

Constituents of the Seeds of *Swietenia mahagoni* JACQ. I. Isolation, Structures, and ^1H - and ^{13}C -Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Signal Assignments of New Tetranortriterpenoids Related to Swietenine and Swietenolide¹⁾

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Eighteen new tetranortriterpenoids were isolated from the cotyledons of *Swietenia mahagoni* (Meliaceae) along with ten known tetranortriterpenoids. Among them, the structures of eight new compounds, swietenins B, C, D, E, and F, 3-*O*-acetylswietenolide, 6-*O*-acetylswietenolide, and 3-*O*-tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylswietenolide, were determined by the use of two-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance (2D NMR) techniques. Detailed analyses of the ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of the ten known compounds were also performed.

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Swietenia mahagoni JACQ.²⁾ (Meliaceae) is a valuable timber tree native to the West Indies (common name: West Indian mahogany) and cultivated in tropical countries. The seeds of this plant are used for treatment of hypertension, diabetes, and malaria as a folk medicine in Indonesia. Chemical investigation of this plant has been done by Taylor,³⁾ who reported the isolation of two tetranortriterpenoids, methyl angolensate (**16**) and methyl 6-hydroxyangolensate. In the course of our search for biologically significant substances from medicinal plants in Indonesia, we have isolated eighteen new tetranortriterpenoids (**1**—**8** and **19**—**28**) together with ten known ones (**9**—**18**) from the cotyledon part of seeds of this plant. Among these, several new compounds, named 3-*O*-acetylswietenolide (**6**) and swietemahonin A—G (**19**—**25**) were found to have an antagonistic effect on platelet-

activating factor (PAF).^{1,4)} In this paper, we wish to present full details of the isolation of these new tetranortriterpenoids and the structure elucidation of new compounds designated as swietenin B (**1**), swietenin C (**2**), swietenin D (**3**), swietenin E (**4**), swietenin F (**5**), 3-*O*-acetylswietenolide (**6**), 6-*O*-acetylswietenolide (**7**), and 3-*O*-tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylswietenolide (**8**).⁵⁾

The seeds of *S. mahagoni*, collected at Medan (North Sumatra, Indonesia) in August, 1987, were divided into the seed coat and cotyledon parts. The seed coat part was extracted with hot methanol, while the cotyledon part was extracted with ether at room temperature and then with boiling methanol.

The combined ether extracts from the cotyledon part were concentrated to yield a crystalline substance, which was identified as swietenine (**9**).⁶⁾ The ethereal mother

