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BIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS FROM CHINESE NATURAL MEDICINES. XXV.¹ NEW FLAVONOL BISDESMOSIDES, SARMENOSIDES I, II, III, AND IV, WITH HEPATOPROTECTIVE ACTIVITY FROM *SEDUM SARMENTOSUM* (CRASSULACEAE)

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Abstract — Four new flavonol bisdesmosides, sarmenosides I, II, III, and IV, were isolated from the whole plant of *Sedum sarmentosum* (Crassulaceae). Their structures were elucidated on the basis of chemical and physicochemical evidence. Among them, sarmenoside III was found to show potent hepatoprotective effect ($IC_{50} = 4.4 \ \mu M$) on D-galactosamine-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.

During the course of our characterization studies on the bioactive constituents from Chinese natural medicines,²⁻¹⁵ we have reported the isolation and structure elucidation of 27 megastigmane constituents, including samentoic acid, samentol A, sedumosides A_1-A_6 , B, C, D, E_1-E_3 , F_1 , F_2 , and G-I, from the whole plant of *Sedum samentosum* (Crassulaceae).^{16–18} The extract of *S. samentosum* and several megastigmane constituents were found to show hepatoprotective effects on D-galactosamine (D-GalN)-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.¹⁸ As a continuing study on this herbal medicine, we have isolated four new flavonol bisdesmosides, samenosides I (1), II (2), III (3), and IV (4). This paper deals with the isolation and structure elucidation of the new flavonol bisdesmosides (1–4) and hepatoprotective effects of flavonoid and lignan constituents from this herbal medicine on D-GalN-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.

Structures of Sarmenosides I (1), II (2), III (3), and IV (4)

The hot water extract from the whole plant of *S. sarmentosum* was treated with methanol to give the methanol-soluble part (0.57%) from the fresh plant). The methanol-soluble part was subjected to Diaion

HP-20 column chromatography (H₂O \rightarrow MeOH) to give the water- and methanol-eluted fractions (0.44 and 0.13%, respectively) as previously reported.¹⁶ The methanol-eluted fraction was subjected to normaland reversed-phase silica gel column chromatographies, and finally HPLC to give 1 (0.00005%), 2 (0.00064%), **3** (0.00001%), and **4** (0.00002%) together with apigenin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5, 0.00005%), luteolin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6, 0.00006%), tricin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7, 0.00002%), kaempferol 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (8, 0.00004%), 3-*О*-*β*-Dkaempferol glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (9, 0.00015%), grosvenorine (10, 0.00010%), quercetin 3,7-di-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (11, 0.00007%), quercetin 3-*O*-β-Dglucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (12, 0.00004%), isorhamnetin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (13, 0.00009%), isorhamnetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-7-O- α -Lrhamnopyranoside (14, 0.00005%), isorhamnetin 3,7-di-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (15, 0.00014%), 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside isorhamnetin (16, 0.00005%), herbacetin 8-methyl ether 3,7-di-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (17, 0.00003%), limocitrin 3-O- β -Dglucopyranoside (18, 0.00008%), limocitrin 3,7-di- $O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (19, 0.00057%), (-)pinoresinol 4,4'-di-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (20, 0.00005%), (+)-isolariciresinol (21, 0.00012%), woorenoside XI (22, 0.00015%), (+)-isolariciresinol 3a-O-β-D-glucopyranoside (23, 0.00003%), 24 (0.00005%), (+)-lariciresinol 4-O-β-D-glucopyranoside (25, 0.00007%), (+)-lariciresinol 4,4'-bis-O-β-Dglucopyranoside (26, 0.00031%), 2-phenylethyl β -D-glucopyranoside (27, 0.00001%), 2-phenylethyl Drutinoside (28, 0.00003%), eugenyl β-D-glucopyranoside (29, 0.00007%), 4R-p-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 7- $O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**30**, 0.00006%), 4*R*-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 8- $O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**31**, $(1\rightarrow 6)-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (32, 0.00043%), 1-acetyl β carboline (33, 0.00001%), 34 (0.00003%), and 35 (0.00005%).¹⁷



Chart 1





tricin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7)













12: $R = Rha^2 - Glc$

OH.

ΩН

OR

0

OH

quercetin 3,7-di-O-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (11): R = Rha









(+)-lariciresinol 4-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (25): R = H (+)-lariciresinol 4,4'-bis-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (26): R = Glc



OH.

