## Chemical Constituents from the Colombian Medicinal Plant Maytenus laevis

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The methanol extract of the bark of the Colombian medicinal plant *Maytenus laevis* gave six new compounds and 28 known compounds. The structures of the new and known compounds were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic evidence. Several of these compounds were screened for cytokine-inducing activity on human PBMCs to investigate antitumor effects, and canophyllol (**12**) demonstrated the most effective induction of the cytokines.

Species belonging to the genus *Maytenus* (Celastraceae) have been used as a traditional medicine in the Amazonian region against cancer, rheumatism, and inflammation.<sup>1-3</sup> The bark of *Maytenus laevis*, known by a vernacular name meaning shaking waist, "chuchuhuasha" or "chuchuasi", is used as an alcoholic infusion, generally in "aguardiente", for the treatment of rheumatism and as a tonic and an aphrodisiac.<sup>4-6</sup> Antitumor, antiinflammatory, and radio-protective activities have been reported from *M. laevis* by Gonzalez et al.<sup>2</sup> In the present study, we report the isolation and structural elucidation of six new and 28 known compounds from the methanol extract of the bark of *M. laevis*. The cytokine-inducing activity of some of the isolated compounds is also reported.

Repeated column chromatography of the ethyl acetatesoluble fraction from the methanol extract of the bark of *M. laevis* yielded six new compounds, including one sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloid, one flavonoid, two triterpenoids, one lignan, one iridoid, and 28 known compounds.

Compound 1 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>47</sub>O<sub>17</sub>N on the basis of HRFABMS. The IR spectrum revealed hydroxy and ester carbonyl bands (3457 and 1744 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed four acetyl groups  $(\delta_{\rm H} 2.33, 2.22, 2.12, \text{ and } 1.42)$ , one benzoyl group  $[\delta_{\rm H} 7.96]$ (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.57 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), and 7.43 (2H, t, J = 7.7 Hz)], two tertiary methyl groups ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.72, 1.64), two sets of methylene protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.00, 3.71 (each 1H, d, J = 11.4 Hz), 5.48, 4.81 (each 1H, d, J = 13.6 Hz)], and seven methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.07, 5.76, 5.54, 5.41, 4.84, 4.14, and 2.36]. It also showed one evonic acid moiety, 2,3-disubstituted pyridine ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  8.77, 8.14, and 7.34), two secondary methyl groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.44 and 1.20 (each 3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz)], and two methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.72 and 2.59 (each 1H, q, J = 6.9 Hz)]. The  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of 1 indicated the presence of eight methyl carbons, two methylene carbons attached to an oxygen function, six methine carbons attached to an oxygen function, one methine carbon, four ester carbonyl carbons, four quaternary carbons, one benzoyl group [ $\delta_{\rm C}$  165.0 (s), 133.8 (d), 129.9 (d)  $\times$  2, 129.3 (s),

(s), 168.2 (s), 165.0 (s), 150.9 (d), 138.8 (d), 126.0 (s), 121.7 (d), 45.2 (d), 36.6 (d), 12.1 (q), and 9.8 (q)]. Owing to the presence of ester carbons and a pyridine ring moiety, **1** was assumed to be a sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloid derived from dihydroagarofuran polyol esters found in the Celastraceae.<sup>7–9</sup> The NMR spectra of 1 suggested that it was an evonine-type sesquiterpene alkaloid,<sup>7-13</sup> possessing four acetyl groups and one benzoyl group. The  $^1\mathrm{H}{-}^1\mathrm{H}\ \mathrm{COSY}$ and the coupling pattern among the seven methine protons  $[\delta_{\rm H} 5.76 \text{ (H-1)}, 4.14 \text{ (H-2)}, 4.84 \text{ (H-3)}, 7.07 \text{ (H-5)}, 2.36 \text{ (H-1)})$ 6), 5.54 (H-7), and 5.41 (H-8)] revealed their connections in the dihydroagarofuran core. In the HMBC spectrum of 1, the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.76 (H-1) was correlated with the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  53.0 (C-9) and 60.5 (C-11); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.64 (H-12) with the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  78.3 (C-3), 70.7 (C-4), and 94.8 (C-10); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.07 (H-5) with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  94.8 (C-10); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.41 (H-8) with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  53.0 (C-9); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.72 (H-14) with the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  50.6 (C-6), 84.3 (C-13), and 70.5 (C-15). The proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.84 (H-3) was correlated with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  174.4 (C-11'); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.59 (H-8') with the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  36.6 (C-7') and 174.4 (C-11'); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  8.14 (H-4') with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  168.2 (C-12'); the proton signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.00 (H-15) with the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  168.2 (C-12') in the HMBC spectrum; these facts clearly indicated that the macrocyclic structure was formed by ester linkages between the dihydroagarofuran core and evonic acid at positions C-3 and 15.

