## New Triterpenes from Machaerocereus eruca

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Four triterpenes, three lupanes, and a germanicane were isolated from *Machaerocereus eruca*. The germanicane derivative (**1**) was determined to be  $3\beta$ ,  $19\alpha$ -dihydroxygermanican-28-oic acid and named machaeroceric acid. The three new lupane derivatives were identified as 21-ketobetulinic acid (**2**),  $16\beta$ -hydroxybetulinic acid (**3**), and  $22\beta$ -hydroxystellatogenin (**4**), respectively, on the basis of their spectroscopic data.

We have been interested in triterpenoids of cacti and previously isolated six known sapogenins, and 10 new ones, containing oleanane-type, lupane-type, and pachanan-type triterpenes, from the acid hydrolysates of methanol extracts of cactaceous plants.<sup>1-4</sup> Pachanols A, B, and C, which were new compounds posessing a new skeleton named pachanan, and bridgesigenin C, a new compound, were isolated from *T. pachanoi*.<sup>2</sup> Four known triterpenes, stellatogenin, betulinic acid, oleanolic acid, and thurberogenin, and a new compound, machaerogenin, were also isolated from Machaerocereus eruca Br. & R. (Cactaceae).<sup>4</sup> Djerasii and co-workers<sup>5-7</sup> discovered that M. eruca contained stellatogenin and betulinic acid in 1955. We now report four new triterpenes (1-4) and four known triterpenes, morolic acid, queretaroic acid, 27-desoxyphillyrigenin, and treleasegenic acid ( $3\beta$ -hydroxytaraxastan- $28,20\beta$ -olide) from the acid hydrolysate of a MeOH extract.



machaeroceric acid (1)





21-ketobetulinic acid (2)

16β-hydroxybetulinic acid (3)

22β-hydroxystellatogenin (4)

## **Results and Discussion**

Four new triterpenes 1-4 were isolated from *M. eruca.* Compound 1 had molecular formula  $C_{30}H_{50}O_4$ 

as determined by HREIMS and confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT analysis. The IR spectrum of 1 exhibited hydroxyl (3437 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and carboxyl (1710 cm<sup>-1</sup>) absorptions. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum revealed 30 carbon signals, which were assigned by DEPT as seven methyl, 10 methylene, four methine, two alcoholic methine, and seven quaternary (including a carboxyl) carbons. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR revealed seven singlet methyls, a doublet of doublets at  $\delta$  3.41, and a doublet at  $\delta$  4.65. Unambiguous assignments for the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals were made by combination of the 1D difference homo-decoupling experiment, NOE difference spectra, <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-1</sup>H COSY, HMBC, and HMQC. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts showed good agreement with similar data for the A/B ring of oleanolic acid, and 1 had one more hydroxyl group on the C/D/E ring. Compound 1 had no  $sp^2$ carbons at positions 12 and 13. In  ${}^{2}J$  and  ${}^{3}J$  HMBC experiments, the alcoholic methine proton at  $\delta$  4.65 showed correlation with the methyl carbons at C-29 ( $\delta$ 30.8) and C-30 ( $\delta$  21.0) and with the methine carbons at C-13 ( $\delta$  39.8) and C-18 ( $\delta$  46.4), respectively. These findings indicated a hydroxyl group at C-19. The stereochemistry of this alcoholic methine proton was determined by analyzing the NOE difference spectrum (Figure 1) and the value of coupling constant between H-18 and H-19. From the difference decoupling spectrum, irradiation at H-19 ( $\delta$  4.65), H-18 was assigned at  $\delta$  1.79 (t, J = 10.3 Hz). This indicated that the coupling constants of  $J_{18-19}$  and  $J_{18-13}$  were equal to 10.3 Hz. NOE enhancement of the H-13 ( $\delta$  2.92) proton was observed by irradiation of H-19 ( $\delta$  4.65) and CH<sub>3</sub>-26 ( $\delta$  1.07), respectively. In addition, NOE enhancement was observed for H-18 and H-9, on irradiation of  $CH_3$ -27 ( $\delta$  1.17). Thus, H-18 was shown to be in the  $\alpha$ configuration. Furthermore, the alcoholic methine proton was determined to be in the  $\beta$  configuration from the vicinal coupling constant ( $J_{18-19} = 10.3$  Hz). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR assignments at the 29 and 30 positions were made by NOE difference spectra. In the NOE difference spectra, enhancement of the methyl protons at  $\delta$  1.26 was observed by irradiation of H-19 ( $\delta$  4.65), and, in turn, NOE enhancement of this methine proton was observed by irradiation of the methyl protons. Moreover, on irradiation of the methyl protons at  $\delta$  1.24, NOE enhancement was observed at H-18 ( $\delta$  1.79) (Figure 1). The methyl protons at  $\delta$  1.24 and  $\delta$  1.26

