

## Oleanane-Type Triterpenoids from *Glochidion assamicum*

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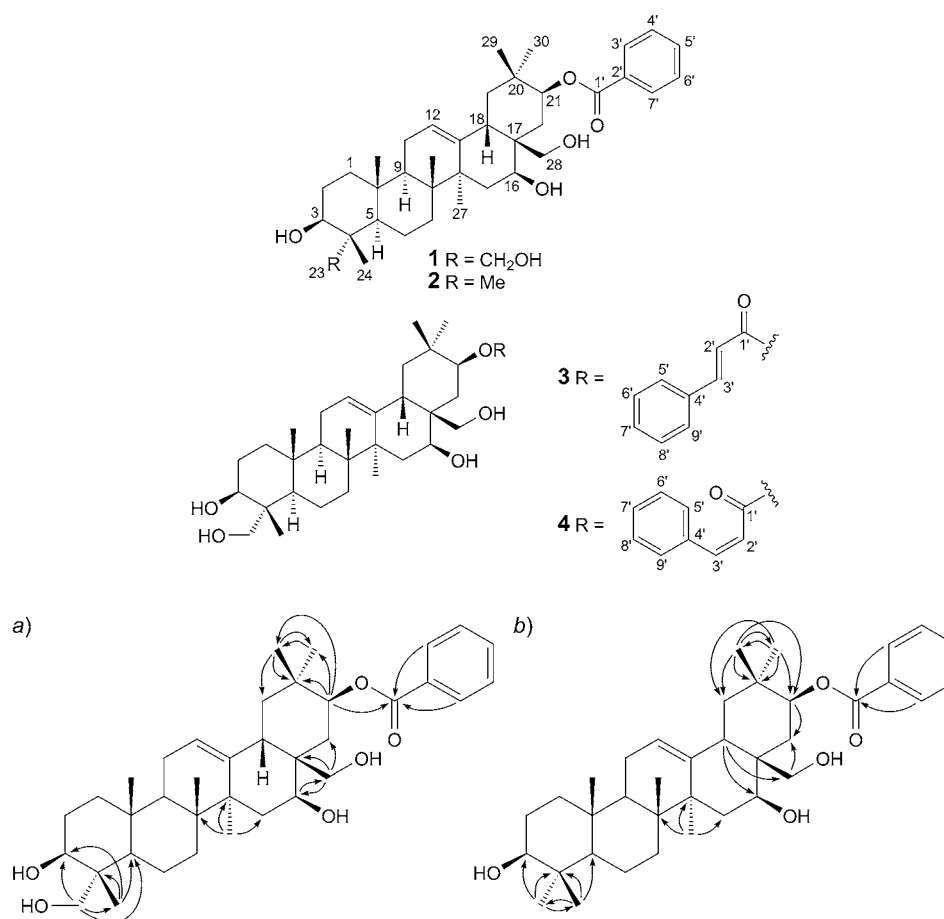
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Phytochemical analysis of the extract of the leaves and twigs of *Glochidion assamicum* led to the isolation of four new oleanane-type triterpenoids, 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**1**), 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,28-triol (**2**), 21 $\beta$ -[(*E*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**3**), and 21 $\beta$ -[(*Z*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**4**). Their structures were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic evidence and mass-spectral data.

**Introduction.** – The genus *Glochidion*, with *ca.* 25 species distributed in China, belongs to the family Euphorbiaceae. Many *Glochidion* species have been used in traditional medicine for lowering body temperature, eliminating damp, and activating blood circulation, in addition to their antitumor-promoting and cytotoxic effects [1][2]. Previous phytochemical studies on this genus led to the identification of triterpenoids including oleanane- and ursane-type [3]. In our continuing study on the chemical constituents of this genus, we obtained an AcOEt-soluble extract of a mixture of the leaves and twigs of *Glochidion assamicum* Hook collected from Yunnan Province of China, which furnished four new oleanane-type triterpenoid derivatives, 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**1**), 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,28-triol (**2**), 21 $\beta$ -[(*E*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**3**), and 21 $\beta$ -[(*Z*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetraol (**4**). Here, we describe the elucidation of their structures by spectroscopic methods.