GlcO

OH

RhaO

C apigenin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5): R = H

luteolin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6): R = OH

(+)-isolariciresinol (21): $R^1 = R^2 = H$ woorenoside XI (22): $R^1 = Glc$, $R^2 = H$ (+)-isolariciresinol $3a \cdot O \cdot \beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (23): $R^1 = H$, $R^2 = Glc$





eugenyl β -D-glucopyranoside (29)





ŌGlc⁶-¹Ara

HO

octa-1-en-3-yl a-L-arabinopyranosyl $(1\rightarrow 6)$ - β -D-glucopyranoside (32)











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4R-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**30**): R¹ = Glc, R² = H 4R-p-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 8-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**31**): R¹ = H, R² = Glc

Glc: β -D-glucopyranosyl; Rha: α -L-rhamnopyranosyl; Ara: α -L-arabinopyranosyl

Chart 2

Sarmenoside I (1) was isolated as an amorphous powder with negative optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -80.6° in MeOH). The IR spectrum of 1 showed absorption bands ascribable to hydroxyl (3431 cm^{-1}), ester carbonyl (1655 cm⁻¹), and ether (1024 cm^{-1}) functions and aromatic ring (1603, 1541, 1458 cm⁻¹). In the positive- and negative-ion fast atom bombardment (FAB)-MS of 1, quasimolecular ion peaks were observed at m/z 925 (M+Na)⁺ and *m*/*z* 901 (M–H)[–], respectively. High-resolution MS analysis of the quasimolecular ion peak (M+Na)+ in the positive-ion FAB-MS revealed the molecular formula of 1 to be $C_{42}H_{46}O_{22}$. On alkaline hydrolysis of 1 with 10% aqueous potassium hydroxide (KOH)-50%

Table 1. ¹³C-NMR Data for Sarmenosides I (1), II (2), and III (3)

	1	2	3		1	2	3
2	157.1	157.0	157.1	3-O-Rha-1"	100.5	100.6	100.6
3	134.5	134.6	134.5	2"	81.4	81.7	81.5
4	177.8	177.9	177.9	3"	70.0	70.2	70.1
5	160.9	160.9	160.9	4"	71.6	71.7	71.6
6	99.3	99.3	99.3	5"	70.4	70.4	70.3
7	161.6	161.6	161.6	6"	17.3	17.4	17.3
8	94.5	94.3	94.3	2"-O-Glc-1""	105.9	106.1	106.1
9	155.9	155.9	155.8	2'''	73.6	73.5	73.6
10	105.6	105.6	105.6	3'''	75.9	75.9	75.8
1'	120.1	120.4	120.3	4'''	69.5	69.5	69.1
2'	130.6	115.5	115.4	5'''	73.6	73.6	73.5
3'	115.3	145.2	145.1	6'''	62.8	62.7	62.5
4'	160.2	148.7	148.7	7-O-Rha-1''''	98.4	98.4	98.4
5'	115.3	115.5	115.5	2""	69.7	69.8	69.7
6'	130.6	120.9	120.9	3""	70.2	70.1	70.1
acyl-1""	125.3	124.9	125.3	4""	71.5	71.6	71.5
2"""	114.8	130.0	114.8	5""	70.0	70.0	70.0
3"""	145.4	115.5	145.4	6""	17.8	17.8	17.8
4'''''	148.2	159.6	148.2				
5"""	115.5	115.5	115.5				
6"""	120.9	130.0	121.0				
7"""	145.0	144.5	145.0				
8"""	113.6	113.9	113.9				
9"""	166.2	166.3	166.3				

Measured at 125 MHz in DMSO- d_6 .

Rha: α -L-rhamnopyranosyl; Glc: β -D-glucopyranosyl

aqueous 1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v), kaempferol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**)^{17,19} was obtained together with caffeic acid, which was identified by HPLC analysis. The ¹H- (DMSO- d_6) and ¹³C-NMR (Table 1) spectra of **1**, which were assigned by various NMR experiments,²⁰ showed signals assignable to a kaempferol part [δ 6.43, 6.70 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.93, 7.78 (2H each, both d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3',5', 2',6'-H)], and a β -D-glucopyranosyl and two α -L-rhamnopyranosyl moieties [δ 0.92, 1.13 (3H each, both d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6", 6""-H₃), 4.33 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1""-H), 5.61 (1H, br s, 1"-H), 5.53 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1""-H)] together with a caffeoyl group [δ 6.12, 7.38 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8"", 7""-H), 6.68 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, 5""-H), 6.86 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 8.3 Hz, 6""-H), 6.93 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2""'-H)]. Comparison of the ¹³C-NMR data for **1** with those for **9** revealed an acylation shift around the 6"'-position of the glucopyranosyl moiety [**9**: δ_C 76.6 (5"'-C), 60.5 (6"'-C); **1**: δ_C 73.6 (5"'-C), 62.8 (6"'-C)]. Furthermore, in the heteronuclear multiple-bond correlations (HMBC) experiment of **1**, long-range correlation was observed between the 6"'-protons [δ 4.16, 4.21 (1H each, both m)] and the ester carbonyl carbon (δ_C 166.2). On the basis of the above-mentioned evidence, the structure of sarmenoside I was determined to be kaempferol 3-*O*-(6-*O*-caffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**1**).

