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Petiolins J-M, prenylated acylphloroglucinols from *Hypericum pseudopetiolatum* var. *kiusianum*

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ABSTRACT

Four new prenylated acylphloroglucinols, petiolins J-M (1-4), were isolated from aerial parts of *Hypericum pseudopetiolatum* var. *kiusianum*, and the structures were elucidated by spectroscopic data and a single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Petiolin J (1) exhibited antimicrobial activity.

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The genus *Hypericum* (family Clusiaceae) are known to be a traditional medicine for the treatment of burns, bruises, swelling, inflammation, and anxiety as well as bacterial and viral infections. During our search for structurally interesting compounds from *Hypericum* spp., we isolated prenylated acylphloroglucinols, petiolins A–D, chromone glucoside, petiolin E, and benzophenone rhamnosides, petiolins F–I.² Further investigation of the aerial parts of *H. pseudopetiolatum* var. *kiusianum* resulted in the isolation of four new prenylated acylphloroglucinols, petiolins J–M (1–4). In this Letter, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of 1–4.

The aerial parts of *H. pseudopetiolatum* var. *kiusianum* (360 g) were extracted with MeOH, and the extracts were partitioned between n-hexane and H_2O . n-Hexane-soluble portions were subjected to a silica gel column (n-hexane/EtOAc), a Sephadex LH-20 column (EtOH), a C_{18} column (MeOH/ H_2O) chromatographies, and then purified by C_{18} HPLC (MeOH/ H_2O) to yield petiolins J (1, 0.00054%), K (2, 0.00027%), L (3, 0.00019%), and M (4, 0.000089%).

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Table 1¹H and ¹³C NMR data for petiolins J (1) and K (2) in CDCl₃

Position	1		2	
	¹³ C	¹ H ^a	¹³ C	¹ H ^a
1	163.3	_	163.4	_
2	102.2	_	107.0	_
3	157.9	_	160.6	_
4	97.1	_	106.2	_
5	153.3	_	155.9	_
6	105.0	_	105.0	=
7	210.6	_	210.0	_
8	39.4	3.88 (1H, sept, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)	39.0	3.80 (1H, sept, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)
9	19.3	1.18 (3H, d, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)	19.1	1.18 (3H, d, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)
10	19.8	1.18 (3H, d, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)	19.7	1.18 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz)
11	7.1	2.12 (3H, s)	7.2	2.00 (3H, s)
12	25.8	2.91 (1H, dd, $J = 16.6$, 5.7 Hz)	27.8	2.81 (1H, brs)
		2.62 (1H, dd, J = 16.6, 6.4 Hz)		
13	66.5	3.96 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz)	34.9	2.19 (1H, ddd, <i>J</i> = 13.5, 4.2, 2.7 Hz)
				1.86 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 13.5, 1.7 Hz)
14	80.2	_	76.0	=
15	18.9	1.37 (3H, s)	28.8	1.42 (3H, s)
16	37.4	1.78, 1.71 (each 1H, m)	37.5	1.81 (1H, m)
				1.47 (1H, ddd, J = 15.1, 13.3, 6.7 Hz)
17	22.0	2.14 (2H, m)	22.0	1.31, 0.86 (each 1H, m)
18	123.5	5.01 (1H, t, J = 6.8 Hz)	46.2	2.04 (1H, ddd, J = 13.2, 5.5, 2.7 Hz)
19	132.5	_	84.7	-
20	17.6	1.61 (3H, s)	29.7	1.56 (3H, s)
21	25.7	1.69 (3H, s)	24.3	1.06 (3H, s)
1-OH	_	14.17 (1H, s)	_	14.11 (1H, s)

^a Coupling constants given (J in Hz) in parentheses.

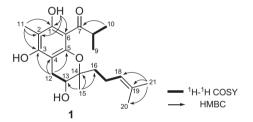


Figure 1. Selected 2D NMR correlations for petiolin J (1).

