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**MEDICINAL FOODSTUFFS. XXXII.<sup>1</sup> NOVEL SESQUITERPENE GLYCOSIDE SULFATE, FUKINOSIDE A, WITH ANTIALLERGIC ACTIVITY FROM JAPANESE BUTTERBUR (*PETASITES JAPONICUS*)**

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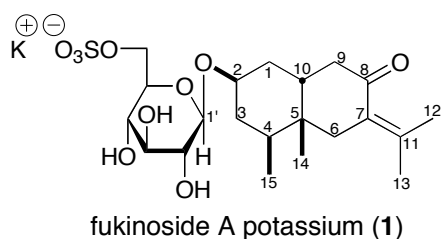
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**Abstract** — Novel sesquiterpene glycoside sulfate, fukinoside A, was isolated as the potassium salt from the aerial parts of *Petasites japonicus*. The absolute stereostructure of fukinoside A was elucidated on the basis of chemical and physicochemical evidence. In addition, fukinoside A was found to inhibit release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase, as a marker of antigen-induced degranulation, in RBL-2H3 cells.

The Compositae plant *Petasites (P.) japonicus* MAXIM. (Japanese butterbur in English, Fuki in Japanese) has been cultivated as a vegetable in Japan. The fresh stems of *P. japonicus* have been used as a food garnish in Japanese-style dishes. On the other hand, the rhizomes of this plant have been used for the treatment of tonsillitis, contusions, and poisonous-snake bite in China.<sup>2</sup> In previous studies, several sesquiterpenes, triterpenes, anthraquinones, and phenolic compounds were isolated from the rhizomes of *P. japonicus*.<sup>3-14</sup> In the course of our characterization studies on the bioactive constituents in medicinal foodstuffs,<sup>1,15-19</sup> we have reported that the 70% aqueous ethanol extract from the dried aerial parts of *P. japonicus* was found to show an anti-allergic effect.<sup>20</sup> As a continuing study on this herbal medicine, we have isolated a novel eremophilane-type sesquiterpene glycoside sulfate named fukinoside A as the potassium salt (**1**). In addition, **1** was found to show inhibitory effect on the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase in RBL-2H3 cells. This paper deals with the absolute stereostructure elucidation of **1** as well as the inhibitory effect of **1** on the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase in RBL-2H3 cells.

The dried aerial parts of *P. japonicus* (cultivated in Aichi prefecture, Japan) were extracted with 70% aqueous ethanol (EtOH) at 70 °C for 2 h to give an aqueous EtOH extract (12.4% from this herbal medicine). The aqueous ethanolic extract was partitioned in an ethyl acetate (EtOAc)/water mixture to



give an EtOAc-soluble fraction (1.0%) and an aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was extracted with *n*-butanol (*n*-BuOH) to give *n*-BuOH and H<sub>2</sub>O-soluble fractions (0.7, 9.4%, respectively). In our previous report, 2 $\beta$ -hydroxyfukinone (**2**), (+)-fukinone, fukinolic acid, chlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid, 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid methyl ester, caffeic acid, dotorioside II, and mussaendoside R were isolated from this extract.<sup>20</sup> Continuing the isolation

study for this herbal medicine, the *n*-BuOH-soluble fraction was subjected to silica gel and ODS column chromatography and finally HPLC to furnish fukinoside A potassium (**1**, 0.0005%).

