



PRENYLATED BIBENZYL DERIVATIVES FROM *LETHOCOLEA GLOSSOPHYLLA* AND *RADULA VOLUTA**

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Abstract—Phytochemical investigation of the liverwort, *Lethocolea glossophylla*, yielded five new prenylated bibenzyl derivatives. Their structures were elucidated by spectral analysis as 2-carboxy-3-methoxy-4,6-di-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-5,4'-dihydroxy-bibenzyl, 2,4-di-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-3,5,4'-trihydroxy-bibenzyl, 2,2-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-6-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-7-[2-(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-ethyl]-chromene, 2,2-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-7-[2-(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-ethyl]-8-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-chromene and as a bisprenylated bisbibenzyl (glossophyllin) with a chromene and a chromane moiety. From *Radula voluta*, the previously known bibenzyls, 2-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-3,5-dihydroxy-bibenzyl and 2-geranyl-3,5-dihydroxy-bibenzyl, were isolated and identified. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved

INTRODUCTION

Lethocolea glossophylla belongs to the leafy-liverwort family, Acrobolaceae [1, 2]. It is distributed in Andine regions of Central and South America [3]. There have been no reports on secondary metabolites of the genus *Lethocolea*. In contrast, many *Radula* species are known to be rich sources of prenyl bibenzyls [4–8] and flavonoids [9]. Herein, the results of our phytochemical investigations of *L. glossophylla* and *R. voluta* regarding bibenzyl derivatives are presented.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The CH₂Cl₂-extract of *Lethocolea glossophylla* was initially chromatographed on Sephadex LH-20. Afterwards VLC on silica gel and prep. HPLC on diol and silica gel yielded four prenyl bibenzyls (1–4) and a prenyl bisbibenzyl (5), named glossophyllin. Moreover, TLC analyses also revealed the presence of terpenoids as trace components.

The structure of compound 1 was determined as 2-carboxy-3-methoxy-4,6-di-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-5,4'-dihydroxy-bibenzyl on the basis of exhaustive NMR measurements. The ¹H NMR spectrum exhibited sig-

nals from which the following structural features could be derived (Table 1): a *para*-substituted benzene ring, two benzylic methylenes, a methoxyl group, two prenyl side-chains and a proton at δ 11.67 due to a carboxyl group (δ_c 172.4). Two further resonances at δ 6.03 and 4.83 were assigned to OH-protons because the other protons correlated with the 15 proton-bearing carbons (CH \times 6, CH₂ \times 4, CH₃ \times 5) according to the DEPT and HMQC spectra. This also implied that the second benzene ring of 1 was completely substituted. The EI mass spectrum showed a [M]⁺ at m/z 424 suggesting the molecular composition of C₂₆H₃₂O₅ for 1. A fragment at m/z 107 indicated the presence of a hydroxylated benzene group. The exact substitution pattern and the assignment of all carbons and protons were confirmed by HMBC and NOESY spectra.

The NMR analysis of compound 2 again proved the presence of a benzene ring with a substituent in the *para*-position, two benzylic methylenes and two prenyl moieties. The compound was lacking a carboxyl and a methoxyl group when its NMR spectra were compared with those of 1. Instead, we observed the unsplit resonance of an aromatic proton at δ 6.26. The parent peak in the EI mass spectrum of 2 was observed at m/z 366 (C₂₄H₃₀O₃). With the help of HMBC and NOESY spectra, 2 was readily identified as 2,4-di-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-3,5,4'-trihydroxy-bibenzyl.

The NMR spectroscopic data of the main compound 3 led to the assumption of a 2,2-dimethylchromene moiety, which was supported by literature data [5, 10]. Two allylic methyl groups were evident

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Table 1. ^1H NMR spectral data of compounds 1–4 (400 MHz, 1–3: CDCl_3 -TMS; 4: methanol- d_4)

