

# New Steroidal Saponins from Rhizomes of *Costus spiralis*

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Two new steroidal saponins were isolated from the rhizomes of *Costus spiralis* Rosc. Their structures were established as (3 $\beta$ ,25*R*)-26-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-22-hydroxyfurost-5-en-3-yl *O*-D-apio- $\beta$ -D-furanosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-*O*-[ $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) and (3 $\beta$ ,25*R*)-26-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-22-hydroxyfurost-5-en-3-yl *O*-D-apio- $\beta$ -D-furanosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-*O*-[ $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**2**). Their structural identifications were performed using detailed analyses of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra including 2D NMR spectroscopic techniques (DEPT, COSY, HETCOR and COLOC) and chemical conversions. The steroidal saponins were evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity.

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