

Phytochemical Constituents from *Salsola tetrandra*

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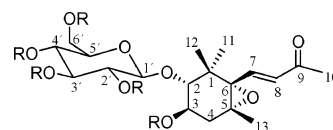
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The new norisoprenoid 3 β -hydroxy-5 α ,6 α -epoxy- β -ionone-2 α -O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) and the long-chain hydroxy fatty acids 9,12,13-trihydroxyoctadeca-10(*E*),15(*Z*)-dienoic acid (**2**) and 9,12,13-trihydroxyoctadeca-10(*E*)-dienoic acid (**3**) were isolated from *Salsola tetrandra* aerial parts, together with 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**4**), 9-hydroxylinaloyl glucoside (**5**), taxiphyllin (**6**), *trans*-*N*-feruloyltyramine (**7**), and *S*-(-)-*trans*-*N*-feruloyloctopamine (**8**). Their structures were elucidated by extensive spectroscopic analysis and chemical methods. Compounds **6** and **8** displayed mild antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, whereas compound **6** showed the highest activity in the *Artemia salina* bioassay.

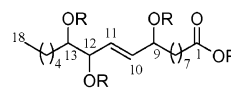
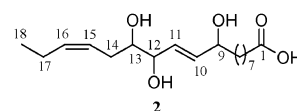
The genus *Salsola* (Chenopodiaceae) consists of over 100 species found in the dry regions of Asia, Europe, and Africa, some of which are utilized in local traditional medicine.¹ As part of our research on plants from Tunisia,^{2–6} we have investigated *Salsola tetrandra* Forak., a shrub growing in North Africa, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia.^{7,8} In the scant phytochemical work reported for this species, a coumarinonignan, triacetoamine, betaine, estrone, and cholesterol have been identified.^{5,9,10} In this communication, we report the characterization of the new norisoprenoid 3 β -hydroxy-5 α ,6 α -epoxy- β -ionone-2 α -O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) and the long-chain hydroxy fatty acids 9,12,13-trihydroxyoctadeca-10(*E*),15(*Z*)-dienoic acid (**2**) and 9,12,13-trihydroxyoctadeca-10(*E*)-dienoic acid (**3**), together with 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**4**),^{11,12} 9-hydroxylinaloyl glucoside (**5**),¹³ taxiphyllin (**6**),^{14,15} *trans*-*N*-feruloyltyramine (**7**),^{16–18} and *S*-(-)-*trans*-*N*-feruloyloctopamine (**8**).^{16,17,19,20} The antimicrobial activity of **1–8** was evaluated against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *Micrococcus luteus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, whereas compounds **1** and **4–6** were further tested in the *Artemia salina* bioassay.

Following the extraction of the aerial parts of *S. tetrandra* with MeOH and successive partitioning of the dried extract in H₂O/hexane, H₂O/EtOAc, and H₂O/n-BuOH, significant activity (ED₅₀ 2.33 μ g/mL) of the BuOH fraction was observed in the brine shrimp assay.²¹ The active fraction was then subjected to a sequence of normal- and reversed-phase column chromatography, to yield compounds **1–6**, whereas the EtOAc fraction afforded **7** and **8**.

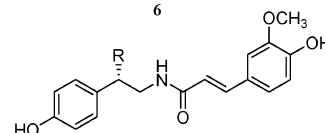
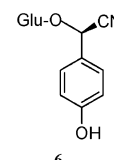
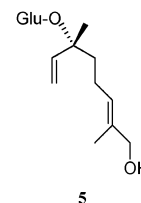
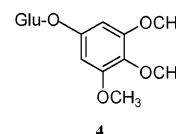
Compound **1** was isolated as a white solid with the molecular formula C₁₉H₃₀O₉, calculated from the [M + Na]⁺ peak at *m/z* 425.1776 in the HRESIMS. Its IR spectrum showed absorption bands due to hydroxyl (3452 cm⁻¹) and α,β -unsaturated ketone (1677 cm⁻¹) groups. The NMR spectra (Table 1) showed four methyl groups at $\delta_{\text{H}}/\delta_{\text{C}}$ 1.07/19.0, 1.31/18.5, 1.63/26.0, and 2.26/27.3, two methylenic protons at δ 1.98 and 2.65/ δ_{C} 39.2, two oxymethine protons at $\delta_{\text{H}}/\delta_{\text{C}}$ 3.52/91.9 and 4.04/65.0, a high-field tetrasubstituted carbon (δ_{C} 40.6), two oxygenated quaternary carbons at δ_{C} 66.5 and 69.5, and a *trans* double bond (*J* = 15.6 Hz) conjugated to a ketone (δ_{C} 196.8), as indicated by HMBC correlations. In addition, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra displayed the characteristic resonances of a sugar moiety with several proton signals superposed in the 4.00–5.00 ppm region, resolved by



