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## Synthetic Studies on Flavone Derivatives. XIV.<sup>1,2)</sup> Synthesis of 2',4',5'-Trioxxygenated Flavones

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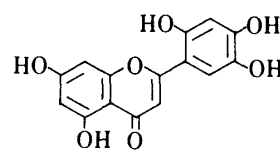
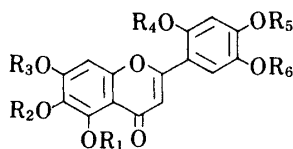
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Seven naturally occurring flavones oxygenated at C-2', C-4' and C-5' in ring B were synthesized, together with their isomers, to confirm the proposed structures. The synthesized flavones **1**, **2**, **3a**, **5**, **7** and **8** were identical with the corresponding natural flavones, but **4a** was not. The spectral properties of these flavones are discussed.

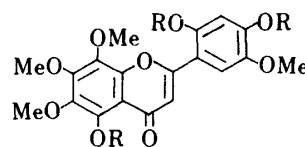
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Flavones tri-oxygenated at C-2', C-4' and C-5' in ring B are rarely found in nature in comparison with ones tri-oxygenated at C-3', C-4' and C-5'. Up to the present, only seven flavones, to our knowledge, having the former substitutional pattern have been reported; among them, five flavones have been isolated from Compositae,<sup>3)</sup> and the others from Meliaceae<sup>4)</sup> and Pteridophytes.<sup>5)</sup> Some 3-methoxyflavones (flavonols) possessing the same substitutional pattern in ring B have been found in Leguminosae<sup>6)</sup> and Geraniaceae.<sup>7)</sup> We describe in this paper the syntheses of all these naturally occurring flavones substituted with hydroxyl and/or methoxyl groups at C-2', C-4' and C-5', as well as their isomers, to confirm the proposed structures and to clarify their spectroscopic properties. An improved method using isopropyl instead of benzyl protective groups<sup>8)</sup> was developed. The syntheses will be described for convenience in groups based on the number of methoxyl groups in ring B.



**1**: isoetin

- 2**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me  
**3a**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me (arcapillin)  
**3b**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = Me  
**4a**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = H, R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me (isoarcapillin)  
**4b**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me  
**4c**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me  
**5**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me (tabularin)  
**6a**: R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me  
**6b**: R<sub>1</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = R<sub>5</sub> = R<sub>6</sub> = Me



- 7**: R = Me (agecorynin C)  
**8**: R = H (agecorynin D)

The requisite starting material of the ring B moiety for 2',4',5,5',7-pentahydroxyflavone (**1**) (isoetin; isolated from *Isoetes delilei* and *I. duriëui* (Pteridophytes)),<sup>5)</sup> 2,4,5-triisopropyl-oxybenzaldehyde (**9**), was prepared as follows. Diisopropyl ether of protocatechualdehyde

was subjected to the Baeyer–Villiger reaction to give 3,4-diisopropoxyphenol, and introduction of aldehyde by means of the Vilsmeier reaction of the resulting triisopropyl ether gave **9**. The aldehyde **9** was condensed with 2-hydroxy-4,6-diisopropoxyacetophenone (**10**) in the presence of potassium hydroxide to yield 2'-hydroxy-2,4,4',5,6'-penta-isopropoxychalcone (**11**), which was led to 2',4',5,5',7-penta-isopropoxyflavone (**12**) by direct dehydrogenative cyclization by the use of 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ).<sup>9)</sup> The flavone **12** was deisopropylated with  $\text{BCl}_3$  in dichloromethane<sup>10)</sup> to give **1** (mp 305–307 °C). The Baeyer–Villiger reaction of 2,4-diisopropoxybenzaldehyde, followed by methylation and the Vilsmeier reaction gave 2,4-diisopropoxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde (**13**), which is a starting material for the ring B moiety of 2',4',5,7-tetrahydroxy-5',6-dimethoxyflavone (**2**) isolated from *Artemisia ludoviciana* var. *ludoviciana* (Compositae).<sup>3c)</sup> The ring A moiety of **2**, 2-hydroxy-4,6-diisopropoxy-5-methoxyacetophenone (**14**) was obtained by methylation of 2,5-dihydroxy-4,6-diisopropoxyacetophenone (**15**), which was derived from **10** by the Elbs oxidation. Condensation of **13** with **14** gave 2'-hydroxy-2,4,4',6'-tetra-isopropoxy-5,5'-dimethoxychalcone (**16**). After oxidation of the chalcone, the resulting 2',4',5,7-tetra-isopropoxy-5',6-dimethoxyflavone (**17**) was deisopropylated to give **2** (mp 285 °C) (dec.).

