Four New Isoflavone Triglycosides from Sophora japonica

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Four new isoflavone triglycosides, genistein 7-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1→2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (**1**), genistein 7-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (**2**), genistein 7-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (**3**), and genistein 7-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (**4**), together with nine known compounds, namely, genistein 7-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-*O*-[β -D-glucopyranoside, genistin, rutin, kaempferol 3-*O*- β -rutinoside, quercetin 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, and kaempferol 3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside, were isolated from the pericarps of *Sophora japonica*. The structures of **1**-**4** were determined by spectroscopic methods.

The fruits of Sophora japonica L. (Leguminosae) have been used as a hemostatic agent in traditional Chinese medicine, and flavonoids were discovered as hemostatic constituents from the buds of *S. japonica*.¹ To our knowledge, no phytochemical investigation on the pericarps of this species has been reported. In the present study, the 95% aqueous EtOH extract of the pericarps of S. japonica was separated by repeated column chromatography to give 13 flavonoid glycosides, namely, genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-O-[(α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (1), genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-O-[(β -Dglucopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-glucopyranoside] (2), genistein 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-O-[(α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-glucopyranoside] (3), genistein 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-O-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (4), genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-O- β -Dglucopyranoside, sophorabioside, prunetin 4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, sophororicoside, genistin, rutin, kaempferol 3-O- β -rutinoside, quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, and kaempferol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside. Compounds **1**-**4** are new isoflavone glycosides. Genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, prunetin 4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, and genistin were isolated from this plant for the first time. Here, we report the isolation and structure elucidation of 1-4.

Compounds **1**–**4** were obtained from the *n*-BuOH-soluble part of a 95% ethanolic extract of *S. japonica* pericarps. Compound **1** appeared as a white amorphous powder, whose molecular formula, $C_{33}H_{40}O_{19}$, was inferred from HRFABMS ($[M - H]^- m/z$ 739.2088), and it was supported by ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectra, which showed 33 resonance lines consisting of one methyl, two methylenes, 20 methines, and eight quaternary carbons. The IR spectrum of compound **1** showed strong absorption bands at 3414 (OH), 1652 (α,β -unsaturated C=O), 1613, 1582, 1495 (C= C, aromatic), and a broad band at 1160–1000 cm⁻¹, indicating its glycosidic nature. The presence of a singlet at δ 8.49 in the ¹H NMR spectrum and UV absorption band at 261 nm suggested that it was an isoflavonoid.² Upon



acid hydrolysis of **1**, genistein, glucose, and rhamnose were identified by TLC. Genistein was also identified by UV and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.³ Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra showed the presence of a genistein moiety and three sugar residues.^{2,4} A ¹³C NMR signal at δ 163.1 was assigned to C-7, based on its long-range ¹³C-¹H correlations to both H-6 (δ 6.49) and H-8 (δ 6.74), whereas C-7 showed a three-bond correlation with an anomeric proton at δ 5.07 in the HMBC spectrum. The 2D NMR spectra allowed the assignment of all ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of the 7-glycosyl residue (Table 1), which could be identified as a glucopyranoside unit.⁵ The β -configuration of the anomeric carbon was evident from the coupling constant of H-1" (J = 7.3 Hz) observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum.⁶

A methyl doublet, which appeared at δ 1.20 in the ¹H NMR spectrum of **1**, was assigned to the C-6 methyl protons of a rhamnose residue. All ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of the rhamnosyl moiety could be assigned on the basis of 2D NMR spectra data (Table 1). A TOCSY experiment showed a correlation between the C-6 methyl protons of rhamnose residue and the anomeric proton at δ 5.14, demonstrating that they belong to the same spin system. The anomeric proton of the rhamnosyl residue showed a long-range correlation with a ¹³C NMR signal at δ 76.4, corresponding to a proton at δ 3.52 in the HMQC spectrum. The latter signal showed a ¹H⁻¹H correlation, observed in the DQF-COSY experiment, with the third anomeric proton

