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Careyarboside A: A New Flavan-3-ol Glycoside from the Stems of *Careya arborea* (Lecythidaceae)

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A new flavan-3-ol glycoside, compound **1** (careyarboside A), was isolated from the ethanol extract of the stems of *Careya arborea*, together with six known compounds. Of these, three phenolic glycosides (leonuriside A, picraquassioside D, and careyarboside B) have never been previously isolated from genus *Careya* and family Lecythidaceae. Their chemical structures were identified using spectroscopic data, specifically HRESIMS, 1D and 2D NMR data, including ¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC. In addition, the chemical structures of the known compounds were identified through spectral comparisons with those of published values.

1. Introduction

Careya arborea Roxb. (Lecythidaceae), commonly known as wild guava in English and kumbhi in Hindi, is a large evergreen tree found in deciduous forests and grasslands throughout Sri Lanka, India, and the Malay Peninsula up to an altitude of 1500 meters [1]. The dried stem bark of this plant has been widely used as traditional medicine for the treatment of tumors, inflammation, epileptic fits, skin disease, dysentery with bloody stools, dyspepsia, ulcer, and chronic ear pain, as well as an anthelmintic, astringent, and antidote to snake venom [1–3]. *C. arborea* has a wide range of pharmacological activities, such as anti-tumor, antioxidant, antihyperlipidemic, antibacterial, antimicrobial, hepatoprotective, anti-inflammation, analgesic, gastroprotective, antiasthmatic, antifertility, and antidiarrheal effects [4–14]. The pharmacognostical properties are mainly determined by the various natural compounds in *C. arborea*, such as triterpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, sterols, coumarin, saponins, and tannins [1, 15–19].

In our continuous efforts to discover more bioactive components, a new flavan-3-ol glycoside, careyarboside A (**1**) was isolated from the stems of *C. arborea*, along with six known compounds, (+)-gallocatechin (**2**), (–)-epigallocatechin (**3**), leonuriside A (**4**), picraquassioside D (**5**), 2,3-dihydroxyphenylethanol-1-O-β-D-glucopyranoside (**6**), and gallic acid (**7**). Here, we described the extraction, isolation, and structural characterization of compounds **1**–**7**.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. General Experimental Procedures. A JASCO P-2000 polarimeter was used to determine the optical rotation (Tokyo, Japan). Using a Bruker Ascend III 700 spectrometer, NMR spectra were recorded in methanol-*d*₄ and pyridine-*d*₅ at room temperature (Bruker BioSpin GmbH., Rheinstetten, Germany). ESI-MS spectra were acquired on an Agilent 6130 series quadrupole LC/MS System (Agilent Technologies, CA, USA). HRESIMS spectra were recorded by a Triple TOF 5600+ mass spectrometer (AB SCIEX, MA, USA). Open column chromatography was performed using Diaion

HP-20 adsorbent resin (Mitsubishi Chemical Corp, Tokyo, Japan) and Lichroprep RP-18 (40–63 μM , Merck, NJ, USA). MPLC was performed with a CombiFlash Rf flash chromatography system (Teledyne ISCO Inc., NE, USA), and the separations were carried out using a RediSep® Rf Silica and Gold® C₁₈ column. TLC was performed using DC-Fertigfolien ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV₂₅₄₊₃₆₆ (0.2 mm, Macherey-Nagel GmbH & Co. KG, Düren, Germany) plates, and spots were visualized by a 10% vanillin-sulfuric acid reagent (10% mixture of conc. H₂SO₄ soln. and 1% vanillin in EtOH). All chemicals and solvents were of analytical quality and were utilized without further purification.

2.2. Plant Material. In September 2015, stems of *C. arborea* were taken from Cambodia's Seima Protection Forest for the present investigation. Botanical identification was made by one of the authors (Dr. H. E. Keo Omaliss), and a voucher specimen (CA101) of the plant was placed at the laboratory of natural products research team, Gyeonggido Business & Science Accelerator.

