

## 4'''-Acetylsagittatin A, a Kaempferol Triglycoside from *Kalanchoe streptantha*

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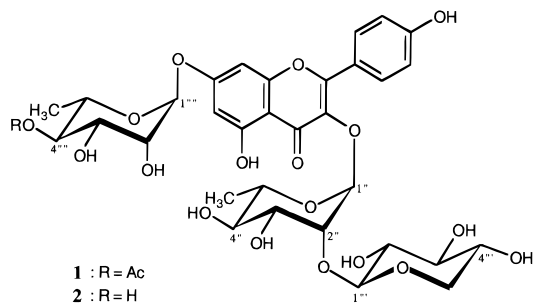
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The methanolic extract from the leaves of *Kalanchoe streptantha* (Crassulaceae) afforded a new kaempferol 3-*O*- $\beta$ -xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside 7-*O*-(4'''-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside), named 4'''-acetylsagittatin A (**1**), and the known sagittatin A (**2**). The structures were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY NMR and FAB mass spectroscopy and confirmed by analysis of the peracetylated derivative.

*Kalanchoe streptantha* Baker (Crassulaceae) is one of the 59 *Kalanchoe* species reported in Madagascar.<sup>1</sup> Major constituents previously isolated from the genus were cytotoxic bufadienolides,<sup>2,3</sup> flavonoid glycosides,<sup>4–6</sup> and terpenoids.<sup>7</sup> We recently described the isolation from *K. brasiliensis* of five patuletin acetyl-rhamnosides, three of them showing strong inhibition of induced lymphocyte proliferation.<sup>8</sup>

In continuation of our research on immunomodulating substances from *Kalanchoe* species (syn. *Bryophyllum*), often used in traditional medicine for treatment of infections, tissue injuries, abscesses, and enlarged ganglia,<sup>9,10</sup> two flavonoids were isolated from *K. streptantha*: a new acetylated flavonoid triglycoside, named 4'''-acetylsagittatin A (**1**), and the known sagittatin A (**2**)<sup>11</sup> which are described here.



### Results and Discussion

The methanolic extract of the leaves of *K. streptantha* was chromatographed on a reversed-phase gel column (RP-2). Flavonoid-containing fractions were further purified on a Sephadex LH-20 column to afford compound **1** as the major component of the extract along with a smaller amount of **2**.

Compound **1** was isolated as an amorphous yellow powder and suggested to be a flavonol derivative from its UV spectrum. The molecular formula C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>19</sub> was deduced from the pseudomolecular ion at *m/z* 753.2244 on the HR FAB mass spectrum.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed the presence of a kaempferol aglycon characterized by two doublet signals at  $\delta$  6.87 and 7.69 assigned to H-3', -5' and H-2', -6', respectively, and two doublet signals at  $\delta$  6.30 (H-6) and 6.56 (H-8) (Table 1). The presence of two rhamnopyranosyl units was suggested by two characteristic methyl doublet signals at  $\delta$  0.90 ( $J = 6.5$  Hz) and 1.09 ( $J =$

6.5 Hz) and two broad singlets corresponding to the anomeric protons at  $\delta$  5.38 and 5.53. An acetyl group was depicted from a sharp singlet signal at  $\delta$  2.11 (3 H). Each carbohydrate spin system was assigned by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY NMR experiments (Table 1). <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C long-range correlations were observed in the heteronuclear long-range COSY spectra between H-1'' ( $\delta$  5.38) and C-3 ( $\delta$  136.8) and between H-1''' ( $\delta$  5.53) and C-7 ( $\delta$  162.8) and allowed to link the two rhamnopyranosyl units to the aglycon oxygen atoms at the 3- and 7-positions, respectively. The signal at  $\delta$  4.98 ppm having two large coupling constants ( $J = 9.0$  and 9.0 Hz) was assigned to H-4''' of 7-*O*-rhamnopyranoside and was deshielded by the geminal acetoxyl group.

Five additional signals observed at  $\delta$  77.6, 75.0, 71.6, 68.8, and 107.4 indicated the presence of a third carbohydrate which was identified as a xylopyranosyl group by analysis of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H coupling constants of the peracetate derivative. The large coupling constant (7.5 Hz) observed for the anomeric H-1''' ( $\delta$  4.23) indicated a  $\beta$ -configuration (Table 1). The long-range correlations observed between H-1''' ( $\delta$  4.23) and C-2'' ( $\delta$  82.4) allowed us to link the  $\beta$ -xylopyranosyl moiety to the 2''-position of the 3-*O*-rhamnopyranosyl unit. This substitution pattern agreed with the deshielding effect observed for C-2'' signal (+11 ppm) as compared to the signal for C-2 of an unsubstituted 3-*O*-rhamnosyl.

