

## Identification of Six New Minor Diarylheptanoids from the Seeds of *Alpinia katsumadai*

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Phytochemical investigation of the seeds of *Alpinia katsumadai* (Zingiberaceae) led to the isolation and identification of six new diarylheptanoid derivatives, katsumains D–G (**1–4**), 3-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin (**5**), and 5-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin (**6**). The structures of **1–6** were elucidated by spectroscopic data analysis including 1D- and 2D-NMR experiments.

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**Introduction.** – *Alpinia katsumadai* HAYATA (Zingiberaceae) has been widely cultivated in South and Southeast Asia [1][2]. The seeds of *A. katsumadai* have been used as an oriental traditional medicine to treat emesis and gastric disorders [3][4]. Several secondary metabolites such as diarylheptanoids [1][4–8], flavonoids [2][4][6][9], stilbenes [2], and terpenoids [10] have been reported previously from this plant. Some of these isolates have diverse biological activities such as antioxidant [11], anti-emetic [12][13], antiviral [7], cytoprotective [14], and heat shock protein inducing [8] effects.

In the present study, compounds **1–6** were isolated and elucidated as the new diarylheptanoids, katsumains D–G (**1–4**), 3-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin (**5**), and 5-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin (**6**) from the seeds of *A. katsumadai* (Fig. 1).

**Results and Discussion.** – Compound **1** was obtained as a yellow powder. Its molecular formula was established as  $C_{35}H_{34}O_7$  by HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  567.2377 ( $[M + H]^+$ )). The  $^1H$ - and  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectra of **1** (Tables 1 and 2) exhibited signals for two sets of *para*-substituted benzene rings at  $\delta(H)$  7.30/ $\delta(C)$  128.3 and 6.88/116.0,  $\delta(H)$  7.63/ $\delta(C)$  131.4 and 6.93/116.8, and  $\delta(C)$  160.7, 158.1, 133.2, and 128.1, and a monosubstituted benzene ring at  $\delta(H)$  7.23/ $\delta(C)$  129.1, 7.19/129.2, and 7.10–7.14/126.3, and  $\delta(C)$  143.7. Four  $CH_2$  groups were observed at  $\delta(H)$  2.70–2.78 and 2.58–2.65/ $\delta(C)$  32.9, 2.50 and 2.01–2.09/37.5, 1.64–1.77/41.5, and 2.45–2.51 and 1.29–1.32/42.0, and three CH groups appeared at  $\delta(H)$  3.39–3.46/ $\delta(C)$  28.6, 3.68–3.72/68.7, and 4.95/78.9. Resonances for an olefinic functionality appeared at  $\delta(H)$  7.93 (H–C(8''))/ $\delta(C)$  125.3 (C(8'')) and 7.79 (H–C(9''))/143.5 (C(9'')) with a large coupling constant (15.2 Hz), indicating *trans*-configuration. A *s* at  $\delta(H)$  15.19 (OH–C(2'')) in the  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum of **1** in ( $D_6$ )acetone, *i.e.*, a characteristic peak for a H-bonded OH group, seemed to arise from a H-bond system involving the C=O group at  $\delta(C)$  193.6 (C(7'')).

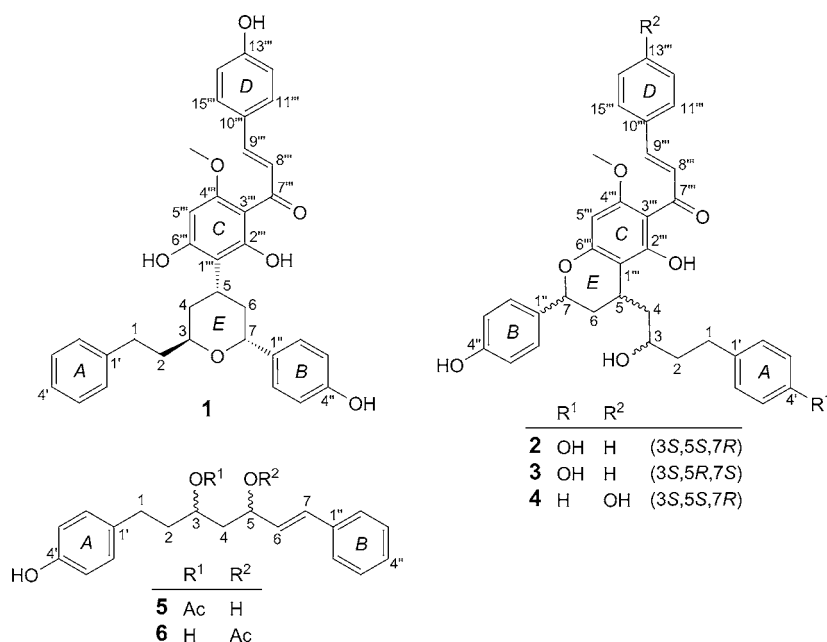


Fig. 1. Compounds **1–6** isolated from the seeds of *Alpinia katsumadai*. Trivial atom numbering.

