

## Spirostanol Glycosides from *Peliosanthes sinica*

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**Three new spirostanol glycosides, peliosanthosides A–C, were isolated from the whole plants of *Peliosanthes sinica*, along with two known ones. Their structures were elucidated by means of chemical and spectral evidence.**

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*Peliosanthes sinica* WANG *et* TANG is an herbal plant distributed in southern Yunnan and southern Guangxi, China. The genus *Peliosanthes* comprises about ten species and belongs to the *Ophiopogoneae* of Liliaceae. *Ophiopogoneae* includes three genera, *Ophiopogon*, *Liriope* and *Peliosanthes*. Although many steroidal glycosides have been found in *Ophiopogon* and *Liriope* plants,<sup>1,2)</sup> none have been reported in the genus *Peliosanthes*. As part of our continued chemical studies on Liliaceous plants,<sup>2e,3)</sup> we investigated the whole plants of *P. sinica*. This paper describes the isolation and structure elucidation of three new spirostanol glycosides, peliosanthosides A–C (1–3), along with glycoside J-4 (4) and glycoside J-3 (5) already found in *O. jaburan*.<sup>2c)</sup>

Repeated column chromatography of the crude glycosides of *P. sinica* yielded glycosides 1–5.

Glycoside 4, C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>67</sub>O<sub>20</sub>S from the high resolution negative FAB-MS, was hydrolysed with acid to afford an aglycone (6), arabinose, rhamnose, glucose and sulfate ion. The aglycone was identified as neoruscogenin (6) by the analyses of positive FAB-MS, <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR data.<sup>2c,4)</sup> The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of 4 closely corresponded with those of glycoside J-4 isolated from *O. jaburan*,<sup>2c)</sup> whose structure is neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside. On heating with pyridine-dioxane,<sup>2c,5)</sup> 4 afforded a desulfated product (7). Partial acid hydrolysis of 7 produced compound 8. Based on the analyses of acid hydrolysis, FAB-MS, <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra, 8 was readily assigned as neoruscogenin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -glucopyranoside, and 7 was identified as neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.<sup>2c)</sup> From the above evidence, the structure of 4 proved to be identical with that of glycoside J-4.

Glycoside 5, C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>69</sub>O<sub>20</sub>S from the high resolution negative FAB-MS, yielded 6, fucose, rhamnose, glucose and sulfate ion on acid hydrolysis. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 5 indicated that it is a 1,3-di-*O*-glycoside of 6. In addition, the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of its sugar moiety were superimposable on those of glycoside J-3 obtained from *O. jaburan*.<sup>2c)</sup> Desulfation of 5 yielded glycoside 9 whose structure was identified by the analyses of acid hydrolysis, negative FAB-MS and comparison of the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of its sugar moiety with those of an

authentic sample.<sup>2c)</sup> Partial acid hydrolysis of 9 produced compound 8. Therefore, the structure of 5 was neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranoside-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, a glycoside J-3 which was isolated as a mixture of ruscogenin and neoruscogenin glycosides, both having the 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranosyl-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl moiety.<sup>2c)</sup>

Glycoside 1, designated peliosanthoside A, displayed a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum similar to 4 except for the presence of a doublet signal at  $\delta$ 1.13 (6H, *J* = 6.7 Hz). The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1 was also similar to that of 4 with the exception of additional signals at  $\delta$ 175.16 (s, carboxylic ester), 75.12 (d, methine attached with a hydroxyl group), 33.01 (d, methine), 19.32 and 17.57 (s each, methyl groups). Furthermore, in the negative FAB-MS, 1 showed a quasimolecular ion peak at *m/z* 1047 (C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>75</sub>O<sub>22</sub>S), one hundred mass units more than 4, indicating the presence of an acyl moiety with a molecular composition of C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

