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FLAVONOIDS FROM THE ROOT AND STEM OF SOPHORA TOMENTOSA

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Abstract—From the root and the stem of *Sophora tomentosa*, five new flavonoids, tomentosanols A–E, were isolated in addition to 15 known flavonoids. The structures were determined by spectral analysis including 2D-NMR techniques. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd

INTRODUCTION

In previous chemosystematic studies in the genus sophora (Leguminosae), we have characterized the structures of flavonoids and stilbenoids of eight species of Sophora plants; S. leachiana Peck [1-9] and S. secundiflora Lag. et DC. [10] from the U.S.A., S. exiqua Criab [11–13] from Thailand, S. fraseri Benth. [14] from Australia, S. koreensis Nakai [15-18] from Korea, S. prostrata Buchanan [19, 20] and S. tetraptera J. S. Mill [21, 22] from New Zealand, and S. alopecuroides L. [23] from China. Some flavonoids have been found to have potent antimicrobial activity against methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus [24]. In the present paper we describe the isolation and structural determination of 20 flavonoids including five new compounds from the root and the stem of S. tomentosa L. (subgenus Sophora [25, 26]), collected in the U.S.A.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Acetone extracts of roots and stems of *Sophora tomentosa* were subjected to column chromatography on silica gel eluted with a chloroform-methanol mixture. By repeated chromatography, preparative TLC and recrystallization, 17 flavonoids (1–7, 9, 11, 12 and 14–20) were isolated from the root extract, and three (8, 10, and 13) were found in both root and stem extracts. Among these flavonoids, sophoraisoflavanone A (1) [27], isosophoranone (2) [28], sophoronol (7) [28, 29], sophoraflavanone B (14).

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sophoraflavanone A (17) [30–32], sophoraflavanone C (18) [33], sophoraflavanone D (19), and sophoraflavanone E (20) [16] have already been characterized in this plant. However, the structure of sophoronol was elucidated firstly as a flavanonol [28], but when the same compound was subsequently isolated from S. koreensis the structure was revised to 3-hydroxylisoflavanone [29]. Sophora-flavanones A (17) and B (14) were isolated from roots of S. tomentosa and were characterized as 6-isoprenylnaringenin derivatives, but the structures were later revised to the 8-isoprenylnaringenin isomers by LSPD technique in NMR spectrum [32]. Sophoraflavanones D (19) and E (20) were also isolated from both S. tomentosa and S. koreensis [16].

Compound 3 was obtained as a colourless oil and gave $[M]^+$ at m/z 438 in EI mass spectrum. A set of three protons [δ 4.24 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz), 4.36 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz) and 4.51 (t. J = 11 Hz)] observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum was assigned to H-3 and H-2 in an isoflavanone skeleton. The spectrum further exhibited the presence of an isoprenyl [δ 1.64, 1.75 (3H each, br s, Me), 3.25 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂), 5.25 (1H, tlike m, CH=)], an α,α -dimethylallyl [δ 1.42 (6H, s, $Me \times 2$), 4.92 (1H, dd, J = 11, 1 Hz, CH==CH₂), 4.98 (1H, dd, J = 17, 1 Hz, CH=CH₂), 6.24 (1H, dd, J = 17, 11 Hz, CH=CH₂), a methoxyl (δ 3.71), and three phenolic hydroxyl groups [δ 8.07, 9.48 and 12.66 (chelated)] in addition to three singlets due to aromatic protons (δ 6.01, 6.52 and 7.03). Significant fragments appearing at m/z 221 (3a), 218 (3b), 165 (3c), and 203 (3d) in the EI mass spectrum can be explained by the respective ions shown in Fig. 1, indicating that two hydroxyl groups and one of C₅-alkyl chains were located on the A ring and a hydroxyl, a methoxyl T. Tanaka et al.

group and another C_5 -alkyl chain were on the B ring. NOEs in the ¹H NMR spectrum were observed at H-3 and H-3' (δ 6.52) when the methoxyl group was irradiated, H-6' (δ 7.03) when the methyl on the α . α -dimethylallyl group was irradiated, and at H-3 when H-6' was irradiated (Fig. 2). Therefore the B ring has a 5'- α , α -dimethylallyl-4'-hydroxy-2'-methoxyl substitution. The chemical shifts due to protons of the B ring moiety, and H-2 and H-3 of the isoflavanone

skeleton are superimposable on those of fraserinone A which has an identical partial structure and was isolated previously from roots of *S. fraseri* [14]. The position of the isoprenyl group could be at C-6 or C-8 on the A ring. The chelated hydroxyl group at C-5 was observed at δ 12.66 and shifted down field by 0.28 ppm more than that of fraserinone A (δ 12.38) indicative of the position of the isoprenyl group at C-6 [33]. Consequently 3 is 5''- α , α -dimethylallyl-5,7,4'-

$$HO \longrightarrow H$$
 $HO \longrightarrow H$
 H

Fig. 1. Prominant fragment ions for structural elucidation.