Petiolin J $(1)^3$, was obtained as an optically inactive pale yellow oil $\{ [\alpha]_{D}^{22} \ 0 \ (c \ 0.80, MeOH) \}$. The molecular formula of **1**, $C_{21}H_{30}O_5$, was established by HRESIMS [m/z 361.2033 (M–H)⁻, Δ +1.2 mmu]. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (Table 1) showed the presence of one hydrogen-bonded hydroxy group, one 2-methylpropanoyl group, one fully substituted benzene ring, one trisubstituted olefin, one sp³ quaternary carbon attached to an oxygen atom, one sp³ oxygenated methine, three methylenes, and four tertiary methyls. The presence of a 1.3.5-trihydroxy benzene ring was implied by ¹³C NMR chemical shifts of the aromatic carbons. From these data, 1 was presumed to be a prenylated acylphloroglucinol derivative having two isoprene units, one 2-methylpropanoyl group, and one methyl group. The ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum disclosed connectivities of C-12 to C-13 and C-16 to C-18, while HMBC correlations revealed connectivities of C-13 to C-15 and C-16 through C-14, C-18 to C-20 and C-21 through C-19. HMBC cross-peaks of H₂-12 to C-3, C-4, and C-5, H₃-11 to C-1, C-2, and C-3, and hydrogen-bonded hydroxy proton (OH-1) to C-1, C-2, and C-6 suggested that C-7, C-11, and C-12 were attached to C-6, C-2, and C-4, respectively (Fig. 1).

Triacetyl derivative of petiolin J (1a),⁴ prepared by treatment with Ac₂O/pyridine, gave a down-field shifted signal of H-13 [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.06 (1H, t, J = 5.6 Hz)], indicating the presence of a secondary hydroxy group at C-13. This evidence and the unsaturation degree of 1 implied connectivity of C-5 to C-14 through an ether linkage. Substitution pattern of a phloroglucinol moiety (C-1 to C-6) of 1

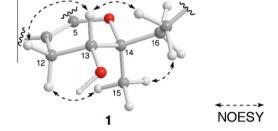


Figure 2. Selected NOESY correlations and relative stereochemistry for petiolin J (1) (C-1-C-3, C-6-C-11) and C-18-C21 were not shown).

was confirmed by correlations for H_3 -11 to 3-OAc, H_3 -11 to 1-OAc, and H_3 -9 to 1-OAc in the NOESY spectrum of **1a**. Thus, the gross structure of petiolin J (**1**) was assigned as shown.

In the NOESY spectrum measured in CDCl₃, beneficial correlations to assign the relative stereochemistry of **1** were not found due to conformational change of dihydropyran ring (C-4, C-5, and C-12 to C-14). Therefore, the NOESY spectrum of **1** was measured in CD₃OD, where the conformational change was not observed.⁵

The NOESY cross-peaks of H_3 -15 to H-12a indicated that these protons were α -oriented, while the β -orientation of H-13 was revealed by the cross-peak of H-13 to H-12b (Fig. 2). Thus, the relative stereochemistry of petiolin J (1) was assigned as shown.

Petiolin K (2)⁶ was obtained as an optically inactive colorless platelets $\{[\alpha]_D^{22}\ 0\ (c\ 0.40,\ MeOH)\}$. HRESIMS analysis revealed the molecular formula to be $C_{21}H_{28}O_4$ [$m/z\ 367.1889\ (M+Na)^+$, \varDelta +0.9 mmu]. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of 2 (Table 1) indicated the presence of one hydrogen-bonded hydroxy group, one fully substituted benzene ring, one 2-methylpropanoyl group, two sp³ quaternary carbons attached to an oxygen atom, two methines, three methylenes, and four tertiary methyl groups. These signals were similar to those of petiolin D,^{2b} a prenylated acylphloroglucinol derivative having citran skeleton, except for resonances of C-1 to C-3, and C-11, indicating that 2 had different substituent at C-2 from that of petiolin D. The substituent was assigned to be a methyl group

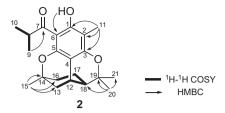


Figure 3. Selected 2D NMR correlations for petiolin K (2).

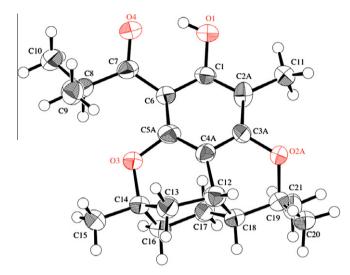


Figure 4. ORTEP drawing of petiolin K (2).

by HMBC correlations for H_3 -11 to C-1, C-2, and C-3 (Fig. 3). A single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of **2** was performed to confirm the assignment described above.⁷ It revealed the structure of **2**, and also suggested that **2** was a racemate. The ORTEP drawing of one enantiomer of **2** was shown in Figure 4.