Alkaline hydrolysis of 1 yielded 4, suggesting that 1 was composed of 4 and an acyl moiety. Based on the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1, the acyl moiety had two possibilities: –OCO–CH(OH)–CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and –OCO–CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)–CH(OH)(CH<sub>3</sub>). The coupling system of the acyl moiety was established by <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>13</sup>C–<sup>1</sup>H COSY experiments. In the <sup>13</sup>C–<sup>1</sup>H correlation spectroscopy (COSY) of 1, the carbon signals at  $\delta$  75.12 and 33.01 correlated with the proton signals at  $\delta$  4.35 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz) and 2.33 (m), respectively. The two methyl carbon signals at  $\delta$  19.32 and 17.57 simultaneously correlated with the proton signal at  $\delta$  1.13 (6H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz). In the <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of 1, the signal at  $\delta$  2.33 showed cross peaks not only with the signal at  $\delta$  4.35 but also with the signal at  $\delta$  1.13. Therefore, the acyl moiety was determined to be –OCO–CH(OH)–CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Such a substituent, called an  $\alpha$ -hydroxyisovaleryl group, was reported to be present in the sesquiterpene lactones from *Ixeris stolonifera*.<sup>6)</sup>

The remaining was the linkage position of the acyl moiety to the sugar moiety, which was determined by comparing differences between the  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of 1 and 4. In particular was the difference between the methylene signals which appeared

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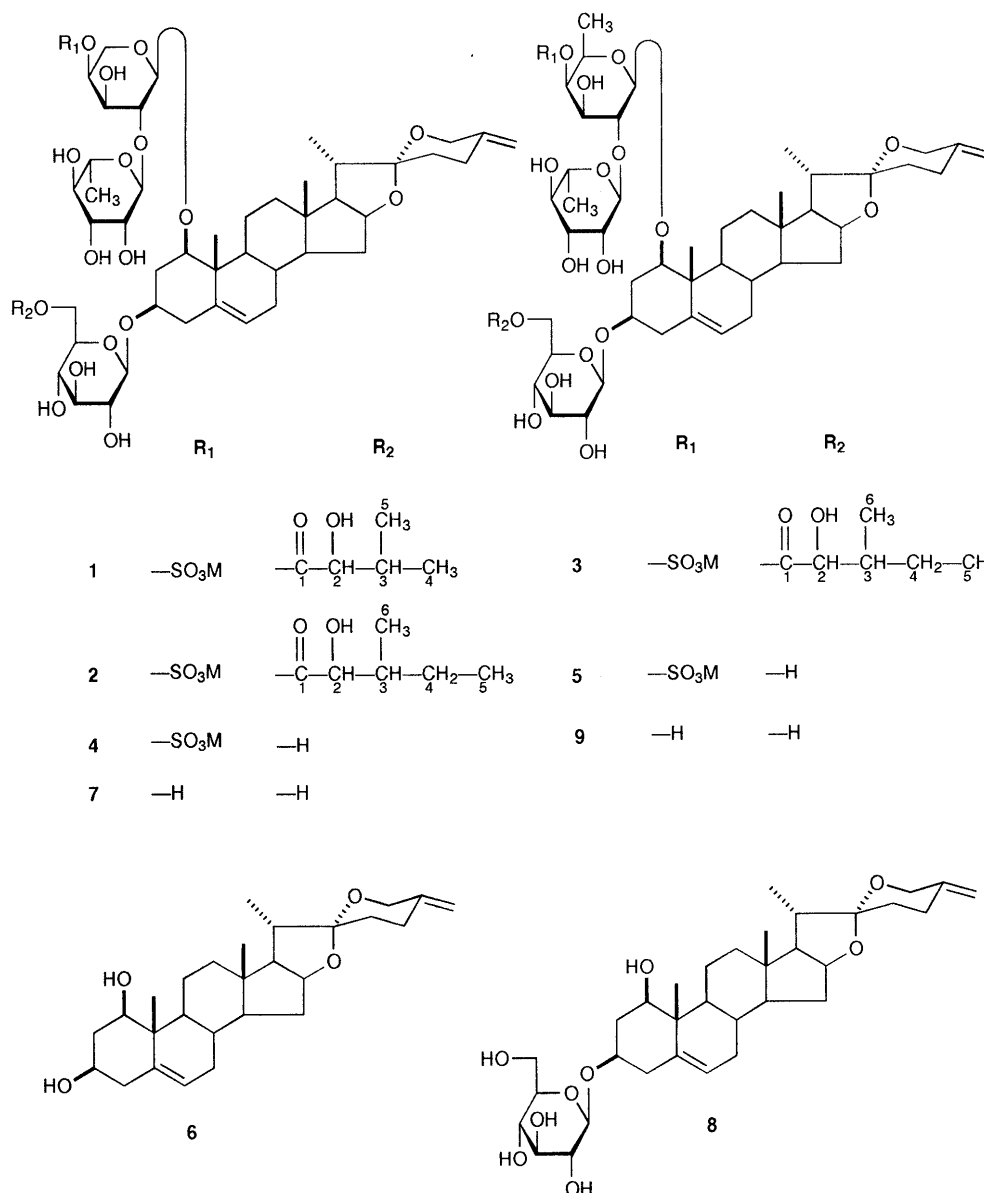