2.3. Extraction and Isolation. The shade-dried stems of *C. arborea* (2.2 kg) were macerated with 50% aqueous EtOH at room temperature. Following the evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue (165 g) was dissolved in water (5 L) and sequentially partitioned with *n*-hexane, CH₂Cl₂, EtOAc, and *n*-BuOH sat.H₂O to yield extracts dry weighing 10, 17, 14, and 29 g, respectively. Part of the *n*-BuOH-soluble fraction was chromatographed over a Diaion HP-20 resin and eluted with a water-MeOH stepwise gradient solvent system (1:0–0:1) to give six fractions (CA101A₁–CA101A₆). Of these, fraction CA101A₂ (1.7 g) was fractionated on medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) over an ODS column (RediSep® Rf silica gold 240 g, 100 mL/min, 50 min, detection at 210 and 254 nm) by eluting with a gradient mixture of 5–50% acetonitrile in H₂O to afford 12 subfractions (CA101B₁–CA101B₁₂). CA101B₂ (250 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography (MeOH, isocratic) to obtain pure compounds **2** (25.8 mg), **6** (11.3 mg), and **7** (8.4 mg). Subfraction CA101B₇ (76.1 mg) was subjected to the abovementioned MPLC system (Silica gel, 12 g Gold, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH–H₂O, 10:3:1 to 7:3:1, v/v, 18 mL/min, 55 min, detection at 210 and 254 nm) resulting in the isolation of compounds **3** (16.6 mg, *t*_R = 9.5 min), **4** (4.6 mg, *t*_R = 14.8 min), and **5** (5.5 mg, *t*_R = 19.5 min). Further purification of subfraction CA101B₁₀ (145.5 mg) was chromatographed on a silica gel column and eluted with a CH₂Cl₂–MeOH–H₂O stepwise gradient system (10:3:1, 7:3:1, 6:4:1) to give compounds **1** (26.6 mg) and **3** (36.2 mg). The isolation process used in the present study is summarized in Scheme S1 (Supplementary material).

2.4. Acid Hydrolysis. A solution of compound **1** (2 mg) in 2 M HCl/MeOH (4:1, 5 mL) was heated in a water bath for 6 h with the temperature at 80°C. The reaction mixture was cooled, then diluted with water (15 mL), neutralized

with NaHCO₃, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). For sugar analysis, the aqueous layer was concentrated to an adequate level (1 mL) and analyzed by TLC (silica gel) using the solvent system CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O (70:30:1). Using a vanillin-sulfuric acid spray followed by heating, a spot was detected. The *R*_f value of glucose was 0.25. Thus, the sugar component was identified as glucose. The optical rotation of the water solution was determined to be $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 26.8^\circ$ (*c* = 0.035, H₂O) for compound **1**. Positive optical rotation indicated that this sugar is D-configuration (lit. $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 52.5^\circ$) [20]. On the other hand, the aglycone migrated into the EtOAc layer. The combined EtOAc-soluble extracts were evaporated to dryness to yield the aglycone. For further purification, the aglycone was subjected to flash column chromatography on RP-18 and eluted with an MeCN–H₂O gradient system (10:90 to 60:40, v/v) to yield aglycone of compound **1**. The optical rotation value of aglycone was $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 47.1^\circ$ (*c* = 0.25, CH₃OH).

2.5. Apparatus and Chromatographic Conditions. On a Waters alliance e2695 (Waters Co., Milford, MA, USA) system with a 2998 PDA detector and column heater/cooler with passive pre-heater, HPLC analysis was conducted. Using a YMC-Triart C18 column (250 × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μm particle size), separation was accomplished (YMC Co., Ltd., Japan). The mobile phase consisted of water–TFA (99.95:0.05; v/v) (solvent A) and acetonitrile (solvent B). The elution was carried out utilizing the following gradient mobile phase: initial 95:5 (A:B v/v); 40 min 60:40 (A:B v/v). The column temperature was set at 25°C, and the volume of injection was 10 μL . Empower™ 3 software was responsible for all operations, data acquisition, and analysis (Waters Co., Milford, MA, USA).

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Isolation and Purification of Compounds 1–7. Dried stems of *C. arborea* were crushed and extracted with 50% EtOH at room temperature by rotary evaporation to obtain the crude EtOH extract. The EtOH extract was sequentially employed in the solvent partition process with four solvents, *n*-hexane, methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂), EtOAc, and aqueous-saturated *n*-butanol (BuOH), which yielded four main solvent fractions with increasing polarity. Chromatographic purification of the BuOH-soluble fractions yielded the new flavan-3-ol glycoside (**1**), along with compounds **2–7** (Figure 1).

