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## FOUR NEW GLYCOSIDES FROM *PLEUOSPERMUM FRANCHETIANUM*

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Four new glycosides, pleurofranosides I–IV, together with eight known compounds were isolated from the whole plants of *Pleurospermum franchetianum* Hemsl. Based on the spectral data and chemical evidence, the structures of pleurofranosides I, II, III and IV were elucidated to be 16 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ , 23, 28-tetrahydroxyolean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranoside, 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)-[ $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside and 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside. The known compounds identified were octadecyl caprate,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, (22*E*, 20*S*, 24*R*)-5 $\alpha$ , 8 $\alpha$ -epidioxy-ergosta-6, 22-dien-3- $\beta$ -ol, daucosterol,  $\alpha$ -spinasterol-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, quercetin-3, 7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, kaempferol-3, 7-di-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside and kaempferol-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside, respectively.

**Keywords:** *Pleurospermum franchetianum* Hemsl; Umbelliferae; Pleurofranosides I–IV; Glycosides

### INTRODUCTION

The plants of the genus *Pleurospermum* (Umbelliferae) are mainly distributed in North Asia and East Europe [1]. Some of the 32 species registered in China are used as folk medicine. Pharmacological study revealed that the water extract of the whole plants of *P. rivulorum* Diels is antiarrhythmic [2]. *P. govonianum* (Wall) Benth ex C.B. Clark var. *Bicolor* Wolff. is used as antiasthmatic, expectorant and smooth muscle relaxant [3]. *P. lindleyanum* (Lipsky) B. Fedtsch is adapted to hypertension, coronary heart disease [4]. Various compounds including fatty acids and their esters [2,5,6], coumarins [4–6], flavonoids [4], monoterpenes [7] and steroids [2,5] were isolated from the plants of this genus. *P. franchetianum* Hemsl. distributed in Southwest and Northwest China [8] has not been chemical investigated. In the study on the whole plant of *P. franchetianum*, four new glycosides, pleurofranosides I–IV, were isolated. Their structures were elucidated to be 16 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ , 23, 28-tetrahydroxyolean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**8**), 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ ,

