

TRITERPENE GLYCOSIDES FROM MUSSATIA SPECIES

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Abstract—The *E*-dimethylcaffeic and *E*-*p*-methylcoumaric esters of 3 β -*O*-[*O*-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid, and 3 β -*O*-[*O*- β -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid were isolated from the methanolic extracts of *Mussatia* sp. nov. and *M. hyacinthina* and their structures determined on the basis of chemical and spectral evidence.

INTRODUCTION

In previous papers [1–3], we have reported the isolation of a series of new phenylpropanoid glycosides from two *Mussatia* species used in Central and South American folk medicine (preliminary pharmacological studies of these compounds suggest that they inhibit LTB₄ formation). In continuance of our research on the members of this genus, we now wish to report our results concerning a triterpene-glycoside-containing fraction isolated from the bark of *Mussatia* sp. nov. and *M. hyacinthina*.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the methanolic extracts of the bark of *Mussatia* sp. nov. and *M. hyacinthina* we isolated a complex mixture of triterpene glycosides which was subjected to several separation techniques (DCCC, RLCC, HPLC, Sephadex, etc.) without completely satisfactory results. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of a fraction, shown by HPLC to consist of a poorly resolved mixture of four major components, presented signals due to three sugars, one *N*-acetyl group, seven methyl groups indicative of an oleanane type triterpene skeleton, and dimethylcaffeic and *p*-methylcoumaric ester functions. In an effort to identify the components and elucidate their structures we resorted to analysis of the products resulting from selective acid and basic hydrolyses. Treatment of the mixture of glycosides with 2 M hydrochloric acid gave glucose, xylose and glucosamine. From the organic phase we obtained, after HPLC separation, the triterpene esters **1** and **2**.

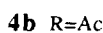
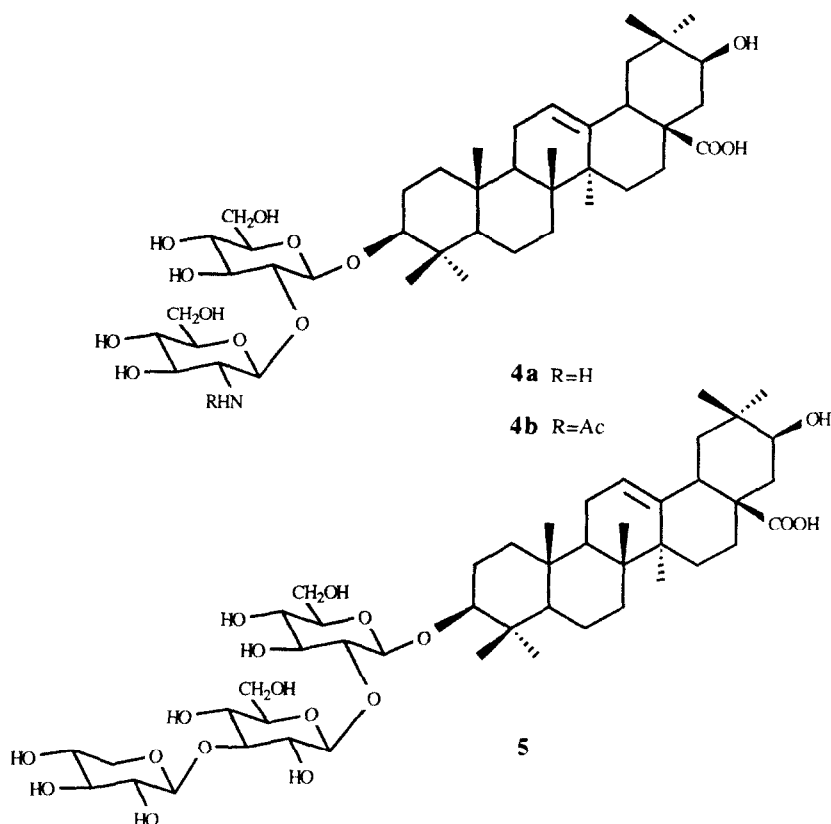
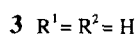
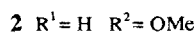
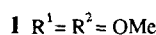
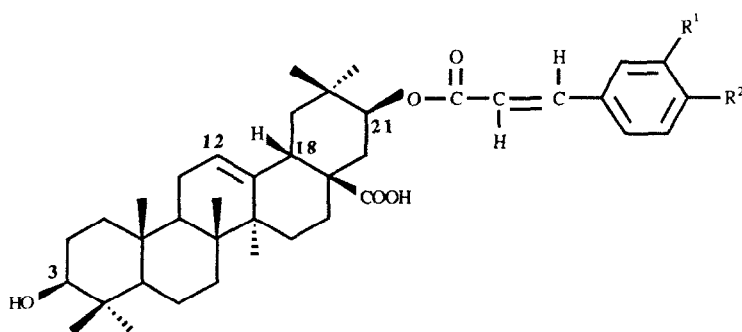
The molecular formula of **1** was determined as C₄₁H₅₈O₇ by HR-FAB-mass spectrometry. Its IR spectrum exhibited absorption bands at 3400 (OH), 1699 (CO), 1633 (CH=CH) and 1600 and 1513 cm⁻¹ (arom.). The ¹H NMR spectrum showed the presence of two aromatic methoxy groups at δ 3.92 and 3.91, an ABX system at δ 6.86 (1H, *d*, *J*_o = 8.4 Hz), 7.05 (1H, *d*, *J*_m = 1.7 Hz) and 7.10 (1H, *dd*, *J*_m = 1.7 Hz and *J*_o = 8.4 Hz) and an AB system at 6.27 and 7.59 (*J* = 15.9 Hz), which revealed the existence of an *E*-dimethylcaffeoyl group in **1**. The LREI mass spectrum of **1** showed a fragment at

