

Indonesian Medicinal Plants. XVIII.<sup>1)</sup>Kompasinol A, a New Stilbeno-Phenylpropanoid from the Bark of *Koompassia malaccensis* (Fabaceae)

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A new stilbeno-phenylpropanoid named kompasinol A (1), together with four known compounds, was isolated from the bark of *Koompassia malaccensis* (Fabaceae), an Indonesian medicinal plant collected in Sumatra Island, Indonesia. The chemical structure of kompasinol A (1) has been elucidated on the bases of its chemical and physicochemical properties.

**Key words** Indonesian medicinal plant; *Koompassia malaccensis*; Fabaceae; kompasinol A; stilbeno-phenylpropanoid

*Koompassia malaccensis* (Fabaceae) is a large tree reaching up to 80 m in height, widely distributed in the southern parts of Thailand and Malaysia, and in Sumatra and Borneo.<sup>3)</sup> This tree is important economically because of its use for construction, poles for carrying cables, railway sleepers, and pulp production.<sup>3,4)</sup> During our expedition in 1990, searching for Indonesian traditional medicinal plants, we became aware that people around the Indragiri Hulu area of Sumatra use the decoction of the bark of *Koompassia malaccensis*, called “kompas” in that area, for the treatment of dysentery.<sup>5)</sup>

As a part of our chemical characterization studies of Indonesian medicinal plants,<sup>1,5)</sup> we have been investigating the chemical constituents of the bark of *Koompassia malaccensis*, collected in the above-mentioned area. We have so far isolated a new stilbeno-phenylpropanoid named kompasinol A (1),<sup>6)</sup> together with betulinic acid (5, a triterpene),<sup>7)</sup> 4-hydroxy-2',4'-dimethoxychalcone (6,

a phenylpropanoid),<sup>8)</sup> vicoside lactam (7, an indole alkaloid glycoside),<sup>9)</sup> and (+)-catechin 3-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (8, a phenolic glycoside).<sup>10)</sup> In the present paper, we describe the structure elucidation of the new stilbeno-phenylpropanoid kompasinol A (1), which was isolated from the ethyl acetate-soluble portion of the bark.

The methanol extract of the bark was partitioned into a mixture of ethyl acetate and water. The water-soluble portion was further partitioned with *n*-butanol to give an *n*-butanol-soluble portion and a water-soluble portion. Separation and purification of the ethyl acetate-soluble portion by repeated silica gel column and subsequent Sephadex LH-20 column chromatographies provided kompasinol A (1, 0.002% from the air-dried bark), betulinic acid (5, 0.02%), and 4-hydroxy-2',4'-dimethoxychalcone (6, 0.001%). On the other hand, separation and purification of the *n*-butanol-soluble portion (*n*-BuOH extract) by silica gel and Sephadex LH-20 column