### Absolute Stereostructure of **1**

Fukinoside A was isolated as the potassium salt with positive optical rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{26} +12.4^\circ$ , in MeOH). In the positive-ion fast atom bombardment (FAB)-MS of **1**, quasimolecular ion peaks were observed at  $m/z$  539 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> and  $m/z$  555 (M+K)<sup>+</sup>. On the other hand, quasimolecular ion peaks were observed at  $m/z$  477 (M-K)<sup>-</sup> and  $m/z$  515 (M-H)<sup>-</sup> in the negative-ion FAB-MS. High-resolution MS analysis of quasimolecular ion peaks in the positive-ion FAB-MS revealed the molecular formula of **1** to be C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>KO<sub>10</sub>S, so that the presence of a potassium sulfate function in **1** was confirmed.<sup>21</sup> The IR spectrum of **1** showed absorption bands at 3454, 1684, 1256, 1065, and 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup> ascribable to hydroxyl,  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl, sulfate, and ether functions, while its UV spectrum indicated the presence of enone chromophore with absorption maximum at 251 (log  $\epsilon$  3.79) nm. Solvolysis<sup>22,23</sup> of **1** with pyridine-1,4-dioxane (4:1, v/v) gave **1a** as shown in Figure 2. Acid hydrolysis of **1a** with 1 M hydrochloric acid (HCl) liberated 2 $\beta$ -hydroxyfukinone (**2**)<sup>24</sup> as an aglycone, whose absolute configuration was left uncharacterized, together with D-glucose, which was identified by HPLC analysis using an optical rotation detector.<sup>18,19</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table 1) spectra of **1**, which were assigned by various NMR experiments,<sup>25</sup> showed signals assignable to four methyls [ $\delta$  0.91 (3H, d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.83 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.92 (3H, d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>)], four methylenes [ $\delta$  1.35, 1.90 (1H each, both m, 3 $\beta$ -H and 3 $\alpha$ -H), 1.78 (2H, m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.07, 2.73 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 6 $\beta$ -H and 6 $\alpha$ -H), 2.31 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\alpha$ -H), 2.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.8, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\beta$ -H)], two methines and a methine bearing an oxygen function [ $\delta$  1.78 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.02 (1H, m, 10-H), 3.97 (1H, m, 2-H)], and four quaternary carbons (5, 7, 8, and 11-C) together with a hexose moiety [ $\delta$  4.15 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 11.0$  Hz), 4.29 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 11.0$  Hz), 6'-H<sub>2</sub>], 4.40 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1'-H)].

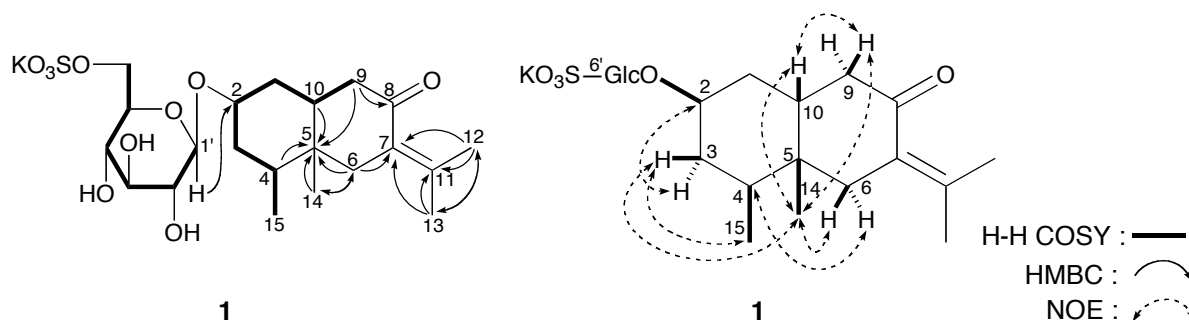


Figure 1. H-H COSY, HMBC, and NOE correlations of **1**

The proton and carbon signals due to the 6'-position in the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectra of **1** were observed at lower fields compared to those of **1a**  $\{\delta [3.63 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 5.8, 11.9 \text{ Hz}), 3.85 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 1.8, 11.9 \text{ Hz}), 6'\text{-H}_2]; \delta_{\text{C}} 62.9 (6'\text{-C})\}$ , so that the position of the potassium sulfate function in **1** was clarified to be the 6'-position. The eremophil-7(11)-en-8-one type sesquiterpene structure of **1** was constructed on the basis of  $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  correlation spectroscopy ( $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  COSY) and heteronuclear multiple bond correlation (HMBC) experiments (Figure 1). Thus, the  $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  COSY experiment on **1** indicated the presence of partial structures written in bold lines, and in the HMBC experiment, long-range correlations were observed between the following protons and carbons (1'-H and 2-C; 4-H, 6-H<sub>2</sub>, 9-H<sub>2</sub>, 10-H, 14-H<sub>3</sub> and 5-C; 14-H<sub>3</sub> and 6-C; 6-H<sub>2</sub>, 12-H<sub>3</sub>, 13-H<sub>3</sub> and 7-C; 9-H<sub>2</sub> and 8-C, 12-H<sub>3</sub>, 13-H<sub>3</sub> and 11-C; 6-H<sub>2</sub> and 14-C). Furthermore, the stereostructure of **1** was characterized on the basis of the nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy (NOESY) experiment, in which NOE correlations were observed between the following proton pairs of **1** (2-H and 3 $\alpha$ -H; 3 $\beta$ -H and 14-H<sub>3</sub>, 15-H<sub>3</sub>; 4-H and 6 $\alpha$ -H; 6 $\beta$ -H and 14-H<sub>3</sub>; 9 $\beta$ -H and 10-H, 14-H<sub>3</sub>; 10-H and 14-H<sub>3</sub>).