m/z 454 (C₃₀H₄₆O₃) generated from the [M]⁺ (absent in this spectrum) through a McLafferty rearrangement with loss of a dimethylcaffeoyl group. The presence of significant fragments at *m/z* 208 and 246, resulting from the retro-Diels–Alder cleavage of the radical ion at *m/z* 454, suggested that **1** was a Δ^{12} -unsaturated triterpene [4]. This was confirmed by both the ¹³C NMR and the ¹H NMR spectra showing signals for C-12 (δ 122.63), C-13 (δ 142.29) and H-12 (δ 5.34) [5]. The existence of an equatorial free secondary hydroxy group at C-3 was supported by ¹H NMR [δ 3.22 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.5 and 11.1 Hz)] and by ¹³C NMR [78.99 (C-3), 27.59 (C-2), 38.71 (C-4), 28.67 (C-23) and 15.44 (C-24)], while the equatorial orientation of the *E*-dimethylcaffeoyl group at C-21 was deduced by comparison with published data for **3** [6]. Finally, H-18 was shown to be equatorial by its chemical shift (δ 2.93) and double doublet coupling (*J*_{aa} = 14.0 Hz and *J*_{ac} = 3.8 Hz). Thus, the structure of **1** was established as 3 β -hydroxy-21 β -*E*-dimethylcaffeoyloxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid.

The ¹H NMR, mass and IR spectral data of **2** were very similar to those of **1**. Compound **2** showed two AB systems, one belonging to a *trans* double bond at δ 6.27 and 7.60 (*J* = 15.9 Hz) and the other to four aromatic protons at δ 7.47 and 6.89 (*J* = 8.8 Hz). Together with the singlet at δ 3.83 due to the methoxy group, this supported the presence of an *E*-*p*-methoxycinnamoyl unit in compound **2** instead of the *E*-dimethylcaffeoyl present in **1**. The remaining signals in the ¹H NMR of compound **2** were essentially the same as those of **1**. Thus, the structure of **2** was established as 3 β -hydroxy-21 β -*E*-*p*-methoxycinnamoyloxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid.

Basic hydrolysis of the mixture of triterpene glycosides with 2 M NaOH brought about the cleavage of the ester and acetamide groups, after which HPLC separation afforded compounds **4a** and **5** along with a very small quantity of **4b**.

