

## Two New Phenolic Compounds from *Artemisia iwayomogi*

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Two new phenolic compounds, (*Z*)-5'-hydroxyjasnone 5'-*O*-[6''-*O*-[(*E*)-caffeoyl]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside] (**1**) and quercetin-7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucuronide methyl ester (**2**), along with ten known phenolic compounds, **3**–**12**, were isolated from the aerial parts of *Artemisia iwayomogi*. Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic methods, including 1D- and 2D-NMR, and HR-ESI-TOF-MS techniques. The inhibitory effects of compounds **1**–**12** on the LPS-stimulated production of IL-12 p40, IL-6, and TNF- $\alpha$  in bone marrow-derived dendritic cells were evaluated.

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**Introduction.** – Since the discovery of artemisinin in the leaves of *Artemisia annua* in the early 1970s, plants belonging to the *Artemisia* genus have attracted considerable attention for their chemical constituents. *Artemisia iwayomogi* (Compositae), a member of the *Artemisia* genus, is a perennial herb widely distributed in Northeast Asian, especially Korea. The aerial parts of *A. iwayomogi* have long been used in traditional Korean medicine (called '*Han In Jin*') to cure various infectious diseases such as carbuncle, sores, cholecystitis, and hepatitis, and to treat fever, inflammation, and jaundice [1][2]. Previous phytochemical investigations on this plant led to the isolation of phenolic compounds, terpenes, and coumarins as major constituents [3–6].

In the course of our ongoing search for novel anti-inflammatory compounds from medicinal plants, twelve compounds were isolated from a MeOH extract of the aerial parts of *A. iwayomogi*, including two new phenolic compounds, (*Z*)-5'-hydroxyjasnone 5'-*O*-[6''-*O*-[(*E*)-caffeoyl]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside] (**1**) and quercetin-7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucuronide methyl ester (**2**), and ten known phenolic compounds: patuletin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**) [7], quercetin (**4**) [8], citrusin C (**5**) [9], myrciaphenone A (**6**) [10], annphenone (**7**) [11], *erythro*-1,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,3-diol (**8**) [12][13], *threo*-1,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,3-diol (**9**) [13], protocatechuic aldehyde (**10**) [14], chlorogenic acid methyl ester (**11**) [15], and 3,4-di(*O*-caffeoyl)isoquinic acid (**12**) [16] (*Fig. 1*). Among them, compounds **3** and **8**–**12** were isolated from this plant for the first time. Herein, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of the two new phenolic compounds, as well as the anti-inflammatory activities of the isolates in LPS-stimulated bone marrow-derived dendritic cells.

