

New Lignans from the Aerial Parts of *Rudbeckia laciniata*

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Three new furofuran lignans, (+)-4,4'-*O*-diangeloylpinoresinol (**1**), (+)-4,4'-*O*-diangeloylmedioresinol (**2**), and (+)-4,4'-*O*-diangeloylsyringaresinol (**3**), together with the known compound (+)-syringaresinol, were isolated from the MeOH extract of *Rudbeckia laciniata*. The structure elucidation of these compounds were based on 1D- and 2D-NMR, and HR-ESI-MS data. The additional structural evidence was obtained from alkaline hydrolysis of the compounds.

Introduction. – Three *Rudbeckia* species, *R. bicolor*, *R. hirta*, and *R. laciniata*, are widespread in Korea [1]. Extracts from the plants have been used as traditional Chinese medicine in the treatment of the common cold and urinary diseases [2]. Various phytochemical constituents, *i.e.*, sesquiterpene esters [3–7], sesquiterpene lactones [8–11], lignans [10], flavonoids [3][12][13], polyacetylenes [14], and carotenoids [15], have been reported from the genus *Rudbeckia*, and a wide range of biological activities, including antitumour [2–4], antioxidant [16], antibacterial, and antifungal [17–19] properties, have been investigated.

In our continuing search for bioactive constituents from the Korean Asteraceae medicinal plants, we performed a phytochemical investigation of the MeOH extract from the aerial parts of *R. laciniata*. By repeated column chromatographic separation of the extract, three new furofuran lignans, **1–3**, along with one known lignan were isolated. The structures were determined using spectroscopic methods including 1D- and 2D-NMR (COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY). Here, we describe the structure elucidation of the new compounds **1–3** (Fig. 1).

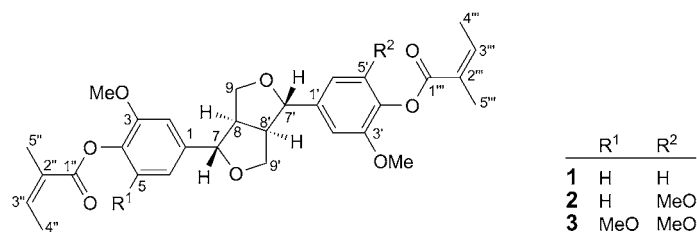


Fig. 1. Compounds **1–3**, isolated from *R. laciniata*

Results and Discussion. – Compound **1** was obtained as a colorless gum. The molecular formula of **1** was determined as C₃₀H₃₄O₈ from the molecular-ion peak

$[M + Na]^+$ at m/z 545.2163 in the positive-ion-mode HR-ESI-MS. The IR spectrum of **1** showed absorption bands at 3358 and 1650 cm^{-1} ascribable to a OH and a C=O group, respectively. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum (Table) of **1** showed signals of two H-atoms of a 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene at $\delta(\text{H})$ 7.03 ($d, J=8.5, \text{H-C}(5,5')$), 7.00 ($d, J=1.5, \text{H-C}(2,2')$), and 6.89 ($dd, J=8.5, 1.5, \text{H-C}(6,6')$), of two O-CH H-atoms at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.80 ($d, J=4.0, \text{H-C}(7,7')$), of two OCH_2 H-atoms at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.28 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0, \text{H-C}(9a,9'a)$), and 3.94 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5, \text{H-C}(9b,9'b)$), and of two CH H-atoms at $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.07–3.13 ($m, \text{H-C}(8,8')$), and two MeO signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.87 (s). In the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum (Table), ten C-atom signals for a symmetrical structure appeared at $\delta(\text{C})$ 54.4 (CH), 71.9 (CH_2O), 85.6 (OCH), 109.9, 117.9, 122.9, 139.2, 139.8, and 151.6

Table. $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (500 and 125 MHz, resp.) Data of Compounds **1–3**. Recorded in CDCl_3 ; δ in ppm, J in Hz.