The 7-methyl ether of **2**, 2',4',5-trihydroxy-5',6,7-trimethoxyflavone (**3a**), isolated from *Artemisia capillaris* (Compositae),<sup>3a,b)</sup> was named arcapillin.<sup>3a)</sup> Arcapillin was synthesized as follows, after condensation of **13** with 2-hydroxy-4,5,6-trimethoxyacetophenone (**18**), the resulting 2'-hydroxy-2,4-diisopropoxy-4',5,5',6'-tetramethoxychalcone (**19**) was led to 2',4'-diisopropoxy-5,5',6,7-tetramethoxyflavone (**20**). The isomer of **3a**, 2',5,5'-trihydroxy-4',6,7-trimethoxyflavone (**3b**) was also synthesized for comparison with **3a**. The requisite aldehyde for **3b**, 2,5-diisopropoxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**21**), was prepared from vanillin by the Dakin reaction (1,4-dihydroxy-2-methoxybenzene (**22**)), followed by isopropylation and the Vilsmeier reaction. Condensation of **21** with **18** gave 2'-hydroxy-2,5-diisopropoxy-4,4',5',6'-tetramethoxychalcone (**23**), which was oxidized to give 2',5'-diisopropoxy-4',5,6,7-tetramethoxyflavone (**24**). The flavones (**20** and **24**) were deisopropylated with simultaneous partial demethylation at C-5 to afford **3a** (mp 287–290 °C) and **3b** (mp 285 °C) (dec.).

An isomer of **3a** was also isolated from *Artemisia capillaris*, and the structure was deduced to be 4',5,6-trihydroxy-2',5',7-trimethoxyflavone (**4a**), named isoarcapillin, on the basis of spectral data.<sup>3e)</sup> 4-Isopropoxy-2,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**25**) for the ring B moiety of **4a** was prepared as follows; the Elbs oxidation and subsequent methylation of salicylaldehyde gave 2,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**26**), which was subjected to isopropylation and the Vilsmeier reaction after the Baeyer–Villiger reaction. On the other hand, 2-hydroxy-5-isopropoxy-4,6-dimethoxyacetophenone (**27**) for the ring A moiety of **4a** was prepared by isopropylation of 2,5-dihydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyacetophenone (used for the preparation of **18**). Further, to investigate the proposed structure for isoarcapillin, 4',5,7-trihydroxy-2',5',6-trimethoxyflavone (**4b**) and 2',5,7-trihydroxy-4',5',6-trimethoxyflavone (**4c**) were also synthesized. As an aldehyde for the ring B moiety of **4c**, 2-isopropoxy-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**28**) was prepared from veratraldehyde in three steps, that is, the Baeyer–Villiger reaction to obtain 3,4-dimethoxyphenol, isopropylation and the Vilsmeier reaction. Condensation of **25** with **27**, **25** with **14**, and **28** with **14** gave 2'-hydroxy-4,5'-diisopropoxy-2,4',5,6'-tetramethoxychalcone (**29**), 2'-hydroxy-4,4',6'-triisopropoxy-2,5,5'-trimethoxychalcone (**30**) and 2'-hydroxy-2,4',6'-triisopropoxy-4,5,5'-trimethoxychalcone (**31**), respectively. After oxidation of the chalcones to the corresponding flavones (in the case of **29**, after conversion to the corresponding flavanone); 4',6-diisopropoxy-2',5,5',7-tetramethoxy- (**32**), 4',5,7-triisopropoxy-2',5',6-trimethoxy- (**33**), and 2',5,7-triisopropoxy-4',5',6-trimethoxyflavone (**34**), they were led to **4a** (mp 246 °C), **4b** (mp 241–242 °C) and **4c** (mp 285–

287 °C) (dec.) by deisopropylation and partial demethylation.

5,7-Dihydroxy-2',4',5',6-tetramethoxyflavone (**5**) isolated from *Chukrasia tabularis* (Meliaceae),<sup>4a)</sup> named tabularin and structurally confirmed by synthesis,<sup>4b)</sup> was synthesized by our new method. The flavone **5** was prepared as follows; condensation of 2,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**35**)<sup>4b)</sup> with **14** gave 2'-hydroxy-4',6'-diisopropoxy-2,4,5,5'-tetramethoxychalcone (**36**), which was led to 5,7-diisopropoxy-2',4',5',6-tetramethoxyflavone (**37**) after oxidation and thence to **5** (mp 208—209 °C) by deisopropylation. The flavone (**2**—**5**) thus obtained were methylated to afford the same flavone, 2',4',5,5',6,7-hexamethoxyflavone (**6a**). The flavone **6a** was synthesized as a mother flavone by an independent route using methylated starting materials. 2'-Hydroxy-2,4,4',5,5',6'-hexamethoxychalcone (**38**) obtained by condensation of **35** with **18** was oxidized to **6a** (mp 180—181 °C). Partial demethylation of **6a** gave 5-hydroxy-2',4',5',6,7-pentamethoxyflavone (**6b**) (mp 193 °C).

