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A New Interesting Phenolic Compound from the Resin of *Dracaena draco*

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Dracaena draco 樹脂から 単離された興味深い新規フェノール性化合物

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Summary

The dark red resinous substance obtained from the plant (*Dracaena draco*) has been used as the interesting drug [including new phenolic compound (1)] (hemostatic agent, external injury medicine etc.) in the world (Canary Islands, South East Asia, and Japan etc.).

A new hydroxyphenylic compound (1) [natural product (chemical constituent)] was isolated from the resin of *Dracaena draco*. The chemical structure was established using a combination of different NMR spectroscopy techniques (¹H-¹H COSY, NOESY, HMBC), high resolution EI-MS and chemical method (transformation). Fascinating biological activity (acceleration activity of granuloma formation etc.) would be expected from this compound (1).

Key words

hydroxyphenylic compound, natural product, chemical structure, *Dracaena draco*, expected biological activity

Summary (和文)

リュウケツジュの植物が生産する赤色の樹脂物質は、古くから日本を含む世界各地で 創傷治療薬等として用いられて来た。今回この樹脂(肉芽形成促進作用を示した成分分 画部分)から、この興味深い化学成分の探索を行った結果、新規化合物を単離し、その 化学構造がヒドロキシフェニル化合物(1)であることを種々の核磁気共鳴分光法、質 量分析法、アセチル化(化学的変換法)等により解明した。この化合物は医薬としての 新しい用途も期待される。

Key words (和文)

ヒドロキシフェニル化合物、天然産物、化学構造、リュウケツジュ、期待される生理活性

I. Introduction

The dark-red colored resin obtained from various plants, so-called "Dragon's Blood", has been used as the interesting drug (for instance, antidiarrheic, hemostatic agent, and external injury medicine etc.) in the world (Indian Ocean island of Socotra, Canary Islands, Madeira, Indonesia, South East Asia, and Japan etc.).¹⁻⁹⁾

Previously,¹⁾ we reported that the crude divided part substance by solubility from ether extract of the resin (*Dracaena draco* L) drug, mixture of ingredients including new phenolic compound (1), had a potent activity to promote the granuloma formation action etc. in rats. Therefore we made investigation into the chemical constituent of the crude divided part substance.

This paper focuses on the isolation and structural elucidation of new hydroxyphenylic compound (1)¹⁾ (Fig. 1), purifying by silica gel column chromatography, ordinary-phase silica gel medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) and NH-silica gel column chromatography from ether extract of the resin, which is expected to be potentially useful and biological activity (acceleration activity of granuloma formation etc.¹⁾).

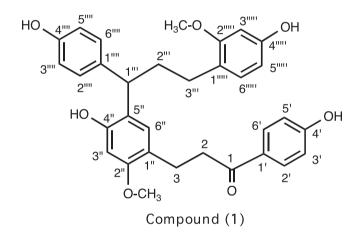


Fig. 1. Structure of Compound (1)

I. Results and Discussion

Compound (1) was obtained as colorless solid {mp 76-78°C, $[a]_D^{25}+9.61^\circ$ (c = 0.113, MeOH)}. The molecular formula was deduced to be $C_{32}H_{32}O_7$ by high-resolution EI-MS spectroscopy, with a [M⁺] mass ion observed at m/z calcd for 528.2148, (Found: 528.2156).

The IR (infrared spectroscopy) spectrum showed the presence of hydroxyl (3400cm⁻¹), conjugated carbonyl (1665cm⁻¹), and aromatic (1600cm⁻¹) groups. On the basis of these NMR experiment, the basic carbon connectivity of structure of compound (1) was deduced to be that as shown Fig. 1. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra data of together with the heteronuclear multiple-bond connectivity (HMBC) spectra relationships showed in Table 1. Except for two methoxy methyl carbon, compound (1) consisted of

thirty carbons, hydrogen and oxygen.

In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound (1), the chemical shifts and the coupling constants of H-(C-2') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81, d, *J*=8.9Hz]/H-(C-3') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.79, d, *J*=8.9Hz], H-(C-5') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.79, d, *J*=8.9Hz]/H-(C-6') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81, d, *J*=8.9Hz], and H-(C-2''') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04, d, *J*=8.5Hz]/H-(C-3''') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.70, d, *J*=8.5Hz], H-(C-5''') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.70, d, *J*=8.5Hz]/H-(C-6'''') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04, d, *J*=8.5Hz] indicated the presence of two *para*-disubstituted benzene system, which also supported by the ¹H-¹H correlation spectroscopy (COSY) correlations (Fig. 2).

