

Three New Triterpene Saponins from *Hemsleya chinensis*

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Three new triterpenoid saponins, xuedanglycosides A–C (**1–3**, resp.), along with six known ones, were isolated from the rhizomes of *Hemsleya chinensis*. By detailed analysis of the NMR spectra, by chemical methods, and by comparison with spectral data of known compounds, the structures of new compounds were determined to be 16 α ,23 α -epoxy-2 β ,3 α ,20 β -trihydroxy-10 α ,23 α -cucurbita-5,24-dien-11-on-2-yl β -D-glucopyranoside (**1**), 2 β ,3 α ,16 α ,20 β -tetrahydroxycucurbita-5,25-diene-11,22-dion-2-yl β -D-glucopyranoside (**2**), and oleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-*O*- β -glucopyranoside (**3**). In addition, hemslecin A 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6**), hemsamabilinin B (**7**), and hemsloinin A (**9**) were obtained for the first time from this plant.

Introduction. – The genus *Hemsleya* (Cucurbitaceae), containing 31 species, has its centre of distribution in Yunnan and Sichuan Provinces. The tubers of some *Hemsleya* species are used as folk medicine to treat bronchitis, bacillary dysentery, and tuberculosis [1]. Up to now, more than 80 new triterpenoids and their glycosides have been isolated from this genus [2–16], and some even showed interesting activities. For example, a mixture of hemslecins A (25-acetoxy-23,24-dihydrocucurbitacin F) and B (23,24-dihydrocucurbitacin F) occurring in many *Hemsleya* species is being manufactured in pharmaceutical factories as a treatment for bacterial diseases [17]. Hemslosides Ma2 and Ma3, obtained from *Hemsleya chinensis* COGN, could increase the water solubility of saikosaponin-a, a pharmacologically active saponin of *Bupleuri radix* [7]. Cucurbitane compounds are known as bitter principles of many cucurbitaceous plants. However, like several cucurbitane glycosides from the genera *Bryonia siraitia*, some analogues from the genus *Hemsleya* are sweet tasting [8]. In a previous study, several new compounds were discovered from the tubers of *H. chinensis* [4]. Aimed at finding potentially bioactive and novel compounds, we further investigated this species. As a result, three new triterpene saponins, named xuedanglycosides A–C (**1–3**), along with six known triterpenoids, hemslecin A (**4**) [2], hemslecin B (**5**) [2], hemslecin A 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6**) [3], hemsamabilinin B (**7**) [6], oleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**8**) [4], and hemsloinin A (**9**) [13] (*Fig. 1*), were isolated. This report refers to the structural elucidation of the new triterpenoid saponins based on spectroscopic analysis and chemical methods.

Table 1. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR Data of Compounds **1** and **2** in $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}^{\text{a}}$). δ in ppm, J in Hz.