H	1	2	3	4
3	—	—	5.53 <i>d</i> (9.8)	5.48 <i>d</i> (9.8)
4	—	—	6.61 <i>d</i> (9.8)	6.60 <i>d</i> (9.8)
6	—	6.26 <i>s</i>	—	6.16 <i>s</i>
7	3.44 <i>d</i> (7.1)	3.39 <i>d</i> (7.0)	—	—
8	5.25 <i>m</i>	5.25 <i>m</i>	6.28 <i>s</i>	—
10	1.75 <i>s</i>	1.74 <i>s</i>	—	—
11	1.82 <i>s</i>	1.81 <i>s</i>	1.41 <i>s</i>	1.33 <i>s</i>
12	3.36 <i>d</i> (6.3)	3.28 <i>d</i> (6.7)	1.41 <i>s</i>	1.33 <i>s</i>
13	5.06 <i>m</i>	5.11 <i>m</i>	3.25 <i>d</i> (6.7)	3.17 <i>d</i> (6.7)
14	—	—	5.09 <i>m</i>	4.99 <i>m</i>
15	1.68 <i>s</i>	1.68 <i>s</i>	—	—
16	1.77 <i>s</i>	1.80 <i>s</i>	1.75 <i>s</i>	1.62 <i>s</i>
17	—	—	1.81 <i>s</i>	1.71 <i>s</i>
α	3.13 <i>m</i>	2.75 <i>brs</i>	2.75 <i>brs</i>	2.68 <i>brs</i>
β	2.74 <i>m</i>	2.75 <i>brs</i>	2.75 <i>brs</i>	2.68 <i>brs</i>
2',6'	7.08 <i>d</i> (8.4)	7.03 <i>d</i> (8.5)	7.01 <i>d</i> (8.4)	6.94 <i>d</i> (8.4)
3',5'	6.78 <i>d</i> (8.4)	6.75 <i>d</i> (8.5)	6.73 <i>d</i> (8.3)	6.68 <i>d</i> (8.4)
OH-3	—	5.43 <i>s</i>	—	—
OH-5	6.03 <i>s</i>	—	5.37 <i>s</i>	—
OH-4'	4.83 <i>s</i>	—	4.87 <i>s</i>	—
OMe	3.95 <i>s</i>	—	—	—
COOH	11.61 <i>s</i>	—	—	—

at δ 1.41 as one singlet integrating for six protons. The signals for two coupled protons on a *cis*-configured double bond appeared at δ 6.61 (*d*, $J = 9.8$ Hz) and 5.53 (*d*, $J = 9.8$ Hz), respectively. The rest of the signal pattern in the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra resembled that of **2**. The definitive structure of compound **3** as 2,2-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-6-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-7-[2-(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-ethyl]-chromene was again elucidated by ^{13}C - ^1H long-range couplings and the various enhancements of different protons as revealed by NOESY (Fig. 1). The EI mass spectrum with $[\text{M}]^+$ at m/z 364 provided further support for the above structure ($\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3$) of **3**.

The EI mass spectrum of **4** displayed the same $[\text{M}]^+$ and the same fragments as **3**. The signal and coupling

pattern in the ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** (in $\text{MeOH}-d_4$) and the multiplicities of the carbon atoms were identical to those of **3**, thus suggesting an isomeric structure for **4**. Spectral evidence from heteronuclear long-range couplings and NOESY experiments established the structure of **4** as 2,2-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-7-[2-(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-ethyl]-8-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-chromene.

From the spectral data we deduced a dimeric structure for **5**. The CI mass spectrum exhibited a small, but unequivocal $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ and $[\text{M}]^+$ at m/z 729 and 728, respectively, from which a molecular composition of $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_6$ was deduced. On account of the calculated double bond equivalents, compound **5** represented a hexacyclic molecule. The NMR spectra (measured in CDCl_3 and C_6D_6) showed many parallels to the respective data for **2**–**4** (Tables 1–4): two sets of protons with *ortho*-coupling each indicated two *para*-substituted benzene rings which was also supported by ^1H - ^1H COSY. The signals for two ethyl bridges were located between δ 2.75 and 3.02 (chemical shifts valuable for CDCl_3 , also in the following discussion). The respective carbons resonated at δ 32.7, 35.4 and 36.4 ($2 \times$) as shown by the $^{135^\circ}$ -DEPT and the HMQC spectrum. In addition, the molecule could be characterized by the presence of two prenyl side-chains, one non-coupled aromatic proton, a *cis*-configured double bond and four tertiary methyl groups which were slightly deshielded (Tables 3 and 4). Moreover, signals for a further methylene group (δ_{H} 2.12 and 1.94, δ_{C} 39.9) and an aliphatic methine group (δ_{H} 4.47, δ_{C} 29.9) were observed. The chemical shifts of the methine group indicated its position between two

