and 2.55 (dd , $J = 16.8$, 7.7, 1 H), and four AcO groups at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.73, 2.14, 2.18, and 2.21 (s , each 3 H). In addition, three *singlets* for Me groups at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.56, 1.95 and 2.09, and signals of five O-bearing CH groups ($\delta(\text{H})$ 5.43, 5.74, 5.75, 6.62, and 6.91) and two olefinic CH signals ($\delta(\text{H})$ 5.13 and 5.67) were also observed. Besides C-atom resonances of four AcO and one propanoyloxy moieties, the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and DEPT spectra (Table 2) showed 20 C-atom signals, including those of three Me, three CH_2 (one olefinic), and eight CH groups (five O-bearing), as well as of six quaternary C-atoms (one COO, one olefinic, and three O-bearing), suggesting that compound **1** is probably a highly acylated diterpenoid.

The $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ data of compound **1** showed that signals due to an AcO unit was absent, and the resonances for C(13), C(14), C(16), and C(17) were shifted by $\Delta\delta(\text{C})$ +6.3, +2.2, -7.1, and +4.7 ppm, respectively, as compared with those of compound **6** (Table 2). These data revealed that the AcO group at C(16) in **6** was replaced by a OH group in **1**, which was confirmed by the following 2D-NMR data. Signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.41, showing no correlation with any C-atoms in the HSQC spectrum, was assigned to an exchangeable OH H-atom. Further, in the HMBC spectrum of **1** (Fig. 2), correlations from $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.41 to C(16) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 81.1) and C(17) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 23.7) implied a OH group at C(16), which resulted in the change of the chemical shifts of C(13), C(14), C(16), and C(17).

The relative configurations of the stereogenic centers of **1** were assigned to be the same as those of **6** based on the similarity of the chemical shifts in $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$

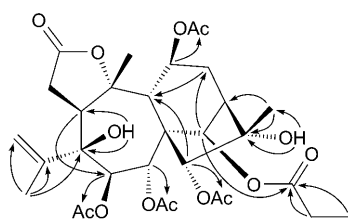
Fig. 2. Key HMBCs of compound **1**

Table 1. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ Data of Compounds **1**–**6** in (D_6)Pyridine d_6 . δ in ppm, J in Hz.