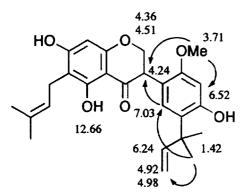


Fig. 2. NOEs in DIFNOE spectrum of 3.

trihydroxy-6-isopropyl-2'-methoxyisoflavanone, and is named tomentosanol A.

Compounds 4 and 5 were isolated as a pale yellow oil and gave $[M]^+$ at m/z 424 and 386 in the EI mass spectrum respectively. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed that 4 was an isoflavanone derivative with a geranyl and four hydroxyl groups including a chelated one. By direct comparison with authentic samples. 4 was identified as kenusanone H (8-geranyl-5,7,2',4'-tetrahydroxylisoflavanone) and 5 as 3,5,7,4'-tetrahydroxy-3'-isoprenyl-2'-methoxyisoflavanone, kenusanon F, previously isolated from *S. koreensis* [16].

Compound **6**, a pale yellow oil, reacted positively to FeCl₃ test and gave [M]⁺ at m/z 454 in the EI mass spectrum. The ¹H NMR spectrum exhibited the presence of two isoprenyls [δ 1.65, 1.66, 1.73, 1.75 (3H each, br s, Me), 3.26 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂), 3.33 (2H, t like m, CH₂), 3.28 (2H, m, CH × 2)], a methoxyl [δ 3.61 (s)], an alcoholic hydroxyl [δ 5.43 (s)], and a

chelated hydroxyl group [δ 12.43 (s)]. The spectrum further showed two one-proton doublets at δ 4.07 and 4.75 (each J = 12 Hz), which were located near an oxygen function, a singlet at δ 6.00, and two oneproton *ortho*-coupled doublets [δ 6.67 and 7.29 (J = 9Hz)]. The doublets in J = 12 Hz were assigned to H-2 and the alcoholic hydroxyl group to a hydroxyl group at C-3 in a 3-hydroxylisoflavanone such as 5 (H-2: δ 4.10 and 4.76, OH at C-3: 5.47), 7 (H-2: δ 4.14 and 4.71, OH at C-3: 5.56), and echinoisosophoranone (H-2: δ 4.10 and 4.77, OH at C-3: 5.58) [15]. In the EI mass spectrum, prominent fragments at m/z 221 (3a) and 165 indicated that two hydroxyls and the isoprenyl group were substituted on the ring A. Consequently the B ring moiety had a hydroxyl, a methoxyl group, and an isoprenyl group. Methoxyl groups at C-2' in three 3-hydroxylisoflavanones described above were observed at slightly higher field ($ca \delta 3.6$) in ¹H NMR spectra than a normal methoxyl group, which indicated that they were influenced by a 3-hydroxyl group. Furthermore, the chemical shifts of the *ortho*-coupled protons (δ 6.67 and 7.29), the hydroxyl group at C-3, and two protons at C-2 corresponded to those of 5 with a 4'hydroxy-3'-isoprenyl-2'-methoxyl ring, indicating that 6 had the same substitution on the B ring as 5. The substitution of the A ring was determined as follows. From the biogenetic standpoint and from the ¹H NMR spectral data, two hydroxyl groups were located at C-5 and C-7. Additional isoprenylation at C-6 in 2 caused a down field shift of a chelated hydroxyl group by 0.3 ppm when compared with the data for 1. A similar comparison between 5 to 6 indicated that 6 has an isoprenyl substituents at C-6 on the A ring. Therefore 6 is 3,5,7,4'-tetrahydroxy-6,3'-

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diisoprenyl-2'-methoxy-isoflavanone and is named tomentosanol B.