2',4',5,5',6,7,8-Heptamethoxyflavone (**7**) and 2',4',5-trihydroxy-5',6,7,8-tetramethoxyflavone (**8**), isolated from *Ageratum corymbosum* (Compositae),<sup>3d)</sup> were named agecorynins C and D, respectively. Syntheses of **7** and **8** were carried out as follows. Condensation of **35** with 2-hydroxy-3,4,5,6-tetramethoxyacetophenone (**39**), obtained from 4',5,6,7,8-pentamethoxyflavone (tangeritin) by alkaline degradation, and of **13** with **39** gave 2'-hydroxy-2,3',4,4',5,5',6'-heptamethoxychalcone (**40**) and 2'-hydroxy-2,4-diisopropoxy-3',4',5,5',6'-pentamethoxychalcone (**41**), respectively. These chalcones were oxidized to **7** (mp 155—156 °C) and 2',4'-diisopropoxy-5,5',6,7,8-pentamethoxyflavone (**42**), respectively. The flavone **42** was transformed to **8** (mp 258—260 °C) by treatment with BCl<sub>3</sub>.

Among the synthesized flavones, **1**, **2**, **3a**, **7** and **8** were found to be identical with the corresponding natural flavones by direct comparison, and their structures were confirmed to be 2',4',5,5',7-pentahydroxy-, 2',4',5,7-tetrahydroxy-5',6-dimethoxy-, 2',4',5-trihydroxy-5',6,7-trimethoxy-, 2',4',5,5',6,7,8-heptamethoxy-, and 2',4',5-trihydroxy-5',6,7,8-tetramethoxyflavone. However, none of the synthetic flavones **4a**, **4b** and **4c**, was identical with naturally occurring isoarcapillin.

In the proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) spectra of these flavones, the protons H-3' and H-6' were each observed as a singlet, the former at high field (6.45—6.72 ppm), and the latter at low field (7.27—7.45 ppm). The proton at C-3 was characteristically observed at lower field than that of general flavones because of the effect of the hydroxyl or methoxyl group at C-2'. In the mass spectra (MS) the flavones substituted at C-2', C-4' and C-5' with hydroxyl and/or methoxyl groups showed fragments based on the ring B moiety, B<sub>1</sub><sup>+</sup>• (*m/z*: 153, 167, 181, 195) and B<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>• (*m/z*: 150, 164, 178, 192), according to the number and kind of substituents as a result of general fragmentations such as pathways I and II.<sup>11)</sup> In the

TABLE I. Bathochromic Shifts of Band I in the UV Spectra of the 2',4',5'-Trioxygenated Flavones Induced by Shift Reagents

	Position of hydroxyl groups <sup>a)</sup>	+ AlCl <sub>3</sub>	+ NaOMe	+ NaOAc
<b>4c</b>	2' (5, 7)	+ 34	+ 54	+ 6
<b>4a</b>	4' (5, 6)	+ 35	+ 37	+ 10
<b>4b</b>	4' (5, 7)	+ 34	+ 38	+ 10
<b>2</b>	2',4' (5, 7)	+ 36	+ 53	+ 10
<b>3a</b>	2',4' (5)	+ 38	+ 66	+ 4
<b>3b</b>	2',5' (5)	+ 38	dec.	+ 8
<b>1</b>	2',4',5' (5, 7)	+ 68	+ 44	+ 38

a) The numbers in parentheses show the positions of hydroxyl groups in ring A.

case of the flavones having the methoxyl group at C-6, the fragment ( $M^+ - 15$ ) predominantly observed, whereas the flavone (**4a**) lacking a methoxyl group at this position gave the fragment ( $M^+ - 18$ ).

Ultraviolet (UV) spectra of flavones have recently been reviewed by Voirin.<sup>12)</sup> In his article, however, the characteristics of flavones possessing a hydroxyl group at C-2' are not described. The UV spectra of 2',3',5'-tri-oxygenated flavones were discussed in our previous paper.<sup>13)</sup> The UV spectral results for the present synthesized flavones are summarized in Table I. For flavones having a 2'-hydroxyl group (**4c**, **2** and **3a**), the shift of band I on addition of sodium methoxide is much larger than that of flavones having a 4'-hydroxyl group (**4a** and **4b**). The flavone having a hydroquinone moiety (**3b**) was decomposed by addition of sodium methoxide. These results are generally similar to those for 2',3',5'-trioxygenated flavones.

