Copacamphane, Picrotoxane, and Alloaromadendrane Sesquiterpene Glycosides and Phenolic Glycosides from *Dendrobium moniliforme*

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Seven sesquiterpene glycosides with copacamphane, picrotoxane, and alloaromadendrane sesquiterpene aglyons along with three phenolic glycosides have been isolated from the stems of *Dendrobium moniliforme*. Among them, dendromonilisides A-D (**1**–**4**) were characterized as new compounds, and their structures were determined on the basis of spectral and chemical methods and by X-ray diffraction analysis. The six known compounds were identified as dendrosides A, C, and F, dendromoniliside E, vanilloloside, and acanthoside B. In a preliminary biological test procedure, compounds **1**, **3**, and vanilloloside were found to stimulate the proliferation of B cells and inhibit the proliferation of T cells in vitro.

The stems of Dendrobium moniliforme (L.) Sw. (Orchidaceae) are used in traditional Chinese medicine to reduce fever and as a sialogogue.^{1,2} Several lipophilic components³⁻⁵ including antiinflammatory phenanthraquinones and a bibenzyl glycoside⁶ have been isolated and identified from D. moniliforme. In a continuation of our efforts to find new biologically active compounds from *Dendrobium* species,^{7–10} a systematic chemical investigation has been undertaken on a polar fraction of *D. moniliforme*. As a result, seven sesquiterpene glycosides and three phenolic glycosides have been obtained, and among them, four new compounds, dendromonilisides A-D (1-4), were isolated and structurally characterized. In a preliminary biological evaluation, compounds 1 and 3 were found to exhibit immunoregulatory activity in vitro. We report herein the isolation and structural determination of these compounds from D. moniliforme.



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The stems of *D. moniliforme* were refluxed with 95% EtOH there times. After evaporation of ethanol in vacuo, the aqueous residue was extracted with petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and *n*-butanol, successively. The *n*-butanol extract was subjected to a series of column chromatographic steps over silica gel, C_{18} silica gel, and Sephadex LH-20 to yield seven sesquiterpenoids and three phenolic glycosides.

Compound 1 was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with an elemental formula of C₂₁H₃₄O₈ determined by HRESIMS (m/z 437.2124, [M + Na]⁺) and NMR analysis. In the IR spectrum, there was evidence of hydroxyl absorption at 3407 cm⁻¹, and carbonyl absorption was observed at 1726 cm⁻¹. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum (Table 1), 21 carbon atom signals were observed as four methyls, four methylenes, nine methines, and four quaternary carbons. Enzymatic hydrolysis of 1 yielded the aglycon 1a and glucose. In the ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 2), an anomeric proton signal was found at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.93 (1H, d, J =7.7 Hz), so the glucose unit was deduced to be connected to the aglycon in a β -glycosidic linkage. Analysis of the ¹H-¹H COSY and HMQC spectra of **1** enabled deduction of the fragment -CH-CH₂-CH-CH-CH-CH₂-CH₂- in its structure. In the HMBC spectrum of **1**, ¹³C-¹H long-range correlation signals were observed for C-1/H-2, H-6, H-10, H-11; C-9/H-8, H-10, H-11; C-15/H-5, H-6, H-11; C-12/H-4, H-13, H-14; and C-2/H-3, H-10, which enabled establishment of the planar structure of 1a. In the NOESY spectrum of 1, correlation signals were found between H-2 and H-6, H-10; and H-6 and H-10, H-13, H-14. All chiral carbons except C-9 in 1a could be established on the basis of the above NOE information. To elucidate the relative configuration of 1, X-ray diffraction analysis was performed on 1a, with CH₃-10 and CH₃-11 determined to be in a cis orientation; so the relative configuration of 1 was accordingly fully established. A copacamphane-type sesqueterpene skeleton was therefore assigned to 1a. To our best knowledge, compound **1a** is a new compound. The glucose moiety was determined to connect to C-2 of the aglycon according to the ¹³C-¹H long-range correlation signal between C-2 and H_{glc-1} in the HMBC spectrum. Compound 1 (dendromoniliside A) was finally established as 2α ,12dihydroxycopacamphan-15-one $2-O-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.