Compounds 8-11 and 13 were characterized as irisolidone (8) [34], iristectorigenin A (9) [35], 3'-isoprenylgenistein (10)[36], des-O-methylanhydroicaritin (11) and glabranin (13), respectively. Compound 12, a yellow powder, reacted positively with FeCl₃ and [M]⁺ observed at m/z 422.1710 in HR-EI mass spectrum corresponded to the formula C₂₅H₂₆O₆. The IR spectrum exhibited the presence of hydroxyl groups (3300 cm⁻¹) and a conjugated carbonyl group (1650 cm⁻¹). The UV spectrum suggested that 12 was a kaempferol derivative. The presence of three vinyl methyls [δ 1.50, 1.55 and 1.83 (each s)], CH_2CH_2 [δ 2.07 (4H, m)], $ArCH_2$ [δ 3.58 (br d, J = 6 Hz), two olefinic protons [δ 5.03 and 5.31 (each t like m)] was revealed by the 'H NMR spectrum, and the protons were attributable to a geranyl group after analysis of ¹H and ¹³C NMR including 2D NMR [HH and CH COSY]. The ¹H NMR spectrum further showed the presence of an aromatic singlet at δ 6.36 and an A_2B_2 system (J = 9 Hz) with four protons and four hydroxyl groups [δ 8.18, 8.20 and 12.11 (chelated)]. The significant fragments in the EI mass spectrum observed at m/z 353 (12a), 299 (12b), 165 (12c), and 121 (12d), indicated that two hydroxyls and the geranyl group were on the A ring and one hydroxyl group on the B ring. Compound 12 could be either 6or 8-geranylkaempferol. In the 'H NMR spectrum of kaempferol, H-6 and H-8 were observed at δ 6.28 and 6.54. The aromatic singlet (δ 6.36) of 12 was preferably assigned to H-6 and the geranyl group at C-8, which was finally substantiated by the 2D NMR spectrum. The singlet (δ 6.36) was correlated with a carbon (δ 98.9) in the CH COSY spectrum, and the carbon was further correlated with the hydroxyl group (δ 12.11) at C-5 through ³J coupling in the COLOC spectrum (Fig. 3). Thus 12 is 8-geranylkaempferol and is named tomentosanol C.

Compound 15, a colourless amorphous powder, showed $[M]^+$ at m/z 356 in the EI mass spectrum

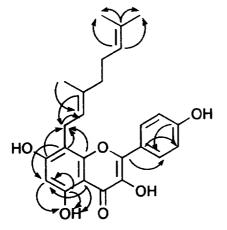


Fig. 3. CH long-range correlations in COLOC spectrum (J = 10 Hz) of 12.

which corresponds to C₂₀H₂₀O₆. A one-proton double doublet at δ 5.43 (J = 13, 2 Hz) and two-proton multiplets at δ 2.80–3.10 assignable to H-2 and H-3 in a flavanone skeleton were observed in the 'H NMR spectrum in addition to a set of two-proton doublets in an A_2X_2 system [δ 6.90 and 7.42 (J = 8 Hz)] assignable to a p-substituted benzene ring, a singlet of an aromatic proton (δ 5.98), and three hydroxyl groups $[\delta 8.50, 9.98 \text{ and } 12.16 \text{ (chelated one)}]$. The presence of a vinyl methyl $[\delta \ 1.69 \ (br \ s)]$, a benzyl methylene $[\delta 2.80-3.10 \ (m, \text{ overlapped with H-3})], \text{ a methine}$ attaching to an oxygen function (δ 4.34 (m)], and a methylene group [δ 4.74 and 4.88 (1H each, br s)] assigned to a 2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-butenyl group was also confirmed by the 'H NMR spectrum. Significant fragments in the EI mass spectrum appeared at m/z 236, 165 and 120. These results suggested that two hydroxyls and the 2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-butenyl group were located on the A ring, and one hydroxyl group on the Bring. The chemical shift of the chelated hydroxyl group was similar to that of 14, indicating that the alkyl group was attached to C-8 [30-32]. Hence 15 is 8-(2-hydroxy-3-methyl-3-butenyl) naringenin and is named tomentasanol D.