### Experimental

Instruments, etc., were as described in the preceding paper.<sup>1)</sup>

**2,4,5-Triisopropoxybenzaldehyde (9)**—Protocatechualdehyde diisopropyl ether (11.4 g, 0.05 mol) was oxidized with 30%  $H_2O_2$  (6.9 g, 0.06 mol) and 90%  $HCOOH$  (55 ml, 1 mol) to give 3,4-diisopropoxyphenol (6.4 g), which was isopropylated with isopropyl bromide (4.1 g, 33 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (9 g) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) to afford 1,3,4-triisopropoxybenzene (6 g). A solution of DMF (48 ml) containing  $POCl_3$  (7.2 g, 48 mmol) was added to a solution of the resulting triisopropyl ether (6 g, 24 mmol) in DMF. The mixture was stirred for 5 h, then poured into water and extracted with AcOEt. The extract was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give **9** (6.2 g) as a brown oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.30 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.37 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (CH_3)_2$ ), 4.42 (3H, m,  $3 \times CH<$ ), 6.61 (1H, s, H-3), 7.41 (1H, s, H-6), 10.33 (1H, s, CHO).

**2-Hydroxy-4,6-diisopropoxyacetophenone (10)**—Phloracetophenone (10 g, 60 mmol) was partially isopropylated with isopropyl bromide (14.8 g, 120 mmol) to give 11.5 g of **10** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.35, 1.36 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 2.54 (3H, s,  $COCH_3$ ), 4.64, 4.68 (1H, each hept.,  $CH<$ ), 5.78 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-3), 5.90 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-5), 13.74 (1H, s, OH).

**2,4-Diisopropoxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde (13)**—Resorcinol diisopropyl ether (13.9 g, 0.07 mol) was subjected to the Vilsmeier reaction using a solution of DMF (142 ml) containing  $POCl_3$  (21.7 g, 0.14 mol) to give 13.7 g of 2,4-diisopropoxybenzaldehyde.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.48 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-3), 6.54 (1H, dd,  $J=9.0, 2.4$  Hz, H-5), 7.80 (1H, d,  $J=9.0$  Hz, H-6), 10.30 (1H, s, CHO). The aldehyde (13.7 g, 62 mmol) was subjected to the Bayer-Villiger reaction with 30%  $H_2O_2$  (8.4 g, 62 mmol) and 90%  $HCOOH$  (70 ml, 1.48 mmol) to give 2,4-diisopropoxyphenol (9.4 g). After methylation, the resulting methyl ether (8 g) was subjected to the Vilsmeier reaction to give **8** g of **13** as a brown oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CCl_4$ )  $\delta$ : 1.30 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (CH_3)_2$ ), 3.82 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.56, 4.66 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $CH<$ ), 6.49 (1H, s, H-3), 7.22 (1H, s, H-6), 10.19 (1H, s, CHO).

**2-Hydroxy-4,6-diisopropoxy-5-methoxyacetophenone (14)**—The acetophenone **10** (11.2 g, 44 mmol) was subjected to the Elbs oxidation using  $K_2S_2O_8$  (15.2 g, 53 mmol) to give 4.6 g of **15** as yellow needles, mp 37 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.70 (3H, s,  $COCH_3$ ), 5.64 (1H, s, OH), 6.26 (1H, s, H-3), 13.06 (1H, d, OH). Partial methylation of **15** (2.7 g) gave 1.9 g of **14** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.27, 1.35 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 2.68 (3H, s,  $COCH_3$ ), 3.65 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.71, 4.81 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $CH<$ ), 6.07 (1H, s, H-3), 13.02 (1H, s, OH).

**2,5-Diisopropoxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (21)**—Vanillin (30.4 g, 0.2 mol) was subjected to the Dakin reaction using 6%  $H_2O_2$  (142 ml, 0.25 mol) to give 16.5 g of **22** as a colorless powder, mp 127–130 °C ( $C_6H_6$ ). After isopropylation of **22** (16.2 g), the resulting diisopropyl ether (2 g) was subjected to the Vilsmeier reaction to give 2.2 g of **21** as a pale brown oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CCl_4$ )  $\delta$ : 1.27, 1.37 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 3.87 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.46, 4.50 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $CH<$ ), 6.51 (1H, s, H-3), 7.21 (1H, s, H-6), 10.19 (1H, s, CHO).

**4-Isopropoxy-2,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (25)**—The Elbs oxidation of salicylaldehyde (6.4 g, 0.05 mol) gave 2.4 g of 2,5-dihydroxybenzaldehyde as yellow needles, mp 91 °C ( $C_6H_6$ ). After methylation, **26** (5 g, 0.03 mol) was subjected to the Baeyer-Villiger reaction to give 3.6 g of 2,5-dimethoxyphenol as a colorless oil. After isopropylation of the phenol, the resulting isopropyl ether (3.5 g) was converted into **25** by means of the Vilsmeier reaction, yield 3.4 g, mp 76 °C (MeOH), colorless needles.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.41 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 3.86, 3.90 (3H, each s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.73 (1H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $CH<$ ), 6.54 (1H, s, H-3), 7.35 (1H, s, H-6), 10.78 (1H, s, CHO).