The NMR resonances at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.98 (3 H, *s*)/ $\delta(\text{C})$  56.4 indicated the presence of a MeO functionality attached to an aromatic group [15]. This MeO group was assigned to position C(4'') by the three-bond HMBC MeO–C(4'')/C(4''). In addition, an isolated aromatic H-atom appeared at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.09 (*s*, H–C(5'')) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  92.9). The relative position of substituents at ring C was deduced as shown in Fig. 1 by the HMBC cross-peaks H–C(5'')/C(1''), C(3''), C(4''), and C(6''), OH–C(2'')/C(1''), C(2''), and C(3''), CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/C(1''), H–C(5)/C(1''), and CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/C(1''). These NMR data of **1** were very similar to those of the known compound calyxin L [16], except for the absence of a *para*-hydroxy group in ring A of **1**. The HMBCs H–C(2',6')/C(1), H–C(2'',6'')/C(7), and H–C(11'',15'')/C(9'') suggested that rings A, B, and D could be assigned at C(1), C(7), and C(9''), respectively. The linkage between C(5) and C(1'') was determined by the HMBC cross-peaks CH<sub>2</sub>(4), H–C(5), and CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/C(1''). In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, compound **1** showed H–C(7) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.95, suggesting that **1** was an aliphatic ether *i.e.* had a tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran moiety [16]. Further detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC, and <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC data (Fig. 2) allowed unambiguous assignments of all <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of **1**. The relative configurations at C(3), C(5), and C(7) were determined by the NOESY correlations as shown in Fig. 3, *i.e.*, H–C(5)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H–C(3)/H<sub>eq</sub>–C(4), H–C(3)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(6), H–C(7)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H<sub>eq</sub>–C(4)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(6), and H<sub>eq</sub>–C(6)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4). These correlations indicated that H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H–C(5), and H–C(7) were *cis* positioned to each other. The absolute configuration at C(3) could be assumed as (*S*) in view of the biogenesis [17–19]. Thus, the absolute configuration of **1** was supposed to be

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Data of Compounds 1–6<sup>a</sup>. Atom numbering as indicated in Fig. 1.  $\delta$  in ppm, *J* in Hz.

H-Atom	1 <sup>b</sup>	2 <sup>b</sup>	3 <sup>c</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>	5 <sup>d</sup>	6 <sup>d</sup>
CH <sub>2</sub> (1)	2.70–2.78, 2.58–2.65 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.70–2.78, 2.62–2.69 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.65–2.77, 2.61–2.64 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.81–2.88, 2.73–2.78 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.51–2.56 ( <i>m</i> )	2.62–2.69, 2.51–2.59 (2 <i>m</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (2)	1.64–1.71 ( <i>m</i> )	1.77–1.83 ( <i>m</i> )	1.72–1.83 ( <i>m</i> )	1.84–1.88 ( <i>m</i> )	1.87–1.91 ( <i>m</i> )	1.64–1.78 ( <i>m</i> )
H–C(3)	3.68–3.72 ( <i>m</i> )	3.83–3.84 ( <i>m</i> )	3.79–3.83 ( <i>m</i> )	3.84–3.86 ( <i>m</i> )	4.99–5.05 ( <i>m</i> )	3.57–3.63 ( <i>m</i> )
CH <sub>2</sub> (4)	2.45–2.51, 1.29–1.32 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.01–2.09, 1.76–1.82 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.00–2.09, 1.72–1.79 (2 <i>m</i> )	2.02–2.09, 1.76–1.84 (2 <i>m</i> )	1.93–1.99, 1.78–1.85 (2 <i>m</i> )	1.78–1.95 ( <i>m</i> )
H–C(5)	3.39–3.46 ( <i>m</i> )	3.42–3.45 ( <i>m</i> )	3.19–3.21 ( <i>m</i> )	3.41–3.44 ( <i>m</i> )	4.27 ( <i>qt</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.8)	5.56 ( <i>q</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.8)
CH <sub>2</sub> (6) or H–C(6)	2.50 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.0), 2.01–2.09 ( <i>m</i> )	2.26 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 13.6), 1.94 ( <i>dt</i> , <i>J</i> = 13.6, 5.2)	2.38 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 13.7), 1.98 ( <i>dt</i> , <i>J</i> = 13.7, 5.0)	2.25 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.0), 1.94 ( <i>dt</i> , <i>J</i> = 14.0, 4.0)	6.17 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.8, 6.8)	6.14 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6, 6.8)
H–C(7)	4.95 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 10.2, 2.2)	5.17 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 2.0)	5.26 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 11.9, 1.3)	5.17 ( <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 1.4)	6.52 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.8)	6.62 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6)
H–C(2',6')	7.23 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	7.07 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.06 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.24–7.26 ( <i>m</i> )	6.97 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	6.99 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)
H–C(3',5')	7.19 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	6.74 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	6.74 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.24–7.26 ( <i>m</i> )	6.65 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	6.65 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)
H–C(4')	7.10–7.14 ( <i>m</i> )			7.14–7.17 ( <i>m</i> )		
H–C(2'',6'')	7.30 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.6)	7.30 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.6)	7.33 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.30 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.37 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	7.39 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)
H–C(3'',5'')	6.88 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.6)	6.89 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.6)	6.89 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	6.88 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	7.30 ( <i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	7.30 ( <i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)
H–C(4'')					7.19–7.23 ( <i>m</i> )	7.21–7.25 ( <i>m</i> )
OH–C(2''')	15.19 ( <i>s</i> )	14.90 ( <i>s</i> )	15.09 ( <i>s</i> )	15.14 ( <i>s</i> )		
MeO–C(4''')	3.98 ( <i>s</i> )	3.98 ( <i>s</i> )	3.99 ( <i>s</i> )	3.97 ( <i>s</i> )		
H–C(5''')	6.09 ( <i>s</i> )	6.06 ( <i>s</i> )	6.07 ( <i>s</i> )	6.04 ( <i>s</i> )		
H–C(8''')	7.93 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.2)	8.07 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6)	8.08 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6)	7.94 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.4)		
H–C(9''')	7.79 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.2)	7.80 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6)	7.81 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.6)	7.79 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.4)		
H–C(11''',15''')	7.63 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.8)	7.75 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)	7.76 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)	7.63 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)		
H–C(12''',14''')	6.93 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.8)	7.46 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)	7.48 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.6)	6.93 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)		
H–C(13''')		7.38–7.48 ( <i>m</i> )	7.37–7.48 ( <i>m</i> )			
MeCO					1.99 ( <i>s</i> )	2.01 ( <i>s</i> )