Compound 16, a pale yellow amorphous powder, showed $[M]^+$ at m/z 508.2478 in the HR-EI mass spectrum which is equal to the formula C₃₀H₃₆O₇. The UV spectrum suggested that 16 had a flavanone skeleton and had partially a 2',6'-dioxygenated ring because a set of three one-proton double doublets δ 2.50 (J = 17, 3 Hz), 3.82 (J = 17, 12 Hz), and 5.88 (J = 12, 3 Hz)] in the ¹H NMR spectrum was characteristically assigned to H-2 and H-3, and H-3' (H-5') [17]. A two-proton singlet at δ 6.03 assignable to H-3' and H-5' in the ¹H NMR spectrum and a significant fragment ion (m/z) 126) caused by the B ring moiety [16, 17] indicated that the B ring had a 2',4',6'-trihydroxyl substitution. The ¹H NMR spectrum also exhibited the presence of four hydroxyl groups [δ 8.20, 8.36×2 , 9.60 and 12.60 (chelated) as well as five vinyl methyl groups [δ 1.57 (3H, br s), 1.60 (6H, br s), 1.63 1.77 (3H each, br s)], one CH₂CH₂ moiety [δ 1.97 (m) and 2.06 (m)], two benzyl methylenes [δ 3.26 (t, J = 7 Hz), 3.34 (br d, J = 7 Hz)], three CH = [(δ 5.08, 5.14 and 5.21 (each t like m) which were attributable to a geranyl and an isoprenyl group after analysis of the HH COSY, HH long range and CH COSY spectrum. In the COLOC spectrum (Fig. 4) a carbon (δ 107.5) was correlated with H-1 of the geranyl group (δ 3.34) and the chelated hydroxyl group (δ 12.60). The carbon then assigned to C-6, and the geranyl was substituted at C-6 and the isoprenyl group at C-8, respectively. The structure of 16 is shown to be 6-geranyl-5,7,2',4',6'-pentahydroxy-8isoprenylflavanone and is named tomentasanol E. A flavanone that has a geranyl and an isoprenyl group on the A ring has only been isolated before from S. koreensis (= Echinosophora koreensis) as kenusanone C [17].

Fig. 4. CH long-range correlations in COLOC spectrum (J = 10 Hz) of 16.

EXPERIMENTAL

Plant material. Roots and stems of Sophora tomentosa L. were collected at Texas, in August 1993. Voucher specimens have been deposited in the herbarium of Gifu Pharmaceutical University.

Extraction and isolation. The dried and ground roots (900 g) and the stems (900 g) of S. tomentosa were respectively extracted with Me₂CO at room temp, and each concd in vacuo to give a brownish syrup (61 g and 22 g). A part of the root extract (54 g) was chromatographed on silica gel (2 kg) eluted with varying proportions of CHCl3-MeOH. The CHCl3-MeOH (15:1) fr. was repeatedly rechromatographed on silica gel (solvent system: CHCl₃- $MeOH = 2:1, 10:1, n-hexane-Me_2CO = 3:1, C_6H_6-$ EtOAc-MeOH = 10:1:1), prep. TLC (same solvent systems as silica gel CC), Sephadex LH 20 CC with MeOH or Me₂CO) and recryst. to give 1 (12 mg), 2 (8 mg), 3 (4 mg), 4 (7 mg), 5 (4 mg), 6 (5 mg), 7 (1.2 g), 9 (7 mg), 11 (3 mg), 12 (250 mg), 14 (12 mg), 15 (3 mg), 16 (10 mg), 17 (6 mg), 18 (6 mg), 19 (120 mg), 20 (100 mg), respectively. The stem extract was purified in the same manner to give 8 (12 mg), 10 (8 mg) and 13 (11 mg) in addition to the root constituents.

Compound 3 (tomentosanol A). A colourless oil, HREIMS m/z 438.2043 for $C_{26}H_{30}O_6$ (calcd 438.2041), EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 438 (77), 383 (12), 221 (100), 218 (51), 217 (23), 205 (36), 203 (54), 178 (74), 165 (60), UV (nm, MeOH): 228, 291, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.42 (6H, s, Me × 2, H-2",3"), 1.64, 1.75 (3H each, br s, Me, H-4",5"), 3.25 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 3.71 (3H, s, OMe), 4.24 (1H, dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, H-3), 4.36 (1H, dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, H-2cis), 4.51 (1H, t, J = 11 Hz, H-2trans), 4.92 (1H, dd, J = 11, 1 Hz, H-5"Z), 4.98 (1H, dd, J = 17, 1 Hz, H-5"Z), 5.25 (1H, t like t, CH=, H-2"), 6.01 (1H, t, H-8), 6.24 (1H, t, t, H-6'), 8.07 (1H, t, t, C-4'-OH), 9.48 (1H, t, t, t, t, C-7-OH), 12.66 (1H, t, t, C-5-OH).