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	$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$	$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{c}}$	$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$	$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{d}}$
$\text{CH}_2(1)$	1.50–1.55 (<i>m</i> , H_α), 2.56–2.58 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	33.4 (<i>t</i>)	1.52–1.57 (overlapped, H_α), 2.74–2.81 (overlapped, H_β)	33.3 (<i>t</i>)
H–C(2)	4.25 (<i>t</i> , $J=9.2$)	83.5 (<i>d</i>)	4.27–4.32 (overlapped)	83.4 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(3)	3.50 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.1$)	80.8 (<i>d</i>)	3.53 (<i>d</i> , $J=11.0$)	80.8 (<i>d</i>)
C(4)		42.6 (<i>s</i>)		42.6 (<i>s</i>)
C(5)		141.8 (<i>s</i>)		141.7 (<i>s</i>)
H–C(6)	5.67 (<i>d</i> , $J=5.0$)	119.1 (<i>d</i>)	5.69 (<i>d</i> , $J=3.9$)	119.1 (<i>d</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(7)$	1.86 (<i>t</i> , $J=12.5$, H_α), 2.20–2.27 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	24.3 (<i>t</i>)	1.86–1.91 (overlapped, H_α), 2.24–2.33 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	24.1 (<i>t</i>)
H–C(8)	1.89–1.92 (overlapped)	42.7 (<i>d</i>)	1.86–1.91 (overlapped)	43.0 (<i>d</i>)
C(9)		48.9 (<i>s</i>)		48.2 (<i>s</i>)
H–C(10)	2.70 (<i>d</i> , $J=12.5$)	34.0 (<i>d</i>)	2.74–2.81 (overlapped)	34.2 (<i>d</i>)
C(11)		213.1 (<i>s</i>)		213.2 (<i>s</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(12)$	2.52 (<i>d</i> , $J=14.8$, H_β), 3.00 (<i>d</i> , $J=14.7$, H_α)	48.8 (<i>t</i>)	2.62–2.70 (<i>m</i> , H_β), 3.29–3.35 (<i>m</i> , H_α)	49.3 (<i>t</i>)
C(13)		48.7 (<i>s</i>)		48.8 (<i>s</i>)
C(14)		49.3 (<i>s</i>)		51.1 (<i>s</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(15)$	1.60–1.66 (<i>m</i> , H_α), 1.89–1.92 (overlapped, H_β)	41.8 (<i>t</i>)	1.67–1.71 (overlapped), 1.86–1.91 (overlapped)	46.4 (<i>t</i>)
H–C(16)	5.03–5.07 (<i>m</i>)	70.6 (<i>d</i>)	4.87–4.92 (<i>m</i>)	70.4 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(17)	2.13 (<i>d</i> , $J=9.4$)	56.3 (<i>d</i>)	2.85–2.92 (<i>m</i>)	58.9 (<i>d</i>)
Me(18)	1.22 (<i>s</i>)	20.2 (<i>q</i>)	1.17 (<i>s</i>)	20.4 (<i>q</i>)
Me(19)	1.14 (<i>s</i>)	20.5 (<i>q</i>)	1.16 (<i>s</i>)	20.3 (<i>q</i>)
C(20)		72.6 (<i>s</i>)		80.0 (<i>s</i>)
Me(21)	1.42 (<i>s</i>)	30.4 (<i>q</i>)	1.54 (<i>s</i>)	25.3 (<i>q</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(22)$	1.73 (<i>d</i> , $J=13.6$, H_α), 1.95–1.99 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	46.4 (<i>t</i>)		214.9 (<i>s</i>)
H–C(23) or $\text{CH}_2(23)$	4.90 (<i>t</i> , $J=7.5$)	71.7 (<i>d</i>)	3.03–3.13 (overlapped, H_α), 3.27–3.35 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	35.8 (<i>t</i>)
H–C(24) or $\text{CH}_2(24)$	6.54 (<i>d</i> , $J=8.4$)	127.7 (<i>d</i>)	1.51–1.54 (<i>m</i> , H_α), 2.53–2.58 (<i>m</i> , H_β)	32.3 (<i>t</i>)
C(25)		133.6 (<i>s</i>)		145.6 (<i>s</i>)
Me(26) or $\text{CH}_2(26)$	1.65 (<i>s</i>)	18.0 (<i>q</i>)	4.76 (<i>s</i>), 4.83 (<i>s</i>)	110.4 (<i>t</i>)
Me(27)	1.64 (<i>s</i>)	26.1 (<i>q</i>)	1.68 (<i>s</i>)	22.9 (<i>q</i>)
Me(28)	1.42 (<i>s</i>)	29.3 (<i>q</i>)	1.44 (<i>s</i>)	25.4 (<i>q</i>)
Me(29)	1.29 (<i>s</i>)	22.3 (<i>q</i>)	1.33 (<i>s</i>)	22.4 (<i>q</i>)
Me(30)	1.36 (<i>s</i>)	21.1 (<i>q</i>)	1.51 (<i>s</i>)	19.1 (<i>q</i>)
Glc:				
H–C(1')	5.25 (<i>d</i> , $J=7.8$)	106.6 (<i>d</i>)	5.31 (<i>d</i> , $J=7.6$)	106.6 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(2')	4.05 (<i>t</i> , $J=8.5$)	76.0 (<i>d</i>)	4.04–4.10 (<i>m</i>)	76.0 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(3')	4.16 (<i>t</i> , $J=8.9$)	78.5 (<i>d</i>)	4.18 (<i>t</i> , $J=11.0$)	78.6 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(4')	4.25 (<i>t</i> , $J=9.2$) (overlapped)	71.2 (<i>d</i>)	4.27–4.32 (overlapped)	71.2 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(5')	3.81–3.84 (<i>m</i>)	78.6 (<i>d</i>)	3.81–3.88 (<i>m</i>)	78.6 (<i>d</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(6')$	4.23–4.26 (<i>m</i>), 4.33 (<i>dd</i> , $J=11.9$, 4.6)	62.4 (<i>t</i>)	4.36 (<i>dd</i> , $J=12.0$, 4.4), 4.47 (<i>d</i> , $J=11.6$)	62.5 (<i>t</i>)

^a) Assignments were established with HSQC, HMBC, and ROESY spectra. ^b) Recorded at 400 MHz.