<sup>a</sup>) SiMe<sub>4</sub> was used as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>) In (D<sub>6</sub>)acetone at 400 MHz. <sup>c</sup>) In (D<sub>6</sub>)acetone at 600 MHz. <sup>d</sup>) In CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 400 MHz.

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of Compounds **1**–**6**<sup>a</sup>). Atom numbering as indicated in Fig. 1.  $\delta$  in ppm.

C-Atom	<b>1</b> <sup>b</sup> )	<b>2</b> <sup>b</sup> )	<b>3</b> <sup>c</sup> )	<b>4</b> <sup>b</sup> )	<b>5</b> <sup>d</sup> )	<b>6</b> <sup>d</sup> )
C(1)	32.9	32.0	31.8	33.0	31.8	32.0
C(2)	41.5	41.0	41.1	40.8	37.6	40.7
C(3)	68.7	68.1	70.7	68.6	72.9	68.4
C(4)	42.0	41.8	43.5	42.1	42.7	43.1
C(5)	28.6	26.4	28.4	26.5	70.9	74.4
C(6)	37.5	33.5	34.9	33.7	133.1	128.5
C(7)	78.9	75.3	75.5	75.3	131.6	134.4
C(1')	143.7	134.2	134.3	143.8	134.4	134.2
C(2',6')	129.1	130.1	130.2	129.2	130.3	130.4
C(3',5')	129.2	115.9	115.9	129.4	116.2	116.1
C(4')	126.3	156.2	156.2	126.5	158.4	156.4
C(1'')	133.2	133.1	133.0	133.2	138.4	137.8
C(2'',6'')	128.3	128.7	128.7	128.8	127.5	127.7
C(3'',5'')	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.1	129.6	129.7
C(4'')	158.1	158.2	158.2	158.3	128.6	129.0
C(1''')	108.6	108.3	108.1	108.3		
C(2''')	167.3	166.0	166.5	166.5		
C(3''')	106.9	106.4	106.3	106.5		
C(4''')	161.6	161.9	162.0	161.9		
MeO-C(4''')	56.4	56.4	56.4	56.4		
C(5''')	92.9	92.6	92.7	92.5		
C(6''')	164.2	162.9	162.9	162.7		
C(7''')	193.6	193.5	193.4	193.5		
C(8''')	125.3	128.4	128.5	125.3		
C(9''')	143.5	142.7	142.9	143.6		
C(10''')	128.1	136.5	136.5	128.2		
C(11''',15''')	131.4	129.3	129.3	131.4		
C(12''',14''')	116.8	129.9	129.9	116.9		
C(13''')	160.7	131.0	131.1	160.8		
MeCO					21.2	21.3
MeCO					172.8	172.2

<sup>a</sup>) SiMe<sub>4</sub> was used as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>) In (D<sub>6</sub>)acetone at 100 MHz. <sup>c</sup>) In (D<sub>6</sub>)acetone at 150 MHz. <sup>d</sup>) In CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 100 MHz.

(3*S*,5*S*,7*R*). As a result, the structure of **1** was elucidated as (2*E*)-1-{2,4-dihydroxy-6-methoxy-3-[(2*R*,4*S*,6*S*)-tetrahydro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(2-phenylethyl)-2*H*-pyran-4-yl]phenyl}-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one and named katsumain D.

