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TWO NEW PHENYLPROPANOID ESTERS OF RHAMNOSE FROM *LAGOTIS YUNNANENSIS*

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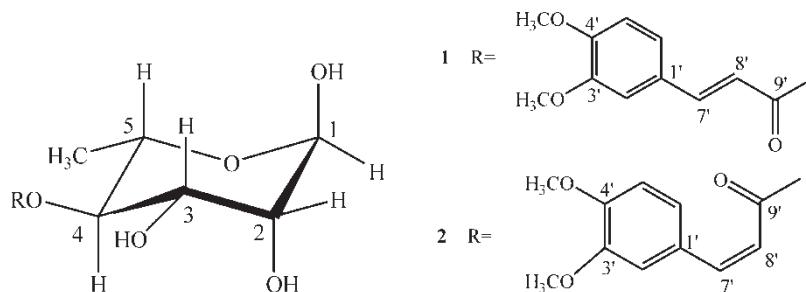
Two new phenylpropanoid esters of rhamnose, lagotoside B (**1**) and lagotoside C (**2**), together with three known compounds (**3–5**), were isolated from *Lagotis yunnanensis*. The structures of **1** and **2** were elucidated by spectroscopic methods. Compounds **3–5** have been obtained from this species for the first time.

Keywords: Scrophulariaceae; *Lagotis yunnanensis*; Phenylpropanoids; Lagotoside B; Lagotoside C

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Lagotis* (Scrophulariaceae) is represented with 17 species in China, mostly growing in the southwestern part of the country on mountains of 3000 m above sea level or higher [1]. Several species, such as *L. glauca*, *L. integra*, *L. brachystachya* and *L. yunnanensis*, are used in Tibetan folkloric medicine for the treatment of fever, high blood pressure and acute and chronic hepatitis [2,3]. In the literature, the chemical compositions of two species of *Lagotis* have been studied. Flavonoids were isolated from *L. brachystachya* [4], while phenylpropanoid glucosides and iridoid glucosides were found in *L. stolonifera* [5]. As part of our studies of medicinal plants growing on the Yunnan-Tibet Plateau, *L. yunnanensis* W. W. Smith has been examined. To the best of our knowledge, no scientific study on this plant has hitherto been reported. Two new phenylpropanoid esters of rhamnose, lagotoside B (**1**) and lagotoside C (**2**) (Fig. 1), together with three known flavones, 5,7,4'-trihydroxy-3',5'-dimethoxyflavone (**3**) [6], chrysoeriol (**4**) [4] and apigenin (**5**), were isolated from the title plant.

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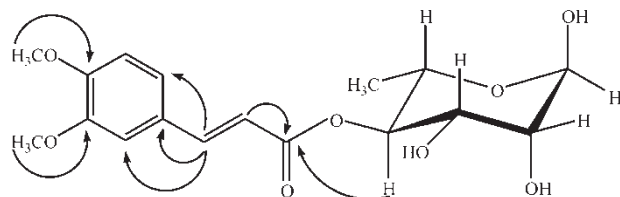
FIGURE 1 Structures of **1** and **2**.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Lagotoside B (**1**) was isolated as a pale yellow amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as $C_{17}H_{22}O_8$ by HREIMS. The IR spectrum showed characteristic absorptions for OH (3367 cm^{-1} , br), α,β -unsaturated ester (1690 and 1630 cm^{-1}), and aromatic-ring (1598 , 1559 and 1508 cm^{-1}). The UV spectrum at 232 (3.70), 265 (3.22) and 320 (3.84) nm also confirmed the existence of these unsaturated functional groups. From its NMR data (Table I), the signals of a (*E*)-3,4-disubstituted-cinnamoyl (C-1' to C-9', H-2', H-5', H-6', H-7' and H-8') and an α -L-rhamnose (C-1 to C-6, H-1 to H-6) were observed. The ^1H NMR spectrum showed two olefinic protons for a *trans* double bond (δ 7.62, 6.42, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, H-7', 8'), an ABX system for three aromatic protons at δ 6.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H-6'), 7.19 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.3$ Hz, H-5'), 7.30 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-2') and two aromatic methoxyl groups at δ 3.88 and 3.85 (s, OCH_3). An anomeric proton at δ 5.06 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-1) and a methyl group δ 1.23 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, H-6) in the ^1H NMR spectrum, as well as ^{13}C NMR signals at δ 95.6 (C-1) and 18.4 (C-6) suggest the presence of a rhamnose moiety. Based on its coupling constant of anomeric proton ($J = 2.1$ Hz), an α -rhamnose was confirmed. For a β -rhamnose, the coupling constant normally appears at approximately 4.2 Hz [7]. Detailed NMR data are presented in Table I. In HMBC spectrum (Fig. 2), the correlations between δ_{H} 3.85 (OCH_3)