and 128.8 (d)  $\times$  2], and one evonic acid moiety [ $\delta_{C}$  174.4

On comparing the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic data of 1 with the literature, compound 1 was found to be similar to hyponine C,<sup>14</sup> except for the presence of five acetyl groups in hyponine C compared to four in 1. From the HMBC spectrum of 1, the locations of the ester groups were determined as follows: the proton signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.07 (H-5) and 5.41 (H-8) showed long-range correlations with the carbonyl carbons of the acetyl groups at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  170.0 and 169.2, respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H chemical shifts of H-1 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.76), H-2 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.14), and H-7 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.54) revealed acylation at C-1 and C-7. Thus, the four acetyl groups were assigned at positions C-1, -5, -7, and -8. The benzoyl group was assigned at position C-11 from an NOE correlation between the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.96 (*ortho*-Bz) and the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.81 (H-11). In

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the NOESY spectrum, the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.07 (H-5) was correlated with the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.48 (H-11), 2.36 (H-6), and 1.64 (H-12); the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.41 (H-8) with the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.76 (H-1) and 5.54 (H-7); the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.76 (H-1) with the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.41 (H-8) and 4.14 (H-2). The proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.36 (H-6) was correlated with the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.71 (H-15). This evidence proved that the relative configuration of the ester groups was  $1\beta$ ,  $2\beta$ ,  $5\alpha$ ,

 $7\beta$ , and  $8\beta$ , and that of the two methyl groups was  $12\beta$ , 14 $\alpha$ . Therefore, the structure of **1** was formulated as 7-(acetyloxy)- $O^{11}$ -benzoyl- $O^{2,11}$ -deacetyl-7-deoxoevonine, as shown.

Compound 2 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>8</sub> on the basis of HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed four aromatic protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.56 (2H, brs), 5.97 and 5.92 (each 1H, brs)], two methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}\, 5.26$  and 4.20 (each 1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz)], and one methoxyl group  $(\delta_{\rm H} \, 3.80)$ . The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **2** indicated the presence of two methine carbons attached to an oxygen function ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 85.4 and 75.8), 12 aromatic carbons  $\delta_{\rm C}$  171.3 (s), 168.6 (s), 167.0 (s),  $154.3 \times 2$  (s), 139.4 (s), 135.9 (s),  $110.4 \times 2$  (d), 104.6 (s), 99.9 (d), and 99.0 (d)], one carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 199.0), and one methoxyl group ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  63.5). The above spectroscopic data suggested that 2 was a flavonoid and were very similar to those of 4'-O-methyl-2.3-dihydromyricetin (=pallasiin).<sup>15</sup> However, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** was considerably different from that of pallasiin in regard to the coupling constant of H-2 and H-3. The value of the coupling constant in 2 was  $J_{2,3} = 2.1$  Hz versus  $J_{2,3} = 11.0$ Hz in pallasiin. From this difference, 2 was suggested not to be a 2,3-trans-3-hydroxyflavanone as pallasiin, but to be a 2,3-cis isomer. The absolute configurations at C-2 and C-3 were deduced from the circular dichroism (CD) spectrum of 2. The CD spectrum of 2 showed negative and positive Cotton effects at 292 and 339 nm, respectively. The CD curves and maxima of 2 showed the characteristic pattern of a 2R,3S-dihvdroflavanol.<sup>16-19</sup> Therefore, **2** was determined as (2R,3S)-4'-O-methyl-2,3-dihydromyricetin.

Compound 3 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on the basis of HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed seven tertiary methyl groups ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.80, 1.26, 1.22, 1.15, 1.07, 1.00, and 0.91), one olefinic proton [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.41 (1H, brs)], and two methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.00 (1H, brdd, J= 4.5, 2.7 Hz), 3.61 (1H, brs)] attached to an oxygen function. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **3** indicated the presence of seven methyl carbons, nine methylene carbons, and two methine carbons ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  75.3 and 75.2) attached to an oxygen function, three methine carbons, seven quaternary carbons, and one carboxylic acid ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  181.4). This suggested that **3** was a triterpenoid derivative. Many types of triterpenoids have been isolated from Celastraceae plants;<sup>20-22</sup> compound **3** was assumed to be an oleanane-type triterpenoid from the carbon number  $(C_{30})$  and the presence of seven tertiary methyl groups, one olefinic methine, and one carboxylic acid.

A detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMBC spectral data as well as the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data led to the conclusion that the structure of 3 was 3,22-dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 3 were similar to those of  $3\beta$ ,  $22\beta$ -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid (22) except for C-3.<sup>23</sup> These data suggested that the A-E ring systems were the same as in 22. The configuration of hydroxy groups on C-3 and C-22 were determined as follows. The signal at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.61 (brs) suggested an  $\alpha$ -configuration for the hydroxy group at C-3, because its coupling constant was small and the C-24 carbon signal of 3 suggested a downfield shift ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  22.8) in comparison with that of **22** ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  16.6). The 22-hydroxy group was deduced to be in a  $\beta$ -configuration from the NOESY spectrum; the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.26 (H-28) correlated with the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.08 (H-21 $\beta$ ) and 2.46 (H-18); the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.00 (H-22) with the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.64 (H-21 $\alpha$ ); the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.80 (H-30) with the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.46 (H-18). Ring E is thus in a chair conformation that placed the C-20 $\alpha$  carboxylic acid and the C-22 $\beta$  hydroxy group in an equatorial and axial

orientation, respectively. From the above evidence, **3** was shown to be  $3\alpha,22\beta$ -dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid. Four stereoisomeric forms of 3,22-dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid are possible with differing configurations at C-3 and C-22. We also isolated the remaining three isomers (**20**, **22**, and **24**). Although those isomers have been individually isolated from several plants,<sup>23-25</sup> it is interesting that this was the first time that all isomers were isolated from one plant.