Petiolin L (3)⁸ was obtained as an optically active pale yellow oil $\{[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{22}$ -72.5 (c 0.13, MeOH)}. The molecular formula of **3**, C₂₈H₄₂O₅, was deduced from HRESIMS [m/z 481.2936 (M+Na)⁺, Δ +1.1 mmu]. The ¹³C NMR (Table 2) spectrum disclosed the existence of three ketone carbonyl carbons, four sp² quaternary carbons, two sp² methines, three sp³ quaternary carbons, two sp³ methines, five sp³ methylenes, and nine methyl groups. The ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed connectivities of C-8 to C-9, C-8 to C-28, C-13 to C-14, C-18 to C-19, and C-22 to C-24. HMBC correlations for H_3 -21 to C-19, C-20 (δ_C 73.7), and C-22 indicated that an oxygenated sp³ quaternary carbon (C-20) was attached to C-19, C-21, and C-22. Connectivities from C-1 to C-5. C-13. and C-18 through C-6 were deduced from HMBC cross-peaks of H₂-13 to C-1, C-5, and C-6, and H₂-18 to C-1 and C-5. HMBC correlations for H₃-11 to C-3, C-4, C-5, and C-12 suggested connectivties from C-11 to C-3, C-5, and C-12 through C-4. The chemical shift of C-19 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 91.4) implied the presence of an ether linkage between C-1 and C-19. The chemical shift of C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 116.7) suggested that this carbon was attached to C-1, C-7, and C-3. Thus, the gross structure of petiolin L was elucidated as shown in Figure 5.

The relative stereochemistry of petiolin L (3) was deduced from NOESY data. NOESY correlations for H_3 –11/H–14 and H–13a/H–18b suggested that H–18b, CH_3 –11, and isoprenyl group attached to C-6 were β -oriented, while the α -orientation of H–19 was assigned based on the correlation for H–18a/H–19. NOESY cross-peaks of H–22b/H–18b, H–19/H–22a, and H–19/H $_3$ –21 implied the relative stereochemistry of C–19 and C–20 as shown in Figure 6. The proposed relative stereochemistry of 3 was supported by resemblance

Table 2¹H and ¹³C NMR data for petiolins L (**3**) and M (**4**) in CDCl₃

Position	3			4	
	¹³ C	¹ H ^a	¹³ C	¹ H ^a	
1	170.3	_	170.1	_	
2	116.7	_	116.1	_	
3	193.6	_	193.9	_	
4	56.0	_	55.5	_	
5	206.1	_	205.3	_	
6	70.4	_	69.2	_	
7	208.0	_	207.0	_	
8	43.0	3.11 (1H, m)	37.7	2.93 (1H, sept, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$)	
9	17.6	1.10 (3H, d, $J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$)	20.1	1.04 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz)	
10	26.9	1.49, 1.33 (each 1H, m)	20.1	1.06 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz)	
11	26.5	1.19 (3H, s)	25.8	1.30 (3H, s)	
12	21.2	1.25 (3H, s)	22.2	1.25 (3H, s)	
13	31.7	3.28 (1H, dd, J = 13.4,	31.6	3.14 (1H, dd, $J = 14.3$,	
		8.0 Hz)		7.4 Hz)	
		2.71 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 13.4,		2.72 (1H, dd, J = 14.3,	
		7.0 Hz)		6.7 Hz)	
14	116.7	4.72 (1H, brt, J = 7.3 Hz)	117.8	4.80 (1H, brt, $J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$)	
15	137.0	_	136.5	_	
16	17.7	1.62 (3H, s)	17.9	1.62 (3H, s)	
17	26.0	1.61 (3H, s)	25.8	1.60 (3H, s)	
18	27.0	3.09 (1H, dd, J = 14.8,	27.1	3.02 (1H, dd, J = 14.9,	
		7.3 Hz)		9.0 Hz)	
		2.89 (1H, dd, J = 14.8,		2.93 (1H, dd, J = 14.9,	
		10.4 Hz)		10.6 Hz)	
19	91.4	4.69 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 10.4, 7.3 Hz)	91.4	4.74 (1H, t, J = 9.3 Hz)	
20	73.7	_	73.3	_	
21		1.30 (3H, s)	22.9	1.28 (3H, s)	
22		1.58, 1.43 (each 1H, m)	37.0		
23		2.15, 2.04 (each 1H, m)	21.8		
24	123.8	5.12 (1H, brt, <i>I</i> = 7.0 Hz)	123.5		
25	132.0	_	132.4	_	
26		1.63 (3H, s)	17.5	1.62 (3H, s)	
27		1.70 (3H, s)	25.5	1.67 (3H, s)	
28		1.06 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz)	_	_	
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^a Coupling constants given (*J* in Hz) in parentheses.