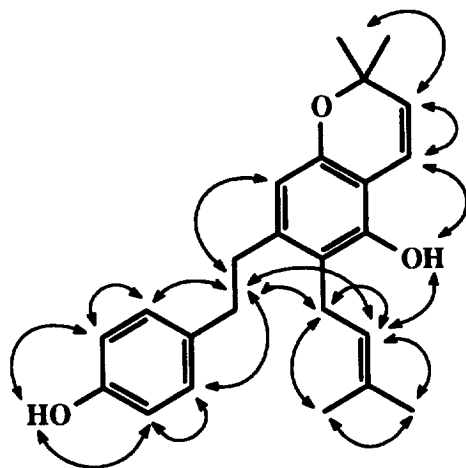


Fig. 1.

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR spectral data of compounds **1–4** (100 MHz, **1–3**: CDCl_3 -TMS; **4**: Methanol- d_4)

C	1	2	3	4
1	141.2	139.0	—	—
2	105.7	117.7	75.7	76.4
3	160.0	153.7*	128.7	128.5
4	112.4	111.9	116.8	118.6
5	158.5	152.9	150.7	151.8
6	119.4	109.0	116.9	109.4
7	22.5	22.7	140.9	142.4
8	121.7	122.1	109.8	120.1
9	134.9	134.8	151.8	152.6
10	25.8	25.7	108.3	109.0
11	17.9	17.9	27.8	27.9
12	25.2	25.4	27.8	27.9
13	123.0	123.0	25.3	25.1
14	133.1	134.0†	122.5	125.7
15	25.7	25.7	135.1	130.5
16	18.0	17.9	25.8	25.9
17	—	—	17.9	18.2
α	33.6	35.7	36.2	36.7
β	36.5	36.8	36.7	37.8
1'	134.6	134.2†	134.0	134.2
2',6'	129.2	129.5	129.5	130.3
3',5'	115.3	115.3	115.3	116.0
4'	153.8	153.8*	153.8	156.3
OMe	52.0	—	—	—
COOH	172.4	—	—	—

*, † Assignments exchangeable.

aromatic rings. The ^1H - ^1H COSY revealed couplings of the methine at δ 4.47 to the methylenes at δ 1.94 and 2.12, which were also coupled to each other. One of these methylenes was arranged in a *trans*-diaxial position to the methine at δ 4.47, because of the larger coupling constant of 12.3 Hz for this proton. From the signal at δ 2.12, the sequence continued to the methyl group at δ 1.30. This methyl was weakly coupled with another methyl at δ 1.44 (Fig. 2). Also by analysing the HMBC spectrum, the partial structure, as outlined in Fig. 3, was elaborated. From a combination of different 2D NMR spectra, we found conclusive evidence for other partial structures which could finally be connected to the overall structure of **5**. Both prenyl moieties are arranged in an *ortho*-position to the carbons bearing the *para*-substituted 2-phenylethyl moieties. Substructure A had a chromene part and, thus, corresponded with bibenzyl **4**. Substructure B of **5** can also be compared with **4** but its chromene part was formally added to substructure A by a C–C-bond, thus, losing its olefinic character and now representing a chromane. Irradiation experiments (NOESY) provided further evidence for our assignments. It was also useful in revealing the relative stereochemistry of the chromane part (Fig. 4). The ^{13}C NMR spectrum measured in CDCl_3 afforded 38 carbon atoms. On account of the DEPT and HMQC pulse sequence we could detect 47 carbons. The long-range ^{13}C - ^1H couplings in CDCl_3 required that the

Table 3. ^1H NMR spectral data of compound **5** (400 MHz, TMS)