1 R = H
1a R = Ac



3 R = H
3a R = SiMe₃



7 R = H
8 R = OH

acetylation of **1**. The NMR data of **1** and those of its pentaacetate **1a** supported a 5,6-epoxy- β -ionone basic structure with two

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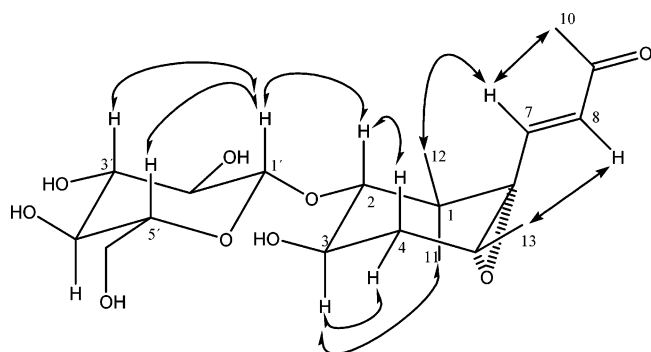
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Table 1. NMR Data of Compounds **1** (pyridine) and **1a** (CDCl₃)

position	1			1a	
	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	HMBC (H–C)	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}
1		40.6			40.2
2	3.52 d (9.7)	91.9	C-1, C-3, C-11, C-12, C-1'	3.31 d (8.8)	86.0
3	4.04 m	65.0		5.04 m	67.1
4 _{ax}	1.98 dd (14.7, 10.2)	39.2	C-3	1.85 dd (14.8, 8.7)	35.8
4 _{eq}	2.65 dd (14.7, 5.2)		C-2, C-3, C-6	2.50 dd (16.0, 5.2)	
5		66.5			65.4
6		69.6			68.9
7	7.27 d (15.6)	142.5	C-6, C-9	6.96 d (15.6)	140.8
8	6.51 d (15.6)	132.8	C-6, C-9	6.33 d (15.6)	132.6
9		196.8			197.1
10	2.26 s	27.3	C-9	2.27 s	28.9
11	1.31 s	18.5	C-1, C-2, C-6, C-12	0.93 s	18.9
12	1.63 s	26.0	C-1, C-2, C-6, C-11	1.25 s	26.1
13	1.07 s	19.0	C-4, C-5, C-6	1.14 s	19.6
1'	4.92 d (7.8)	106.5	C-2, C-2'	4.53 d (8.0)	102.8
2'	4.04 m	75.0		4.97 t (8.0, 9.4)	71.9
3'	4.17 m	78.3 ^a	C-2', C-4'	5.17 t (9.4, 9.4)	73.1
4'	4.17 m	71.0	C-3', C-5'	5.07 t (9.4, 9.4)	68.1
5'	4.04 m	78.2 ^a		3.66 o (9.4, 4.4, 2.4)	71.7
6 _a '	4.29 m	62.1		4.07 dd (12.4, 4.4)	61.9
6 _b '	4.52 d (11.0)			4.33 dd (12.4, 2.4)	
OCOCH ₃				1.98, 2.00, 2.06	
OCOCH ₃					20.5, 20.6, 21.0,
OCOCH ₃					168.8, 169.3, 169.9, 170.3, 170.6

^a Assignments in the same column may be exchanged.

**Figure 1.** NOE associations of compound **1**.

additional *O*-functions at C-2 and C-3.^{22–24} The glycosidic site in **1** was established from the HMBC and NOESY cross-peaks of the anomeric proton H-1' (δ 4.92) with C-2 (δ_{C} 91.9) and H-2 (δ 3.52), respectively. The relative configuration of **1** was determined by a combination of coupling constant analysis and NOESY (Figure 1). The axial orientation of the vicinal protons H-2 and H-3 was assigned from the corresponding coupling constant ($J = 9.7$ Hz) and the NOE interactions H-2/H-4_{ax}, H-3/H-4_{eq}, and H-3/11-CH₃. The equatorial methyl group at C-1 and 13-CH₃ showed NOESY cross-peaks with the olefinic protons H-7 and H-8, respectively. The sugar unit was identified as β -D-glucose, by comparison of the NMR data of **1** and **1a** with those reported for other ionone glucosides^{22–25} and the observed NOE interactions between the three *cis*-axial protons H-1', H-3', and H-5'. The above data closely resembled those reported for icaraside B₃ (2 β -hydroxy-5 α ,6 α -epoxy- β -ionone-3 β -*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside),²² except that the resonances of C-2 and C-3 were significantly shifted in **1**, by +16.9 and –10.6 ppm, respectively. These differences suggest that the oxirane γ -effects on C-2 and C-3 are strongly related to the substitution pattern and half-chair conformation of the epoxy- β -ionone ring.²⁶ Therefore, the structure of **1** was established as 3 β -hydroxy-5 α ,6 α -epoxy- β -ionone-2 α -*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside.