^c) Recorded at 125 MHz. ^d) Recorded at 100 MHz.

at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.25 (*d*, H–C(1')) to C(2) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 83.5), as well as from the H-atom signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.65 (*s*, Me(26)) and $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.64 (*s*, Me(27)) to C(24) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 127.7) and C(25) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 133.6) in **1** further confirmed above deduction (Fig. 2). The ROESY correlations of H–C(2) to H–C(10)¹ and Me(28), of H–C(3) to Me(29), of H–C(16) to Me(18) and of H–C(23) to Me(21) established the orientations of H–C(2), H–C(3), H–C(16), and H–C(23) as α , β , β , and α , respectively (Fig. 3). Hence, the structure of **1** was formulated as 16 α ,23 α -epoxy-2 β ,3 α ,20 β -trihydroxy-10 α ,23 α -cucurbita-5,24-dien-11-on-2-yl β -D-glucopyranoside.

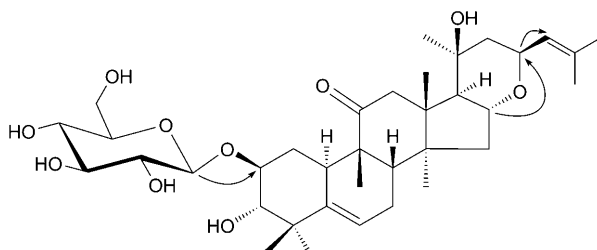


Fig. 2. Key HMBCs (H \rightarrow C) of compound **1**

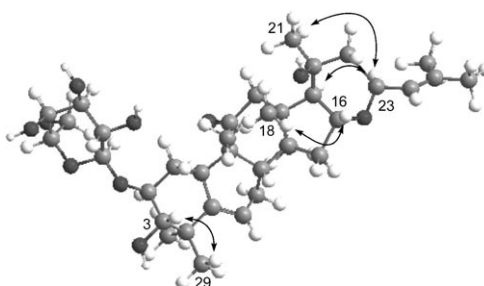


Fig. 3. Key ROESY (\leftrightarrow) correlations of compound **1**

Compound **2** was obtained as a white powder with an optical rotation $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +98.0$ ($c = 1.7$, MeOH). The molecular formula was determined as $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_{11}$ from the HR-FAB-MS (negative-ion mode; m/z 663.3726, $[M - \text{H}]^-$; calc. 663.3744) and NMR data. The IR spectrum (KBr) indicated OH (3450, 3372 cm^{-1}) and C=O (1689 cm^{-1}) groups. After acid hydrolysis of **2** with 3% dry HCl/MeOH, glucose was detected by GC analysis. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of **2** showed the presence of seven Me *singlets* at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.16, 1.17, 1.33, 1.44, 1.51, 1.54, 1.68 (*7s*, 3 H each) and a terminal CH_2 group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.76 (*s*, 1 H) and 4.83 (*s*, 1 H). The anomeric H-atom signal at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.31 (*d*, $J = 7.6$) (Table 1) suggested the presence of a β -glucopyranosyl moiety. Careful comparison of the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and DEPT data of **2** and hemsamabilin B (**7**) [6] indicated that the two compounds were very similar, except for the appearance of a C=C bond at $\delta(\text{C})$ 145.6 (*s*, C(25)) and $\delta(\text{C})$ 110.4 (*t*, C(26)) in **2** instead of a quarternary C-atom group at $\delta(\text{C})$ 69.3 (*s*, C(25)) and a Me group at $\delta(\text{C})$ 30.1 (*q*, C(26)) in hemsamabilin B (**7**). In the HMBC spectrum of **2**, long-range correlations observed from the anomeric H-atom at

$\delta(\text{H})$ 5.31 (H–C(1')) to C(2) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 83.4), as well as from $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.76 and 4.83 (*s*, CH₂(26)) to C(25) ($\delta(\text{C})$ 145.6) also supported the above suggestion. Therefore, the structure of **2** was elucidated as 2 β ,3 α ,16 α ,20 β -tetrahydroxycucurbita-5,25-diene-11,22-dion-2-yl β -D-glucopyranoside.