These results led us to establish for the flavonoid **1** the structure of kaempferol 3-*O*- $\beta$ -xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside-7-*O*-(4'''-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside). The fragmentations observed in the mass spectrum agreed with this structure: the loss of a xylopyranosyl unit led to the ion *m/z* 621 and was followed by loss of either the rhamnopyranosyl unit at C-3 to give the ion *m/z* 475 or the acetyl-rhamnopyranosyl unit at C-7 to give the ion *m/z* 433. Then, both ions lost the remaining sugar unit to form the protonated aglycon ion at *m/z* 287.

Flavonoid **2** was identified by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY NMR experiments as kaempferol 3-*O*- $\beta$ -xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside 7-*O*- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside, also known as sagittatin A, for which a complete <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C assignment was obtained (Table 1). This compound was previously isolated from *Epimedium sagittatum* (Berberidaceae).<sup>11</sup> The comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **1** with those of sagittatin A (**2**) afforded further confirmation of the structure (Table 1). Chemical shifts were almost similar, and the acetylation of the hydroxyl group at C-4''' resulted in a lower field shift of H-4 ( $\Delta\delta$  1.48 ppm).

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**Table 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Data for 4''''-Acetylsagittatin A (**1**) and Sagittatin A (**2**) ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , 300 MHz)

	<b>1</b>				<b>2</b>			
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	m	$J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	m	$J$ (Hz)
kaempferol								
2	159.2				162.2			
3	136.8				136.8			
4	179.3				179.6			
5	162.5				162.8			
6	100.4	6.30	d	2.1	99.7	6.39	d	2.1
7	162.8				163.3			
8	95.4	6.56	d	2.1	95.5	6.65	d	2.1
9	157.5				157.8			
10	107.3				107.4			
1'	122.0				121.8			
2'	131.8	7.69	d	8.8	131.9	7.73	d	8.8
3'	116.5	6.87	d	8.8	116.7	6.92	d	8.8
4'	161.4				159.6			
5'	116.5	6.87	d	8.8	116.4	6.92	d	8.8
6'	131.8	7.69	d	8.8	131.9	7.73	d	8.8
3-O-rhamnosyl								
1''	102.8	5.38	br s		103.0	5.43	br s	
2''	82.4	4.17	br d	3.0	82.6	4.23	br d	3.3
3''	71.7	3.80	dd	3.0; 9.0	72.0	3.86	dd	3.3; 9.5
4''	73.4	3.28	dd	9.0; 9.0	73.5	3.27	dd	9.5; 9.5
5''	70.8	3.38	dq	9.0; 6.5	71.8	3.65	dq	9.5; 6.1
6''	17.6	0.90	d	6.5	17.7	1.01	d	6.1
3-O-xylosyl								
1'''	107.4	4.23	d	7.5	107.6	4.32	d	7.5
2'''	75.0	3.18	dd	7.5; 9.0	75.0	3.21	dd	7.5; 9.0
3'''	77.6	3.57	dd	9.0; 9.0	77.7	3.35	dd	9.0; 9.0
4'''	71.6	3.30	ddd	9.0; 9.0; 3.0	70.9	3.39	ddd	9.0; 9.0; 3.0
5'''	68.8	3.05	dd	9.0; 9.0	67.0	3.10	dd	9.0; 9.0
5'''		3.65	dd	9.0; 3.0		3.61	dd	9.0; 3.0
7-O-rhamnosyl								
1''''	99.4	5.53	br s		99.7	5.56	br s	
2''''	71.4	4.02	dd	3.0; 3.0	71.6	4.05	br d	3.3
3''''	69.8	3.95	dd	3.0; 9.0	72.0	3.86	dd	3.3; 9.4
4''''	74.9	4.98	dd	9.0; 9.0	73.5	3.50	dd	9.4; 9.4
5''''	66.9	3.63	dq	9.0; 6.5	71.2	3.57	dq	9.4; 6.0
6''''	17.8	1.09	d	6.5	18.1	1.27	d	6.0
4''''-OCOMe	21.4	2.11	s					
4''''-OCOMe	172.5							