3.2. Spectroscopic Data of Compounds 1–7. Careyarboside A (1) White amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 24.4^\circ$ (*c* = 0.12, CH₃OH), $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 47.1^\circ$ (*c* = 0.25, CH₃OH, aglycone); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} nm: 205, 272; ¹H (700 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (175 MHz), see Tables 1–3; ESIMS *m/z* 321 [M + H – 162]⁺, 483 [M + H]⁺, 505 [M + Na]⁺, 481 [M – H][–]; ESIMS *m/z*. HRESIMS (positive mode) *m/z* 483.1504 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₁₂, 483.1503).

TABLE 3: ^{13}C (175 MHz) data of compounds 1–7 (δ in ppm)^a.

Position	1 ^b	2 ^b δ mult.	3 ^b	Position	4 ^b	5 ^b δ mult.	6 ^b	7 ^c
2	83.2 d ^d	83.7 d	80.5 d	1	129.7 s	161.2 s	131.3 s	122.1 s
3	67.9 d	68.5 d	67.3 d	2	154.9 s	94.9 d	111.8 d	110.5 d
4	29.1 t	29.5 t	29.8 t	3	95.4 d	162.7 s	147.8 s	146.5 s
5	158.3 s	158.7 s	158.9 s	4	156.2 s	97.1 d	136.7 s	139.7 s
6	97.1 d	96.9 d	96.9 d	5	95.4 d	161.3 s	148.5 s	146.5 s
7	159.1 s	159.0 s	158.9 s	6	154.9 s	98.0 d	113.6 d	110.5 d
8	98.2 d	95.8 d	96.1 d	7			40.5 t	170.5 s
9	156.8 s	157.6 s	157.9 s	8			64.2 t	
10	103.0 s	101.2 s	100.6 s	1'	106.2 d	102.6 d	105.6 d	
1'	137.0 s	132.0 s	131.7 s	2'	76.4 d	75.3 d	75.5 d	
2'	107.9 d	107.9 d	108.0 d	3'	78.7 d	78.8 d	78.7 d	
3'	152.7 s	148.4 s	148.1 s	4'	72.0 d	71.5 d	71.4 d	
4'	137.1 s	135.4 s	135.1 s	5'	78.9 d	79.2 d	79.3 d	
5'	152.7 s	148.4 s	148.1 s	6'	63.0 t	62.6 t	62.5 t	
6'	107.9 d	107.9 d	108.0 d	OCH ₃	56.7 q	55.5 q		
1''	102.7 d							
2''	75.3 d							
3''	79.0 d							
4''	71.3 d							
5''	79.1 d							
6''	62.5 t							
OCH ₃	60.5 q							

^aAssignments confirmed by ^1H - ^1H COSY, HSQC, and HMBC experiments. ^bMeasured for pyridine-*d*₅ solution. ^cMeasured for CD₃OD solution. ^dCarbon multiplicity deduced by HSQC and DEPT.