**Results and Discussion.** – Compound **1** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. It gave rise to a positive *Liebermann–Burchard* coloration test, indicating a triterpenoid structure. Its molecular formula was determined as C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>6</sub> from its HR-ESI-MS (*m/z* 612.4250 ([*M* + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>)), which was confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and DEPT analysis, corresponding to eleven degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum of **1** showed absorption bands for C=O (1689 cm<sup>−1</sup>) and OH (3401 cm<sup>−1</sup>) functions and benzene ring (1600, 1583, 1452 cm<sup>−1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of **1** (*Table 1*) indicated a pentacyclic triterpenoid, assignments being confirmed with the help of 2D-NMR (HMBC, HSQC, and NOESY) experiments (*Fig. 1, a*).

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum exhibited the characteristic signals of triterpenoids in the higher field, *i.e.*, signals for six *singlets* of Me groups ( $\delta$ (H) 1.03, 1.05, 1.06, 1.10, 1.29, and 1.31). In addition, one trisubstituted olefinic H-atom signal at  $\delta$ (H) 5.39 (br. *s*, H–C(12)), together with typical <sup>13</sup>C-NMR resonances at  $\delta$ (C) 124.1 and 143.1, and a

Fig. 1. Key HMBCs of a) **1** and b) **2**

characteristic signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.82 (*dd*,  $J = 14.0, 4.0$ , H–C(18)) indicated an olean-12-ene triterpene derivative [4]. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **1** (Table I) shows signals for 37 C-atoms, the substitution patterns of which were revealed by means of DEPT and HSQC experiments as six Me, ten CH<sub>2</sub>, twelve CH group, and nine quaternary C-atoms, which also indicated the presence of three O-bearing CH groups ( $\delta(\text{C})$  77.7 (CH–O), 73.6 (CH–O), 67.2 (CH–O)) and of two O-bearing CH<sub>2</sub> groups ( $\delta(\text{C})$  68.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>–O), 66.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>–O)).

In the low-field section of the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, there were three characteristic group signals of monosubstituted benzene derivative at  $\delta(\text{H})$  8.27 (*dd*,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$ , 2 H), 7.49 (*t*,  $J = 8.0$ , 2 H), and 7.56 (*d*,  $J = 8.0$ , 1 H). In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum, there were signals of nine  $\text{sp}^2$ -C-atoms including that of an ester COO group. The presence of a benzoyloxy moiety was supported by the HMBCs of the signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  8.27 (H–C(3')) and 8.27 (H–C(7')) with the signal at  $\delta(\text{C})$  166.7 (C(1')). In the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, four H-atom signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.45 (*br. s*), 6.38 (*br. s*), 6.17 (*d*,  $J = 6.0$ ), and

Table 1.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of **1** and **2**. At 400 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 100 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ );  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz.