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**Figure 1.** Observed positive NOEs for **1** from NOE-difference spectra (indicated by arrows).

showed a cross peak in the HMQC spectrum at  $\delta$  21.0 and  $\delta$  30.8, respectively. Thus, the methyl protons and carbon signals at  $\delta$  1.24 and  $\delta$  30.8 were assigned to CH<sub>3</sub>-29 and the methyl protons and carbon signals at  $\delta$  1.26 and  $\delta$  21.0 were assigned to CH<sub>3</sub>-30 (Table 1). Therefore, the new compound **1** was determined to be  $3\beta$ ,19 $\alpha$ -dihydroxygermanican-28-oic acid and was named machaeroceric acid.

Compound 2 had molecular formula C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>4</sub> as determined by HREIMS and confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT analysis. The IR spectrum of 2 exhibited hydroxyl (3428 cm<sup>-1</sup>), carboxyl (1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and carbonyl (1744 cm<sup>-1</sup>) absorptions. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed five tertiary methyls ( $\delta$  0.82–1.23, CH<sub>3</sub>-23–27) and one vinylic methyl ( $\delta$  1.86, CH<sub>3</sub>-30), two protons of an isopropenyl moiety at  $\delta$  5.05 and 5.07 (each 1H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>-29) and one alcoholic methine proton at  $\delta$  3.46 (1H, dd, J = 8.9, 7.4 Hz, CH-3 $\beta$ ). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 2 revealed 30 carbon signals, which were assigned by DEPT as six methyl, nine methylene, five methine, five quaternary, one alcoholic methine, one carboxylic acid, and two olefinic (one  $=CH_2$  and one quaternary) carbons. The  $\Delta^{20,29}$ -functionality of a lupane skeleton was inferred for this compound from the resonances of the *sp*<sup>2</sup> carbons at C-29 (secondary carbon signal deduced by DEPT pulse sequence) at  $\delta$  114.4 and C-20 (quaternary carbon) at  $\delta$  144.9. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Table 1) confirmed the characteristic features for a betulinic acid parent structure bearing one carbonyl group on ring D or E for the compound. These assignments were performed by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY and long-range  $^{1}\text{H}^{-13}\text{C}$  COSY experiments. The signal of CH<sub>3</sub>-27 at  $\delta$ 1.07 had a long-range <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C correlation peak with C-15. Methylene protons at C-15 and C-22 had same correlation peak with C-17, and the methylene protons at C-22 correlated with the carbon of the carbonyl group ( $\delta$  215.0). These data indicated that the carbonyl group was at C-21 or C-16. From the 1D homo-decoupling spectrum, however, the methylene protons were assigned to C-16 by irradiation of the methylene protons at C-15. Thus, the carbonyl group was placed at C-21. In comparison with <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of betulinic acid, the carbons at C-19 and C-22 of  $\mathbf{2}$  were deshielded ( $\delta$  49.7 → 59.0,  $37.5 \rightarrow 52.0$ ), which supported the assignment of the carbonyl group at C-21. Therefore, the new compound was determined to be 21-ketobetulinic acid (2).