Compound 4 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>5</sub> on the basis of HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed seven methyl groups [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.09 (3H, s), 0.98 (6H, s), 0.92 (3H, s), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 5.9 Hz), 0.89 (3H, s),and 0.79 (3H, d, J = 5.8 Hz)], three olefinic protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.51, 6.21 (each 1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz), and 5.11 (1H, brs)], one set of methylene protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.52 and 3.14 (each 1H, d, J = 11.0 Hz)], six methine protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.59 (1H, t, J =8.9 Hz), 1.55, 1.37, 1.36, 0.87, and 0.82 (each 1H, m)], and three aromatic protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.03 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 6.93 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz), and 6.80 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz)]. The coupling pattern of the aromatic protons showed the presence of a 1,3,4-substituted ring. In addition, the coupling constant of the protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.51 and 6.21 was 15.9 Hz, indicating the presence of two trans-olefinic protons. From these results, compound 4 was judged to be the caffeoyl ester of a triterpene.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of 4 were very similar to those of uvaol<sup>26</sup> except for the chemical shift of C-3 and the O-caffeoyl group. In the HMBC spectrum, the proton at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.59 (H-3) correlated with the carbons at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  17.0 (C-24) and 167.9 (C-9'), indicating that the O-caffeoyl group was located at C-3. Owing to the correlation of H-3 and H-5 present in the NOESY spectrum, the relative configuration of the O-caffeoyl group was indicated to be  $3\beta$ . Therefore, the structure of **4** was determined as 28hydroxy-12-ursene- $3\beta$ -yl-caffeate (=uvaol- $3\beta$ -yl-caffeate).

Compound 5 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>14</sub> on the basis of HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra showed four methoxyl groups, four sets of methylenes, two methine protons, nine aromatic protons, and one sugar moiety. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, analyzed by 2D NMR, suggested the presence of one secoisolariciresinol,<sup>27</sup> one  $\beta$ -glucose, one 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzoyl group, and two methoxyl groups. The benzoyl group was defined as veratroyl on the basis of the HMBC spectrum. Moreover, the correlation between the anomeric proton ( $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.83, H-1") and H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.89) in the NOESY spectrum and the downfield shifts of C-1" ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  102.8) and C-6" ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  65.2) of the  $\beta$ -glucose moiety, when compared with those ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  96.8 and 61.8) of  $\beta$ -D-glucose,<sup>28</sup> suggested that the glucose moiety and the veratroyl group were located at C-4 and C-6", respectively. A comparison of the NMR data of 5 with (-)-secoisolariciresinol  $4-O-\beta$ -D-(6-O-vanilloyl)glucopyranoside<sup>29</sup> showed almost the same chemical shift values, except for one methoxy group. Thus, **5**,  $[\alpha]_D - 31.2^\circ$ , was identified as (-)-secoisolariciresinol 4- $O-\beta$ -D-(6-O-veratroyl)glucopyranoside.

Compound **6** was assigned the molecular formula  $C_{25}H_{34}O_{13}$  on the basis of HRFABMS. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed three methoxyl groups  $[\delta_H 3.87 (6H, s), 3.82 (3H, s)]$ , one set of methylene protons  $[\delta_H 2.28 (1H, dd, J = 14.3, 6.2 Hz), 2.06 (1H, dd, J = 14.3, 3.4 Hz)]$ , two olefinic protons  $[\delta_H 6.24 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz), 4.99 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.7 Hz)]$ , two methine protons  $[\delta_H 5.51 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.06 (1H, m)]$  attached to oxygen functions, two methine protons  $[\delta_H 3.01 (1H, m), 2.62 (1H, brd, J = 9.0 Hz)]$ , two aromatic methine protons  $[\delta_H 7.36 (2H, brs)]$ ,