Position	<b>1<sup>a</sup></b>		<b>2<sup>b</sup></b>	
	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$
1	1.60–1.62 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.13–1.15 ( <i>m</i> )	39.4 ( <i>t</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> ), 0.95–1.01 ( <i>m</i> )	38.6 ( <i>t</i> )
2	2.04–1.88 ( <i>m</i> )	28.2 ( <i>t</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> )	27.1 ( <i>t</i> )
3	4.21–4.28 ( <i>m</i> )	73.6 ( <i>d</i> )	3.23 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 10.8, 4.4$ )	77.3 ( <i>d</i> )
4		43.4 ( <i>s</i> )		38.8 ( <i>s</i> )
5	1.56–1.59 ( <i>m</i> )	48.9 ( <i>d</i> )	0.74 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 11.6$ )	55.1 ( <i>d</i> )
6	1.65–1.77 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.42–1.49 ( <i>m</i> )	19.0 ( <i>t</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> )	18.3 ( <i>t</i> )
7	1.65–1.77 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.32–1.40 ( <i>m</i> )	33.2 ( <i>t</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> )	32.6 ( <i>t</i> )
8		40.6 ( <i>s</i> )		39.8 ( <i>s</i> )
9	1.65–1.77 ( <i>m</i> )	47.7 ( <i>d</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> )	46.7 ( <i>d</i> )
10		37.5 ( <i>s</i> )		36.8 ( <i>s</i> )
11	1.88–2.04 ( <i>m</i> )	24.4 ( <i>t</i> )	1.87–1.94 ( <i>m</i> )	23.5 ( <i>t</i> )
12	5.39 ( <i>s</i> )	124.1 ( <i>d</i> )	5.28 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 3.2$ )	123.5 ( <i>d</i> )
13		143.1 ( <i>s</i> )		141.2 ( <i>s</i> )
14		44.2 ( <i>s</i> )		43.6 ( <i>s</i> )
15	1.65–1.77 ( <i>m</i> ), 2.16–2.21 ( <i>m</i> )	37.2 ( <i>t</i> )	1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.87–1.94 ( <i>m</i> )	35.4 ( <i>t</i> )
16	4.74 ( <i>m</i> )	67.2 ( <i>d</i> )	4.48 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 11.6, 4.8$ )	68.4 ( <i>d</i> )
17		44.7 ( <i>s</i> )		42.9 ( <i>s</i> )
18	2.82 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 14.0, 4.0$ )	43.5 ( <i>d</i> )	2.16 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.4, 4.4$ )	44.0 ( <i>d</i> )
19	2.09–2.16 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.32–1.44 ( <i>m</i> )	47.7 ( <i>t</i> )	1.94–1.87 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.28 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 16.0, 4.8$ )	46.9 ( <i>t</i> )
20		36.4 ( <i>s</i> )		35.4 ( <i>s</i> )
21	5.69 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 12.0, 4.4$ )	77.7 ( <i>d</i> )	5.05 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 12.4, 4.4$ )	76.5 ( <i>d</i> )
22	3.19 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 12.8, 4.4$ ), 2.21–2.29 ( <i>m</i> )	31.0 ( <i>t</i> )	2.69 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 13.6, 4.4$ ), 1.38–1.67 ( <i>m</i> )	30.6 ( <i>t</i> )
23	3.76 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 10.5$ ), 4.21–4.28 ( <i>m</i> )	68.1 ( <i>t</i> )	1.01 ( <i>s</i> )	28.1 ( <i>q</i> )
24	1.10 ( <i>s</i> )	13.7 ( <i>q</i> )	0.80 ( <i>s</i> )	15.5 ( <i>q</i> )
25	1.03 ( <i>s</i> )	16.7 ( <i>q</i> )	0.95 ( <i>s</i> )	15.5 ( <i>q</i> )
26	1.06 ( <i>s</i> )	17.5 ( <i>q</i> )	1.00 ( <i>s</i> )	16.7 ( <i>q</i> )
27	1.29 ( <i>s</i> )	27.4 ( <i>q</i> )	1.25 ( <i>s</i> )	27.0 ( <i>q</i> )
28	4.38 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$ ), 3.88 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 10.0, 4.8$ )	66.9 ( <i>t</i> )	4.10 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 11.2$ ), 3.18 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 11.2$ )	70.2 ( <i>t</i> )
29	1.31 ( <i>s</i> )	19.3 ( <i>q</i> )	1.13 ( <i>s</i> )	18.5 ( <i>q</i> )
30	1.05 ( <i>s</i> )	29.6 ( <i>q</i> )	0.98 ( <i>s</i> )	29.0 ( <i>q</i> )
1'		166.7 ( <i>s</i> )		166.5 ( <i>s</i> )
2'		132.0 ( <i>s</i> )		130.6 ( <i>s</i> )
3'	8.27 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.0, 1.6$ )	130.4 ( <i>d</i> )	8.03 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 7.6$ )	129.5 ( <i>d</i> )
4'	7.49 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	129.4 ( <i>d</i> )	7.45 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 7.6$ )	128.4 ( <i>d</i> )
5'	7.56 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	133.7 ( <i>d</i> )	7.57 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 7.6$ )	132.9 ( <i>d</i> )
6'	7.49 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 8.0$ )	129.4 ( <i>d</i> )	7.45 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 7.6$ )	128.4 ( <i>d</i> )
7'	8.27 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 8.0, 1.6$ )	130.4 ( <i>d</i> )	8.03 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 7.6$ )	129.5 ( <i>d</i> )
3-OH	5.90 ( <i>br. s</i> )			
16-OH	6.17 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 6.0$ )			
23-OH	6.45 ( <i>br. s</i> )			
28-OH	6.38 ( <i>br. s</i> )			

<sup>a</sup>) In ( $\text{D}_5$ )pyridine. <sup>b</sup>) In  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