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23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranoside (**10**), 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)-[ $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**11**) and 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**12**). Eight known compounds were determined to be octadecyl caprate (**1**),  $\beta$ -sitosterol (**2**), (22*E*, 20*S*, 24*R*)-5 $\alpha$ , 8 $\alpha$ -epidioxysterol-6, 22-dien-3- $\beta$ -ol (**3**), daucosterol (**4**),  $\alpha$ -spinasterol-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**5**), quercetin-3, 7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**6**), kaempferol-3, 7-di-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**7**) and kaempferol-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The quasi-molecular ion peak  $[M - H]^-$  at  $m/z$  813.4609 in the HRFABMS (negative) of **8** suggested the molecular formula  $C_{42}H_{70}O_{15}$ . Only D-glucose was identified by PC and TLC after hydrolyzing **8** at 60°C with 4 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. The acid solution was neutralized with NaOH (aq.) and then extracted with  $CHCl_3$  to yield **8a**. In the FABMS (positive) of **8**, the ion peaks at  $m/z$  838 ( $[M + Na + H]^+$ ), 815 ( $[M + H]^+$ ), 653 ( $[M + H - glc]^+$ ), 473 ( $[M - (glc - glc)]^+$ ), 455 ( $[M - (glc - glc) - H_2O]^+$ ) and 437 ( $[M - (glc - glc) - 2 \times H_2O]^+$ ) suggested the presence of two glucose moieties. The  $^1H$  NMR signals  $\delta$  5.32 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz) and 5.04 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz) indicated two  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl moieties. Six methyl groups resonated at  $\delta$  1.31, 1.30, 1.19, 1.04, 1.00 and 0.97 (each 3 H, s) were recognized in **8**. The cross signal at  $\delta$  5.26 (1 H, t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, H-12)/123.7 d (C-12) in HMQC and the  $^{13}C$  NMR signal  $\delta$  142.7 suggested compound **8** was a derivative of olean-type triterpene. The chemical shifts C-3, C-16, C-21 and other C-atoms could be assigned on the basis of HMQC, HMBC and  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY starting from the cross signals  $\delta$  5.26 (H-12)/47.1 d (C-9) and 43.6 d (C-14, 18) in HMBC. The key correlations were described in Fig. 1. It is reported that C-3, 16 and 21 resonated at  $\delta$  73.4, 67.7 and 72.7 in gymnastrogenin and the configurations of 3-, 21- and 16-OH were determined based on NOE experiments [10]. The  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data of **8a** were in accordance with those of gymnastrogenin [9,10]. The  $\beta$ -oriented 3-, 21- and 16-OH in compound **8** should also be confirmed by the difference of chemical shift of C-3 [about ( $\beta$ -) - ( $\alpha$ -) = 2–5 ppm], C-21 [about ( $\alpha$ -) - ( $\beta$ -) = 3–6 ppm] and C-16 [about ( $\alpha$ -) - ( $\beta$ -) = 6–7 ppm] between  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -configured triterpenoids [11]. A downfield glycosylation shift +8.7 and +9.5 ppm of C-3 was observed in two glycosides of **8a**, gymnemic acid VII [9] and sitakiosides IX [10], respectively. The  $^{13}C$  NMR signal of **8** at  $\delta$  82.8 could be assigned to C-3 because of the HMBC correlation  $\delta$  5.04 (H-1')/82.8 (C-3). Thus, in **8** C-3 should be glycosylated by comparing the  $^{13}C$  NMR data of **8** and **8a** [9,10]. The cross signal  $\delta$  5.04 (H-1')/4.20 in  $^1H$ - $^1H$  COSY,  $\delta$  84.2 (C-2')/4.20 (H-2') in HMQC and  $\delta$  5.32 (H-1'')/84.2 (C-2') in HMBC provided 1  $\rightarrow$  2 linkage of the two sugar moieties. Thus the structure of **8** could be elucidated as 16 $\beta$ , 21 $\beta$ , 23, 28-tetrahydroxyolean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, named as pleurofranoside I (Fig. 1).

Compound **10** was isolated as yellowish powder. The ion peak at  $m/z$  941.5151 ( $[M - H]^-$ ) in its HRFABMS (negative) suggested the molecular formula  $C_{48}H_{78}O_{18}$ . D-glucose and D-fucose were identified by PC and TLC after hydrolyzing **10** at 90°C in 5 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. The presence of two glucose and one fucose moieties was recognized from the ion peaks at  $m/z$  981 ( $[M + K]^+$ ), 965 ( $[M + Na]^+$ ), 763 ( $[M + H - H_2O - glc]^+$ ), 601 ( $[M + H - 2 \times glc - H_2O]^+$ ), 455 ( $[M - 2 \times glc - fuc]^+$ ) and 437 ( $[M - 2 \times glc - fuc - H_2O]^+$ ) in FABMS (positive). The  $^1H$  NMR signals at  $\delta$  5.57, 5.28 and 4.92 (each 1 H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz) ascribed two  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl and one  $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl moieties.