Sarmenoside II (2) was obtained as an amorphous powder with negative optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{24}$ –111.2° in MeOH). The molecular formula, C₄₂H₄₆O₂₂, of 2 was determined from the positive-ion FAB-MS [*m/z* 925 (M+Na)⁺] and by high resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement. Sarmenoside III (3), $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ –

87.6° (MeOH), was also obtained as an amorphous powder and the molecular formula, C₄₂H₄₆O₂₃, was determined from the positive-ion FAB-MS data and by high resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement. Treatment of 2 and 3 with 10% KOH-50% aqueous 1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v), gave quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (12)^{17,21} together with *p*-coumaric acid (from 2) and caffeic acid (from 3), which were identified by HPLC analysis. The 1 H-(DMSO- d_6) and ¹³C-NMR (Table 1) spectra²⁰ of **2** showed signals assignable to a quercetin part [δ 6.42, 6.68 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, 5'-H), 7.31 (1H, dd, J = 2.2, 8.2 Hz, 6'-H), 7.43 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2'-H)], and a β -D-glucopyranosyl and two α -L-rhamnopyranosyl moieties $[\delta 0.97 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6"-H_3), 1.15 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6""-H_3), 4.31 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1""-H), 5.58$ (1H, br s, 1"-H), 5.54 (1H, d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1""-H)] together with a *p*-coumaroyl group [$\delta 6.25$, 7.45 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8¹¹¹¹, 7¹¹¹¹-H), 6.71, 7.41 (2H each, both d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3¹¹¹¹, 5¹¹¹¹, 2¹¹¹¹, 6¹¹¹¹-H)]. The proton and carbon signals in ¹H- (DMSO- d_6) and ¹³C-NMR (Table 1) spectra²⁰ of **3** were superimposable on those of 2, except for the signals due to an acyl group [$\delta 6.15$, 7.37 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8""", 7""-H), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, 5""-H), 6.88 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.3 Hz, 6""-H)]. The HMBC experiments on 2 and 3 showed long-range correlations between the 6"-protons [2: δ 4.11 (1H, br d, J = ca. 11 Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd, J = 4.3, 11.3 Hz); **3**: δ 4.01 (1H, br d, J = ca. 11 Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd, J = 2.8, 11.3 Hz)] and the ester carbonyl carbon (2: $\delta_{\rm C}$ 166.3; 3: $\delta_{\rm C}$ 166.3), respectively. Consequently, the structures of sarmenosides II and III were determined to be quercetin $3-O-(6-O-p-coumaroy1)-\beta-D$ glucopyranosyl($1 \rightarrow 2$)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (2) and quercetin 3-O-(6-Ocaffeoyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (3).

Sarmenoside IV (4) with negative optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –77.5° in MeOH) was also isolated as an amorphous powder. The molecular formula C₃₄H₄₂O₂₀ of 4 was also determined from the positive- and

negative-ion FAB-MS [m/z 793 (M+Na)+, m/z 769 (M-H)-]
and by high-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement.
Acid hydrolysis of 4 with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid (HCl)
liberated L-rhamnose and D-glucose, which were identified
by HPLC analysis using an optical rotation detector. ^{2,4-6,9-}
^{14,16,17} The ¹ H-NMR (DMSO- d_6) and ¹³ C-NMR (Table 2)
spectra ²⁰ of 4 indicated the presence of <i>meta</i> -coupled and
ortho-coupled A_2B_2 -type aromatic protons [δ 6.48, 6.85 (1H
each, both d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.94 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 5'-
H), 7.44 (1H, dd, J = 2.2, 8.6 Hz, 6'-H), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 2.2
Hz, 2'-H)], and a β -D-glucopyranosyl and two α -L-
rhamnopyranosyl moieties [δ 0.81 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 6"-H).
1.15 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 6""-H ₃), 4.38 (1H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1""-
H), 5.28 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1"-H), 5.94 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz,
1 ^{'''} - H)] together with a methoxyl protons [δ 3.86 (3H, s, 3'-
OCH_3)]. The proton and carbon signals in the ¹ H- and ¹³ C-
NMR spectra of 4 were very similar to those of grosvenorine

Table 2.	¹³ C-NMR	Data for	Sarmenos	side IV	(4)
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	4		4
2	157.7	3-O-Rha-1"	101.8
3	134.6	2"	70.0
4	177.9	3"	70.4
5	160.9	4"	71.1
6	99.6	5"	70.7
7	161.4	6"	17.3
8	94.7	7-O-Rha-1'"	97.1
9	156.1	2'''	79.9
10	105.8	3'''	70.0
1'	120.5	4'''	72.1
2'	112.7	5'''	69.9
3'	147.2	6'''	17.8
4'	149.7	2""-O-Glc-1""	105.6
5'	115.4	2""	73.9
6'	122.8	3""	76.2
3'-OCH ₃	55.7	4""	69.9
		5""	76.8
		6""	61.0

Measured at 125 MHz in DMSO-d₆.