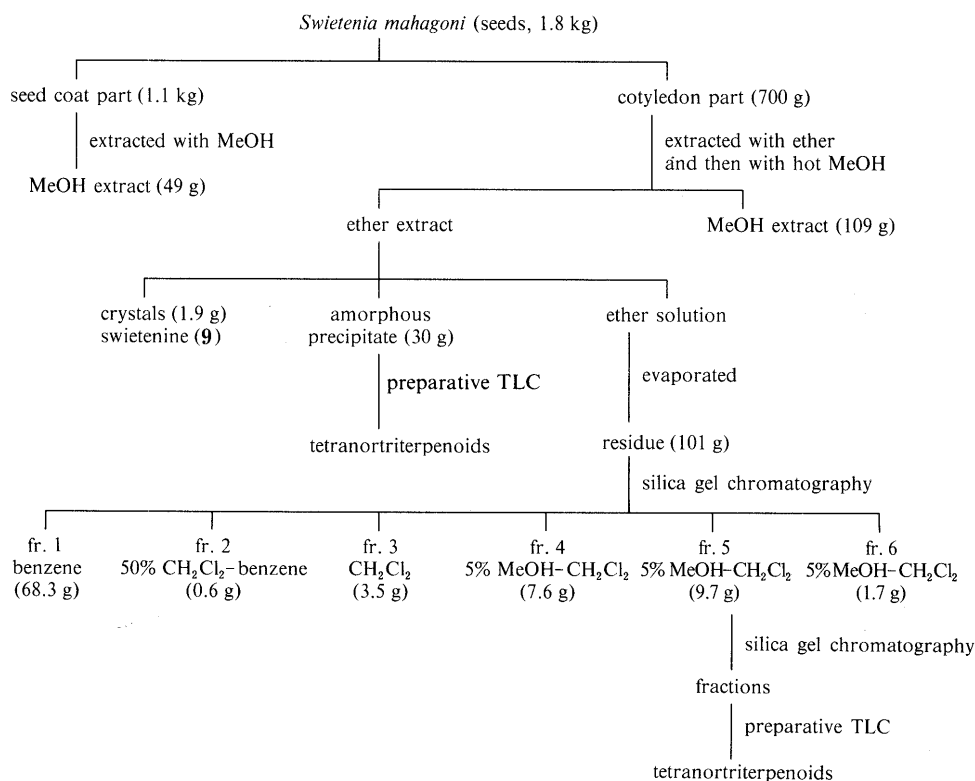


Chart 1

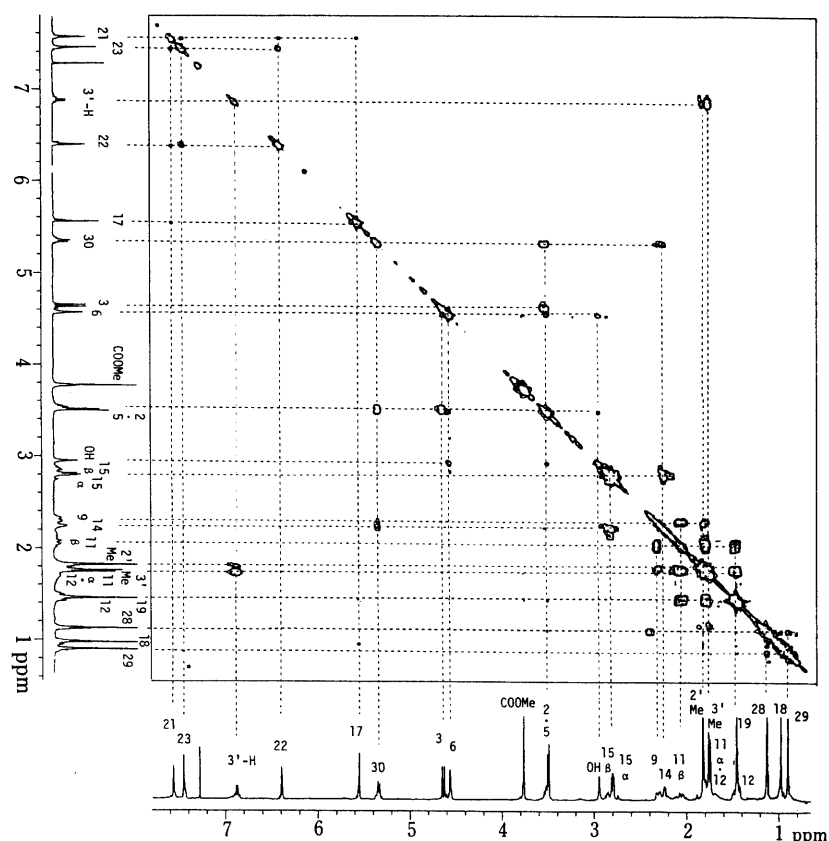


Fig. 1. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^1H COSY Spectrum of Swietenine (**9**) in CDCl_3

precise assignments of the signals due to primary, secondary, and tertiary carbons (Table II), but the signal assignments of the quaternary ones were done by the use of ^1H - ^{13}C long-range COSY. As shown in Fig. 4, the carbon atoms corresponding to the signals at δ 216.53 (C-1) and at δ 166.92 (C-1') are correlated with the protons corresponding to the signals at δ 1.44 (19- H_3) and at δ 1.82 (2'- CH_3) and 4.64 (3-H), respectively. Similarly, quaternary carbons corresponding to the signals at δ 39.04 (C-4), 175.97 (C-7), 138.28 (C-8), 50.39 (C-10), 36.73 (C-13), 168.45 (C-16), 121.38 (C-20), and 127.77 (C-2') can be correlated with the protons indicated by arrows in the formula (Fig. 4).

The ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of other known compounds (**10**–**18**) were also fully analyzed in the same manner and the results are summarized in Tables I and II.