**2-Hydroxy-5-isopropoxy-4,6-dimethoxyacetophenone (27)**—2,5-Dihydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyacetophenone (4.2 g, 20 mmol) was partially isopropylated to give 2.2 g of **27** as a brown oil.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.25 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(CH_3)_2$ ), 2.63 (3H, s,  $COCH_3$ ), 3.87, 3.98 (3H, each s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.28 (1H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $CH<$ ), 6.23 (1H, s, H-3), 13.36 (1H, s, OH).

**2-Isopropoxy-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (28)**—The Baeyer-Villiger reaction of veratraldehyde (7.5 g, 45 mmol) gave 3.1 g of 3,4-dimethoxyphenol. After isopropylation of the phenol, the resulting isopropyl ether (1.5 g,

7.7 mmol) was subjected to the Vilsmeier reaction to give 1.5 g of **28** as colorless needles, mp 61 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.36 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.86, 3.96 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.65 (1H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}$ ), 6.60 (1H, s, H-3), 7.28 (1H, s, H-6), 10.29 (1H, s, CHO).

**2',4',5,5',6,7-Pentahydroxyflavone (1) (Isoetin)**—The aldehyde (**9**) (1.12 g, 40 mmol) was condensed with **10** (1.04 g, 40 mmol) to give 1.8 g of **11** as an orange-yellow oil after usual work-up.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.33 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.36 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.42 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 4.55–4.65 (5H, m,  $5 \times \text{CH}$ ), 5.98 (1H, s,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-3'), 6.08 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-5'), 6.60 (1H, s, H-3), 7.34 (1H, s, H-6), 7.91 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.32 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 14.51 (1H, s, OH). A solution of the chalcone (1.8 g, 35 mmol) and DDQ (1.6 g, 70 mmol) in dioxane was heated under reflux for 9 h. Work-up in the same way as described before<sup>9</sup> gave 0.6 g of **12** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.42 (1H, d,  $J=3$  Hz, H-6), 6.61 (1H, d,  $J=3$  Hz, H-8), 6.67 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.00 (1H, s, H-3), 7.54 (1H, s, H-6'). The flavone **12** (0.5 g, 1 mmol) was deisopropylated in the same manner as reported by Sala *et al.*<sup>10</sup> to give **1** as a greenish-yellow powder (0.2 g), mp 305–307 °C (acetone– $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 6.21 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-6), 6.42 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz, H-8), 6.60 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.13 (1H, s, H-3), 7.37 (1H, s, H-6'). Infrared (IR)  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300, 1650, 1510. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 266 (4.3), 294 (4.1), 376 (4.2).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 271, 444.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 272, 296, 408.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 262, 315, 420.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 265, 414. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 302 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 300 (75), 262 (21), 203 (21), 155 (27), 153 (79), 150 (29).

**2',4',5,7-Tetrahydroxy-5',6-dimethoxyflavone (2)**—Condensation of **14** (1.1 g, 4 mmol) with **13** (1 g, 4 mmol) in the same way as described for **1** gave 1.3 g of **16** as orange-yellow needles, mp 104 °C (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.38 (24H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $4 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.84, 3.91 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.65 (4H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $4 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.30 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.64 (1H, s, H-3), 7.26 (1H, s, H-6), 8.00 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.30 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.71 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **16** (0.6 g, 1.2 mmol) with DDQ (0.55 g, 2.4 mmol) gave 0.45 g of **17** as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.66 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.79 (1H, s, H-8), 6.98 (1H, s, H-3), 7.40 (1H, s, H-6'). Deisopropylation of **17** (60 mg, 0.12 mmol) furnished **2** as a pale yellow powder, mp 285 °C (dec.) (acetone– $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ), (lit.<sup>3c</sup>) mp 291–294 °C (dec.).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.80 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.45 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.55 (1H, s, H-8), 7.00 (1H, s, H-3), 7.40 (1H, s, H-6'). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 1640, 1605, 1550. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 266 (4.2), 292 (3.9), 372 (4.3).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 274, 297, 408.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 268, 296, 402.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 274, 316, 425.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 270, 295, 382. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 346 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 331 (65), 328 (53), 303 (29), 167 (21), 165 (22), 164 (20).

