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The structure of a new cycloartane glycoside isolated from the whole herbs of *Comptosorus sibiricus* Rupr. has been established, by chemical and spectroscopic methods (IR, 1D and 2D NMR, HRMS, ESI-MS), as 3 $\beta$ ,7 $\beta$ ,24 $\beta$ ,25,30-pentahydroxycycloartane 24-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**).

**Keywords:** *Comptosorus sibiricus*; Cycloartane glycoside

## 1. Introduction

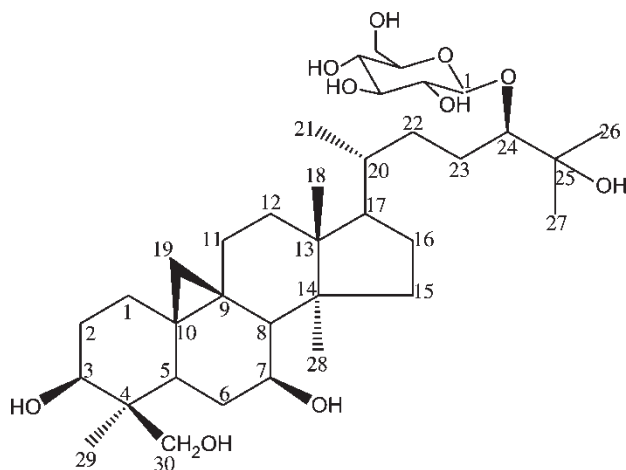
*Comptosorus sibiricus* is a herbal medicine, widely distributed in the North of China, that has activity in the dilatation of blood vessels. Some flavonoids from the herb with such activity have been documented [1]. We report here the isolation and structural elucidation of a new cycloartane glycoside.

## 2. Results and discussion

A 70% ethanol extract of the air-dried whole herbs of *C. sibiricus* was separated by liquid–liquid extraction. Further purification of the resulting EtOAc fraction by repeated silica-gel column chromatography, eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH and EtOAc–MeOH, led to the isolation of compound **1** (figure 1).

Compound **1** was isolated as white powder, mp 230–233°C. It showed a positive reaction with the Molish reagent. The sugar was identified as glucose by acid hydrolysis and co-TLC with an authentic sample. The IR spectrum of **1** shows hydroxyl absorption bands at  $\nu_{\max}$  3390 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). The HRMS spectrum shows a molecular ion peak at *m/z* 677.4251, compatible with the molecular formula C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>10</sub>. The ESI-MS spectrum

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Figure 1. Structure of compound **1**.

shows a quasi-molecular ion peak  $[M + H]^+$  at  $m/z$  655.0 and the fragment  $[M + 2H - 162]^+$  at  $m/z$  494.4, represent the loss of 1 mole of hexose from the parent molecular ion. The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of **1** shows characteristic signals [2] of cyclopropane methylene protons at  $\delta$  0.30 (1H, br. s, H-19a) and 0.38 (1H, br. s, H-19b), five tertiary methyl and one secondary methyl groups at  $\delta$  0.92 (3H, s, 28- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.97 (3H, s, 18- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.76 (3H, s, 26- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.59 (3H, s, 27- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.52 (3H, s, 29- $\text{CH}_3$ ), and 1.12 (3H, d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 21- $\text{CH}_3$ ). Additionally, the signal of the anomeric proton appears at  $\delta$  5.21 (1H d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H-1'); thus, the anomeric center of the glucose was confirmed as having a  $\beta$  orientation. The signals at  $\delta$  3.71 (1H, t-like, H-3), 3.80 (1H, br. s, H-24), and 4.27 (1H, m, H-7) indicate protons with the carbon oxygenated. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** has 36 carbon signals, of which five oxygen-bearing carbons of the aglycone appear at  $\delta$  80.2 (C-3), 67.4 (C-7), 94.0 (C-24), 73.5 (C-25), and 64.6 (C-30),

Table 1. NMR data of **1**.

No.	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	No.	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1		32.8	19	0.30, 0.38 (each 1H, br. s)	30.4
2		32.4	20		35.9
3	3.71 (1H, t-like, $J = 9.0$ Hz)	80.2	21	1.12 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz)	18.3
4		43.8	22		33.4
5	2.50 (1H, t, $J = 12.6$ Hz)	43.0	23		30.0
6		31.8	24	3.80 (1H, br. s)	94.0
7	4.27 (1H, m)	67.4	25		73.5
8	1.36 (1H, m)	48.3	26	1.76 (3H, s)	26.5
9		21.7	27	1.59 (3H, s)	26.7
10		26.1	28	0.92 (3H, s)	19.6
11		28.5	29	1.52 (3H, s)	21.2
12		35.9	30	3.82 (1H, d, $J = 10.6$ Hz)	64.6
13		45.7	1'	5.21 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz)	107.1
14		47.8	2'		76.0
15		33.4	3'		78.6
16		27.0	4'		71.7
17		53.8	5'		78.3
18	0.97 (3H, s)	18.6	6'		62.8

