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## Studies on chemical constituents of *Polygonum perforliatum* L.

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Two new apianen lactones, named as guanyeliaoine I (**1**) and guanyeliaoine II (**2**), have been isolated along with seven known compounds from *Polygonum perforliatum* L. (Chinese name “Guanyeliao”, Berberidaceae). Their structures were deduced on the basis of spectral data and chemical methods.

**Keywords:** *Polygonum perforliatum*; Polygonaceae; Guanyeliaoine I; Guanyeliaoine II

### 1. Introduction

*Polygonum perforliatum* L. is a traditional Chinese drug which is distributed in many places of China. In traditional Chinese folk medicine, it is used to cure yellow gallbladder, roundworm, hemorrhoids, etc. [1]. However, very little is known about its chemical constituents. We have carried out a detailed chemical investigation and have isolated two new apianen lactones along with seven known compounds. Their structures were deduced by spectral and chemical methods as follows: guanyeliaoine I (**1**), guanyeliaoine II (**2**), 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-13 $\beta$ -furan-11-keto-apian-8-en-(20,6)-olide (**3**) [2], syringic acid [3], viviparum A [4], 3',7-dihydroxy-2',4'-dimethoxy isoflavone [5], 5,7-dimethoxy-4'-hydroxyflavone [6], 5-hydroxy-7,8-dimethoxyflavone [7], 5,2'-dimethoxy-6,7-methylene dioxyflavanone [8]. Among them **1** and **2** are new compounds. In this paper, we report on the isolation and structural determination of the two new compounds.

### 2. Results and discussion

Compound **1** was obtained as colourless powder mp 240–241°C (MeOH). Its HREIMS gave a molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  410.1721 corresponding to the molecular formula of C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, indicating 12 degrees of unsaturation. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (tables 1 and 2) of **1** revealed signals due to three methyls, four methylenes, nine methines and eight quaternary carbons, which suggested

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the presence of 24 carbons. The IR spectrum displayed absorption bands for a carbonyl group ( $1722\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a  $\beta$ -substituted furan ring ( $1524, 835\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, signals typical of a lactone group were observed at  $\delta$  175.76, which were supported by IR spectrum absorption ( $1763\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR resonance at  $\delta$  198.05 and IR band at  $1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicated the presence of a five-membered ring ketone. The signals at  $\delta$  142.10 and 161.35 were attributed to a tetrasubstituted double bond. The lack of a C-10 methyl signal suggested that C-10 is part of the lactone group. The downfield appearance of C-6 and H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 72.68;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 4.66, d,  $J = 2.2\text{ Hz}$ ) fixed the position of the lactonic oxygen to C-6. Meanwhile, its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR at  $\delta$  6.01 (brs H-3'a), 5.50 (t, H-3'b) and 1.91 (brs,  $\text{CH}_3$ -4') and signals of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  166.10 (CO), 135.08 (C), 126.21 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.36 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) showed the presence of a methacrylate group. The peaks of cross C-1'(H-3, H-3'a, H-3'b, H-4' and C-4'(H-3'a, H-3'b) in the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY and HMBC spectrum strongly confirmed the location of a methacrylate at C-3 ( $\delta$  72.41).

The structure of **1** was deduced on the basis of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC data and compared with structurally related natural products [2]. The relative stereochemistry of compound **1** was determined on the basis of the NOESY information. The orientations of H-3 $\beta$ , H-4 $\alpha$ , H-5 $\alpha$ , H-6 $\alpha$ , H-12 $\alpha$  and H-13 $\beta$  were determined to be the same as those in typical limonoids [2]; the most important correlations in the NOESY spectrum showed cross-peaks of H-6/H-4, H-5/H-4 and H-7 $\alpha$ /H-6, which established the axial orientation ( $\alpha$ -H) of H-5 and a trans-junction between A and B ring. NOESY correlations for H-3/Me-19 and H-3/H-2 implied the  $\alpha$ -orientation of C<sub>3</sub>-methacrylate. Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **1** with those of 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-13 $\beta$ -furan-11-keto-apian-8-en-(20,6)-olide (**3**) showed that **1** and **3** were similar except for the presence of a methacrylate group (at C-3 $\alpha$ ). Thus, the structure of compound **1** was deduced as 3 $\alpha$ -methacrylate-13 $\alpha$ -furan-11-keto-apian-8-en-(20,6)-olide, named guanyliaoine (**I**).