Compound **2** showed a molecular weight of 328 amu, as indicated by the pseudomolecular ions at m/z 327 [$\text{M} - \text{H}$][–], 351 [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$]⁺, and 363 [$\text{M} + \text{Cl}$][–] exhibited in the ESIMS. Its IR spectrum displayed OH and C=O absorptions at 3392 and 1700 cm^{–1}, respectively. The profile of the ¹³C NMR spectrum was

characteristic of an unsaturated long-chain fatty acid: a methyl group at δ_{C} 14.5, several methylene carbons from δ 21.6 to 38.3, four sp² carbons at δ_{C} 125.5, 130.4, 134.3, and 136.6, and a carboxyl carbon at δ_{C} 178.4. In addition, three low-field oxygenated carbons at δ_{C} 73.0, 75.8, and 75.9, bearing methine protons at δ 4.08, 3.97, and 3.48, respectively, confirmed the presence of three hydroxyl groups. Analysis of the COSY, HMQC, and HMBC spectra provided evidence for the fragment CH₃–CH₂–CH=CH–CH₂–CH(OH)–CH(OH)–CH=CH–CH(OH)–CH₂–. Considering the molecular weight of **2** and the number of CH₂ groups displayed in ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectra, this fragment should be separated from the terminal carboxyl group by a –(CH₂)₇– chain. The *E* configuration of the C-10–C-11 double bond was assigned on the basis of the coupling constants of the olefinic protons H-10 and H-11, which resonated as a resolved doublet of doublets at δ 5.75 and 5.69, respectively ($J_{10,11} = 15.9$ Hz, $J_{9,10} = J_{11,12} = 5.5$ Hz). The coupling constant $J_{15,16} = 11.2$ Hz suggested a *Z* configuration for the C-15–C-16 double bond, which was corroborated by the high-field chemical shift δ_{C} 21.6 of the allylic C-17.²⁷ The structure of **2** was thus determined as 9,12,13-trihydroxyoctadeca-10(*E*),15-*Z*)-dienoic acid, but the lack of available sample precluded the determination of the configuration at C-9, C-12, and C-13. Although this fatty acid has been reported as a substance with prostaglandin-like activity^{28–30} and self-defense action against rice disease,³⁰ so far, only the 9*S*,12*R*,13*S* isomer (malyngic acid) was fully characterized.³⁰ Since compound **2** and malyngic acid have similar ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, but specific rotations of opposite sign (–8.6 and +7.5, respectively), the above data support their diastereoisomeric relationship.

The molecular formula of compound **3** was determined as C₁₈H₃₄O₅ by positive and negative HRESIMS. As for compound **2**, the IR spectrum exhibited absorption bands for OH (3351 cm^{–1}) and C=O (1699 cm^{–1}) groups, whereas its NMR data indicated a monounsaturated long-chain fatty acid structure, with one *E*-double bond ($J = 15.9$ Hz), part of a –CH₂–CH(OH)–CH(OH)–CH=CH–CH(OH)–CH₂– fragment. The position of the olefin at C-10–C-11 was confirmed by GC-EIMS of the tetramethylsilyl derivative **3a** (Figure 2).^{30,33} The above spectroscopic data and the value of the specific rotation [α]_D²⁵ –10.0 were in agreement with the reported data for pinellic acid (9*S*,12*S*,13*S*)-trihydroxy-10*E*-octadecenoic acid, [α]_D²⁸ –8.1).³⁴ Nevertheless, we cannot exclude the

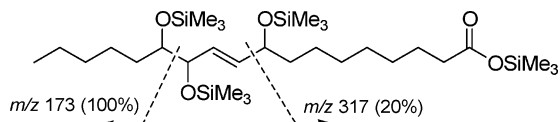


Figure 2. Mass fragmentation of compound **3a**.

alternative structures of the stereoisomers *9R,12S,13R* and *9R,12R,13S*, whose specific rotations are -7.1 and -5.3 , respectively.³⁵ Pinellin acid, previously isolated from the tuber of *Pinellia ternata*, is an effective oral adjuvant for nasal influenza vaccine,³⁴ whose total synthesis, as well as those of all diastereoisomers, has been reported.^{35,36}