Compound **3** had the molecular formula  $C_{30}H_{48}O_4$  as determined by HREIMS and confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Table 2) and DEPT analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum

of **3** (Table 2), as in **2**, showed signals attributable to a betulinic acid derivative, except for the signal due to a proton attached to a carbon-bearing oxygen at  $\delta$  4.09. In comparison with the data of betulinic acid, the carbon signals for C-14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 appeared slightly or largely shifted downfield (42.8  $\rightarrow$  44.2, 31.2  $\rightarrow$  40.1, 32.8  $\rightarrow$  75.7, 56.6  $\rightarrow$  61.5, and 47.7  $\rightarrow$  49.4). These assignments were performed by 1D and 2D NMR. From the NOE difference spectrum, the hydroxy group was placed at C-16, and H-16 was shown to be in the  $\alpha$  configration. Therefore, the structure of **3** was determined to be 16 $\beta$ -hydroxybetulinic acid.

Compound 4 had molecular formula C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>5</sub> as determined by HREIMS and confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT analysis. The IR spectrum indicated the presence of a hydroxyl (3457 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and a five-membered lactone (1759 cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **4** (Table 2) confirmed the characteristic feature for the stellatogenin parent structure. In comparison with the NMR data of stellatogenin, the <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were in good agreement except for the D/E ring. The alcoholic methine proton ( $\delta$  5.23) had a long-range <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C correlation with the carbonyl carbon. Thus, this hydroxy group was either at C-16 or C-22. Because the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **4** (Table 2) was not in agreement with that of  $16\beta$ -hydroxystellatogenin,<sup>4</sup> the hydroxyl group was assumed to be at C-22. A combination of 1D homodecoupling and 2D NMR allowed assignments of all protons and carbons. The stereochemistry of H-22 was determined to be  $\alpha$  by analyzing the NOE difference spectrum. These facts indicated that **4** was  $22\beta$ -hydroxystellatogenin.

Four known triterpenes were also isolated, and one of the four was identical with morolic acid, which was identified as the monoacetate derivative by comparing with published <sup>13</sup>C NMR data and physical characteristics.<sup>8</sup> Unambiguous assignments of <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals were made by 2D NMR. The second known compound was identified as queretaroic acid by direct comparison with an authentic sample isolated from *T. bridgesii*.<sup>1</sup> The other two compounds were confirmed to be 27desoxyphillygenin  $(3\beta$ -hydroxytaraxastan-28,20 $\beta$ -olide)<sup>9</sup> and treleasegenic acid,<sup>10</sup> respectively. This is the first report of the isolation of morolic acid and 27-desoxyphillygenin from a cactus, and the first unambiguous assignments of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 27-desoxyphillygenin and treleasegenic acid are presented in the **Experimental Section.** 

Four new compounds were isolated, and three of the four compounds (2, 3, and 4) were determined to be 21ketobetulinic acid, 16 $\beta$ -hydroybetulinic acid, and 22 $\beta$ hydroxystellatogenin, respectively. Compound 1 was determined to be  $3\beta$ ,  $19\alpha$ -dihydroxygermanican-28-oic acid and was named machaeroceric acid. The stereochemistry of 18-H in germanicanes is  $\alpha$  in contrast to the  $\beta$  configuration in oleananes. Germanicane-type triterpenes reported earlier are characterized by the  $\Delta^{18,19}$  olefinic linkage in their molecules,<sup>13</sup> except for a few compounds having 18α-H.<sup>11,12</sup> Olean-12-ene-type triterpenes are biosynthesized through germanicanetype triterpenes from lupane-type triterpenes, and the stereochemistry of 18-H in lupane-type triterpenes is  $\alpha$ . Compound **1**, a germanicane derivative, does not have the  $\Delta^{18,19}$  olefinic linkage but has the 18 $\alpha$ -H,