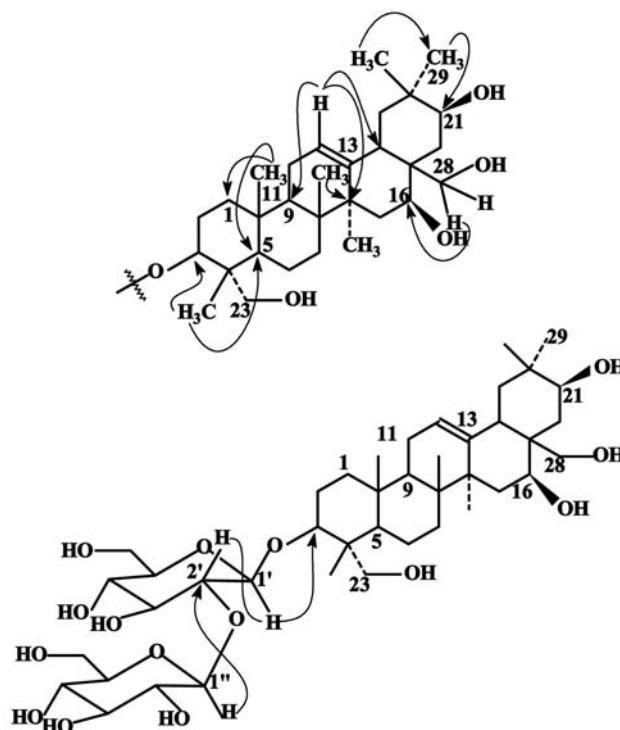


FIGURE 1 The key correlations and structure of compound **8** (→ HMBC correlations, —<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal at  $\delta$  1.38 (3 H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, Fuc H-6) could be assigned to the methyl group in fucose moiety. The six methyl groups resonate at  $\delta$  1.37, 1.25, 1.19, 1.10, 1.06 and 0.95 (each 3 H, s). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals at  $\delta$  5.63 (1 H, dd,  $J = 10.0, 2.0$  Hz, H-11) and 5.96 (1 H, d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, H-12) suggested a disubstituted double bond. The aglycone was determined by comparing the NMR data of **10** with those of 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -ol [12,13]. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR signal at  $\delta$  82.6 could be assigned to glycosylated C-3 considering the HMBC correlation  $\delta$  4.92 (H-1')/82.6 d (C-3). 3- and 16-OH should be  $\beta$ -oriented by comparing the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of compound **10** with those of known triterpene saponins with the same aglycone [14–18] and by considering the difference of chemical shift of C-3 [about ( $\beta$ -) - ( $\alpha$ -) = 2–5 ppm] and C-16 [about ( $\alpha$ -) - ( $\beta$ -) = 6–7 ppm] between  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -configured compounds [11]. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR signal at  $\delta$  83.9 could be assigned to C-4', considering the cross signal  $\delta$  4.92 (H-1')/4.66 (H-2') in <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and  $\delta$  4.66/83.9 d (C-4') in HMBC spectrum. The signal  $\delta$  4.66/77.0 d (C-2') in HMQC along with the cross signal  $\delta$  4.66 (H-2')/103.9 d (C-1'') and 5.57 (H-1')/77.0 d (C-2') in HMBC revealed the linkage between the first glucose and the fucose was 1 → 2. The signal  $\delta$  5.28 (H-1'')/83.9 d (C-4') in HMBC provided the linkage between the second glucose and the fucose 1 → 4. Thus compound **10** (Fig. 2) was elucidated as 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 → 4)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 → 2)]- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranoside, named pleurofranoside II.

The molecular formula of **11**, C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>18</sub>, was provided by ion peak at  $m/z$  941.5051 ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>) in the HRFABMS (negative). D-glucose and D-fucose were identified by PC and TLC after hydrolyzing **11** at 95°C in 5 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. The FABMS (positive) of **11** gave fragments ion peaks at  $m/z$  982 ([M + K + H]<sup>+</sup>), 966 ([M + Na + H]<sup>+</sup>), 762 ([M - glc - H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>), 615 ([M - glc - H<sub>2</sub>O - fuc]<sup>+</sup>), 471 ([M + H - (2 × glc - fuc)]<sup>+</sup>), 453