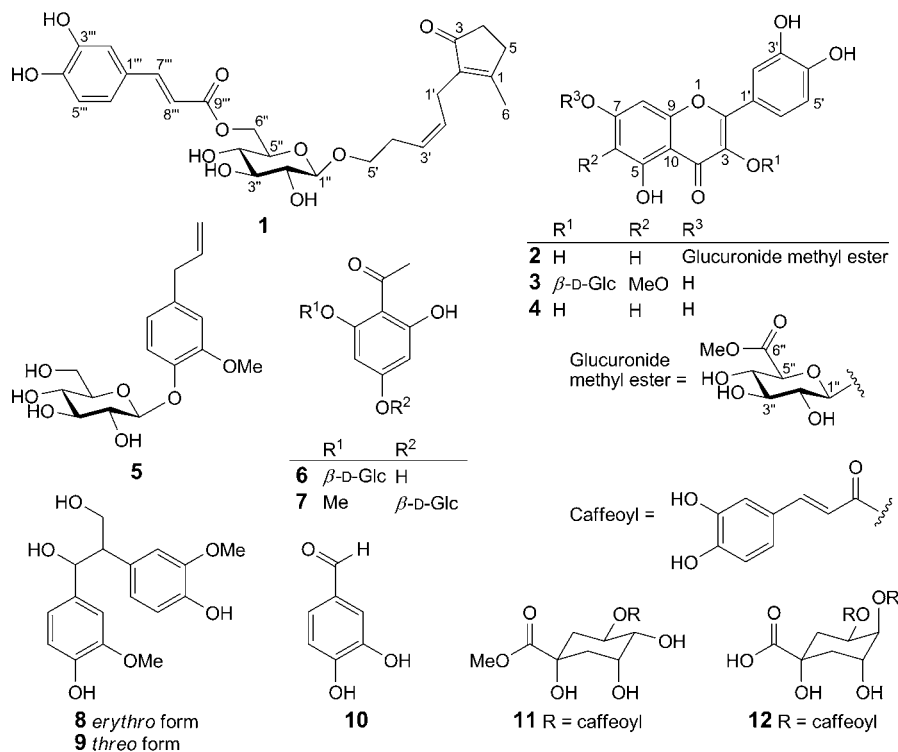
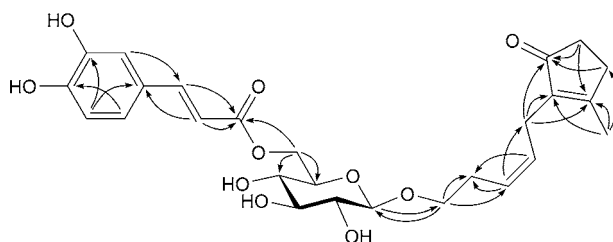


Fig. 1. The structures of compounds 1–12

**Results and Discussion.** – Compound **1** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. The molecular formula was determined as  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_{10}$  by high-resolution electrospray-ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (HR-ESI-TOF-MS) ( $m/z$  503.1923 ( $[M - H]^-$ )). The IR spectrum showed strong absorption bands for OH ( $3365\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and conjugated CO groups ( $1684\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and conjugated olefinic bonds ( $1634\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of **1** (Table) exhibited downfield signals of three aromatic H-atoms at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.99 ( $d, J = 2.1, \text{H-C}(2''')$ ), 6.89 ( $dd, J = 8.3, 2.1, \text{H-C}(6''')$ ), and 6.74 ( $d, J = 8.3, \text{H-C}(5''')$ ), revealing one typical *ABX* coupling system, and of four olefinic H-atoms at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.52 ( $d, J = 15.8, \text{H-C}(7''')$ ), 6.24 ( $d, J = 15.8, \text{H-C}(8''')$ ), 5.38 ( $dtt, J = 10.9, 7.6, 1.4, \text{H-C}(3')$ ), and 5.27 ( $dtt, J = 10.9, 6.9, 1.4, \text{H-C}(2')$ ), suggesting the presence of both (*E*)- and (*Z*)-form C=C bonds. Moreover, the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of **1** showed signals corresponding to five O-bearing CH groups at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.31 ( $d, J = 8.3, \text{H-C}(1'')$ ) and 3.19–3.54 ( $m, \text{H-C}(2'', 3'', 4'', 5'')$ ), two pairs of O-bearing  $\text{CH}_2$  groups at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.48 ( $dd, J = 11.6, 2.1, \text{H}_a\text{-C}(6'')$ ) and 4.30 ( $dd, J = 11.6, 6.2, \text{H}_b\text{-C}(6'')$ ), and 3.78 ( $dt, J = 9.6, 7.6, \text{H}_a\text{-C}(5'')$ ) and 3.61 ( $dt, J = 9.6, 6.9, \text{H}_b\text{-C}(5'')$ ), which were supported by DEPT-135 and HMQC data, four  $\text{CH}_2$  groups in the range of  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.91–2.24 ( $m$ ), and one Me group at  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.01 ( $s, \text{Me}(6)$ ). Analyses of  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ , DEPT, and HMQC data revealed that **1** contains 26 C-atoms comprising one Me, six  $\text{CH}_2$ , and twelve CH groups, and seven quaternary C-atoms (Table). These spectral data implied the presence of one caffeoyl,

Table.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data (600 and 150 MHz, resp.) of **1** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) and **2** ( $(\text{D}_6)$ DMSO).  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz. Atom numbering as indicated in Fig. 1.