Swietenin B (**1**) was isolated as colorless needles, mp 113–115 °C, $[\alpha]_D -11.5^\circ$ (CHCl_3) and has the molecular formula $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_9$ (M^+ 542.2477, Calcd 542.2515). In the infrared (IR) spectrum, it showed a strong absorption at 1740–1710 cm^{-1} (ketone and ester) and a moderate absorption at 880 cm^{-1} (furan). The ^1H -NMR spectrum of **1** exhibited signals due to a β -substituted furan (δ 7.55, 6.38, and 7.44), a lactone (δ 5.60), a trisubstituted olefine (δ 5.36), an acyloxyl-bearing methine (δ 4.59), a hydroxyl-bearing methine (δ 4.55), and a methyl ester (δ 3.75) along with four *tert*-methyl groups (δ 0.99, 1.44, 1.11, and 0.86) (Table III). The spectral pattern closely resembled that of swietenine (**9**), but it was characterized by the appearance of signals assignable to a propionyl group at δ 1.12 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz) and 2.38 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz) instead of the signals of the tigloyl group in **9** (Table III). The ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of **1** showed four carbonyl carbon signals (δ 216.25, 175.88,

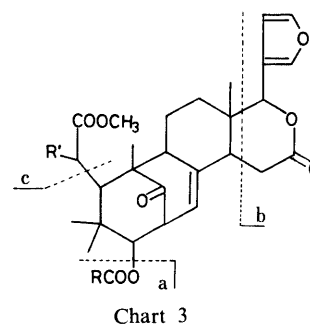


Chart 3

173.75, and 169.20) and the spectral pattern was also similar to that of **9**, except for the signals due to the propionyl group (Table IV). Detailed analyses of the ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra with the aid of ^1H - ^1H COSY, difference NOE experiments, ^1H - ^{13}C COSY, and ^1H - ^{13}C long-range COSY enabled us to make complete assignments of the ^1H - and ^{13}C -signals, which are shown in Tables III and IV, respectively.

The mass spectrum (MS) of **1** exhibited the molecular ion peak at m/z 542 (base peak) and characteristic fragment ion peaks at m/z 468 ($M^+ - a - \text{H}$), 404 ($M^+ - b$), 379 ($M^+ - a - \text{H} - c$), and 330 ($M^+ - a - \text{H} - b$), which may be interpreted by the fragmentations shown in Chart 3.

Comparison of these ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR and MS data with those of **9** led us to conclude that the structure of swietenin B is **1**.

Swietenin C (**2**), mp 238–239 °C, $[\alpha]_D -14.9^\circ$ (CHCl_3), showed a hydroxyl band (3500 cm^{-1}) and a strong carbonyl band (1735–1710 cm^{-1}) along with a moderate band due to a furan (880 cm^{-1}) in the IR spectrum. The MS of **2**