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	3.64 (<i>dd</i> , $J=12.6, 7.5$)	4.41 (<i>dd</i> , $J=13.4, 7.0$)	3.71 (<i>dd</i> , $J=13.5, 7.6$)	3.17–3.21 (<i>m</i>)	3.19 (overlapped)	3.71 (<i>dd</i> , $J=13.5, 8.0$)
2α	3.11 (<i>dd</i> , $J=17.1, 13.5$)	3.10 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.4, 14.3$)	3.10 (<i>dd</i> , $J=15.9, 13.5$)	3.08 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.6, 13.4$)	3.07 (<i>dd</i> , $J=17.0, 13.0$)	3.09 (<i>dd</i> , $J=17.5, 13.5$)
2β	2.50 (overlapped)	2.35 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.2, 7.1$)	2.13 (overlapped)	2.50 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.9, 6.8$)	2.50 (<i>dd</i> , $J=17.0, 7.0$)	2.10 (overlapped)
5-OH	7.33 (<i>s</i>)	7.13 (<i>s</i>)	7.24 (<i>s</i>)	7.14 (<i>s</i>)	7.02 (<i>s</i>)	
6	5.74 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.6$)	6.00 (<i>d</i> , $J=8.9$)	5.65 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.7$)	5.59 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.9$)	5.56 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.8$)	5.60 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.6$)
7	6.62 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.5$)	6.80 (<i>d</i> , $J=8.8$)	6.39 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.5$)	6.26 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.6$)	6.26 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.7$)	6.37 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.6$)
9	3.20 (<i>d</i> , $J=3.8$)	2.44 (overlapped)	3.56 (<i>d</i> , $J=4.7$)	3.26–3.28 (<i>m</i>)	3.21 (overlapped)	3.55 (<i>d</i> , $J=5.0$)
11	5.75 (<i>t</i> , $J=4.3$)	4.68 (<i>br. s</i>)	5.68 (<i>t</i> , $J=4.8$)	1.75 (overlapped)	1.94 (overlapped, H_{α}), 1.66 (overlapped, H_{β})	5.61–5.66 (<i>m</i>)
12	2.46 (overlapped, H_{α}), 2.20 (overlapped, H_{β})	2.34 (overlapped, H_{α}), 2.08 (overlapped, H_{β})	2.42–2.29 (<i>m</i>)	2.00 (overlapped, H_{α}), 1.48–1.54 (<i>m</i> , H_{β})	2.02 (overlapped, H_{α}), 1.50–1.56 (<i>m</i> , H_{β})	2.46 (<i>dd</i> , $J=13.6, 10.8, H_{\alpha}$), 2.10–2.66 (<i>m</i> , H_{β})
13	2.47 (<i>br. s</i>)	3.40 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.2$)	3.61 (<i>d</i> , $J=10.5$)	3.57 (<i>br. s</i>)	3.52 (<i>d</i> , $J=10.2$)	3.59 (<i>dd</i> , $J=19.0, 8.5$)
14	6.91 (<i>s</i>)	7.35 (<i>s</i>)	6.95 (<i>s</i>)	6.05 (<i>s</i>)	6.08 (<i>s</i>)	7.00 (<i>s</i>)
15	5.43 (<i>s</i>)	5.62 (<i>s</i>)	5.34 (<i>s</i>)	5.28 (<i>s</i>)	5.32 (<i>s</i>)	5.32 (<i>s</i>)
HO-C(16)	4.41 (<i>s</i>)					
17	1.56 (<i>s</i>)	1.90 (<i>s</i>)	1.70 (<i>s</i>)	1.67 (<i>s</i>)	1.69 (<i>s</i>)	1.70 (<i>s</i>)
18	5.67 (<i>s</i>), 5.13 (<i>s</i>)	5.61 (<i>s</i>), 5.02 (<i>s</i>)	5.66 (<i>s</i>), 5.10 (<i>s</i>)	5.59 (<i>s</i>), 5.03 (<i>s</i>)	5.59 (<i>s</i>), 5.05 (<i>s</i>)	5.65 (<i>s</i>), 5.10 (<i>s</i>)
19	1.95 (<i>s</i>)	1.79 (<i>s</i>)	1.98 (<i>s</i>)	1.91 (<i>s</i>)	1.91 (<i>s</i>)	1.98 (<i>s</i>)
20	2.09 (<i>s</i>)	2.12 (<i>s</i>)	2.09 (<i>s</i>)	2.03 (<i>s</i>)	2.01 (<i>s</i>)	2.08 (<i>s</i>)
AcO-C(6)	1.73 (<i>s</i>)	1.72 (<i>s</i>)	1.67 (<i>s</i>)	1.64 (<i>s</i>)	1.68 (<i>s</i>)	1.68 (<i>s</i>)
AcO-C(7)	2.18 (<i>s</i>)	2.13 (<i>s</i>)	2.22 (<i>s</i>)	2.20 (<i>s</i>)	2.20 (<i>s</i>)	2.15 (<i>s</i>)
AcO-C(11)	2.14 (<i>s</i>)	2.14 (<i>s</i>)	2.14 (<i>s</i>)	2.20 (<i>s</i>)	2.20 (<i>s</i>)	2.16 (<i>s</i>)
Propanoyl- oxy-C(14)	1.25 (<i>t</i> , $J=7.5$), 2.66 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.9, 7.6$)	1.27 (<i>t</i> , $J=7.5$), 2.57 (<i>dd</i> , $J=15.9, 7.4$)	2.28 (<i>s</i>)	2.29 (<i>s</i>)	1.31 (<i>t</i> , $J=7.5$), 2.78 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.8, 7.5$), 2.72–2.77 (<i>m</i>), 2.41 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.8, 7.5$)	1.32 (<i>t</i> , $J=7.2$), 2.72–2.77 (<i>m</i>), 2.39–2.44 (<i>m</i>)
AcO-C(15)	2.55 (<i>dd</i> , $J=16.8, 7.7$)	2.44 (overlapped)	2.22 (<i>s</i>)	2.21 (<i>s</i>)	2.22 (<i>s</i>)	2.22 (<i>s</i>)
AcO-C(16)	2.21 (<i>s</i>)	2.20 (<i>s</i>)	2.14 (<i>s</i>)	2.12 (<i>s</i>)	2.13 (<i>s</i>)	2.29 (<i>s</i>)

^a) The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of compounds **1**, **3**, **4**, **5**, and **6** were recorded at 500 MHz, and that of **2** was recorded at 400 MHz.