Also the chemical shifts and the coupling constants of H-(C-3^{""}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.37, d, *J*=2.4Hz], H-(C-5^{"""}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.31, dd, *J*=8.2, 2.4Hz], H-(C-6^{"""}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.84, d, *J*=8.2Hz] indicated the presence of the C-1^{"""}, C-2^{"""}, C-4^{"""-} trisubstituted benzene system. Similarly, H-(C-3") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.34, s] and H-(C-6") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.96, s] indicated the presence of the C-1", C-2", C-4", C-5"-tetrasubstituted benzene system, which was also supported by the HMBC spectrum correlations (Table 1).

The ¹³C-NMR and HMBC spectra showed 32 carbon signals that were attributed to two methoxy methyl, four methylene, one methine, one carbonyl carbon, and four aromatic carbons on the basis of their chemical shifts. The ¹³C chemical shifts of C-4', C-4''', C-4'''', and C-4''''' indicated that they were directly connected with their own hydroxy group. This result was confirmed by deuterium oxide additive in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, which was also supported from acetylated derivative compound (2) (Fig. 4) by chemical transformation.

In the HMBC spectrum of compound (1), the resonance at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.04 corresponding to the methine proton on the C-1" correlated with the signals at C-4" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 153.19), C-5" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 123.06), C-6" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 129.13), C-2" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 35.66), C-3" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 28.29), and C-1"" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 136.44). These correlations indicated the presence of a propyl moiety in the structure of compound (1).

Carbon	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	HMBC (H→C) ^{<i>d</i>)}
1	200.23		
2	39.06	3.17-3.06 (m)	C-1, C-3, C-1"
3	26.12	2.93 (t, 7.9)	C-1, C-2, C-1", C-2", C-6"
1'	129.36	-	-
2'	130.85	7.81 (d, 8.9)	C-1, C-4', C-6'
3'	115.28 ^{b)}	6.79 (d, 8.9)	C-1', C-4', C-5'
4'	161.49		-
5'	115.28 ^{b)}	6.79 (d, 8.9)	C-1', C-3', C-4'
6'	130.85	7.81 (d, 8.9)	C-1, C-2', C-4'
1"	120.74	-	-
2"	156.33	-	-
3"	99.47	6.34 (s)	C-1", C-2", C-4"
4"	153.19	-	-
5"	123.06 ^{<i>c</i>)}	-	-
6"	129.13	6.96 (s)	C-3, C-2", C-4", C-1"'
1'''	42.51	4.04 (t, 7.6)	C-4", C-5", C-6", C-2"', C-3"', C-1""
2"'	35.66	2.18-2.09 (m)	C-5"
3"'	28.29	2.51-2.40 (m)	C-2"', C-1""', C-2""'
1""	136.44	-	-
2""	128.99	7.04 (d, 8.5)	C-1"', C-4"", C-6""
3""	115.24 ^{<i>b</i>)}	6.70 (d, 8.5)	C-1"", C-4"", C-5""
4""	154.58	-	-
5""	115.24 ^{<i>b</i>)}	6.70 (d, 8.5)	C-1"", C-3"", C-4""
6""	128.99	7.04 (d, 8.5)	C-1"', C-2"", C-4""
1""'	122.29 ^{<i>c</i>)}	-	-
2""'	158.44	-	-
3""'	98.99	6.37 (d, 2.4)	C-1"", C-2"", C-4"", C-5""
4"""	155.83	-	-
5""'	106.53	6.31 (dd, 8.2, 2.4)	C-1"", C-3""
6""''	130.20	6.84 (d, 8.2)	C-3"', C-2""', C-4""'
2"-O <u>C</u> H ₃	55.32	3.74 (s)	C-2"
2"""-O <u>C</u> H ₃	55.25	3.73 (s)	C-2""'

 Table 1. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectral Data of together with the HMBC
 Relationships for Compound (1)^{*a*})

a) ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz) in $CDCI_3 + CD_3OD$. *b-c*) Assigments may be interchangeable.

d) HMBC corresponded to two or three bonds connectivities.