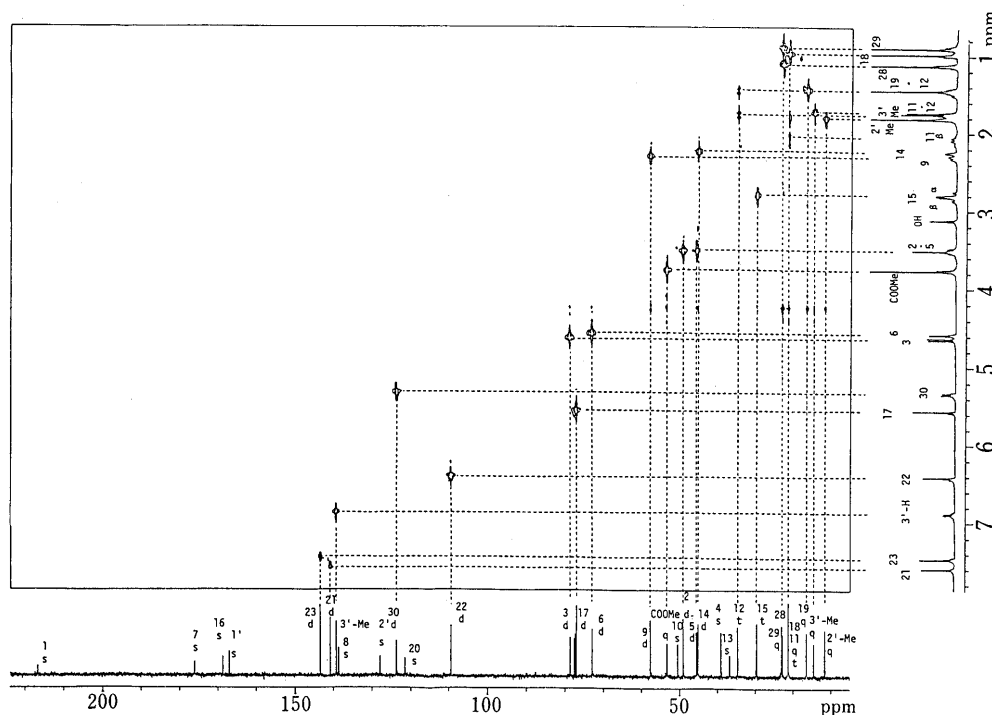


Fig. 3. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^{13}C COSY Spectrum of Swietenine (**9**) in CDCl_3

The multiplicities of carbon signals were determined by means of DEPT and are indicated as s, d, t, and q.

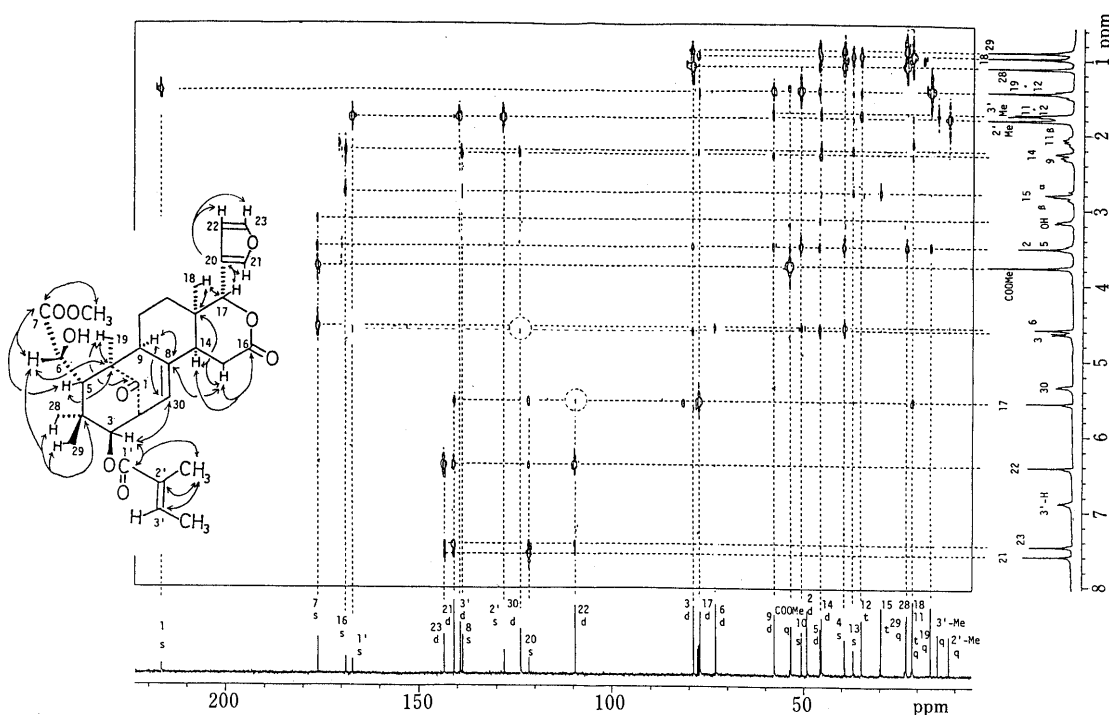


Fig. 4. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^{13}C Long-Range COSY Spectrum of Swietenine (**9**) in CDCl_3 ($J_{\text{CH}} = 10 \text{ Hz}$)

H_3 and 18-H_3 increased the signal intensities of the 5-, ester methyl, 3-, and 3'-protons and the 12α -, 15α -, 22-, and 21-protons, respectively, and irradiation at the 28-H_3 and 19-H_3 enhanced the signal intensity of the acetyl methyl and 3-protons and the 9- and 6-protons, respectively. Therefore the structure of this tetranortriterpenoid was proved to be **8**.