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Table 1. ¹³C and ¹H NMR Spectral Data of Compounds 1-4 in DMSO-d₆

position	1		2		3		4	
	$\delta_{\rm C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{\rm C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{\rm C}$	δ_{H}	$\delta_{\rm C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$
2	155.1	8.49 (s)	155.1	8.48 (s)	155.1	8.50 (s)	155.1	8.50 (s)
3	124.1		124.1	. ,	124.0	.,	124.0	
4	180.4		180.4		180.4		180.4	
5	161.6		161.6		161.6		161.6	
6	99.7	6.49 (d, 1.9)	99.7	6.48 (d, 1.8)	99.7	6.44 (d, 1.8)	99.7	6.45 (d, 1.8)
7	163.1		163.1		161.3		161.3	
8	94.7	6.74 (d, 1.9)	94.7	6.74 (d, 1.8)	94.7	6.71 (d, 1.8)	94.7	6.70 (d, 1.8)
9	157.3	,	157.2	,	157.2	,	157.2	
10	106.1		106.1		106.1		106.1	
1′	122.2		122.2		122.3		122.2	
2',6'	130.2	7.52 (d, 8.8)	130.2	7.51 (d, 8.6)	130.2	7.51 (d, 8.7)	130.2	7.50 (d, 8.6)
3',5'	115.7	7.06 (d, 8.8)	115.6	7.04 (d, 8.6)	115.7	7.06 (d, 8.7)	115.6	7.04 (d, 8.6)
4'	157.1		157.1		157.1		157.1	
5-OH		12.88 (s)		12.92 (s)		12.90 (s)		12.91 (s)
1″	99.9	5.07 (d, 7.3)	99.9	5.07 (d, 7.2)	98.4	5.60 (brs)	98.5	5.60 (brs)
2″	73.1	3.73 (m)	73.1	3.72 (m)	70.3	3.70 (m)	70.3	3.71 (m)
3″	76.4	3.30 (m)	76.4	3.32 (m)	69.8	3.91 (m)	69.8	3.90 (m)
4″	69.6	3.18 (m)	69.6	3.20 (m)	71.6	3.37 (m)	71.7	3.39 (m)
5″	77.2	3.45 (m)	77.2	3.45 (m)	70.1	3.51 (m)	70.1	3.52 (m)
6''	60.7	3.70 (m)	60.7	3.69 (m)	18.0	1.19 (d, 6.1)	18.0	1.19 (d, 6.2)
1‴	98.2	5.06 (d, 7.4)	98.3	5.36 (d, 7.2)	98.2	5.06 (d, 7.3)	98.3	5.36 (d, 7.1)
2‴	76.4	3.52 (m)	82.4	3.54 (m)	76.4	3.51 (m)	82.4	3.55 (m)
3‴	77.4	3.49 (m)	76.6	3.55 (m)	77.4	3.49 (m)	76.6	3.55 (m)
4‴	69.8	3.20 (m)	69.7	3.17 (m)	69.8	3.21 (m)	69.7	3.18 (m)
5‴	76.9	3.40 (m)	76.9	3.20 (m)	76.9	3.40 (m)	76.9	3.21 (m)
6‴	60.6	3.46 (m)	60.6	3.33 (m)	60.6	3.45 (m)	60.6	3.34 (m)
				3.57 (m)				3.56 (m)
1''''	100.5	5.14 (brs)	104.1	4.68 (d, 7.6)	100.4	5.14 (brs)	104.1	4.68 (d, 7.5)
2''''	70.5	3.36 (m)	74.4	3.13 (m)	70.6	3.36 (m)	74.4	3.12 (m)
3''''	70.5	3.70 (m)	76.7	3.24 (m)	70.5	3.71 (m)	76.7	3.25 (m)
4''''	71.9	3.22 (m)	69.9	3.20 (m)	71.9	3.20 (m)	69.9	3.20 (m)
5''''	68.3	3.87 (m)	77.0	3.17 (m)	68.3	3.85 (m)	77.0	3.18 (m)
6''''	18.1	1.20 (d, 6.2)	60.8	3.55 (m)	18.0	1.20 (d, 6.2)	60.8	3.56 (m)
				3.64 (m)				3.64 (m)