Compound **1** was isolated in the form of a white amorphous powder, ($[\alpha]_D^{25} - 24.4^\circ$) ($c = 0.2$, MeOH), exhibiting a UV absorption maximum at 205 and 272 nm. The molecular formula, C₂₂H₂₆O₁₂, was deduced from its HRESIMS data (m/z 483.1504 [M+H]⁺, calcd for C₂₂H₂₇O₁₂, 483.1503), indicating 10 degrees of unsaturation. The NMR spectra data (Table 1) combined with the HSQC spectrum revealed a signal characteristic of a flavan-3-ol skeleton with a phloroglucinol pattern for ring A (δ_{H} 7.10 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-6; δ_{C} 97.1), δ_{H} 6.72 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-8; δ_{C} 98.2)), a pyrogallol pattern for ring B (δ_{H} 7.18 (2H, s, H-2', 6'; δ_{C} 107.9)), and a catechin moiety for ring C (δ_{H} 5.18 (1H, d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, H-2; δ_{C} 83.2), 4.55 (1H, m, H-3; δ_{C} 67.9), 3.50 (1H, dd, $J = 16.1, 4.9$ Hz, H_a-4) and 3.32 (1H, dd, $J = 16.1, 7.7$ Hz, H_b-4); δ_{C} 29.1) [21]. In addition, the remaining ^1H NMR signals of **1** revealed the presence a methoxy group (δ_{H} 4.00 (3H, s; δ_{C} 60.5)) and one anomeric proton at δ_{H} 5.64 (1H, d, $J = 7.7$ Hz) correlated with the HSQC spectrum with the anomeric carbon at δ_{C} 102.7 in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum revealed the presence of 22 carbon signals, of which six were ascribed to the sugar moieties (δ_{C} 102.7, 79.1, 79.0, 75.3, 71.3, and 62.5) and the remaining 16 were ascribed to the aglycone part, including two oxygenated methine (δ_{C} 83.2 and 67.9), a methylene at δ_{C} 29.1, four aromatic carbons (δ_{C} 107.9 \times 2, 98.2, and 97.1), one methoxy group at δ_{C} 60.5, and eight aromatic quaternary carbons (δ_{C} 159.1, 158.3, 156.9, 152.7 \times 2, 137.1, 137.0, and 103.0). The fragment ion peak at m/z 321 [M+H-162]⁺ suggested a hexose unit. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum revealed not only signals corresponding to the dihydroflavonol skeleton and one methoxy group but also signals indicative of a hexose

monosaccharide moiety. Based on these data, **1** was identified as a flavan-3-ol glycoside. In the HMBC spectrum, the one methoxy group at δ_{H} 4.00 showed a long-range correlation with C-4' (δ_{C} 137.1), indicating its attachment to C-4'. The anomeric proton of sugar at δ_{H} 5.64 showed a correlation with C-5 (δ_{C} 158.3), which suggests that the hexose moiety is located at C-5 (Figure 2). The connections through-CH(2)-CH(3)-CH₂(4)- can also be derived from the correlations identified by ^1H - ^1H COSY. The doublet at δ_{H} 5.18 (H-2, $J = 7.0$ Hz; C-2 at δ_{C} 83.2) and the multiplet at δ_{H} 4.55 (H-3; C-3 at δ_{C} 67.9) are characteristic of the 2,3-*trans* relationship of the flavan-3-ol unit [21–25]. The D-glucose identity of the free sugar was established based on acid hydrolysis and TLC analysis of an actual sample. The ^1H -NMR coupling constant of the anomeric proton ($J_{1'',2''} > 7.0$ Hz) indicated the β -configuration of the sugar moiety [26]. Furthermore, the aglycone was found to have a negative optical rotation value ($[\alpha]_D^{25} - 47.1^\circ$) [27, 28]. The analysis of 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopic data revealed the same planar structure as (-)-4'-methylgallocatechin 5-O- β -glucopyranoside [29] and (+)-gallocatechin 4'-O-methyl ether 5-O- β -D-glucopyranoside [30], suggesting that **1** was a stereoisomer of these compounds (Figure 3). The singlet signal at H-2 and the multiplet signal at H-3 were characteristic of the 2,3-*cis* configuration of the (-)-4'-methylgallocatechin 5-O- β -glucopyranoside [29]. Moreover, the stereochemistry of (+)-gallocatechin 4'-O-methyl ether 5-O- β -D-glucopyranoside was determined based on the positive optical rotation value; however, its detailed spectroscopic data, including the 1D-NMR spectra, were not reported. Therefore, **1** was