Compound **2** was obtained as a yellow powder, and the molecular formula was determined to be C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub> by HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  567.2367 ( $[M+H]^+$ )). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **2** (Tables 1 and 2) showed quite similar patterns to those of the reported compound, epicalyxin F [20], except for the absence of a *para*-OH group in ring *D* of **2**. Thus in the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **2**, the resonances for a monosubstituted benzene ring at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.75/ $\delta(\text{C})$  129.3, 7.46/129.9, and 7.38–7.48/131.0, and  $\delta(\text{C})$  136.5 were the differences to those of epicalyxin F [20]. At a glance, the NMR spectra of **2** looked similar to those of **1**; however, **2** had a different skeleton from that of **1** as shown in Fig. 1. Further detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY,

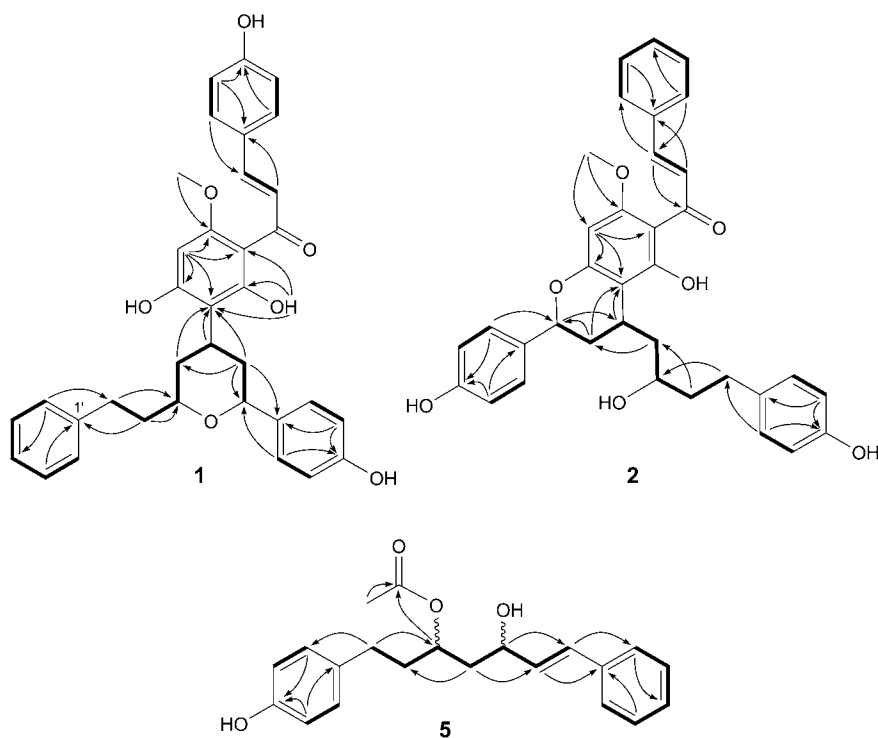


Fig. 2. Important  $^1\text{H},^1\text{H}$ -COSY ( $\rightarrow$ ) and HMB ( $\text{H} \rightarrow \text{C}$ ) correlations of **1**, **2**, and **5**

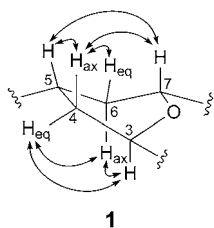


Fig. 3. Key  $^1\text{H},^1\text{H}$ -NOESY ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) correlations of **1**

$^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}$ -HSQC, and  $^1\text{H},^{13}\text{C}$ -HMBC data (Fig. 2) allowed unambiguous assignments of all  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signals of **2**. In the NOESY plot, the correlations  $\text{H}-\text{C}(5)/\text{H}_\text{b}-\text{C}(6)$  and  $\text{H}-\text{C}(7)/\text{H}_\text{a}-\text{C}(6)$  indicated that  $\text{H}-\text{C}(5)$  and  $\text{H}-\text{C}(7)$  had *trans* configuration. On the other hand, a molecular modeling program (MM3 of CAChe<sup>TM</sup> 5.0) was utilized to solve the relative configurations at C(3) and C(5). When an energy-minimized molecular model was built for compound **2** with the configurations ( $3S^*$ ) and ( $5S^*$ ), the calculated interatomic distance between  $\text{H}-\text{C}(3)$  and  $\text{H}-\text{C}(5)$  was 3.3 Å ( $> 3$  Å) which could not be expected to give rise to an NOE correlation [21][22], as shown in Fig. 4; this was confirmed by the absence of a correlation between  $\text{H}-\text{C}(3)$

and H–C(5) in the NOESY plot. The absolute configuration of **2** was determined as (3*S*,5*S*,7*R*), according to the method described in [17–20]. Thus, the structure of **2** was established as (2*E*)-1-[(2*R*,4*S*)-3,4-dihydro-5-hydroxy-4-[(2*S*)-2-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)butyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one and named katusmain E.