at δ 5.06, assigned to H-1‴ of the second glucosyl moiety. Therefore, glycosylation of the second glucose at the C-2‴ position became evident. The β -configuration of the anomeric carbon was evident from the coupling constant of H-1‴ ($J=7.4~{\rm Hz}$) observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum.⁵ In the HMBC spectrum, C-4′ (δ 157.1) showed a three-bond correlation with the anomeric proton of the second glucose unit. These showed the presence of a 4′-neohesperidosyl residue in **1**. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of the 4′-neohesperidosyl residue were closely comparable to those of a genistein 4′-neohesperidoside derivative from the literature.⁷ Therefore, compound **1** was identified as genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4′-O-[(α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1→2)- β -D-glucopyranoside].

Compound **2** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. Upon acid hydrolysis of 2, genistein and glucose were identified by TLC. Genistein was also identified by UV and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.³ The UV and IR spectra of 2 were similar to those of compound 1. The molecular formula, $C_{33}H_{40}O_{20}$, was inferred from the HRFABMS ([M – H]⁻ m/z755.2027), and it was supported by ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectroscopy. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 2 showed the presence of a genistein moiety and three sugar residues.^{2,4} Its ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and 2D NMR spectra showed the presence of a genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside unit, as found for 1 (Table 1). A 13 C NMR signal at δ 157.1 was assigned to C-4', on the basis of its long-range ¹³C-¹H correlation observed in a HMBC experiment with the two ¹H NMR signals at δ 7.04 (H-3',5') and 7.51 (H-2',6'). The C-4' signal showed a three-bond correlation with the anomeric proton of a second glucosyl unit at δ 5.36. The anomeric proton of the third glucosyl residue at δ 4.68 showed a long-range correlation with a ¹³C NMR signal at

 δ 82.4, corresponding to a proton at δ 3.54 in the HMQC spectrum. The latter signal showed a ¹H-¹H correlation, observed in the DQF-COSY experiment, with the anomeric proton at δ 5.36, assigned to H-1^{*''*} of the second glucosyl moiety. Therefore, glycosylation of the second glucose at the C-2" position became evident. 2D NMR allowed the assignment of all ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of the second and third glucosyl moieties (Table 1). The β -configuration of two anomeric carbons was evident from the coupling constants of H-1^{'''} (J = 7.2 Hz) and H-1^{''''} (J = 7.6 Hz) observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum.⁶ These showed the presence of 4'-sophorosyl residue. The ¹³C NMR signals of the 4'-sophorosyl residue were the same as those of a flavonoid sophoroside described in the literature.⁴ Therefore, compound **2** was identified as genistein 7-O- β -Dglucopyranoside-4'-O-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside].

Compound **3** appeared as a white amorphous powder. Upon acid hydrolysis of 3, genistein, glucose, and rhamnose were identified by TLC. Genistein was also identified by UV and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.³ The UV and IR spectra of 3 were similar to those of compounds 1 and 2. The molecular formula, C₃₃H₄₀O₁₈, was inferred from the HR-FABMS ($[M - H]^{-}$ m/z 723.2131), and it was supported by ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectroscopy. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3 showed the presence of a genistein moiety and three sugar residues.^{2,4} Its ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and 2D NMR spectra were indicative of a genistein 4'-O- $[(\alpha-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1\rightarrow 2)-\beta-D-glucopyranoside]$ unit, as found for 1 (Table 1). A ¹³C NMR signal at δ 161.3 was assigned to C-7, on the basis of its long-range ¹³C-¹H correlations observed in a HMBC experiment with the ¹H NMR signals at δ 6.44 (H-6) and 6.71 (H-8). The C-7 signal showed a three-bond correlation with an anomeric proton at δ 5.60. A methyl doublet, observed at δ 1.19 in the ¹H NMR spectrum of **3**, was assigned to the C-6 methyl group of a rhamnose residue. All ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals of the rhamnosyl moiety could be assigned on the basis of the 2D NMR spectra data (Table 1). A TOCSY experiment showed a correlation between the rhamnose methyl protons at C-6 and the anomeric proton at δ 5.60, demonstrating that they belong to the same spin system, consistent with a 7-rhamnosyl residue. The ¹³C NMR signals of the 7-rhamnosyl residue were comparable with literature values for a flavonoid 7-rhamnoside.⁴ Therefore, compound **3** was identified as genistein 7-*O*- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(α -Lrhamnopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside].