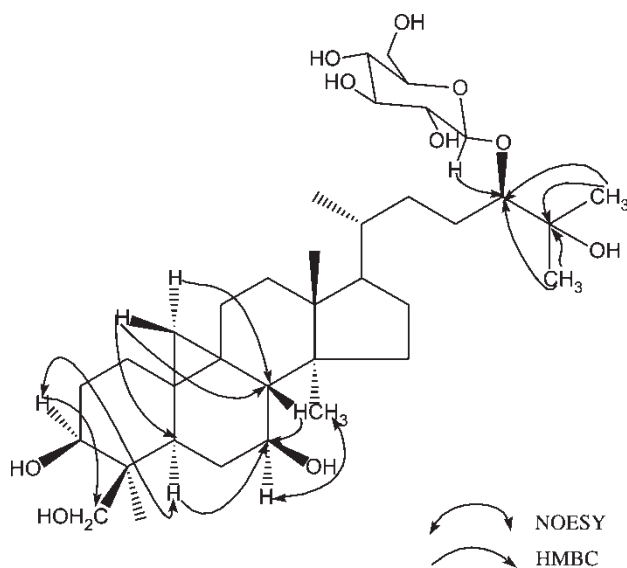


Figure 2. Important HMBC and NOESY correlations of **1**.

along with the carbon signals ascribed to the sugar unit at  $\delta$  107.1 (C-1), 76.0 (C-2), 78.6 (C-3), 71.7 (C-4), 78.3 (C-5), and 62.8 (C-6) (table 1).

In the HMBC experiment (figure 2), the long-range correlations between  $\delta$  1.52 (H-29), 3.82 (H-30a), 4.70 (H-30b) and  $\delta$  80.2 (C-3), as well as  $\delta$  1.52 (H-29) and  $\delta$  64.6 (C-30), indicate that C-3 and C-30 are substituted by hydroxyl groups. In addition,  $\delta$  2.50 (H-5), 1.36 (H-8) shows long-range correlations with  $\delta$  67.4 (C-7), and in the NOESY spectrum of **1** there are correlations between proton H-5 and H-3, H-7 and H-28; thus, the 7-OH was determined. Furthermore, the configurations of 3- and 7-OH were determined as  $\beta$ . The partial fragments were also deduced from HMBC (figure 2), combined with HMQC, NOESY and  $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra; the aglycone of **1** was determined as  $3\beta,7\beta,24,25,30$ -pentahydroxy-9,19-cycloartane. The anomeric proton of  $\beta$ -D-glucose at  $\delta$  5.21 (1H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz) shows a long-range correlation to  $\delta$  94.0 (C-24), suggesting that the sugar is connected to C-24. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for H-24 and C-24 of **1** are comparable with those reported for analogous compounds having a  $24R$  configuration [3–5]. From the data above, the structure of **1** was established as  $3\beta,7\beta,24\beta,25,30$ -pentahydroxycycloartane 24-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**).

### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1 General experimental procedures

The melting point was measured on a Yamaco-hot-stage and is uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-300 spectrometer, using TMS as an internal standard. IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR spectrometer as KBr pellets. ESI-MS was performed on a Finnigan LCQ mass spectrometer. HRMS was performed on a QSTAR LCQ mass spectrometer. The optical rotation was measured on Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Silica gel for chromatography was produced by the Qingdao Ocean Chemical Group Co. of China.

### 3.2 Plant material

The plant material was collected in Beining City, Liaoning Province, China, in July 2002, and was identified by Professor Qishi Sun (Shenyang Pharmaceutical University). A voucher specimen (No. 20020701) has been deposited in the Research Department of Natural Medicine, Shenyang Pharmaceutical University.

### 3.3 Extraction and isolation

Dried whole herbs (4.2 kg) of *Comptosorus sibiricus* were extracted with 70% ethanol. The extract was concentrated *in vacuo* and then partitioned with petroleum ether, EtOAc and n-BuOH successively. The EtOAc extract (38 g) was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel gradually eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH; fraction 11 [CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (100:15), 800 mg] was then chromatographed on a silica-gel column eluted with EtOAc-MeOH (100:7) to give compound **1** (6.0 mg).

Compound **1**: a white powder (MeOH), mp 230–233°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +2.4$  (c 0.001, MeOH). IR (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3390 (OH), 2935 (CH), 1048 (C–O). <sup>1</sup>H (300 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>) data: see table 1. HRMS: *m/z* 677.4251 (calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>10</sub>-Na, 677.4241). ESI-MS: *m/z* 655 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

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