Chart 1

at  $\delta$  65.04 in **1** and  $\delta$  62.79 in **4**. The downfield shifted methylene signal could be assigned to glucosyl C-6. In addition, the glucosyl C-5 which was normally present at about  $\delta$  78.0 appeared in **1** at  $\delta$  76.07. This is characteristic of acyl substitution at glucosyl C-6. Thus, the acyl moiety was deduced to be linked at the glucosyl C-6. The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra assigned the proton and carbon signals of **1** as shown in Tables 1–3. All spectral data were self-consistent. For example, when compared to glycosides **4** and **7**, the sulfate group at the arabinosyl C-4 and the acyl group at the glucosyl C-6 led to significant downfield shift effects for both of their  $^{13}\text{C}$ - and  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals. Consequently, the structure of **1** was shown to be neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside-3-*O*-(6-*O*- $\alpha$ -hydroxyisovaleryl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.

Glycoside **2**, designated peliosanthoside B, showed similar  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra to those of **1** except for a few upfield carbon and proton signals. Its negative FAB-MS exhibited a quasimolecular ion peak at  $m/z$  1061,

14 mass units more than **1**. Alkaline hydrolysis of **2** yielded glycoside **4**, suggesting that **2** might be composed of **4** and an acyl moiety. The signals of the acyl moiety were extracted from the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of **2**, carbon signals at  $\delta$  75.11 (d), 39.80 (d), 15.95 (q) and 12.01 (q) correlated with the proton signals at  $\delta$  4.42 (d,  $J=4.5$  Hz), 2.13 (m), 1.13 (d,  $J=6.8$  Hz) and 0.94 (t,  $J=7.4$  Hz), respectively, while a carbon signal at  $\delta$  25.14 (t) corresponded with both proton signals at  $\delta$  1.46 (m) and 1.80 (m). The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of **2** displayed typical cross peaks between the methyl signal at  $\delta$  0.94 and the two methylene signals at  $\delta$  1.46 (m) and 1.80 (m), and between the methyl signal at  $\delta$  1.13 and the methine signal at  $\delta$  2.13. The signal at  $\delta$  2.13 also correlated with the signal at  $\delta$  4.42. Thus, the composition of the acyl moiety was  $-\text{OCO}-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$ .

The linkage position of this acyl moiety to the sugar moiety was confirmed to be glucopyranosyl C-6 by comparing the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signals with **1**. Tables

Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data for Aglycone Moieties of Compounds 1–9 (Pyridine- $d_5$ ,  $\delta$  Values)