Compound 4 was a white amorphous powder. Upon acid hydrolysis of 4, genistein, glucose, and rhamnose were identified by TLC. Genistein was also identified by UV and ¹H NMR spectroscopy.³ The UV and IR spectra of 4 were similar to those of compounds 1-3. The molecular formula, $C_{33}H_{40}O_{19}$, was inferred from the HRFABMS ($[M - H]^{-} m/z$ 739.2083), and it was supported by ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectroscopy. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 4 showed the presence of a genistein moiety and three sugar residues.^{2,4} Its ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and 2D NMR spectra showed the presence of a genistein 4'-O-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-glucopyranoside] unit, the same as **2**, and a genistein 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside unit, as in 3 (Table 1). Therefore, compound 4 was identified as genistein 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside-4'-O-[(β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside].

Five of the known compounds were identified by comparing their physical and spectral data with literature values, namely, genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside,² sophorabioside,⁷ prunetin 4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside,⁷ sophororicoside,² and genistin.² In addition, four known substances were identified by comparison of spectral data with those of authentic samples: rutin, kaempferol 3-O- β -rutinoside, quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, and kaempferol 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal 9200 micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer model 241 polarimeter. UV and IR spectra were measured on a Shimadzu UV-1601 instrument and on a Perkin-Elmer 983 spectrometer, respectively. All NMR spectra were run on a Bruker DRX-400 instrument operating at 400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C, using standard pulse sequences. Chemical shifts are reported on the δ scale in parts per million, downfield from TMS. Carbon multiplicities were determined from DEPT-135 and DEPT-90 experiments. All 2D NMR spectra were recorded using pulsed field gradients. ¹H-¹H correlations were observed in double quantum filtered (DQF) COSY and TOCSY experiments. Onebond ¹³C⁻¹H correlations were observed in a HMQC experiment. Long-range ¹³C-¹H correlations were observed in HMBC experiments. FABMS were obtained on a JEOL JMS DX-303HF mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed on Si gel (Marine Chemical Factory, Qingdao, People's Republic of China), Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia), and RP-18 (Shimadzu). TLC was carried out on precoated Si gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates (Merck), developed with EtOAc-HOAc-HCOOH-H₂O (30:0.9:1.1:8, upper phase, and 10:1:1:2), n-BuOH-HOAc-H₂O (4:1:5, upper phase), and for sugars EtOAc-HOAc-MeOH-H₂O (13:4:3:3). For visualization, 1% methanolic AlCl₃ was used for the isoflavonoids, and thymol

in H_2SO_4 (0.5 g thymol in 95 mL of EtOH and 5 mL of H_2SO_4) was used for the sugars (plates were heated to 120 °C for 15–20 min).

Plant Material. Fruits of *S. japonica* L. were collected from mature trees, growing in Nanjing, People's Republic of China, in November 1998, and were identified by Prof. Luoshan Xu, China Pharmaceutical University. A voucher specimen (No. CPUT-981120) was deposited in the herbarium of China Pharmaceutical University.