Compound **3** was obtained as a yellow powder. The molecular formula was C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, as established by HR-ESI-MS (*m/z* 567.2374 ([*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>)). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **3** (Tables 1 and 2) were almost identical with those of **2**, except for the signals in the aliphatic region. Four CH<sub>2</sub> groups showed resonances at δ(H) 2.65–2.77 (H<sub>a</sub>–C(1)) and 2.61–2.64 (H<sub>b</sub>–C(1))/δ(C) 31.8 (C(1)), 1.72–1.83 (CH<sub>2</sub>(2))/41.1 (C(2)), 2.00–2.09 (H<sub>a</sub>–C(4)) and 1.72–1.79 (H<sub>b</sub>–C(4))/43.5 (C(4)), and 2.38 (H<sub>a</sub>–C(6)) and 1.98 (H<sub>b</sub>–C(6))/34.9 (C(6)). Three CH groups appeared at δ(H) 3.79–3.83 (H–C(3))/δ(C) 70.7 (C(3)), 3.19–3.21 (H–C(5))/28.4 (C(5)), and 5.26 (H–C(7))/75.5 (C(7)). It was inferred that **2** and **3** were stereoisomers, according to the <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC, and <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC data. On the other hand, the NMR data of **3** were also very similar to those of calyxin F [16], except for the absence of a *para*-OH group in ring *D* of **3**. In particular, compound **3** showed identical NMR data for the aliphatic region including C(1)–C(7); therefore, the relative configurations at C(3), C(5), and C(7) of **3** were assigned as (3*S*\*), (5*R*\*), and (7*S*\*), identical to those of calyxin F [16]. In the NOESY plot of **3**, the correlations H–C(5)/H<sub>b</sub>–C(6) and H–C(7)/H<sub>a</sub>–C(6), without a correlation H–C(5)/H–C(7), indicated that H–C(5) and H–C(7) were *trans* positioned to each other. To solve the relative configuration at C(3) and C(5), an energy minimized molecular model of compound **3** with (3*S*\*) and (5*R*\*) was constructed. The interatomic distance between H–C(3) and H–C(5) of **3** was calculated as 2.4 Å (< 3 Å; Fig. 4) which is expected to give rise to an NOE correlation [21][22]; this was confirmed by a correlation between H–C(3) and H–C(5) in the NOESY plot **3**. Thus, the absolute configurations at C(3), C(5), and C(7) of **3** were determined as (3*S*,5*R*,7*S*), respectively, according to the method described in [17–19]. As a result, the structure of **3** was established as (2*E*)-1-[(2*S*,4*R*)-3,4-dihydro-5-hydroxy-4-[(2*S*)-2-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)butyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one and named, katusmain F.

Compound **4** was obtained as a yellow powder. Its molecular formula C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub> was determined on the basis of the HR-ESI-MS (*m/z* 567.2373 ([*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>)). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **4** (Tables 1 and 2) showed similar patterns to those of **2**, except for the signals from rings *A* and *D*. The rings *A* (monosubstituted benzene ring) and *D* (*para*-substituted benzene ring) were assigned to C(1) and C(9'''), respectively, by the HMBCs H–C(2',6')/C(1) and H–C(11''',15''')/C(9''') which were opposite to those of compound **2**. The NMR data of **4** were also identical to those of the reported compound epicalyxin F [20], except for the absence of a *para*-OH group in ring *A* of **4**. Further detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC, and <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC data allowed unambiguous assignments of all <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of **4**. The relative configuration of C(3), C(5), and C(7) of **4** was determined by comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR chemical shifts with those of epicalyxin F [20] and by the NOESY correlations. The important NOEs H–C(5)/H<sub>b</sub>–C(6) and H–C(7)/H<sub>a</sub>–C(6) indicated that H–C(5) and H–C(7) were *trans* positioned to each other. The