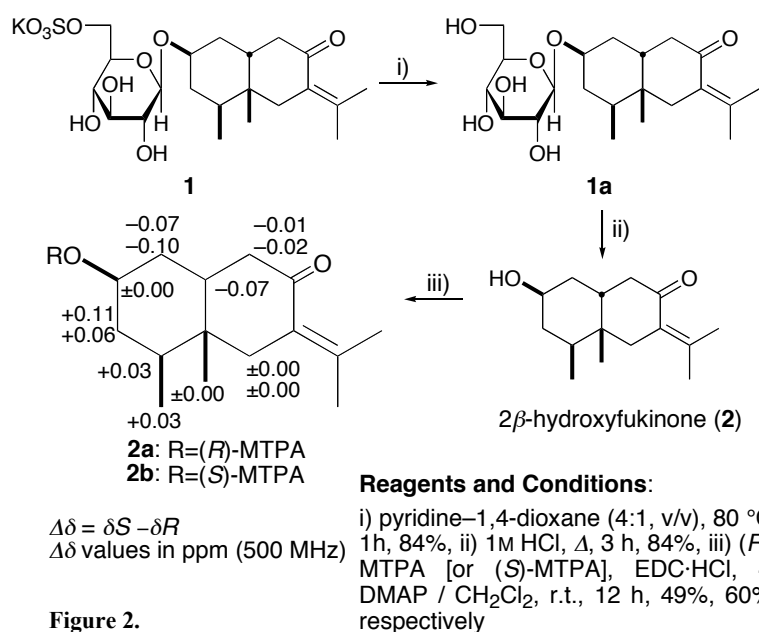


Figure 2.

Finally, the absolute configurations of **1** and **2** were characterized by the application of the modified Mosher's method.<sup>26</sup> Namely, treatment of **2** with (*R*)- or (*S*)-2-methoxy-2-trifluoromethylphenylacetic acid [(*R*)- or (*S*)-MTPA] in the presence of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC·HCl) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (4-DMAP) yielded the MTPA esters (**2a**, **2b**), respectively, whose  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  data showed an acylation shift at the 2-position in **2**. As shown in Figure 2, the signals due to protons attached to the 3, 4, and 15-positions in the 2-(*S*)-MTPA ester (**2b**) were observed at lower fields compared with those of the 2-(*R*)-MTPA ester (**2a**) [ $\Delta\delta$ : positive], while the signals due to protons on the 1, 9, and 10-positions in **2b** were observed at higher fields compared with those of **2a** [ $\Delta\delta$ : negative].

**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  Data for **1**, **1a**, and **2**

|      | <b>1a</b> | <b>1a<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>b</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>c</sup></b> |
|------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| C-1  | 35.0      | 35.1                  | 36.0                 | 37.0                 |
| C-2  | 75.0      | 74.2                  | 66.4                 | 65.4                 |
| C-3  | 37.1      | 37.1                  | 39.8                 | 41.0                 |
| C-4  | 31.9      | 31.8                  | 31.0                 | 31.2                 |
| C-5  | 37.6      | 37.7                  | 36.4                 | 36.7                 |
| C-6  | 41.2      | 41.3                  | 40.3                 | 40.6                 |
| C-7  | 131.8     | 131.9                 | 130.5                | 131.4                |
| C-8  | 207.7     | 207.8                 | 205.0                | 204.2                |
| C-9  | 45.3      | 45.4                  | 44.4                 | 45.0                 |
| C-10 | 43.9      | 44.0                  | 42.5                 | 43.0                 |
| C-11 | 142.0     | 142.1                 | 140.9                | 139.2                |
| C-12 | 22.7      | 22.7                  | 22.6                 | 22.5                 |
| C-13 | 21.9      | 21.8                  | 21.7                 | 21.4                 |
| C-14 | 21.1      | 21.2                  | 20.9                 | 21.0                 |
| C-15 | 16.7      | 16.8                  | 16.2                 | 16.5                 |
| C-1' | 102.5     | 102.2                 |                      |                      |
| C-2' | 74.9      | 75.2                  |                      |                      |
| C-3' | 77.7      | 77.9                  |                      |                      |
| C-4' | 71.4      | 71.8                  |                      |                      |
| C-5' | 75.7      | 78.1                  |                      |                      |
| C-6' | 68.2      | 62.9                  |                      |                      |