The molecular weight and the sequence of sugars in **4a** were deduced from its negative-ion FAB-mass spectrum, which showed signals at *m/z* 794 [M – H][–], 633 [M – H – 161][–] (corresponding to the loss of a terminal glucosamine) and 471 [M – H – 161 – 162][–] (due to the loss of one glucosamine and one glucose). The presence of these



two sugars in **4a** was confirmed by ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, since the anomeric proton of glucosamine resonated at δ 4.70 and exhibited the expected coupling to its vicinal proton (geminal to the nitrogen) at δ 2.55, as was observed by COSY-45 and decoupling resonance. Furthermore, C-2 of glucosamine resonates under ^{13}C NMR at δ 59.15. The remaining signals were in good agreement with the data reported in the literature [7, 8] for other amino sugar-containing triterpene glycosides. The interglycosidic linkages and the point of attachment of the sugar

chain to the aglycone were established by ^{13}C and ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Comparison of the downfield shifts of the glucose moiety, C-2 (δ 80.15) and H-2 (δ 3.60) signals with those of methyl glucopyranoside [9] indicated that the glucosamine is linked to C-2 of glucose. That the sugar chain is linked to the aglycone at C-3 is deduced from C-3 signal at δ 91.89 in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum [10]. Finally, comparison of the NMR data of the aglycone moiety of **4a** with those of **1** and **2** clearly indicates that the oleanane skeleton in **4a** has a free

hydroxyl group at C-21, and this was confirmed by HREI mass spectrometry. Thus, **4a** is 3 β -O-[O-2-amino-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid.

The negative ion FAB mass spectrum of **4b** shows a $[M]^-$ at m/z 836 $[M-H]^-$ and other significant fragments at m/z 633 $[M-H-203]^-$ (corresponding to the loss of *N*-acetylglucosamine) and 471 $[M-H-203-162]^-$ (corresponding to the loss of *N*-acetylglucosamine and one glucose unit). The remaining fragments are coincident with those of compound **4a**, and so compound **4b** is 3 β -O-[O-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid.

The negative ion FAB mass spectrum of **5** showed a $[M]^-$ at m/z 927 $[M-H]^-$ together with signals at m/z 795 $[M-H-132]^-$ (due to the loss of a terminal xylose unit) and 633 $[M-H-132-162]^-$ and $[M-H-132-162-162]^-$ (corresponding to the sequential loss of xylose and one glucose unit and xylose and two glucose units respectively). The FAB mass spectrum (positive ion spectrum) showed a $[M]^+$ at m/z 951 $[M+Na]^+$ and a fragment at m/z 882 due to the loss of COOH. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR data of **5** were almost identical to those of **4a** except for the signals belonging to the sugars. The aglycone is the same as in **4** (as was confirmed by HREI mass spectrometry), with the sugar chain likewise linked to C-3 of the triterpene. The interglycosidic linkages between the sugar units were established by comparison of the NMR data with those reported in the literature [9]. In the ^{13}C NMR spectrum, the signals at δ 62.44 and δ 62.79 correspond to C-6 of the two glucose units and show that these hydroxyl groups are free, while the signals at δ 80.86 and δ 87.83 indicate that the two glucose units are bound via C-2 and C-3. The downfield shift of H-2 in both glucoses as observed by COSY-45 served to confirm this. Thus the structure of **5** is 3 β -O-[O- β -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid. In accordance with these results we concluded that the triterpene glycosides isolated from *Mussatia* sp. nov. and *M. hyacinthina* species are the *E*-dimethylcaffeic and *E*-*p*-methoxycinnamic esters of **4b** and **5**.

EXPERIMENTAL

1H and ^{13}C NMR were recorded at 250 and 62.8 MHz, respectively. HRMS (FAB) was performed by the Midwest Center for Mass Spectrometry, Department of Chemistry, University of Nebraska, USA. The negative ion FABMS spectra were performed by the Dipartimento di Chimica delle Sostanze Naturali, Napoli, Italy. LREIMS, LRCIMS and HREIMS were recorded on a magnetic sector apparatus. HPLC sepns were performed on a Whatman Partisil ODS column using an instrument equipped with an UV detector operating at 254 nm and a R401 differential refractometer.