H	CDCl_3	C_6D_6
3	5.53 <i>d</i> (9.9)	5.26 <i>d</i> (9.7)
4	6.56 <i>d</i> (9.9)	6.90 <i>d</i> (9.7)
11	1.38 <i>s</i>	1.27 <i>s</i>
12	1.42 <i>s</i>	1.31 <i>s</i>
13a	3.35 <i>m</i>	3.69 <i>dd</i> (6.2/14.6)
13b	3.31 <i>m</i>	3.51 <i>dd</i> (7.5/15.1)
14	5.07 <i>m</i>	5.41 <i>m</i>
16	1.68 <i>s</i>	1.68 <i>s</i>
17	1.76 <i>s</i>	1.80 <i>s</i>
α	3.02–2.86 <i>m</i>	3.20–2.92 <i>m</i>
β	2.78–2.90 <i>m</i>	3.12–2.92 <i>m</i>
2',6'	7.08 <i>d</i> (8.4)	7.03 <i>d</i> (7.6)
3',5'	6.75 <i>d</i> (8.4)	6.52 <i>d</i> (7.5)
3''ax	2.12 <i>t</i> (13.3)	2.11 <i>t</i> (12.8)
3''eq	1.94 <i>dd</i> (7.0/13.9)	1.65 <i>dd</i> * (6.8/≥ 12.0)
4''	4.47 <i>dd</i> (6.8/12.3)	4.59 <i>dd</i> (6.5/12.0)
6''	6.28 <i>s</i>	6.32 <i>s</i>
11''ax	1.30 <i>s</i>	1.04 <i>s</i>
12''eq	1.44 <i>s</i>	1.21 <i>s</i>
13''a	3.33 <i>m</i>	3.58 <i>dd</i> (7.2/14.8)
13''b	3.19 <i>dd</i> (6.4/14.4)	3.35 <i>dd</i> (6.2/15.0)
14''	5.02 <i>m</i>	5.31 <i>m</i>
16''	1.68 <i>s</i>	1.68 <i>s</i>
17''	1.76 <i>s</i>	1.76 <i>s</i>
α'	2.82–2.75 <i>m</i>	2.81–2.72 <i>m</i>
β'	2.78 <i>m</i>	2.75 <i>m</i>
2''' , 6'''	7.03 <i>d</i> (8.4)	6.88 <i>d</i> (7.5)
3''' , 5'''	6.74 <i>d</i> (8.4)	6.51 <i>d</i> (7.5)
OH-5	5.03 <i>s</i>	5.54 <i>s</i>
OH-5''	4.95 <i>s</i>	5.09 <i>s</i>

* Partially overlapped by the methyl at δ 1.68.

signal at δ 109.6 represented a tertiary (C-6'') and a quaternary carbon (C-10). When using C_6D_6 , we observed two separate signals at δ 110.3 (C-6'') and 110.1 (C-10). A 3D-structure of glossophyllin calculated from a molecular dynamics simulation is illustrated in Fig. 5. This is the first example for a bisprenylated bisbibenzyl with a chromene and a chromane moiety as a natural product. Other bisbibenzyls known from liverworts do not exhibit these features [7].

From *Radula voluta*, we isolated and identified the known bibenzyls, **6** (2-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-3,5-dihydroxy-bibenzyl) and **7** (2-(geranyl-3,5-dihydroxy-bibenzyl). These two compounds have been reported previously from several *Radula* species [4–8]. Their spectroscopic data agreed with those published [5].

EXPERIMENTAL

Plant material. *Lethocolea glossophylla* (Spruce) Grolle was collected in September 1988 in Ecuador (Pichincha region) on the road from Quito to Santo Domingo near Quebrada, altitude 3450 m, $0^\circ 17'\text{S}$, $78^\circ 36'\text{W}$. *Radula voluta* Tayl. also originated from

Table 4. ^{13}C NMR spectral data of compound **5** (100 MHz, TMS)

5		
C	CDCl_3	C_6D_6^*
2	76.0	75.7
3	128.9	128.9
4	117.0	117.7
5	149.5	150.1
6	116.0	117.4
7	138.7	139.2
8	121.7	121.6
9	151.5	151.7
10	109.6	110.1
11	27.9	27.8
12	28.2	28.2
13	25.2	25.7
14	124.1	125.1
15	130.6	130.0
16	25.8	25.8
17	18.2	18.3
α	32.7	33.2
β	36.4	36.7
1'	134.1	134.0
2',6'	129.3	129.6
3',5'	115.6	115.7
4'	154.1	154.8
2''	74.8	74.8
3''	39.9	40.1
4''	29.9	30.3
5''	153.6	154.3
6''	109.6	110.3
7''	141.9	142.4
8''	121.9	122.0
9''	152.6	153.0
10''	105.4	106.1
11''	23.4	23.0
12''	29.9	29.7
13''	24.8	25.2
14''	124.1	124.9
15''	130.2	129.7
16''	25.8	25.8
17''	18.2	18.1
α'	35.4	35.7
β'	36.4	36.7
1'''	134.4	134.0
2''',6'''	129.6	129.8
3''',5'''	115.6	115.5
4'''	153.8	154.5