Measured in <sup>a</sup> $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , <sup>b</sup> $\text{CDCl}_3$ , and <sup>c</sup>pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> (125 MHz).

Consequently, the absolute configuration at the 2-position of **2** was determined as *R* configuration and the absolute stereostructures of **1** and **2** were elucidated to be as shown.

### Inhibitory Effect of **1** on the Release of $\beta$ -Hexosaminidase in RBL-2H3 Cells

Histamine, which is released from mast cells stimulated by an antigen or a degranulation inducer, is usually determined as a degranulation marker *in vitro* experiments on immediate allergic reactions.  $\beta$ -Hexosaminidase is also stored in the secretory granules of mast cells and is released concomitantly with histamine when mast cells are immunologically activated.<sup>27,28</sup> Therefore it is generally accepted that  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase is a degranulation marker of mast cells. As a part of our characterization studies on the bioactive components of natural medicines, we previously reported several inhibitors of the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase such as diarylheptanoids,<sup>19,29,30</sup> sesquiterpenes,<sup>31</sup> diterpenes,<sup>32</sup> flavonoids,<sup>33</sup> anthraquinones,<sup>34</sup> stilbenes,<sup>35</sup> phenanthrenes,<sup>35</sup> phenylpropanoids,<sup>36</sup> and alkaloids.<sup>37,38</sup> In our previous report, several constituents from *P. japonicus* showed inhibitory activities on the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase in RBL-2H3 cells.<sup>20</sup> Compound (**1**) ( $IC_{50} = 16.6 \mu M$ ) was also inhibited on the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase and this activity was stronger than that of antiallergic compounds, tranilast<sup>36</sup> ( $IC_{50} = 282 \mu M$ ) and ketotifen fumarate<sup>36</sup> ( $IC_{50} = 158 \mu M$ ).

### EXPERIMENTAL

The following instruments were used to obtain physical data: specific rotations, Horiba SEPA-300 digital polarimeter ( $l = 5$  cm); UV spectra, Shimadzu UV-1600 spectrometer; IR spectra, Shimadzu FTIR-8100 spectrometer; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, JNM-LA500 (500 MHz) spectrometer; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra, JNM-LA500 (125 MHz) spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard; MS and high-resolution MS, JEOL JMS-SX 102A mass spectrometer; HPLC detector, Shimadzu RID-6A refractive index and SPD-10A UV-VIS detectors; HPLC column, GL Science Inertsil ODS-3 (250 × 4.6 mm i.d.) and (250 × 10 mm i.d.) columns were used for analytical and preparative purposes, respectively.

The following experimental conditions were used for chromatography: ordinary-phase column chromatography; Silica gel BW-200 (Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd., 150–350 mesh), reversed-phase column chromatography; Chromatorex ODS DM1020T (Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd., 100–200 mesh); TLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> (Merck, 0.25 mm) (normal-phase) and Silica gel RP-18 F<sub>254</sub>S (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase); HPTLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel RP-18 WF<sub>254</sub>S (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase). Detection was done by spraying with 1% Ce(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, followed by heating.

