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Five new compounds, dencryol A (1), dencryol B (2), crystalltone (3), crystallinin (4), and 3-hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethylbenzoic acid (5), together with six known compounds, dendronobilin B (6), syringic acid (7), apigenin (8), isoviolanthin (9),  $6^{\prime\prime\prime}$ -glucosyl-vitexin (10), and palmarumycin JC2 (11), have been isolated from the stems of *Dendrobium crystallinum*, of which compounds 9–11 were isolated from the genus *Dendrobium* for the first time, and all the other compounds were first obtained from this plant. Their structures were established on the basis of spectroscopic analysis and literature data.

**Keywords:** *Dendrobium crystallinum*; dencryol A; dencryol B; crystalltone; crystallinin; 3-hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethylbenzoic acid

#### 1. Introduction

Dendrobium (Orchidaceae) is a large and polymorphic genus, which has a variety of about 1100 species in the world, and about 80 species are distributed in China [1]. Previous phytochemistry studies of the genus led to the isolation of a series of diverse compounds, including bibenzyls, phenanthrenes, alkaloids, fluorenones, sesquiterpenes, and so on; some of the compounds were found to possess antimutagenic and antitumor activities [2-4]. Dendrobium crystallinum Rchb.f., locally known as 'Shihu' or 'Huangcao', is widely distributed in south-western China, and the phytochemical study of this plant has been reported previously [5]. In order to know more about the chemical constituents of this plant, a systematic investigation has been undertaken. We herein report the isolation and structural elucidation of 11 compounds, including: two bibenzyl derivatives dencryol A (1) and dencryol B (2); one new phenanthrene lactone crystalltone (3); two sesquiterpenes, crystallinin (4) and dendronobilin B (6) [6]; two organic acids, 3-hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethylbenzoic acid (5) and syringic acid (7) [7]; together with three flavones, apigenin (8) [8], isoviolanthin (9) [9], and 6<sup>///</sup>-glucosylvitexin (10) [10]; and palmarumycin JC2 (11) [11]. This paper reports the isolation and structural elucidation of five new compounds in detail.

### 2. Results and discussion

Compound 1 was obtained as an orange amorphous powder (MeOH), mp 89–90°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 7.1$  (c = 0.05, MeOH). Its molecular formula C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub> was deduced by the

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positive HR-ESI-MS giving a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 523.1709 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. The UV absorption maxima at 281, 216, and 214 nm were characteristic of a bibenzyl skeleton [12,13]. The presence of phenol groups was indicated by the color reaction with FeCl<sub>3</sub> (violet) on silica gel thin layer chromatography and its IR absorption bands at 3452 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). The IR spectrum also exhibited absorptions at 1632 and 1512 cm<sup>-1</sup> (aromatic residues). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** (Table 1) was analyzed by the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMQC experiments, suggesting 11 aromatic protons, seven aliphatic protons, and two methoxyl proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.78 (3H, s) and 3.68 (3H, s). Among the 11 aromatic protons, there were two pairs of a typical AB system of *ortho*-coupled doublet, assigned to H-2', 6' at  $\delta$  6.97 (2H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz), H-3', 5' at  $\delta$  6.67 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz), and H-3", 5" at  $\delta$  6.61 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz) and three aromatic proton singlets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.45 (1H, s, H-6), 6.30 (1H, s, H-2), and 6.10 (1H, s, H-6").

In the HSQC spectrum, the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H} 2.66-2.70$  (m, 2H, H-8') and 2.71-2.78 (m, 2H, H-7') among the seven aliphatic protons corresponded to the carbon signals

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz) NMR spectral data of 1 and 2 (1 in MeOD, 2 in acetone- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  in ppm, J in Hz).