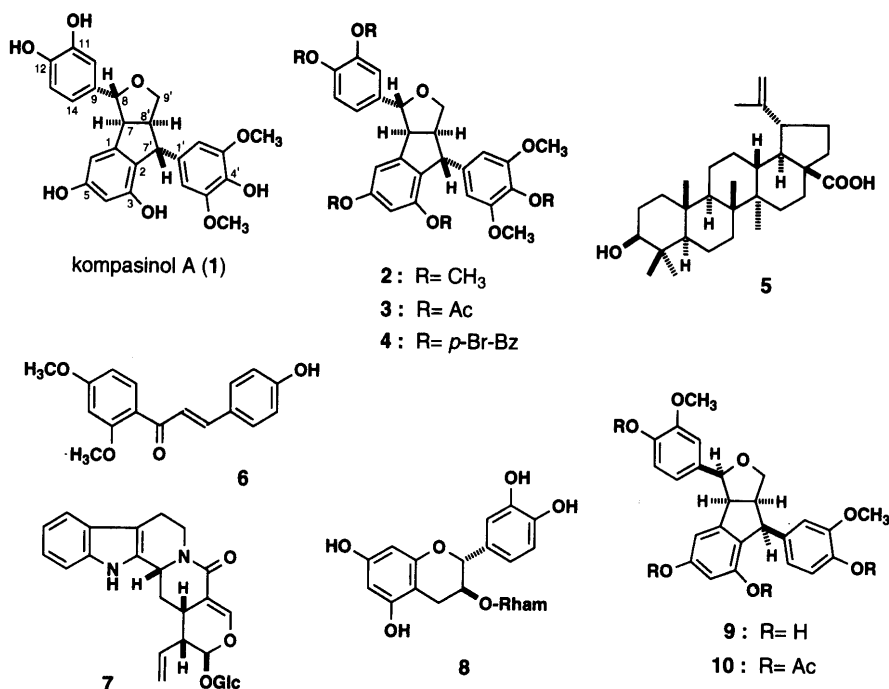


Fig. 1

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chromatographies and subsequent HPLC using reversed-phase adsorbent octadecyl silica (ODS) afforded vincoside lactam (**7**, 0.0007%) and (+)-catechin 3-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamno-pyranoside (**8**, 0.006%) (Fig. 1).

Kompasinal A (**1**) was obtained as a pale-yellow amorphous solid, which colored blue with ferric chloride reagent on TLC. In its fast atom bombardment mass spectrum (FAB-MS), **1** gave a *quasi*-molecular ion ( $M^+$ ) peak at  $m/z$  452, the composition of which was defined as  $C_{25}H_{24}O_8$  from the high-resolution MS analysis. The IR spectrum of **1** showed absorption bands due to hydroxyl groups ( $3304\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and aromatic rings ( $1606\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), whereas the UV spectrum of **1** showed absorption maxima at 283 nm ( $\log \epsilon = 3.93$ ) and 325 nm ( $\log \epsilon = 3.42$ ) which are also suggestive of the presence of aromatic rings.

The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of Kompasinal A (**1**), including a  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  correlation spectroscopy (COSY) experiment, showed the presence of one 1,3,4-trisubstituted phenyl group [signals at  $\delta$  6.74 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.7$  Hz), 6.78 (1H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 6.87 (1H, d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz)], one asymmetrical 1,2,3,5-tetrasubstituted phenyl group [ $\delta$  6.21 (1H, d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 6.26 (1H, d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz)], one symmetrical 1,3,4,5-tetrasubstituted phenyl group [ $\delta$  6.33 (2H, s)], and two methoxyl residues (Table 1). Characteristic signals, assignable to an oxymethine proton [ $\delta$  4.66 (1H, d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 8-H)] and oxymethylene protons [ $\delta$  4.46 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.6, 7.7$  Hz, 9'-H $\alpha$ ), 3.54 (1H, t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 9'-H $\beta$ )], were also observed, together with the signals due to three methine protons [ $\delta$  4.14 (1H, brs, 7'-H), 3.77 (1H, m, 7-H), 3.03 (1H, ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 8'-H)]. Connectivities of these protons were defined by the following COSY correlations: i) between 8-H and 7-H; ii) between 7-H and 8'-H; and iii) between 8'-H and 9'-H $\alpha$ , 9'-H $\beta$ . These findings led us to presume that **1** has a

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR Data for Kompasinal A (**1**), Kompasinal A Pentamethylether (**2**), and Kompasinal A Pentaacetate (**3**)<sup>a)</sup>

Proton(s)	<b>1</b> <sup>b)</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>c)</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>c,d)</sup>
4	6.21 (d, 1.7)	6.36 (d, 1.7)	6.78 (d, 2.0)
6	6.26 (d, 1.7)	6.42 (d, 1.7)	6.90 (d, 2.0)
7	3.77 (m)	3.89 (m)	3.84 (dd, 8.6, 6.3)
8	4.66 (d, 5.1)	4.80 (d, 4.3)	4.84 (d, 6.3)
10	6.87 (d, 1.7)	6.98 (d, 1.7)	7.23 (d, 2.0)
13	6.78 (d, 8.6)	6.89 (d, 8.6)	7.22 (d, 8.2)
14	6.74 (dd, 8.6, 1.7)	6.99 (dd, 8.6, 1.7)	7.30 (dd, 8.2, 2.0)
2'	6.33 (s)	6.24 (s)	6.31 (s)
6'	6.33 (s)	6.24 (s)	6.31 (s)
7'	4.14 (brs)	4.17 (brs)	4.27 (d, 5.9)
8'	3.03 (ddd, 8.6, 7.7, 1.7)	3.14 (m)	3.33 (m)
9'- $\alpha$	4.46 (dd, 8.6, 7.7)	4.54 (dd, 8.6, 8.3)	4.38 (dd, 9.2, 6.9)
9'- $\beta$	3.54 (t, 8.6)	3.60 (dd, 8.9, 8.6)	3.97 (dd, 9.2, 4.6)
3'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.72 (s)	3.76 (s)	3.75 (s)
4'-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.81 (s)	
5'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.72 (s)	3.76 (s)	3.75 (s)
3-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.68 (s)	
5-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.83 (s)	
11-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.92 (s)	
12-OCH <sub>3</sub>		3.90 (s)	