C	6	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
1	78.23	82.52	82.53	83.16	82.96	83.77	82.97	78.60	83.37
2	43.94 <sup>a)</sup>	34.43	34.37	34.93	34.83	35.41	34.97	41.10	35.01
3	68.26	75.05	75.11	75.09	74.99	75.19	75.04	75.04	75.28
4	43.55 <sup>a)</sup>	39.58	39.58	39.61	39.81	39.83	39.85	40.56 <sup>a)</sup>	39.93
5	140.49	138.64	138.63	138.64	138.55	138.56	138.64	139.37	138.70
6	124.41	125.59	125.64	125.65	125.62	125.66	125.47	125.05	125.50
7	32.42	32.17	32.17	32.18	32.15	32.17	32.09	32.34	32.17
8	33.11	33.19	33.19	33.14	33.20	33.16	33.19	32.99	33.18
9	51.48	50.30	50.29	50.60	50.26	50.60	50.40	51.34	50.63
10	43.72	43.11	43.11	43.03	43.09	43.03	43.05	43.76	43.02
11	24.33	23.99	23.99	23.95	24.02	23.96	24.10	24.20	24.07
12	40.39	39.74	39.80	39.98	39.81	40.96	40.32	39.85 <sup>a)</sup>	40.35
13	40.67	40.17	40.17	40.23	40.23	40.29	40.32	40.32	40.37
14	57.09	56.53	56.55	57.03	56.66	57.13	56.89	56.95	57.29
15	32.50	32.47	32.48	32.48	32.50	32.51	32.48	32.44	32.51
16	81.58	81.52	81.52	81.51	81.57	81.57	81.56	81.48	81.59
17	63.35	62.86	62.86	63.00	62.88	63.06	63.14	63.31	63.29
18	16.67	16.57	16.58	16.70	16.64	16.77	16.74	16.59	16.90
19	13.97	14.90	14.88	14.83	14.95 <sup>a)</sup>	14.91 <sup>a)</sup>	14.96 <sup>a)</sup>	13.76	14.97
20	42.06	41.98	41.99	42.01	42.02	42.06	41.99	42.00	42.04
21	15.02	14.90	14.88	14.83	14.90 <sup>a)</sup>	14.87 <sup>a)</sup>	15.02 <sup>a)</sup>	14.96	14.97
22	109.60	109.45	109.46	109.47	109.51	109.54	109.55	109.50	109.57
23	33.38	33.34	33.34	33.29	33.37	33.33	33.36	33.34	33.35
24	29.06	29.02	29.03	29.02	29.06	29.05	29.07	29.01	29.08
25	144.63	144.62	144.62	144.61	144.64	144.62	144.62	144.61	144.67
26	65.14	65.04	65.06	65.04	65.08	65.08	65.10	65.08	65.11
27	108.67	108.59	108.60	108.58	108.64	108.65	108.98	108.56	108.85

a) Signals can be interchangeable within each column.

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data for Sugar and Acyl Moieties of Compounds 1–5 and 7–9 (Pyridine- $d_5$ ,  $\delta$  Values)

C	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
Sugar moiety								
1-O-Ara								
1	99.67	99.71		99.99		100.20		
2	75.80	75.79		75.80		75.91		
3	75.00	74.94		74.99		75.18		
4	76.23	76.08		76.12		70.17		
5	65.94	65.96		65.86		67.42		
1-O-Fuc								
1			99.63		100.03			100.25
2			76.05		76.11			76.76
3			75.74		75.71			74.46
4			78.87		78.92			73.29
5			70.50		70.53			71.12
6			17.32		17.37			17.22
Rha								
1	101.50	101.50	101.53	101.48	101.50	101.57		101.56
2	72.34	72.34	72.34	72.41	72.39	72.57		72.59
3	72.34	72.34	72.34	72.41	72.39	72.70		72.73
4	74.12	74.12	74.20	74.09	74.17	74.20		74.23
5	69.51	69.51	69.38	69.56	69.40	69.47		69.34
6	18.98	18.98	19.03	18.99	19.00	19.05		19.07
3-O-Glc								
1	101.94	101.94	101.82	102.57	102.59	102.83	102.70	102.88
2	74.30	74.30	74.35	75.24	75.19	75.27	75.34	75.28
3	78.36	78.33	78.32	78.34	78.32	78.37	77.84	78.41
4	71.65	71.65	71.70	71.74	71.65	71.75	71.86	71.71
5	76.07	75.63	75.61	78.45	78.41	78.54	78.34	78.56
6	65.04	65.06	65.16	62.79	62.70	62.89	62.96	62.83
Acyl moiety								
1	175.16	175.24	175.22					
2	75.12	75.11	75.15					
3	33.01	39.80	39.80					
4	19.32 <sup>a)</sup>	25.14	25.14					
5	17.57 <sup>a)</sup>	12.01	12.02					
6		15.95	15.98					

a) Signals can be interchangeable within each column.