Carbon	¹³ C (ppm)	¹ H (ppm)	HMBC (H→C) ^{<i>c</i>)}		
1	198.63	-	-		
2	38.92	3.20 (t, 7.3)	C-1, C-3, C-1"		
3	25.71	2.98 (t, 7.3)	C-1, C-2, C-1", C-2", C-6"		
1'	134.58	-	_		
2'	129.73	7.98 (d, 8.6)	C-1, C-4', C-6'		
3'	121.71	7.17 (d, 8.6)	C-1', C-4', C-5'		
4'	154.20	-	<u> </u>		
5'	121.71	7.17 (d, 8.6)	C-1', C-3', C-4'		
6'	129.73	7.98 (d, 8.6)	C-1, C-2', C-4'		
1"	127.27	-	-		
2"	156.17	-	-		
3"	105.23	6.51 (s)	C-1", C-2", C-4", C-5"		
4"	147.51	-	-		
5"	127.80 ^{<i>b</i>)}	-	-		
6"	129.39	7.12 (s)	C-3, C-2", C-4", C-1"'		
1'''	42.79	3.97 (t, 7.6)	C-4", C-5", C-6", C-2"', C-3"', C-1""		
2"'	34.77	2.24-2.19 (m)	C-5", C-1""		
3"'	28.38	2.52 (t, 7.6)	C-1", C-2", C-1"", C-2"", C-6""		
1""	141.69	-	-		
2""	128.75	7.18 (d, 8.9)	C-1"', C-4"", C-6""		
3""	121.30	6.98 (d, 8.9)	C-1"", C-4"", C-5""		
4""	148.89	-	-		
5""	121.30	6.98 (d, 8.9)	C-1"", C-3"", C-4""		
6""	128.75	7.18 (d, 8.9)	C-1"', C-2"", C-4""		
1"""	127.84 ^{b)}	-	<u> </u>		
2"""	158.03	-	-		
3"""	104.37	6.55 (d, 2.1)	C-1""', C-2""', C-4""', C-5""'		
4"""	149.84	-	-		
5""''	112.88	6.58 (dd, 8.2, 2.1)	C-1""', C-3""'		
6"""	130.05	7.00 (d, 8.2)	C-3"', C-2""', C-4""'		
2"-O <u>C</u> H ₃	55.42	3.76 (s)	C-2"		
2""'-O <u>C</u> H ₃	55.35	3.75 (s)	C-2""'		
4'- <u>C</u> OCH ₃	168.85	-	-		
4'-CO <u>C</u> H ₃	21.17	2.32 (s)	C-4'- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		
4"- <u>C</u> OCH ₃	169.57	-			
4"-CO <u>C</u> H ₃	20.87	2.17 (s)	C-4"- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		
4""- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		-			
4""-CO <u>C</u> H ₃		2.27 (s)	C-4""- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		
4""'- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		-	-		
4""'-CO <u>C</u> H ₃		2.28 (s)	C-4""'- <u>C</u> OCH ₃		
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 Table 2.
 ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectral Data of together with the HMBC
 Relationships for Compound (2)^{*a*}

a) 1 H-NMR (500 MHz) and 13 C-NMR (125 MHz) in CDCl₃. *b-c*) Assigments may be interchangeable.

d) HMBC corresponded to two or three bonds connectivities.

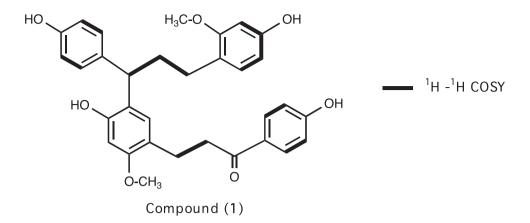


Fig. 2. ¹H-¹H COSY Correlations for Compound (1)

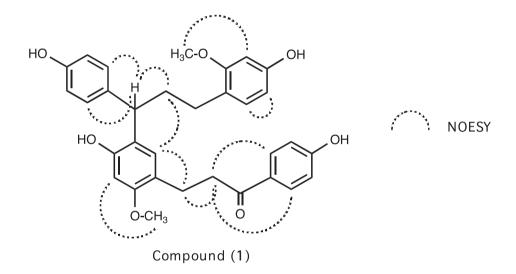


Fig. 3. Selected NOESY Correlations for Compound (1)

The HMBC spectrum of compound (1) also revealed that the methylene proton signals of H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.93) correlated with C-1 carbonyl carbon ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 200.23), C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 39.06), C-1" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 120.74), C-2" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 156.33), and C-6" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 129.13).

Moreover, the presence of the (*p*-hydroxyphenyl) moiety at C-1 was suggested by the correlation of the aromatic proton at C-2' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81) to C-1 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 200.23), C-4' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.49), C-6' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 130.85), and also aromatic proton C-6' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81) to C-1 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 200.23), C-2' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 130.85), C-4' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 161.49). Similarly, the presence of the (*p*-hydroxyphenyl) moiety at C-1''' was suggested by the correlation of the aromatic proton at C-2'''' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04) to C-1''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 42.51), C-4'''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 154.58), C-6'''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 128.99), and also aromatic proton C-6'''' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04) to C-1''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 42.51), C-2'''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 128.99), C-4'''' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 154.58).