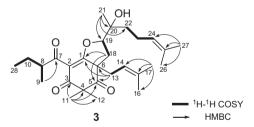


Figure 5. Selected 2D NMR correlations for petiolin L (3).

of ¹³C chemical shifts for C-18 to C-22 of **3** with those of the corresponding position in petiolin C.^{2a} Thus, the relative stereochemistry of petiolin L was assigned as shown.

Petiolin M (**4**)⁹ was obtained as an optically active pale yellow oil $\{[\alpha]_D^{22} - 110.0 \text{ (}c \text{ 0.17, MeOH)}\}$. The HRESIMS of **4** revealed the molecular formula to be $C_{27}H_{40}O_5$ [m/z 467.2776 (M+Na)⁺, Δ +0.8 mmu], which was smaller by 14 mass units as compared with **3**. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **4** (Table 2) were similar to those of **3**, except for signals of an acyl side-chain at C-2 and chemical shifts of H₃-11, H₂-13, H-14, H₂-18, and H-19. The acyl side-chain of **4** was assigned to be a 2-methylpropanoyl group from ¹H and ¹³C NMR resonances [δ_H 2.93 (1H, sept, J = 6.7 Hz), 1.06 and 1.04 (each 3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz); δ_C 207.0, 37.7, 20.1 × 2]. NOESY correlations for H₃-12/H-14, H-13a/H-18a, and H-18a/H-19 suggested that CH₃-12, H-18a, H-19, and the prenyl group at C-6 were α-oriented (Fig. 7). The relative stereochemistry of C-19 and C-20 were

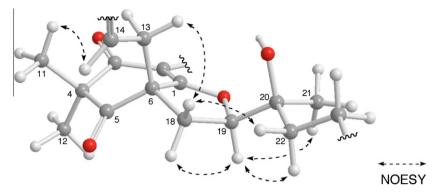


Figure 6. Selected NOESY correlations and relative stereochemistry for petiolin L (3) (C-7-C-10, C-15-C-17 and C-24-C-28 were not shown).

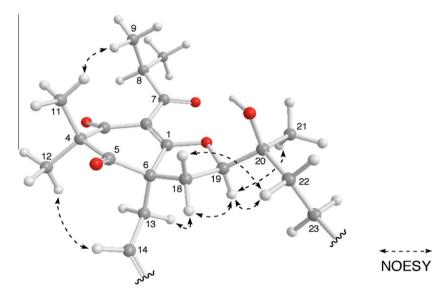


Figure 7. Selected NOESY correlations and relative stereochemistry for petiolin M (4) (C-15-C-17 and C-24-C-27 were not shown).

assigned as same as those of $\bf 3$ based on NOESY cross-peaks of H-19/H₃-21, H-18b/H-22a, and H-19/H-22a. Thus, the structure of petiolin M was elucidated to be $\bf 4$.

Petiolins J (1) and K (2) are optically inactive prenylated acylphloroglucinols possessing a methyl group on phloroglucinol moiety of chromane and citran skeleton, respectively. Petiolins L (3) and M (4) were optically active prenylated acylphloroglucinols, while petiolin C, biosynthetically related compound to 3 and 4, was isolated as a racemate from the same plant material. 2a

Petiolin J (1) exhibited antimicrobial activity against *Micrococcus luteus* (MIC, 8 μ g/mL), *Cryptococcus neoformans* (16 μ g/mL), and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* (16 μ g/mL), while petiolins J–M (1–4) showed no cytotoxicity against murine lymphoma L1210 cells and human epidermoid carcinoma KB cells (both IC₅₀ >10 μ g/mL).