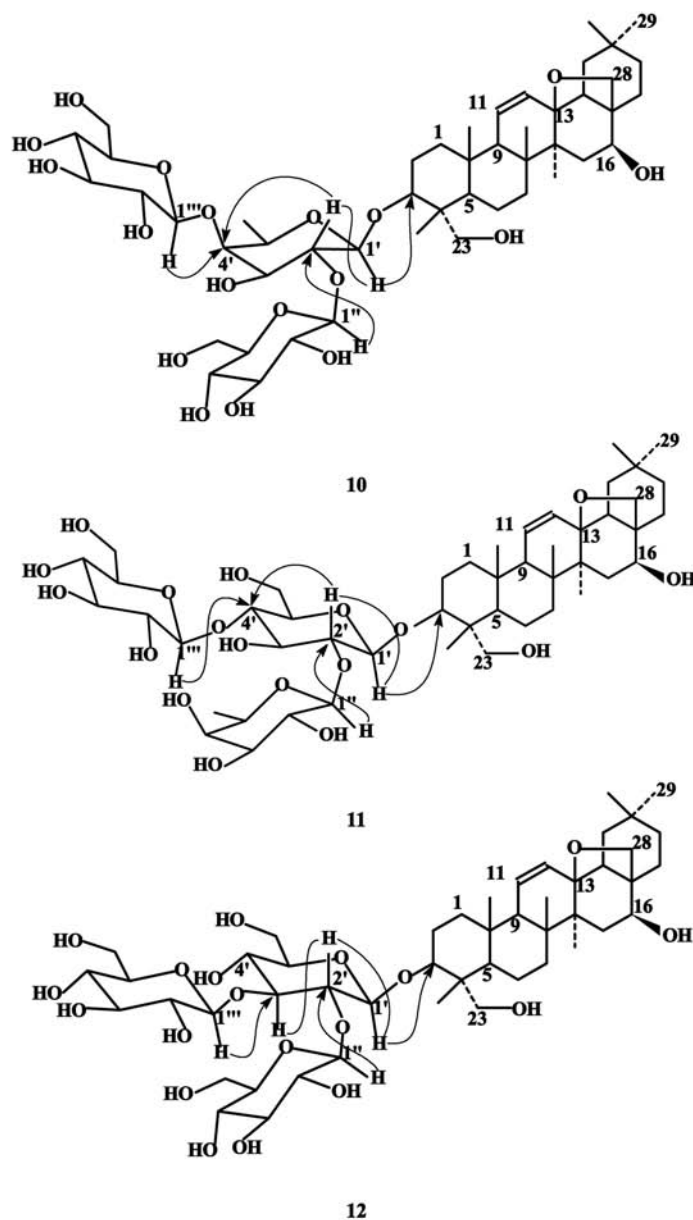


FIGURE 2 The Structures of **10**, **11** and **12** ( $\rightarrow$  HMBC correlations,  $-^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  COSY correlations).

( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - (2 \times \text{glc-fuc}) - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ) and 435 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - (2 \times \text{glc-fuc}) - 2 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals at  $\delta$  5.58, 5.30 and 4.92 (each 1 H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz) ascribed two  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl and one  $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl moieties. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signal at  $\delta$  1.38 (3 H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, Fuc H-6) could be assigned to the methyl group in fucose moiety. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum the six methyl groups in aglycone [at  $\delta$  1.37, 1.25, 1.19, 1.10, 1.06 and 0.95 (each 3 H, s)] and two olefinic protons [at  $\delta$  5.69 (1 H, dd,  $J = 10.4, 2.8$  Hz, H-11) and 5.98 (1 H, d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, H-12)] were observed. The aglycone of **11**, 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -ol [12,13], is identical to that of **10**, in view of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of both **10** and **11**. According to the HMBC signal  $\delta$  4.92 (H-1')/ $\delta$  82.5 d (C-3),

C-3 was glycosylated. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signal at  $\delta$  83.7 could be assigned to C-4' on the basis of the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY cross signal  $\delta$  4.92 (H-1')/4.65 (H-2') and HMBC correlation signal  $\delta$  4.65 (H-2')/83.7 d. The cross signal  $\delta$  4.65 (H-2')/77.0 d (C-2') in HMQC along with the HMBC correlations  $\delta$  5.58 (H-1'')/77.0 d (C-2') and 4.65 (H-2')/103.9 d (C-1'') provided the 1  $\rightarrow$  2 connection between fucose and the first glucose. The 1  $\rightarrow$  4 linkage between the second glucose and the first glucose could be confirmed from the HMBC correlation  $\delta$  5.30 (H-1''')/83.7 d (C-4'). Thus, the structure of **11** (Fig. 2) was elucidated as 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  4)-[ $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, named as pleurofranoside III.

