Terpenoids from Loxocalyx urticifolius

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Two new diterpenoids, loxocalyxin A (1) and 13-epiloxocalyxin A (2), and two new sesquiterpenoids, loxocalyxins B and C (3 and 4, resp.), together with three known compounds, were isolated from the MeOH extract of the whole plant of *Loxocalyx urticifolius* HEMSL. The structures of the new compounds were established by means of spectroscopic analysis including one- and two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy. All new structures were confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis. Their absolute configurations were established.

Introduction. – The genus *Loxocalyx* (Lamiaceae), one of the endemic genera of seed plants in China, comprises only two species distributed in Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Shanxi, Sichuan, and Yunnan Provinces [1]. The whole plant of *Loxocalyx urticifolius* HEMSL. has been long used as a traditional Chinese medicine for the treatment of rheumatism and dysentery and as an insecticide [2]. Up to now, little information about the chemical constituents of this plant is available [3]. As part of an ongoing research program to isolate and determine structures of secondary metabolites from medicinal endemic plants of southwestern China, we performed a phytochemical study on the whole plant of *L. urticifolius* collected in Chongqing, west China. As a result, two new *ent*-labdane-type diterpenes, loxocalyxin A¹) (1) and 13-epiloxocalyxin A¹) (2), and two new drimane-type sesquiterpenes, loxocalyxins B¹) (3) and C¹) (4) (*Fig. 1*), together with three known compounds, (3β) -lanosta-7,9(11)-dien-3-ol [4][5], phytol [6], and β -sitosterol, were isolated.



Fig. 1. Compounds 1-4, isolated from Loxocalyx urticifolius

1) Trivial atom numbering; for systematic names, see Exper. Part.

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Results and Discussion. – A MeOH extract of the whole plant of *L. urticifolius* was suspended in H_2O and successively extracted with petroleum ether and AcOEt. The petroleum ether and AcOEt extracts were purified by various chromatographic techniques to yield four new compounds, together with three known ones. The structures of the isolated new compounds were elucidated by extensive spectroscopic techniques and X-ray crystallographic analysis. Afterwards the absolute configurations were determined.

Compound 1 was obtained as colorless crystals, $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{2D} = -159$, with the molecular formula $C_{22}H_{32}O_6$, which was deduced by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 415.2071 ($[M + Na]^+$). The strong absorptions at 1657, 1703, and 1729 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum indicated the presence of several C=O groups. An α_{β} -unsaturated ketone moiety was suggested by an absorption maximum at 242 nm in the UV spectrum. The 1H- and 13C-NMR spectra (*Tables 1* and 2) displayed resonances for two methoxycarbonyl and two C=O groups and one C=C bond. A bicyclic structure would account for the remaining unsaturation. Therefore, the structure of **1** was consistent with the skeleton of a labdane diterpene, similar to that of cativic acid (=(β S,1S,4aS,8aS)-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro- β -2,5,5,8apentamethylnaphthalene-1-pentanoic acid) [7]. The H-atom and C-atom signals were assigned by using a combination of HSQC and HMBC experiments. Two methoxycarbonyl goups attached to C(4) and C(14), respectively, were established by the HMBC experiment indicating the long-range correlations (*Fig. 2*) Me(18) (δ (H) 1.35) and H–C(5) (δ (H) 3.17)/C(19) (δ (C) 178.7), and H–C(13) (δ (H) 3.07–3.09)/C(15) (δ (C) 172.6). A ketone C=O group gave a ¹³C-NMR signal at δ (C) 211.2 ascribed to C(12), which was confirmed by the HMBCs Me(16) (δ (H) 1.18) and H–C(9) (δ (H) 3.25)/C(12). An α,β -unsaturated ketone moiety in ring B was confirmed by the HMBCs H–C(5) $(\delta(H) 3.17)/C(6) (\delta(C) 197.4)$, and H–C(7) $(\delta(H) 5.86)/C(20) (\delta(C))$ 22.2). A single-crystal X-ray study of 1 (Fig. 3) revealed that both Me groups Me(18) and Me(17) are positioned on the same (α) side of ring A. A combination of opticalrotation comparisons [8][9] and anomalous dispersion effects (see Exper. Part) confirmed the structure of **1** to be dimethyl $(5\beta,9\alpha,10\alpha)$ -6,12-dioxolabd-7-ene-15,19dioate with the absolute configuration (45,55,9R,105,135), and it was named loxocalyxin A.