Position	1		2		3	
	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$
C(1)		139.8		139.9		139.4
H-C(2)	7.00 ($d, J=1.5$)	109.9	7.01 ($d, J=1.5$)	109.9	6.62 (s)	102.3
C(3)		151.6		151.6		152.4
C(4)		139.2		139.2		128.0
H-C(5)	7.03 ($d, J=8.5$)	122.9	7.05 ($d, J=8.5$)	122.9		152.4
H-C(6)	6.89 ($dd, J=8.5, 1.5$)	117.9	6.92 ($dd, J=8.5, 1.5$)	117.9	6.62 (s)	102.3
H-C(7)	4.80 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.6	4.83 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.9	4.80 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.9
H-C(8)	3.07–3.13 (m)	54.4	3.08–3.11 (m)	54.5	3.09–3.11 (m)	54.4
$\text{CH}_2(9)$	4.28 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.94 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	71.9	4.31 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.97 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	72.0	4.32 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.96 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	72.1
MeO-C(3)	3.87 (s)	55.6	3.85 (s)	56.0	3.84 (s)	56.3
MeO-C(5)					3.84 (s)	56.3
C(1')		139.8		139.3		139.4
H-C(2')	7.00 ($d, J=1.5$)	109.9	6.63 (s)	102.3	6.62 (s)	102.3
C(3')		151.6		152.7		152.4
C(4')		139.2		128.0		128.0
H-C(5')	7.03 ($d, J=8.5$)	122.9		152.7		152.4
H-C(6')	6.89 ($dd, J=8.5, 1.5$)	117.9	6.63 (s)	102.3	6.62 (s)	102.3
H-C(7')	4.80 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.6	4.79 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.6	4.80 ($d, J=4.0$)	85.9
H-C(8')	3.07–3.13 (m)	54.4	3.08–3.11 (m)	54.3	3.09–3.11 (m)	54.4
$\text{CH}_2(9')$	4.28 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.94 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	71.9	4.31 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.95 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	71.9	4.32 ($dd, J=9.0, 7.0$), 3.96 ($dd, J=9.0, 3.5$)	72.1
MeO-C(3')	3.87 (s)	55.6	3.83 (s)	56.3	3.84 (s)	56.3
MeO-C(5')			3.83 (s)	56.3	3.84 (s)	56.3
C(1'')		166.0		166.0		165.8
C(2'')		127.2		127.3		127.3
H-C(3'')	6.20–6.25 (m)	139.9	6.18–23 (m)	140.0	6.17–6.21 (m)	139.3
H-C(4'')	2.06 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9	2.08 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9	2.08 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9
H-C(5'')	2.05 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7	2.07 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7	2.07 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7
C(1''')		166.0		165.8		165.8
C(2''')		127.2		127.2		127.3
H-C(3''')	6.20–6.25 (m)	139.9	6.18–23 (m)	139.9	6.17–6.21 (m)	139.3
H-C(4''')	2.06 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9	2.08 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9	2.08 ($d, J=1.5$)	15.9
H-C(5''')	2.05 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7	2.07 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7	2.07 ($d, J=1.5$)	20.7

(benzene C), including MeO signals at $\delta(\text{C})$ 55.6. These spectral data implied that **1** was a furofuran-type lignan [20]. Additionally, the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of **1** showed the H-atom signals for the two angeloyl groups at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.20–6.25 (*m*, H–C(3',3'')), 2.06 (*d*, $J=1.5$, H–C(4',4'')), and 2.05 (*d*, $J=1.5$, H–C(5',5'')). The corresponding C-atom resonances of the two angeloyl groups were observed at $\delta(\text{C})$ 166.0, 139.9, 127.2, 20.7, and 15.9 in the HMQC spectrum. The $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ data of **1** were very similar to those of pinoresinol [21], except for the signals for additional two angeloyl groups [22]. The two angeloyl groups were at C(4) and C(4'), respectively, based on the comparison of $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ chemical shifts of **1** with those of pinoresinol ($\delta(\text{C})$ 151.6 (C(3,3')), 139.2 (C(4,4')), 122.9 (C(5,5')) in **1**; 146.7 (C(3,3')), 145.3 (C(4,4')), 114.3 (C(5,5')) in pinoresinol). The configuration of **1** was deduced to be same as that of (+)-pinoresinol [20][23][24] based on the NOESY correlations (*Fig. 2*) and by comparison of the coupling constants and optical rotation. Final evidence was obtained by alkaline hydrolysis. Treatment of **1** with 0.1M KOH at room temperature afforded (+)-pinoresinol, which was identified by comparison of its optical rotation value ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +5.0$), and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and MS data [21]. Thus, the structure of **1** was determined as (+)-4,4'-*O*-diangeloylpinoresinol.