	1		2	
Position	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (multiplicity, <i>J</i> )	$\delta_{\rm C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (multiplicity, <i>J</i> )	$\delta_{\rm C}$
1		142.6		147.8
1a		116.7		120.0
2	6.45 (s)	112.8	6.66 (s)	109.2
3		142.7		130.3
4	6.30 (s)	102.5		134.8
4a		155.7		142.6
5		138.8		131.2
5a		141.8		140.8
6		137.9		137.8
7		157.9		142.3
8	6.10 (s)	110.7	6.13 (s)	110.4
8a		118.3		118.7
9	3.96 (s)	40.0	4.08 (s)	40.5
1'		134.5		135.4
2'	6.97 (dd, 8.5, 2.1)	130.8	7.13 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	130.9
3'	6.67 (dd, 8.5, 2.1)	116.8	6.84 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	115.2
4′		157.1		159.2
5'	6.67 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	116.8	6.84 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	115.2
6'	6.97 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	130.8	7.13 (dd, 8.7, 2.1)	130.9
7′	2.71–2.78 (m)	38.3	2.85 (m)	38.3
8'	2.66-2.70 (m)	35.8	2.75-2.80 (m)	35.2
1″		132.4		131.1
2"	6.47 (dd, 8.7, 2.0)	132.2	6.58 (dd, 8.7, 2.3)	116.1
3″	6.61 (dd, 8.7, 2.0)	114.6	6.52 (dd, 8.7, 2.3)	132.0
4″		160.1		157.3
5″	6.61 (dd, 8.7, 2.0)	114.6	6.52 (dd, 8.7, 2.3)	132.0
6″	6.47 (dd, 8.7, 2.0)	132.2	6.58 (dd, 8.7, 2.3)	116.1
7″	2.60–2.66 (2H, m)	46.3	2.67-2.76 (m)	46.2
1-OCH <sub>3</sub>			3.82 (s)	57.4
6-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.78 (s)	62.1	3.92 (s)	61.9
4'-OCH <sub>3</sub>			3.74 (s)	56.1
4"-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.68 (s)	56.1	~ /	

at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  35.8 (C-8') and 38.3 (C-7'), which suggested the presence of two methylene groups of a bibenzyl unit. The other three aliphatic protons consisted of a methylene group at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.60–2.66 (m, 2H, H-7") and a methine proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.96 (H-9), which correlated to the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  46.3 (C-7") and 40.0 (C-9), respectively. By an extensive analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum, the correlation between the methine proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.96 (H-9) and a methylene proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.60– 2.66 (H-7") could be observed, which is reminiscent of a bibenzyl unit [14].

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HSQC spectra revealed that 1 contained 12 quaternary, 12 methine, three methylene, and two methoxyl carbons. By the analysis of the DEPT, HSQC and HMBC spectra, a dimeric structure of two bibenzyl moieties linked by a C-C  $(sp^2-sp^3)$  bond [15] was assumed. In the HMBC spectrum of 1, the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.96 (1H, m, H-9) showed the significant long-range correlations with aromatic carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$ 155.7 (C-4a), 142.6 (C-1), 141.8 (C-5a), 118.3 (C-8a), 116.7 (C-1a), and 110.7 (C-8), and the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.10 (H-8) showed correlations with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  141.8 (C-5a), 137.9 (C-6), and 40.0 (C-9). So, the C–C  $(sp^2-sp^3)$  bond between C-9 and C-1a was confirmed (Figure 1). The other important long-range correlations in the HMBC spectrum were also obtained as follows: proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.60–2.66 (2H, m, H-7") with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  118.3 (C-8a), 40.0 (C-9), and 132.2 (C-2"); proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.97 (2H, d, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, H-2', 6') with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  157.1 (C-4') and 38.3 (C-7'); proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, H-4) with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  116.7 (C-1a) and 112.8 (C-2), and thus the structure of *p*-hydroxyl phenethyl (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar') moiety was obtained.