Plant materials. Extn and isolation was carried out on bark of *Mussatia* sp. nov. [1] and *M. hyacinthina* [3] from Peru.

Extraction and isolation. The procedure previously reported [1-3] for the isolation of phenylpropanoid glycosides was followed. Bark of *Mussatia* sp. nov. (290 g) was defatted with hexane and the residue extracted with MeOH and then lyophilized to give 72 g of powder. This extract (45 g) was worked-up as before [1, 2], partitioning between H_2O and H_2O -satd *n*-BuOH affording, after concn under red pres., 5.3 and 24.8 g, respectively. Passing the *n*-BuOH extract through a column of neutral

Al_2O_3 [1] gave 17.05 g. An 8 g sample was fractionated by RLCC [1, 2] and the stationary phase gave 800 mg of a mixt of triterpene glycosides. Similar processing of the bark of *M. hyacinthina* (45 g) produced 120 mg of a mixt of triterpene glycosides.

Acid hydrolysis, isolation of 1 and 2. The mixt of triterpene glycosides (124 mg) was refluxed in aq. 2 M HCl for 3 hr. This soln was dild with H_2O , extracted with $CHCl_3$ and the $CHCl_3$ evapd off. The residue (62 mg) was first purified by prep. TLC (silica gel, $CHCl_3$ -MeOH- H_2O , 13:7:2) and then sep'd by HPLC (reverse phase, MeOH- H_2O , 2:23) to give pure compounds **1** (15 mg) and **2** (6 mg). In the aq. layer were identified glucose, xylose and glucosamine.

3 β -Hydroxy-21 β -E-dimethylcaffeoyloxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid (1). $[\alpha]_D^{25} -21^\circ$ ($CHCl_3$, c. 0.10); IR (neat) $\nu_{max} cm^{-1}$: 3400, 2942, 1699, 1633, 1600, 1513, 1258; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): *E*-dimethylcaffeoyl group δ 3.91 (3H, s, OMe-4'), 3.92 (3H, s, OMe-3'), 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, H-8'), 6.86 (1H, d, $J_o = 8.4$ Hz, H-5'), 7.05 (1H, d, $J_m = 1.7$ Hz, H-2'), 7.10 (1H, dd, $J_o = 8.4$ Hz and $J_m = 1.7$ Hz, H-6'), 7.59 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, H-7'); triterpene δ 0.74, 0.77, 0.91, 0.93, 0.98, 1.07, 1.14 (3H each, s, Me), 1.35 and 1.90 (1H each, m, H-19), 1.70 and 1.80 (1H each, m, H-22), 1.60 (2H, m, H-2), 1.85 (2H, m, H-11), 2.93 (1H, dd, $J = 3.8$ and 14.0 Hz, H-18), 3.22 (1H, dd, $J = 3.5$ and 11.1 Hz, H-3), 4.94 (1H, dd, $J = 4.7$ and 11.9 Hz, H-21), 5.34 (1H, m, H-12). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): *E*-dimethylcaffeoyl group δ 55.21 (OMe), 55.92 (OMe), 109.84 (C-5'), 111.16 (C-2'), 116.10 (C-8'), 123.50 (C-6'), 127.50 (C-1'), 144.65 (C-7'), 149.36 (C-3'), 151.26 (C-4'), 166.83 (C-9'). triterpene see Table 1. LREIMS m/z (rel. int.): 454 $[M-C_{11}H_{12}O_4, 7.4]^+$, 436 $[454-H_2O, 3.7]$, 408 $[454-HCOOH, 5.9]$, 246 (100) 208 (85.2), 201 $[246-COOH, 77.0]$, 190 (50.4), 191 (13.8). LRCIMS m/z (rel. int.): 662 (M^+ , 8), 645 (48), 455 (9), 437 (50), 409 (9), 247 (18), 209 (98), 191 (100). HRFABMS m/z (rel. int.): 662.4186 (Calc. 662.4182) (M^+ , 3.7), 454 $[M-C_{11}H_{12}O_4, 0.3]^+$, 409 $[454-COOH, 0.9]$, 246 (0.7), 208 (2), 201 $[246-COOH, 1.1]$, 191 (13.8).