**2',4',5-Trihydroxy-5',6,7-trimethoxyflavone (3a) (Arcapillin)**—Condensation of **13** (1.1 g, 4.4 mmol) with **18** (1 g, 4.4 mmol) gave 1.2 g of **19** as red needles, mp 105 °C (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.40 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.85, 3.92, 3.93, 3.95 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.55 (2H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.32 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.59 (1H, s, H-3), 7.20 (1H, s, H-6), 7.89 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.27 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.85 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **19** (0.7 g, 1.5 mmol) with DDQ (0.69 g, 3 mmol) gave 0.28 g of **20** as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.38, 1.40 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.93 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.02 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.57 (2H, hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.65 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.80 (1H, s, H-8), 7.01 (1H, s, H-3), 7.38 (1H, s, H-6'). Deisopropylation and partial demethylation of **20** (0.28 g, 0.6 mmol) with  $\text{BCl}_3$  (0.5 ml) at  $-70$  °C gave 0.12 g of **3a** as a pale yellow powder, mp 287–290 °C (dec.) (acetone– $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ), (lit.<sup>3a</sup>) mp 272–274 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.86, 3.92, 4.02 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.64 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.74 (1H, s, H-8), 7.19 (1H, s, H-3), 7.45 (1H, s, H-6'), 13.10 (1H, s, OH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 2900, 1650, 1590. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 265 (4.2), 372 (4.3).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 276, 295, 410.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 276, 295, 400.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 268, 438.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 268, 376. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$ : C, 60.00; H, 4.48. Found: C, 59.62; H, 4.49. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 360 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 345 (82), 331 (24), 317 (11), 302 (38), 181 (40), 164 (30), 153 (53).

**2,5,5'-Trihydroxy-4',6,7-trimethoxyflavone (3b)**—Condensation of **18** (1 g, 4.4 mmol) with **21** (1.1 g, 4.4 mmol) gave 1.3 g of **23** as red needles, mp 122 °C (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.36 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.40 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.90 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.96 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.37, 4.68 (1H, each hept.,  $2 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.32 (1H, s, H-3), 6.57 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.26 (1H, s, H-6), 7.88 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.25 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.90 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **23** (0.92 g, 2 mmol) with DDQ (0.9 g, 4 mmol) gave 0.28 g of **24** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.65 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.84 (1H, s, H-8), 7.03 (1H, s, H-3), 7.55 (1H, s, H-6'). Treatment of **24** (0.28 g, 0.61 mmol) with  $\text{BCl}_3$  gave 0.15 g of **3b** as a pale yellow powder, mp 285 °C (dec.) (acetone– $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.81, 3.89, 4.00 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.69 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.88 (1H, s, H-8), 7.19 (1H, s, H-3), 7.45 (1H, s, H-6'), 13.03 (1H, s, OH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3500, 1650, 1590, 1550. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}} \text{nm}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ): 265 (4.3), 312 (4.0), 372 (4.3).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 277, 296, 332, 410.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 276, 295, 328, 405.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 270, 372.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 267, 380. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$ : C, 60.00; H, 4.48. Found: C, 59.74; H, 4.45. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 360 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 345 (76), 331 (20), 324 (20), 181 (28), 167 (9), 165 (18), 164 (9), 153 (26).

**4',5,6-Trihydroxy-2',5',7-trimethoxyflavone (4a)**—Condensation of **25** (1 g, 4.3 mmol) with **27** (1.1 g, 4.3 mmol) gave 1.3 g of **29** as red needles, mp 121–122 °C (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.30, 1.40 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.90 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.96 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.37, 4.68 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}$ ), 6.32 (1H, s, H-3), 6.58 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.20 (1H, s, H-6), 7.88 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.24 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.94 (1H, s, OH). A solution of **29** (0.17 g, 1.5 mmol) dissolved in methyl cellosolve containing 10%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  was heated under reflux for 7 h to give 6'-diisopropoxy-2',5,5',7-tetramethoxyflavanone, **4** as pale yellow needles (0.23 g), mp 122–123 °C (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.85 (1H, d,  $J=6$  Hz, H-3 *cis*), 2.90 (1H, d,  $J=10.8$  Hz, H-3 *trans*), 5.80 (1H, dd,  $J=10.8, 6$  Hz, H-2). Oxidation of the flavanone (0.23 g, 0.5 mmol) with DDQ (0.15 g, 0.65 mmol) gave 0.12 g of **32** as a

brown oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.30, 1.40 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.90 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.96 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.52, 4.62 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}$ ), 6.64 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.80 (1H, s, H-8), 6.97 (1H, s, H-3), 7.42 (1H, s, H-6'). Treatment of **32** (0.14 g, 0.3 mmol) with  $\text{BCl}_3$  gave **4a** as a pale yellow powder (40 mg), mp  $246^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.93 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.00 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.72 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.82 (1H, s, H-8), 6.93 (1H, s, H-3), 7.45 (1H, s, H-6'). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 3100, 1650, 1590. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 256 (4.2), 284 (4.3), 365 (4.4).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 277, 296, 332, 410.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 276, 295, 328, 405.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 270, 372.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 267, 380. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 360 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 342 (33), 330 (11), 314 (33), 183 (11), 181 (11), 178 (23), 163 (21).