Position <b>1</b>		Position <b>2</b>	
	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	
1		174.8	2
2		139.9	3
3		212.2	4
4	2.24–2.26 ( <i>m</i> )	35.3	5
5	2.42–2.44 ( <i>m</i> )	32.7	6
6	2.01 ( <i>s</i> )	17.6	7
1'	2.88–2.91 ( <i>m</i> )	22.3	8
2'	5.27 ( <i>dt</i> , $J=10.9, 6.9, 1.4$ )	129.0	9
3'	5.38 ( <i>dt</i> , $J=10.9, 7.6, 1.4$ )	127.5	10
4'	2.46–2.49 ( <i>m</i> )	29.4	1'
5'	3.61 ( <i>dt</i> , $J=9.6, 6.9$ ), 3.78 ( <i>dt</i> , $J=9.6, 7.6$ )	70.8	2'
1''	4.31 ( <i>d</i> , $J=8.3$ )	104.8	3'
2''	3.19 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=8.3, 7.6$ )	75.2	4'
3''	3.34–3.39 ( <i>m</i> )	78.1	5'
4''	3.31–3.36 ( <i>m</i> )	72.0	6'
5''	3.51–3.54 ( <i>m</i> )	75.5	1''
6''	4.30 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=11.6, 6.2$ ), 4.48 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=11.6, 2.1$ )	64.9	2''
1'''		127.8	3''
2'''	6.99 ( <i>d</i> , $J=2.1$ )	115.2	4''
3'''		147.0	5''
4'''		149.8	6''
5'''	6.74 ( <i>d</i> , $J=8.3$ )	116.6	MeO
6'''	6.89 ( <i>dd</i> , $J=8.3, 2.1$ )	123.2	
7'''	7.52 ( <i>d</i> , $J=15.8$ )	147.2	
8'''	6.24 ( <i>d</i> , $J=15.8$ )	115.0	
9'''		169.2	

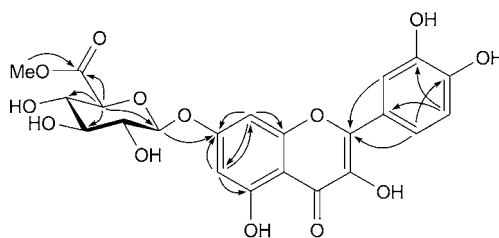
Fig. 2. Key HMBCs ( $\text{H} \rightarrow \text{C}$ ) of **1**

one 5'-hydroxyjasmonone, and one glucosyl moiety in the molecule of **1**, which was confirmed by HMBCs and comparison of the NMR data with those reported in [17][18]. The  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond in the caffeoyl moiety was determined to be (*E*)-configured based on its coupling constant ( $J=15.8$  Hz) between the  $\text{H}-\text{C}(7''')$  and  $\text{H}-\text{C}(8''')$ , while the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  bond in the 5'-hydroxyjasmonone moiety was determined to be (*Z*)-configured due to the smaller coupling constant ( $J=10.9$  Hz) between the  $\text{H}-\text{C}(2')$  and

H–C(3'). Correlations in the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 2) observed from the signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.31 (H–C(1'')) to that at  $\delta(\text{C})$  70.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>(5')), and from the signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.61 and 3.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>(5')) to that at  $\delta(\text{C})$  104.8 (CH(1')), indicated that the O–CH<sub>2</sub>(5') group of the (*Z*)-5'-hydroxyjasnone moiety was connected to the anomeric C-atom (H–C(1'')) of the glucosyl moiety. Correlations from the signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.30 and 4.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>(6'')) to that at  $\delta(\text{C})$  169.2 (C(9'')) suggested that the caffeoyl moiety was linked to CH<sub>2</sub>(6'') of the glucosyl moiety. The  $\beta$ -configuration at the anomeric center of the glucosyl moiety was supported by the relatively large *J* value (*J* = 8.3 Hz). The absolute *D*-configuration of the glucosyl moiety was determined by GC analysis. Consequently, the structure of **1** was elucidated as (*Z*)-5'-hydroxyjasnone 5'-*O*-[6''-*O*-[(*E*)-caffeoyl]- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranoside].