*Tertiary signals centred near the benzene signal (δ 128) could be unambiguously identified only by DEPT; chemical shifts of the two quaternary carbons at δ 130.0 (C-15) and 129.7 (C-15'') were deduced from the ^{13}C projection arising from the HMBC spectrum. Assignments for C-2'-6' can be exchanged as a whole with those for C-2'''-6'''.

Ecuador (Carchi region). It was collected in October 1988 on the road from Tulcan to Maldonado, altitude 3900 m, $77^\circ 56' \text{W}$, $0^\circ 48' \text{N}$. The species were identified by Professor S. R. Gradstein, Göttingen, Germany. Voucher specimens are deposited in the herbarium SAAR, no. 5074 (*L. glossophylla*), no. 5075 (*R. voluta*), Saarbrücken, Germany.

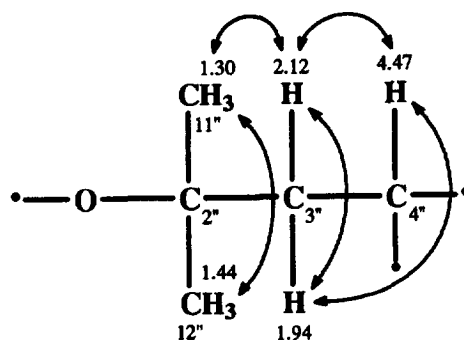


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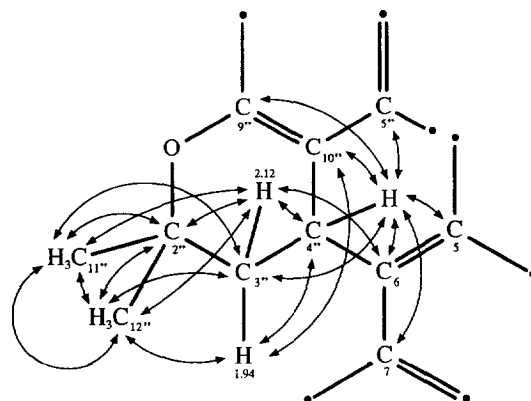


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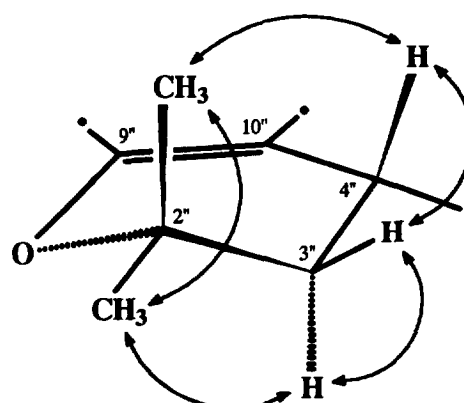


Fig. 4.

Extraction and isolation. Cleaned, air-dried, gametophytic plant material of *L. glossophylla* (25 g) was ground and digested $\times 4$ with CH_2Cl_2 . The crude extract was chromatographed on Sephadex LH-20 with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (1:1) in order to remove impurities (chlorophyll, etc., fr. 1) from the compounds of interest (fr. 2). Further fractionation of fr. 2 was performed by VLC using a *n*-hexane-EtOAc gradient. Fr. 2.5 which was eluted between 5 and 20% EtOAc was chromatographed on a diol HPLC column (*n*-hexane- Me_2CO , 41:9) and afforded fr. 2.5.2 (1 and 3), fr. 2.5.4 (4), fr. 2.5.6 (2) and fr. 2.5.8 (5). Compound 1 was separated from 3 using HPLC on silica gel (16% EtOAc). Further purification of the other frs was