The absolute stereochemistry of **6**, **7**, and **8** is confirmed by the CD spectra which show negative Cotton effects at

around 300 nm, similar to that of swietenolide (**11**).⁸⁾

Throughout the structure elucidation of these tetranortriterpenoids, 2D NMR methods were effectively used. The anti-PAF activities of these compounds will be reported elsewhere.

Experimental

Melting points were determined with a Kofler-type apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured in chloroform solutions on a

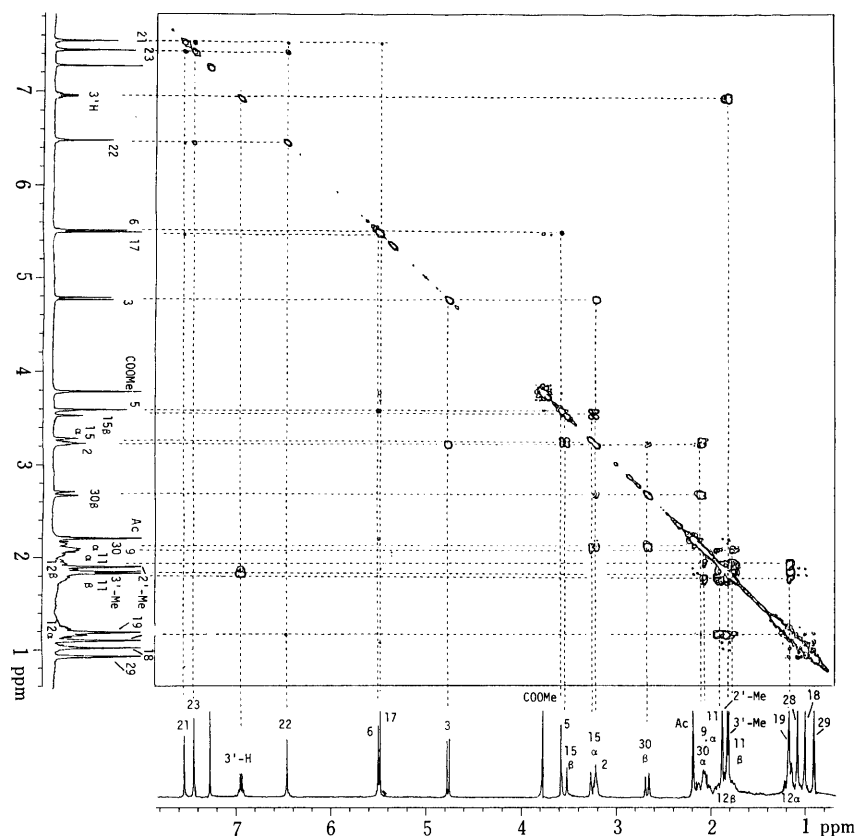


Fig. 5. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^1H COSY Spectrum of 3-*O*-Tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylsvietenolide (**8**) in CDCl_3