The presence of the (*p*-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl) moiety at C-3^{'''} was suggested by the correlation of the methylene proton at C-3^{'''} ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.51-2.40) to C-2^{'''} ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 35.66), C-1^{'''''} ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 122.29), C-2^{'''''} ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 158.44). The HMBC correlation between the protons of the methoxy group at C-2^{''} ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.74) and C-6^{''} ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 129.13) revealed that the methoxy group was located at C-2^{''''} ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.73) and C-6^{'''''} ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 130.20) revealed that the methoxy group was located at C-2^{'''''}.

As shown in Fig. 2, the ¹H-¹H correlation spectroscopy (COSY) spectrum of compound (1) revealed the successive connectivity of $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.04 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz) [C-1["]], $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.18-2.09 (m) [C-2["]], and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.51-2.40 (m) [C-3["]].

In the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum, the methylene proton signal at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.17-3.06 (m, H-2) correlated with the methylene proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.93 (t, *J*=7.9 Hz, H-3).

Based on the HMBC correlation data, and the ¹H-¹H COSY correlations of H-(C-2')/H-(C-3'), H-(C-5')/H-(C-6'), and H-(C-2''')/H-(C-3'''')/H-(C-6'''')/H-(C-6'''')/H-(C-6'''')/H-(C-6'''')/H-(C-5'''')/H-(C-5'''')/H-(C-5'''')/H-(C-6''')/H-(C-6''

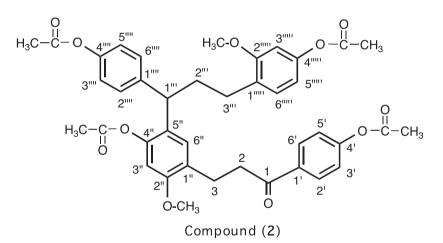


Fig. 4. Structure of Compound (2)

Selected nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) correlations are shown in Fig. 3. The methine proton on the H-(C-1^{'''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.04] had NOESY correlations with H-(C-2^{'''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.18-2.09], H-(C-2^{'''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04], and H-(C-6^{''''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04]. Moreover, the methyl protons of the methoxy group at C-2^{''} ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.74) had NOESY correlations with aromatic proton on the H-(C-3^{'''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.34], another methyl protons of the methoxy group at C-2^{''''} ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.73) had NOESY correlations with aromatic proton on the H-(C-3^{''''}) [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.37].

Also, in the NOESY spectrum, the aromatic proton on the H-(C-6") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.96]

correlated with the two methylene protons at H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.93), and H-(C-2") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.18-2.09]. Other methylene proton at H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.17-3.06) correlated with the methylene proton at H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.93), the aromatic protons on the H-(C-2') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81], and H-(C-6') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.81].

The structure of acetylated derivative compound (2) by chemical transformation of natural product compound (1) was shown in Fig. 4. Compound (2) was obtained as colorless solid {mp 57-59°C, [a]_D²⁵+10.98° (c = 0.080, MeOH)}. The molecular formula was deduced to be C₄₀H₄₀O₁₁ by high-resolution EI-MS spectroscopy, with a [M⁺] mass ion observed at m/z calcd for 696.2608, (Found: 696.2570). The IR spectrum showed the presence of acetoxyphenyl carbonyl (1770cm⁻¹), conjugated carbonyl (1690cm⁻¹), and aromatic (1600cm⁻¹) groups, which was confirmed by the disappearance of hydroxyl groups (3400cm⁻¹). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) data, ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) data, and HMBC spectrum correlations were shown in Table 2.

In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound (2) exhibited the signals for four methyl protons by acetylation at COMe-(C-4') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.32, s], COMe-(C-4") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.17, s], COMe-(C-4"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.27, s], and COMe-(C-4"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.28, s]. Upon this investigation of acetylation, the presence of four hydroxyl groups into compound (1) was brought to light. The chemical shifts and the coupling constants of H-(C-2') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.98, d, *J*=8.6Hz]/H-(C-3') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.17, d, *J*=8.6Hz]/H-(C-5') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.17, d, *J*=8.6Hz]/H-(C-6') [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.18, d, *J*=8.9Hz]/H-(C-3"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.98, d, *J*=8.9Hz], H-(C-5"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.98, d, *J*=8.9Hz], H-(C-6"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.18, d, *J*=8.9Hz] indicated the presence of two *para*-disubstituted benzene system, which also supported by the ¹H-¹H correlation spectroscopy (COSY) spectrum.