Compound **2** was obtained as colorless crystals, $[a]_D^{20} = -125$. The molecular formula, $C_{22}H_{32}O_6$, was deduced by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 415.2068 ($[M + Na]^+$)). The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data (*Tables 1* and 2) of **2** were rather similar to those of **1**, indicating

	Table 1. ¹ H-N	IMR Data (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) of 3	$1-4^{a}$). δ in ppm, J in Hz.	
H-Atom	1	2	3	4
$CH_2(1)$	1.59 $(t^*, J = 4.6, H_a)$,	1.59 $(t^*, J=3.2, H_a)$,	$1.63 - 1.66 \ (m^*, H_a),$	2.45 $(dd, J = 14.9, 4.6, H_a)$,
	$1.24 - 1.28 \ (m, H_{\beta})$	$1.25 - 1.32 \ (m, H_{\beta})$	$1.54 - 1.57 \ (m^*, H_{eta})$	1.41 (dt, $J = 14.4, 5.8, H_{\beta}$)
$CH_2(2)$	$1.60 - 1.63 (m^*)$	$1.62 \ (dd, J = 2.9, 2.3)$	$1.58 - 1.60 \ (m^*), 1.25 \ (br. s)$	$1.69 - 1.72 (m), 1.80 - 1.86 (m^*)$
$CH_2(3)$	$1.60 - 1.63 (m^*),$	1.71 (br. $d, J = 13.3$),	$1.49 - 1.57 \ (m^*)$	$1.60 \ (dt, J = 13.3, 4.9),$
	$1.50 \ (ddd, J = 3.8, 4.5, 4.8)$	$1.51 \ (ddd, J = 4.4, 4.9, 1.7)$		$1.94 \ (dd, J = 13.0, 4.8)$
H-C(5)	3.17(s)	3.19(s)	$3.79(s^*)$	2.18(s)
H-C(7)	5.86(s)	5.87 (s)	5.78(s)	5.91 (s)
H-C(9)	$3.25 \ (dd, J = 8.6, 7.3)$	$3.27 \ (dd, J = 8.3, 8.2)$		
$CH_2(11)$	2.77 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.3),	$2.78 \ (dd, J = 8.6, 8.2),$	$3.86 (d, J = 11.2), 3.78 (d^*, 11.0)$	4.10 (d, J = 12.1),
	2.69 (dddd, J=1.3, 1.9, 1.7, 2.0)	2.70 (dddd, J=1.3, 1.9, 1.4, 2.0)		4.08(d, J = 12.1)
Me(12)			2.05(s)	2.16(d, J = 0.9)
H–C(13) or Me(13)	3.07 - 3.09 (m)	3.06 - 3.16 (m)		1.15(s)
$CH_2(14)$ or Me(14)	2.85 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.4),	$2.85 \ (dd, J = 9.6, 9.7),$	1.38(s)	
	2.35 (ddd, J = 4.4, 4.5, 4.5)	2.35 (ddd, J = 4.5, 4.6, 4.5)		
Me(15)			0.95 (s)	1.13 (s)
Me(16)	1.18 $(d, J = 7.3)$	1.17 (d, J = 7.3)		
Me(17)	0.88(s)	0.89 (s)		
Me(18)	1.35(s)	1.35(s)		
Me(20)	1.77(s)	1.74(s)		
COOMe	3.63(s)	3.65 (s)	3.65 (s)	
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^a) Asterisk (*) = over	lapping signals.			