Table 3.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR Data for Glycosides **1** and **2** (Pyridine- $d_5$ ,  $\delta$  Values)<sup>a)</sup>

H	1	2
Aglycone		
1	3.77 br d (12)	3.78 br d (11)
2	2.18, 2.50	2.21, 2.58
3	4.00	4.01
4	2.47, 2.68	2.46, 2.68
6	5.54 br s	5.57 br s
7	1.55, 1.86	1.55, 1.85
8	n.d. <sup>b)</sup>	1.75
9	n.d. <sup>b)</sup>	1.42
11	1.54, 2.80	1.52, 2.77
12	n.d. <sup>b)</sup>	1.36, 2.13
13	1.05	1.05
14	1.41, 2.00	1.42, 2.00
16	4.49	4.49
17	1.64	1.65
18	0.82 s	0.82 s
19	1.28 s	1.29 s
20	1.87	1.88
21	1.03 d (6.6)	1.03 d (6.7)
23	1.45, 1.74	1.45, 1.75
24	2.20, 2.70	2.21, 2.69
26	4.00, 4.44	4.01, 4.44
27	4.74 s, 4.77 s	4.75 s, 4.78 s
1-O-Ara		
1	4.49	4.47
2	4.30	4.30
3	4.16	4.11
4	5.23 br s	5.22 br s
5	3.65, 4.52	3.64, 4.59
Rha		
1	6.23 s	6.17 s
2	4.72	4.72
3	4.52	4.54
4	4.28	4.27
5	4.70	4.68
6	1.68 d (6.0)	1.68 d (5.7)
3-O-Glc		
1	5.04 d (7.7)	5.01 d (7.2)
2	4.04	4.00
3	4.29	4.30
4	4.08	4.08
5	4.48	4.46
6	4.85—4.95	4.82 br d (12) 5.00 d (12.8)
Acyl		
2	4.35 d (4.7)	4.42 d (4.5)
3	2.33 m	2.13 m
4	1.13 d (6.7)	1.46 m, 1.80 m
5	1.13 d (6.7)	0.94 t (7.4)
6		1.13 d (6.8)

a) Coupling patterns well resolved are expressed with multiplicities and coupling constants in Hz in parentheses. b) Not determined due to overlapped.

**1**—**3** showed the signal assignments of **2** from  $^1\text{H}$ — $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ — $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectra. From these results, the structure of **2** was established to be neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranoside-3-*O*-(6-*O*- $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methyl-*n*-valeryl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside. The presence of such an acyl substituent was also reported in the sesquiterpene lactones from *Ixeris stolonifera*.<sup>6)</sup>

Glycoside **3** was designated as peliosanthoside C and displayed a quasimolecular ion peak at  $m/z$  1075 in the negative FAB-MS. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ - and  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of **3** revealed that it possessed an  $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methyl-*n*-valeryl

moiety. The remaining signals were very similar to those of glycoside **5**. Alkaline hydrolysis of **3** afforded **5**, indicating that **3** was composed of **5** and the  $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methyl-*n*-valeryl moiety. The linkage position of this acyl moiety to the sugar moiety was deduced to be glucosyl C-6, since its signal was displaced downfield at  $\delta$  65.16, while other glucosyl signals were shifted slightly upfield (see Table 2) when compared with **5**. Moreover, the proton signal at  $\delta$  4.85 (1H, br d,  $J$ =10 Hz) and 5.01 (1H, d,  $J$ =11.4 Hz) appeared in the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **3**, while no signal appeared in this field region in that of **5**. The two signals assignable to glucosyl H-6 resulted from esterification at the hydroxy group of glucosyl C-6. Therefore, the structure of **3** was determined to be neoruscogenin 1-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-4-*O*-sulfo- $\beta$ -D-fucopyranoside-3-*O*-(6-*O*- $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methyl-*n*-valeryl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.