Rha: α -L-rhamnopyranosyl;

Glc: β -D-glucopyranosyl

(10),^{17,22} except for the signals due to the B ring in the aglycon part. The connectivities of oligoglycoside moieties to the aglycon part were characterized by a HMBC experiment on 4. Thus, the HMBC experiment of 4 showed long-range correlations between the following proton and carbon pairs (1"-H and C-3; 1""-H and C-7; 1""-H and C-2""). Finally, the position of a methoxyl group in 4 was clarified by nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy (NOESY) experiment, which showed NOE correlation between the methoxyl protons and the 2'-proton. Consequently, the structure of sarmenoside IV was determined to be isorhamnetin $3-O-\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl- $7-O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl($1\rightarrow 2$)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (4).

Protective Effects on D-GalN-induced Cytotoxicity in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

Table 3. Inhibitory Effects of Constituents from S. sarmentosum on D-GalN-induced Cytotoxicity in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

			Inhibition (%)			IC ₅₀
	0 <i>µ</i> M	3 μM	10 µм	30 µm	100 <i>µ</i> м	μM
sarmenoside I (1)	0.0 ± 6.6	5.0 ± 7.2	12.5 ± 7.2	35.9 ± 7.0	$73.3 \pm 10.6^{**}$	46
sarmenoside II (2)	0.0 ± 6.2	9.4 ± 7.2	23.4 ± 9.5	26.8 ± 7.0	$54.2 \pm 8.0 **$	94
sarmenoside III (3)	0.0 ± 1.8	$42.8 \pm 2.2^{**}$	$65.4 \pm 1.6^{**}$	$86.4 \pm 6.0 **$	99.2 ± 2.5**	4.4
sarmenoside IV (4)	0.0 ± 6.3	5.6 ± 3.9	5.6 ± 4.7	13.3 ± 5.8	$38.7 \pm 7.5^{**}$	
apigenin 7-O-Glc (5)	0.0 ± 3.4	1.5 ± 5.8	13.2 ± 7.0	$21.7 \pm 4.1*$	$24.0 \pm 2.3*$	
luteolin 7-O-Glc (6)	0.0 ± 2.1	2.5 ± 2.3	0.7 ± 10.2	$36.8 \pm 2.6^{**}$	$62.3 \pm 2.6^{**}$	57
tricin 7- <i>O</i> -Glc (7)	0.0 ± 3.8	0.6 ± 2.3	6.2 ± 2.5	10.8 ± 2.9	$22.0 \pm 3.8^{**}$	
kaempferol 7-O-Glc (8)	0.0 ± 1.5	4.2 ± 1.5	$14.0 \pm 1.0^{**}$	$46.4 \pm 2.2^{**}$	$83.5 \pm 0.7^{**}$	32
9	0.0 ± 2.6	1.0 ± 1.4	9.8 ± 4.5	$28.9 \pm 5.9^{**}$	$61.8 \pm 6.6^{**}$	66
grosvenorine (10)	0.0 ± 2.7	1.8 ± 3.1	16.1 ± 1.3	$25.6 \pm 4.2^{**}$	$51.6 \pm 2.4^{**}$	
quercetin 3,7-di-O-Rha (11)	0.0 ± 1.4	-3.4 ± 0.8	$9.2 \pm 2.4^{*}$	$24.7 \pm 3.1^{**}$	$28.5 \pm 2.5^{**}$	
12	0.0 ± 2.3	3.9 ± 2.8	6.3 ± 3.5	9.8 ± 2.2	49.1 ± 3.9**	