a) The  $\delta$  values are in ppm and  $J$  values in Hz. b) Measured at 270 MHz in CD<sub>3</sub>OD. c) Measured at 270 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. d) Signals for acetyl groups were observed at 1.77 (3H, s), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.30 (6H, s), and 2.32 (3H, s) ppm.

3-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane ring system. Treatment of **1** with diazomethane furnished a pentamethylated derivative (**2**), which showed no absorption band due to hydroxyl groups in its IR spectrum.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of Kompasinal A (**1**) showed signals attributable to eighteen aromatic carbons, two methoxyl carbons, one oxymethylene carbon, one oxymethine carbon, and three methine carbons. Based on the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  COSY and heteronuclear multiple bond correlation (HMBC) experiments, all carbon signals of **1** were assigned as shown in Table 2. The plane structure of Kompasinal A (**1**) has been constructed on the basis of many HMBC correlations (e.g. between aromatic protons and methine carbons: 6-H and C-7, 10-H, 14-H and C-8; 6'-H and C-7' and between methine protons and aromatic carbons: 7-H and C-1, C-2, C-9; 8-H and C-9, C-10; 7'-H and C-1, C-2, C-1', C-2'; 8'-H and C-1, C-2, C-1'), as depicted in Fig. 2.

Next, the relative stereostructure of Kompasinal A (**1**) was inferred on the basis of two dimensional (2D) nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) correlations (2D-NOESY), as shown in Fig. 3. Thus, the following NOE correlations were observed: i) between 8'-H and 9'-H $\alpha$ , 7-H, 6'-H; ii) between 9'-H $\beta$  and 7'-H; iii) between 7-H and 10-H; iv) between 8-H and 10-H, 14-H. These observations indicated that the 3,4-dihydroxyphenyl group is attached to C-8 and the 3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl group at C-7' is

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data for Kompasinal A (**1**), Kompasinal A Pentamethyl ether (**2**), and Kompasinal A Pentaacetate (**3**)<sup>a)</sup>

Carbon	<b>1</b> <sup>b)</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>c)</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>c,d)</sup>
1	148.6	146.8	146.0
2	123.0	124.1	133.5
3	156.3	157.5	147.5
4	102.9	97.7	115.8
5	160.0	161.7	151.1
6	103.3	100.3	115.8
7	59.8	58.9	59.3
8	89.3	87.4	85.4
9	135.2	134.9	140.6
10	114.6	109.2	121.0
11	146.0	149.2	142.2
12	146.5	148.5	141.5 <sup>e)</sup>
13	116.3	111.0	123.6
14	119.1	118.5	123.8
1'	137.9	141.1	141.4 <sup>e)</sup>
2'	105.4	104.0	104.0
3'	149.1	153.0	152.3
4'	134.6	136.4	127.4
5'	149.1	153.0	152.3
6'	105.4	104.0	104.0
7'	52.1	51.1	55.0
8'	56.5	54.7	57.5
9'	75.0	74.0	73.4
3'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	56.7	56.0	56.2
4'-OCH <sub>3</sub>		60.8	
5'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	56.7	56.0	56.2
3-OCH <sub>3</sub>		55.3	
5-OCH <sub>3</sub>		55.5	
11-OCH <sub>3</sub>		55.9	
12-OCH <sub>3</sub>		55.9	

a) The  $\delta$  values are in ppm and  $J$  values in Hz. b) Measured at 67.8 MHz in CD<sub>3</sub>OD. c) Measured at 67.8 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. d) Signals for acetyl groups were observed at 20.1, 20.5, 20.7, (2C), 21.2, 168.2 (2C), 168.4, 168.8, and 169.1 ppm. e) The assignments may be interchangeable.