and one sugar moiety [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.66 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.65 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 5.8 Hz), 3.36 (1H, t, J =8.7 Hz), 3.34 (1H, m), 3.26 (1H, m), and 3.18 (1H, t, J =8.7 Hz)]. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 6 indicated the presence of one carboxylic carbon ( $\delta_C$  167.4), three methoxyl carbons  $(\delta_{\rm C} 61.2, 56.8 \times 2)$ , one methylene carbon, two olefinic carbons ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  141.3, 104.4), two methine carbons ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  93.5, 81.2) attached to an oxygen function, two methine carbons, six aromatic carbons [ $\delta_{\rm C}$  154.4  $\times$  2, 143.7, 126.9 (each s), and 108.2  $\times$  2 (d)], and one sugar moiety [ $\delta_{\rm C}$  99.4, 78.3, 78.0, 74.8, 71.7 (each d), and 62.9 (t)]. A detailed analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC spectra suggested that 6 was an ajugol-type iridoid glycoside esterified with a 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl group. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **6** were very similar to those of ajugol<sup>30</sup> except for the 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl moiety. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum, the carbon signal at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  81.2 (C-6) shifted downfield ( $\Delta$  +3.0 ppm) and the carbon signals at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  39.6 (C-5) and 47.7 (C-7) shifted upfield ( $\Delta$  -1.7 and -2.3 ppm, respectively) in comparison with those of ajugol. These facts indicated that the 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl group was attached at C-6. Thus, the structure of **6** was determined as 6 - O - (3', 4', 5' - C)trimethoxybenzoyl)ajugol.

Known compounds were also isolated; ebenifoline E-II (7),<sup>31</sup> mayteine (8),<sup>9</sup> *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid (9),<sup>32</sup> ebenifoline E-III (10),<sup>33</sup> lambertic acid (11),<sup>34</sup> canophyllol (12),<sup>25</sup> 3-oxoolean-12-en-oic acid (13),<sup>35</sup>  $\beta$ -sitosterol (14),<sup>36</sup> wilforlide B (15),<sup>37</sup> abruslactone A (16),<sup>25</sup> 3-epiabruslactone A (17),<sup>38</sup> salaspermic acid (18),<sup>39</sup>  $22\beta$ -hydroxy-3-oxoolean-12en-oic acid (19),<sup>23</sup> maytenfolic acid (20),<sup>25</sup> mearnsetin (21),<sup>15</sup> 3*β*,22*β*-dihydroxyolean-12-en-29-oic acid (22),<sup>23</sup> triptocallic acid A (23),<sup>40</sup> triptocallic acid D (24),<sup>24</sup> (-)-4'-O-methylepigallocatechin (25),<sup>41</sup> 3',4'-di-O-methyl-(-)-epicatechin (26),<sup>42</sup> epikatonic acid (27),<sup>43</sup> 6-O-3',4'-dimethoxybenzoyl ajugol (28),<sup>44</sup> isoverbascoside (29),<sup>45</sup> ent-isolariciresinol (30),<sup>46</sup> 6-Op-hydroxybenzoyl ajugol (31),44 6-O-4"-hydroxy-3"-methoxybenzoyl ajugol (32),47 ourateaproanthocyanidin A (33),48 and ajugol (34)30 were identified from spectral data comparison with the literature, respectively.

Furthermore, several of the isolated compounds were assayed for cytokine-inducing activity on human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) to investigate antitumor effects. OK-432 used as a positive control induced all of the cytokines examined except for interleukin (IL)-4 (Table 1). It has been reported that OK-432 elicits antitumor effects by stimulating immunocompetent cells, such as macrophages, T cells, and natural killer cells and induces multiple cytokines including IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- $\alpha$ , and interferon (IFN)- $\gamma$ .<sup>49–53</sup> One or 10 µg/mL of the compounds was added into the PBMC culture. Forty-eight hours later, cytokines in the supernatants were measured. Data are shown in Table 1. All of the cytokines examined were not detected in a supernatant derived from untreated PBMC culture. IL-6, one of the helper T lymphocytes 2 (Th2)-type cytokines, was induced by the treatment with most of the compounds tested, especially compounds 8, 12, and 15 (>1000 pg/mL). IL-12 and TNF- $\alpha$ , Th1-type cytokines, were secreted by the PBMCs stimulated with several compounds, while compound 12 was most effective in the induction of the cytokines. None of the compounds induced IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-4, or IL-10 in the current in vitro system (data not shown).

## **Experimental Section**

**General Experimental Procedures.** NMR spectra (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR, both using TMS as internal standard) were measured on a Bruker ARX-400 instrument and a Bruker AVANCE-400 instrument. MS were

**Table 1.** Cytokine Induction by the Compounds on Human  $PBMCs^a$ 

	secreted cytokines					
	IL-6 (pg/mL)		IL-12 (pg/mL)		$TNF-\alpha (pg/mL)$	
compd	$1\mu { m g/mL}$	$10\mu { m g/mL}$	$1\mu { m g/mL}$	$10 \mu { m g/mL}$	$1\mu { m g/mL}$	$10 \mu { m g/mL}$
1	136.1	110.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
2	279.4	470.4	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
3	32.2	16.2	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
4	28.5	607.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	27.9
7	463.0	260.8	17.3	N.D.	26.7	N.D.
8	1245.2	1576.2	14.3	14.7	22.0	24.6
10	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
11	59.8	1454.4	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
12	2579.3	2579.2	47.3	104.3	132.5	322.9
15	1477.6	451.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
16	22.5	777.2	N.D.	28.3	N.D.	22.7
17	N.D.	308.4	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
18	857.3	109.6	21.6	N.D.	54.5	N.D.
20	380.0	76.1	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
21	783.6	203.4	14.3	N.D.	31.3	N.D.
22	57.5	297.6	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
23	705.7	10.6	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
<b>24</b>	793.2	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
25	N.D.	662.9	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
26	473.4	198.6	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
27	16.2	22.9	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
28	849.5	38.1	27.2	N.D.	12.6	N.D.
29	101.5	175.5	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
32	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
33	28.1	174.4	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
OK-432	1824.5	2555.2	462.7	542.3	315.8	278.4