Following standard protocols,^{37,38} compounds **1–8** were evaluated for their antimicrobial activities against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *Micrococcus luteus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The lowest MIC values were observed for compounds **6** and **8**, which inhibited the growth of *S. aureus* at concentrations of $200\ \mu\text{g/mL}$, with MBC determined as 500 and $600\ \mu\text{g/mL}$, respectively (Supporting Information, Table S1). In an *Artemia salina* lethality bioassay, compounds **1** and **4–6** showed ED₅₀ values of 10.9, 28.9, 21.8, and $0.96\ \mu\text{M}$, respectively.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Mp's were determined on a Reichert microscope. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 241-MC polarimeter. UV and FTIR spectra were recorded on a Milton Roy Spectronic 1201 spectrophotometer and Perkin-Elmer 157G infrared spectrophotometer, respectively. ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C (100.61 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-400 spectrometer. EIMS (70 eV), ESIMS, and HRESIMS were recorded on a Micromass GCTOF spectrometer, Agilent MSD1100 single quadrupole spectrometer, and Agilent ESI-TOF instrument, respectively. GC-MS was performed on a Hewlett-Packard MSD 5972 operating at 70 eV, under the following conditions: column, fused-silica HP5 MS (30 m × 0.25 mm, 0.25 μm); He as carrier gas; flow rate 1.2 mL/min; split ratio 1:50; oven temperature program, 50 °C for 1 min, 50–280 °C at 5 °C/min, and 20 min at 280 °C; injector temperature 250 °C; detector temperature 280 °C. CC was performed over Si gel (35–70 mesh, MN), whereas Si gel (230–400 mesh, MN) and RP-18 Si gel (40–63 μm, Merck) were used for flash chromatography. Michel-Miller columns filled with LiChroprep RP-18 Si gel (40–63 μm, Merck) were used in low-pressure liquid chromatography (LPLC). The mobile phase was delivered by a Fluid Metering QSY pump at a maximum flow rate of 15 mL/min. TLC was performed using precoated Si gel 60 F₂₅₄ (MN) and RP-18 Si gel F₂₅₄ (Merck) plates.

Plant Material. *Salsola tetrandra* was collected at Monastir (Tunisia) in March 2002 and identified by Dr. F. Harzallah-Skhiri, Ecole Supérieure d'Horticulture et d'Élevage de Chott Mériem, Université de Sousse, Tunisia, where a voucher (ST-100) is deposited.

Extraction and Isolation. Air-dried and powdered aerial parts of *S. tetrandra* (1.8 kg) were extracted in a Soxhlet apparatus with MeOH. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the extract (380 g) was suspended in H₂O (2 L) and partitioned successively with hexane, EtOAc, and n-BuOH. The BuOH fraction (16 g) was applied to a Si gel column and eluted with a gradient of CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (100:0; 90:10; 80:20; 70:30; 60:40; 50:50; 40:60; 20:80; 0:100) to give nine fractions (A₁–A₉), two of which (A₅ and A₆) were active in the brine shrimp assay. Successive RP-18 flash CC and LPLC of fraction A₅ (1.8 g) with H₂O/MeOH gradient elution afforded compounds **2** (9.4 mg), **3** (10.6 mg), and **5** (26 mg). Flash CC of fraction A₆ (3.22 g) with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (85:15) elution yielded 340 mg of **6** and a mixture of **1** and **4**, which was separated by RP-18 flash CC with H₂O/MeOH (80:20) elution to obtain 16 mg of **1** and 10.8 mg of **4**. The EtOAc fraction (27 g) was chromatographed over Si gel with successive petroleum ether/EtOAc (80:20; 60:40; 40:60; 20:80; 0:100) and EtOAc/MeOH (90:10; 80:20; 70:30; 50:50; 0:100) elution, to give 12 subfractions, B₁–B₁₂. Si gel CC of B₈ (1.36 g) with CHCl₃/MeOH elution (9.5:0.5 and 9:1) afforded **7** (8 mg) and **8** (5 mg).

3β-Hydroxy-5α,6α-epoxy-β-ionone-2α-O-β-D-glucopyranoside (1): white solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -145$ (c 0.14, MeOH); IR ν_{max} 3452, 2933, 1678

cm^{-1} ; HREIMS m/z 425.1776 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for C₁₉H₃₀O₉Na, 425.1788); NMR data, see Table 1. Compound **1** was acetylated with Ac₂O/pyridine (overnight, rt) to yield the corresponding pentaacetate **1a**: HREIMS m/z 635.2302 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for C₂₉H₄₀NaO₁₄ 635.2316); NMR data, see Table 1.