### Extraction and Isolation

The dried aerial parts of *P. japonicus* (cultivated in Aichi prefecture, Japan) were extracted with 70% aqueous EtOH at 70 °C for 2 h to give an aqueous EtOH extract (12.4% from this herbal medicine). The aqueous EtOH extract was partitioned in an EtOAc/water mixture to give an EtOAc-soluble fraction (1.0%) and aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was extracted with *n*-BuOH to give *n*-BuOH and H<sub>2</sub>O-soluble fractions (0.7, 9.4%, respectively), which were described previously.<sup>20</sup> The *n*-BuOH-soluble

fraction (17.0 g) was to reversed-phase ODS column chromatography [300 g, MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (15:85 → 70:30) → MeOH] to afford 16 fractions [fr. 1 (3.47 g), fr. 2 (1.85 g), fr. 3 (0.90 g), fr. 4 (0.95 g), fr. 5 (0.41 g), fr. 6 (0.25 g), fr. 7 (0.39 g), fr. 8 (0.48 g), fr. 9 (0.33 g), fr. 10 (0.40 g), fr. 11 (0.27 g), fr. 12 (0.26 g), fr. 13 (0.30 g), fr. 14 (0.29 g), fr. 15 (0.06 g), and fr. 16 (0.26 g)]. Fraction 4 (0.95 g) was further purified by HPLC [Inertsil ODS-3 (GL Science), MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (30:70, v/v)] to give **1** (12 mg, 0.0005%).

Fukinoside A potassium (**1**): A white powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} +12.4^\circ$  ( $c=1.00$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>KO<sub>10</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 539.1330. Found: 539.1326; Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>KO<sub>10</sub>SK (M+K)<sup>+</sup>: 555.1069. Found: 555.1063. UV [nm (log  $\epsilon$ ), MeOH]: 251 (3.79). IR (KBr): 3454, 1684, 1256, 1065, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.91 (3H, d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (1H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H), 1.78 (3H, m, 1-H<sub>2</sub> and 4-H), 1.83 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.90 (1H, m, 3 $\alpha$ -H), 1.92 (3H, d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (1H, m, 10-H), 2.07, 2.73 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 6 $\beta$ -H and 6 $\alpha$ -H), 2.31 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\alpha$ -H), 2.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.8, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\beta$ -H), 3.16 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.6, 8.8$  Hz, 2'-H), 3.35 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.9, 8.6$  Hz, 4'-H), 3.37 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.6, 8.8$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.48 (1H, m, 5'-H), 3.97 (1H, m, 2-H), [4.15 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 11.0$  Hz), 4.29 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 11.0$  Hz), 6'-H<sub>2</sub>], 4.40 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1'-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ c: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  539 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 555 (M+K)<sup>+</sup>. Negative-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  477 (M-K)<sup>-</sup>, 515 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>.

### Solvolysis of **1**

A solution of **1** (10.0 mg) in pyridine–1,4-dioxane (4:1, v/v, 3.0 mL) was heated at 80 °C for 1 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to HPLC [MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (50:50, v/v)] to furnish **1a** (6.5 mg, 84%).

**1a**: A white powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{17} -4.0^\circ$  ( $c=0.23$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 421.2202. Found: 421.2208. IR (KBr): 3415, 1684, 1076 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.91 (3H, d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.01 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (1H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H), 1.72, 1.80 (1H each, both m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.83 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.90 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (1H, m, 3 $\alpha$ -H), 2.02 (1H, m, 10-H), 2.06, 2.76 (1H each, both d,  $J = 14.9$  Hz, 6 $\beta$ -H and 6 $\alpha$ -H), 2.27 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\alpha$ -H), 2.61 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.5, 16.5$  Hz, 9 $\beta$ -H), 3.12 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 9.1$  Hz, 2'-H), 3.24 (1H, m, 5'-H), 3.32 (1H, m, 4'-H), 3.35 (1H, m, 3'-H), [3.63 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.8, 11.9$  Hz), 3.85 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 11.9$  Hz), 6'-H<sub>2</sub>], 4.02 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.38 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1'-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ c: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  421 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.