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C-Atom	1	2	3	4
C(1)	37.2	37.2	30.5	36.2
C(2)	17.6	17.7	17.4	21.1
C(3)	36.9	37.1	36.9	40.5
C(4)	43.0	43.0	43.1	44.2
C(5)	59.7	59.7	52.5	64.9
C(6)	197.4	197.5	198.1	198.2
C(7)	127.4	127.6	128.0	127.4
C(8)	160.2	159.7	158.1	160.5
C(9)	49.1	48.6	74.8	85.5
C(10)	41.1	41.1	43.9	39.4
C(11)	38.3	39.1	61.5	62.0
C(12)	211.2	211.3	20.5	20.4
C(13)	42.4	41.9	179.3	22.5
C(14)	37.3	37.2	17.3	175.0
C(15)	172.6	172.7	17.8	25.0
C(16)	17.4	17.2		
C(17)	15.6	15.6		
C(18)	17.0	17.0		
C(19)	178.7	178.8		
C(20)	22.2	22.1		
COOMe	52.2	52.2	52.3	
COOMe	51.7	51.8		

Table 2. ¹³C-NMR Data (150 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1-4. δ in ppm.

that 2 was an analogue of 1. An X-ray crystal-structure analysis (*Fig. 3*) of 2 revealed that the stereogenic center C(13) had (*R*)-configuration, indicating that compound 2 is an epimer of 1. By the procedure applied to 1, the absolute configuration of 2 was determined and its structure was elucidated as dimethyl 6,12-dioxo-*ent*-labd-7-ene-15,19-dioate with the absolute configuration (4S,5S,9R,10S,13R), and it was named 13-epiloxocalyxin A.

Compound 3 was obtained as colorless crystals, $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = +23$, with a molecular formula $C_{16}H_{24}O_5$, which was deduced by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 319.1510 ($[M + Na]^+$)) A broad-band absorption at 3428 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum suggested the presence of OH groups. It also revealed the presence of C=O groups by the strong absorptions at 1718 and 1660 cm⁻¹. The presence of an α,β -unsaturated ketone moiety was supported by an absorption maximum at 234 nm in the UV spectrum. The ¹H-NMR spectrum (Table 1) disclosed resonances for three tertiary Me groups ($\delta(H)$ 0.95 (Me(15)), 1.38 (Me(14)) and 2.05 (Me(12)), an oxymethylene group ($\delta(H)$ 3.78 and 3.86 (d, J = 11 Hz, CH₂(11)), an olefinic H-atom at $\delta(H)$ 5.78 and a methoxycarbonyl group at $\delta(H)$ 3.65 (MeOOC-C(4)). The ¹³C-NMR spectrum (Table 2) revealed 16 C-atom signals. Detailed comparison of the data of **3** with those of $(3\beta,9\alpha)$ -3,9,11-trihydroxydrim-7-en-6-one [10] showed it to differ only in the substitution pattern of ring A. This deduction was confirmed by the HMBC results (Fig. 2). The NOESY (Fig. 4) correlation Me(14)/ Me(15) suggested the α -orientation for the methoxycarbonyl group. Therefore, compound 3 was determined as methyl 9,11-dihydroxy-6-oxodrim-7-en-13-oate and named loxocalyxin B, which was further confirmed by the X-ray crystallographic



Fig. 3. Single-crystal X-ray structures of 1-4



Fig. 4. Selected NOESY correlations of 3

analysis (*Fig. 3*). Alternatively, the absolute configuration (4R, 5R, 9R, 10S) of **3** (*Fig. 1*) was determined by comparison of computated and experimental optical rotations.

Compound **4** was obtained as light yellow crystals, $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = +206$, with a molecular formula $C_{15}H_{20}O_4$ which was deduced by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 287.1259 ($[M + Na]^+$)). Similar to **3**, the presence of OH and C=O groups were revealed by the strong absorptions at 3486, 1715, and 1671 cm⁻¹. The presence of an α,β -unsaturated ketone moiety was also supported by an absorption maximum at 239 nm in the UV spectrum. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **4** resembled those of **3**. A C=O of a lactone moiety gave a ¹³C-NMR signal at $\delta(C)$ 175.0 attributed to C(14), which was supported by long-range correlations between H–C(5) ($\delta(H)$ 2.18) and Me(13) ($\delta(H)$ 1.15) with C(14)