5.90 (br. *s*), without correlation in the HSQC spectrum, were in agreement with the presence of a OH function in the molecule. Moreover, in the HMBC experiment, the location of additional four OH groups were supported by the cross-peaks between the signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.45 (br. *s*) and  $\delta(\text{C})$  68.1 (C(23)); at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.38 (br. *s*) and  $\delta(\text{C})$  66.9 (C(28)); at  $\delta(\text{H})$  6.17 (*d*,  $J = 6.0$ ) and  $\delta(\text{C})$  67.2 (C(16)); and  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.90 (br. *s*) and  $\delta(\text{C})$  73.6 (C(3)). In the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 1, *a*), correlation peaks were observed from the signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.69 (H–C(21)) to those at  $\delta(\text{C})$  166.7 (C(1')), 19.3 (Me(29)), 29.6 (Me(30)), and 36.4 (C(20)), which indicated that the benzoyloxy unit was at C(21). Therefore, one of the five O-bearing C-atoms was in ring *E*, and the remaining ones in rings *A* and *D* [5]. In the HMBC spectrum, correlation peaks were observed from  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.38 (*d*,  $J = 10.0$ , H<sub>a</sub>–C(28)) to  $\delta(\text{C})$  43.5 (C(18)), and 31.0 (C(22)), and from  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.88 (*dd*,  $J = 10.0, 4.8$ , H<sub>b</sub>–C(28)) to  $\delta(\text{C})$  67.2 (C(16)), 44.7 (C(17)), and 43.5 (C(18)), which indicated that a OH group was located at C(28), and another OH group was located at C(16). The signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.76 (*dd*,  $J = 10.0$ ) and 4.21–4.28 (*m*), respectively, which were coupled with the signal at  $\delta(\text{C})$  68.1 (C(23)) in the HSQC spectrum, were assigned to the moiety, bearing a OH function, at C(23). One OH group was considered to be at C(23), based on the HMBs of the signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.76 and 4.21–4.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>(23)) with those at  $\delta(\text{C})$  13.7 (C(24)), 73.6 (C(3)), and 48.9 (C(5)), which also suggested that a OH group in compound **1** is located at C(3). These conclusions were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H-COSY, HSQC, and HMBC experiments.

The relative configuration of **1** was confirmed by a NOESY experiment. The correlations H–C(23)/H–C(5) and H–C(3)/H–C(5) suggested that OH at C(3) was  $\beta$ -oriented. The  $\beta$ -position of OH at C(16) was in accordance with the NOESY correlation  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.74 (H–C(16))/1.29 (Me(27)). Furthermore, H–C(21) correlated with Me(30), indicating a  $\beta$ -benzoyloxy moiety at C(21). Hence, compound **1** was identified as 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetrol.

Compound **2**, a white amorphous powder, showed a positive *Liebermann–Burchard* coloration test. The molecular formula C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>5</sub> was deduced from HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  601.3871 ([*M* + Na]<sup>+</sup>)), indicating eleven degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum exhibited absorptions for C=C (1653 cm<sup>−1</sup>), OH (3438 cm<sup>−1</sup>), C=O (1701 cm<sup>−1</sup>) groups, as well as benzene ring (1603, 1582, 1454 cm<sup>−1</sup>). Careful comparison of the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of **2** with those of **1** indicated that the signals for C(9) to C(22) and C(24) to C(30) were basically similar to each other, indicating analogous rings *C*, *D*, and *E*. However, the signal for Me(23), observed at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.01 and  $\delta(\text{C})$  28.1 in ring *A*, was not present in **1**; instead, the signals of a CH<sub>2</sub>OH group at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.76 (*d*,  $J = 10.5$ ) and 4.21–4.28 (*m*), and  $\delta(\text{C})$  68.1 were not detected in the spectra of **2**. Compound **2** was completely characterized by HSQC and HMBs (Fig. 1, *b*).

The relative configuration of **2** was determined from NOESY spectra incorporating the coupling constant of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. The axial H–C(3) atom signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.23 (*dd*,  $J = 10.8, 4.4, 1$  H) indicates a  $\beta$ -orientation of the HO–C(3) in **2** [6]. The NOESY correlations H–C(18)/Me(29) and Me(30)/H–C(21) indicated that the  $\beta$ -benzoyloxy unit was at C(21). An additional NOESY correlation H–C(16)/Me(27) suggested the  $\beta$ -orientation of OH at C(16). Thus, based on the above evidence, the structure of compound **2** was elucidated as 21 $\beta$ -(benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,28-triol.