*cis*-oriented to 7-H and 8'-H. Among the NOE correlations shown in Fig. 3, the interactions observed between 7-H( $\alpha$ ) and 8-H( $\beta$ ) and between 7'-H( $\beta$ ) and 8'-H( $\alpha$ ) appeared rather unusual, although, in the previous study, such interactions were reported to occur in *cis*-oriented bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-type structures.<sup>11</sup> The decisive NOE correlation that confirmed the relative stereostructure of kompasinol A (**1**) was observed between 7-H and 6'-H. This correlation would only be possible in the case that the phenyl group at C-7' and 7-H are in the *cis* orientation.

In 1991, Lin *et al.*<sup>12</sup> isolated a similar type of phenylpropanoid-stilbene condensate, gnetifolin F (**9**), from the lianas of *Gnetum parvifolium* (Gnetaceae) and

reported its relative stereostructure. Based on the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR data ( $J_{7,8}=6.5$  Hz;  $J_{7',8'}=5.5$  Hz) and NOE examinations of the tetraacetyl derivative **10**, they proposed that 7-H and 8-H, 7-H and 8'-H, and 7'-H and 8'-H are all in *cis*-orientation, and this was finally confirmed by the X-ray crystallographic analysis of **9**.

We then prepared a pentaacetyl derivative **3** by treatment of kompasinol A (**1**) with acetic anhydride in pyridine and compared in detail the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR data for **3** with those for **10**. Instead of the broad singlet ( $J_{7',8'}=ca. 0$  Hz) of 7'-H<sup>13</sup> observed in kompasinol A (**1**), the 7'-H signal of pentaacetylkompasinol (**3**) was observed as a doublet ( $J_{7',8'}=5.9$  Hz), the change of this signal pattern being similar to that observed between gnetifolin F (**9**) and tetraacetylgnatifolin F (**10**).<sup>12,14</sup> The NOESY spectrum of **3** showed the presence of similar correlations to those observed in the case of **1**. Moreover, acidic hydrolysis of the pentaacetate **3** resulted in recovery of the parent kompasinol A (**1**), thus guaranteeing that no isomerization had occurred during the acetylation of **1** to **3**. It is presumed therefore that the dihedral angle (*ca.* 90°) between 7'-H and 8'-H in kompasinol A (**1**) is changed to *ca.* 120° in the pentaacetate **3**.

The elucidated structure of kompasinol A (**1**) should be chiral, but the optical rotatory values of kompasinol A (**1**) and its derivatives **2** and **3** were zero. To shed light on this matter, we prepared the penta-*p*-bromobenzoylet derivative **4** and examined its optical properties by measuring the  $[\alpha]_D$  value and CD spectrum. Compound **4** was also found to be optically inactive, thus leading us to presume that kompasinol A (**1**) is a racemic compound. In order to confirm this presumption, the penta-*p*-bromobenzoylet derivative **4** was subjected to HPLC analysis using a chiral column (Ceramosphere, elution with MeOH), and it was found that **4** gave two peaks with 1:1 ratio.

Kompasinol A (**1**) is a stilbeno-phenylpropanoid derivative with a rare carbon skeleton. A possible route for the biosynthesis of **1** is shown in Fig. 4. This involves 1)

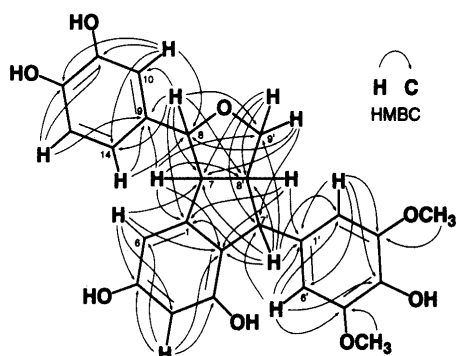


Fig. 2. HMBC Correlations Found for Kompasinol A (**1**)