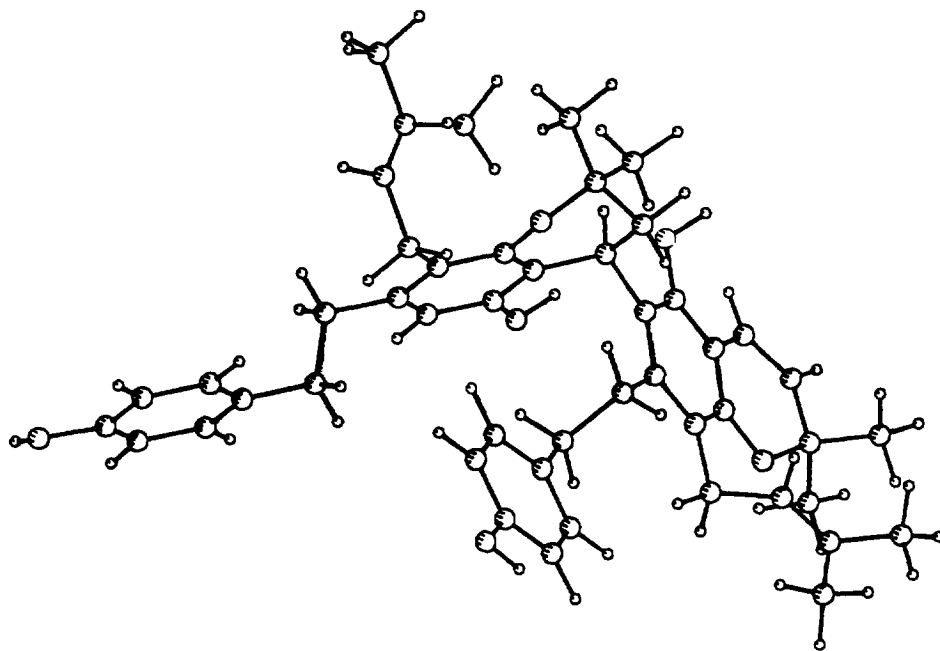


Fig. 5.

achieved by the same method using 16% EtOAc (fr. 2.5.4) or 20% EtOAc (fr. 2.5.6 and fr. 2.5.8) as eluents. The different chromatographic procedures yielded 18 mg of **1**, 11 mg of **2**, 13 mg of **3**, 58 mg of **4** and 5 mg of **5**.

Gametophytic plant material of *R. voluta* (32 g) was extracted with CHCl_3 . This extract was bound on RP 18 material and fractionated using VLC on RP 18 and a gradient between 50% aq. MeOH and 100% MeOH. The fr. which eluted between 70 and 85% aq. MeOH was submitted to VLC on silica gel (10–50% EtOAc) to remove impurities. The fr. containing **6** and **7** (eluted between 15 and 40% EtOAc) was chromatographed by HPLC on a diol column (12% Me_2CO) to separate **6** from **7** (7 eluted prior to **6**). The compounds were finally purified on Sephadex LH-20 with MeOH as solvent. Yields: **6**: 331 mg, **7**: 122 mg.

Chromatography. Adsorbents for TLC: Merck silica gel 60 F₂₅₄; Merck diol F_{254s}; Merck RP 18 F_{254s}. Solvents for TLC: mixtures of *n*-hexane with EtOAc (silica gel, diol) or Me_2CO (diol) and mixts of MeOH and H_2O (RP 18). Compounds were detected under UV-light (254 nm) by their dark absorption on plates with fluorescence indicator and in daylight after spraying with anisaldehyde- H_2SO_4 and heating to 110° (only on silica gel). HPLC: Nucleosil 100 Si, 5 μm , Macherey–Nagel; Lichrospher 100 diol, 5 μm , Merck; Lichrospher 100 RP 18, 5 μm , Merck; all 250 \times 4 mm; Nucleosil 100 Si, 7 μm , Macherey–Nagel; Lichrospher 100 diol, 10 μm , Merck; all 250 \times 10 mm.

Spectroscopic data. NMR: 400 MHz (1D) and 500 MHz (2D; HETCOR: inverse technique). TMS as int. standard was added when measuring the compounds in CDCl_3 or C_6D_6 . The NMR data of **1–5** are presented in Tables 1–4. The optical rotation value of

glossophyllin was determined at 20° at 578 nm in CHCl_3 (Uvasol). MS were recorded using EIMS (70 eV) and CIMS (methane, 120 eV). The 3D-structure of **5** was modelled by molecular dynamics simulation using the Quanta-system.