Compound **2** was obtained as a yellow amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>13</sub> on the basis of HR-ESI-TOF-MS data (*m/z* 491.0828 ([*M* – H]<sup>–</sup>)). The IR spectrum showed absorption bands for OH groups (3308 cm<sup>–1</sup>), an ester CO group (1740 cm<sup>–1</sup>), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated CO group (1654 cm<sup>–1</sup>), and a conjugated olefinic bond (1612 cm<sup>–1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **2** (Table) exhibited signals for three *ABX* coupling aromatic H-atoms at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.72 (*d*, *J* = 1.8, H–C(2'')), 7.56 (*dd*, *J* = 8.2, 1.8, H–C(6')), and 6.90 (*d*, *J* = 8.2, H–C(5')), two *meta*-coupling aromatic H-atoms at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.81 (*d*, *J* = 1.8, H–C(8)) and 6.44 (*d*, *J* = 1.8, H–C(6)), for five H-atoms in the range of  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.28–5.33, and one MeO group at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.67 (*s*). The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **2**, combined with the HMQC spectrum, showed 22 C-atom signals, including those of one Me group and ten CH groups, and eleven quaternary C-atoms. The quaternary C-atom signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  176.0, 147.7, 136.1, and 104.8 were typical of C(4), C(2), C(3), and C(10) of a 3-*O*-substituted flavonoid moiety. Additional signals of five *O*-bearing aromatic C-atoms at  $\delta(\text{C})$  162.2 (C(7)), 160.5 (C(5)), 155.8 (C(9)), 148.0 (C(4')), and 145.1 (C(3')) suggested that this 3-*O*-substituted flavonoid moiety corresponded to a quercetin (2-(3',4'-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,5,7-trihydroxy-4*H*-chromen-4-one) group [8]. Based on comparison of the NMR spectral data with those reported in literature [19][20], the signals of seven *O*-bearing C-atoms at  $\delta(\text{C})$  99.0 (C(1'')), 72.8 (C(2'')), 75.4 (C(3'')), 71.3 (C(4'')), 75.2 (C(5'')), 169.3 (C(6'')), and 52.0 (Me(7'')) were consistent with the  $\beta$ -*D*-glucuronide methyl ester group. The larger coupling constant of the anomeric H-atom signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.33 (*d*, *J* = 7.3) indicated the  $\beta$ -configuration of the glucuronide methyl ester group. This group was also evidenced by the HMBCs (Fig. 3), especially the key HMBCs H–C(5'')/C(6'') and Me(7'')/C(6''). The HMBC from the signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.33 (*d*, *J* = 7.3, H–C(1'')) to that at  $\delta(\text{C})$  162.2 (C(7)) indicated that the  $\beta$ -*D*-glucuronide methyl ester group was linked to the quercetin group through C(1'')–O–C(7). Thus, the structure of **2** was determined as quercetin-7-*O*- $\beta$ -*D*-glucuronide methyl ester.

Inhibitory effects of the isolated compounds, **1**–**12**, on proinflammatory cytokines were evaluated by evaluating the production of IL-12 p40, IL-6, and TNF- $\alpha$  in LPS-stimulated bone marrow-derived dendritic cells. SB203580, an inhibitor of cytokine suppressive binding protein/p38 kinase, was used as a positive control, which inhibited IL-12 p40, IL-6, and TNF- $\alpha$  production with *IC*<sub>50</sub> values of 5.0 ± 0.2, 3.5 ± 0.1, and 7.2 ± 0.3  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. Among the compounds, a mixture of compounds **8** and **9** (a pair of diastereoisomers) and compound **4** exhibited potent inhibitory activities against IL-12 p40 production with *IC*<sub>50</sub> values of 0.03 ± 0.001 and 5.1 ± 0.2  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively.