It is noted that the glycosides isolated from this plant possess a sulfate group on the sugar moiety. Sulfated steroidal glycosides are only known in *Ophiopogon jaburan*, *O. ohwii*, *O. planiscapus* and *Liriope platyphylla*<sup>2a-d)</sup> in the Liliaceous plants. The present study is a continuing report on sulfated steroidal glycosides from the tribe of *Ophiopogoneae*. Furthermore, the steroidal glycosides obtained from this tribe show a close resemblance in structure. From the chemotaxonomic viewpoint, sulfated steroidal glycosides may be regarded as a chemical marker of *Ophiopogoneae*.

#### Experimental

Melting points were uncorrected. All NMR spectra were recorded in pyridine- $d_5$  at 400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, and 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (including DEPT) using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard.  $^1\text{H}$ — $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ — $^1\text{H}$  COSY were performed using standard pulse sequences.

**Plant Material** The whole plants of *Peliosanthes sinica* WANG et TANG were collected in Xishuanbanna, Yunnan province, China and identified by Prof. H. Li. A voucher specimen is stored in the Herbarium of Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

**Extraction and Isolation** Fresh whole plants (2.1 kg) were extracted with hot MeOH. After removal of the solvent by evaporation, the combined extracts were dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , defatted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and then extracted with *n*-BuOH (saturated with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). The combined *n*-BuOH layers were concentrated to dryness to give a residue (46 g). The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a  $\text{CHCl}_3$ —MeOH— $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gradient (50:10:1 to 20:10:1) to give fractions 1—5 in increasing order of polarity. Fraction 4 (8.5 g) was subjected to high porous absorption resin D-101 with an aq. MeOH gradient to yield crude glycosides (1.74 g). The crude glycosides were then chromatographed on silica gel with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ —MeOH— $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7:3:0.5) and chromatographed again on reversed phase silica gel (RP-18) with 50%—60% MeOH to furnish glycosides **1** (45 mg), **2** (65 mg) and **3** (80 mg). Fraction 5 (7.4 g) was separated similarly as that for fr. 4 to afford glycosides **4** (350 mg) and **5** (210 mg).

Glycoside **J-4** (**4**): Needles from MeOH, mp 220—222 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  —58° ( $c$ =0.52, MeOH). HRFAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 947.3903 (Calcd. for  $[(\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{67}\text{O}_{17}\cdot\text{SO}_3\text{X})-\text{X}]^-(\text{X}=\text{K}, \text{Na}, \text{etc.}): 947.3946$ ). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 947  $[\text{M}-\text{X}]^-$ , 802  $[\text{947}-\text{Rha}+\text{H}]^-$ , 785  $[\text{947}-\text{Glc}]^-$ , 429  $[\text{947}-\text{Glc}-\text{Rha}-\text{Ara}(\text{SO}_3\text{M})]^-$ .  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR  $\delta$ : 0.81 (3H, s, H-18), 1.03 (3H, d,  $J$ =6.7 Hz, H-21), 1.27 (3H, s, H-19), 1.68 (3H, d,  $J$ =5.8 Hz, Rha H-6), 3.65 (1H, br d,  $J$ =11.8 Hz, H-1), 4.47 (1H, d,  $J$ =5.9 Hz, Ara H-1), 4.76 and 4.79 (1H each, s, H-27), 5.04 (1H, d,  $J$ =7.7 Hz, Glc H-1), 5.23 (1H, brs, Ara H-4), 5.50 (1H, br d,  $J$ =5.2 Hz, H-6), 6.24 (1H, s, Rha H-1).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: Tables 1, 2.