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- 3. Petiolin J (1): Pale yellow oil; $|\alpha|_{b}^{c}$ 0 (c 0.80, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 294 (ϵ 11,200) nm; IR (KBr) v_{max} 3418 and 1613 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1); ESIMS m/z 361 (M–H)⁻; HRESIMS: m/z 361.2033 (M–H)⁻ (calcd for $C_{21}H_{29}O_{5}$, 361.2021).
- 4. Petiolin J triacetate (1a): 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.06 (1H, t, J = 5.6 Hz, H-13), 5.02 (1H, t, J = 6.8 Hz, H-18), 3.13 (1H, sept, J = 6.8 Hz, H-8), 2.89 (1H, br d, J = 14.7 Hz, H-12a), 2.54 (1H, br d, J = 14.7 Hz, H-12b), 2.32 (3H, s, 3-OAc), 2.21 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 2.07 (3H, s, H₃-20), 2.04 (2H, m, H₂-17), 2.00 (3H, s, 13-OAc), 1.87 (3H, s, H₃-11), 1.66 (3H, s, H₃-21), 1.58 (2H, m, H₂-16), 1.28 (3H, s, H₃-15), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H₃-10), and 1.13 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H₃-9); HRESIMS: m/z 511.2303 (M+Na) * (calcd for $C_{27}H_{36}O_{8}$ Na, 511.2302).
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- 6. Petiolin K (2): Colorless platelets; mp 177–180 °C; $[\varkappa]_D^{22}$ 0 (c 0.40, MeOH); UV (MeOH) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 295 (ϵ 9600) nm; IR (KBr) $v_{\rm max}$ 3734 and 1617 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C

- NMR data (Table 1); ESIMS m/z 367 (M+Na)⁺; HRESIMS: m/z 367.1889 (M+Na)⁺ (calcd for $C_{21}H_{27}O_4Na$, 367.1880).
- 7. Petiolin K (2) was crystallized as colorless platelets from methanol/water. The crystal having approximate dimensions of $0.17 \times 0.15 \times 0.05$ mm was mounted in a roop. All measurements were made on a Rigaku RAXIS PAPID imaging plate area detector with graphite monochromated Cu K\$\alpha\$ acidation (1.54187 Å) at \$-180 \circ\$C. Crystal data: formula \$C_{21}H_{28}O_4\$, formula weight 344.45, Space group \$P_2\$/c(#14), \$a = 10.6011(2) Å, \$b = 9.2563(2)\$, \$c = 18.9757(13)\$, \$a = 90.0000^{\circ}\$, \$b = 101.915(7)\$, \$g = 90.0000\$, \$V = 1821.90(14) Å^3\$, \$Z = 4\$, \$D_{calcd} = 1.256 g/cm^3\$, \$20.831\$ reflections measured, \$3334\$ reflections unique, \$20_{max} = 136.5^{\circ}\$, \$R_{int} = 0.032\$, \$R_1 = S||F_o|-|F_c||/S|F_o| = 0.0527\$ for 2612 reflections with \$I > 2s(I)\$, \$wR_2 = [S(w(F_o^2 F_c^2)^2/Sw(F_o^2)^2)^{1/2} = 0.1618\$ for all reflections, goodness of fit 1.110. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR2002) and expanded
- using Fourier techniques. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined using the riding model. All calculations were performed using Crystal Structure except for refinement, which was performed using SHELXL-97. Crystallographic data for petiolin K (2) have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (deposition number CCDC 779157).
- the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (deposition number CCDC 779157). 8. Petiolin L (3): Pale yellow oil; $\langle a \rangle_D^{22} 72.5$ (c 0.13, MeOH); UV (MeOH) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 276 (ϵ 16,700) nm; IR (neat) $v_{\rm max}$ 4662, 1730, 1698, and 1634 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2); ESIMS m/z 481 (M+Na)⁺; HRESIMS: m/z 481.2936 (M+Na)⁺ (calcd for $C_{28}H_{42}O_{5}Na$, 481.2925).
- 9. Petiolin M (4): Pale yellow oil; $[\alpha]_D^{22} 110.0$ (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 275 (ε 5500) nm; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3396, 1733, 1702, and 1633 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2); ESIMS m/z 467 (M+Na)*; HRESIMS: m/z 467.2776 (M+Na)* (calcd for $C_{27}H_{40}O_5Na$, 467.2768).