Fig. 3. Key HMBCs (H → C) of **2**

Moreover, compound **7** showed moderate inhibitory activity against IL-12 p40 with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $21.6 \pm 1.5 \mu\text{M}$ . However, only compound **4** inhibited IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  production with  $IC_{50}$  values of  $52.93 \pm 2.2 \mu\text{M}$  and  $50.11 \pm 2.1 \mu\text{M}$ , respectively. The remaining compounds did not show any significant activity against the production of IL-12 p40, IL-6, and TNF- $\alpha$  in LPS-stimulated bone marrow-derived dendritic cells ( $IC_{50} > 60 \mu\text{M}$ ).

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### Experimental Part

*General.* Column chromatography (CC): silica gel ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ; 40–75 and 75–200  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size; *Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd.*, Japan) and *YMC RP-18* resins (30–50  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size; *Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd.*, Japan). TLC: Silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  and *RP-18 F<sub>254S</sub>* plates (*Merck*, DE-Darmstadt). GC: *Shimadzu GC-2010* spectrometer. Optical rotations: *Jasco P-2000* digital polarimeter. UV Spectra: *Shimadzu UV-1800* spectrophotometer;  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) in nm. IR Spectra: *Nicolet 380 FT-IR* spectrometer; KBr pellets;  $\tilde{\nu}$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR Spectra: *Jeol ECA 600* spectrometer ( $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR at 600 and 125 MHz, resp.);  $\delta$  in ppm rel. to  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  as an internal standard,  $J$  in Hz. ESI-MS: *Agilent 1100 LC-MSD trap* spectrometer. HR-ESI-TOF-MS: *Agilent 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS* system; in  $m/z$ .

*Plant Material.* The aerial parts of *Artemisia iwayomogi* were collected on Jeju Island in June 2007, and taxonomically identified by *Y.-H. K.* at the College of Pharmacy, Chungnam National University, Daejeon, Korea. A voucher specimen (CNU07105) has been deposited with the herbarium of the above college.

*Extraction and Isolation.* The dried aerial parts of *Artemisia iwayomogi* (3 kg) were extracted with MeOH under reflux ( $3 \times 18\text{ l}$ , 12 h each). The combined extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a residue (465 g), which was suspended in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3 l), and partitioned successively with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $4 \times 3\text{ l}$ ) and AcOEt ( $4 \times 3\text{ l}$ ) to yield a  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -soluble fraction (94 g), an AcOEt-soluble fraction (42 g), and a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fraction, resp. The AcOEt-soluble fraction was subjected to column chromatography (CC;  $\text{SiO}_2$ ;  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  50:1 to 10:1) to afford six subfractions, *Fr. 1–6*. *Fr. 2* (31 g) was further subjected to repeated CC ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ; hexane/acetone 5:1 to 0:1), and then to CC (*YMC C-18*;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  2:1 to 1:1) to yield compounds **1** (26 mg), **4** (45 mg), **5** (13 mg), **6** (10 mg), **7** (30 mg), a mixture **8/9** (8 mg), **10** (24 mg), and **12** (420 mg). The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fraction was submitted to CC (*Diaion HP-20*;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  100:0, 75:25, 50:50, 25:75, 0:100) to yield five fractions, *Fr. A–E*. *Fr. C* (eluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  1:1, 56 g) was subjected to CC ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ;  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  12:1:0.05 to 1:1:0.1) to afford four subfractions, *Fr. C1–C4*. *Fr. C2* was purified by repeated CC (*YMC C-18*;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  2.5:1 to 1:1) to

yield compounds **2** (22 mg) and **11** (26 mg). *Fr. C3* was further purified by CC (*YMC C-18*; H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH 1.5 : 1 to 1 : 1) to yield compound **3** (10 mg).