9,12,13-Trihydroxyoctadeca-10(E),15(Z)-dienoic acid (2): gummy, white solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -8.6$ (c 0.86, MeOH); ESIMS m/z 363 $[\text{M} + \text{Cl}]^-$; 351 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 327 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$; IR ν_{max} 3392, 2930, 2856, 1700, 973 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃/MeOD) δ 0.96 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$, H-18), 1.34 (11H, bs, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8a), 1.52 (1H, m, H-8b), 1.61 (2H, m, H-3), 2.07 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$, H-17), 2.17 (1H, m, H-14a), 2.28 (2H, m, H-2), 2.33 (1H, m, H-14b), 3.48 (1H, m, H-13), 3.97 (1H, t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, H-12), 4.08 (1H, m, H-9), 5.44 (1H, o, $J = 11.2$, 5.2 Hz, H-16), 5.49 (1H, o, $J = 11.2$, 5.2 Hz, H-15), 5.69 (1H, dd, $J = 15.9$, 5.5 Hz, H-11), 5.75 (1H, dd, $J = 15.9$, 5.5 Hz, H-10); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃/MeOD) δ 14.5 (C-18), 21.6 (C-17), 26.3 (C-3), 26.4 (C-7), 30.2 (C-4, C-5, or C-6), 30.4 (C-4, C-5, or C-6), 30.5 (C-4, C-5, or C-6), 31.6 (C-14), 36.6 (C-2), 38.3 (C-8), 72.3 (C-9), 75.3 (C-12, C-13), 125.5 (C-15), 130.9 (C-10), 134.3 (C-16), 136.3 (C-11), 178.1 (C-1).

9,12,13-Trihydroxy-10(E)-octadecenoic acid (3): gummy, white solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -10.0$ (c 0.36, MeOH); HRESIMS m/z 353.2297 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calc for C₁₈H₃₄NaO₅, 353.2304); m/z 329.2374 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^+$ (calc for C₁₈H₃₃O₅, 329.2328); IR ν_{max} 3351, 2931, 2850, 1699, 974 cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃/MeOD) δ 0.91 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$, H-18), 1.34 (16H, bs, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8b, H-14a, H-15, H-16, H-17), 1.52 (1H, m, H-8b), 1.61 (3H, m, H-3, H-14b), 2.29 (2H, m, H-2), (3.42 (1H, m, H-13), 3.91 (1H, t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, H-12), 4.06 (1H, m, H-9), 5.67 (1H, dd, $J = 15.9$, 5.5 Hz, H-11), 5.73 (1H, dd, $J = 15.9$, 5.5 Hz, H-10); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃/MeOD) δ 14.37 (C-18), 23.5 (C-17), 25.9 (C-3 or C-15), 26.2 C-3 or C-15, 26.3 (C-7), 29.9 (C-4), 30.1 (C-5 or C-6), 30.3 (C-5 or C-6), 32.8 (C-16), 33.2 (C-14), 35.1 (C-2), 38.8 (C-8), 72.7 (C-9), 75.5 (C-13), 76.2 (C-12), 130.4 (C-10), 136.4 (C-11), 177.9 (C-1). Compound **3** was silylated with *N,O*-bis-(trimethylsilyl) acetamide, according to a described procedure,³⁹ to yield **3a**, which was analyzed by GC-EIMS.

Antimicrobial Assays. The antimicrobial activities of **1–8** were evaluated against Gram-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213, *S. epidermidis* NCIMB 8853, and *Micrococcus luteus* NCIMB 8166 and Gram-negative *Escherichia coli* ATCC 35218 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 using microdilution methods on liquid medium, as previously described.^{37,38} All organisms were stored at $-70\ ^\circ\text{C}$ in glycerol Mueller-Hinton broth. Fresh subcultures were used for each experiment, and the final bacterial concentration in the tubes was adjusted to $(1-5) \times 10^5$ cfu/mL. The minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) was defined as the lowest concentrations that prevent visible growth, and the minimal bactericidal concentration (MBC) was determined as a concentration where $\geq 99.9\%$ of the initial inoculum is killed. To confirm the results of MBC, 100 μL of each dilution suspensions was subcultured on TSA agar plates, which were incubated at 30 °C for 18–24 h.

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Supporting Information Available: Data of minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimal bactericidal concentration (MBC) of compounds **1–8**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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