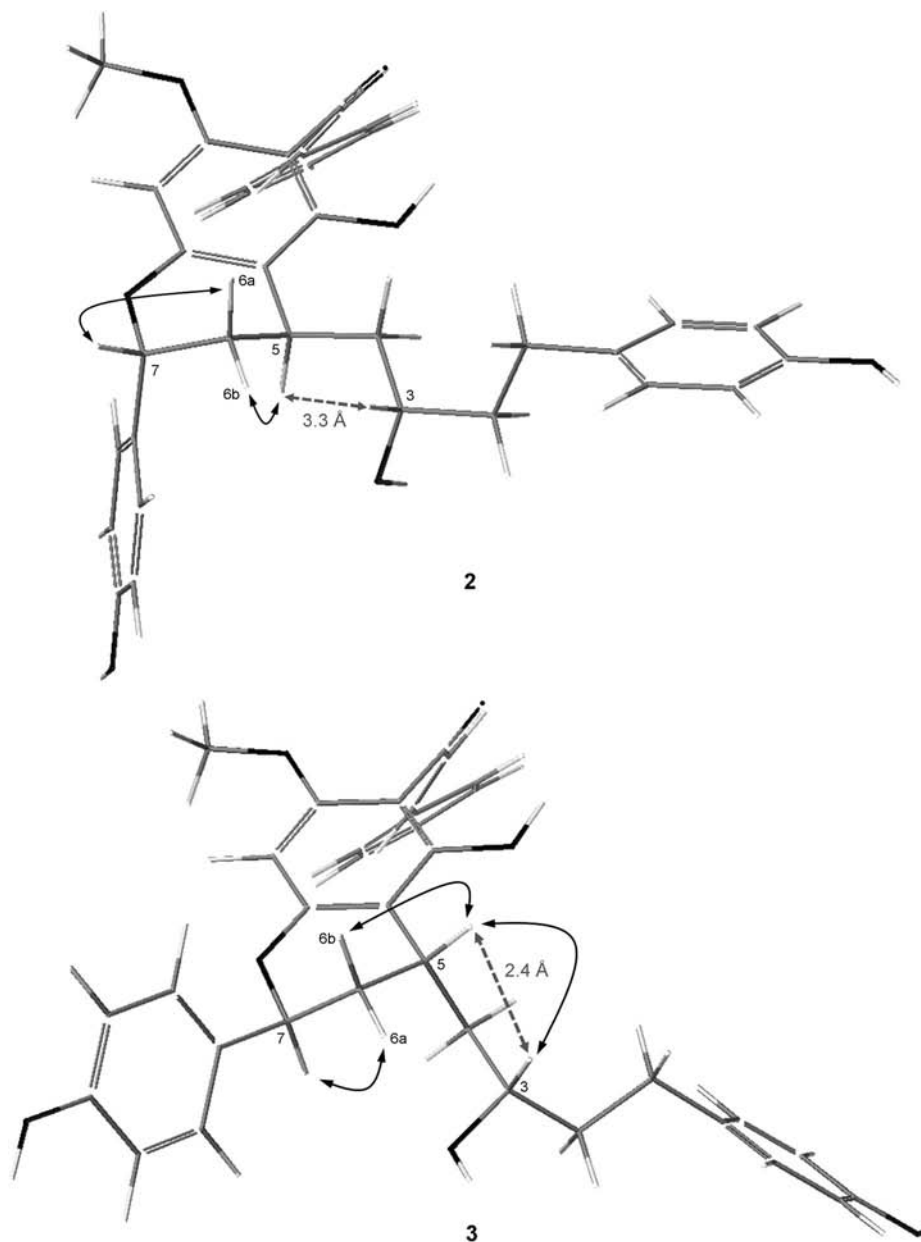


Fig. 4. Key  $^1\text{H},^1\text{H}$ -NOESY ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) correlations of **2** and **3**. Interatomic distances in Å.

relative configurations at C(3) and C(5) were deduced as ( $S^*,S^*$ ) by the absence of an NOE correlation between H–C(3) and H–C(5), as described above for compound **2** (calculated interatomic distance of 3.8 Å in **3** ( $> 3$  Å) [21][22]). Thus the absolute

configurations of **4** were determined as (3*S*,5*S*,7*R*), by comparison with the data of epicalyxin F [20]. As a result, the structure of **4** was elucidated as (2*E*)-1-[(2*R*,4*S*)-3,4-dihydro-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-[(2*S*)-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl]-7-methoxy-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one and named, katsu-main G.

Compound **5** was obtained as a colorless gum. The molecular formula of **5** was determined as C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on the basis of the HR-ESI-MS (*m/z* 341.1745 ([*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>)). The DEPT 135 NMR spectrum of **5** showed three CH<sub>2</sub> groups (C(1), C(2), and C(4)), two CH groups (C(3) and C(5)), and one Me group (MeCO). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **5** (Tables 1 and 2) exhibited signals at δ(H) 6.97/δ(C) 130.3, 6.65/116.2, 7.37/127.5, 7.30/129.6, and 7.19–7.23/128.6, and δ(C) 134.4, 158.4, and 138.4 for two substituted benzene rings. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **5**, a *trans*-olefinic group appeared at δ(H) 6.17 (*dd*, *J* = 15.8, 6.8 Hz, H–C(6)) and 6.52 (1 H, *d*, *J* = 15.8, H–C(7)). A Me group appeared at δ(H) 1.99/δ(C) 21.2 which was connected to an ester CO at δ(C) 172.8 (MeCO) in the HMBC experiment of **5**. The position of the AcO group was assigned at C(3) by the HMBC δ(H) 4.99–5.05 (H–C(3))/δ(C) 172.8 (MeCO). The HMBCs CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/C(2',6'), H–C(7)/C(2'',6''), and H–C(6)/C(1'') provided the strong evidences for the positions of rings *A* and *B* at C(1) and C(7), respectively. These NMR data were similar to those of alpinikatin [8], except for the presence of an acetyloxy group at C(3) in **5** instead of an OH group in alpinikatin. Further detailed analysis of <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>1</sup>H-NOESY, <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HSQC, and <sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC data (Fig. 2) allowed unambiguous assignments of all <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of **5**. Compound **5** was optically inactive, an evidence for the presence of a racemic mixture. Thus, the structure of **5** was established as (1*E*)-7-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-1-phenyl-hept-1-ene-3,5-diol 5-acetate and named, 3-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin.

Compound **6** was also obtained as a colorless gum, and the molecular formula was determined as C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> by HR-ESI-MS (*m/z* 341.1749 ([*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>)). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **6** (Tables 1 and 2) were very similar to those of compound **5**, except for the position of the AcO group at C(5) in **6**, instead of C(3) in **5**. Thus, it was inferred that **5** and **6** are regioisomers. The position of the AcO group of **6** was assigned at C(5) by the HMBC δ(H) 5.56 (H–C(5))/δ(C) 172.2 (MeCO). The rings *A* and *B* of **6** were assigned to C(1) and C(7), respectively, on the basis of the HMBCs of CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/C(2',6') and H–C(2'',6'')/C(7). Compound **6** was also optically inactive; therefore, **6** was considered as a racemic mixture, and thus, the structure of **6** was determined as (1*E*)-7-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylhept-1-ene-3,5-diol 3-acetate and named 5-(acetyloxy)alpinikatin.