3 β -Hydroxy-21 β -E-*p*-methoxycinnamoyloxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid (2). $[\alpha]_D^{25} -23^\circ$ ($CHCl_3$, c. 0.10); IR $\nu_{max}^{neat} cm^{-1}$: 3400, 2946, 1700, 1634, 1604, 1512, 1171; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): *E*-*p*-methoxycinnamoyl group δ 3.83 (3H, s, OMe-4'), 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, H-8'), 6.89 (2H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H-3' and H-5'), 7.47 (2H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H-2' and H-6'), 7.60 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, H-7'); triterpene δ 0.74, 0.76, 0.91, 0.92, 0.98, 1.05, 1.14 (3H each, s, Me), 2.93 (1H, dd, H-18), 3.22 (1H, dd, H-3), 4.92 (1H, dd, $J = 4.7$ and 11.4 Hz, H-21), 5.33 (1H, m, H-12). LRCIMS m/z (rel. int.): 631 $[M-H, 10]^+$, 455 $[M-C_{11}H_{12}O_4, 12]^+$, 437 (50), 409 $[454-COOH, 6]$, 247 (12), 209 (11), 201 $[246-COOH, 6]$, 191 (60), 179 (98), 161 (100).

Basic hydrolysis, isolation of 4a, 4b and 5. The original of triterpene glycosides (200 mg) was refluxed in a 10% soln of KOH in MeOH for 6 hr, then H_2O was added and the mixt. ext'd with Et_2O . *E*-Dimethylcaffeoyl and *E*-*p*-methoxycinnamoyl acids were isolated from the organic layer. The aq. layer was neutralized with HCl and conc'd under red pres. and the residue (51 mg) subjected to HPLC (reverse phase, MeOH- H_2O , 3:2) to give the saponins **4a** (15 mg), **4b** (2 mg) and **5** (10 mg).

3 β -O-[O-2-amino-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -Hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid (4a) $[\alpha]_D^{25} +12^\circ$ (MeOH, c. 0.28). 1H NMR (CD_3OD) aglycone moiety δ 0.74, 0.77, 0.91, 0.93, 0.98, 1.07, 1.14 (3H each, s, Me), 1.20, 1.70 (2H, m, H-19), 1.6 (2H, m, H-2), 1.80 (2H, m, H-11), 2.93 (1H, dd, $J = 3.8$ and 14.0 Hz, H-18), 3.44 (1H, m, H-3), 5.22 (1H, m, H-12); glucose moiety δ 4.41 (1H, d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H-1), 3.60 (1H, m, H-2), 3.43 (1H, m, H-3), 3.25 (1H, m, H-5), 3.84 (1H, dd, $J = 5.0$ and 10.0 Hz, H-6a), 3.60 (1H, m, H-6b); glucosamine moiety δ 4.67 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H-1), 2.55 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8$ and 8.6 Hz, H-2), 3.18 (1H,

Table 1 ^{13}C NMR chemical shift data of the triterpene skeleton of compounds **1**, **4a** and **5**

	1 ^a	4a ^b	5 ^b
C-1	38.41	39.87	39.91
C-2	27.59	27.09	27.17
C-3	78.99	91.89	91.78
C-4	38.71	40.45	40.42
C-5	55.21	57.16	57.29
C-6	18.22	19.40	19.40
C-7	32.64	34.21	34.24
C-8	39.25	40.56	40.57
C-9	47.58	47.98	47.98
C-10	37.04	37.94	37.94
C-11	23.38	24.57	24.58
C-12	122.63	122.98	123.07
C-13	142.29	145.75	145.70
C-14	41.60	40.56	40.57
C-15	27.13	29.34	29.34
C-16	24.11	25.87	25.86
C-17	48.04	c	c
C-18	40.48	43.05	43.05
C-19	46.41	46.22	46.24
C-20	35.26	37.27	37.26
C-21	75.01	72.47	73.06
C-22	36.40	42.17	42.15
C-23	28.67	28.44	28.24
C-24	15.45	16.89	16.61
C-25	15.26	15.92	15.95
C-26	17.05	17.78	17.77
C-27	25.71	26.30	26.30
C-28	181.00	179.50	180.10
C-29	28.04	29.90	29.88
C-30	18.34	18.22	18.18