The chemical shifts and the coupling constants of H-(C-3"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.55, d, *J*=2.1Hz], H-(C-5"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.58, dd, *J*=8.2, 2.1Hz], H-(C-6"") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.00, d, *J*=8.2Hz] indicated the presence of the C-1"", C-2"", C-4""- trisubstituted benzene system. Similarly, H-(C-3") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.51, s] and H-(C-6") [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.12, s] indicated the presence of the C-1", C-2", C-4", C-5"- tetrasubstituted benzene system, which was also supported by the HMBC spectrum correlations (Table 2).

The ¹H-NMR spectrum, ¹³C-NMR spectrum, HMBC spectrum, ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum, and NOESY spectrum data supported the presence of the framework moiety (four methylene parts, one methine part, one carbonyl part, and four aromatic parts) of compound (2), which was possessed with the same framework moiety of compound (1) as shown in Fig. 1.

II. Conclusion

The natural product (chemical constituent) obtained from the dark-red colored resin drug of *Dracaena draco* was investigated to isolate the interesting new hydroxyphenylic compound (1), which would be able to expect fascinating biological activity (acceleration activity of granuloma formation etc.). This chemical structure was also supported from acetylated derivative compound (2) by chemical transformation.

Experimental

All melting points were determined on a Yanagimoto melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded with a JASCO FT/IR-200 spectrometer, and ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR, 2D NMR spectra with a JEOL JNM-a 500 spectrometer, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. MS were recorded with a JEOL JMS-D 300 spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with JASCO DIP-140 Digital Polarimeter.

Ordinary-phase silica gel column chromatography (Silica gel 60 [Merck]) was used for column chromatography, and thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on precoated Silica gel 60 F_{254} (0.2mm; Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). NH-silica gel (basic 100 Å type silica gel, NH-DM 1020, Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd.) was used for column chromatography and NH-TLC. Ordinary-phase medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) [packed SiO₂ column, 21×310mm, C.I.G. I.D.-15, Kusano Kagakukikai Co., Japan] was used for column chromatography. TLC spots were detected by UV radiation (254nm).

1. Extraction and Isolation

The resins of *Dracaena draco* L (producing Hebei Province in China) were extracted with ether, and hexane of equivalent volume was added into its extracted ether soluble solution. The precipitated insoluble matter was washed by ether-hexane (1:1) solution, and remaining insoluble residue was obtained. This residue (5.5g) was separated by ordinary-phase silica gel column chromatography [EtOAc-hexane (1:1, v/v) \rightarrow EtOAc-hexane (25:20, v/v)] to give three fractions of A portion (500mg), B portion (350mg), and C portion (300mg).

Next, the sample of B portion (30mg) was purified by ordinary-phase (SiO₂) medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) [CHCl₃-MeOH (6:1)] to afford product (7mg), and further this product was purified by NH-silica gel column chromatography [CHCl₃-MeOH (2:1)] to provide pure natural product, compound (1) [5mg].

Compound (1): 1)

1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-3-{4-hydroxy-5-[1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propyl]-2-methoxyphenyl}-1-propanone.

Colorless solid: mp 76-78°C. [a]_D²⁵+9.61° (c = 0.113, MeOH). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3400, 1665, 1660, 1600, 1510, 1460, 1450. High-resolution EI-MS m/z : Calcd for C₃₂H₃₂O₇ (M⁺): 528.2148. Found: 528.2156. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ + CD₃OD) and ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃ + CD₃OD) data are shown in Table 1.

2. Acetylation

 Ac_2O (0.6 ml) was added to a solution of B portion (6 mg) in dry pyridine (0.3 ml) and the mixture was allowed to stir overnight (19 h) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with sat. NaHCO₃ and sat. NaCl, then dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. This residue was separated by ordinary-phase silica gel column chromatography [EtOAc-hexane (1:1)] and ordinary-phase (SiO₂) medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) [CHCl₃-EtOAc (10:1)] to afford 3.5 mg of compound (2) as a colorless solid.

Compound (2):

1-(4-Acetoxyphenyl)-3-{4-acetoxy-5-[1-(4-acetoxyphenyl)-3-(4-acetoxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propyl]-2-methoxyphenyl}-1-propanone.

Colorless solid: mp 57-59°C. [*a*]_D²⁵+10.98° (*c* = 0.080, MeOH). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 1770, 1690, 1600, 1505, 1470, 1460. High-resolution EI-MS m/z: Calcd for C₄₀H₄₀O₁₁ (M⁺): 696.2608. Found: 696.2570. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) data are shown in Table 2.

Memories

This paper is dedicated to the honorary Professor Seisho Tobinaga of Showa Pharmaceutical University on the second anniversary of his death. The extracted sample was brought by him, and the investigation (chemical constituent research) was performed in response to his request. We pray his soul may rest in peace.

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