isorhamnetin 7-O-Glc (13)	0.0 ± 2.2	-7.3 ± 1.4	-13.2 ± 0.6	-12.2 ± 0.9	$12.9 \pm 1.5^{**}$	
14	0.0 ± 1.6	$6.6 \pm 3.0^{*}$	8.7 ± 1.3**	$10.5 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$11.5 \pm 0.9 **$	
isorhamnetin 3,7-di-O-Glc (15)	0.0 ± 1.8	1.1 ± 2.5	-2.5 ± 1.4	-0.7 ± 2.5	$20.9 \pm 4.4^{**}$	
16	0.0 ± 2.4	7.3 ± 1.8	8.9 ± 2.0	17.8 ± 2.1	$27.0 \pm 3.8^{*}$	
17	0.0 ± 2.4	2.0 ± 4.4	10.3 ± 3.9	$16.6 \pm 3.7*$	$28.3 \pm 2.3^{**}$	
limocitrin 3-O-Glc (18)	0.0 ± 3.0	7.6 ± 3.1	$10.6 \pm 2.2^*$	$25.3 \pm 1.8^{**}$	$56.7 \pm 2.7^{**}$	96
limocitrin 3,7-di-O-Glc (19)	0.0 ± 1.4	0.0 ± 1.6	-3.0 ± 0.9	-3.0 ± 1.8	8.3 ± 8.0	
20	0.0 ± 3.6	4.5 ± 2.0	7.1 ± 2.0	$29.9 \pm 3.1^{**}$	$69.8 \pm 4.3^{**}$	59
(+)-isolariciresinol (21)	0.0 ± 4.7	6.7 ± 3.3	$20.7 \pm 2.0*$	$42.8 \pm 4.6^{**}$	$79.1 \pm 6.0 **$	33
woorenoside XI (22)	0.0 ± 7.5	2.2 ± 6.2	7.2 ± 3.5	11.4 ± 4.8	$29.7 \pm 7.7^{**}$	
23	0.0 ± 2.8	7.3 ± 2.2	19.9 ± 1.3**	$44.9 \pm 3.0 **$	$92.5 \pm 3.5^{**}$	24
24	0.0 ± 2.5	5.5 ± 2.8	6.6 ± 3.9	$23.2 \pm 4.1^{*}$	$47.9 \pm 6.4^{**}$	
(+)-lariciresinol 4- <i>O</i> -Glc (25)	0.0 ± 0.6	7.7 ± 0.5	$26.5 \pm 1.5^{**}$	$68.8 \pm 2.3^{**}$	$108.2 \pm 3.5^{**}$	18
26	0.0 ± 1.0	2.9 ± 1.8	4.2 ± 3.2	$19.9 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$16.8 \pm 0.8 **$	
27	0.0 ± 2.2	1.2 ± 2.5	$11.1 \pm 1.1^{**}$	6.1 ± 1.2	$12.0 \pm 2.0^{**}$	
28	0.0 ± 0.9	1.9 ± 2.2	3.3 ± 0.9	$17.4 \pm 3.0 **$	$19.7 \pm 1.0^{**}$	
29	0.0 ± 2.7	4.2 ± 1.1	4.2 ± 0.8	$33.2 \pm 1.4^{**}$	$93.2 \pm 0.9 **$	37
30	0.0 ± 2.0	5.4 ± 0.7	$9.4 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$7.4 \pm 1.9^{*}$	$15.2 \pm 1.5^{**}$	
31	0.0 ± 0.9	1.9 ± 2.6	2.7 ± 2.8	8.4 ± 2.2	$12.1 \pm 0.9 **$	
32	0.0 ± 1.7	2.0 ± 2.0	7.5 ± 1.6	$10.0 \pm 3.7^{**}$	7.5 ± 2.0	
33	0.0 ± 1.4	$12.8 \pm 1.0^{**}$	$18.2 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$32.3 \pm 2.5^{**}$	4.6 ± 1.6	
34	0.0 ± 1.1	4.0 ± 0.8	$7.8 \pm 2.1*$	$8.7 \pm 0.9^{**}$	18.6 ± 1.3**	
35	0.0 ± 3.3	-1.4 ± 2.1	3.4 ± 1.8	5.6 ± 3.6	$17.9 \pm 2.3^{**}$	
silybin ^a	0.0±0.3	4.8 ± 1.1	7.7 ± 0.7	$45.2 \pm 8.8^{**}$	77.0 ± 5.5**	41

Each value represents the mean \pm S.E.M. (*N*=4). Significantly different from the control, **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01. ^aCommercial silybin was purchased from Funakoshi Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan).