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Table 1. 13 C NMR Data of 1–4 and 1a (1–3 in C₅D₅N, 4 in CD₃OD, and 1a in CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

position	1	1a	2	3	4
1	52.9, C	52.9, C	51.6, C	43.3, C	50.9, C
2	81.0, CH	74.2, CH	78.9, CH	75.4, CH	74.7, CH
3	27.7, CH ₂	30.2, CH ₂	79.6, CH	83.8, CH	86.7, CH
4	45.8, CH	44.9, CH	53.8, CH	52.2, CH	55.1, CH
5	55.0, CH	54.3, CH	45.8, CH	45.9, CH	47.8, CH
6	43.8, CH	43.2, CH	43.6, CH	43.1, CH	46.2, CH
7	25.5, CH_2	24.8, CH_2	26.1, CH ₂	34.4, CH ₂	27.3, CH ₂
8	33.4, CH ₂	32.5, CH ₂	28.6, CH ₂	82.5, CH	29.9, CH ₂
9	58.2, C	57.4, C	50.1, CH	75.0, C	44.9, CH
10	16.0, CH ₃	15.1, CH_3	23.8, CH ₃	27.0, CH ₃	23.0, CH ₃
11	12.2, CH ₃	11.3, CH ₃	178.7, C	51.0, CH ₂	74.9, CH ₂
12	71.9, C	73.2, C	68.5, C	25.0, CH	70.1, C
13	29.0, CH ₃	28.7, CH ₃	30.0, CH ₃	19.7, CH ₃	$30.5, CH_3$
14	30.0, CH ₃	30.1, CH ₃	30.3, CH ₃	20.5, CH_3	$30.6, CH_3$
15	223.0, C	223.5, C	178.8, C	179.1, C	182.1, C
Glc-1	102.7, CH		101.5, CH	103.5, CH	104.8, CH
Glc-2	75.3, CH		74.7, CH	75.0, CH	75.4, CH
Glc-3	78.8, CH		77.5, CH	78.5, CH	78.5, CH
Glc-4	72.1, CH		71.0, CH	71.2, CH	71.9, CH
Glc-5	78.0, CH		78.0, CH	78.3, CH	78.3, CH
Glc-6	$63.1, CH_2$		62.3, CH ₂	$62.1, CH_2$	$63.1, CH_2$

Compound **2** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with an elemental formula of C₂₁H₃₂O₁₁ determined by HRESIMS (m/z 483.1816 [M + Na]⁺) and NMR analysis. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2** (Table 1), 21 carbon atom signals including three methyls, three methylenes, 11 methines, and four quaternary carbons were observed. Enzymatic hydrolysis of 2 yielded glucose as the sugar moiety by co-TLC with an authentic sample. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** revealed an anomeric proton signal at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.15 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), which indicated the glucose unit to be in a β -glycosidic linkage to the aglycon. Analysis of the ¹H-¹H COSY and HMQC spectra of 2 led to the deduction of the fragment -CH-CH-CH-CH-CH-CH₂- CH_2-CH- in the structure. In the HMBC spectrum of **2**, ¹³C⁻¹H long-range correlation signals were observed for C-1/H-2, H-6, H-9, and H-10; C-11/H-1 and H-9; C-15/H-3 and H-5; and C-12/H-4, H-13, and H-14. In the NOESY spectrum of 2, correlation signals were found between H-2 and H-6; H-2 and H-10; H-2 and H-13; H-2 and H_{σ lc-1}; and H-6 and H-10. Therefore, the relative configuration of all chiral carbons in the structure of 2 could be determined except for C-9. To elucidate the stereochemistry of the molecule, X-ray diffraction analysis was performed using a single crystal of 2. As a result, CH₃-10 and COOH-11 were determined to be in a *cis* orientation. The structure of **2** was thus established to be $2\alpha_{3}\alpha_{1}$ -trihydroxypicrotoxane-3(15 α)-olid-11-oic acid 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside.¹¹ Compound 2 is a new natural glycoside and has been assigned the trivial name dendromoniliside B.

Compound **3** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with an elemental formula of C₂₁H₃₂O₁₀ determined by HRESIMS (m/z 467.1897, [M + Na]⁺). An IR hydroxyl peak at 3361 cm⁻¹ and a carbonyl absorption peak at 1726 cm⁻¹ were both observed. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3** (Table 1), 21 carbon signals including three methyls, three methylenes, 12 methines, and three quaternary carbon signals were apparent. Enzymatic hydrolysis of 3 yielded glucose as its sugar component. Analysis of the ¹H-¹H COSY and HMQC spectra of 3 led to the deduction of the fragment -C-2-C-3-C-4[-C-12(-C-13)-C-14]-C-5-C-6-C-7-C-8- in its aglycon. In the HMBC spectrum of 3, ¹³C-¹H longrange correlation signals were observed for C-1/H-2, H-6, H-10; C-9/H-8, H-10, H-11; C-15/H-3, H-5; and C-8/H-7, H_{glc-1}. A picrotoxane-type sesquiterpene skeleton was derived for the aglycon of 3,¹¹ and the glucose unit was linked to C-8 of the aglycon in a β -glycosidic linkage from