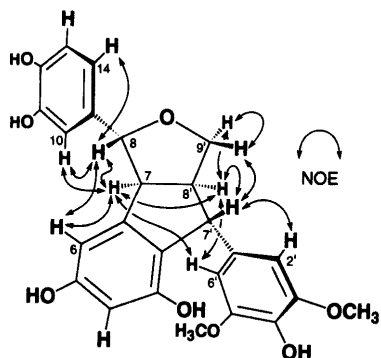


Fig. 3. NOESY Correlations Observed for Kompasinol A (**1**)

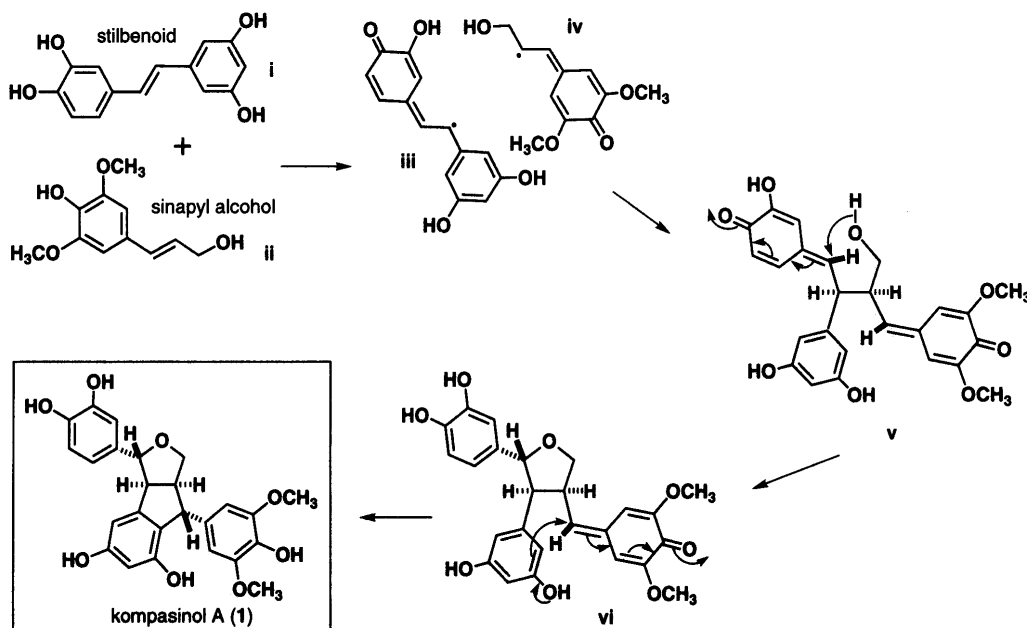


Fig. 4. Possible Biogenetic Pathway for Kompasinol A (**1**)

initial phenol-oxidative coupling of a stilbenoid **i** with a sinapyl alcohol (**ii**), 2) formation of the 3-oxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane system in **1** through **v** and **vi**. The biological activity of kompasinol A (**1**) will be the subject of future investigation.

### Experimental

The UV spectra were obtained with a Hitachi 330 spectrophotometer, and the IR spectra were taken with a JASCO FT/IR-5300 spectrometer (by a diffusion-reflection method on KBr powder). The EI-MS were taken on a JEOL JMS-D300 spectrometer, while the FAB-MS were taken on a JEOL SX-102 double-focused high-resolution mass spectrometer with a JMA DA-6000 data system by a direct inlet method. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were measured with a JEOL JNM EX-270 spectrometer and a JEOL GX-500 spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured in a 0.5 dm length cell with a JASCO DIP-370 digital polarimeter. The CD spectra were obtained with a JASCO J-500A spectropolarimeter equipped with a 501N data processor. For HPLC, a JASCO 887-PU Intelligent Pump was used with a JASCO 875-UV Intelligent UV/VIS detector, and a Cosmosil 5C<sub>18</sub>-AR 10 × 250 mm (Nacalai Tesque) column and a Cerasphere Chiral RU-1 4.6 × 250 mm (Shiseido) column were used for semi-preparative and analytical separations, respectively. Column chromatography was carried out using Kieselgel 60 (70–230 mesh, Merck) or Sephadex LH-20. TLC was conducted on precoated Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates (0.25 mm, Merck) and detection of the spots was carried out by spraying 1% Ce(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>/10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> on the TLC plates followed by heating or by spraying a ferric chloride reagent.