Compound **3**, isolated as a white amorphous powder, gave a positive *Liebermann–Burchard* coloration test. The molecular formula, C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, was deduced from

HR-ESI-MS ( $m/z$  638.4420 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ )), corresponding to twelve degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum revealed the presence of C=C ( $1636\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), OH ( $3398\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and C=O ( $1697\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) group, and benzene ring ( $1577, 1540, 1452\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). These data, together with a comparison of the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of **3** (Table 2)

Table 2.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of **3** and **4**. At 400 ( $^1\text{H}$ -) and 100 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ -), in MeOD;  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz.

Position	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	$\delta(\text{H})$	$\delta(\text{C})$
1	1.60–1.71 ( <i>m</i> ), 0.95–0.98 ( <i>m</i> )	39.8 ( <i>t</i> )
2	1.60–1.71 ( <i>m</i> )	27.5 ( <i>t</i> )
3	3.62 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 11.2, 4.8$ )	73.9 ( <i>d</i> )
4		43.5 ( <i>s</i> )
5	1.20–1.45 ( <i>m</i> )	47.3 ( <i>d</i> )
6	1.46–1.53 ( <i>m</i> )	19.2 ( <i>t</i> )
7	1.60–1.71 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.33–1.42 ( <i>m</i> )	33.5 ( <i>t</i> )
8		41.2 ( <i>s</i> )
9	1.60–1.71 ( <i>m</i> )	48.3 ( <i>d</i> )
10		37.9 ( <i>s</i> )
11	1.89–1.98 ( <i>m</i> )	24.8 ( <i>t</i> )
12	5.34 ( <i>br. s</i> )	125.0 ( <i>d</i> )
13		143.1 ( <i>s</i> )
14		44.7 ( <i>s</i> )
15	1.78 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 12.0$ ), 1.33–1.38 ( <i>m</i> )	36.6 ( <i>t</i> )
16	4.31 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 11.6, 4.8$ )	68.0 ( <i>d</i> )
17		44.8 ( <i>s</i> )
18	2.47 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 13.6, 4.4$ )	43.8 ( <i>d</i> )
19	1.89–1.98 ( <i>m</i> )	48.1 ( <i>t</i> )
20		36.6 ( <i>s</i> )
21	5.03 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 12.4, 4.4$ )	77.7 ( <i>d</i> )
22	2.27 ( <i>dd</i> , $J = 13.2, 4.4$ ), 1.60–1.71 ( <i>m</i> )	30.4 ( <i>t</i> )
23	3.54 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 10.8$ ), 3.29–3.31 ( <i>m</i> )	67.3 ( <i>t</i> )
24	0.72 ( <i>s</i> )	12.9 ( <i>q</i> )
25	1.01 ( <i>s</i> )	16.6 ( <i>q</i> )
26	1.04 ( <i>s</i> )	17.6 ( <i>q</i> )
27	1.28 ( <i>s</i> )	27.5 ( <i>q</i> )
28	3.68 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 10.8$ ), 3.39 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 10.8$ )	66.7 ( <i>t</i> )
29	1.08 ( <i>s</i> )	18.9 ( <i>q</i> )
30	0.92 ( <i>s</i> )	29.5 ( <i>q</i> )
1'		168.7 ( <i>s</i> )
2'	7.67 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 16.0$ )	119.4 ( <i>d</i> )
3'	6.44 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 16.0$ )	146.4 ( <i>d</i> )
4'		135.9 ( <i>s</i> )
5'	7.53 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 7.2$ )	129.4 ( <i>d</i> )
6'	7.39 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 2.8$ )	130.2 ( <i>d</i> )
7'	7.39 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 2.8$ )	131.7 ( <i>d</i> )
8'	7.39 ( <i>t</i> , $J = 2.8$ )	130.2 ( <i>d</i> )
9'	7.53 ( <i>d</i> , $J = 7.2$ )	129.4 ( <i>d</i> )