The molecular formula of compound **12**,  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{78}\text{O}_{19}$ , concluded from the ion peak at  $m/z$  957.5055  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  in HRFABMS (negative). D-glucose was identified by PC and TLC after hydrolyzing **12** at 98°C in 5 M HCl (aq.) for 5 h. The fragments at  $m/z$  998 ( $[\text{M} + \text{K} + \text{H}]^+$ ), 958 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 796 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{glc}]^+$ ), 617 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - 2 \times \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ), 473 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - 3 \times \text{glc}]^+$ ), 455 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - 3 \times \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ), 437 ( $[\text{M} - 3 \times \text{glc} - 2 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ) and 419 ( $[\text{M} - 3 \times \text{glc} - 3 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ ) were observed in its FABMS (negative) spectrum. From the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals at  $\delta$  5.56, 5.28 and 4.90 (each 1 H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 3  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl moieties could be postulated. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of compound **12** were in accordance with those of **10** and **11** except the glucose moiety, suggesting that both **12** and **11** possessed the same aglycone. The HMBC correlation  $\delta$  4.90 (H-1')/82.5 d (C-3) showed that C-3 was glycosylated. The C-2' resonated at  $\delta$  76.9 because of the cross signals  $\delta$  4.90 (H-1')/4.67 (H-2') in  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY and  $\delta$  4.67 (H-2')/76.9 d (C-2') in HMQC. Furthermore,  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlation  $\delta$  4.67 (H-2')/4.09 (H-3') and  $\delta$  4.09 (H-3')/84.6 d (C-3') in HMQC showed that C-3' resonates at 84.6. The HMBC correlations  $\delta$  4.67 (H-2')/103.9 d (C-1'') and 5.56 (H-1'')/76.9 d (C-2'') confirmed the 1  $\rightarrow$  2 linkage between the second glucose and the first glucose. The third glucose located at C-3' on the basis of the signals at  $\delta$  4.09 (H-3')/105.0 d and 5.28 (H-1''')/84.6 d (C-3') in HMBC. Therefore, compound **12** was elucidated as 13 $\beta$ , 28-epoxy-16 $\beta$ , 23-dihydroxyolean-11-ene-3 $\beta$ -yl-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-[ $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, named as pleurofranoside IV (Fig. 2).

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### General Experiment Procedures

Mps were recorded on XRC-1 (uncorr.). UV spectra were recorded on a GBC Cintra 20 spectrometer in MeOH and IR on a Nicolet Protege 460 spectrometer with KBr discs ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). NMR spectra were measured on Bruker AM-400 (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ , TMS as internal standard) in  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ . Column chromatography was performed on silica gel of 200–300 mesh. FABMS were carried on a VG AutoSpec-3000 (positive and negative mode, glycerol as matrix). Optical rotations were taken on a Perkin Elmer 341 Polarimeter. TLC was carried on silica gel (10–40  $\mu$ ) precoated plates. Spots were detected by spraying 8% phosphomolybdic acid–ethanol solution followed by heating. Sugars were identified by PC (the upper layer of  $n$  - BuOH : HOAc :  $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 4 : 1 : 5$  as eluent) and TLC [the lower layer of  $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 15:6:2-HOAc (9:1) as eluent] with the authentic monosaccharides purchased from ACROS.

### Plant Material

The whole plants of *P. franchetianum* Hemsl. were collected from Miyaluo, Lixian County, Sichuan Province, China, in August 1998, and identified by Prof. F.D. Fu (Chengdu Institute

of Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences). A voucher specimen is deposited at the Herbarium of Chengdu Institute of Biology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

### Extraction and Isolation

A sample of cut and dried whole plants (10 kg) was soaked with 92% EtOH (501 × 3). After concentrated *in vacuo*, ca. 1000 g extract was obtained. The syrup was dissolved in warm H<sub>2</sub>O 2.51 (about 50°C) and extracted successively with petroleum ether (60–90°C) (1.01 × 11), EtOAc (1.01 × 10) and *n*-BuOH (1.01 × 8).