By an extensive analysis of the HMBC and <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra, correlations can be obtained between proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.47 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, H-2", 6") and carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  160.1 (C-4") and 46.3 (C-7"), between proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.61 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, H-3'', 5'') and carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  132.4 (C-1"), between proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.96 (1H, m, H-9) and carbon signals at  $\delta_C$  46.3 (C-7") and 132.4 (C-1'') in the HMBC spectrum (Figure 1), and thus the moiety of *p*-methoxybenzyl was linked finally at C-9. In the HSQC spectrum, the two methoxyl proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.68 (3H, s) and 3.78 (3H, s) showed correlations with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  160.1 (C-4'') and 137.9 (C-6), respectively. In addition, correlations in the NOESY spectrum were observed between the methoxyl proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.68 and H-3", H-5"  $(\delta_{\rm H} 6.61)$ , which indicated that the substitution at C-4'' was a methoxyl group.

Therefore, based on the above extensive analyses, the structure of **1** was deduced as 3-(4'-hydroxyphenethyl)-9-(4''-metho-



Figure 1. Main correlations in the  ${}^{1}H-{}^{1}H$  COSY and HMBC spectra of compounds 1 and 2.

xybenzyl)-6-methoxy-9H-xanthene-1,5,7triol and named as dencryol A.

Compound 2 was obtained as a paleorange amorphous powder (acetone- $d_6$ ), mp 89–90°C,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  – 12.8 (c = 0.05, MeOH). The UV absorption maxima at 214, 279, and 284 nm were characteristic of a bibenzyl skeleton. The presence of the phenolic groups was also indicated by its IR absorption bands  $3455 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$  (OH), while its molecular formula C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub> was deduced by the positive HR-ESI-MS at m/z 553.1833 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2, two pairs of ortho-coupled proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.13 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz) and 6.84 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.1 Hz), and two aromatic proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.66 (1H, s) and 6.13 (1H, s) can be obtained. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral signals due to the seven aliphatic protons were superimposed between 2 and 1, which suggested that compound 2 may possess the same skeleton as 1, the main differences between the structures of 1 and 2 being the number and position of methoxyl and hydroxyl.

In the HMBC spectrum, aromatic proton signals at  $\delta$  6.66 (1H, s, H-2) showed correlations with carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  120.0 (C-1a), 35.2 (C-8'), 147.8 (C-1), and 134.8 (C-4), aliphatic proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.75–2.80 (2H, m, H- $\alpha$ ) correlated with  $\delta_{\rm C}$  109.2 (C-2) and 134.8 (C-4), and one methoxyl proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.82 (3H, s) showed correlation with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  147.8 (C-1). In the NOESY spectrum, the methoxy proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.82 showed correlations with the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.66 (H-2) and 4.08 (1H, m, H-9) and with C-1 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  147.8) in HSQC, which indicated that the substitution at C-1 was a methoxyl group. From the correlations of the methoxyl proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.74 and H-3', H-5' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.13) in the NOESY spectrum, the methoxyl group at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.74 was assigned to C-4'. Thus, the structure of **2** was determined as 3-(4'-methoxyphenethyl)-9-(4"-hydroxybenzyl)-1,6-dimethoxy-9Hxanthene-4,5,7-triol, named as dencryol B (Figure 1).

Compound 3 was obtained as a white amorphous powder and the molecular formula assigned as C18H14O5 from positive HR-ESI-MS at m/z 333.0721  $[M+Na]^+$ , indicating 12 degrees of unsaturation. The UV spectrum of 3 in MeOH showed absorption maxima at 236, 276 (sh), 285, 318, 333 (sh), and 373 nm, suggesting that 3 has a phenanthrene skeleton [16]. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of compound 3 were similar to those of fimbiatone [16], except for the appearance of new signals of the ethoxyl group. A detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMQC spectra indicated that compound 3 might be a phenanthrene lactone derivative with an oxygenated ethyl group. The HMBC spectrum (Figure 2) unambiguously confirmed that the OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> group was connected at C-2 due to the long-range correlations of C-2 with H-3 and OCH<sub>2</sub> at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.28, and the methoxyl was connected at C-7 due to the



Figure 2. Structure and key HMBC correlations of **3**.

correlations of C-7 with H-6, H-8, and HCH<sub>2</sub>O. Therefore, the structure of **3** was elucidated as 2-ethoxy-1-hydroxy-7-meth-oxy-5H-naphtho[8,1,2-cde]chromen-5-one, named crystalltone.