Compound **3** was obtained as a white powder with an optical rotation $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = +34.8$ ($c = 0.9$, MeOH). The molecular formula C₄₁H₆₆O₁₂ was deduced from the HR-FAB-MS (m/z 749.4486 ($[M - \text{H}]^-$); calc. 749.4476), as well as from the ¹³C-NMR and DEPT data. The IR spectrum (KBr) showed absorptions for OH (3533, 3460, 3296 cm⁻¹), C=C (1635 cm⁻¹), C=O (1739 cm⁻¹), and C–O–C groups (1174 cm⁻¹). After acid hydrolysis of **3** with 3% dry HCl/MeOH, glucose and xylose were detected by GC analysis. The ¹³C-NMR signals of two anomeric C-atoms ($\delta(\text{C})$ 95.7 (*d*) and 105.7 (*d*)), two CH₂ ($\delta(\text{C})$ 67.2 (*t*) and 69.2 (*t*)), and seven CH groups ($\delta(\text{C})$ 70.9–78.8) (Table 2) were consistent with glucose and xylose units. Two anomeric H-atom signals at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.27 (*d*, $J = 8.2$) and 4.92 (*d*, $J = 7.5$) suggested the presence of a β -glucopyranosyl and β -xylopyranosyl moiety, respectively. The C-atom signal $\delta(\text{C})$ 62.2 (*t*) attributable to the C(6') of the sugar in oleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**8**) [4] was shifted downfield to $\delta(\text{C})$ 69.2 (*t*, C(6')) in **3**, which indicated that the additional sugar was attached to C(6') of this sugar moiety in **3**. This was confirmed by the HMBC correlation from the anomeric H-atom at $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.92 (*d*, H–C(1')) to C(6') ($\delta(\text{C})$ 69.2). Consequently, the structure of **3** was deduced as oleanolic acid 28-O- β -xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-O- β -glucopyranoside.

The compounds **4–9** were identified by comparison of their spectroscopic data with literature values. Compounds **6**, **7**, and **9** were obtained for the first time from this plant.

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Experimental Part

General. Glucose and xylose were purchased from *Sigma* (USA) and *New Jersey* (USA), resp. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 200–300 mesh, *Qingdao Marine Chemical*, P. R. China); *Lichroprep RP-18* (40–63 μm , *Merck*, Darmstadt, Germany); and *Sephadex LH-20* (*Pharmacia Fine Chemical Co., Ltd.*). Fractions were monitored by TLC, and spots were visualized by heating TLC sprayed with 10% H₂SO₄. GC: *Shimadzu GC-17A* gas chromatograph equipped with an H₂ flame ionization detector; column: *TC-1* capillary column (30 m \times 0.25 mm); detector, FID. Optical rotations: *JASCO DIP-370* digital polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Shimadzu IR-450* instrument; in cm⁻¹; KBr pellets. NMR Spectra: *Bruker AV-400*, or *DRX-500* instruments; chemical shifts (δ) in ppm; TMS as the internal standard; J in Hz. FAB-MS and HR-FAB-MS: *VG-AUTOSPEC-3000* spectrometer; in m/z (rel. int. in % of the base peak).

Plant Material. The tubers of *H. chinensis* were collected at Dongchuan County, Kunming City, Yunnan Province of China, in October 2004. It was identified by Prof. S. K. Chen, and a specimen (No. KIB20050623) was deposited with the Laboratory of Phytochemistry, Kunming Institute of Botany.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried and powdered tubers of *H. chinensis* (3.84 kg) were extracted with MeOH (7 l \times 6, each 8 h) at 60°. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, a residue (1.21 kg) was obtained. This residue was dissolved in H₂O (3 l), and then extracted successively with AcOEt (2 l \times 3) and BuOH (2 l \times 3). The AcOEt and BuOH layers were concentrated to dryness, resp., to give an AcOEt (220.10 g) and a BuOH extract (309.40 g). The AcOEt extract was subjected to CC

Table 2. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR Data of Compound **3** in $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}^{\text{a}}$. δ in ppm, J in Hz.