The EtOAc extract (80 g) was divided into five fractions Fr. 1–5 by CC gradually eluted with petroleum ether (60–90°C)–EtOAc (5:1, 3:1 and 1:1), CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10:1, 5:1 and 2:1) and MeOH, respectively. Compound **1** (28 mg), **2** (32 mg) and **3** (20 mg) were obtained from Fr. 1 by CC eluted with petroleum ether (60–90°C)–EtOAc (20:1–5:1). Fr. 3 was chromatographed with eluent CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10:1–5:1) to give compound **4** (1.5 g). Compound **5** (260 mg) was obtained from Fr. 4 by CC eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10:1). The *n*-BuOH extract (300 g) was dissolved in warm H<sub>2</sub>O 1.01 (about 50°C) and absorbed by macroporus resin firstly. Then, it was eluted with H<sub>2</sub>O until no sugar was detected, then eluted by EtOH to yield 32 g fraction, which was divided into five fractions Fr. A–E by CC eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (10:1, 5:1 and 2:1), MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. Compound **6** (68 mg) and **7** (1.02 g) were obtained from Fr. A by CC eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (10:2:0.3, low layer). Fr. B was separated by CC with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (10:3:0.4, low layer) to yield compound **8** (238 mg) and **9** (2.16 g), respectively. Compound **10** (985 mg) was isolated from Fr. C by CC eluted with EtOAc–MeOH (5:2). Fr. D was subjected on CC by CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (10:3:0.4, low layer), then on reverse phase C-18 with the elution of MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1). Thus, Compound **11** (106 mg) and **12** (256 mg) were obtained, respectively.

Compound **1** [5], **2**, **3** [19–23], **4**, **5** [24], **6** [25,26], **7** [27,28], **9** [29] were identified by co-TLC with authentic samples and/or by comparison of their spectral data with those reported.

**Pleurofranoside I (8)**. White powder, mp 260–261°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 2.0^\circ$  (*c* 0.38, MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3394 (–OH), 2929, 1654 (–C = C–), 1458, 1367, 1169 and 1076. HRFABMS (–) *m/z*: 813.4609 ([M – 1]<sup>–</sup>, calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>69</sub>O<sub>15</sub>, 813.4636). FABMS (+) *m/z* (rel. int.): 838 ([M + Na + H]<sup>+</sup>, 80), 815 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 95), 653 ([M + H – glc]<sup>+</sup>, 1.3), 473 ([M – (glc–glc)]<sup>+</sup>, 12), 455 ([M – (glc–glc) – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>, 100) and 437 ([M – (glc–glc) – 2 × H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>, 41). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 5.32 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1''), 5.26 (1 H, t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-12), 5.04 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1'), 4.60 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.8 Hz, H-16), 4.36 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, H-23a), 4.33 (1 H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-28a), 4.25 (1 H, m, H-3), 3.69 (1 H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-28b), 3.71 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, H-23b), 1.31 (3 H, s, H-27), 1.30 (3 H, s, H-29), 1.19 (3 H, s, H-30), 1.04 (3 H, s, H-26), 1.00 (3 H, s, H-24), 0.97 (3 H, s, H-25). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: see Table I.

**Hydrolysis of pleurofranoside I**. Compound **8** (ca. 15 mg) was heated at 60°C with 4 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. D-glucose was identified on PC and TLC with the authentic samples. Aglycone **8a** identified as gymnestrogenin was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> from the acidic solution after being neutralized by aqueous sodium hydroxide.