(*Z*)-5'-Hydroxyjasnone 5'-O-[6'-O-(*E*)-caffeoyl]-β-D-glucopyranoside (=2-[2*Z*]-5-[6-O-(2*E*)-3-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-1-oxoprop-2-en-1-yl]-β-D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]pent-2-en-1-yl]-3-methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one; **1**). White powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -69.9$  ( $c = 1.0$ , MeOH). UV (MeOH): 234 (2.76), 330 (1.72). IR (KBr): 3365, 1684, 1634, 1605, 1525, 1440, 1386, 1283, 1164, 1039, 851, 803. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see the *Table*. HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 503.1923 ( $[M - H]^-$ , C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>10</sub>; calc. 503.1917).

Quercetin-7-O-β-D-glucuronide methyl ester (=2-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3,5-dihydroxy-7-[6-methyl-β-D-glucopyranuronosyl]oxy]-4*H*-1-benzopyran-4-one; **2**): Yellow powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -189.1$  ( $c = 1.0$ , MeOH). UV (MeOH): 256 (1.86), 372 (1.60). IR (KBr): 3308, 1740, 1654, 1612, 1597, 1497, 1317, 1247, 1212, 1173, 1088, 1044, 1024, 1000. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: see the *Table*. HR-ESI-MS (neg.): 491.0828 ( $[M - H]^-$ , C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>13</sub>; calc. 491.0826).

*Acid Hydrolysis.* Compound **1** (2.0 mg) was dissolved in 1*N* HCl (dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1, *v/v*, 1 ml) and then heated to 80° in a water bath for 3 h. The cooled mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (4 ml) and extracted with AcOEt (3 × 5 ml). The aq. layer was thoroughly dried under N<sub>2</sub> after neutralization with Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The residues were dissolved in 0.1 ml of dry pyridine, and then L-cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride in pyridine (0.06*M*, 0.1 ml) was added to the solns. The mixture was heated at 60° for 2 h, and 0.1 ml of TMSCl (Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl) soln. was added, followed by heating at 60° for 1.5 h. The dried product were partitioned with hexane and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 ml each), and the org. layer was analyzed by GC (column: *SPB-1*, 0.25 mm × 30 m; detector, FID; detector temp., 300°; column temp., 210°; injector temp., 270°; carrier gas, He, 2 ml/min). The monosaccharide was confirmed as D-glucose by comparison of the retention time of the monosaccharide derivative (*t*<sub>R</sub> 14.09 min) with that of authentic sugar derivatives (D-glucose derivative: *t*<sub>R</sub> 14.11 min and L-glucose derivative: *t*<sub>R</sub> 14.26 min), which were prepared by the same reaction from the standard glucoses.

*Biological Assay.* Bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDCs) were grown from wild-type *C57BL/6* mice (*Taconic Farm*, NY, USA). Briefly, the mouse tibia and femur were obtained by flushing with *Dulbecco's* modified *Eagle's* medium to yield bone marrow cells. The cells were cultured in *RPMI 1640* medium containing 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) (*Gibco*, NY, USA), 50 μ*M* 2-sulfanylethanol, and 2 *mM* glutamine supplemented with a 3% *J558L* hybridoma cell culture supernatant containing granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor. The culture medium was replaced with fresh medium every second day. At day 6 of culture, nonadherent cells and loosely adherent DC aggregates were harvested, washed, and resuspended in *RPMI 1640* supplemented with 5% FBS. The BMDCs were incubated in 48-well plates at a density of 2 × 10<sup>5</sup> cells/ml, and then treated with the test compounds in DMSO (2, 10, 25, and 50 μ*M*) for 1 h before stimulation with 10 ng/ml LPS from *Salmonella minnesota* (*Alexis*, NY, USA). Supernatants were harvested 16 h after stimulation. Concentrations of murine IL-12 p40, IL-6, and TNF-α in the culture supernatant fraction were determined by enzyme-linked immune-sorbent assay (*BD Pharmingen*, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The data are presented as mean ± SD of at least three independent experiments performed in triplicate.

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