TABLE I ^1H (500 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) data of **1** and **2** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$, (δ in ppm)

No.	1		2	
	^{13}C	^1H (J, Hz)	^{13}C	^1H (J, Hz)
1	95.6 d	5.06 d (2.1)	94.6 d	5.06 d (2.1)
2	71.2 d	4.04 dd (2.1, 3.0)	70.8 d	4.03 dd (2.1, 3.0)
3	70.7 d	3.69 dd (3.0, 9.7)	70.5 d	3.67 dd (3.0, 9.7)
4	75.6 d	5.16 t (9.7)	75.6 d	5.14 t (9.7)
5	69.2 d	3.94 m	69.1 d	3.93 m
6	18.4 q	1.23 d (6.2)	18.3 q	1.22 d (6.2)
1'	128.4 s		128.7 s	
2'	111.1 d	7.30 d (2.0)	115.1 d	7.85 d (2.0)
3'	150.7 s		149.6 s	
4'	152.6 s		151.6 s	
5'	111.8 d	6.99 d (8.3)	111.9 d	6.93 d (8.4)
6'	123.6 d	7.19 dd (2.0, 8.3)	126.0 d	7.33 dd (2.0, 8.4)
7'	145.2 d	7.62 d (15.9)	143.8 d	6.87 d (13.0)
8'	117.1 d	6.42 d (15.9)	118.0 d	5.87 d (13.0)
9'	167.3 s		166.7 s	
OCH_3	56.2 q	3.88 s	56.1 q	3.83 s
OCH_3	56.2 q	3.85 s	56.0 q	3.80 s

FIGURE 2 Key correlations in the HMBC spectrum of **1**.

to δ_C 150.7 (C-3') and δ_H 3.88 (OCH₃) to δ_C 152.6 (C-4') suggest that the cinnamoyl is (*E*)-3,4-dimethoxycinnamoyl, while δ_H 5.16 (H-4) to δ_C 167.3 (C-9') indicate that a (*E*)-3,4-dimethoxycinnamoyl group is attached to the C-4 position of the rhamnose. Therefore, the structure of **1** was elucidated as 4-*O*-(*E*)-3',4'-dimethoxycinnamoyl- α -L-rhamnopyranose.

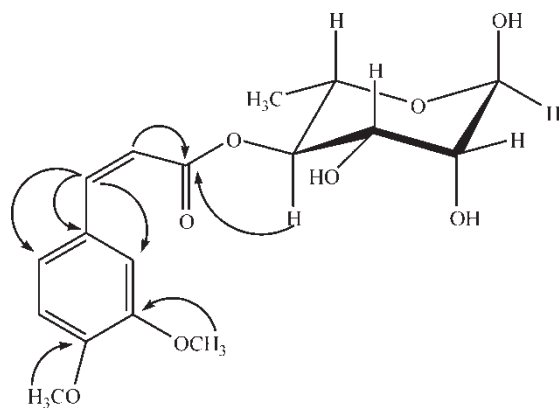
Lagotoside C (**2**) was found to have the same molecular formula, determined by HREIMS, as that of **1**. Other spectroscopic data were also similar to those of **1**, except for the coupling constants of two olefinic protons, δ_H 5.87 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, C-8') and 6.87 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, C-7'), from which a *cis*-form of the double bond in the acyl moiety was assumed (Fig. 3). Therefore, the structure of **2** was elucidated as 4-*O*-(*Z*)-3',4'-dimethoxycinnamoyl- α -L-rhamnopyranose.