**4',5,7-Trihydroxy-2',5',6-Trimethoxyflavone (4b)**—Condensation of **25** (0.88 g, 3.9 mmol) with **14** (1.1 g, 3.9 mmol) gave 1.2 g of **30** as red needles, mp  $133\text{--}134^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.27 (6H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.40 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.82 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.88 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.68 (3H, m,  $3 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.29 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.56 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.28 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.69 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **30** (0.5 g, 1 mmol) with DDQ (0.45 g, 2 mmol) gave 0.36 g of **33** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.31, 1.37, 1.41 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.76, 3.82, 3.85 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.50 (3H, m,  $3 \times \text{CH}$ ), 6.50 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.65 (1H, s, H-8), 6.95 (1H, s, H-3), 7.30 (1H, s, H-6'). Deisopropylation of **33** (0.35 g, 0.72 mmol) with  $\text{BCl}_3$  gave **4b** as pale yellow needles (50 mg), mp  $241\text{--}242^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.75 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.82 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.56 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.65 (1H, s, H-8), 6.80 (1H, s, H-3), 7.41 (1H, s, H-6'). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 2900, 1640, 1600. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 275 (4.2), 368 (4.3).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 270, 296, 402.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 265, 295, 394.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 275, 416.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 265, 295, 378. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 360 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 345 (71), 342 (48), 317 (30), 259 (6), 178 (9), 167 (6), 163 (12), 151 (12).

**2',5,7-Trihydroxy-4',5',6-trimethoxyflavone (4c)**—Condensation of **28** (0.4 g, 1.8 mmol) with **14** (0.5 g, 1.8 mmol) gave 0.56 g of **31** as an orange-yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.33, 1.36, 1.37 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.72 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.80 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.46, 4.52, 4.56 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}$ ), 6.12 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.44 (1H, s, H-3), 7.11 (1H, s, H-6), 7.79 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.11 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.60 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **31** (0.56 g, 1.1 mmol) with DDQ (0.52 g, 2.2 mmol) gave 0.3 g of **34** as a pale yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 6.46 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.67 (1H, s, H-8), 6.98 (1H, s, H-3), 7.24 (1H, s, H-6'). The flavone **34** (0.16 g, 0.33 mmol) was deisopropylated to give **4c** as a yellow powder (20 mg), mp  $285\text{--}287^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.78 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.45 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.59 (1H, s, H-8), 7.03 (1H, s, H-3), 7.27 (1H, s, H-6'), 13.04 (1H, s, OH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 2900, 1650, 1610. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 264 (4.3), 288 (4.1), 370 (4.4).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 270, 295, 404.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 268, 294, 396.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 272, 296, 424.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 270, 376. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$ : C, 60.00; H, 4.48. Found: C, 59.74; H, 4.85. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 360 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 345 (73), 342 (42), 327 (15), 317 (21), 179 (12), 178 (12), 171 (11), 167 (9), 164 (17).

**5,7-Dihydroxy-2',4',5',6-tetramethoxyflavone (5) (Tabularin)**—Condensation of **35** (0.69 g, 3.4 mmol) with **14** (0.97 g, 3.4 mmol) gave 1.5 g of **36** as red needles, mp  $132\text{--}134^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.27, 1.41 (6H, each d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.84 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.92 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.97 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.66, 4.70 (1H, each hept.,  $J=6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}$ ), 6.29 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.58 (1H, s, H-3), 7.24 (1H, s, H-6), 7.93 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.30 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.12 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **36** (0.5 g, 1.1 mmol) with DDQ (0.5 g, 2.2 mmol) gave 0.17 g of **37** as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.45 (12H, d,  $J=6$  Hz,  $2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.92 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.96 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.00 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.52 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.63 (1H, s, H-8), 7.04 (1H, s, H-3), 7.42 (1H, s, H-6'). Deisopropoxylation of **37** (0.13 g, 0.28 mmol) gave **5** as pale yellow needles, 70 mg, mp  $208\text{--}209^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ) (lit.<sup>4b</sup>) mp  $210\text{--}212^\circ\text{C}$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.85, 3.87, 3.96, 3.97 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.56 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.77 (1H, s, H-8), 6.89 (1H, s, H-3), 7.42 (1H, s, H-6'), 13.01 (1H, s, OH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 2900, 1635, 1600. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 258 (4.3), 272 (4.2), 365 (4.7).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 266, 296, 402.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 265, 295, 383.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 274, 292sh, 382.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 272, 375. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_8$ : C, 60.96; H, 4.85. Found: C, 59.77; H, 4.82. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 374 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 359 (70), 331 (35), 192 (11), 178 (18).