Compound 6 (tomentosanol B). A pale yellow oil,

HREIMS m/z 454.1994 for $C_{26}H_{30}O_7$ (calcd 454.1988), EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 454 (13), 436 (5), 268 (85), 221 (100), 219 (20), 217 (54), 165 (77), 132 (28), UV (nm, MeOH): 227. 291, 335sh, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.65, 1.66, 1.73 1.75 (3H each, br s, Me, H-4",4",5",5"), 3.26 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂), 3.33 (2H, t like m, CH₂), 3.61 (3H, s, OMe), 4.07, 4.75 (1H each, d, J = 12 Hz, H-2), 5.28 (2H, m, CH=×2, H-2",2"), 5.43 (1H, s, C-3-OH), 6.00 (1H, s, H-8), 6.67 (1H, d, d) = 9 Hz, H-5'), 7.29 (1H, d, d) = 9 Hz, H-6'), 12.43 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound **8** (irisolidone). A pale yellow amorphous powder, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 314 (100), 299 (52), 296 (38), 271 (50), 268 (25), 132 (6), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 3.84, 3.88 (3H each, s, OMe), 6.51 (1H, s, H-8), 7.00 (2H, d, J = 9 Hz, H-3′,5′), 7.55 (1H, d, J = 9 Hz, H-2′,6′), 8.22 (1H, s, H-3), 9.20 (1H, br s, C-7-OH), 13.22 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound **9** (iristectorigenin A). A pale yellow amorphous powder, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 330 (100), 315 (55), 312 (38), 287 (52), 149 (22), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 3.88, 3.89 (3H each, **s**, OMe), 6.51 (1H, s, H-8), 7.00 (1H, d, J = 8 Hz, H-5'), 7.06 (1H, dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, H-6'), 7.14 (1H, d, J = 2 Hz, H-2'), 7.65 (1H, br s, C-3'-OH), 8.20 (1H, s, H-2), 9.21 (1H, br s, C-7-OH), 14.25 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound 10 (3'-isoprenylgenstein). A pale yellow amorphous powder, UV (nm, MeOH): 262, 295sh, 330sh; +AlCl₃: 272, 310sh, 370; +AcONa: 262, 295sh, 335sh, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 338 (100), 323 (15), 309 (12), 295 (15), 283 (70), 253 (20), 217 (10), 153 (25), 1 H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.72, 1.73 (3H each, br s, Me, H-4",5"), 3.36 (2H, d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 5.38 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-2"), 6.28 (1H, d, J = 2 Hz, H-6), 6.41 (1H, d, J = 2 Hz, H-8), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 8 Hz, H-5:), 7.27 (1H, dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, H-6'), 7.36 (1H, d, J = 2 Hz, H-2'), 8.12 (1H, s, H-2), 13.05 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound 13 (glabranin). A colourless amorphous powder, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 324 (100), 309 (36), 281 (21), 269 (20), 205 (50), 221 (8), 220 (10), 192 (25), 177 (37), 165 (23), 104 (12), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.61 (6H, br s, Me × 2, H-4",5"), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 16, 3 Hz, H-3cis), 3.13 (1H, dd, J = 16, 13 Hz, H-3trans), 3.25 (2H, d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 5.21 (1H, t like m, CH==, H-2"), 5.58 (1H, dd, J = 13, 3 Hz, H-2), 6.04 (1H, s, H-6), 7.41–7.47 (3H, m, H-3'-5'), 7.59 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, H-2',6'), 9.57 (1H, br s, C-7-OH), 12.12 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound 12 (tomentosanol C). A yellow powder, HREIMS m/z: 422.1710, calcd for $C_{25}H_{26}O_7$: 422.1722, IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3300, 1650, 1630, 1603, UV (nm, MeOH): 271, 325, 374; +NaOMe: 281, 327, 423; +AlCl₃: 272, 310sh, 359, 432; +AlCl₃-HCl: 272, 32sh, 375; +AcONa: 280, 317sh, 405; +AcONa-H₃BO₃: 272, 322sh, 375, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 422 (68), 353 (77), 337 (62), 299 (100), 286 (20), 203 (8), 165 (12), 149 (7), 121 (23), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.50, 1.55, 1.83 (3H each, br s, Me. H-5″,9″,10″), 2.07 (4H, m, CH₂CH₂, H-4″, 8″), 3.58