Table 2. $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ Data of Compounds **1–6** in (D_5)Pyridine^a. δ in ppm.

C-Atom	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	43.3 (<i>d</i>)	42.8 (<i>d</i>)	42.9 (<i>d</i>)	40.9 (<i>d</i>)	41.0 (<i>d</i>)	42.8 (<i>d</i>)
2	30.7 (<i>t</i>)	31.1 (<i>t</i>)	30.7 (<i>t</i>)	31.7 (<i>t</i>)	31.7 (<i>t</i>)	30.7 (<i>t</i>)
3	173.9 (<i>s</i>)	174.9 (<i>s</i>)	174.0 (<i>s</i>)	174.3 (<i>s</i>)	174.3 (<i>s</i>)	174.1 (<i>s</i>)
4	147.7 (<i>s</i>)	148.5 (<i>s</i>)	147.9 (<i>s</i>)	148.1 (<i>s</i>)	148.2 (<i>s</i>)	148.0 (<i>s</i>)
5	76.4 (<i>s</i>)	76.7 (<i>s</i>)	76.4 (<i>s</i>)	76.2 (<i>s</i>)	76.2 (<i>s</i>)	76.3 (<i>s</i>)
6	74.0 (<i>d</i>)	74.1 (<i>d</i>)	74.1 (<i>d</i>)	74.3 (<i>d</i>)	74.4 (<i>d</i>)	74.0 (<i>d</i>)
7	67.5 (<i>d</i>)	66.7 (<i>d</i>)	67.6 (<i>d</i>)	68.4 (<i>d</i>)	68.5 (<i>d</i>)	67.6 (<i>d</i>)
8	53.4 (<i>s</i>)	53.1 (<i>s</i>)	53.4 (<i>s</i>)	52.9 (<i>s</i>)	53.0 (<i>s</i>)	53.4 (<i>s</i>)
9	58.9 (<i>d</i>)	57.6 (<i>d</i>)	60.9 (<i>d</i>)	57.6 (<i>d</i>)	57.3 (<i>d</i>)	60.8 (<i>d</i>)
10	88.1 (<i>s</i>)	89.3 (<i>s</i>)	88.3 (<i>s</i>)	89.1 (<i>s</i>)	89.2 (<i>s</i>)	88.3 (<i>s</i>)
11	68.4 (<i>d</i>)	62.8 (<i>d</i>)	68.6 (<i>d</i>)	18.8 (<i>t</i>)	18.9 (<i>t</i>)	68.7 (<i>d</i>)
12	31.4 (<i>t</i>)	35.2 (<i>t</i>)	30.6 (<i>t</i>)	22.6 (<i>t</i>)	22.7 (<i>t</i>)	30.5 (<i>t</i>)
13	47.8 (<i>d</i>)	45.0 (<i>d</i>)	41.6 (<i>d</i>)	42.2 (<i>d</i>)	42.5 (<i>d</i>)	41.5 (<i>d</i>)
14	77.8 (<i>d</i>)	78.1 (<i>d</i>)	76.0 (<i>d</i>)	77.0 (<i>d</i>)	76.9 (<i>d</i>)	75.6 (<i>d</i>)
15	90.7 (<i>d</i>)	88.9 (<i>d</i>)	92.3 (<i>d</i>)	91.7 (<i>d</i>)	91.4 (<i>d</i>)	92.2 (<i>d</i>)