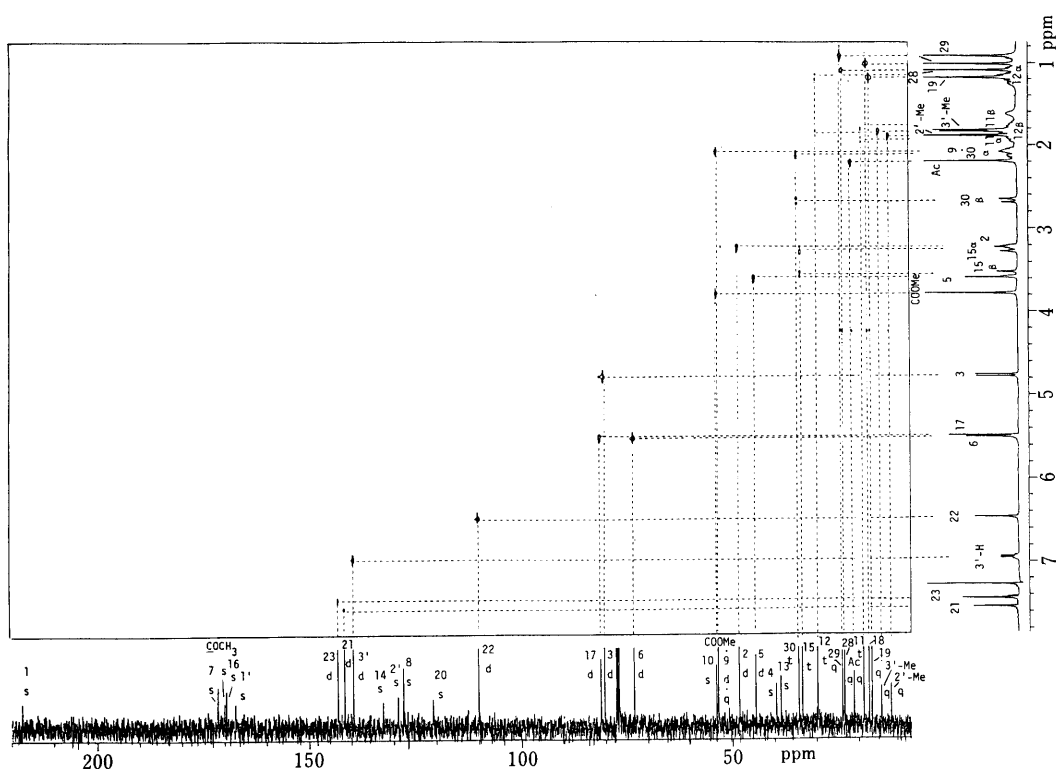


Fig. 6. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^{13}C COSY Spectrum of 3-*O*-Tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylsvietenolide (**8**) in CDCl_3

JASCO DIP-4 automatic polarimeter at 20–22 °C. CD spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-500C spectropolarimeter in chloroform (CHCl_3) solutions. IR spectra were taken with a JASCO IRA-2 spectrometer in CHCl_3 solutions. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were taken on a JEOL-GX

400 spectrometer in CDCl_3 solutions with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard, and chemical shifts are recorded in δ values. ^1H - ^1H COSY, ^1H - ^{13}C COSY, and ^1H - ^{13}C long-range COSY were obtained with the usual pulse sequence and data processing was performed with the standard

