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A new phenylpropanoid glycoside,  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  6)-1-*O*-caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) along with two known phenylethanoid glycosides (**2**–**3**) has been isolated from the aerial parts of *Leucas indica* Linn. Their structures were deduced from the spectroscopic studies and compared with the literature values.

**Keywords:** *Leucas indica* L.; caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside; phenylpropanoid glycosides

### 1. Introduction

*Leucas indica* Linn. (Syn: *L. lavandulaefolia* Sm, local name: Dandakalos, family: Labiatae) is used as a folk medicine in Bangladesh for the treatment of headaches, cough, cold, scabies, and vermifuge [1]. Antibacterial, wound healing, antidiarrheal, antitussive and hypoglycemic activities of this plant have been reported earlier [2–6]. There are few reports on its chemical investigations [7,8]. We have previously described the isolation of six phenylethanoid glycosides with antioxidant activities from the same plant [9]. In continuation of this work, a new phenylpropanoid glycoside,  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  6)-1-*O*-caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) was isolated along with two known phenylethanoid glycosides,  $\beta$ -(3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl-*O*-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)-*O*-( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-6-*O*-*E*-feruloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucoside (**2**) (incanoside A) [10] and  $\beta$ -(3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl-*O*-( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-*O*-( $\beta$ -D-glucoside)-(1  $\rightarrow$  6)-4-*O*-*E*-caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucoside (**3**) [11].

### 2. Results and discussion

Compound **1** was isolated as a brown amorphous powder by HPLC from the *n*-butanol soluble part. The molecular formula was deduced as C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>17</sub> from its negative ion of FABMS ( $m/z$  633, [M – H]<sup>–</sup>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data. The molecular formula was also confirmed by HR-FAB-MS at  $m/z$  633.2048 [M – H]<sup>–</sup>. The UV spectrum displayed absorption maxima at 330, 263, and 203 nm indicating its phenolic nature. The IR spectrum showed the presence of hydroxyl (3419 cm<sup>–1</sup>),  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ester (1700, 1631 cm<sup>–1</sup>), and the aromatic >C=C< (1601, 1515 cm<sup>–1</sup>) functionalities. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HMQC and HMBC spectra displayed characteristic signals for the caffeoyl, glucose, and rhamnose moieties. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum exhibited three aromatic proton signals at  $\delta_H$  7.04 (brs, H-2), 6.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, H-5), and 6.94 (brd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, H-6) and two olefinic protons at  $\delta_H$  7.58 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, H-7) and 6.26 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, H-8) indicating a *trans* caffeoyl moiety. Three signals for anomeric protons

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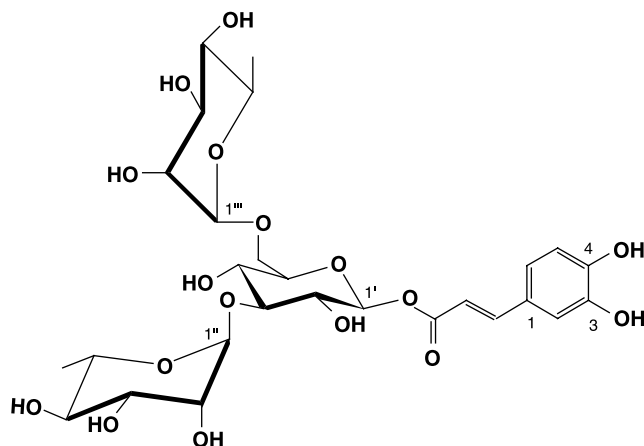


Figure 1. The structure of compound 1.

at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.36 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H-1'), 5.17 (brs, H-1''), and 4.61 (brs, H-1''') and for the terminal methyl groups at  $\delta$  1.18 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz) and 1.07 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz) indicated that compound **1** possessed one  $\beta$ -linked glucose and two  $\alpha$ -linked rhamnose residues. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of compound **1** were compared with the reported phenylpropanoid [12] and deduced to have an additional  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnose moiety.

Linkage of the caffeoyl moiety to C-1' of glucose was deduced by the cross peak in the HMBC spectrum, between H-1' ( $\delta$  4.36) and the carbonyl carbon ( $\delta$  169.5). The HMBC correlations between H-1'' ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.17, bs) of rhamnose with C-3' ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  81.6) of glucose and H-1''' ( $\delta$  4.61, bs) of rhamnose with C-6' ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  67.6) of glucose indicated that the former rhamnose residue was located at the C-3' and the latter one at the C-6' position of central glucose moiety. The structure of compound **1** was thus established as ( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  3')- $O$ -( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  6')-1- $O$ - $E$ -caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (Figure 1).

The known compounds **2–3** were identified by the comparison of their physical and spectral data with those of literature values as  $\beta$ -(3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl- $O$ -( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $O$ -( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)-6- $O$ - $E$ -feruloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucoside

(**2**) (incanoside A), and  $\beta$ -(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-ethyl- $O$ -( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1  $\rightarrow$  3)- $O$ -( $\beta$ -D-glucoside)-(1  $\rightarrow$  6)-4- $O$ - $E$ -caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucoside (**3**). These compounds were previously reported from other natural sources [10,11] and this is the first report of them isolated from *L. indica*.

### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1 General experimental procedures

Optical rotations were measured on JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter. UV spectra were measured in MeOH on a Shimadzu UV 240 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were recorded in KBr on a JASCO A-302 spectrophotometer.  $^1\text{H}$ - (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-400 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The 2D NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 500 NMR spectrometer. Fast atom bombardment mass measurements (FAB-MS) were conducted in glycerol matrixes on JEOL HX110 mass spectrometer. TLC was carried out on a pre-coated silica gel on aluminum sheets (E-Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). For column chromatography, silica gel (E-Merck, 230–400 mesh) was used. HPLC was performed out using Shim pack PRC-ODS column (solvent: MeOH in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) with UV detector.

### 3.2 Plant material

The aerial parts of *L. indica* Linn. were collected from the Shaistagonj, Hobigong district, Bangladesh, which was identified by Prof. Salar Khan. A voucher specimen of the plant (voucher No. 29354) was deposited at the Bangladesh National Herbarium (BNH), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### 3.3 Extraction and isolation

The aerial parts of the plant were cleaned, cut into small pieces, and dried in an oven below 40°C. The dried materials were ground to powder (7.1 kg) and successively extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (18 l × thrice, 24 h, at room temperature) and MeOH (16 l × thrice, 24 h, at room temperature). The extracts were then filtered and dried below 40°C under vacuum and finally freeze dried to get CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (190 g) and MeOH extracts (536.3 g). The methanol extract (536 g) was suspended in H<sub>2</sub>O and partitioned with 10% methanol in ethyl acetate. The aqueous part of MeOH extract (after partition with 10% MeOH in EtOAc) was partitioned with *n*-BuOH. The *n*-BuOH soluble part (70 g) was chromatographed over silica gel column using EtOAc–BuOH–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (65:20:0.5:0.5) as solvent and 10 fractions were obtained (LIB1–LIB10). The fraction LIB2 (550 mg) was further chromatographed over RP-18 silica gel column using the solvent system MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (35:65), which yielded compound **3** (30 mg). The fraction LIB3 (12.5 g) was further chromatographed by RP-18 silica gel column using MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O in order of increasing polarity (from 10% methanol in water to 100% methanol), which yielded six subfractions (LIB3-1–LIB3-6). The subfraction LIB3-2 (1.27 g) was again chromatographed by HPLC using 40% MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O which yielded six fractions (LIB3-2-1–LIB3-2-6). The fraction LIB3-2-1 was further fractionated by HPLC (Shim pack PRC-ODS column, flow rate 1 ml/min, UV detector 254 nm) using 38% MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O which afforded compound **1** (8 mg). The subfraction LIB3-2-4 (55.5 mg) was further subjected to

purification by HPLC (Shim pack PRC-ODS column, flow rate 1 ml/min, UV detector 254 nm) using 60% MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O which yielded compound **2** (10 mg).

#### 3.3.1 $\alpha$ -L-Rhamnopyranosyl-(1 → 3)-O- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 → 6)-1-O-caffeoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**)

Brown amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -55.6 (MeOH, C 0.25); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$ : 330, 327, 263, 203, 194 nm; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr): 3419, 1700, 1631, 1601, 1515, 1393, 1272, and 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data are shown in Table 1; FAB-MS (negative mode) *m/z* 633 [M – H]<sup>-</sup>; HR-FAB-MS (negative mode) *m/z* 633.2048 [M – H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>17</sub>, 633.2030).

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of compound **1** (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, respectively, in CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$  ppm).

No.	$\delta_H$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	No.	$\delta_C$
1	–	1	127.7
2	7.04 (brs)	2	115.3
3	–	3	147.4
4	–	4	149.7
5	6.76 (d, 8.0)	5	116.6
6	6.94 (brd, 8.0)	6	123.2
7	7.58 (d, 15.8)	7	148.0
8	6.26 (d, 15.8)	8	114.8
9	–	9	169.5
1'	4.36 (d, 7.8)	1'	104.4
2'–3'	3.25–3.98 (m <sup>a</sup> )	2'	76.2
4'	4.96 (t, 9.5)	3'	81.6
5'	3.25–3.98 (m <sup>a</sup> )	4'	70.4
6'	3.45 (m), 3.72 (m)	5'	74.8
1''	5.17 (brs)	6'	67.6
2''–5''	3.25–3.98 (m <sup>a</sup> )	1''	103.0
6''	1.18 (d, 4.4)	2''	72.4
1'''	4.61 (brs)	3''	72.1
2'''–5'''	3.25–3.98 (m <sup>a</sup> )	4''	74.0
6'''	1.07 (d, 6.0)	5''	69.9
		6''	18.4
		1'''	102.3
		2'''	72.1
		3'''	72.4
		4'''	73.9
		5'''	70.4
		6'''	18.0

<sup>a</sup>May be interchanged in each column.

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