16	81.1 (<i>s</i>)	90.0 (<i>s</i>)	88.3 (<i>s</i>)	88.2 (<i>s</i>)	88.3 (<i>s</i>)	88.2 (<i>s</i>)
17	23.7 (<i>q</i>)	22.8 (<i>q</i>)	19.2 (<i>q</i>)	18.7 (<i>q</i>)	18.9 (<i>q</i>)	19.0 (<i>q</i>)
18	113.9 (<i>t</i>)	113.1 (<i>t</i>)	113.9 (<i>t</i>)	113.6 (<i>t</i>)	113.5 (<i>t</i>)	113.9 (<i>t</i>)
19	19.1 (<i>q</i>)	18.8 (<i>q</i>)	19.1 (<i>q</i>)	18.7 (<i>q</i>)	18.9 (<i>q</i>)	19.3 (<i>q</i>)
20	28.8 (<i>q</i>)	27.4 (<i>q</i>)	30.2 (<i>q</i>)	29.9 (<i>q</i>)	29.7 (<i>q</i>)	30.2 (<i>q</i>)
AcO–C(6)	19.9 (<i>q</i>), 169.2 (<i>s</i>)	20.1 (<i>q</i>), 169.1 (<i>s</i>)	19.9 (<i>q</i>), 169.1 (<i>s</i>)	19.9 (<i>q</i>), 169.0 (<i>s</i>)	19.9 (<i>q</i>), 169.1 (<i>s</i>)	19.9 (<i>q</i>), 169.1 (<i>s</i>)
AcO–C(7)	21.4 (<i>q</i>), 170.2 (<i>s</i>)	21.7 (<i>q</i>), 170.2 (<i>s</i>)	21.3 (<i>q</i>), 170.7 (<i>s</i>)	21.6 (<i>q</i>), 170.7 (<i>s</i>)	21.6 (<i>q</i>), 170.7 (<i>s</i>)	21.6 (<i>q</i>), 170.8 (<i>s</i>)
AcO–C(11)	21.4 (<i>q</i>), 169.0 (<i>s</i>)		21.6 (<i>q</i>), 168.9 (<i>s</i>)			21.3 (<i>q</i>), 168.9 (<i>s</i>)
AcO–C(14) or Propanoyloxy–C(14)	9.1 (<i>q</i>), 28.4 (<i>t</i>), 173.2 (<i>s</i>)	9.6 (<i>q</i>), 28.6 (<i>t</i>), 173.6 (<i>s</i>)	21.9 (<i>q</i>), 171.2 (<i>s</i>)	21.9 (<i>q</i>), 171.2 (<i>s</i>)	9.2 (<i>q</i>), 28.3 (<i>t</i>), 174.8 (<i>s</i>)	9.3 (<i>q</i>), 28.3 (<i>t</i>), 174.8 (<i>s</i>)
AcO–C(15)	20.9 (<i>q</i>), 171.5 (<i>s</i>)	21.1 (<i>q</i>), 171.1 (<i>s</i>)	20.8 (<i>q</i>), 171.9 (<i>s</i>)	20.8 (<i>q</i>), 171.7 (<i>s</i>)	20.8 (<i>q</i>), 171.7 (<i>s</i>)	20.8 (<i>q</i>), 171.9 (<i>s</i>)
AcO–C(16)		22.5 (<i>q</i>), 169.9 (<i>s</i>)	22.9 (<i>q</i>), 170.3 (<i>s</i>)	22.9 (<i>q</i>), 170.2 (<i>s</i>)	22.9 (<i>q</i>), 170.3 (<i>s</i>)	23.0 (<i>q</i>), 170.4 (<i>s</i>)