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### Experimental Part

*General.* Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>; 230–400 mesh, *Merck*, Germany) and *YMC* gel *ODS-A* (S-150 μm, *YMC Co., Ltd.*, Japan). TLC: silica gel 60 *F*<sub>254</sub> and *RP-18 F*<sub>254s</sub> silica gel



plates (Merck, Germany); spot observation under UV light and visualization by spraying with 10% aq. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> soln., followed by heating at 120° for 5 min. HPLC: prep. HPLC *Acme 9000* (Young Lin, Republic of Korea), equipped with a *J'sphere ODS-H80* column (S-4 μm, 250 mm × 20 mm; YMC Co., Ltd., Japan); *t<sub>R</sub>* in min. UV Spectra: *Hitachi U-3000* spectrophotometer;  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) in nm. Optical rotations: *Jasco P-1010* polarimeter. NMR spectra: *Varian Unity Inova 400* and *Bruker AVANCE 600* FT-NMR instruments, with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as internal standard, chemical shift  $\delta$  in ppm; *J* in Hz. MS: *Waters Acquity-UPLC* system coupled to a *Micromass-Q-ToF Micro* mass spectrometer and *Agilent-6220-Accurate-Mass* TOF LC/MS system; in *m/z*.

**Plant Material.** The seeds of *A. katsumadai* (Zingiberaceae) were purchased from the Kyungdong Oriental Herbal Market in Seoul, South Korea, in May 2010 and identified by Prof. *Je-Hyun Lee* (College of Oriental Medicine, Dongguk University, Korea). A voucher specimen (No. EA299) was deposited with the Natural Product Chemistry Laboratory, College of Pharmacy, Ewha Womans University, Korea.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The seeds of *A. katsumadai* (5.4 kg) were extracted with MeOH at r. t. (3 × 9 l, overnight). The extracts were concentrated *in vacuo* at 40° to afford a MeOH-soluble residue (788 g), which was then suspended in H<sub>2</sub>O (4 l) and partitioned with hexane (1 × 4 l), AcOEt (6 × 4 l), and BuOH (4 × 4 l), sequentially. The AcOEt extract (150 g) was subjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (2 kg), 0.5 → 10% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): *Frs. 1–16*. *Fr. 11* (6.150 g) was applied to CC (*ODS-A* (100 g), MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1): *Frs. 11.01–11.17*. *Fr. 11.08* (258 mg) was subjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (10 g), 5 → 50% acetone/hexane): *Frs. 11.08.01–11.08.12*. *Fr. 11.08.07* was purified by prep. HPLC (*ODS-H80*, MeOH/0.1% aq. formic acid 73:27, 2 ml/min): **5** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 63.0; 1.2 mg) and **6** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 68.5; 1.3 mg). *Fr. 11.14* (520 mg) was further separated by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (60 g), 10 → 30% AcOEt/hexane): *Frs. 11.14.01–11.14.07*. *Fr. 11.14.03* was purified by prep. HPLC (*ODS-H80*, MeOH/0.1% aq. formic acid 87:13, 2 ml/min): **1** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 59.8; 3.6 mg), **4** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 64.6; 12.3 mg), and **2** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 79.8; 0.9 mg). *Fr. 11.14.04* was purified by prep. HPLC (*ODS-H80*, MeOH/0.1% aq. formic acid 87:13, 2 ml/min): **3** (*t<sub>R</sub>* 75.5; 1.2 mg).

**Katsumain D** (= (2E)-1-*f*-(2,4-Dihydroxy-6-methoxy-3-[(2R,4S,6S)-tetrahydro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(2-phenylethyl)-2H-pyran-4-yl]phenyl]-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one; **1**): Yellow amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.33$  (*c* = 0.1, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 371 (4.7), 228 (4.6). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*. HMBC: *Fig. 2*. NOESY: H–C(5)/H–C(7), H–C(5)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H–C(7)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H–C(3)/H<sub>eq</sub>–C(4), H–C(3)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(6), H<sub>eq</sub>–C(4)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(6), H<sub>eq</sub>–C(6)/H<sub>ax</sub>–C(4), H–C(7)/H–C(2'',6''), MeO–C(4'')/H–C(5''), H–C(8'')/H–C(11'',15''), H–C(9'')/H–C(11'',15''). HR-ESI-MS: 567.2377 ( $[M+H]^+$ , C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 567.2377).

**Katsumain E** (= (2E)-1-*f*-(2R,4S)-3,4-Dihydro-5-hydroxy-4-[(2S)-2-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)butyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-2H-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one; **2**): Yellow amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +21.43$  (*c* = 0.2, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 371 (4.7), 228 (4.6). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*. HMBC: *Fig. 2*. NOESY: H–C(3)/H<sub>a</sub>–C(6), H–C(5)/H<sub>b</sub>–C(6), H–C(7)/H<sub>a</sub>–C(6), CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/H–C(2'',6''), CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/H–C(2'',6''), MeO–C(4'')/H–C(5''), H–C(8'')/H–C(11'',15''), H–C(9'')/H–C(11'',15''). HR-ESI-MS: 567.2367 ( $[M+H]^+$ , C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 567.2377).