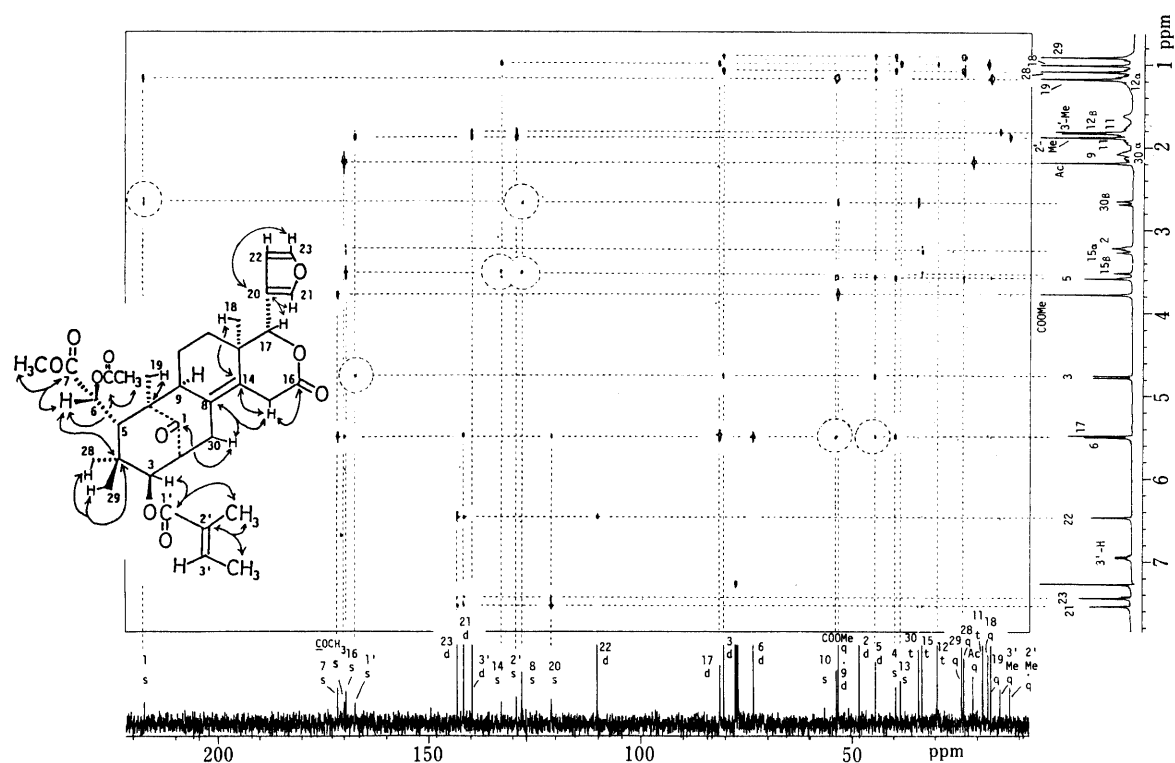


Fig. 7. Contour Map of the ^1H - ^{13}C Long-Range COSY Spectrum of 3-*O*-Tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylsiwietenolide (**8**) in CDCl_3 ($J_{\text{CH}} = 10 \text{ Hz}$)

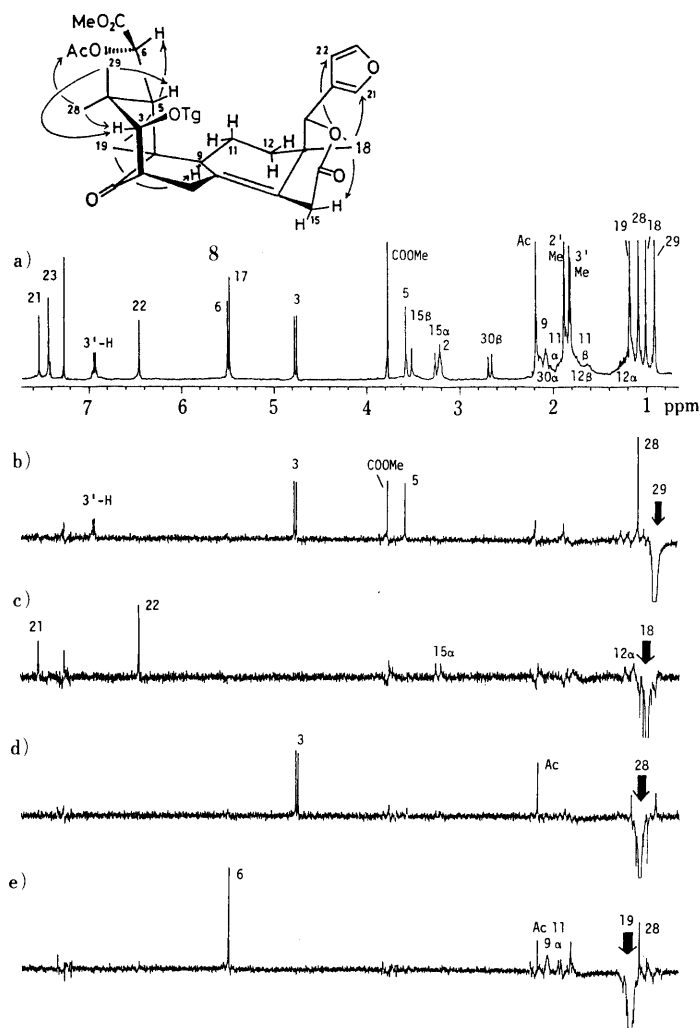


Fig. 8. ^1H -NMR (Normal and NOE) Spectra of 3-*O*-Tigloyl-6-*O*-acetylsiwietenolide (**8**)

a) Normal ^1H -NMR spectrum. b—e) NOE difference spectra on irradiation at δ 0.92, 1.01, 1.09, and 1.18, respectively.