Glycoside **J-3** (Neoruscogenin as Its Aglycone) (**5**): Powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  —71° ( $c$ =0.21, MeOH). HRFAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 961.4084 (calcd. for  $[(\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{69}\text{O}_{17}\cdot\text{SO}_3\text{X})-\text{X}]^-(\text{X}=\text{K}, \text{Na}, \text{etc.}): 961.4103$ ). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 961  $[\text{M}-\text{X}]^-$ , 815  $[\text{961}-\text{Rha}]^-$ , 799  $[\text{961}-\text{Glc}]^-$ .

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.83 (3H, s, H-18), 1.03 (3H, d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, H-21), 1.27 (3H, s, H-19), 1.64 and 1.69 (3H each, d,  $J=6.2, 6.0$  Hz, respectively, H-6 of Rha and Fuc), 4.73 and 4.76 (1H each, s, H-27), 5.05 (1H, d,  $J=7.5$  Hz, Glc H-1), 5.06 (1H, brs, Fuc H-4), 5.49 (1H, brs, H-6), 6.23 (1H, s, Rha H-1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1, 2.

**Acid Hydrolysis of 4 and 5** A mixture of 4 (50 mg) and 5% HCl-EtOH (1:1, 5 ml) was refluxed for 5 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The CHCl<sub>3</sub> layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (50:10:1) yielding neoruscogenin (6) (5.8 mg), needles from MeOH, mp 200–202 °C, FAB-MS (pos.)  $m/z$ : 429 [M(C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)+H]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.90 (3H, s, H-18), 1.04 (3H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz, H-21), 1.34 (3H, s, H-19), 3.81 (1H, dd,  $J=11.6, 4.2$  Hz, H-1), 3.96 (1H, m, H-3), 4.02 and 4.45 (2H, ABq,  $J=12.2$  Hz, H-26), 4.52 (1H, m, H-16), 4.77 and 4.80 (1H each, s, H-27), 5.61 (1H, d,  $J=4.3$  Hz, H-6); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Table 1.

The H<sub>2</sub>O layer was neutralized with Amberlite MB-3, concentrated and subjected to sugar analysis by TLC on a silica gel plate with authentic samples. CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (7:3:1:0.5) was used as a solvent system and aniline-phthalate as the color reagent. Arabinose, rhamnose and glucose were detected as  $R_f$  values of 0.36, 0.49 and 0.25, respectively.

A part of the H<sub>2</sub>O layer was directly used to examine the sulfate ion. A solution of 0.5% BaCl<sub>2</sub> was added to this H<sub>2</sub>O layer. A white precipitate immediately appeared and did not dissolve after adding 5% HCl dropwise.

In the same manner, 5 (a few mg) yielded 6, fucose, rhamnose, glucose and sulfate ion. Fucose showed an  $R_f$  value of 0.44 when using the above solvent system.

**Solvolysis of 4 and 5** A solution of 4 and 5 (50 mg each) and pyridine-dioxane (4:1, 10 ml) was individually heated at 80 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness. After being dissolved in small amounts of 50% MeOH, the solution was passed through an Amberlite MB-3 column eluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and then with MeOH. The MeOH eluate was concentrated to dryness to yield the desulfated product. 4 and 5 produced 7 (25 mg) and 9 (30 mg), respectively.

Compound 7, powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -57^\circ$  ( $c=1.10$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 867 [M(C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>68</sub>O<sub>17</sub>)-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.85 (3H, s, H-18), 1.05 (3H, d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, H-21), 1.31 (3H, s, H-19), 1.69 (3H, d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, Rha H-6), 3.72 (1H, br d,  $J=11$  Hz, H-1), 4.78, 4.81 (1H, each, s, H-27), 5.02 (1H, d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, Glc H-1), 5.54 (1H, br d,  $J=4.9$  Hz, H-6), 6.24 (1H, s, Rha H-1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1, 2.

Compound 9, powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -48^\circ$  ( $c=0.82$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 881 [M(C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>70</sub>O<sub>17</sub>)-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.86 (3H, s, H-18), 1.03 (3H, d,  $J=6.2$  Hz, H-21), 1.30 (3H, s, H-19), 1.48 (3H, d,  $J=5.7$  Hz, Fuc H-6), 1.68 (3H, d,  $J=5.7$  Hz, Rha H-6), 4.77, 4.80 (1H, each, s, H-27), 5.03 (1H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, Glc H-1), 5.53 (1H, brs, H-6), 6.27 (1H, s, Rha H-1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1, 2.