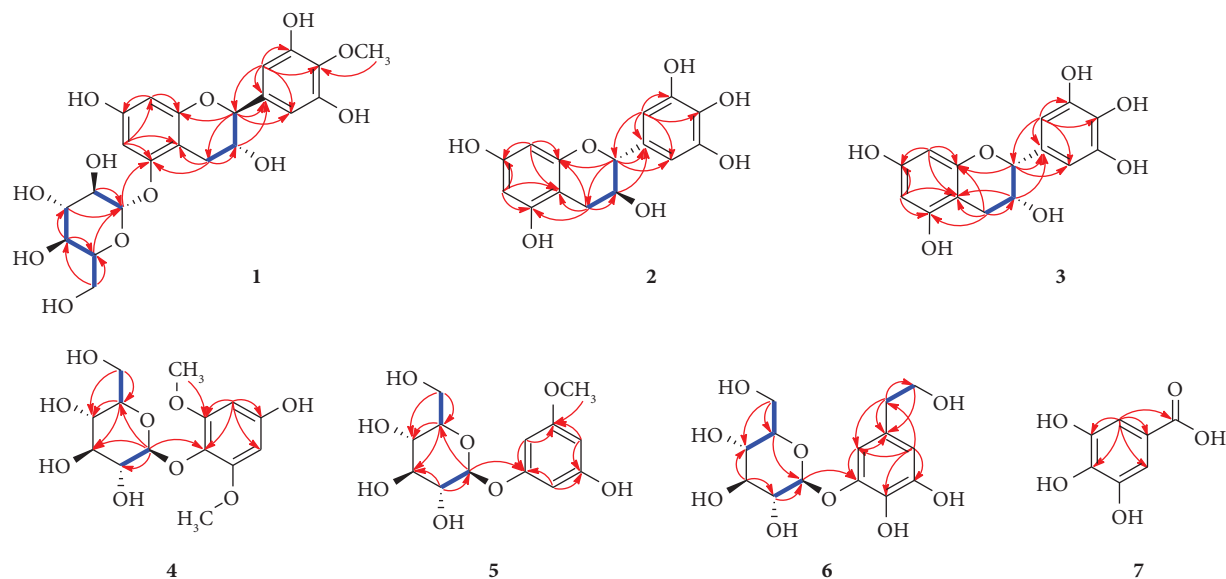


FIGURE 2: Key ^1H - ^1H COSY (blue bold lines) and HMBC (red arrows) correlations of 1-7.

identified as (-)-gallocatechin 4'-O-methyl ether 5-O- β -D-glucopyranoside and was given the trivial name careyarboside A.

Compounds 2 and 3 showed a UV spectrum similar to that of compound 1. The ^1H -NMR spectra of compounds 2 and 3 were similar to those of compound 1, showing phloroglucinol signals for ring A at δ_{H} 6.71–6.70 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-6) and 6.66 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-8) and pyrogallol signals for ring B at (2: δ_{H} 7.29 (2H, s, H-2',6') and 3: δ_{H} 7.48 (2H, s, H-2',6')). These findings indicate compounds 2 and 3 are flavan-3-ol derivatives. The doublet signal at (2: δ_{H} 5.18 (1H, d, $J=7.7$ Hz, H-2)) and singlet at (3: δ_{H} 5.38 (1H, s, H-2)) are characteristic of the 2,3-*trans* (2) and 2,3-*cis* (3) configurations for the C-2/C-3 position [31]. Additionally, the specific optical rotation of compounds 2 and 3 were $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +10.8^\circ$ and -36.0° , respectively. On the basis of the abovementioned evidence, the structures of 2 and 3 were identified as (+)-gallocatechin (2) [32] and (-)-epigallocatechin (3) [33]. Compound 4 was isolated in the form of a white amorphous powder. The ^1H NMR spectrum revealed signals of one singlet at δ_{H} 6.58 (2H, s, H-3,5) assigned to two aromatic protons; one singlet at δ_{H} 3.71 (6H, s) assigned to two methoxy groups; and a sugar moiety (δ_{H} 5.62 (1H, d, $J=7.7$ Hz, H-1') and 4.36–3.91 (6H)). In HMBC, a correlation between the two aromatic protons (δ_{H} 6.58, H-3,5) and four oxygenated aromatic carbons at δ_{C} 156.2 (C-4), 154.9 (C-2, 6), and 129.7 (C-1) was found. Signals characteristic of the β -anomeric form (δ_{H} 5.62, d, $J=7.7$ Hz) of glucopyranosyl were also observed. The attachment of the sugar moiety at C-1 was proven by the HMBC correlation between the anomeric protons at δ_{H} 5.62 and the carbon signal at δ_{C} 129.7. A methoxyl group was positioned each at C-2 and C-6 (δ_{C} 154.9) based on the HMBC correlations of this carbon with the methoxyl group and the two aromatic protons H-2 and H-6 (δ_{H} 6.58) (Figure 2). The NMR data of compound 4 are consistent with the spectral data in the literature [34]; thus, compound 4 was identified as