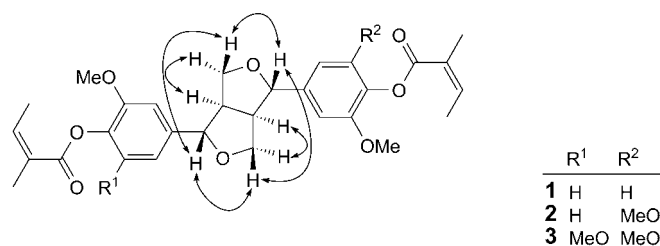


Fig. 2. Key NOE (H ↔ H) correlations of compounds **1–3**

Compound **2** was obtained as a colorless gum. The molecular formula of **2** was determined as $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_9$ from the molecular-ion peak $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ at m/z 575.2259 in the positive-ion-mode HR-ESI-MS. The IR spectrum of **2** showed absorption bands at 3357 and 1660 cm^{-1} ascribable to a OH and a C=O group, respectively. The $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of **2** were similar to those of **1** (*Table*). The main differences were the additional NMR signals ($\delta(\text{H})$ 6.63 (*s*, H–C(2',6')) and 3.83 (*s*, MeO–C(3',5')); $\delta(\text{C})$ 152.7 (C(3',5')), 139.3 (C(1')), 128.0 (C(4')), 102.3 (C(2',6')), and 56.3 (MeO–C(3',5'))) in **2**, implying that **2** has one 1,3,4-trisubstituted and one 1,3,4,5-tetrasubstituted benzene ring. The additional MeO group was at C(5') as deduced from the HMBC between the MeO signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.83 and $\delta(\text{C})$ 152.7 (C(5')) (*Fig. 3*). The $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectral data (*Table*) of **2** were similar to those of medioresinol [21], except for the presence of signals for the two angeloyl groups. The configuration of **2** was assumed to be same as that of (+)-medioresinol [20][21][25] by comparison its coupling constants and optical-rotation value, and confirmed by NOESY correlations (*Fig. 2*). Alkaline hydrolysis of **2** afforded (+)-medioresinol, which was identified by comparison of its optical-rotation value, and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and MS data [21]. Thus, the structure of **2** was determined as (+)-4,4'-*O*-diangeloylmedioresinol.

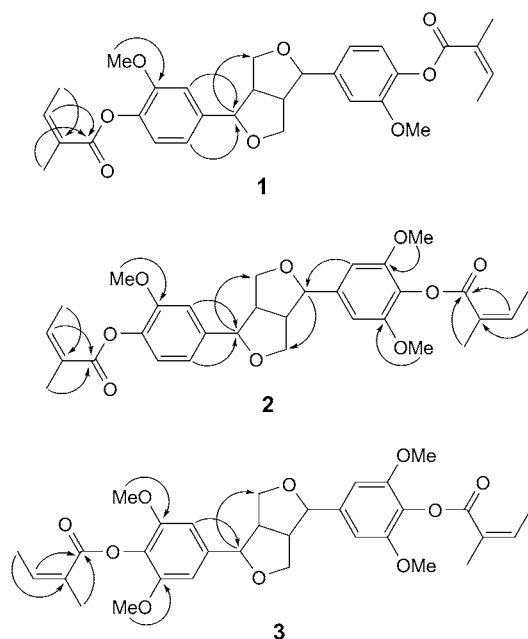


Fig. 3. Key HMBCs (H → C) of compounds **1–3**

Compound **3** was obtained as a colorless gum. The molecular formula of **3** was determined as $C_{32}H_{38}O_{10}$ from the molecular-ion peak $[M + Na]^+$ at m/z 605.2377 in the positive-ion-mode HR-ESI-MS. The IR spectrum of **3** showed an absorption bands at 3357 and 1660 cm^{-1} ascribable to a OH and a C=O group, respectively. The 1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of **3** were similar to those of (+)-syringaresinol (Table), except for the signals of the additional two angeloyl groups. The configuration of **3** was assumed to be same as that of (+)-syringaresinol [20][21][25] by comparison its coupling constants and optical rotation value, and verified by NOESY correlations (Fig. 2). Alkaline hydrolysis of **3** yielded (+)-syringaresinol, which was identified by comparison of its optical-rotation value, and 1H -NMR and MS data [21]. Thus, the structure of **3** was determined as (+)-4,4'-O-diangeloylsyringaresinol.