Previously, we have reported the isolation and structure elucidation of several constituents with hepatoprotective effects from Hovenia dulcis,²³ Bupleurum scorzonerifolium,^{24,25} Curcuma zedoaria,^{26–} ²⁸ Angelica furcijuga,^{29,30} Betula platyphylla var. japonica,³¹ Pisum sativum,³² Salacia reticulata,³³ Tilia argentea,³⁴ Anastatica hierochuntica,³⁵ Panax notoginseng,³⁶ Cyperus longus,³⁷ Erycibe expansa,³⁸ and Camellia sinensis.³⁹ Since the extract of this herbal medicine and several megastigmane constituents showed hepatoprotective effect,¹⁸ the inhibitory effects of flavonoid and lingan constituents from the same extract including samenosides I-IV (1-4), on D-GalN-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes were also examined. As shown in Table 3, sarmenosides I (1, IC₅₀ = 46 μ M), II (2, 94 μ M), and III (3, 4.4 μ M), luteolin 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6, 57 μ M), kaempferol 7-O- β -Dglucopyranoside (8, 32 μ M), kaempferol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -Lrhamnopyranoside (9, 66 μ M), grosvenorine (10, ca. 100 μ M), limocitrin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (18, 96 μ M), (-)-pinoresinol 4,4'-di-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (20, 59 μ M), (+)-isolariciresinol (21, 33 μ M), (+)isolariciresinol 3a-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (23, 24 μ M), (+)-lariciresinol 4-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (25, 18) μ M), and eugenvl β -D-glucopyranoside (29, 37 μ M), were found to show inhibitory activity. Especially, the hepatoprotective activity of samenoside III (3) was stronger than that of commercial silvbin (41 μ M), which is well known to show potent hepatoprotective activity.^{38,39}

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; IR spectra, Shimadzu FTIR-8100 spectrophotometer; FAB-MS and high-resolution FAB-MS, JEOL JMS-SX 102A mass spectrometer; ¹H-NMR spectra, JEOL EX-270 (270 MHz) and JNM-LA500 (500 MHz) spectrometers; ¹³C-NMR spectra, JEOL EX-270 (68 MHz) and JNM-LA500 (125 MHz) spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard; HPLC detector, Shimadzu RID-6A refractive index and SPD-10A*vp* UV-VIS detectors; and HPLC column, Cosmosil 5C₁₈-MS-II (250 × 4.6 mm i.d.) and (250 × 20 mm i.d.) columns were used for analytical and preparative purposes, respectively.

The following experimental conditions were used for chromatography: normal-phase column chromatography; Silica gel BW-200 (Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd., 150–350 mesh), reversed-phase column chromatography; Diaion HP-20 (Nippon Rensui): TLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel $60F_{254}$ (Merck, 0.25 mm) (normal-phase) and Silica gel RP-18 F_{254S} (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase); HPTLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel RP-18 WF_{254S} (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase) and detection was achieved by spraying with 1% Ce(SO₄)₂-10% aqueous H₂SO₄, followed by heating.

Plant Material

S. sarmentosum was cultivated at Huangshan, Anhui province, China and plant material was identified by one of authors (M. Y.). A voucher specimen (2005.01. Eishin-02) of this plant is on file in our laboratory.^{16–18}

Isolation of Sarmenosides I (1), II (2), III (3), and IV (4)

Fraction 5-10 (1818 mg), which was obtained from the methanol-eluted fraction of hot water extract from the fresh whole plant of S. sarmentosum as reported previously,¹⁷ was purified by Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography [150 g, CHCl₃-MeOH (1:1, v/v)] and finally HPLC [MeOH-H₂O (35:65, 40:60 v/v) and CH₃CN–MeOH–H₂O (15:8:77, v/v/v)] to furnish sarmenosides I (1, 28.1 mg, 0.00005%), II (2, 343.9 mg, 0.00064%), III (3, 6.3 mg, 0.00001%), and IV (4, 10.6 mg, 0.00002%) together with kaempferol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (9, 79.9) mg, 0.00015%), grosvenorine (10, 53.6 mg, 0.00010%), quercetin 3,7-di-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (11, 37.6 quercetin 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- α -Lmg, 0.00007%), rhamnopyranoside (12, 23.9 mg, 0.00004%), isorhamnetin 3,7-di-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (15, 32.8 mg, 0.00006%), 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- α -Land isorhamnetin rhamnopyranoside (16, 26.8 mg, 0.00005%).

Sarmenoside I (1): an amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ –80.6° (c = 1.00, MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for C₄₂H₄₆O₂₂Na (M+Na)⁺: 925.2378. Found: 925.2383. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 266 (4.38), 329 (4.08). IR (KBr): 3431, 2932, 1655, 1603, 1541, 1509, 1491, 1458, 1270, 1208, 1175, 1024, 961, 816 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ : 0.92, 1.13 (3H each, both d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6", 6""-H₃), 3.06 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 8.9 Hz, 2""-H), 3.14 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 4"-H), 3.20 (1H, m, 3""-H), 3.21 (1H, m, 4""-H), 3.31 (1H, m, 4""-H), 3.32 (1H, m, 5""-H), 3.38 (1H, m, 5"-H), 3.44 (1H, m, 5""-H), 3.56 (1H, dd, J = 3.7, 9.5 Hz, 3"-H), 3.64 (1H, dd, J = 3.4, 9.5 Hz, 3""-H), 3.86 (1H, m, 2""-H), 4.14 (1H, br d, J = ca. 2 Hz, 2"-H), 4.16, 4.21 (1H each, both m, 6"'-H₂), 4.33 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1""-H), 5.61 (1H, br s, 1"-H), 5.53 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1""-H), 6.12, 7.38 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8"", 7""-H), 6.43, 6.70 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.68 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, 5""-H), 6.86 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 8.3 Hz, 6""-H), 6.93 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2""-H), 6.93, 7.78 (2H each, both d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3', 5', 2', 6'-H), 12.55 (1H, br s, 5-OH). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ c: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS: m/z 925 (M+Na)⁺.