the above-mentioned ${}^{13}\text{C}{}^{-1}\text{H}$ long-range correlation information and the coupling constant of the anomeric proton signal (J = 7.7 Hz). The relative configuration of **3** was established according to the NOESY spectrum, in which NOE signals were found between H-10 and H-2, H-6, H-11; H-3 and H-5, H-13, H-14; and H-8 and H-7 α . The structure of **3** was finally determined to be 2α , 3α , 8β -trihydroxy-9 α -(11)-epoxypicrotoxan-3(15 α)-olide 8-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside. Compound **3** is a new sesquiterpene glycoside and has been given the trivial name dendromoniliside C.

Compound **4** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, with an elemental formula of C₂₁H₃₄O₁₀ determined by HRESIMS (m/z 469.2060 [M + Na]⁺). In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4, 21 carbon signals including three methyls, four methylenes, 11 methines, and three quaternary carbons were observed. Enzymatic hydrolysis of 4 vielded glucose as the only sugar component. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** exhibited one anomeric proton signal at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.08 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), which indicated the glucose unit in a β -glycosidic linkage to the aglycon. Analysis of $^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY and HMQC spectra of 4 led to the deduction of the fragment -C-2-C-3-C-4-C-5-C-6-C-7-C-8-C-9- in its aglycon. In the HMBC spectra of 4, ${}^{13}C{}^{-1}H$ long-range correlation signals were observed between C-1 and H-2, H-6, H-9, and H-10; between C-12 and H-4, H-13, and H-14; between C-15 and H-3 and H-5; and between C-11 and H_{glc-1}. A picrotoxane-type sesquiterpene was deduced for the aglycon of 4,11 and the glucose unit should link to C-11 of the aglycon in a β -glycosidic linkage from the abovementioned ¹³C-¹H long-range correlation information and the coupling constant of the anomeric proton signal (J =7.8 Hz). The relative configuration of 4 was established according to its NOESY spectrum, in which correlation signals were found between H-2 and H-6, H-10; H-5 and H-7 β , H-13, H-14; and H-10 and H-6, H-11a, H-11b. The structure of 4 was finally identified as $2\alpha, 3\alpha, 11, 12$ -tetrahydroxypicrotoxan-3(15 α)-olide 11-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside. This is a new sesquiterpene glycoside and has been given the trivial name dendromoniliside D.

Six known compounds were identified as the alloaromadendrane-type sesquiterpene glycosides, dendrosides A^8 and C;⁹ a picrotoxane-type sesquiterpene glycoside, dendroside F;¹⁰ and phenolic glycosides, dendromoniliside E,⁶ vanilloloside,¹² and acanthoside B,¹³ respectively, by comparing their NMR data with those reported in the literature and by co-TLC with authentic samples.

In a preliminary test procedure using a previously described method,^{14,15} dendromonilisides A (1) and C (3) and vanilloloside were found to stimulate the proliferation of B cells at 10^{-5} M (p < 0.05) and to inhibit the proliferation of T cells at 10^{-7} M (p < 0.05) in vitro, without any obvious cytotoxic effects. Other isolates were not submitted to the bioassay. The regulatory effects on the proliferation of B and T lymphocytes of these tested compounds were evaluated by comparison with negative control groups and positive control groups. Con A and LPS were used as positive control for T and B cells, respectively. Independent two-tailed Student *t*-tests were performed.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Kofler apparatus. Optical rotations were measured with a Horiba Sepa-300 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer 577 spectrometer. NMR spectra were run in C_5D_5N , CDCl₃, or CD₃OD on a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer with TMS as internal standard. LRESIMS were measured using a Finnigan LCQ-DECA instrument, and HRESIMS data were obtained on a Micro