Table 1.	<sup>13</sup> C and <sup>1</sup> H	NMR Sp	ectral Data	of 1	and 2 in	$C_5D_5N$
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position	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$
1	39.1	0.85 (m), 1.53 (m)	39.2	0.99 (m), 1.67 (m)
2	28.3	1.78 (m)	28.3	1.86 (m)
3	78.0	3.41  (dd,  J = 10.3, 5.7  Hz)	78.1	3.46  (dd,  J = 8.9, 7.4  Hz)
4	39.5		39.5	
5	55.8	0.77 (m)	55.9	0.80 (d. $J = 9.1$ Hz)
6	18.8	1.54 (m)	18.7	1.47 (m), 1.58 (m)
7	34.9	1.39 (m)	34.5	1.40 (m)
8	41.4		41.2	
9	50.6	1.39 (d. $J = 12.6 \text{ Hz})^a$	50.6	1.70 (t. $J = 8.9$ Hz)
10	37.3		37.5	
11	21.9	1.54 (m)	20.9	1.35 (m)
12	28.8	1.78 (m), 2.95 (m)	26.3	1.29 (m), 1.75 (m)
13	39.9	2.92 (m)	38.8	2.53 (dt. $J = 12.1$ , 3.6 Hz)
14	42.9		42.8	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
15	29.7	1.27 (m).	29.5	1.28 (m).
		1.97 (ddd. $J = 14.1.13.6.3.8$ Hz)		2.27 (dt. $J = 13.6, 3.7$ Hz)
16	35.5	1.63 (dt. $J = 13.1$ , 3.8 Hz).	32.1	1.70 (m).
		2.41 (dt. $J = 13.1$ , 4.0 Hz)		2.63 (ddd. $J = 12.9, 3.7, 2.5$ Hz)
17	52.3		50.8	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
18	46.5	1.79 (t, $J = 10.3 \text{ Hz})^a$	48.7	2.42 (t, $J = 12.1$ Hz)
19	75.9	4.65 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz)	59.0	3.95 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz)
20	37.6		144.9	
21	36.2	1.41 (m), 1.85 (m)	215.0	
22	34.4	1.75 (m). 2.05 (m)	52.0	2.45 (d. $J = 16.9$ Hz).
				2.92 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz)
23	28.7	1.23 (s)	28.7	1.23 (s)
24	16.3	1.00 (s)	16.3	1.02 (s)
25	16.4	0.80 (s)	16.3	0.82 (s)
26	16.5	1.07 (s)	16.3	1.07 (s)
27	15.2	1.17 (s)	14.9	1.14 (s)
28	178.8	×-7	178.5	
29	21.0	1.24 (s)	114.4	5.04 (s), 5.06 (s)
30	30.8	1.26 (s)	21.5	1.86 (s)

<sup>a</sup> Revealed by <sup>1</sup>H difference decoupling spectrum and NOE difference experiment.

supporting this concept of the biosynthesis of triterpenoids. The  $\Delta^{18,19}$  germanicanes, such as morolic acid, may be intermediates to the oleananes.

## **Experimental Section**

**General Experimental Procedures.** Melting points were determined on a Yanagimoto MP micromelting point apparatus. The IR spectra were measured with a JASCO A-102 IR spectrophotometer. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a JEOL GSX-400 (<sup>1</sup>H 400 and <sup>13</sup>C 100 MHz) spectrometer in pyridine- $d_5$ . Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) in pyridine- $d_5$ . The [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> values were determined with a JASCO DIP-140 digital polarimeter. Column chromatography was carried out on 70–230 mesh Si gel (Merck). HPLC was performed using an SSC-3100-J pump with an Oyo-Bunko Uvilog 7 UV detector. HRMS and EIMS spectra were obtained using a JEOL JMS-DX 302.

**Plant Material.** *M. eruca* Br. & R. (Cactaceae) was cultivated originally at the Research Institute of Evolutionary Biology (Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan), Izu National History Park (Itoh, Shizuoka, Japan), and the Japan Cactus Planning Co. (Fukushima City, Fukushima, Japan). These cacti were identified by Drs. N. Kondo and H. Yuasa. A voucher specimen is deposited at the Research Institute of Evolutionary Biology.