**Pleurofranoside II (10)**. Yellowish powder, mp 247–248°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 3.37^\circ$  (*c* 0.624, MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3422 (–OH), 2927, 1654 (–C = C–), 1458, 1383, 1256, 1164 and 1074. HRFABMS (–) *m/z*: 941.5151 ([M – 1]<sup>–</sup>, calcd. for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>77</sub>O<sub>18</sub>, 941.5109). FABMS (+) *m/z* (rel. int.): 981 ([M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 12), 965 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 28), 763 ([M + H – H<sub>2</sub>O–glc]<sup>+</sup>, 11), 601 ([M + H – 2 × glc–H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>, 10), 455 ([M – 2 × glc–fuc]<sup>+</sup>, 45) and 437 ([M – 2 × glc–fuc – H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>, 35). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 5.96 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-12), 5.63 (1H,

TABLE I  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of compounds **8** and **8a** ( $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , 100 MHz)

C-atom	<b>8</b>	<b>8a</b>	C-atom	<b>8</b>	<b>8a</b>	C-atom	<b>8</b>
1	38.9	38.9	16	67.9	67.6	Glc-1	
2	27.5	27.6	17	43.9	43.9	1	104.6
3	82.8	73.3	18	43.6	43.6	2	84.2
4	42.8	42.8	19	47.6	47.6	3	78.3
5	47.6	48.5	20	36.9	36.9	4	72.4
6	18.5	18.5	21	72.4	72.6	5	77.8
7	32.6	32.7	22	33.9	34.9	6	63.7
8	40.1	40.1	23	67.9	67.9	Glc-2	
9	47.1	47.2	24	12.9	13.0	1	106.3
10	36.9	36.9	25	16.0	16.1	2	73.5
11	23.8	23.9	26	16.8	67.9	3	77.8
12	123.7	123.0	27	26.9	26.9	4	71.5
13	142.7	143.1	28	67.9	68.4	5	77.2
14	43.6	43.8	29	29.1	29.8	6	62.5
15	36.7	36.7	30	18.3	18.0		

dd,  $J = 10.0, 2.0$  Hz, H-11), 5.57 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, H-1'''), 5.28 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, H-1''), 4.92 (1H, d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, H-1'), 4.51 (1 H, m, H-16), 4.38 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, H-28b), 4.37 (1 H, d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, H-23a), 4.29 (1 H, dd,  $J = 12.0, 5.2$  Hz, H-3), 3.69 (1 H, d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, H-23b), 3.32 (1 H, d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, H-28b), 1.37 (3H, s, H-26), 1.25 (3H, s, H-27), 1.19 (3H, s, H-24), 1.10 (3H, s, H-25), 1.06 (3H, s, H-29) and 0.95 (3H, s, H-30).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: see Table II.

*Hydrolysis of pleurofranoside II.* Compound **10** (ca. 0.5 mg) was heated at  $90^\circ\text{C}$  with 5 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. D-glucose and D-fucose were identified on PC and TLC with the authentic samples.

TABLE II  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of compounds **10**, **11** and **12** ( $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ , 100 MHz)

C-atom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	C-atom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
1	38.5	38.5	38.5	25	18.5	18.5	18.5
2	26.4	26.7	26.7	26	19.9	19.9	19.9
3	82.6	82.5	82.5	27	20.7	20.6	20.6
4	43.7	43.7	43.7	28	72.9	73.1	73.1
5	47.7	47.7	47.7	29	34.6	34.8	34.8
6	17.6	17.9	17.9	30	25.9	25.9	25.9
7	31.5	31.5	31.5	1'	103.9	103.9	103.8
8	42.1	42.0	42.0	2'	77.0	77.0	76.9
9	53.0	52.9	52.9	3'	71.8	76.1	84.6
10	36.2	36.9	36.9	4'	83.9	83.7	71.6
11	132.1	132.1	132.1	5'	70.4	77.0	76.7
12	131.0	131.0	130.9	6'	17.1	62.5	63.8
13	84.8	84.8	84.8	1''	105.0	103.9	105.6
14	45.6	45.6	45.6	2''	75.2	71.5	73.0
15	36.0	36.2	36.2	3''	78.3	73.1	75.6
16	64.5	64.5	64.5	4''	71.5	72.1	71.6
17	47.7	47.7	47.7	5''	78.7	70.4	76.7
18	52.1	51.6	51.6	6''	61.6	17.1	63.0
19	37.7	37.3	37.3	1'''	103.9	105.0	103.9
20	30.9	30.4	30.4	2'''	75.2	75.3	73.7
21	34.6	34.7	34.8	3'''	78.3	77.0	76.3
22	25.9	25.9	25.9	4'''	70.4	70.4	71.5
23	64.5	65.4	65.4	5'''	78.6	77.4	76.7
24	12.6	12.6	12.6	6'''	63.0	63.0	62.7