<sup>*a*</sup> Human PBMCs (1 × 10<sup>6</sup> /mL) were stimulated with the compounds (1 or 10  $\mu$ g/mL) for 48 h at 37 °C, then cytokines in the supernatants of these cultures were analyzed by ELISA. Data represent mean value of triplicate samples. N.D. = not detected (<7.8 pg/mL).

obtained on a JEOL JMSD-300 instrument. CC: silica gel 60 (Merck), Toyopearl HW-40 (Tosoh), Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia), and Diaion HP-20 (Nippon Rensui); HPLC: GPC (gelpermeation chromatography: Shodex H-2001, 2002, CHCl<sub>3</sub>; Asahipak, GS-310 2G, MeOH), silica gel HPLC (Si<sub>1</sub>: YMC-Park SIL-06 SH-043-5-06, 250  $\times$  20 mm, hexane-EtOAc system; Si<sub>2</sub>: Hibar RT 250-25, LiChrosorb Si 60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH system); ODS: Hibar RT 250-25, LiChrosorb RP 18. IR spectra were recorded on a 1720 infrared Fourier transform spectrometer (Perkin-Elmer), and the CD spectrum was measured on a JASCO CD-J600 spectropolarimeter. Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO DIP-370 digital polarimeter.

**Plant Material.** The bark of *Maytenus laevis* was collected from Leticia in Colombia in August 2000 and identified by one of the authors (C.G.). A voucher specimen (OOJC007) is deposited in the Institute de Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried bark (1.9 kg) of M. laevis was extracted with MeOH. The MeOH extracts were concentrated in vacuo to give a residue (248 g), which was suspended in H<sub>2</sub>O and partitioned sequentially with EtOAc and n-BuOH. The EtOAc layer was concentrated to give a residue (113 g), which was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (1.2 kg,  $11 \times 100$  cm). The column was eluted with solvents of increasing polarity (n-hexane-EtOAc, EtOAc, EtOAc-MeOH, MeOH) to give 12 major fractions (1-12). Fraction 2 (3.9 g) was chromatographed on a Toyopearl HW-40 column (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 2:1) to give four fractions (2.1-2.4). Fraction 2.3 was separated by  $\breve{ODS}~(MeOH-H_2O,~9{:}1)$  to give 18 fractions (2.3.1-2.3.18). Combined fractions 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 crystallized from MeOH to give 14 (33 mg). Fraction 2.3.15 was separated by preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 95: 5) to give 12 (11 mg) and 13 (3.5 mg). Fraction 2.4 was subjected to Si HPLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 98:2) to give 11 (33 mg). Fraction 3 (1.5 g) was chromatographed on a Toyopearl HW-40 column and silica gel column (CHCl3-MeOH) to give five fractions (3.1-3.5). Fraction 3.3 was separated by GPC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), GPC (MeOH), Si HPLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH), and preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH) to give 27 (5.9 mg). Fraction 3.4 was subjected to Si HPLC (CHCl3-MeOH) and Si HPLC (n-hexanes-EtOAc) to give 4 (7.4 mg). Fraction 4 (4.5 g) was chromatographed on a Toyopearl HW-40 column to give 10 fractions (4.1-4.10). Fraction 4.2 was separated by Si HPLC (n-hexane-EtOAc) to give 7 (18 mg), 8 (163 mg), and seven other fractions (4.2.1-4.2.7). Fraction 4.2.6 was separated by preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH) to give 1 (4.5 mg) and 10 (13 mg). Fraction 4.3 (yield 0.6 g of 2.4 g) was subjected to ODS (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O) to give 15 (8.8 mg), 16 (7.0 mg), 17 (8.0 mg), 18 (6.5 mg), and 17 other fractions (4.3.1-4.3.16). Fraction 4.3.10 was further separated by Si HPLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH) to give 19 (3.5 mg), 20 (18 mg), and nine other fractions (4.3.10.1-4.3.10.9). Fractions 4.3.10.5 and 4.3.10.6 were separated by GPC (MeOH) to give 22 (8.0 mg) and 23 (4.9 mg), respectively. Fraction 4.3.13 was subjected to Si HPLC (CHCl3-MeOH) and GPC (MeOH) to give 24 (7.6 mg). Fraction 4.3.14 was separated by GPC (MeOH) to give 3 (6.7 mg). Combined fractions 4.6 and 4.7 were separated by Si HPLC (hexane-EtOAc) to give 9 (28 mg). Fraction 4.10 was subjected to Si HPLC (n-hexane-EtOAc) and preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH) to give 2 (14 mg) and 21 (6.1 mg). Fraction 5 (1.5 g) was subjected to Toyopearl HW-40, GPC (MeOH), and ODS  $(MeOH-H_2O)$  to give 25 (36 mg) and 26 (5.6 mg). Fraction 7 (vield 3.0 g of 9.2 g) was chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) column to give 10 fractions (7.1-7.10). Fraction 7.3 was separated by  $\overline{ODS}$  (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O) to give **30** (2.7 mg). Fraction 7.7 was subjected to ODS (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O) and GPC (MeOH) to give 33 (11 mg). Fraction 10 (yield 10 g of 19 g) was chromatographed on a Diaion HP-20 [H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH (1:0, 9:1, 8:2, 7:3, 1:1, MeOH)] column to give 13 fractions (10.1-10.13). Fraction 10.6 was subjected to GPC (MeOH), ODS (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O), and preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O) to give 34 (0.9 mg). Combined fractions 10.8 and 10.9 were separated by LH-20 (MeOH) and GPC (MeOH) to give 29 (7.9 mg), 31 (4.2 mg), and 32 (8.3 mg). Fraction 10.10 was subjected to LH-20 (MeOH), GPC (MeOH), and ODS (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O) to give 5 (2.9 mg), 6 (3.8 mg), and 28 (19 mg).