^a) The $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of compounds **1**, **3**, **4**, **5**, and **6** were recorded at 125 MHz, and that of **2** was recorded at 100 MHz.

spectra, as well as $^1\text{H-NMR}$ multiplicities for both compounds. In the ROESY spectrum of **1**, cross-peaks between H–C(1) with H–C(6) and H–C(14); H–C(6) with Me(19); H–C(14) with H–C(11) and H–C(13); and H–C(13) with HO–C(16) confirmed that H–C(1), H–C(6), H–C(11), H–C(13), H–C(14), HO–C(16), and Me(19) are α -oriented. Meanwhile, ROESY correlations HO–C(5)/H–C(7), H–C(7)/Me(20), Me(20)/H–C(9), H–C(9)/H–C(15), and H–C(15)/Me(17) indicated that HO–C(5), H–C(7), H–C(9), H–C(15), Me(17), and Me(20) were β -configured. Thus, the structure of compound **1** was assigned and designated as secorhodomollolide E.

Compound **2**, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -25.7$ ($c = 0.11$, CHCl_3), also obtained as white amorphous powder, had the same molecular formula ($\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{14}$) as compound **1**, based on HR-

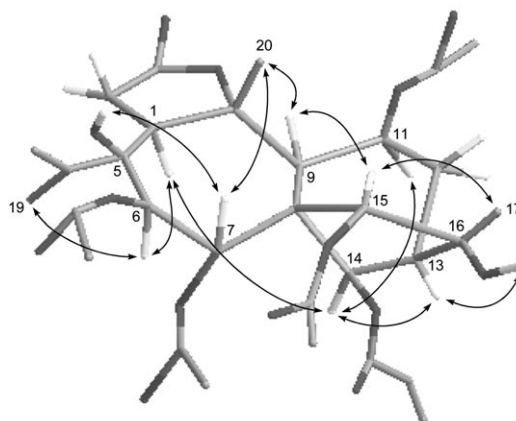


Fig. 3. Key ROESY correlations of compound **1**

ESI-MS (m/z 637.2495 ($[M - H]^-$)). The similarity of the NMR spectra of **2** to those of **1** indicated that **2** was an isomer of **1**, with **2** differing only by the position of one of the AcO groups. The upfield resonance of CH(11) ($\delta(H)$ 4.68 (br. s); $\delta(C)$ 62.8), coupled with the obvious downfield resonance of C(16) ($\delta(C)$ 90.0), suggested that the AcO group was at C(16) in **2**, rather than at C(11) as in **1**, and, accordingly, the OH group was at C(11). The very similar coupling patterns and ROESY data of **2** and **1** also indicated their identical configuration. Therefore, the structure of compound **2** was established as shown and named as secorhodomollolide F.

Compound **3**, a white amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -20$ ($c = 0.12$, CHCl_3), had the molecular formula of $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{15}$, deduced from HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode; m/z 665.2445 ($[M - H]^-$)). The ^{13}C -NMR data of compound **3** were quite similar to those of **6** (Table 2), and the difference was that **3** contained six AcO groups and no *O*-propanoyl moiety. The 2D-NMR data of **3** revealed that, as compared to **6**, an AcO instead of a propanoyloxy group was located at C(14). On comparing the coupling constants and ROESY data with those of compounds **1** and **6**, the configuration of **3** was found to be identical to those of **1** and **6**. Consequently, the structure of **3** was established and named as secorhodomollolide G.

Compound **4**, isolated as a white amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +5.7$ ($c = 0.12$, CHCl_3), had the molecular formula $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{13}$, based on its HR-ESI-MS (negative-ion mode; at m/z 607.2392 ($[M - H]^-$)). The ^{13}C -NMR analysis of **4** (Table 2) revealed similarities between the structures of **4** and **5**. The obvious difference was that the propanoyloxy group at C(14) in **5** was replaced by an AcO group in **4**. This observation was confirmed by the correlation from H-C(14) ($\delta(H)$ 6.05) to the AcO CO group at ($\delta(C)$ 171.2) in the HMBC spectrum of **4**. The ROESY spectrum demonstrated that compound **4** had the same configuration as those of compounds **1–3**. Then, the structure of compound **4** was established and named as secorhodomollolide H.

Compound **5** (ESI-MS: m/z 621 ($[M - H]^-$)) was identified as secorhodomollolide C, which was previously isolated from the flower buds of *Rhododendron molle* [17]. The reported NMR assignments for C(1) ($\delta(C)$ 56.0) and C(9) ($\delta(C)$ 40.3) of **5** had to

be revised because of strong HMBCs from HO–C(5) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 7.02 (*s*)), H _{α} –C(2) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 3.07 (*dd*, $J = 17.0, 13.0$)), H _{β} –C(2) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 2.50 (*dd*, $J = 17.0, 7.0$)), and Me(20) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 2.01 (*s*) to $\delta(\text{C})$ 41.0, and from H–C(7) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.26 (*d*, $J = 9.7$)), H–C(14) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.08 (*s*)), H–C(15) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 5.32 (*s*) to $\delta(\text{C})$ 57.3. The above correlations implied the assignments of $\delta(\text{C})$ 41.0 to C(1) and of $\delta(\text{C})$ 57.3 to C(9); therefore, the published assignments should be revised.

Compound **6** (ESI-MS: m/z 715 ($[M + \text{Cl}]^+$) was identified as secorhodomollolide D by comparison of the NMR data with those reported in the literature [17].

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Experimental Part

General. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 200–300 or 100–200 mesh, *Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory*, P. R. China) and *Sephadex LH-20* (*Amersham Biosciences AB*, S-Uppsala). TLC: silical-gel *GF-254* plates (*Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory*, P. R. China), visualization by spraying with 10% H₂SO₄/EtOH, followed by heating on a hot plate. Semiprep. HPLC: *Agilent 1200* system with a *Zorbax SB-C₁₈* column (5 μm , 9.4 \times 250 mm). Optical rotations: *Jasco DIP-370* digital polarimeter. 1D- and 2D-NMR Spectra: *Bruker-DRX-500* and *-AM-400* spectrometers. ESI-MS and HR-ESI-MS Spectra: *API Qstar Pulsar* instrument.