Table 2. ¹H NMR Data of 1-4 and 1a (1-3 in C₅D₅N, 4 in CD₃OD, and 1a in CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

position	1	1a	2	3	4
2	4.88, m	4.20, dd (10.6, 6.4)	5.18, br s	3.78, br s	4.21, d (1.8)
3	2.70 (a), m, 2.02 (b), m	2.15 (a), m, 1.38 (b), m	5.46, br d (4.9)	4.70, br d (5.1)	4.51, dd (5.1, 1.8)
4	2.24, m	1.87, m	2.46, m	2.01, m	2.18, dd (5.1, 4.4)
5	2.58, br d (3.0)	2.26, br d (2.3)	2.72, m	2.54, dd (6.6, 4.0)	2.29, dd (4.4, 3.7)
6	2.92, br d (4.4)	2.45, d (4.5)	3.28, m	2.31, dd (9.2, 2.9)	2.70, m
7	1.29 (a), m, 1.86 (b), m	1.91 (a), m, 1.29 (b), m	2.18 (a), m, 2.18 (b), m	2.70 (α), m 2.46 (β), m	1.87 (α), m, 1.61 (β), m
8	1.80 (a), m, 1.38 (b), m	1.84 (a), m, 1.33 (b), m	2.24 (a), m, 2.24 (b), m	5.08, dd (8.4, 8.1)	1.87 (α), m, 1.30 (β), m
9			3.92, m		2.53, m
10	1.39, s	1.15, s	1.84, s	1.40, s	0.93, s
11	1.46, s	1.15, s		3.47 (a), d (5.5), 3.06	3.78 (a), dd (8.8, 5.1),
				(b), d (5.5)	3.58 (b), dd (8.8, 8.4)
12				1.59, m	
13	1.44, s	1.26, s	1.47, s	0.77, d (6.6)	1.14, s
14	1.43, s	1.26, s	1.39, s	0.77, d (6.6)	1.15, s
Glc-1	4.93, d (7.7)		5.15, d (7.4)	4.80, d (7.7)	4.08, d (7.8)
Glc-2	4.00, dd (8.0, 7.7)		4.04, m	3.88, dd (7.7, 8.2)	2.98, m
Glc-3	4.24, m		4.19, m	4.18, dd (8.2, 9.4)	3.16, m
Glc-4	4.25, m		4.06, m	4.30, m	3.14, m
Glc-5	3.79, m		3.79, m	3.73, m	3.09, m
Glc-6	4.52, dd (11.6, 2.8),		4.35, br d (11.3), 4.22, m	4.35, m, 4.35, m	3.50, m, 3.69, m
	4.38, dd (11.6, 5.4)				



Figure 1. Perspective view of the molecule of 1a.

mass LTC instrument. X-ray diffraction analysis was performed on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer with graphitemonochromated Mo K α radiation and 12 kW rotating anode generator. Silica gel H60 (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Corp., Qingdao, People's Republic of China), RP-18 silica gel (100–200 mesh, Tianjin No. 2 Chemical Reagent Factory, Tianjin, People's Republic of China), and Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia Biotech AB, Uppsala, Sweden) were used for column chromatography. HSGF254 silica gel TLC plates (Yantai Chemical Industrial Institute, Yantai, People's Republic of China) were used for analytical TLC. β -Cellulase was produced by Lizhu Donfeng Bio-Tech Co. Ltd., Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

Plant Material. The plant material was collected in Pingbian County of Yunnan Province in November 2000 and was idendified by Professor Yuqing Ye of Shanghai Traditional Medicine Institute. A voucher specimen has been deposited at the Herbarium of the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Sciences (No. WZ20001101).

Extraction and Isolation. Powdered, air-dried stems of *Dendrobium moniliforme* (5.0 kg) were refluxed with 95% ethanol three times. After evaporation of ethanol in vacuo, the



Figure 2. Perspective view of the molecule of 2.

aqueous residue was extracted with petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and *n*-butanol, successively, yielding a petroleum ether fraction (150.0 g), an ethyl acetate fraction (10.0 g), and a *n*-butanol fraction (40.0 g). The *n*-butanol extract (40.0 g) was first chromatographed on a silica gel column eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (6:1 \rightarrow 0:1) to give fractions I (10.3 g), II (10.6 g), and III (19 g). Fraction I (10.3 g) was subjected to further column chromatography on silica gel with CHCl3-MeOH (8:1 \rightarrow 0:1) to give fractions I-1 (2.0 g), I-2 (4.0 g), and I-3 (4.0 g). Fraction I-1 (2.0 g) was passed over a Sephadex LH-20 column with 95% ethanol as eluent to give acanthoside B (100 mg). Fraction I-2 (4.0 g) was passed over a Sephadex LH-20 column with 95% ethanol and then chromatographed over a RP-18 silica gel column, eluted with ethanol-water (1:1), to afford dendromoniliside B (15 mg). Fr. I-3 (4.0 g) was passed over a Sephadex LH-20 column with 95% ethanol and then subjected to chromatography over silica gel with a mixture of chloroformmethanol (3:1) as eluent to yield dendroside F (8 mg). Fraction II (10.6 g) was initially eluted over a Sephadex LH-20 column, using 95% ethanol, to give two subfractions, fraction II-1 (1.1 g) and fraction II-2 (9.4 g). Fraction II-1 (1.1 g) was further subjected to column chromatography over silica gel washed with a CHCl₃–MeOH gradient (6:1 \rightarrow 0:1) and then separated over a RP-18 column with ethanol-water $(1:4 \rightarrow 1:1)$ as eluent to give dendromonilisides A (35 mg), C (35 mg), and E (6 mg) and dendrosides A (8 mg) and C (10 mg). Fraction II-2 (10.6 g) was passed over a Sephadex LH-20 column, eluted with 95% ethanol, and then chromatographed over silica gel with a CHCl₃-MeOH gradient (6:1 \rightarrow 0:1) as eluent to give dendromoniliside D (15 mg) and vanilloloside (15 mg).