In addition to the two new constituents, compounds **3–5** were isolated from this species for the first time. Their structures were identified by direct comparison with an appropriate reference sample, or by comparing their physical and spectral data with those reported in the literature.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Experimental Procedures

UV spectra were determined on a UV 210A spectrometer and IR spectra on a Bio-Rad FTS-135 spectrometer. Both 1D and 2D NMR spectra were taken on a DRX-500 instrument with TMS as internal reference. EIMS were recorded on a VG Auto spec-3000 mass spectrometer. Preparative HPLC was performed with a Waters 600 pump connected to a 2467 tunable absorbance detector, using a Waters C₁₈ column (10 × 250 mm, Millipore, USA).

FIGURE 3 Key correlations in the HMBC spectrum of **2**.

Plant Material

The plant material was collected in Deqin Country, Yunnan Province, China, in September 2001, and identified as *Lagotis yunnanensis* W. W. Smith by Mr A. Dou (Deqin Tibetan hospital). A voucher specimen was deposited in the Department of Phytochemistry, School of Pharmacy, Yunnan University.

Extraction and Isolation

The dried whole plants (8 kg) were extracted four times with 95% EtOH (4×20 l) at room temperature for 9 days, and the combined extracts were then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended in H₂O, and then partitioned with CHCl₃ (4×1.5 l) and *n*-BuOH (6×1.5 l), successively. The *n*-BuOH extract (897.83 g) was subjected to chromatography over silica gel (1.5 kg, 200–300 mesh), eluting with CHCl₃–MeOH–H₂O (8:1:0.1, 6:1:0.1, 4:1:0.15, 2:1:0.2, 1:1:0.4 and 0:1:0), to afford seventeen fractions (A–Q).

Fraction B (15.33 g) was purified by polyamide column chromatography eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (1:0–0:1) to give two fractions (1 and 2). Fr. 1 was rechromatographed by HPLC (MeOH–H₂O 35:65, 8 ml min⁻¹, UV detector, 320 nm) to yield compound **2** (t_R 340–355 ml, 6 mg) and **1** (t_R 370–400 ml, 15 mg); Fr. 2 was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (30:1) to give compounds **3** (862 mg), **4** (3.6 g) and **5** (1.0 g).

Lagotoside B (**1**), C₁₇H₂₂O₈, pale yellow amorphous powder. UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (nm) (log ϵ) 233 (3.70), 265 (3.22), 321 (3.84); IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3367, 2982, 2948, 2834, 2527, 2053, 1690, 1630, 1598, 1559, 1508, 1454, 1419, 1115, 1033, 656; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table I; EIMS (70 eV) m/z 354 [M]⁺ (19), 208 [M–rha]⁺ (100), 191[M–rha–H₂O + H]⁺ (95), 163 (10), 147 (9), 133 (10), 119 (9), 105 (7), 91(13), 77 (18); HREIMS m/z 354.1346 (calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O₈: 354.1315).

Lagotoside C (**2**), C₁₇H₂₂O₈, pale yellow amorphous powder. IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 3368, 2982, 2950, 2834, 2527, 2053, 1700, 1630, 1600, 1559, 1510, 1454, 1419, 1117, 1033, 658; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table I; EIMS (70 eV) m/z 354 [M]⁺ (15), 208 [M–rha]⁺ (100), 191[M–rha–H₂O + H]⁺ (96), 163 (10), 147 (11), 133 (9), 119 (8), 105 (7), 103 (12), 91(13), 77 (20); HREIMS m/z 354.1352 (calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O₈: 354.1315).

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