 $(\delta(C) 175.0)$ (*Fig. 2*). To the resonance of C(13) of **3** at $\delta(C) 179.3$ corresponded the upfield-shifted $\delta(C) 175.0$ of C(14) of **4**; C(9) was downfield-shifted from $\delta(C) 74.8$ (**3**) to 85.5 (**4**) and C(15) from $\delta(C) 17.8$ (**3**) to $\delta(C) 25.0$ (**4**); moreover H–C(5) was upfield-shifted from $\delta(H) 3.79$ (**3**) to $\delta(H) 2.18$ (**4**). All these shifts indicated the presence of a lactone moiety at C(14) and C(9), and a new drimane-type skeleton with a *cis*-fused decalin ring system in **4** [11][12]. The HMBC data (*Fig. 2*) established, the relative configuration of **4** as $(9\alpha, 10\alpha)$ -11-hydroxy-6-oxodrim-7-eno-14,9-lactone, and the structure was named loxocalyxin C. This novel structure was consistent with the X-ray crystal-structure analysis (*Fig. 3*).

The quasimolecular ions $[M + H]^+$ at m/z 393 (pos. mode) and $[M - H]^-$ at m/z 391 (neg. mode) for loxocalyxin A (1) and 13-epiloxocalyxin A (2) were found in the petroleum ether phase obtained from an EtOH extract (see *Exper. Part*). Thus, 1 and 2 were considered as original compounds from *L. urticifolius*. Similarly, $[M + Na]^+$ at m/z 319 and $[M - H]^-$ at m/z 295 for loxocalyxin B (3) were detected in the AcOEt phase obtained from an EtOH extract the loxocalyxin B was also an original compound from *L. urticifolius*.

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Experimental Part

General. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂, 160–200 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Co., Qingdao, P. R. China), *MCI CHP-20* gel (75–150 µm; *Mitsubishi*), *ODS* (40–63 µm; *LiChroprep*) and Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia). TLC: precoated plates GF254 (Qingdao Marine Chemical Co.). M.p.: melting-point apparatus X-6, (Beijing Fuka); uncorrected. Optical rotation: PE-241 polarimeter; the predicted optical-rotation values were calculated by using the B3LYP/6-311 + G (d) level of theory, and the Boltzmann formula was used to produce the sum of six different conformational optical rotations. UV Spectra: Perkin-Elmer Lambda 35; λ_{max} (log ε) in nm. IR Spectra: Nicolet-MX-1 spectrometer; $\tilde{\nu}$ in cm⁻¹. NMR Spectra: Bruker-AM-600 instrument; δ in ppm rel. to Me₄Si as internal standard, J in Hz. HR-MS: MicrO TOF-Q II mass spectrometers (Bruker, Germany); in m/z. ESI-MS: Finnigan-LCQ^{DECA} mass spectrometers; in m/z.

Plant Material. The plant was collected from Jinfoshan in Chongqing City, P. R. China, in July 2010, and identified as *L. urticifolius* by Prof. S. R. Yi. A voucher specimen was deposited with the Herbarium of the Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried and powdered whole plant of *L. urticifolius* (6 kg) were extracted with MeOH at r.t. to give an extract (950 g) which was suspended in H₂O and extracted with petroleum ether and AcOEt (3×11 , 3 h each) successively. The petroleum ether extract (80 g) was separated by CC (SiO₂ (5×50 cm); petroleum ether/acetone $30:1 \rightarrow 1:1$, 101): β -sitosterol (2.5-3.51; 1.5 g) and *Fractions* 1-10. *Fr.* 4 (5 g) was subjected to CC (SiO₂ (4×40 cm), petroleum ether/acetone $20:1 \rightarrow 1:1$): phytol (850-1200 ml; 1 g). *Fr.* 5 was subjected to CC (SiO₂ (3×50 cm), petroleum ether/acetone $15:1 \rightarrow 1:1$) (3β)-lanosta-7,9(11)-dien-3-ol (550-800 ml; 1 g). *Fr.* 10 was subjected to CC (SiO₂ (3×40 cm), petroleum ether/acetone $15:1 \rightarrow 1:1$) and purified by CC (*Sephadex LH-20* (3×150 cm), CHCl₃/MeOH 1:1): **2** (1.5-1.6 l; 0.3 g). A fraction of 0.51 (1.6-2.11; 1) g) from the CC (*Sephadex LH-20*) was purified by CC (*ODS* ($40-63 \mu$ m, 3×30 cm, *LiChroprep*), MeOH/H₂O 4:7 \rightarrow 8:2): **1** (450-600 ml; 0.2 g). The AcOEt extract (69 g) was separated by CC (*MCI CHP-20* (6×30 cm), MeOH/H₂O (7:3 (11), 8:2 (21), 9:1 (11), and 10:0 (11)): *Fractions* 11-13. *Fr.* 12 (11 g) was subjected to CC