**Treatment of Human PBMCs and Cytokine-Inducing Assay.** PBMCs were isolated from heparinized venous blood by Ficoll-Hypaque gradient density centrifugation according to standard procedures.<sup>54</sup> PBMCs  $(1 \times 10^{6}/\text{mL})$  were cultured in RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% fetal calf serum in the presence or absence of the compounds (1 or 10  $\mu$ g/mL) for 48 h at 37 °C, then cytokines in the supernatants of these cultures were analyzed by commercial ELISA kits. OK-432 (Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan), a *Streptococcus pyogenes*-derived immunopotentiator that is commonly used for immunotherapy in malignancies, was used as a positive control. ELISA kits for human IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-4, IL-6, IL-10, and IL-12 were purchased from BioSource International, Inc. (Camarillo, CA).

**Compound 1:** white amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D + 4.3^\circ$  (*c* 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH); IR (KBr) v<sub>max</sub> 3457, 2929, 1744, 1371, 1249, 1118, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.77 (1H, brs, H-6'), 8.14 (1H, brd, J = 6.6 Hz, H-4'), 7.96 (2H, d, J = 7.4Hz, ortho-Bz), 7.57 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, para-Bz), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, meta-Bz), 7.34 (1H, brs, H-5'), 7.07 (1H, brs, H-5), 6.00 (1H, d, J = 11.4 Hz, H-15a), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 3.8 Hz, H-1), 5.54 (1H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, H-7), 5.48 (1H, d, J = 13.6 Hz, H-11a),5.41 (1H, d, J = 5.8 Hz, H-8), 4.84 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-3), 4.81 (1H, d, J = 13.6 Hz, H-11b), 4.72 (1H, q, J = 6.9 Hz, H-7'),4.14 (1H, brs, H-2), 3.71 (1H, d, J = 11.4 Hz, H-15b), 2.59 (1H, q, J = 6.9 Hz, H-8', 2.36 (1H, d, J = 3.8 Hz, H-6), 2.33 (3H, s, 1-Ac), 2.22 (3H, s, 5-Ac), 2.12 (3H, s, 7-Ac), 1.72 (3H, s, H-14), 1.64 (3H, s, H-12), 1.44 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H-9'), 1.42 (3H, s, 8-Ac), 1.20 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H-10'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) & 75.5 (C-1), 70.3 (C-2), 78.3 (C-3), 70.7 (C-4), 74.1 (C-5), 50.6 (C-6), 69.1 (C-7), 71.8 (C-8), 53.0 (C-9), 94.8 (C-10), 60.5 (C-11), 23.2 (C-12), 84.3 (C-13), 18.6 (C-14), 70.5 (C-15), 165.0 (C-2'), 126.0 (C-3'), 138.8 (C-4'), 121.7 (C-5'), 150.9 (C-6'), 36.6 (C-7'), 45.2 (C-8'), 12.1 (C-9'), 9.8 (C-10'), 174.4 (C-11'), 168.2 (C-12'), 170.3, 21.6 (1-Ac), 170.0, 21.8 (5-Ac), 170.2, 21.1 (7-Ac), 169.2, 20.1 (8-Ac), 165.0, 129.3, 129.9  $\times$  2, 128.8