**Plant Material** The bark of *Koompassia malaccensis* (Fabaceae) was collected in the Indragiri Hulu area, Riau Province, Sumatra island, Indonesia, in August 1990. The plant was identified at Herbarium Bogoriense, Research and Development Centre for Biology-LIPI, Indonesia. Voucher specimens have been deposited at the Herbarium Bogoriense and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Osaka University.

**Isolation of Kompasinol A (1) and Other Known Constituents** The air-dried bark (2 kg) of *Koompassia malaccensis* (Fabaceae) was extracted with hot methanol under reflux. The combined solvent was evaporated off under reduced pressure from the extract to give the MeOH extract (126 g, 6.3% from the bark). The MeOH extract was partitioned into ethyl acetate–water (1:1) and the upper layer (AcOEt phase) was taken and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the AcOEt extract (58.4 g, 2.9%). The lower layer (aqueous phase) was further partitioned with *n*-BuOH to give the *n*-BuOH phase and the aqueous phase, which were each concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the *n*-BuOH extract (29 g, 1.5%) and the aqueous extract (38 g, 1.9%).

The AcOEt extract (54 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub> 350 g, gradient elution with CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 100:1 → 10:1 → MeOH) to give fr. EA-1 (0.7 g), fr. EA-2 (12.9 g), fr. EA-3 (8.4 g), fr. EA-4 (6.8 g), and fr. EA-5 (24.5 g). Fr. EA-2 was again chromatographed on silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub> 200 g, *n*-hexane:AcOEt = 10:1 → 5:1) and Sephadex LH-20 (Sephadex LH-20 50 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 1:1) to afford betulinic acid (**5**, 0.38 g, 0.02%) and 4-hydroxy-2',4'-dimethoxychalcone (**6**, 26 mg, 0.001%), which were identified by comparing their spectral data (NMR, IR) with those reported.<sup>7,8)</sup> Separation and purification of fr. EA-4 with Sephadex LH-20 (Sephadex LH-20 200 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 1:1) and silica gel [SiO<sub>2</sub> 25 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 15:3:1 (lower phase)] column chromatographies afforded kompasinol A (**1**, 40 mg, 0.002%).

The *n*-BuOH extract (28 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography [SiO<sub>2</sub> 300 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 10:3:1 (lower phase) → MeOH] to give fr. Bu-1 (0.8 g), fr. Bu-2 (1.2 g), fr. Bu-3 (2.6 g), fr. Bu-4 (3.6 g), fr. Bu-5 (3.3 g), fr. Bu-6 (5.4 g) and fr. Bu-7 (5.9 g). Fr. Bu-3 (2.5 g) was then subjected to Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography (Sephadex LH-20 100 g, developed with MeOH) to afford fr. Bu-3.1 (0.6 g), fr. Bu-3.2 (1.7 g), and fr. Bu-3.3 (0.07 g). Separation and purification of fr. Bu-3.2 with silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub> 50 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH = 5:1) and HPLC (Cosmosil 5C<sub>18</sub>-AR ODS 10 × 250 mm, MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 60:40) provided vincoside lactam (**7**, 14 mg, 0.0007%), which was identified by comparing its spectral data (NMR, IR, UV,  $[\alpha]_D$ ) with those reported.<sup>9)</sup> Separation and purification of fr. Bu-5 with Sephadex LH-20 (Sephadex LH-20 100 g, MeOH) and silica

gel [SiO<sub>2</sub> 20 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 7:3:1 (lower phase)] column chromatographies, and subsequent HPLC (Cosmosil 5C<sub>18</sub>-AR ODS 10 × 250 mm, MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 20:80) gave (+)-catechin 3-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnoside (**8**, 124 mg, 0.006%), which was identified on the basis of its physicochemical properties (NMR, IR, acidic hydrolysis and  $[\alpha]_D$ ), and by comparing the NMR spectrum of its heptaacetyl derivative with that reported.<sup>10)</sup>