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral data of compounds **1–3** (400 MHz,  $\delta$  in ppm,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS).\*

Proton	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ coupling (Hz)		
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
1 $\alpha$	1.92 (m)	1.94 (m)	1.90 (m)
2 $\beta$	2.80 (m)	2.83 (m)	2.80 (m)
2 $\alpha$	1.93 (m)	1.95 (m)	1.94 (m)
2 $\beta$	2.83 (m)	2.81 (m)	2.82 (m)
3 $\beta$	4.68 (d, 3.4)	4.54 (d, 3.4)	5.27 (d, 3.2)
4 $\alpha$	1.93 (m)	1.94 (m)	1.96 (m)
5	2.22 (d, 10.05)	2.20 (d, 10.5)	2.24 (d, 0.8)
6	4.66 (d, 2.3)	4.63 (d, 2.2)	4.60 (d, 2.4)
7 $\alpha$	1.99 (dd, 2.2,0.7)	1.97 (dd, 2.3,0.8)	1.98 (dd, 2.3,0.8)
7 $\beta$	2.86 (d, 2.0)	2.88 (d, 2.0)	2.88 (d, 2.2)
12	1.80 (d, 4.2)	1.79 (d, 4.0)	1.82 (d, 4.1)
13	3.20 (d, 4.1)	3.20 (d, 4.2)	3.22 (d, 4.2)
15	7.33 (d, 1.5)	7.32 (d, 1.6)	7.36 (d, 1.5)
16	7.20 (dd, 1.5,0.5)	7.23 (dd, 1.5,0.5)	7.22 (dd, 1.5,0.5)
17	6.23 (d, 1.8)	6.24 (d, 1.8)	6.24 (d, 1.9)
Me-18	2.00 (s)	2.04 (s)	2.09 (s)
Me-19	1.22 (s)	1.20 (s)	1.22 (s)
OH			3.58 (s)
2'a		2.61 (dd, 8.9,15.0)	
2'b		2.75 (dd, 4.2,15.0)	
3'a	6.01 (brs)	4.36 (m)	
3'b	5.50 (t, 1.6)		
4'	1.91 (brs)	1.92 (d, 7.3)	

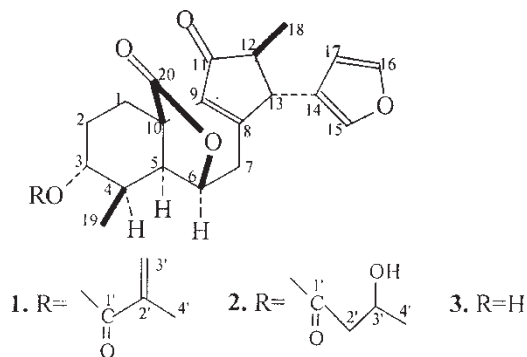
\* Assignments from  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC and HMQC.

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compounds **1**–**3** (100 MHz,  $\delta$  in ppm,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS).\*

Carbon	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>			<b>3</b>		
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	DEPT	HMBC	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	DEPT	HMBC	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	DEPT	HMBC
1	22.23	CH <sub>2</sub>	2, 10	22.20	CH <sub>2</sub>	2, 10	22.90	CH <sub>2</sub>	2, 10
2	17.68	CH <sub>2</sub>	4	17.81	CH <sub>2</sub>	4	17.71	CH <sub>2</sub>	4
3	72.41	CH	1 5 1', 2'	72.46	CH	1 5 1', 2'	72.72	CH	1, 5'
4	31.10	CH	2 6 10	30.98	CH	2 6 10	30.08	CH	2 6 10
5	51.22	CH	3 7 19, 20	51.01	CH	3 7 19, 20	51.2	CH	3 7 19, 20
6	72.68	CH	4 8 10	72.66	CH	4 8 10	72.7	CH	4 8 10
7	18.20	CH <sub>2</sub>	5, 13	18.19	CH <sub>2</sub>	5, 13	18.2	CH <sub>2</sub>	5, 13
8	161.35	C		161.40	C		161.40	C	
9	142.10	C		142.22	C		142.20	C	
10	44.80	C		44.85	C		44.8	C	
11	198.05	C		198.11	C		198.05	C	
12	31.18	CH	8 9 14	31.20	CH	8 9 14	31.1	CH	8 9 10
13	58.80	CH	7 11 14	58.80	CH	7 11 14	58.82	CH	7 11 14
14	121.16	C		121.22	C		121.2	C	
15	141.09	CH	13, 17	141.11	CH	13, 17	141.0	CH	13, 17
16	111.26	CH	14, 15	111.22	CH	14, 15	111.2	CH	14, 15
17	137.88	CH	13, 15	138.09	CH	13, 15	138.5	CH	13, 15
18	29.94	CH <sub>3</sub>	11, 13	30.11	CH <sub>3</sub>	11, 13	30.2	CH <sub>3</sub>	11, 13
19	28.27	CH <sub>3</sub>	3, 5	28.32	CH <sub>3</sub>	3, 5	28.3	CH <sub>3</sub>	3, 5
20	175.76	C		175.83	C		175.8	C	
1'	166.10	CO		170.10	CO				
2'	135.08	C		45.52	CH <sub>2</sub>	3, 4'			
3'	126.21	CH <sub>2</sub>	1', 4'	63.79	CH	1'			1', 4'
4'	18.36	CH <sub>3</sub>	1', 3'	22.10	CH <sub>3</sub>	1', 2'			1', 3'