with those of **1** (Table 1), indicated that **3** was also a triterpenoid with an olean-12-ene skeleton. Comparison of the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data of **3** with those of **1** showed that the signals of C(1) to C(30) were basically identical in both compounds, indicating identical rings A–E. However, in the lowest field of the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, there were three characteristic-group signals of a monosubstituted benzene at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.53 (*d*,  $J = 7.2$ , 2 H) and 7.39 (*m*, 3 H). The spectrum also exhibited a pair of (*E*)-oriented olefinic H-atom signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.67 (*d*,  $J = 16.0$ , 1 H) and 6.44 (*d*,  $J = 16.0$ , 1 H). The presence of a (*E*)-cinnamoyloxy unit could be deduced from the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR, and DEPT spectra, and the group was at C(21), as confirmed by the key HMBCs (Fig. 2, *a*) from  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.03 (H–C(21)) to  $\delta(\text{C})$  168.7 (C(1')), 36.6 (C(20)), 18.9 (C(29)), and 29.5 (C(30)). The structural features described above were corroborated by 2D-NMR experiments ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ -COSY, HSQC, and HMBC).

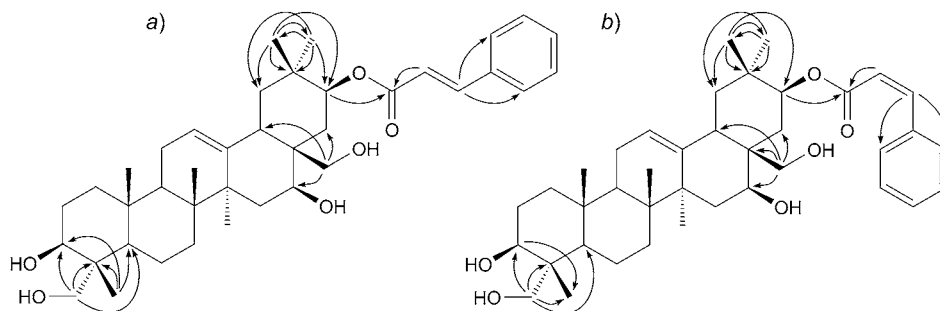


Fig. 2. Key HMBCs of *a*) **3** and *b*) **4**

The relative configuration was assigned by analysis of coupling constants and correlations in the ROESY spectrum. A typical signal of an axial H-atom at C(3) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.61 (*dd*,  $J = 11.2$ , 4.8) was observed, indicating a  $\beta$ -orientation of the OH group at C(3) of **1** [6]. The NOESY correlations H–C(16)/Me(27), as well as H–C(18)/Me(29) and H–C(21)/Me(30), indicated a  $\beta$ -OH group at C(16) and the (*E*)-cinnamoyloxy moiety at C(21). On the basis of the above evidence, the structure of compound **3** was determined as 21 $\beta$ -[(*E*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\beta$ ,23,28-tetrol.

Compound **4**, obtained as a white amorphous powder, also gave a positive Liebermann–Burchard test. The HR-ESI-MS provided the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_5$  ( $m/z$  638.4429 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ )), suggesting twelve degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum of **4** showed absorption bands at 3417, 1706, and 1628  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , attributed to OH, C=O, and C=C moieties, respectively, and broad bands at 1575, 1490, 1455  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , suggestive of a benzene ring. The above data, together with a detailed comparison of the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data (Table 2) with those of **3**, revealed that **3** and **4** were a pair of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-isomers based on the presence of a pair of (*Z*)-oriented olefinic H-atom signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  7.04 (*d*,  $J = 12.4$ , 1 H) and 5.97 (*d*,  $J = 12.4$ , 1 H). The constitutional formula of **4** was confirmed with the help of HSQC and HMBC experiments (Table 2).

The relative configuration of **4** was deduced from NOESY experiment. The  $16\beta$ -OH and  $21\beta$ -[(*Z*)-cinnamoyloxy] groups were in accordance with the NOESY correlations H–C(16)/Me(27) and H–C(16), and H–C(21)/H–C(19b), H–C(22a). Furthermore, H–C(3) correlated with H–C(5), which indicated a  $\beta$ -OH group at C(3). Accordingly, the structure of **4** was unambiguously established as  $21\beta$ -[(*Z*)-cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene- $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $23$ , $28$ -tetrol.