**Compound 2:** yellow amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D = -59.5^\circ (c \ 0.7,$ MeOH); IR (KBr) v<sub>max</sub> 3492, 2938, 2359, 1639, 1594, 1462, 1369, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>; CD (c 0.0000898, MeOH) [ $\theta$ ] (nm)  $-3.4 \times$  $10^{-4}$  (292) (negative maximum), 0 (317),  $\pm 1.6 \times 10^{-4}$  (339) (positive maximum); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.56 (2H, brs, H-2', 6'), 5.97 (1H, brs, H-8), 5.92 (1H, brs, H-6), 5.26 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-2), 4.20 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-3), 3.80 (3H, brs, 4'-OMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ 85.4 (C-2), 75.8 (C-3), 199.0 (C-4), 168.6 (C-5), 99.9 (C-6), 171.3 (C-7), 99.0 (C-8), 167.0 (C-9), 104.6 (C-10), 135.9 (C-1'),  $110.4 \times 2$  (C-2', 6'), 154.3 (C-3', 5'), 139.4 (C-4'), 63.5 (4'-OMe); HRFABMS m/z 333.0580  $[M - H]^-$  (calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}O_8$ , 333.0610).

**Compound 3:** white amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D + 44.4^\circ$  (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3438, 2945, 1705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(C_5D_5N, 400 \text{ MHz}) \delta 5.41 (1H, \text{ brs}, \text{H-12}), 4.00 (1H, \text{ brdd}, J =$ 4.5, 2.7 Hz, H-22), 3.61 (1H, brs, H-3), 2.74 (1H, t, J = 13.8 Hz, H-19a), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 13.7, 2.8 Hz, H-21a), 2.46 (1H, brd, J = 13.8 Hz, H-18), 2.08 (1H, m, H-21b), 2.03 (1H, m, H-2a), 1.98 (2H, m, H-11), 1.97 (1H, m, H-16a), 1.87 (1H, m, H-9), 1.84 (1H, m, H-15a), 1.80 (3H, s, H-30), 1.78 (2H, m, H-1a, 2b), 1.68 (1H, m, H-19b), 1.67 (1H, m, H-5), 1.55 (1H, m, H-7a), 1.52 (2H, m, H-6), 1.44 (1H, m, H-16b), 1.42 (1H, m, H-1b), 1.33 (1H, m, H-7b), 1.26 (3H, s, H-28), 1.22 (3H, s, H-24), 1.15 (3H, s, H-27), 1.07 (3H, s, H-26), 1.01 (1H, m, H-15b), 1.00 (3H, s, H-25), 0.91 (3H, s, H-23);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (C5D5N, 100 MHz) & 33.8 (C-1), 26.4 (C-2), 75.2 (C-3), 37.9 (C-4), 49.2 (C-5), 18.6 (C-6), 33.2 (C-7), 40.2 (C-8), 47.8 (C-9), 37.4 (C-10), 23.8 (C-11), 123.3 (C-12), 144.2 (C-13), 42.5 (C-14), 26.3 (C-15), 28.9 (C-16), 38.0 (C-17), 44.7 (C-18), 41.5 (C-19), 42.5 (C-20), 37.7 (C-21), 75.3 (C-22), 29.2 (C-23), 22.8 (C-24), 15.7 (C-25), 17.3 (C-26), 25.5 (C-27), 20.9 (C-28), 181.4 (C-29), 24.9 (C-30); HRFABMS m/z 471.3519 [M - H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>47</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 471.3474).

**Compound 4:** yellow amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D + 21.5^\circ$  (*c* 0.7, MeOH); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432, 2925, 1681, 1605, 1274, 1182 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.51 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H-7'), 7.03 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-2'), 6.93 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, H-6'), 6.80 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5'), 6.21 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H-8'), 5.11 (1H, brs, H-12), 4.59 (1H, t, J = 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.52, 3.14 (each 1H, d, J = 11.0 Hz, H-28), 2.26 (2H, m, H-11), 1.92 (2H, m, H-2), 1.88 (1H, m, H-1a), 1.55 (1H, m, H-9), 1.53 (1H, m, Hm, H-7a), 1.52 (1H, m, H-6a), 1.51 (1H, m, H-22a), 1.44 (2H, m, H-21), 1.39 (1H, m, H-6b), 1.38 (1H, m, H-22b), 1.37 (1H, m, H-18), 1.36 (1H, m, H-19), 1.35 (1H, m, H-7b), 1.15 (1H, brs, H-15a), 1.09 (3H, s, H-27), 1.08 (1H, m, H-1b), 1.00 (1H, m, H-15b), 0.98 (6H, s, H-25, 26), 0.92 (3H, s, H-24), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 5.8 Hz, H-30), 0.89 (3H, s, H-23), 0.87 (1H, m, H-20), 0.85 (2H, m, H-16), 0.82 (1H, m, H-5), 0.79 (3H, d, J = 5.9 Hz, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 38.6 (C-1), 23.8 (C-2), 81.1 (C-3), 38.1 (C-4), 55.4 (C-5), 18.3 (C-6), 32.9 (C-7), 40.2 (C-8), 47.7 (C-9), 36.9 (C-10), 23.5 (C-11), 125.1 (C-12), 138.9 (C-13), 42.2 (C-14), 26.1 (C-15), 23.7 (C-16), 38.1 (C-17), 54.2 (C-18),  $39.5 \times 2$  (C-19, 20), 30.7 (C-21), 35.3 (C-22), 28.2 (C-23), 17.0 (C-24), 15.8 (C-25), 16.8 (C-26), 23.4 (C-27), 69.9 (C-28), 17.5 (C-29), 21.4 (C-30), 127.2 (C-1'), 114.0 (C-2'), 144.8 (C-3'), 147.2 (C-4'), 115.3 (C-5'), 122.1 (C-6'), 150.0 (C-7'), 115.7 (C-8'), 167.9 (C-9'); HRFABMS m/z 627.4072  $[M + Na]^+$  (calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 627.4025).