Compound 4 was obtained as white needles, with  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 100.9$  (c = 0.1, MeOH). The pseudomolecular ion peak at m/z 305.1355 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> in its HR-TOF-MS corresponded with the molecular formula C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. In the IR spectrum, absorption bands at 3387 and  $1746 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ revealed the existence of hydroxyl and  $\gamma$ -lactone groups, respectively. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4 showed 15 carbon signals including three methyl, one methylene, eight methine, and three quarterary carbons. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum demonstrated the presence of three methyl groups at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.51, 1.02, and 1.00, two oxygenated methylene protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.20 and 4.22, and three oxygenated methine protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.81, 4.45, and 4.60. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data and the presence of five degrees of unsaturation in compound 4 suggested that it was a sesquiterpene with a double bond posessing a picrotoxanetype skeleton. When compared with the known compound flakinin B [17], their NMR spectral data were very similar (Table 2). The only difference is that there is a hydroxyl group but no oxymethyl group in compound 4. Analysis of the NOESY and HSQC spectra showed the correlations between H-2 and H-3, H-13, H-14; H-3 and H-13, H-14; H-6 and H-10, which indicated the methyl group at C-1, H-2, H-6 and the isopropyl group at C-4 were all in the same orientation. The correlation between H-5 and H-7 showed that the hydroxy at C-7 was  $\alpha$ -oriented. Accordingly, 4 was confirmed to be a new picrotoxinin-type sesquiterpene, as shown in Figure 3, and assigned the trivial name crystallinin.

Compound **5** was obtained as white needles, and its molecular formula was established as  $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$  by HR-TOF-MS giving a pseudomolecular ion at m/z

197.0816  $[M+H]^+$ , indicating five degrees of unsaturation. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 showed two methyl groups at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.02 (3H, s,) and 2.42 (3H, s,), one methoxyl group at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.91 (3H, s), one aromatic proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.33 (1H, s, H-4), and two hydroxyl protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  8.85 and 11.97. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HMBC spectra, the hydroxy proton of carboxyl at  $\delta_H$  11.97 was correlated with C-1 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  163.8), simultaneously the correlation of 2-HOCH<sub>2</sub> at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.90 and the methyl proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.02 with C-2 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  161.1) and carboxyl ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  173.4), respectively, was observed, so we can infer that the methoxy and a methyl group  $(\delta_{\rm H} 2.02)$  were at the *ortho* position of the carboxyl. The significant relations of H-4 with C-2 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  161.1), C-6 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  109.5), and C-5  $(\delta_{\rm C} 104.9)$  in the HMBC spectrum (Figure 4) indicated that the aromatic proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.33 was at the meta position of C-2 and C-6. At the same time, the methyl protons at  $\delta_{\rm H} 2.42$ correlated with C-5 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  104.9) and C-3  $(\delta_{\rm C} 140.5)$  and the aromatic proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.33 in the NOSEY experiment showed that another methyl group was connected at C-5. Thus, compound 5 was determined as 3-hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6-dimethylbenzoic acid.

#### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1 General experimental procedures

Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO P-1020 digital automatic polarimeter. The UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2501 spectrometer (Kyoto, Japan). The IR spectra were taken on a Nicolet Impact 410 infrared spectrophotometer (Madison, WI, USA). HR-ESI-MS were obtained on an Agilent G3250AA LC/MSD TOF mass spectrometer (Santa Clara, CA, USA). The NMR experiments were performed on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer (Fllanden, Switzerland) with TMS as an internal standard. Silica gel (200-300 mesh for column chromatography and GF254 for TLC) was obtained from Qingdao Marine Chemical Com-

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Table 2. <sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz) NMR spectral data of **3** and **4** (3 and **4** in acetone- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  in ppm, J in Hz).