Plant Material. The fruits of *P. formosa* were collected in Jindian, Kunming, Yunnan Province, P. R. China, in October 2009. The sample was identified by Dr. *Yong-Peng Ma*, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and a voucher specimen (KMUST 2009100801) has been deposited with the Laboratory of Phytochemistry, Biotechnology Research Center, Kunming University of Science and Technology.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried and powdered fruits of *P. formosa* (6 kg) were extracted with 75% aq. acetone (3 \times 18 l, 24 h each) at r.t. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude extract, which was then partitioned between H₂O and AcOEt (1:1; 3 \times 4 l). The AcOEt extract (350 g) was chromatographed on *Sephadex LH-20* (MeOH/H₂O 3:7, 6:4, 9:1, 1:0) to afford *Frs. I–VI*. *Fr. I* (MeOH/H₂O 3:7; 45 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂; CHCl₃/MeOH 20:0, 19:1, 9:1, 4:1, 0:20) to give five fractions, *Frs. A–E*. Mixed crystals were obtained from *Fr. B* (CHCl₃/MeOH 19:1; 9 g), and were further chromatographed on SiO₂ (CHCl₃/MeOH 180:1, 150:1, 100:1), to obtain compounds **5** (94 mg) and **6** (115 mg). The mother liquor of *Fr. B* was subjected to CC (SiO₂; petroleum ether (PE)/Me₂CO 9:1, 8:2, 7:3, 6:4) to afford four subfractions, *Subfrs. B1–B4*. *Subfr. B1* was then purified by semiprep. HPLC (45–55% MeOH/H₂O; 3 ml/min) to give compound **4** (3 mg). *Subfr. B2* was separated by CC (SiO₂; PE/Me₂CO 10:1), and then by semiprep. HPLC (40% MeOH/H₂O; 3 ml/min) to yield compounds **1** (11 mg) and **3** (6 mg). *Subfr. B3* was repeatedly recrystallized with MeOH to afford compound **2** (19 mg).

Secorhodomollolide E (= rel-(3*a*R,5*R*,6*S*,6*a*S,7*R*,9*R*,11*a*S,11*b*R)-5,6,7,11-Tetrakis(acetyloxy)dodecahydro-4,8-dihydroxy-8,11*b*-dimethyl-2-oxo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4*H*-6*a*,9-methanoheptaleno[1,2-*b*]furan-12-yl Propanoate; **1**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -30$ ($c = 0.17$, CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. ESI-MS (neg.): 637 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 637.2512 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$, C₃₁H₄₁O₁₄; calc. 637.2496).

Secorhodomollolide F (= rel-(3*a*R,5*R*,6*S*,6*a*S,7*R*,9*R*,11*a*S,11*b*R)-5,6,7,8-Tetrakis(acetyloxy)dodecahydro-4,11-dihydroxy-8,11*b*-dimethyl-2-oxo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4*H*-6*a*,9-methanoheptaleno[1,2-*b*]furan-12-yl Propanoate; **2**). Colorless prisms (MeOH). M.p. 278–279°. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -26$ ($c = 0.11$, CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. ESI-MS (neg.): 637 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 637.2495 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$, C₃₁H₄₁O₁₄; calc. 637.2496).

Secorhodomollolide G (=rel-(3aR,5R,6S,6aS,7R,9R,11aS,11bR)-Dodecahydro-4-hydroxy-8,11b-dimethyl-2-oxo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4H-6a,9-methanoheptaleno[1,2-b]furan-5,6,7,8,11,12-hexayl Hexaacetate; **3**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -20$ ($c = 0.12$, CHCl_3). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. ESI-MS (neg.): 665 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 665.2445 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$, $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_{15}$; calc. 665.2445).

Secorhodomollolide H (=rel-(3aR,5R,6S,6aS,7R,9R,11aS,11bR)-Dodecahydro-4,11-dihydroxy-8,11b-dimethyl-2-oxo-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4H-6a,9-methanoheptaleno[1,2-b]furan-5,6,7,8,12-pentayl Pentaacetate; **4**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +6$ ($c = 0.12$, CHCl_3). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. ESI-MS (neg.): 607 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$). HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 607.2392 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$, $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_{13}$; calc. 607.2390).

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