### Acid Hydrolysis of **1a**

A solution of **1a** (6.0 mg) in 1 M HCl (0.5 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and neutralized with Amberlite IRA-400 (OH<sup>-</sup> form), and the resin was removed by filtration. Then, the filtrate was extracted with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was subjected to HPLC analysis under the following conditions: HPLC column, Kaseisorb LC NH<sub>2</sub>-60-5, 4.6

mm i.d.  $\times$  250 mm (Tokyo Kasei Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan); detection, optical rotation [Shodex OR-2 (Showa Denko Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan)]; mobile phase, CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O (75:25, v/v); flow rate 0.8 mL/min; column temperature, room temperature. Identification of D-glucose present in the aqueous layer was carried out by comparison of its retention time and optical rotation with those of an authentic sample.  $t_R$ : 12.3 min (positive optical rotation). The EtOAc layer was evaporated *in vacuo* gave the residue, which was purified by HPLC [MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (85:15, v/v)] to give 2 $\beta$ -hydroxyfukinone (**2**, 3.0 mg, 84%).

2 $\beta$ -Hydroxyfukinone (**2**): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.89 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.31 (1H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H), 1.68 (2H, m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.78 (1H, m, 3 $\alpha$ -H), 1.81 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.81 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.94 (3H, d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 2.03 (1H, m, 10-H), 2.07, 2.67 (1H each, both d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 6 $\beta$ -H and 6 $\alpha$ -H), 2.31 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 16.5 Hz, 9 $\alpha$ -H), 2.49 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 12.8, 16.5 Hz, 9 $\beta$ -H), 3.89 (1H, m, 2-H). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.81 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.91 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.56 (1H, br dd,  $J$  = *ca.* 11, 13 Hz, 3 $\beta$ -H), 1.71 (3H, d,  $J$  = 0.9 Hz, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.75 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.82, 1.93 (1H each, both m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.91 (1H, m, 3 $\alpha$ -H), 1.91 (1H, m, 10-H), 1.97 (1H, d-like, 6 $\beta$ -H), 2.06 (3H, d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 2.61 (1H, d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 6 $\alpha$ -H), 2.38 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 5.2, 16.2 Hz, 9 $\alpha$ -H), 2.65 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 12.5, 16.2 Hz, 9 $\beta$ -H), 4.09 (1H, m, 2-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> and pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ c: given in Table 1.

#### Preparation of the (*R*)-MTPA Ester (**2a**) and (*S*)-MTPA Ester (**2b**) from **2**

A solution of **2** (2.0 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was treated with (*R*)- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -trifluoromethylphenylacetic acid [(*R*)-MTPA, 9.9 mg] in the presence of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC·HCl, 8.1 mg) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (4-DMAP, 3.1 mg), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with EtOAc. The EtOAc extract was successively washed with 5% aqueous HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and brine, then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> powder and filtered. Removal of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure furnished a residue, which was separated by ordinary-phase silica-gel column chromatography [*n*-hexane–EtOAc (10:1, v/v)] to give **2a** (1.9 mg, 49%). Using a similar procedure, (*S*)-MTPA esters [**2b** (2.3 mg, 60%)] was obtained from **2** (2.0 mg), using (*S*)-MTPA (9.9 mg), EDC·HCl (8.1 mg), and 4-DMAP (3.1 mg).

**2a**: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.87 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.98 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.40, 1.88 (1H each, both m, 3-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.74, 1.88 (1H each, both m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.88 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.95 (3H, d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), [2.07 (1H, d-like), 2.69 (1H, d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz), 6-H<sub>2</sub>], 2.10 (1H, m, 10-H), [2.38 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 16.1 Hz), 2.56 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 12.2, 16.1 Hz), 9-H<sub>2</sub>], 3.55 (3H, s, –OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.23 (1H, m, 2-H), [7.41 (3H, m), 7.51 (2H, m), Ph-H].

**2b**: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.90 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.98 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.51, 1.94 (1H each, both m, 3-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.67, 1.78 (1H each, both m, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.91 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.95 (3H, d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), [2.07 (1H, d-like), 2.69 (1H, d,  $J$  = 15.3 Hz), 6-H<sub>2</sub>], 2.03 (1H, m, 10-H), [2.37 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 5.8, 16.5 Hz), 2.54 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 12.5, 16.5 Hz), 9-H<sub>2</sub>], 3.55 (3H, s, –OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.23 (1H, m, 2-H), [7.41 (3H, m), 7.51 (2H, m), Ph-H].

### Bioassay

Inhibitory effect on the release of  $\beta$ -hexosaminidase in RBL-2H3 cells was assayed by the method described in a previous paper.<sup>20</sup>

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