 $(SiO_2 (4 \times 60 \text{ cm}), with CHCl_3/MeOH 35:1 \rightarrow 1:1): Fr. 12.1 (1.2-1.51; 3 g). Fr. 12.1 was subjected to CC (SiO_2 (3 \times 40 \text{ cm}), petroleum ether/AcOEt 20:1 \rightarrow 1:1):$ **3**(650-800 ml, 0.2 g) and**4**(450-600 ml, 0.1 g).

Extraction for ESI-MS Analysis. The dried and powdered whole plant of *L. urticifolius* (1.2 g) was subjected to ultrasonic-wave extraction with EtOH at r.t. to give an extract (0.1 g), which was suspended in H_2O and extracted with petroleum ether and AcOEt successively. Both extracts of petroleum ether and AcOEt were subjected to CC (*MCI*) to remove chlorophyll, thus furnishing the extracts of the petroleum ether phase and the AcOEt phase for ESI-MS analysis.

Dimethyl (5 β ,9 α ,10 α)-6,12-Dioxolabd-7-ene-15,19-dioate (=(β S,1R,4aS,5S,8aS)-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-Octahydro-5-(methoxycarbonyl)- β ,2,5,8a-tetramethyl- γ ,4-dioxonaphthalene-1-pentanoic Acid Methyl Ester; **1**): Colorless crystals (MeOH). M.p. 83–85°. [α]_D²⁰ = -159 (c = 1.3, CHCl₃); Gaussian calculation, -140.1. UV (CHCl₃): 242. IR (KBr): 2934, 1729, 1703, 1657, 1439, 1335, 1176, 1144. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Tables 1 and 2. HR-ESI-MS: 415.2071 ([M+Na]⁺; calc. 415.2091).

Dimethyl 6,12-Dioxo-ent-labd-7-ene-15,18-dioate (=(β R,1R,4aS,5S,8aS)-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-Octahydro-5-(methoxycarbonyl)- β ,2,5,8a-tetramethyl- γ ,4-dioxonaphthalene-1-pentanoic Acid Methyl Ester; **2**): Colorless crystals (MeOH/Me₂O/CHCl₃); M.p. 82–83°. [a] $_{D}^{D}$ = –125 (c = 1.3, CHCl₃); Gaussian calculation, –143.7. UV(CHCl₃): 237. IR (KBr): 2928, 1733, 1715, 1657, 1432, 1379, 1202, 1187. ¹Hand ¹³C-NMR: Tables 1 and 2. HR-ESI-MS: 415.2068 ([M + Na]⁺; calc. 415.2091)

Methyl 9,11-*Dihydroxy-6-oxodrim-7-en-13-oate* (=(*I*R,4aS,5R,8aR)-*1*,2,3,4,4a,5,8,8a-*Octahydro-5-hydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1*,4a,6-trimethyl-8-oxonaphthalene-1-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester; **3**): Colorless crystals (acetone). M.p. 159–160°. [α]_D² = +23 (c = 4.0, CHCl₃); *Gaussian* calculation, +19.1. UV (CHCl₃): 234. IR (KBr): 3428, 2928, 1733, 1718, 1660, 1451, 1433, 1404, 1379, 1140, 1111, 1089, 1057. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Tables 1* and 2. HR-ESI-MS: 319.1510 ([M + Na]⁺, C₂₂H₃₂O₆Na⁺; calc. for 319.1516).