**Compound 5:** yellow amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D - 31.2^\circ$  (*c* 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3499, 1710, 1641, 1601, 1515, 1273, 1132, 1073, 1029 cm^{-1}; ^1H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.67 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, H-6<sup>'''</sup>), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-2<sup>'''</sup>), 7.00 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-5<sup>'''</sup>), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5), 6.64 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-5'), 6.63 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-2), 6.52 (1H, brs, H-2'), 6.50 (1H, m, H-6'), 6.31 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, H-6), 4.83 (1H, m, H-1"), 4.65 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 2.1 Hz, H-6"a), 4.44 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 7.3 Hz, H-6"b), 3.89 (3H, s, 4<sup>'''</sup>-OMe), 3.81 (3H, s, 3<sup>'''</sup>-OMe), 3.76 (1H, m, H-5''), 3.73 (3H, s, 3-OMe), 3.68 (3H, s, 3'-OMe), 3.55 (4H, brd, J = 4.9)Hz, H-9, 9'), 3.52 (1H, m, H-2"), 3.51 (1H, m, H-3"), 3.44 (1H, m, H-4"), 2.61 (2H, m, H-7a, 7'a), 2.52 (2H, m, H-7b, 7'b), 1.83 (2H, m, H-8, 8'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) δ 137.3 (C-1), 114.4 (C-2), 150.4 (C-3), 146.0 (C-4), 117.6 (C-5), 122.6 (C-6), 36.2 (C-7), 44.1 (C-8), 62.1 (C-9), 133.8 (C-1'), 113.3 (C-2'), 144.8 (C-3'), 145.6 (C-4'), 115.8 (C-5'), 122.7 (C-6'), 36.2 (C-7'), 44.1 (C-8'), 62.1 (C-9'), 102.8 (C-1"), 74.9 (C-2"), 77.8 (C-3"), 72.1 (C-4"), 75.6 (C-5"), 65.2 (C-6"), 123.8 (C-1""), 113.7 (C-2""), 150.2 (C-3'''), 155.0 (C-4'''), 112.0 (C-5'''), 125.1 (C-6'''), 167.6 (C-7""), 56.6 × 3 (3, 3"', 4"'-OMe), 56.3 (3'-OMe); HRFABMS m/z 711.2655 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>14</sub>Na, 711.2629).

**Compound 6:** yellow amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D - 78.6^\circ$  (*c* 0.3, MeOH); IR (KBr) v<sub>max</sub> 3387, 1710, 1659, 1591, 1505, 1461, 1417, 1334, 1228, 1128, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.36 (2H, brs, H-2', 6'), 6.24 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, H-3), 5.51 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, H-1), 5.06 (1H, m, H-6), 4.99 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, H-4), 4.66 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, Glc-1), 3.88 (1H, m, Glc-6a), 3.87 (6H, s, H-3', 5'), 3.82 (3H, s, H-4'), 3.65 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 5.8 Hz, Glc-6b), 3.36 (1H, t, J = 8.7 Hz, Glc-3), 3.34 (1H, m, Glc-5), 3.26 (1H, m, Glc-4), 3.18 (1H, t, J = 8.7 Hz, Glc-2), 3.01 (1H, m, H-5), 2.62 (1H, brd, J = 9.0 Hz, H-9), 2.28 (1H, dd, J = 14.3, 6.2 Hz, H-7a), 2.06 (1H, dd, H), 2.06 (1H, dd, H) 14.3, 3.4 Hz, H-7b), 1.41 (3H, s, H-10); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 100 MHz) & 93.5 (C-1), 141.3 (C-3), 104.4 (C-4), 39.6 (C-5), 81.2 (C-6), 47.7 (C-7), 79.2 (C-8), 51.8 (C-9), 26.2 (C-10), 126.9 (C-1'), 108.2  $\times$  2 (C-2', 6'), 154.4  $\times$  2 (C-3', 5'), 143.7 (C-5'), 56.8  $\times$  2 (3', 5'-OMe), 61.2 (3'-OMe), 167.4 (C-7'), 99.4 (Glc-1), 74.8 (Glc-2), 78.0 (Glc-3), 71.7 (Glc-4), 78.3 (Glc-5), 62.9 (Glc-6); HRFABMS m/z 565.1870 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>13</sub>Na, 565.1897).

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