*Pleurofranoside III (11)*. White powder, mp 281.5–283°C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +4.82^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.224, MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3403 (–OH), 2928, 1639 (–C = C–), 1385, 1162 and 1072. HRFABMS (–) *m/z*: 941.5051 ( $[\text{M} - 1]^{-}$ , calcd. for  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{77}\text{O}_{18}$ , 941.5109). FABMS (+) *m/z* (rel. int.): 982 ( $[\text{M} + \text{K} + \text{H}]^{+}$ , 1.3), 966 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na} + \text{H}]^{+}$ , 1.5), 762 ( $[\text{M} - \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 0.6), 615 ( $[\text{M} - \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{fuc}]^{+}$ , 0.4), 471 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - (2 \times \text{glc} - \text{fuc})]^{+}$ , 6), 453 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - (2 \times \text{glc} - \text{fuc}) - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 10) and 435 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - (2 \times \text{glc} - \text{fuc}) - 2 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 5).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  5.98 (1H, d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, H-11), 5.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.8 Hz, H-12), 5.58 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-1<sup>''</sup>), 5.30 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-1<sup>'''</sup>), 4.92 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-1<sup>'</sup>), 4.49 (1H, br, H-16), 4.38 (1H, d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, H-23a), 4.37 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-28a), 4.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, H-3), 3.70 (1H, d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, H-23b), 3.41 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-28b), 1.37 (3H, s, H-26), 1.25 (3H, s, H-27), 1.19 (3H, s, H-24), 1.10 (3H, s, H-25), 1.06 (3H, s, H-29) and 0.95 (3H, s, H-30).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: see Table II.

*Hydrolysis of pleurofranoside III*. Compound **11** (ca. 1 mg) was heated at 95°C with 5 M HCl (aq.) for 6 h. D-glucose and D-fucose were identified on PC and TLC with the authentic samples.

*Pleurofranoside IV (12)*. White powder, mp 259–260°C,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +6.01^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.268, MeOH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3416 (–OH), 2928, 1639 (–C = C–), 1385, 1162 and 1072. HRFABMS (–) *m/z*: 957.5055 (calcd. for  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{77}\text{O}_{19}$ , 957.5059). FABMS (+) *m/z* (rel. int.): 998 ( $[\text{M} + \text{K} + \text{H}]^{+}$ , 0.2), 958 ( $\text{M}^{+}$ , 0.3), 796 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - \text{glc}]^{+}$ , 0.3), 617 ( $[\text{M} + 2\text{H} - 2 \times \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 0.6), 473 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - 3 \times \text{glc}]^{+}$ , 6), 455 ( $[\text{M} + \text{H} - 3 \times \text{glc} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 42), 437 ( $[\text{M} - 3 \times \text{glc} - 2 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 41) and 419 ( $[\text{M} - 3 \times \text{glc} - 3 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}]^{+}$ , 6).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  5.95 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, H-12), 5.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, H-11), 5.56 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1<sup>'</sup>), 5.28 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1<sup>'''</sup>), 4.90 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1<sup>'</sup>), 4.50 (1H, m, H-16), 4.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-28a), 4.36 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, H-23a), 4.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.8 Hz, H-3), 3.69 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, H-23b), 3.30 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-28b), 1.35 (3H, s, H-26), 1.26 (3H, s, H-27), 1.14 (3H, s, H-24), 1.09 (3H, s, H-25), 1.05 (3H, s, H-29) and 0.96 (3H, s, H-30).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: see Table II.

*Hydrolysis of pleurofranoside IV*. Compound **12** (ca. 1 mg) was heated at 98°C with 5 M HCl (aq.) for 5 h. Only D-glucose was identified on PC and TLC with the authentic samples.

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