Compound 1. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 313 (3.76) – 272 (4.14) – 225 (4.71). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 424 [M]⁺ (3), 392 (4), 377 (5), 265 (24), 227 (43), 225 (22), 189 (10), 175 (12), 161 (10), 147 (13), 123 (15), 107 (58), 105 (36), 91 (80).

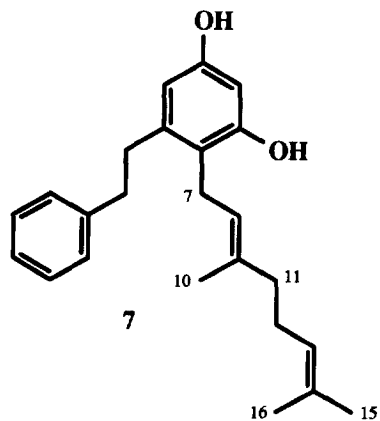
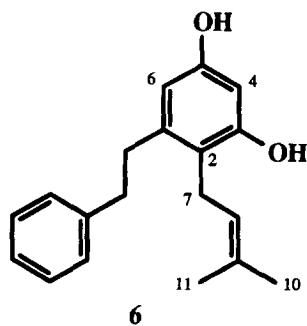
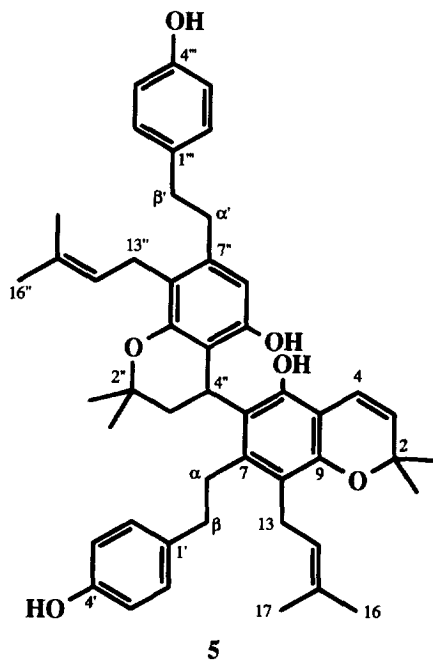
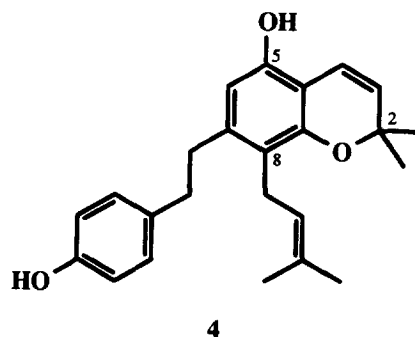
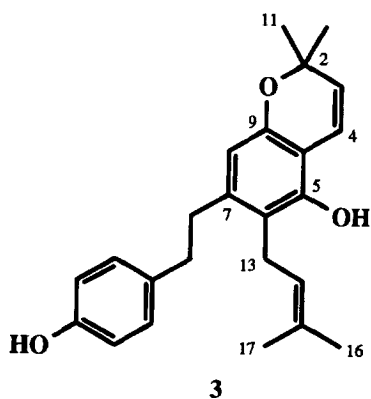
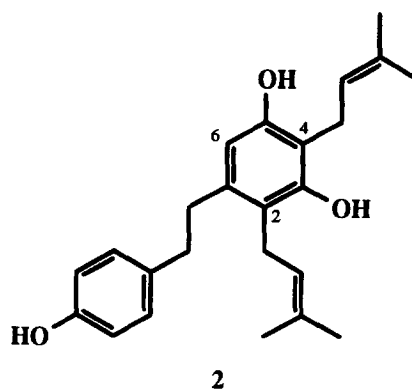
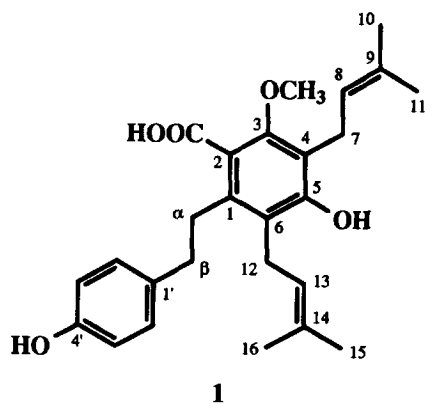
Compound 2. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 313 (3.23) – 303 (3.32) – 286sh (3.60) – 278 (3.69) – 229sh (4.40). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 366 [M]⁺ (1), 309 (1), 295 (1), 256 (83), 241 (12), 209 (66), 181 (14), 165 (9), 121 (43), 107 (81).