	$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$	$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{c}}$		$\delta(\text{H})^{\text{b}}$	$\delta(\text{C})^{\text{c}}$
$\text{CH}_2(1)$	0.97 (<i>d</i> , $J = 4.1$), 1.52 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 13.2, 3.3$) (overlapped)	39.0 (<i>t</i>)	$\text{CH}_2(16)$	4.95–5.09 (<i>m</i>), 5.10–5.14 (<i>m</i>)	23.4 (<i>t</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(2)$	1.78–1.82 (overlapped), 2.30–2.36 (<i>m</i>)	28.1 (<i>t</i>)	C(17)		47.1 (<i>s</i>)
H–C(3)	3.42 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 10.6, 5.1$)	78.1 (<i>d</i>)	H–C(18)	3.19 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 13.7, 4.1$)	41.8 (<i>d</i>)
C(4)		39.4 (<i>s</i>)	$\text{CH}_2(19)$	1.24 (<i>d</i> , $J = 4.2$), 1.70–1.75 (<i>m</i>)	46.3 (<i>t</i>)
H–C(5)	0.82–0.87 (<i>m</i>)	55.9 (<i>d</i>)	C(20)		30.8 (<i>s</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(6)$	1.31–1.37 (overlapped), 1.45–1.53 (<i>m</i>)	18.8 (<i>t</i>)	$\text{CH}_2(21)$	1.10–1.14 (<i>m</i>), 1.31–1.37 (overlapped)	34.0 (<i>t</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(7)$	1.31–1.37 (overlapped), 1.82–1.87 (<i>m</i>)	33.2 (<i>t</i>)	$\text{CH}_2(22)$	1.31–1.37 (overlapped), 1.45–1.48 (<i>m</i>)	32.6 (<i>t</i>)
C(8)		39.9 (<i>s</i>)	Me(23)	1.21 (<i>s</i>)	28.8 (<i>q</i>)
H–C(9)	1.64 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 10.7, 7.1$)	48.2 (<i>d</i>)	Me(24)	1.02 (<i>s</i>)	16.6 (<i>q</i>)
C(10)		37.4 (<i>s</i>)	Me(25)	0.93 (<i>s</i>)	15.7 (<i>q</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(11)$	0.83–0.87 (overlapped), 1.86–1.95 (<i>m</i>)	23.9 (<i>t</i>)	Me(26)	1.16 (<i>s</i>)	17.6 (<i>q</i>)
H–C(12)	5.42 (<i>t</i> , $J = 3.3$)	122.9 (<i>d</i>)	Me(27)	1.21 (<i>s</i>)	26.2 (<i>q</i>)
C(13)		144.2 (<i>s</i>)	C(28)		176.6 (<i>s</i>)
C(14)		42.2 (<i>s</i>)	Me(29)	0.87 (<i>s</i>)	33.2 (<i>q</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(15)$	1.17 (<i>d</i> , $J = 3.4$), 1.78–1.82 (overlapped)	28.3 (<i>t</i>)	Me(30)	0.87 (<i>s</i>)	23.7 (<i>q</i>)
Glc:			Xyl:		
H–C(1')	6.27 (<i>d</i> , $J = 8.2$)	95.7 (<i>d</i>)	H–C(1'')	4.92 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.5$)	105.7 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(2')	4.08–4.13 (<i>m</i>)	73.9 (<i>d</i>)	H–C(2'')	3.98 (<i>t</i> , $J = 6.0$)	74.9 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(3')	4.23 (<i>t</i> , $J = 8.9$)	78.8 (<i>d</i>)	H–C(3'')	4.08–4.13 (<i>m</i>)	77.9 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(4')	4.34–4.38 (<i>m</i>)	71.1 (<i>d</i>)	H–C(4'')	4.15–4.19 (<i>m</i>)	70.9 (<i>d</i>)
H–C(5')	4.34–4.38 (<i>m</i>)	78.2 (<i>d</i>)	$\text{CH}_2(5'')$	3.59–3.65 (<i>m</i>), 4.30 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 11.3, 5.2$)	67.2 (<i>t</i>)
$\text{CH}_2(6')$	4.36 (<i>d</i> , $J = 7.2$), 4.71 (<i>d</i> , $J = 9.5$)	69.2 (<i>t</i>)			

^a) Assignments were established with HSQC and HMBC. ^b) Recorded at 400 MHz. ^c) Recorded at 100 MHz.

(SiO_2 ; $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ 1:0, 50:1, 20:1, 10:1, 0:1) to yield five fractions (*Fr. 1–5*). *Fr. 2* (31.15 g) was separated by CC (*RP-18*; $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 55:45) to afford **4** (20.06 g). *Fr. 3* (19.76 g) was chromatographed (SiO_2 ; petroleum ether/ AcOEt 3:1) to give **5** (10.10 g).

The BuOH extract (309.60 g) was subjected to CC (SiO_2 ; $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ 20:1, 10:1, 5:1, 2:1, 0:1) to afford five fractions (*Fr. I–V*). *Fr. II* (18.25 g) was chromatographed (SiO_2 ; $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ 9:1 and *RP-18*; $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 60:40) to yield **1** (15 mg), **2** (12 mg), **6** (500 mg), and **8** (70 mg). Compounds **3** (2.75 g) and **7** (40 mg) were isolated from *Fr. III* (30.46 g) by repeated CC (*RP-18*; $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 55:45 to 75:25). Similarly, *Fr. IV* (40.65 g) was subjected to CC (SiO_2 ; $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 8:2:0.2 and *Sephadex LH-20*; $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 90:10) to yield **9** (19 mg).