## Experimental Section

**General Experimental Procedures.** Column chromatography was carried out on silanized silica 60 gel (RP2) (70-230 mesh) Merck, on Lichroprep RP8 (40-63) Merck, and on Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia) using a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  gradient. Elutions were checked by TLC (silica 60 F<sub>254</sub>, Merck) using  $\text{BuOH}/\text{AcOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  8/1/1, as solvent system. TLC was visualized under UV (254 nm) and by spraying an ethanolic vanillin/sulfuric acid solution followed by heating. The  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$  value was measured on a Perkin-Elmer 141 polarimeter, and IR spectra were registered on a Nicolet Impact 400 D spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 300 spectrometer ( $^1\text{H}$ , 300 MHz;  $^{13}\text{C}$ , 75 MHz;  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), with  $\text{CHD}_2\text{OD}$  ( $\delta$  3.313) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.24) signals as internal reference. Long-range  $^1\text{H}-^{13}\text{C}$  COSY NMR spectra were obtained with  $J = 7$  Hz. Positive FAB mass spectra were obtained on a ZAB-HF mass spectrometer.

**Plant Material.** *K. streptantha* Baker was cultivated in the tropical housegarden of the Arboretum National de Chèvreloup, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, France and collected in spring 1994. A voucher specimen (*Allorge* 716, C-L 2448) is on deposit in the herbarium of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris.

**Extraction and Isolation.** Fresh leaves (1.73 kg) were homogenized and extracted with  $\text{MeOH}$  exhaus-

tively. The extract was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure to afford a brownish material (47 g) which was dissolved in distilled water (80 mL) and chromatographed on a RP-2 column. Elution with a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  gradient, starting with pure water, gave 18 fractions. The flavonoid-enriched fraction (3.93 g) was further purified on a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  gradient, from 7/3 to pure  $\text{MeOH}$ , to yield three fractions (I-III). Fraction I (0.67 g) was rechromatographed on a RP-8 column eluted with a mixture of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  6/4 to afford sagittatin A (**2**) (70 mg). Fraction II (0.87 g) yielded crude 4''''-acetylsagittatin A (**1**) which was further purified on LH-20 Sephadex column to give pure (**1**) (0.83 g).

**4''''-Acetylsagittatin A [Kaempferol 3-O- $\beta$ -xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside 7-O-(4''''-O-acetyl- $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranoside)] (1):**  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_{19}$ ;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21}$  -148° ( $c = 2.5$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ ); IR (KBr)  $\nu$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3434, 2926, 1735, 1659, 1598, 1450, 1376, 1254, 1214, 959, 833; UV ( $\text{MeOH}$ ),  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 356 (4.15), 345 (4.21), 345 (4.09), 301 (4.09), 265 (4.37); positive FAB MS  $m/z$  (rel int) 753, 711 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ) (2), 621 (4), 517 (20), 475 (41), 433 (5), 382 (3), 360 (6), 327 (9), 287 (100), 286 (52), 271 (18), 252 (74), 221 (31), 197 (12), 140 (35); HRFABMS  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  753.2244 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_{19}$  753.2242).

**Acetylation of 1 by  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}/\text{Pyr}$  and usual treatment yielded sagittatin A decaacetate:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.08 (1H, H-6), 6.75 (1H, H-8), 7.85 (2H, H-2',

H-6'), 7.21 (2H, H-3', H-5'), 5.53 (1H, H-1''', br s), 5.38 (1H, H-2''', dd,  $J = 2, 3.5$  Hz), 5.42 (1H, H-3''', dd,  $J = 3, 10$  Hz), 5.13 (1H, H-4''', dd,  $J = 10, 10$  Hz), 3.89 (1H, H-5''', dq,  $J = 10, 6.5$  Hz), 1.22 (3H, H-6''', d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 5.41 (1H, H-1'', s br), 4.37 (1H, H-2'', dd,  $J = 2, 3$  Hz), 5.18 (1H, H-3'', dd,  $J = 3, 10$  Hz), 4.84 (1H, H-4'', dd,  $J = 10, 10$  Hz), 3.43 (1H, H-5'', dq,  $J = 10, 6.5$  Hz), 0.87 (3H, H-6'', d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 4.56 (1H, H-1''', d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 4.88 (1H, H-2''', dd), 5.10 (1H, H-3''', dd,  $J = 9, 9$  Hz), 4.85 (1H, H-4'''), 3.31 (1H, H-5''', dd,  $J = 12, 8$  Hz), 4.04 (1H, H-5''', dd,  $J = 12, 5$  Hz), 2.39 (3H, -OAc), 2.28 (3H, -OAc), 2.16 (3H, -OAc), 2.06 (3H, -OAc), 2.03 (6H,  $2 \times$  -OAc), 2.01 (6H,  $2 \times$  -OAc), 2.00 (3H, -OAc) and 1.94 (3H, -OAc).

**Sagittatin A (2):**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) (Table 1).

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