Compound 3. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 315sh (3.32) – 280 (4.16) – 228 (4.62). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 364 [M]⁺ (7), 349 (67), 293 (30), 265 (29), 227 (61), 225 (29), 199 (17), 187 (20), 175 (11), 161 (16), 147 (13), 123 (22), 107 (65), 105 (54), 91 (95).

Compound 4. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 320sh (3.30) – 281 (4.10) – 228 (4.51). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 364 [M]⁺ (6), 349 (68), 293 (10), 265 (31), 227 (69), 225 (33), 199 (19), 187 (8), 175 (16), 161 (14), 147 (11), 123 (30), 107 (53), 105 (54), 91 (100).

Compound 5. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 320sh (3.12) – 281 (3.95) – 228 (4.50). CIMS m/z (rel. int.): 729 [$\text{M} + \text{H}$]⁺ (0.3), 728 [M]⁺ (0.5), 713 (0.3), 428 (1.0), 413 (1.2), 364 (47), 349 (100). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 1.2^\circ$ (*c* 0.4).

Compound 6. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 284 (3.40) – 230sh (3.98). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 282 [M]⁺ (68), 227 (91), 225 (92), 211 (21), 191 (40), 177 (40), 161 (24), 149 (72), 147 (28), 123 (38), 107 (21), 105 (30), 91 (100). ¹H NMR (CDCl_3 -TMS): δ 1.66 (3H, *s*, 10-Me), 1.73 (3H, *s*, 11-Me), 2.77 (4H, *br s*, H- α/β), 3.25



(2H, *d*, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-7a/7b), 5.06 (1H, *t*, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-8), 6.24 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.4$ Hz, H-4), 6.28 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.4$ Hz, H-6), 7.13–7.24 (5H, *m*, H-2'-6'). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 -TMS): δ 17.8 (C-11), 24.7 (C-7), 25.5

(C-10), 35.3 (α), 37.3 (β), 101.3 (C-4), 108.9 (C-6), 118.1 (C-2), 122.8 (C-8), 125.9/128.3 (C-2'-6'), 133.4 (C-9), 141.7 (C-1'), 142.3 (C-1), 153.9 (C-5), 155.1 (C-3).

Compound 7. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (log ϵ): 284 (3.51) –230sh (4.09). EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 350 $[\text{M}]^+$ (7), 335 (7), 265 (53), 227 (83), 225 (38), 189 (13), 175 (18), 161 (20), 149 (13), 147 (15), 123 (37), 107 (11), 105 (58), 91 (100). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 -TMS): δ 1.56 (3H, *s*, 16-Me), 1.64 (3H, *s*, 15-Me), 1.76 (3H, *s*, 10-Me), 2.02 (2H, *m*, H-11a/11b), 2.80 (4H, *br s*, H- α/β), 3.28 (2H, *d*, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-7a/7b), 5.03 (1H, *t*, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-13), 5.09 (1H, *t*, $J = 6.5$ Hz, H-8), 5.57 (1H, *br s*, OH-3), 5.78 (1H, *br s*, OH-5), 6.25 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-4), 6.27 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-6), 7.15–7.26 (5H, *m*, H-2'-6'). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 -TMS): δ 16.2 (10-Me), 17.7 (16-Me), 24.8 (C-7), 25.6 (15-Me), 26.5 (C-12), 35.6 (α), 37.5 (β), 39.6 (C-11), 101.6 (C-4), 109.0 (C-6), 117.9 (C-2), 122.7 (C-8), 123.9 (C-13), 126.0–128.4 (C-2'-6'), 131.9 (C-14), 137.7 (C-9), 141.8 (C-1'), 142.2 (C-1), 154.3 (C-5), 155.6 (C-3). According to our NOE results the ^1H NMR data of 15-Me and 16-Me of 7 had to be reversely assigned compared with those in ref. [5].

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