

A new phenylethanoid glycoside from *Isodon sculponeatus*

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Abstract

A new phenylethanoid glycoside, sculponiside (**1**) was isolated from the aerial parts of *Isodon sculponeatus* (Vaniot) Kudo, along with six known compounds martynoside (**2**), verbascoside (**3**), (+)-hydroxypinoresinol-8-*O*- β -D-glucoside (**4**), cedrusin (**5**), 7-megastigmene-3*S*,5*R*,6*R*,7*E*,9*S*-tetrol (**6**) and 4-oxo- β -ionol- β -D-glucopyranoside (**7**). Their chemical structures were elucidated from physicochemical data and by acidic hydrolysis.

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Isodon sculponeatus (Vaniot) Kudo (family Labiatae) is mainly distributed in southern China. Its stems and leaves have long been used in traditional Chinese medicine for the treatment of diarrhea [1]. Bioactive *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids were reported from the aerial parts of *I. sculponeatus* recently [2,3]. On continuing further chemical analysis, a new phenylethanoid glycoside, sculponiside (**1**) and six known compounds martynoside (**2**) [4], verbascoside (**3**) [4], (+)-hydroxypinoresinol-8-*O*- β -D-glucoside (**4**) [5], cedrusin (**5**) [6], 7-megastigmene-3*S*,5*R*,6*R*,7*E*,9*S*-tetrol (**6**) [7] and 4-oxo- β -ionol- β -D-glucopyranoside (**7**) [8] were isolated and identified from the aerial parts of *I. sculponeatus*. All these compounds are reported for the first time in this genus.

The air-dried powdered aerial parts of *I. sculponeatus* (1.5 kg) were extracted at room temperature with acetone and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo* to afford a residue, which was partitioned by a liquid–liquid extraction between EtOAc and H₂O (1500 mL of each). The EtOAc extract (45 g) was decolorized using MCI gel, eluted with 90% MeOH–H₂O, to yield a yellowish gum (39 g). The gum was separated on a silica gel column, eluted with a CHCl₃–Me₂CO step gradient (1:0 to 0:1), to obtain ten fractions, A–J.

Fraction F (6 g) was chromatographed over silica gel eluted with a CHCl₃–MeOH step gradient (10:1 to 5:1) to give three subfractions F1–F3. Compound **1** (15 mg) was purified from subfraction F1 by preparative HPLC (35% MeOH–H₂O). Subfraction F2 was applied to RP-18 with 30% MeOH–H₂O eluent to afford compounds **2** (11 mg) and **3** (110 mg), respectively. Fraction H (2.4 g) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 eluting with MeOH followed by semipreparative HPLC eluting with 20% MeCN–H₂O to give compounds **5** (5 mg) and **6** (6 mg), respectively. Fraction

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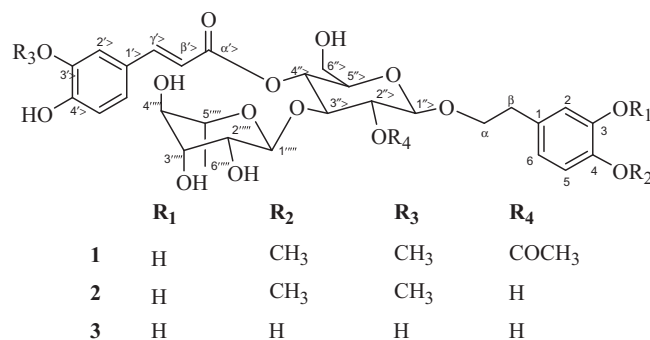


Fig. 1. The structures of compounds 1–3.

I (5.5 g) was fractionated over silica gel eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (6:1 to 4:1) followed by semipreparative HPLC with 15% MeCN–H₂O eluent to provide compounds **4** (11 mg) and **7** (8 mg), respectively.

Compound **1** was isolated as a white amorphous powder. The HRESIMS displayed quasi-molecular ion peak [M–H][–] at *m/z* 693.2390 corresponding to the formula C₃₃H₄₁O₁₆ (calcd. for C₃₃H₄₁O₁₆, 693.2394). The IR spectrum showed significant absorption bands due to hydroxyl groups (3433 cm^{–1}), an ester group (1733 cm^{–1}), an α,β-conjugated ester group (1630, 1711 cm^{–1}) and aromatic rings (1593, 1515 cm^{–1}). The ¹H NMR signals at δ_H 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.08 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz), 6.81 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz) and 6.64 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz) suggested the presence of two 1,3,4-trisubstituted phenyl groups. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** also showed two *trans* olefinic protons at δ_H 7.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz) and 6.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9 Hz). The evidence mentioned above and the following signals at δ_H 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), and δ_C 71.6 (t), 36.3 (t), 56.5 (q) and 56.4 (q) indicated the presence of one 3,4-disubstituted phenylethanol and one *trans* feruloyl groups in compound **1**. The two sugar units were revealed by the signals for two anomeric carbons at δ_C 101.7 (d) and 103.3 (d), correlated by the HSQC spectrum with the corresponding signals of anomeric protons at δ_H 4.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz) and 4.87 (overlap, 1H). Additionally, the signals of δ_H 1.07 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.2 Hz) and δ_C 18.5 (q) further suggested the presence of one rhamnose. Acid hydrolysis of **1** gave D-glucose and L-rhamnose in the ratio of 1:1 as component sugars, which were confirmed by GC–MS analysis of their corresponding trimethylsilylated L-cysteine adducts. Therefore, compound **1** was a phenylethanoid glycoside, similar to compound **2** (Fig. 1). The main difference was that compound **1** possessed an acetyl group at δ_H 1.98 (s, 3H) and δ_C 171.4 (s) and 20.9 (q). In the HMBC spectrum of compound **1**, correlations of H-α (δ_H 4.10) to C-1'' (δ_C 101.7) and H-1'' (δ_H 4.53) to C-α (δ_C 71.6) suggested that the C-1 of glucose was linked to the C-α of aglycon. The HMBC correlation between H-4'' (δ_H 4.92) and C-α' (δ_C 168.0) indicated that the *trans* feruloyl group was located at C-4''. The H-3'' (δ_H 4.00) correlating to C-1''' (δ_C 103.3) proved that the sugar chain was rha(1→3)-glc-. Moreover, the acetyl group was placed at C-2'' from the HMBC correlation between H-2'' (δ_H 4.88) and the carbonyl carbon at δ_C 171.4 (Fig. 2). Meanwhile, the positions of the two methoxyl groups were confirmed by a NOESY experiment (Fig. 2). Therefore, the structure of **1** was elucidated as 3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-β-phenylethoxy-*O*-[α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→3)]-2-*O*-acetyl-4-*O*-feruloyl-β-D-glucopyranoside and was named sculponiside.