Dendromoniliside A (1): white amorphous powder; mp 215-216 °C (dec); $[\alpha]_D^{20} 0.6^\circ$ (c 0.4, H₂O); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\text{max}} 340^\circ$, 2976, 1726, 1623, 1384, 1119, 605 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS *m*/*z* 453.3 [M + K]⁺, 437.3 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) *m*/*z* 437.2124 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₁H₃₄O₈Na, 437.2124).

Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Dendromoniliside A (1). Compound 1 (15 mg) and β -cellulase (20 mg) were dissolved in 5 mL of H_2O and kept at 37 °C for 72 h. The product that hydrolyzed was compared with an authentic standard glucose by co-TLC (EtOAc-MeOH-H₂O-HOAc, 13:3:3:4, R_f 0.46). The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc to give 1a (10 mg), and prismatic crystals were obtained from EtOAc.

2α, 12-Dihydroxycopacamphan-15-one (1a): colorless prismatic crystals (EtOAc); mp $\overline{153}-154$ °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 73.0° (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (KBr) v_{max} 3437, 2970, 1738, 1726, 1631, 1471, 1379, 1138, 1057, 1041, 858 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; EIMS *m*/*z* 252 [M⁺].

Dendromoniliside B (2): colorless prismatic crystals (MeOH-H₂O, 1:1); mp 225-227 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -18.3° (c 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) v_{max} 3384, 2972, 1743, 1628, 1423, 1387, 1294, 1202, 1078, 798 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS m/z 453.3 [M + K]⁺, 437.3 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 483.1816 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₁H₃₂O₁₁Na, 483.1842).

X-ray Diffraction Analysis of Crystals of Compounds 1a and 2. The X-ray measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo Ka radiation and a 12 kW rotating anode generator. The data were collected at 20 \pm 1 °C using the ω -2 θ scan technique to a maximum 2θ value of 55.0°. A total of 3682 reflections were collected for 1a and 3052 reflections for 2. The intensities of three representative reflections were measured after every 200 reflections. Over the course of data collection, the standards decreased by -1.0% for **1a** and increased by 3.0% for **2**. The space group was $P_{2_12_12_1}$ with unit cell parameters a = 11.868-(4) Å, $\bar{b} = 23.064(4)$ Å, c = 10.344(5) Å, V = 2831(1) Å³ for **1a**; and a = 9.068(2) Å, b = 32.437(3) Å, c = 7.801(2) Å, V = 2294.5-(9) Å³ for **2**. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included but not refined. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinements was based on 2462 observed reflections with $I > 2.50\sigma(I)$ for **1a** and 1864 observed reflections with $I > 3.00\sigma(I)$ for **2**. The structures were solved by direct methods¹⁶ and expanded using Fourier techniques.¹⁷ The crystallographic data of compounds 1a and 2 have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, Cambridge, U.K., under the reference numbers CCDC-212592 and CCDC-212593, respectively.¹⁸

Dendromoniliside C (3): white amorphous powder; mp 170–172 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 0.5° (*c* 0.4, H₂O); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3361, 2962,

1755, 1591, 1369, 1167, 1074, 1036, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS m/z 467.4 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive-ion mode) m/z 467.1897 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₁H₃₄O₈Na, 467.1891).

Dendromoniliside D (4): white amorphous powder; mp 205–207 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –0.4° (*c* 1.2, H₂O); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3396, 2970, 1755, 1635, 1363, 1161, 1078, 962, 644 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS m/z 469.4 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positove-ion mode) *m*/*z* 469.2060 [M + Na]⁺(calcd for C₂₁H₃₄O₈Na, 429.2050).

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