\* Assignments from  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC and HMQC.

Compound **2** was obtained as colourless amorphous powder. HREIMS gave a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_7$ , indicating 11 degrees of unsaturation. Its  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and DEPT spectra (table 2) displayed 24 carbon signals ( $3 \times \text{CH}_3$ ,  $4 \times \text{CH}_2$ ,  $10 \times \text{CH}$ ,  $7 \times \text{C}$ ); its spectral data ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, IR and NOESY) were very similar to those of **1**. This suggested that **1** and **2** have a similar skeleton; comparing the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **2** with those of **1** led to the conclusion that the main difference was the substitution of 3-hydroxybutyrate group ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  22.0 (q), 45.19 (t), 63.7 (d), 170.0 (s);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR as shown in table 1) at C-3 in **2**. Furthermore, in the HMBC spectrum the correlation between H-3 and CO of the 3-hydroxybutyrate group was clearly observed. So this group must be attached to C-3. From the above information, guanyliaine II was determined to have the structure shown as **2**.



### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1 General experimental procedures

Optical rotations were measured on a DIP-181 instrument. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-599B spectrophotometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and 2D NMR spectra were scanned on a Bruker AM-400 FT-NMR spectrometer with TMS as internal standard. HREIMS and EIMS data were obtained on a MAT-12 spectrometer at 70 eV. Silica gel (100–200, 200–300 mesh) was used for column chromatography and silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> for TLC.

#### 3.2 Plant material

The whole plants of *Polygonum perforliatum* were collected from the southwest of Sichuan province of China in 2001, and were identified by Prof. Lian Yong-shan of Northwest Normal University. A voucher specimen (No. 34691) is deposited in the herbarium of College of Life Science, Northwest Normal University, Lanzhou 730070, China.

#### 3.3 Extraction and isolation

The dried and powdered whole plant (4.5 kg) was extracted with 95% EtOH three times at room temperature. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure and about 420 g residue was obtained. The residue was extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (42 g), EtOAc (125 g) and n-BuOH (65 g) successively. The  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was chromatographed on silica gel using n-hexane-EtOAc (50:1–0:1) gradient, three fractions being obtained. From fraction 3 by rechromatography on silica gel and preparative TLC, compounds **7** (24 mg), **8** (31 mg) and **9** (19 mg) were obtained. The EtOAc extract was chromatographed on a silica gel column using a mixture of n-hexane-EtOAc (3:1) and EtOAc–HCOOH (10:1) of increasing gradient (40:1–0:1), four major fractions (A 31 g, B 39 g, C 18 g, D 23 g) being obtained. Fraction B was purified by preparative TLC [ $\text{CHCl}_3$ :EtOAc: $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (5:4:1)] to furnish **1** (46 mg), **2** (21 mg) and **3** (17 mg). Fraction A was purified by rechromatography on a silica gel column with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ –MeOH gradient elution (10:0–1:10, v/v) and by preparative TLC **5** (17 mg) and **6** (24 mg) were obtained. Fraction C was subjected to silica gel column chromatography and EtOAc– $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (10:1–1:10), yielding compound **4** (13 mg).

**Compound 1**  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6$ , colourless powder, mp 240–241°C ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ );  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -31.2 (c, 0.74,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). HREIMS  $m/z$ : 410.1721 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6$ , 410.1729). IR (KBr): 3459, 2960, 2862, 1763, 1750, 1722, 1524, 1240, 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV  $\lambda$  nm: 306, 288, 274 nm. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data are listed in tables 1 and 2, respectively.

**Compound 2**  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_7$ , colourless, amorphous powder, mp 246–247°C ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -32.7 (c, 0.78,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). HREIMS  $m/z$ : 428.1827 (calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_7$ , 428.1834). IR (KBr): 3448, 2962, 2867, 1762, 1751, 1720, 1522, 1241, 836  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . UV  $\lambda$  nm: 305, 286, 272 nm. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data are listed in tables 1 and 2, respectively.

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