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### Experimental Part

**General.** Column chromatography (CC): silica gel ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ; 200–300 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory), *RP-C18* silica gel (40–75  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Merck), and *Sephadex LH-20* gel (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech). TLC: silica gel *GF*<sub>254</sub> plates (10–40  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory); visualization under UV light and by spraying with 5%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in EtOH (v/v) or phosphomolybdic acid hydrate, followed by heating. Optical rotations: *Perkin-Elmer Model 341* polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Nicolet NEXUS 670* FT-IR spectrometer; in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR Spectra: *Bruker NMR* spectrometer; at 400 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 100 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ );  $\delta$  in ppm rel. to  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$ , *J* in Hz. HR-ESI-MS: *Bruker APEX II* mass spectrometer; in *m/z*.

**Plant Material.** The leaves and twigs of *Glochidion assamicum* Hook were collected in Yunnan Province, P. R. China, in October 2009, and identified by Prof. Guoda Tao. A voucher specimen (No. 200910GA) was deposited with the Institute of Organic Chemistry, Lanzhou University.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The air-dried leaves and twigs (10.0 kg) of *Glochidion assamicum* were extracted with 95% aq. EtOH at  $40^\circ$  for 4 h under reflux ( $3\times$ ). The combined extract was concentrated under vacuum, and the residue (710 g) was suspended in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and extracted first with AcOEt and then with BuOH.

The AcOEt fraction, after evaporation, was further separated by CC ( $\text{SiO}_2$  (260 g), petroleum ether (PE)/acetone 50:1  $\rightarrow$  1:1 and 0:1): *Frs. 1–8* (detected by TLC). *Fr. 6* was subjected to CC ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ;  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  50:1 to 0:1) to afford ten subfractions, *Frs. 6.1–6.10*. *Fr. 6.2* was purified by CC (1. *Sephadex LH-20*;  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  2:1; 2. *RP-C18* silica gel; 60% aq. MeOH; 3.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  50:1  $\rightarrow$  0:1) afforded the compounds **1** (55 mg) and **2** (9 mg). Purification of *Fr. 6.4* by CC (1. *Sephadex LH-20*,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  2:1; 2. *RP-C18* silica gel; 50% aq. MeOH; 3.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  50:1  $\rightarrow$  0:1) to afford **3** (3 mg) and **4** (4 mg).

$21\beta$ -(Benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene- $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $23$ , $28$ -tetraol (= ( $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $21\beta$ )- $3,16,23,28$ -Tetrahydroxyolean-12-en-21-yl Benzoate; **1**). White amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -10$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (KBr): 3401, 3066, 2948, 2924, 2980, 1689, 1600, 1583, 1452, 1280.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 1. HR-ESI-MS: 612.4250 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{58}\text{NO}_6^+$ ; calc. 612.4259).

$21\beta$ -(Benzoyloxy)olean-12-ene- $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $28$ -triol (= ( $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $21\beta$ )- $3,16,28$ -Trihydroxyolean-12-en-21-yl Benzoate; **2**). White amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +30$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH). IR (KBr): 3517, 3438, 3062, 2931, 2872, 1701, 1653, 1603, 1582, 1454, 1385, 1288.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 1. HR-ESI-MS: 601.3871 ( $[M + \text{Na}]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{54}\text{NaO}_5^+$ ; calc. 601.3863).

$21\beta$ -[(*E*)-Cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene- $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $23$ , $28$ -tetraol (= ( $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $21\beta$ )- $3,16,23,28$ -Tetrahydroxyolean-12-en-21-yl (2*E*)-3-Phenylprop-2-enoate; **3**). White amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +10$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH). IR (KBr): 3398, 2927, 2879, 1697, 1636, 1577, 1540, 1452, 1184, 1049, 1009.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 2. HR-ESI-MS: 638.4420 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{60}\text{NO}_5^+$ ; calc. 638.4415).

$21\beta$ -[(*Z*)-Cinnamoyloxy]olean-12-ene- $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $23$ , $28$ -tetraol (= ( $3\beta$ , $16\beta$ , $21\beta$ )- $3,16,23,28$ -Tetrahydroxyolean-12-en-21-yl (2*Z*)-3-Phenylprop-2-enoate; **4**). White amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +10$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH). IR (KBr): 3417, 2949, 2883, 1706, 1628, 1575, 1540, 1490, 1455, 1170, 1048.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: see Table 2. HR-ESI-MS: 638.4429 ( $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ ,  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{60}\text{NO}_5^+$ ; calc. 638.4415).

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