**Extraction and Isolation.** Dry *M. eruca* was extracted with  $CHCl_3$  and then repeatedly with MeOH. Extraction of the entire plant of *M. eruca* with MeOH was performed as described previously.<sup>4</sup> The MeOH extract (17.9 g) was hydrolyzed with 3.5% HCl at 110

°C for 2.5 h. The CHCl<sub>3</sub>-soluble fraction (4.41 g) was subjected to column chromatography on Si gel (CHCl<sub>3</sub>– MeOH) and purified by HPLC over Si gel (Nucleosil 50– 5,  $1 \times 25$  cm), eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH, resulting in the isolation of four new and four known triterpenes.

**Machaeroceric acid (1):** white amorphous powder (3.2 mg); mp 271–274 °C; [ $\alpha$ ] <sup>20</sup> <sub>D</sub> +5.98° (*c* 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>– MeOH 1:1); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3437, 3125, 2934, 2868 (sh), 1710, 1692, 1642, 1462, 1385, 1261, 1100, 1036, 802; EIMS *m*/*z* (rel int %) 474 (M<sup>+</sup>, 47), 456 (44), 438 (35) 207 (100), 189 (92); HREIMS *m*/*z* 474.3714, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 474.3708; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 1.

**21-Ketobetulinic acid (2):** white amorphous powder (15 mg); mp 214–217 °C;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +26.2° (*c* 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>– MeOH 1:1); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3425, 2950, 2870 (sh), 1732, 1690, 1442, 1260, 1090, 1025, 800; EIMS *m*/*z* (rel int %) 470 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100); 452 (34), 437 (23), 207 (64), 189 (97); HREIMS *m*/*z* 470.3393, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 470.3396; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 1.

**16β-Hydroxybetulinic acid (3):** white amorphous powder (30 mg); mp 271–274 °C; [α]  $^{20}$  <sub>D</sub> –14.3° (*c* 0.34, MeOH); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3400, 2910, 1680, 1440, 1370, 1250, 1180, 1020, 880, 790; EIMS *m*/*z* (rel int %) 472 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20), 454 (76), 246 (44), 207 (81), 189 (100); HREIMS *m*/*z* 472.3552, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 472.3553; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 2.

**22β-Hydroxystellatogenin (4):** white amorphous powder (6.3 mg), mp 296–298 °C; [α]  $^{20}$  <sub>D</sub> –10.0° (*c* 0.31, MeOH); IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3450, 2855, 1758, 1440, 1370, 1260, 110, 990, 800; EIMS *m*/*z* (rel int %) 488 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 470 (100), 427 (68), 205 (34), 189 (86); HREIMS *m*/*z* 

Table 2.	<sup>13</sup> C and <sup>1</sup> H NM	R Spectral Data	of <b>3</b> and <b>4</b> in $C_5D_5N$
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	3		4		
position	$\delta_{\rm C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$	
1	39.3	0.80 (m), 1.66 (m)	39.2	0.99 (m), 1.60 (m)	
2	28.3	1.84 (m)	28.3	1.87 (m)	
3	78.0	3.45 (br t, $J = 8.1$ Hz)	78.1	3.45 (br t, $J = 7.9$ Hz)	
4	39.5		39.5		
5	55.9	0.80 (m)	55.8	0.80 (m)	
6	18.7	1.36 (m), 1.54 (m)	18.7	1.40 (m)	
7	34.8	1.42 (m)	34.9	1.43 (m)	
8	41.2		41.4		
9	50.5	1.28 (t, $J = 8.9$ Hz)	50.8	1.30 (m)	
10	37.5		37.5		
11	21.1	1.18 (m), 1.38 (m)	21.3	1.47 (m)	
12	25.6	1.15 (m), 1.91 (m)	28.0	1.31 (m), 1.56 (m)	
13	38.0	2.64 (m)	40.8	1.55 (m)	
14	44.2		43.4		
15	40.1	1.80 (m),	26.8	1.78 (m), <sup>a</sup> 2.82 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 13.1, 5.2$ Hz)	
		2.21 (t, $J = 12.2$ Hz)			
16	75.7	4.09 (dd, $J = 11.5$ , 4.1 Hz)	22.3	1.20 (m), $^{a}$	
				2.50 (dt, $J = 13.9, 5.2$ Hz)	
17	61.5		56.0		
18	49.4	1.80 (m)	39.7	2.35 (dd, $J = 11.9$ , 6.0 Hz)	
19	48.1	3.52 (m)	54.2	2.00 (d, $J = 6.0$ )	
20	150.5		69.3		
21	31.4		86.3	5.14 (br s)	
22	36.0	1.80 (m), 1.66 (m)	81.8	5.23 (br s)	
23	28.6	1.21 (s)	28.6	1.25 (s)	
24	16.3 (16.30)	1.01 (s)	16.5	1.15 (s)	
25	16.4 (16.36)	0.83 (s)	16.4	0.84 (s)	
26	16.4 (16.43)	1.13 (s)	16.4	1.03 (s)	
27	16.2	1.12 (s)	14.2	0.95 (s)	
28	177.7		179.5		
29	110.2	4.77 (s), 4.92 (s)	31.1	1.53 (s)	
30	19.4	1.77 (s)	31.0	1.43 (s)	
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<sup>*a*</sup> Assignments may be interchanged.