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Table 1. 13C NMR Spectral Data of 12 and 16

Carbon no.	12	16	
2	147.0 s	73.5 d	
2 3	136.5 s	41.0 t	
4	176.8 s	199.0 s	
5	159.9 s	160.0 s	
6	98.9 d	107.5 s	
7	162.0 s	161.3 s	
8	107.3 s	$108.1 \ s$	
9	155.1 s	159.5 s	
10	104.2 s	103.6 s	
1'	123.7 s	103.9 s	
2',6'	130.5 d	158.2 s	
3',5'	116.3 d	95.8 d	
4′	160.0 s	159.5 s	
1"	22.1 t	21.4 t	
2"	123.5 d	123.0 d	
3"	135.8 s	135.7 s	
4"	40.4 t	40.1 t	
5"	16.4 q	$16.0 \ q$	
6"	27.3 t	$27.0 \ t$	
7″	125.0 d	124.7 d	
8"	131.6 s	131.3 s	
9"	25.7 q	25.6 q	
10"	17.6 q	17.3 q	
1‴	-	22.1 t	
2‴		123.0 d	
3‴		131.3 s	
4‴		25.6 q	
5"'		17.3 q	

Measured in acetone- d_6 . All carbons were assigned by aid of CH COSY and COLOC spectrum.

(2H, br d, J = 6 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 2.07 (4H, m, CH₂CH₂, H-4",6"), 5.03 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-7"), 5.31 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-2"), 6.36 (1H, s, H-6), 7.03 (2H, d, J = 9 Hz, H-3',5'), 8.19 (2H, d, J = 9 Hz, H-2',6'), 8.18, 8.20 (1H each, br s, OH), 12.11 (1H, s, C-5-OH). ¹³C NMR spectral data are shown in Table 1.

Compound 15 (tomentosanol D). A colourless amorphous powder, HREIMS m/z 356.1254 for $C_{20}H_{20}O_6$ (calcd 356.1259), EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 356 (7), 338 (5), 285 (100), 236 (3), 218 (3), 165 (95), 120 (13), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.69 (3H, br s, Me, H-5"), 2.80–3.10 (4H, m, H-2, H-1"), 4.34 (1H, m, CH, H-2"), 4.74, 4.88 (1H each, br s, CH₂=, H-4"), 5.43 (1H, dd, J = 13, 2 Hz, H-2), 5.98 (1H, s, H-6), 6.90 (2H, d, J = 8 Hz, H-3',5'), 7.42 (2H, br d, J = 8 Hz, H-2',6'), 8.50, 9.98 (1H each, br s, OH), 12.16 (1H, s, C-5-OH).

Compound 16 (tomentosanol E). A colourless amorphous powder, HREIMS m/z: 508.2478, calcd for $C_{30}H_{36}O_7$: 508.2445, UV (nm, MeOH): 256sh, 290, 350sh; + AlCl₃: 289, 350sh, EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 508 (38), 490 (7), 454 (26), 382 (50), 368 (30), 367 (29), 325 (25), 313 (44), 301 (52), 300 (35), 257 (75), 219 (100), 203 (60), 165 (76), 153 (26), 126 (56), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Me₂CO- d_6): δ 1.57 (3H, br s, Me), 1.60 (6H, br s, Me × 2), 1.63, 1.77 (3H each, br s, Me), 1.97 (2H, m, CH₂, H-4"), 2.06 (2H, m, CH₂, H-6"), 2.50 (1H, dd,

J = 17.3 Hz, H-3eq), 3.26 (2H, t, J = 7 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 3.34 (2H, br d, J = 7 Hz, CH₂, H-1"), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 17, 12 Hz, H-3ax), 5.08 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-7"), 5.14 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-1"), 5.21 (1H, t like m, CH=, H-2"), 5.88 (1H, dd, J = 12, 3 Hz, H-2), 6.03 (2H, s, H-3',5'), 8.20 (1H, br s, OH), 8.36 (2H, br s, OH × 2), 9.60 (1H, br s, OH), 12.60 (1H, s, C-5-OH). ¹³C NMR spectral data are listed in Table 1.

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