Compound **1** is a natural product, as it was detected in the ethanol extract of the title plant by both TLC (CHCl₃–MeOH, 2:1, *R_f* = 0.35) and HPLC (0–100% MeOH–H₂O in 40 min, gradient system, *R_t* = 14.8 min) conditions.

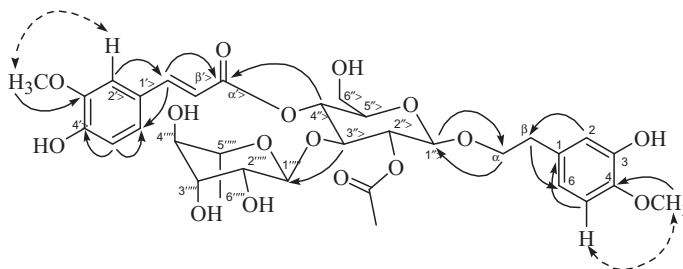
Fig. 2. The key HMBC (plain) and NOESY (dashed) correlations of compound **1**.

Table 1
 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of compound **1** (400 and 100 MHz, in CD_3OD).

Position	δ_{H} (mult., J in Hz)	δ_{C} (mult.)	Position	δ_{H} (mult., J in Hz)	δ_{C} (mult.)
1		133.2 (s)	1''	4.53 (d, 1H, 8.1)	101.7 (d)
2	6.68 (d, 1H, 2.0)	117.1 (d)	2''	4.88 (overlap, 1H)	75.1 (d)
3		147.5 (s)	3''	4.00 (m, 1H)	80.4 (d)
4		147.3 (s)	4''	4.92 (m, 1H)	70.6 (d)
5	6.81 (d, 1H, 8.2)	112.7 (d)	5''	3.49–3.68 (overlap, 1H)	76.1 (d)
6	6.64 (dd, 1H, 8.2, 2.0)	121.2 (d)	6''	3.49–3.68 (overlap, 2H)	62.2 (t)
α	4.10 (m, 2H)	71.6 (t)	1'''	4.87 (overlap, 1H)	103.3 (d)
β	2.73 (m, 2H)	36.3 (t)	2'''	3.49–3.68 (overlap, 1H)	71.8 (d)
1'		127.6 (s)	3'''	3.49–3.68 (overlap, 1H)	72.6 (d)
2'	7.19 (d, 1H, 1.8)	111.7 (d)	4'''	3.31 (m, 1H)	73.6 (d)
3'		149.4 (s)	5'''	3.49–3.68 (overlap, 1H)	70.8 (d)
4'		150.9 (s)	6'''	1.07 (d, 3H, 6.2)	18.5 (q)
5'	6.81 (d, 1H, 8.2)	116.5 (d)	OCH_3	3.88 (s, 3H)	56.5 (q)
6'	7.08 (dd, 1H, 8.2, 1.8)	124.4 (d)	OCH_3	3.81 (s, 3H)	56.4 (q)
α'		168.0 (s)	COCH_3	1.98 (s, 3H)	20.9 (q)
β'	6.38 (d, 1H, 15.9)	114.9 (d)	COCH_3		171.4 (s)
γ'	7.66 (d, 1H, 15.9)	148.0 (d)			

Sculponiside (**1**): a white amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} -76.4$ (c 0.34, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$): 204 (4.57), 218 (4.26), 329 (4.22) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3433, 2937, 2843, 1733, 1711, 1630, 1593, 1515, 1431, 1376, 1273, 1245, 1158, 1131, 1034 cm^{-1} ; ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data are in Table 1; ESIMS m/z : 693 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 729 $[\text{M}+\text{Cl}]^-$; HRESIMS m/z : 693.2390 (calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_{16}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, 693.2394).

Acid hydrolysis: A solution of **1** (2 mg) in 1 mol/L HCl/dioxane (1:1, v/v, 2 mL) was refluxed on a H_2O bath for 6 h. After dioxane was removed, the solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 mL \times 3). The H_2O layer was neutralized with Amberlite MB-3 and concentrated to dryness to yield a mixture of sugars. The configuration of glucose and rhamnose was determined by GC–MS analysis using the method described previously [9].

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