Extraction and Isolation. Dried and powdered pericarps of S. japonica (8.0 kg) were extracted three times with 95% EtOH using an ultrasonic apparatus for 3 h each time, with the solvent removed under reduced pressure, and the residue dissolved in hot water. This residue was left in the refrigerator overnight and filtered. The filtrate was partitioned with CHCl₃, EtOAc, and n-BuOH, successively. The n-BuOH-soluble fraction was concentrated and subjected to Si gel column chromatography eluting with CHCl₃-MeOH (25:1) followed by stepwise addition of MeOH to yield 15 fractions. Fraction 8 (23.2 g) was subjected to Si gel (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:3) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) chromatography and purified by HPLC (RP₁₈, 4 µm, 260 nm, MeOH-1% acetic acid, 18:82; 1, $t_{\rm R} = 10.95$ min; **2**, $t_{\rm R} = 8.72$ min; **3**, $t_{\rm R} = 12.65$ min; **4**, $t_{\rm R} =$ 10.02 min) to give compounds 1 (25 mg), 2 (28 mg), 3 (30 mg), and 4 (30 mg), respectively. Fraction 9 (28.6 g) was subjected to Si gel (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:4) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) chromatography to give genistein 7-O- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'- $O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (40 mg). Fraction 7 (56.7 g) was subjected to Si gel (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:2) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) chromatography to give sophorabioside (5300 mg), rutin (50 mg), and kaempferol $3-O-\beta$ -rutinoside (25 mg). Fraction 7 (46.9 g) was subjected to silica gel (CHCl₃-MeOH, 9:1) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) chromatography to give prunetin 4'-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (50 mg), sophororicoside (3050 mg), genistin (42 mg), quercetin 3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (28 mg), and kaempferol $3 - \hat{O} - \beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (75 mg).

For acid hydrolysis, a solution of each of compound (1-4) in 5 mL of 6% HCl was heated for 3 h. Each reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The EtOAc fraction (aglycon) and the aqueous fraction (sugars) were concentrated to dryness for identification.

Genistein 7-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranoside] (1): white amorphous powder; mp 229–231 °C; [α]²⁵_D –73° (c 0.001, DMSO); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 261 nm (log ϵ 4.25); IR ν_{max}^{KBr} 3414, 2970, 2930, 1652, 1613, 1582, 1512, 1495, 1442, 1384, 1367, 1305, 1240, 1182, 1160–1000 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6), see Table 1; HRFABMS m/z 739.2088 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₃₃H₃₉O₁₉ 739.2085).

Genistein 7-*O*-*β*-**D**-glucopyranoside-4'-*O*-[(*β*-**D**-glucopyranosyl)-(1→2)-*β*-**D**-glucopyranoside] (2): white amorphous powder; mp 241–243 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -65° (*c* 0.001, DMSO); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 260 nm (log ϵ 4.18); IR ν_{max}^{KBr} 3418, 2974, 2930, 1652, 1612, 1580, 1512, 1496, 1443, 1383, 1367, 1302, 1240, 1184, 1160–1000 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆), see Table 1; HRFABMS *m*/*z* 755.2027 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₃₃H₃₉O₂₀ 755.2030).

Genistein 7-*O*-α-L-**rhamnopyranoside**-4'-*O*-[(α-L-**rhamnopyranosyl**)-(1→2)-β-D-glucopyranoside] (3): white amorphous powder; mp 212–214 °C; $[α]^{25}_{D} -95°$ (*c* 0.001, DMSO); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 260 nm (log ϵ 4.22); IR $ν_{max}^{\text{KBr}}$ 3410, 2976, 2930, 1652, 1613, 1581, 1512, 1497, 1441, 1385, 1366, 1304, 1245, 1188, 1160–1000 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆), see Table 1; HRFABMS *m*/*z* 723.2131 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₃₃H₃₉O₁₈ 723.2136). C₃₃H₄₀O₁₈, was inferred from the HR-FABMS ([M – H]⁻ *m*/*z* 723.2131).

Genistein 7-*O*-α-**L**-**rhamnopyranoside**-4'-*O*-**[(β**-D-**glucopyranosyl)**-(**1**→**2**)-β-D-**glucopyranoside**] (4): white amorphous powder; mp 211–213 °C; $[α]^{25}_{D}$ –85° (*c* 0.001, DMSO); UV spectra λ_{max} 260 nm (log ϵ 4.29); IR ν_{max}^{KBr} 3410, 2975, 2928, 1651, 1613, 1584, 1510, 1497, 1440, 1383, 1366, 1306, 1242, 1181, 1160–1000 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆), see Table 1; HRFABMS *m*/*z* 739.2083 [M – H]⁻ (calcd for C₃₃H₃₉O₁₉ 739.2085).

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