**2',4',5,5',6,7-Hexamethoxyflavone (6a)**—Condensation of **35** (0.65 g, 3.3 mmol) with **18** (0.68 g, 3 mmol) gave 0.8 g of **38** as orange-yellow needles, mp  $114^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.80 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.88 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.90 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.26 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.50 (1H, s, H-3), 7.10 (1H, s, H-6), 7.80 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.13 (1H, d,  $J=15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.80 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **38** (0.5 g, 2 mmol) with DDQ (0.55 g, 2.4 mmol) gave 0.12 g of **6a** as colorless needles, mp  $180\text{--}181^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.95 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.99 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.00 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.65 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.70 (1H, s, H-8), 7.01 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.42 (1H, s, H-6'). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2920, 1630, 1600. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 254 (4.3), 305 (4.1), 354 (4.3). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8$ : C, 62.68; H, 5.51. Found: C, 62.75; H, 5.49. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 402 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (31), 387 (100), 371 (8), 357 (26), 195 (6), 194 (8), 192 (5), 172 (6), 167 (8).

**5-Hydroxy-2',4',5',6,7-pentamethoxyflavone (6b)**—Partial demethylation of **6a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) with  $\text{BCl}_3$  gave 40 mg of **6b** as yellow needles, mp  $193^\circ\text{C}$  (MeOH).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.83, 3.88, 3.91 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.93 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.50 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.58 (1H, s, H-8), 6.95 (1H, s, H-3), 7.36 (1H, s, H-6), 12.84 (1H, s, OH). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}} \text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 2900, 1645, 1610. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 275 (4.2), 364 (4.3).  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3$ : 270, 295, 398.  $\lambda + \text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}$ : 265, 294, 398.  $\lambda + \text{NaOMe}$ : 288, 350.  $\lambda + \text{NaOAc}$ : 275, 365. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_8$ : C, 61.85; H, 5.19. Found: C, 61.62; H, 5.14. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 388 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (100), 373 (80), 359 (14), 342 (14).

**2',4',5,5',6,7,8-Heptamethoxyflavone (7) (Agecorynin C)**—Condensation of **35** (0.13 g, 0.16 mmol) with **39**

(0.16 g, 0.6 mmol) gave 0.16 g of **40** as an orange-yellow oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.71 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.75 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.76 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.88 (6H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.93 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.37 (1H, s, H-3), 6.95 (1H, s, H-6), 7.62 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.03 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.33 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **40** (0.16 g, 0.37 mmol) with DDQ (0.17 g, 0.74 mmol) gave 20 mg of **7** as a colorless powder, mp 155–156 °C (MeOH) lit.<sup>3d</sup> mp 158–160 °C).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.89 (15H, s,  $5 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.95, 4.05 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.56 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.10 (1H, s, H-3), 7.50 (1H, s, H-6'). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2900, 1630, 1610, 1520. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 256 (4.3), 270 (4.4), 360 (4.3). MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 432 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (30), 417 (100), 256 (19), 225 (12), 197 (18), 195 (23). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_9$ : C, 61.10; H, 5.59. Found: C, 60.90; H, 5.59.

**2',4',5-Trihydroxy-5',6,7,8-tetramethoxyflavone (8) (Agecorynin D)**—Condensation of **39** (0.51 g, 2 mmol) with **13** (0.5 g, 2 mmol) gave 0.35 g of **41** as a red oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.34, 1.39 (6H, each d,  $J = 6$  Hz,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 3.74 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.76 (6H, s,  $2 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.78, 3.95 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.40 (2H, hept.,  $J = 6$  Hz,  $2 \times \text{CH} <$ ), 6.38 (1H, s, H-3), 6.99 (1H, s, H-6), 7.68 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H- $\beta$ ), 8.03 (1H, d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, H- $\alpha$ ), 13.17 (1H, s, OH). Oxidation of **41** (0.32 g, 0.7 mmol) with DDQ (0.3 g, 1.3 mmol) gave 70 mg of **42** as a brown oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.80 (9H, s,  $3 \times \text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.88 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.94 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.44 (1H, s, H-3'), 6.82 (1H, s, H-3), 7.37 (1H, s, H-6'). Deisopropylation of **42** (50 mg) gave 10 mg of **8** as a yellow powder, mp 258–260 °C ( $\text{AcOEt}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}$ ) (lit.<sup>3d</sup> mp 258–260 °C).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 3.78, 3.80, 3.89, 4.00 (3H, each s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.53 (1H, s, H-3'), 7.07 (1H, s, H-3). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 275 (4.2), 378 (4.3).  $\lambda^{+\text{AlCl}_3}$ : 282, 305, 424.  $\lambda^{+\text{AlCl}_3 + \text{HCl}}$ : 280, 305, 410.  $\lambda^{+\text{NaOMe}}$ : 274, 454.  $\lambda^{+\text{NaOAc}}$ : 275, 388. MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 390 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) (75), 375 (100), 211 (29), 183 (19), 165 (9).

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