	3		Fimbriaton	e <sup>a</sup>		4		Flakinin B <sup>b</sup>	
Position	$\delta_{\rm H} \ ({ m m.}^{\rm c}, J)$	$\delta_{\rm C}$	δ <sub>H</sub> (m., J)	$\delta_{\rm C}$	Position	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (m., J)	$\delta_{\rm C}$	δ <sub>H</sub> (m., J)	$\delta_{\rm C}$
1		158.3	7.23 (d. 1.9)	107.1	1		54.1		53.0
7		164.5		157.6	0	3.81 (s)	75.5	3.65 (brs)	73.8
3	7.03 (s)	7.99	7.07 (d, 1.9)	102.5	С	4.45 (d, 5.5)	85.3	4.55 (d, 5.5)	85.5
3a	~	163.9	~	150.5	4	2.08 (m)	52.9	2.09 (m)	51.5
5		184.6		160.8	S	2.17 (d, 3.7)	52.3	2.48 (d, 4.0)	49.9
9	6.97 (d, 8.7)	101.9	8.03 (s)	117.8	9	2.48 (m)	45.9	2.22 (brd, 6.0, 3.5)	47.2
6a		154.6		113.2	L	4.59 (d, 2.6)	78.5	4.15 (d, 2.0)	86.1
7		162.3		147.9	8	5.59 (d, 1.8)	130.7	5.74 (d, 2.0)	129.7
8	7.26 (d, 8.7)	105.2		147.9	6		155.5		154.2
6	8.07 (d, 9.0)	123.9	7.99 (d, 9.3)	120.8	10	1.51 (s)	31.4	1.41 (s)	29.6
9a		110.8		122.6	11a	4.20 (s)	61.3	4.01 (d, 12.6)	58.9
$^{9b}$		123.2		122.6	11b	4.22 (s)		4.20 (d, 12.6)	
10	7.65 (d, 9.0)	133.2	7.84 (d, 9.3)	126.3	12	1.76-1.78 (m)	26.7	1.70 (m)	25.3
10a		113.5		130.8	13	1.01 (d, 6.7)	21.7	0.97 (d, 6.5)	20.8
10b		116.2		107.2	14	1.01 (d, 6.7)	20.5	0.97 (d, 6.5)	19.5
$2-0$ CH $_2$	4.28 (dd, 1.9, 13.8)	66.5			15		178.3		179.8
CH <sub>3</sub>	1.50 (t, 6.9)	15.7			OMe			3.28 (s)	56.7
7-0CH <sub>3</sub>	3.99 (s)	56.9							
8-OCH <sub>3</sub>			4.08 (s)	60.9					
2-OH			10.30 (s)						
HO-7			10.41 (s)						
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Figure 3. Structure and key HMBC correlations of 4.

pany, Qingdao, China. Sephadex LH-20 and ODS were purchased from Pharmacia Company, Kalamazoo, MI, USA. MCI GEL was obtained from Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Tokyo, Japan.

#### 3.2 Plant material

The stems of *D. crystallinum* Rchb.f. were collected from Menglian, Yunnan Province, China, in 2004 and authenticated by Prof. Luo-Shan Xu. A voucher specimen (JM-2004-05) has been deposited in the Research Department of Pharmacognosy, China Pharmaceutical University.



Figure 4. Structure and key HMBC correlations of **5**.