(9a,10a)-11-Hydroxy-6-oxo-drim-7-eno-14,9-lactone (=(1S,4aR,5S,8aR)-1,2,3,4,4a,5,8,8a-Octahydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1,4a,6-trimethyl-8-oxonaphthalene-1-carboxylic Acid δ -Lactone; = (1S,4aR,5S,8aR)-1,3,4,4a,5,8a-hexahydro-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1,4a,6-trimethyl-5,1-(epoxymethano)naphthalene-8,10(2H)-dione; **4**): Light yellow crystals (acetone). M.p. 183–184°. [a] $_{20}^{20}$ = +206 (c = 2.1, CHCl₃); Gaussian calculation (+185.8). UV (CHCl₃): 239. IR (KBr): 3486, 2935, 1715, 1671, 1450, 1379, 1274, 1126, 978. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Tables 1 and 2. HR-ESI-MS: 287.1259 ([M + Na]⁺, C₁₅H₂₀O₄Na⁺; calc. 287.1254).

Crystal-Structure Determinations. Diffraction data (φ and ω scans) were collected on a Bruker AXS Apex Duo CCD with graphite-monochromated CuK_a radiation (λ 1.54178 Å) at 298 K for the structures of **1** and **4**. The total number of independent reflections measured was 3496, of which 3435 were observed ($|F|^2 > 2\sigma |F|^2$) for **1**, and the total number of independent reflections measured was 3820, of which 3721 were observed ($|F|^2 > 2\sigma |F|^2$) for **4**. A Siemens-P4 four-circle diffractometer with an incident beam graphite monochromator (MoK_a radiation, λ 0.71073 Å) in ω -scan mode was used for the structure determination of **1**-**4**. The structures were solved by direct methods with SHELXS-97 [13] and refined against F^2 on all data by full-matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97 following established refinement strategies. All non-H-atoms were refined anisotropically. The cif files were disposed by Ortep3v2 and gimp 2.6.11.0 (see Fig. 3). CCDC-841577 to CCDC-841580) (**1**-**4**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/ data_request/cif.

X-Ray Crystal Data of **1**. $C_{22}H_{32}O_6$, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, M_r 392.48; unit cell dimensions, a = 9.9258(4), b = 14.1974(6), c = 15.6110(7) Å, $a = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$, V = 2199.91(16) Å³, Z = 4, d = 1.185 g/cm³, F(000) = 848; crystal size $0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.12$ mm; θ range for data collection from 4.21° to 67.70° ; $wR_2 = 0.0965$ for 3496 independent reflections and 260 variables; S = 1.033.

X-Ray Crystal Data of **2.** $C_{22}H_{32}O_6$, M_r 392.48, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$; unit cell dimensions, a = 9.4120(16), b = 14.381(3), c = 15.979(3) Å, $a = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, V = 2162.8(6) Å³, Z = 4, d = 1.205 Mg/m³, F(000) = 848; Crystal size $0.54 \times 0.21 \times 0.16$ mm; θ range for data collection from 3.11° to 27.49° ; $wR_2 = 0.0983$ for 4946 independent reflections and 254 variables; S = 1.003.

X-Ray Crystal Data of **3**. $C_{16}H_{24}O_5$, M_r 296.35, monoclinic, $P2_1$; unit-cell dimensions, a = 8.168(4), b = 6.573(3), c = 14.169(6) Å, $a = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 95.270(6)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$, V = 757.4(6) Å³, Z = 2, d = 1.299 Mg/m³,

F(000) = 320; crystal size $0.63 \times 0.60 \times 0.13$ mm; θ range for data collection from 2.77° to 29.14° ; $wR_2 = 0.0691$ for 2177 independent reflections and 202 variables; S = 1.000.

X-Ray Crystal Data of **4**. C₁₅H₂₀O₄, M_r 264.31, monoclinic, $P2_1$; unit-cell dimensions, a = 12.7740(3), b = 7.0990(2) (19), c = 15.5107(3) Å, $a = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 107.2470(10)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, V = 1343.31(6) Å³, Z = 2, d = 1.307 g/cm³, F(000) = 568; crystal size $0.26 \times 0.24 \times 0.20$ mm; θ range for data collection from 3.62° to 67.77° ; $wR_2 = 0.0988$ for 3820 independent reflections and 351 variables; S = 1.046.

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