Sesquiterpene lactons with angeloyl moieties had been already isolated from this plant [7], but lignans attached to short organic-acid moieties had not been reported. Furofuran lignans containing the angeloyl groups were reported from *Ligularia* [26] and *Cremanthodium* species [27].

The structure of the known compound was identified as (+)-syringaresinol by comparing its spectroscopic data with those in the literature [21].

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Experimental Part

General. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 230–400 mesh; Merck, Germany), Lichroprep RP₁₈ gel (40–60 µm, Merck, DE-Darmstadt), and Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, UK). TLC: SiO₂ 60 F₂₅₄ and RP-18 F_{254s} SiO₂ plates (Merck, Germany); detection under UV light and by spraying with 10% aq. H₂SO₄ soln., followed by heating at 120° for 1 min. HPLC: Prep. HPLC Gilson 306 pump, Gilson-101 RI detector, Phenomenex-Luna-C₁₈(2) column (250 mm × 10.00 mm i.d., 5 µm); *t_R* in min. UV Spectra: Jasco P-1020 polarimeter in CHCl₃; λ_{max} (log ε) in nm. IR Spectra: Bruker IFS-66/S FT-IR spectrometer; KBr pellets; in cm⁻¹. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra: Varian UNITY INOVA 500 FT-NMR instrument; δ in ppm rel. to Me₄Si as internal standard, *J* in Hz. ESI- and HR-ESI-MS: VG BIOTECH platform LC/MS spectrometer; in *m/z*.

Plant Material. The aerial parts of *R. laciniata* (7.0 kg) were collected at the Taebaek Mountain in Gangwon-Do Province, Korea, in May 2009, and the plant was identified by one of the authors (K. R. L.). A voucher specimen of the plant (SKK-09-06) was deposited with the School of Pharmacy in Sungkyunkwan University.

Extraction and Isolation. Half-dried aerial parts of *R. laciniata* (Asteraceae) (7.0 kg) were extracted with 80% MeOH three times at r.t. (6 × 12 l, overnight). The resulting MeOH extracts (400 g) were suspended in dist. H₂O (800 ml × 4), and then successively partitioned with hexane, CHCl₃, AcOEt, and BuOH, yielding residues of 37, 1, 5, and 30 g, resp. The hexane-soluble extract (37 g) was subjected to CC (RP-18 (400 g), 90% MeOH): Frs. 1–7. Fr. 2 (2 g) was subjected again to CC (SiO₂ (20 g); hexane/CHCl₃/MeOH 2.5:3:0.1): Frs. 2.1–2.7. Fr. 2.4 was purified by prep. HPLC (RP-C₁₈; MeOH/H₂O 85:15; 2 ml/min): **1** (*t_R* 20 min; 5 mg). Fr. 2.5 (1 g) was subjected to CC (Sephadex LH-20 (100 g); 100% MeOH): Frs. 2.5.1–2.5.2. Fr. 2.5.2 (40 mg) was purified by prep. HPLC (RP-C₁₈; MeOH/H₂O 85:15; 2 ml/min): **2** (*t_R* 19 min; 5 mg) and **3** (*t_R* 18 min; 5 mg). Fr. 2.9 was purified by prep. HPLC (RP-C₁₈; MeOH/H₂O 60:40; 2 ml/min): (+)-syringaresinol (*t_R* 15 min; 5 mg).

(+)-4,4'-O-Diangeloylpinoresinol (= (1*S*,3*aR*,4*S*,6*aR*)-Tetrahydro-1*H*,3*H*-furo[3,4-*c*]furan-1,4-diylbis-[2-methoxybenzene-4,1-diyl] Bis[(2*Z*)-2-methylbut-2-enoate]; **1**). Colorless gum. [α]_D²⁵ = +14.0 (*c* = 0.17, CHCl₃). UV (MeOH): 216 (4.0), 276 (3.9). IR (KBr): 3358, 2942, 2833, 1650, 1453, 1122, 1033. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS: 545.2163 ([*M* + Na]⁺, C₃₀H₃₄NaO₈⁺; calc. 545.2151).