**Kompasinol A (1):** A pale-yellow amorphous solid,  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  (*c* = 0.38, MeOH, 25 °C). IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3304, 2924, 1606, 1516, 1462, 1115. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (MeOH) nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 283 (3.93), 325 (3.42).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (270 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): as given in Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (67.8 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta_C$ ): as given in Table 2. FAB-MS *m/z*: 452 (*M*<sup>+</sup>). High-resolution FAB-MS *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 452.1471. Found: 452.1466.

**Methylation of Kompasinol A (1) Giving the Pentamethylated Derivative (2)** A methanolic solution (1 ml) of **1** (3 mg) was treated with ethereal diazomethane at 25 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the pentamethylated derivative (**2**, 3.6 mg).

**2:** A pale-yellow amorphous solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  (*c* = 0.20, MeOH, 20 °C). IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2934, 1593, 1514, 1462, 1126.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): as given in Table 1.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta_C$ ): as given in Table 2. FAB-MS *m/z*: 522 (*M*<sup>+</sup>). High-resolution FAB-MS *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 522.2254. Found: 522.2259.

**Acetylation of Kompasinol A (1) Giving the Pentaacetyl Derivative (3)** A solution of **1** (7 mg) in pyridine (0.35 ml) was treated with acetic anhydride (0.175 ml), and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, then poured into ice-water, and the whole was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Work-up of the CHCl<sub>3</sub> extract in a usual manner gave **3** (9 mg).

**3:** A pale-yellow amorphous solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  (*c* = 0.35, MeOH, 20 °C). IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2937, 1767, 1604, 1506, 1209, 1115.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): as given in Table 1, and NOESY correlations: i) between 8'-H and 9'-H $\alpha$ , 7'-H, 6'-H; ii) between 9'-H $\beta$  and 7'-H, 8-H; iii) between 7-H and 10-H, 6'-H.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta_C$ ): as given in Table 2. EI-MS *m/z*: 662 (*M*<sup>+</sup>). High-resolution EI-MS *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>13</sub>: 662.1997. Found: 662.1997.

**Acidic Hydrolysis of the Pentaacetyl Derivative (3) Affording Kompasinol A (1)** A solution of **3** (2 mg) in acetone (0.5 ml) and 5% aqueous HCl (0.5 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then poured into water and extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt soluble portion in a usual manner gave **1** (1 mg) (identified by HPLC and  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR comparisons).

**Esterification of Kompasinol A (1) with *p*-Bromobenzoyl Chloride Giving the Penta-*p*-bromobenzoylated Derivative (4)** A solution of **1** (2 mg) in pyridine (0.5 ml) was treated with *p*-bromobenzoyl chloride (30 mg), and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 8 h, then poured into ice-water and extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract in a usual manner gave **4** (3.1 mg).

**4:** A white amorphous solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  (*c* = 0.25, MeOH, 20 °C). IR (KBr)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2924, 1741, 1589, 1261.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 3.51 (1H, m, 8'-H), 3.53 (6H, s, 3', 5'-OMe), 4.00 (2H, m, 7- and 9'-H $\beta$ ), 4.30 (1H, d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 7'-H), 4.48 (1H, dd-like, *J* = ca. 8, 7.5 Hz, 9'-H $\alpha$ ), 4.94 (1H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 8-H), 6.25 (2H, s, 2'- and 6'-H), 7.05 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 4-H), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 6-H), 7.58 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 10-H), 7.40–8.09 (22H, m, 13-, 14-H, and the *p*-bromobenzoyl moiety protons). FAB-MS *m/z*: 1367. High-resolution FAB-MS *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>13</sub><sup>79</sup>Br: 1362.8367. Found: 1362.8315. CD (*c* = 4.39 × 10<sup>-4</sup>, MeOH): no maximum.

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