**Partial Acid Hydrolysis of 7 and 9** A solution of 7 and 9 (15 mg each) and 0.5 N HCl-EtOH (1:1, 2 ml) was individually heated at 90 °C for 1 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was subjected to MCI gel CHP 20P eluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and then MeOH. The MeOH eluate was concentrated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (40:10:1). Both 7 and 9 afforded 8 (a total of 6.1 mg), powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -70^\circ$  ( $c=0.51$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (pos.)  $m/z$ : 591 [M(C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>)+H]<sup>+</sup>, 429 [591-Glc]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.91 (3H, s, H-18), 1.07 (3H, d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, H-21), 1.23 (3H, s, H-19), 3.68 (1H, dd,  $J=11.6, 4.1$  Hz, H-1), 4.78, 4.81 (1H each, s, H-27), 5.04

(1H, d,  $J=7.3$  Hz, Glc H-1), 5.56 (1H, br d,  $J=4.9$  Hz, H-6). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1, 2.

**Acid Hydrolysis of 7–9** A solution of 5% HCl-dioxane (1:1, 0.5 ml) was added to each glycoside (ca. 2 mg) and was heated at 100 °C for 4 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was blown to dryness with a N<sub>2</sub> stream and then subjected to sugar analysis as described above. 7 yielded arabinose, rhamnose and glucose, while 9 gave fucose, rhamnose and glucose. Only glucose was detected from 8.

Peliosanthoside A (1): Powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{15} -59^\circ$  ( $c=0.71$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 1047 [M(C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>75</sub>O<sub>19</sub>·SO<sub>3</sub>X)-X]<sup>-</sup> (X=K, Na, etc.), 901 [1047-Rha]<sup>-</sup>, 785 [1047-(Glc-O-acyl)]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1–3.

Peliosanthoside B (2): Powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{16} -51^\circ$  ( $c=0.64$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 1061 [M(C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>77</sub>O<sub>19</sub>·SO<sub>3</sub>X)-X]<sup>-</sup> (X=K, Na, etc.), 785 [1061-(Glc-O-acyl)]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1–3.

Peliosanthoside C (3): Powder from MeOH,  $[\alpha]_D^{16} -58^\circ$  ( $c=0.25$ , MeOH). FAB-MS (neg.)  $m/z$ : 1075 [M(C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>79</sub>O<sub>19</sub>·SO<sub>3</sub>X)-X]<sup>-</sup> (X=K, Na, etc.), 800 [1075-(Glc-O-acyl)+H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 0.85 (3H, s, H-18), 0.97 (3H, t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, acyl H-5), 1.04 (3H, d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, H-21), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, acyl H-6), 1.30 (3H, s, H-19), 1.68 and 1.71 (3H each, d,  $J=6.2, 6.1$  Hz, respectively, H-6 of Rha and Fuc), 4.75 and 4.78 (1H each, s, H-27), 4.85 (1H, br d,  $J=10$  Hz, Glc H-6<sub>a</sub>), 5.01 (1H, d,  $J=11.4$  Hz, Glc H-6<sub>b</sub>), 5.04 (1H, brs, Fuc H-4), 5.05 (1H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz, Glc H-1), 5.57 (1H, br d,  $J=4.9$  Hz, H-6), 6.19 (1H, s, Rha H-1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: Tables 1, 2.

**Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1–3** A solution of each glycoside (15 mg) and 5% KOH-MeOH (1:1, 1 ml) was kept at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite MB-3 and then passed through an MCI gel CHP 20P column and eluted with aq. MeOH. The eluate was monitored by TLC. Glycosides 1 and 2 produced 4, while 3 furnished 5. Identification of glycosides 4 and 5 was made by comparing TLC behavior and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum with authentic samples.

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