488.3501; calcd for  $C_{30}H_{48}O_5$ , 488.3502; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 2.

**Morolic acid**: white amorphous powder (5.3 mg); EIMS m/z (rel int %) 456 (M<sup>+</sup>, 79), 410 (30), 248 (97), 236 (70), 207 (100), 189 (95); HREIMS m/z 456.3608, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 456.3603; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N)  $\delta$  39.4 (1-C), 28.3 (2-C), 78.0 (3-C), 39.5 (4-C), 56.0 (5-C), 18.7 (6-C), 34.2 (7-C), 41.0 (8-C), 51.5 (9-C), 37.5 (10-C), 21.3 (11-C), 26.5 (12-C), 41.6 (13-C), 43.0 (14-C), 30.3 (15-C), 34.3 (16-C), 48.6 (17-C), 139.0 (18-C), 132.0 (19-C), 32.4 (20-C), 34.2 (21-C), 34.2 (22-C), 28.6 (23-C), 16.3 (24-C), 16.3 (25-C), 16.9 (26-C), 15.3 (27-C), 179.1 (28-C), 30.8 (29-C), 29.4 (30-C).

Acetylation of Morolic Acid. Morolic acid (2 mg) in 0.5 mL pyridine was treated with 0.5 mL of anhydrous acetic acid. After 24 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was applied to Si gel column chromatography to obtain the monoacetate.<sup>8</sup>

**Queretaroic acid:**<sup>1,14,15</sup> white amorphous powder (10 mg); mp > 300 °C; IR  $\nu_{max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3400, 2950, 1695, 1460, 1030; EIMS *m/z* (rel int %) 472 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 264 (73), 234 (100), 207 (52), 187 (36); HREIMS *m/z* 472.3550, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 472.3540; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N)  $\delta$  38.9 (1-C), 28.1 (2-C), 78.0 (3-C), 39.7\* (4-C), 55.8 (5-C), 18.8 (6-C), 33.2 (7-C), 37.3\* (8-C), 48.1 (9-C), 37.9 (10-C), 23.8 (11-C), 122.7 (12-C), 144.7 (13-C), 42.2 (14-C), 28.3 (15-C), 24.0 (16-C), 46.6 (17-C), 41.6 (18-C), 42.0 (19-C), 35.9 (20-C), 29.6 (21-C), 32.9 (22-C), 28.4 (23-C), 16.5 (24-C), 15.3 (25-C), 17.4 (26-C), 26.2 (27-C), 180.2 (28-C), 28.8 (29-C), 65.5 (30-C), (\* may be interchanged).