Sarmenoside II (**2**): an amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{24} - 111.2^{\circ}$ (c = 1.06, MeOH). High-resolution positiveion FAB-MS: Calcd for C₄₂H₄₆O₂₂Na (M+Na)⁺: 925.2378. Found: 925.2374. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 257 (4.42), 317 (4.45). IR (KBr): 3389, 2934, 1655, 1605, 1516, 1491, 1449, 1348, 1271, 1206, 1169, 1022, 963, 814 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ : 0.97 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6"-H₃), 1.15 (3H, d, J =6.1 Hz, 6""-H₃), 3.08 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 8.5 Hz, 2""-H), 3.17 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 4"-H), 3.22 (1H, m, 4""-H), 3.24 (1H, m, 3""-H), 3.30 (1H, m, 5""-H), 3.33 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 4""-H), 3.46 (1H, m, 5""-H), 3.61 (1H, m, 5"-H), 3.64 (1H, dd, J = 3.4, 9.5 Hz, 3"-H), 3.66 (1H, dd, J = 3.4, 9.5 Hz, 3""-H), 3.88 (1H, m, 2""-H), [4.11 (1H, br d, J = ca. 11 Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd, J = 4.3, 11.3 Hz), 6""-H₂], 4.20 (1H, br d, J = ca. 3 Hz, 2"-H), 4.31 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1""-H), 5.58 (1H, br s, 1"-H), 5.54 (1H, d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1""-H), 6.25, 7.45 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8"", 7""-H), 6.42, 6.68 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.71, 7.41 (2H each, both d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3"", 5"", 2""-H), 12.61 (1H, br s, 5-OH). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δ : given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS: m/z 925 (M+Na)⁺. Negative-ion FAB-MS: m/z 901 (M–H)⁻. Sarmenoside III (3): an amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ –87.6° (c = 0.11, MeOH). High-resolution positiveion FAB-MS: Calcd for C₄₂H₄₆O₂₃Na (M+Na)⁺: 941.2328. Found: 941.2336. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 255 (4.44), 336 (4.37). IR (KBr): 3431, 2940, 1651, 1605, 1509, 1500, 1458, 1348, 1273, 1175, 1052, 966, 820 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ : 0.93 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6"-H), 1.12 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6""-H₃), 3.04 (1H, dd, J = 7.7, 8.3 Hz, 2^{III}-H), 3.13 (1H, dd, J = 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 4^{II}-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 3^{III}-H), 3.19 (1H, m, 4^{III}-H), 3.25 (1H, m, 5^{III}-H), 3.29 (1H, m, 4^{IIII}-H), 3.40 (1H, m, 5^{IIII}-H), 3.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.4, 9.5 Hz, 3"-H), 3.61 (1H, m, 5"-H), 3.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.4, 9.5 Hz, 3""-H), 3.84 (1H, m, 2""-H), [4.01 (1H, br d, J = ca. 11 Hz, 4.17 (1H, dd, J = 2.8, 11.3 Hz), 6"-H₂], 4.16 (1H, br s, 2"-H), 4.28 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1"-H), 5.50 (1H, br s, 1"-H), 5.52 (1H, br s, 1""-H), 6.15, 7.37 (1H each, both d, J = 15.9 Hz, 8"", 7""-H), 6.41, 6.70 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, 5""-H), 6.88 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.3Hz, 6""-H), 6.95 (1H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2""-H), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 5'-H), 7.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.5 Hz, 6'-H), 7.43 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2'-H), 12.61 (1H, br s, 5-OH). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) &: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS: m/z 941 (M+Na)⁺. Negative-ion FAB-MS: m/z 917 (M-H)⁻. Sarmenoside IV (4): an amorphous powder, $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$ -77.5° (c = 0.62, MeOH). High-resolution positiveion FAB-MS: Calcd for C₃₄H₄₂O₂₀Na (M+Na)⁺: 793.2176. Found: 793.2161. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 255 (4.27), 349 (4.12). IR (KBr): 3389, 2918, 1653, 1647, 1605, 1559, 1541, 1509, 1489, 1474, 1458, 1341, 1210, 1169, 1025, 970, 814 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ : 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6"-H), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6¹¹¹-H₃), 3.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.9, 8.3 Hz, 2¹¹¹-H), 3.07 (1H, m, 4¹¹¹-H), 3.14 (1H, m, 4"-H), 3.15 (1H, m, 5""-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 5"-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 3""-H), 3.29 (1H, m, 4"-H), 3.42, 3.66 (1H each, both m, 6""-H₂), 3.46 (1H, m, 5"-H), 3.51 (1H, m, 3"-H), 3.68 (1H, m, 3"-H), 3.86 (3H, s, 3'-OCH₃), 3.93 (1H, dd, J = 1.6, 3.7 Hz, 2"'-H), 3.98 (1H, br s, 2"-H), 4.38 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1""-H), 5.28 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1"-H), 5.94 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1"-H), 6.48, 6.85 (1H each, both d, J = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H),6.94 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, 5'-H), 7.44 (1H, dd, J = 2.2, 8.6 Hz, 6'-H), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2'-H), 12.60 (1H, br s, 5-OH). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz) δc : given in Table 2. Positive-ion FAB-MS: m/z 793 $(M+Na)^+$. Negative-ion FAB-MS: m/z 769 $(M-H)^-$.

Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1–3

A solution of sarmenosides I–III (1–3, each 3.0 mg) in 50% aqueous 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL) was treated with 10% aqueous KOH (0.5 mL) and the whole mixture was stirred at 37 °C for 1 h. A part of the reaction mixture was subjected to HPLC analysis [column: Cosmosil C₁₈-PAQ, 250 × 4.6 mm i.d.; mobile phase: MeOH–H₂O (45:55, v/v); detection: UV (254 nm); flow rate: 0.7 mL/min] to identify caffeic acid (**a**, t_R 10.9 min) from **1** and **3**, and *p*-coumaric acid (**b**, t_R 18.0 min) from **2**. The rest of each reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex HCR W2 (H⁺ form) and the resin was removed by filtration. Evaporation of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure yielded a product, which was subjected to HPLC [MeOH–H₂O (40:60, v/v)] to give **5** (1.3 mg from **1**) and **6** (0.9 mg from **2**, 1.4 mg from **3**).

Acid Hydrolysis of 4

A solution of sarmenoside IV (4, 3.0 mg) in 1 M HCl (1.0 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was subjected to HPLC

analysis under the following conditions, respectively: HPLC column, Kaseisorb LC NH₂-60-5, 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, CH₃CN–H₂O (85:15, v/v); flow rate 0.8 mL/min]. Identification of L-rhamnose and D-glucose present in the aqueous layer was carried out by comparison of its retention time and optical rotation with those of authentic samples, $t_{\rm R}$: (i) 7.8 min (L-rhamnose, negative optical rotation) and (ii) 13.9 min (D-glucose, positive optical rotation), respectively.

Bioassay Method

Protective Effect on Cytotoxicity Induced by D-GalN in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

The hepatoprotective effects of the constituents were determined by the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) colorimetric assay using primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.³⁹ Hepatocytes were isolated from male ddY mice (30–35 g) by collagenase perfusion method. The cell suspension at 4×10^4 cells in 100 μ L William's E medium containing fetal calf serum (10%), penicillin G (100 units/mL), and streptomycin (100 μ g/ml) was inoculated in a 96-well microplate, and precultured for 4 h at 37°C under a 5% CO₂ atmosphere. The fresh medium (100 μ L) containing D-GalN (2 mM) and a test sample were added and the hepatocytes were cultured for 44 h. The medium was exchanged with 100 μ L of the fresh medium, and 10 μ L of MTT (5 mg/mL in phosphate buffered saline) solution was added to the medium. After 4 h culture, the medium was removed, 100 μ L of isopropanol containing 0.04 M HCl was then added to dissolve the formazan produced in the cells. The optical density (O.D.) of the formazan solution was measured by microplate reader at 570 nm (reference: 655 nm). Inhibition (%) was obtained by following formula.

Inhibition (%) = $[(O.D.(sample) - O.D.(control))/(O.D.(normal) - O.D.(control))] \times 100$

Cytotoxic effects of the constituents were assessed by MTT colorimetric assay. Briefly, after 44 h incubation with a test sample in the absence of D-GalN, MTT assay was performed as described above.

Statistics

Values are expressed as means±S.E.M. One-way analysis of variance followed by Dunnett's test was used for statistical analysis.

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(6"-C), 106.1 (1"'-C), 73.8 (2"'-C), 76.1 (3"'-C), 68.9 (4"'-C), 76.4 (5"'-C), 60.1 (6"'-C), 98.4 (1"''-C), 69.7 (2"''-C), 70.3 (3"''-C), 71.5 (4"''-C), 70.1 (5"''-C), 17.8 (6"''-C).

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