### 3.3 Extraction and isolation

The air-dried stems of D. crystallinum (10 kg) were extracted with 90% ethanol under reflux and evaporated in vacuo to yield a syrupy residue (850 g). The residue was suspended in water and partitioned with EtOAc  $(3000 \text{ ml} \times 5)$ and *n*-BuOH (3000 ml  $\times$  4) successively and evaporated in vacuo, respectively, to yield the corresponding fractions (400 and 185 g). The EtOAc extract was subjected to column chromatography [silica gel (200-300 mesh, 2000 g), petroleum ether-Me<sub>2</sub>CO (99:1-0:100)] to afford 15 fractions. Fraction 2 (12g) was chromatographed on silica gel with a Pt-EtOAc gradient system (20:1-2:1) to yield 5 (3 mg). Fraction 5 (14 g) was subjected to column chromatography [silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (10:1, v/v)] and purified by a Sephadex LH-20 column (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 1:1, v/v) to afford compounds 7 (4 mg), 8 (60 mg), and 11 (6 mg). Fraction 9(12 g) was treated as fraction 5 to provide compounds 1 (5 mg) and 2 (11 mg). Fraction 10 (20 g) was further separated by column chromatography [silica gel, petroleum ether-acetone (25:1, v/v)] and purified by a Sephadex LH-20 column (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 1:1, v/v) to afford compounds **3** (5 mg), **4** (9 mg), and **6** (5 mg). The *n*-BuOH extract (185 g) was subjected to column chromatography [silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (50:1–1:1, v/v)] to give six fractions (A–F). Fraction D (30 g) was separated by column chromatography (MCI gel, MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O, 1:5–1:0), and then purified on ODS eluting with the MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O gradient system (1:4–1:0) to yield compounds **9** (35 mg) and **10** (44 mg).

### 3.3.1 3-(4'-Hydroxyphenethyl)-9-(4"methoxybenzyl)-6-methoxy-9H-xanthene-1,5,7-triol (1)

An orange amorphous powder (MeOH), mp 89–90°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +7.1 (*c* = 0.05, MeOH), UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (nm): 281, 216, 214; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3452, 1632, 1512; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are listed in Table 1; ESI-MS *m*/*z*: 499 [M–H]<sup>-</sup>, HR-ESI-MS *m*/*z*: 523.1709 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na, 523.1727).

# 3.3.2 3-(4'-Methoxyphenethyl)-9-(4"hydroxybenzyl)-1,6-dimethoxy-9Hxanthene-4,5,7-triol (**2**)

A pale-orange amorphous powder (acetone- $d_6$ ), mp 89–90°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  – 12.8 (c = 0.05, MeOH), UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$ (nm): 284, 279, 214; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3454, 1637, 536; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are listed in Table 1; ESI-MS m/z: 529 [M–H]<sup>-</sup>, HR-ESI-MS m/z: 553.1833 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na, 553.1833).

### 3.3.3 2-Ethoxy-1-hydroxy-7-methoxy-5H-naphtho[8,1,2-cde]chromen-5-one (3)

A white amorphous powder, mp 260–262°C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (nm): 236, 276 (sh), 285, 318, 333 (sh), 373; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3453, 1635, 1467, 1401, 1160, 1053, 839; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are listed in Table 2. ESI-MS *m/z*: 309 [M–H]<sup>-</sup>, HR-ESI-MS *m/z*: 333.0721

 $[M+Na]^+$  (calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}O_5Na$ , 333.0733).

### 3.3.4 Crystallinin (4)

White needles;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 100.9$  (c = 0.1, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are listed in Table 2. ESI-MS *m/z*: 587 [2M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, HR-TOF-MS *m/z*: 305.1355 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 305.1355).

## 3.3.5 3-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-5,6dimethylbenzoic acid (5)

White needles; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone- $d_6$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$ : 11.97 (1H, s, COOH), 8.85 (1H, s, 3-OH), 6.33 (1H, s, H-4), 3.91 (3H, s, 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42 (3H, s, 5-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (3H, s, 6-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (acetone- $d_6$ , 75 MHz)  $\delta$ : 163.8 (C-1), 161.1 (C-2), 140.5 (C-3), 112.5 (C-4), 104.9 (C-5), 109.5 (C-6), 173.4 (C-COOH), 52.1 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 24.8 (5-CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.7 (6-CH<sub>3</sub>). ESI-MS *m*/*z*: 195 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>, HR-TOF-MS *m*/*z*: 197.0816 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 197.0816).

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