^a In CDCl_3 ^b In CD_3OD

c Obscured by the solvent

m, H-3), 3.25 (1H, *m*, H-5), 3.84 (1H, *dd*, $J=5.0$ and 10.0 Hz, H-6a), 3.60 (1H, *m*, H-6b). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD): δ aglycone moiety: see Table 1, glucose moiety: δ 62.95 (C-6), 71.69 (C-4), 77.74 (C-5), 78.83 (C-3), 80.15 (C-2), 105.49 (C-1); glucosamine moiety: δ 59.15 (C-2), 63.54 (C-6), 74.78 (C-4), 77.75 (C-3), 78.57 (C-5), 104.35 (C-1). HREIMS m/z Found (Calc., rel. int.) m/z 400–500 454.3446 (454.3447, $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_3$, 11.9), 437.3331 (437.3419, $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{45}\text{O}_2$, 100), 436.3341 (436.3341, $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_2$, 71.6), 421.3019 (421.3106, $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2$, 43.2), m/z 150–400: 246.1665 (246.1619, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$, 25.6), 201.1664 (201.1643, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}$, 100), 190.1725 (190.1721, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}$, 31.3), 175.1490 (175.1486, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}$, 22.6). FABMS (negative ion) m/z (rel. int.): 794 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 100), 633 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-161]^-$, 75), 471 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-161-162]^-$, 60).

3 β -O-[O-2-amino-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -Hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid (**4b**) FABMS (negative ion) m/z (rel. int.): 836 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 100), 633 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-203]^-$, 35), 471 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-203-162]^-$, 35).

3 β -O-[O- β -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl]-21 β -Hydroxyolean-12-en-28-oic acid (**5**) $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 8^\circ$ (MeOH, c 0.20). ^1H NMR (CD_3OD): aglycone moiety: δ 0.82, 0.83, 0.89, 0.91, 0.92, 1.03, 1.11, (3H each, *s*, aliphatics Me), 1.20, 1.70 (2H, *m*, H-19), 1.60 (2H, *m*, H-2), 1.80 (2H, *m*, H-11), 2.92 (1H, *dd*, H-18), 3.35 (1H, *m*, H-3), 5.21 (1H, *m*, H-12), glucose moiety I: δ 4.41 (1H, *d*, $J=7.4$ Hz, H-1), 3.58 (1H, *m*, H-2), glucose moiety II: δ 4.61 (1H, *d*, $J=7.6$ Hz, H-1), 3.35 (1H, *m*, H-2), xylose moiety: δ 4.78 (1H, *d*, $J=7.7$ Hz), 3.20 (1H, *m*, H-2). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD): aglycone moiety: see Table 1, glucose units: δ 62.44 (C-6), 62.79 (C-6), 70.23 (C-4), 71.51 (C-4), 75.26 (C-2 and C-3), 77.18 (C-5), 78.36 (C-5), 80.86 (C-2), 87.82 (C-3), 104.56 (C-1), 104.02 (C-1); xylose moiety: δ 66.95 (C-5), 70.41 (C-4), 74.76 (C-2), 76.18 (C-3), 105.69 (C-1). HREIMS m/z (rel. int.): 454.3446 ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_3$, 1.1), 437.3319 ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{45}\text{O}_2$, 3.7), 436.3320 ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_2$, 3.6), 421.3106 ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2$, 2.2), 408.3392 ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}$, 0.8), 393.3157 ($\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}$, 2.5), 246.1619 ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$, 43.6), 201.1643 ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}$, 100), 190.1721 ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}$, 65.2), 175.1486 ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}$, 32.0). FABMS (negative ion) m/z (rel. int.): 927 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 100), 795 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-132]^-$, 50), 633 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-132-162]^-$, 45), 471 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}-132-162-162]^-$, 45). FABMS (positive ion) m/z (rel. int.): 973 ($[\text{M}-\text{H}+2\text{Na}]^+$, 68), 951 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 98), 905 ($[\text{M}-\text{HCOOH}+\text{Na}]^+$, 100), 882 ($[\text{M}-\text{COOH}]^+$, 60).

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