leonuriside A. In the ESI mass spectrum, compound 5 showed a quasi-molecular ion peak $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ at m/z 301 corresponding to $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_8$; the m/z value was 30 amu less than that of 4, which indicates the absence of methylene (CH_2) and hydroxy groups in 4. The ^1H -NMR spectrum of 5 revealed three *meta*-coupled aromatic proton signals δ_{H} 6.91 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-6), 6.70 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-2), and 6.62 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-4), suggesting the presence of a 1,3,5-trisubstituted benzene ring as well as a methoxy group at δ_{H} 3.67 (3H, s). The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra also indicated sets of signals belonging to a β -glucopyranosyl group (δ_{H} 5.67 (1H, d, $J=7.7$ Hz, H-1); δ_{C} 102.6 (C-1'), 79.2 (C-5'), 78.8 (C-3'), 75.3 (C-2'), 71.5 (C-4'), 62.6 (C-6')). The HMBCs between δ_{H} 3.67 (OCH_3) and δ_{C} 162.7 (C-3), as well as that between δ_{H} 5.67 (H-1') and δ_{C} 161.2 (C-1), confirmed the positions of the methoxy group and glucopyranosyl unit (Figure 2). The MS and NMR data of compound 5 agreed well with those reported in the literature [35]; thus, compound 5 was identified as picraquassioside D. Compound 6 was purified as a white amorphous powder with a molecular weight of a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 331 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, based on the ESI-MS data. The ^1H (Table 1) and ^{13}C NMR data for 6 suggest the presence of a 3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-substituted benzyl group at (δ_{H} 7.20 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-2) and 7.14 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-6); δ_{C} 148.5 (C-5), 147.8 (C-3), 136.7 (C-4), and 131.3 (C-1)), one oxygenated methylene signal (δ_{H} 4.07 (2H, dt, $J=7.0, 1.4$ Hz, H-8); δ_{C} 64.2 (C-8)), a methylene signal (δ_{H} 2.98 (2H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz, H-7); δ_{C} 40.5 (C-7)), and a doublet at δ_{H} 5.51 (1H, d, $J=7.7$ Hz, H-1') together with six others proton signals between δ_{H} 4.51 and 3.98, suggesting the presence of a sugar moiety. The low-field carbon chemical shift of the methylene at δ_{H} 4.07 (δ_{C} 64.2) and the key ^1H - ^1H COSY (Figure 2) correlation with H-7 (δ_{H} 2.98)/H-8 (δ_{H} 4.07) indicated the presence of a terminal hydroxyl group in the ethyl chain. The HMBC correlations observed between the oxygenated methylene (δ_{H} 4.07, H₂-8) to C-1 (δ_{C} 131.8) and methylene (δ_{H} 2.98, H₂-7) to C-1 (δ_{C}

NMR: Nuclear magnetic resonance
 TLC: Thin layer chromatography.

Data Availability

The authors confirm that the data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article and its supplementary materials.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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Supplementary Materials

Scheme S1: The isolation scheme of compounds 1–7. Figure S1: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S2: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S3: DEPT135 spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S4: ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S5: HSQC spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S6: HMBC spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S7: HRESIMS spectrum of the compound 1. Figure S8: Specific optical rotation of compound 1. Figure S9: Specific optical rotation of compound 1 (aglycone). Figure S10: Specific optical rotation of compound 1 (sugar moiety). Figure S11: ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 2. Figure S12: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 2. Figure S13: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 2. Figure S14: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 3. Figure S15: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 3. Figure S16: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 3. Figure S17: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 4. Figure S18: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 4. Figure S19: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 4. Figure S20: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 5. Figure S21: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 5. Figure S22: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 5. Figure S23: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 6. Figure S24: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 6. Figure S25: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 6. Figure S26: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the compound 7. Figure S27: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the compound 7. Figure S28: ESI-MS spectrum of the compound 7. (*Supplementary Materials*)

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