**27-Desoxyphillyrigenin:**<sup>9</sup> white amorphous powder (65 mg); HREIMS m/z 456.3610, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 456.3603; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N)  $\delta$  39.3 (1-C), 28.3 (2-C), 78.1

(3-C), 39.5 (4-C), 55.9 (5-C), 18.6 (6-C), 34.3 (7-C), 40.8 (8-C), 50.9 (9-C), 37.4 (10-C), 21.2 (11-C), 25.4 (12-C), 43.2 (13-C), 41.3 (14-C), 27.7 (15-C), 28.1 (16-C), 42.2 (17-C), 48.3 (18-C), 42.4 (19-C), 83.9 (20-C), 27.3 (21-C), 32.2 (22-C), 28.6 (23-C), 16.3 (24-C), 16.5 (25-C), 15.9 (26-C), 14.3 (27-C), 176.6 (28-C), 18.6 (29-C), 24.1 (30-C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N)  $\delta$  0.96 (m), 1.66 (dt, J = 12.9, 3.4Hz) (1-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.86 (m) (2-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45 (br t, J = 8.1 Hz) (3-CH), 0.78 (m) (5-CH), 1.35 (m), 1.52 (m) (6-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.34 (m) (7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.31 (br s) (9-CH), 1.12 (m), 1.46 (m) (11-CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.91 (m), 1.54 (m) (12-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.23 (m) (13-CH), 1.09 (m), 2.28 (dt, J = 13.1, 4.2 Hz) (15-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19 (m), 2.01  $(ddd, J = 13.7, 4.3, 2.5 Hz) (16-CH_2), 1.04 (m) (18-CH),$ 1.58 (m) (19-CH), 1.50 (m), 1.79 (m) (21-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.49 (m) (22-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.22 (s) (23-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.02 (s) (24-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.82 (s) (25-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (s) (26-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (s) (27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz) (29-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (s) (30-CH<sub>3</sub>).

Treleasegenic acid:<sup>10</sup> white amorphous powder (6 mg); IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> 3450, 2950, 1700, 1460, 1260, 1120; EIMS *m*/*z* (rel int %) 488 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 470 (2), 442 (39), 424 (100), 393 (21), 234 (44), 216 (52), 190 (46); HREIMS m/z 488.3503, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 488.3502; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N) & 38.9 (1-C), 28.1 (2-C), 78.1 (3-C), 39.4 (4-C), 55.8 (5-C), 18.8 (6-C), 33.3 (7-C), 39.7 (8-C), 48.1 (9-C), 37.4 (10-C), 23.8 (11-C), 123.2 (12-C), 143.9 (13-C), 42.2 (14-C), 28.4 (15-C), 25.1 (16-C), 48.7 (17-C), 41.4 (18-C), 43.0 (19-C), 40.6 (20-C), 74.0 (21-C), 42.1 (22-C), 28.7 (23-C), 16.5 (24-C), 15.5 (25-C), 17.5 (26-C), 26.1 (27-C), 179.3 (28-C), 25.2 (29-C), 64.3 (30-C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(C_5D_5N)$   $\delta$ : 0.98 (m), 1.53 (m) (1-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (m) (2-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.4 Hz) (3-CH), 0.89 (m) (5-CH), 1.35 (m), 1.55 (m) (6-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.32 (m), 1.45 (m) (7-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.70(t, J = 8.9 Hz) (9-CH), 1.85 (m), 1.92 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.1

Hz)  $(11-CH_2)$ , 5.57 (t-like, J = 3.1 Hz) (12-CH), 1.20 (m), 2.20 (m) (15-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.20 (m) (16-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.61 (t, J = 9.5Hz) (18-CH), 1.98 (t, J = 9.5 Hz) (19-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.22 (m) (21-CH), 2.46 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.7 Hz), 2.57 (dd, J = 12.7, 12.3 Hz) (22-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.24 (s) (23-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.02 (s) (24-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (s) (25-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.02 (s) (26-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32 (s) (27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.59 (s) (29-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.20 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 4.65 (d, J = 10.7 Hz)  $(30-CH_2)$ .

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