**Katsumain F** (= (2E)-1-*f*-(2S,4R)-3,4-Dihydro-5-hydroxy-4-[(2S)-2-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)butyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-2H-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one; **3**): Yellow amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +15.91$  (*c* = 0.2, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 371 (4.8), 229 (4.7). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*. HMBC: H–C(3',5')/C(1'), C(4'); H–C(2',6')/C(3'), C(4'), C(5'), C(1); CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/C(2), C(3), C(1'), C(2'), C(6'); CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/C(1'), C(1), C(3); H–C(3)/C(5); CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/C(2), C(6), C(1''); H–C(5)/C(4), C(7), C(1''); CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/C(4), C(7), C(1''); H–C(7)/C(5), C(1''), C(2''), C(6''); H–C(2'',6'')/C(7), C(3''), C(4''), C(5''); H–C(3'',5'')/C(1''), C(4''); H–C(5'')/C(1''), C(3''), C(6''), C(7''); MeO–C(4'')/C(4''), C(5''); H–C(8'')/C(7''), C(10''); H–C(9'')/C(7''), C(10''), C(11''), C(15''); H–C(11'',15'')/C(9''), C(13''); H–C(12'',14'')/C(10''), C(13''); H–C(13'')/C(11''), C(15''). NOESY correlations: H–C(3)/H–C(5), H–C(5)/H<sub>b</sub>–C(6), H–C(7)/H<sub>a</sub>–C(6), CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/H–C(2'',6''), CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/H–C(2'',6''), MeO–C(4'')/H–C(5''), H–C(8'')/H–C(11'',15''). HR-ESI-MS: 567.2374 ( $[M+H]^+$ , C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 567.2377).

**Katsumain G** (= (2E)-1-*f*-(2R,4S)-3,4-Dihydro-5-hydroxy-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-[(2S)-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl]-7-methoxy-2H-1-benzopyran-6-yl]-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one; **4**): Yellow amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +24.56$  (*c* = 0.06, MeOH). UV (MeOH): 372 (4.7), 229 (4.7). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: *Tables 1* and *2*. HMBC: H–C(3',5')/C(1'), C(4'); H–C(2',6')/C(4'), C(1); CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/C(2), C(3),

C(1'), C(2'), C(6'); CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/C(1'), C(1), C(3), C(4); CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/C(3), C(5), C(6); H-C(5)/C(7), C(1'''); CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/C(4), C(5), C(7), C(1''), C(1'''); H-C(7)/C(5), C(6), C(1''), C(2''), C(6''); H-C(2'',6'')/C(3''), C(4''), C(5''); H-C(3'',5'')/C(1''), C(4''); H-C(5'')/C(5), C(1'''), C(3'''), C(6'''), C(7'''); MeO-C(4'')/C(4'''), C(5'''); OH-C(2'')/C(1'''), C(2''), C(3''); H-C(8'')/C(7'''), C(9''), C(10''); H-C(9'')/C(7'''), C(8''), C(10''), C(11''), C(15''); H-C(11'',15'')/C(9''), C(12''), C(13''), C(14''); H-C(12'',14'')/C(10''), C(13''). NOESY: H-C(3)/H<sub>a</sub>-C(6), H-C(5)/H<sub>b</sub>-C(6), H-C(7)/H<sub>a</sub>-C(6), CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/H-C(2',6'), CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/H-C(2',6'), CH<sub>2</sub>(6)/H-C(2'',6''), H-C(7)/H-C(2''6''), MeO-C(4'')/H-C(5''), H-C(8'')/H-C(11'',15''), H-C(9'')/H-C(11'',15''). HR-ESI-MS: 567.2373 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 567.2377).

3-(Acetyloxy)alpinikatin (= (1E)-7-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylhept-1-ene-3,5-diol 5-Acetate; **5**): Colorless gum. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = ± 0 (c = 0.1, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1 and 2, HMBCs: Fig. 2. NOESY: H-C(2',6')/CH<sub>2</sub>(1), CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/H-C(2',6'), CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/H-C(3), H-C(3)/H-C(5), CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/H-C(6), H-C(5)/H-C(7), H-C(6)/H-C(2'',6''), H-C(7)/H-C(2'',6''). HR-ESI-MS: 341.1745 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 341.1747).

5-(Acetyloxy)alpinikatin (= (1E)-7-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylhept-1-ene-3,5-diol 3-Acetate; **6**): Colorless gum. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = ± 0 (c = 0.1, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1 and 2 HMBCs: H-C(3',5')/C(1'), C(4'); H-C(2',6')/C(4'); CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/C(2'), C(6'), C(2), C(3); CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/C(2), C(3), C(5); H-C(5)/MeCO; H-C(7)/C(5), C(1''), C(2''), C(6''); H-C(2'',6'')/C(7), C(4''); H-C(3'',5'')/C(1''), C(4''); MeCO/MeCO. NOESY: H-C(2',6')/CH<sub>2</sub>(1), CH<sub>2</sub>(2)/H-C(2',6'), CH<sub>2</sub>(1)/H-C(3), H-C(3)/H-C(5), CH<sub>2</sub>(4)/H-C(6), H-C(5)/H-C(7), H-C(6)/H-C(2'',6''), H-C(7)/H-C(2'',6''). HR-ESI-MS: 341.1749 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 341.1747).

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