Acid Hydrolysis of 1–3. Compounds **1–3** (each 2 mg) were treated with 3% HCl in MeOH (5 ml) at 92° for 3 h, resp. 5 ml $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1) were used for extraction. The aq. phase was neutralized with Ag_2CO_3 . The filtrate was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure.

Sugar Determination in 1–3. Each neutralized hydrolysate of **1–3** was dissolved in 0.6 ml of pyridine, then 0.4 ml hexamethyl disilazane and 0.2 ml trimethylchlorosilane were added successively. The mixture was kept at 60° for 10 min in a water bath. Next, the mixture was centrifuged for 20 min at

1.0×10^4 rpm. The supernatant was subjected to GC analysis under the following conditions: Shimadzu GC-17A gas chromatograph equipped with an H₂ flame ionization detector. Column: TC-1 capillary column (30 m \times 0.25 mm). Column temperature: 200°/260°, programmed increase: 3°/min, carrier gas: N₂ (1 ml/min). Injector and detector temperature: 260°; injection volume: 1 μ l; split ratio: 1/50. GC Analysis showed the presence of glucose (t_R 12.04) in **1–3** and xylose (t_R 11.39) in **3**.

Xuedanglycoside A (=16 α ,23 α -Epoxy-2 β ,3 α ,20 β -trihydroxy-10 α ,23 α -cucurbita-5,24-dien-11-on-2-yl β -D-Glucopyranoside¹) = (1S,2S,4R,9 β ,16 α ,23S)-1,20-Dihydroxy-9,10,14-trimethyl-11-oxo-16,23-epoxy-4,9-cyclo-9,10-secocholesta-5,24-dien-2-yl β -D-Glucopyranoside; **1**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +108.4$ ($c = 1.6$, MeOH). IR (KBr): 3532, 3467, 3371, 3276, 2969, 2930, 2881, 2729, 1687, 1454, 1377, 1269, 1209, 1160, 1077, 1031, 636, 465. ¹H-NMR (C₅D₅N, 500 MHz): Table 1. ¹³C-NMR (C₅D₅N, 125 Hz): Table 1. FAB-MS (neg.): 647 ([M – H][–]). HR-FAB-MS (neg.): 647.3798 ([M – H][–], C₃₆H₅₅O₁₀; calc. 647.3795).

Xuedanglycoside B (=2 β ,3 α ,16 α ,20 β -Tetrahydroxycucurbita-5,25-dien-11,22-dien-2-yl β -D-Glucopyranoside = (1S,2S,4R,9 β ,16 α)-1,16,20-Trihydroxy-9,10,14-trimethyl-11,22-dioxo-4,9-cyclo-9,10-secocholesta-5,25-dien-2-yl β -D-Glucopyranoside; **2**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +98.0$ ($c = 1.7$, MeOH). IR (KBr): 3450, 3372, 2971, 2880, 1689, 1651, 1428, 1387, 1079, 1028. ¹H-NMR (C₅D₅N, 500 MHz): Table 1. ¹³C-NMR (C₅D₅N, 100 Hz): Table 1. FAB-MS (neg.): 647 ([M – OH][–]). HR-FAB-MS (neg.): 663.3726 ([M – H][–], C₃₆H₅₅O₁₁; calc. 663.3744).

Xuedanglycoside C (=Oleanolic Acid 28-O- β -D-Xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-O- β -D-glucopyranoside = 1-O-[(3 β)-3-Hydroxy-28-oxoolean-12-en-28-yl]-6-O- β -D-xylopyranosyl- β -D-glucopyranoside; **3**). White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +34.8$ ($c = 0.9$, MeOH). IR (KBr): 3972, 3533, 3460, 3296, 2944, 2929, 2863, 1739, 1635, 1463, 1388, 1174, 1074, 1043, 995. ¹H-NMR (C₅D₅N, 400 MHz): Table 2. ¹³C-NMR (C₅D₅N, 100 Hz): Table 2. FAB-MS (neg.): 750 (M[–]). HR-FAB-MS (neg.): 749.4486 ([M – H][–], C₄₁H₆₅O₁₂; calc. 749.4476).

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