(+)-4,4'-O-Diangeloylmedioresinol (= 2,6-Dimethoxy-4-[(1*S*,3*aR*,4*S*,6*aR*)-4-(3-methoxy-4-[(2*Z*)-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]phenyl]tetrahydro-1*H*,3*H*-furo[3,4-*c*]furan-1-yl]phenyl (2*Z*)-2-Methylbut-2-enoate; **2**). Colorless gum. [α]_D²⁵ = +52 (*c* = 0.15, CHCl₃). UV (MeOH): 223 (4.0), 275 (4.1). IR (KBr): 3357, 2945, 2832, 1660, 1451, 1118, 1031. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS: 575.2259 ([*M* + Na]⁺, C₃₁H₃₆NaO₉⁺; calc. 575.2257).

(+)-4,4'-O-Diangeloylsyringaresinol (= (1*S*,3*aR*,4*S*,6*aR*)-Tetrahydro-1*H*,3*H*-furo[3,4-*c*]furan-1,4-diylbis-[2,6-dimethoxybenzene-4,1-diyl] Bis[(2*Z*)-(2-Methylbut-2-enoate]; **3**). Colorless gum. [α]_D²⁵ = +71.0 (*c* = 0.15, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 216 (4.0), 272 (3.9). IR (KBr): 3357, 2945, 2832, 1660, 1451, 1116, 1031. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS: 605.2377 ([*M* + Na]⁺, C₃₂H₃₈NaO₁₀⁺; calc. 605.2363).

Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1–3. Compound **1** (1.7 mg) was hydrolyzed with 0.1M KOH (1 ml) at r.t. for 3 h. After adding H₂O (3 ml), the mixture was extracted with CHCl₃ three times, and the CHCl₃ extract was evaporated *in vacuo*. The CHCl₃ extract was purified through a SiO₂ Waters Sep-pak Vac 12cc cartridge (Milford, MA, USA; with CHCl₃/MeOH 20:1) to give (+)-pinoresinol, which was identified by ¹H-NMR, MS, and optical-rotation data. Compounds **2** (1.0 mg) and **3** (1.0 mg) were treated by the same method. The CHCl₃ extract was purified through a SiO₂ Waters Sep-pak Vac 12cc cartridge to give (+)-medioresinol, and (+)-syringaresinol, which were identified by ¹H-NMR, MS, and optical-rotation data.

(+)-Pinoresinol. [α]_D²⁵ = +5.0 (*c* = 0.03, CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 6.89 (*d*, *J* = 2.0, H-C(2,2')); 6.88 (*d*, *J* = 8.0, H-C(5,5')); 6.82 (*dd*, *J* = 8.0, 2.0, H-C(6,6')); 4.74 (*d*, *J* = 4.0, H-C(7,7')); 4.24 (*dd*, *J* = 9.0, 7.0, H-C(9*a*,9*a'*)); 3.91 (*s*, MeO-C(3,3')); 3.88 (*dd*, *J* = 9.0, 3.5, H-C(9*b*,9*b'*)); 3.09–3.11 (*m*, H-C(8,8')). ESI-MS: 357 ([*M* - H]⁻).

(+)-Medioresinol. [α]_D²⁵ = +20.0 (*c* = 0.01, CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 6.87 (*d*, *J* = 2.0, H-C(2)); 6.86 (*d*, *J* = 8.0, H-C(5)); 6.83 (*dd*, *J* = 8.0, 2.0, H-C(6)); 6.54 (*s*, H-C(2',6')); 4.74 (*d*, *J* = 4.0, H-C(7)); 4.70 (*d*, *J* = 4.0, H-C(7')); 4.24 (*dd*, *J* = 9.0, 7.0, H-C(9*a*,9*a'*)); 3.91 (*s*, MeO-C(3)); 3.88 (*s*,

MeO–C(3',5')); 3.88 (*dd*, $J = 9.0, 3.5$, H–C(9b)); 3.85 (*dd*, $J = 9.0, 3.5$, H–C(9b')); 3.08–3.11 (*m*, H–C(8, 8')). ESI-MS: 387 ($[M - H]^-$).

(+)-*Syringaresinol*. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +56.0$ ($c = 0.01$, CHCl₃). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 6.58 (*s*, H–C(2,6,2',6')); 4.74 (*d*, $J = 4.0$, H–C(7,7')); 4.24 (*dd*, $J = 9.0, 7.0$, H–C(9a,9a')); 3.90 (*s*, MeO–C(3,5,3',5')); 3.88 (*dd*, $J = 9.0, 3.5$, H–C(9b,9b')); 3.10–3.13 (*m*, H–C(8, 8')). ESI-MS: 417 ($[M - H]^-$).

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