



## IRIDOID GLUCOSIDES OF *BARLERIA LUPULINA*

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**Abstract**—In addition to the known compounds, barlerin, acetylbarlerin, shanzhiside methyl ester, acetylshanzhiside methyl ester and ipolamiidoside, four iridoid glucosides isolated from the leaves of *Barleria lupulina* have been identified as 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester, 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester, 6-*O*-*p*-*cis*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester and 6-*O*-*p*-*trans*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester. © 1998 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved

### INTRODUCTION

In earlier work on the constituents of *Barleria lupulina* Lindl., five iridoid glucosides were isolated, i.e. shanzhiside methyl ester (1), 8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (barlerin) (2), 6,8-*O*,*O*-diacetylshanzhiside methyl ester (acetylbarlerin) (3) [1], 6-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (4) and ipolamiidoside (5) [2]. This paper describes the isolation and structure elucidation of four new iridoid glucosides, 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (6), 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (7), 6-*O*-*p*-*cis*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (8) and 6-*O*-*p*-*trans*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester (9).

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compound 6 analyzed for  $C_{29}H_{36}H_{14} \cdot 2H_2O$  but gave  $[M+H]^+$  at  $m/z$  609 (CIMS). The UV spectrum showed bands at  $\lambda_{max}$  227 (iridoid enol-ether system with a methoxycarbonyl group), 297 (sh) and 307 nm (cinnamoyl unit) and there were characteristic IR bands at 3400, 1700 and 1638  $cm^{-1}$  indicative of a hydroxyl group, an ester carbonyl and enol-ether system, respectively. A carboxylated iridoid was also supported by the presence of two singlets at  $\delta$  7.48 (H-3) and 3.71 (COOMe) in the  $^1H$  NMR spectrum. Two acetalic protons resonating at  $\delta$  4.66 ( $d$ ,  $J = 7.5$  Hz) and at  $\delta$  5.95 ( $d$ ,  $J = 1.5$  Hz) were assigned to the anomeric proton of the  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl moiety

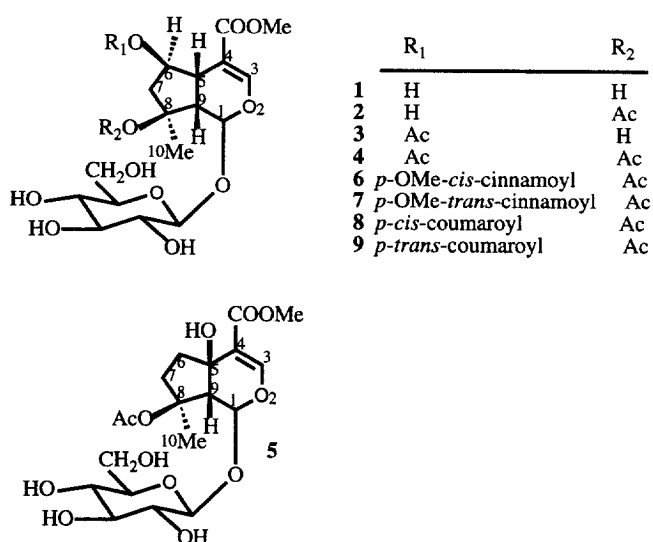
and to H-1, respectively. Two singlets at  $\delta$  1.52 and 1.90 were the protons of a tertiary methyl group (C-10) and of an acetyl group at C-8, respectively. Four aromatic signals appeared as two doublets at  $\delta$  6.88 and 7.73 ( $J = 9.0$  Hz) (AA'BB' pattern), two olefinic signals at  $\delta$  5.79 ( $J = 12.0$  Hz) and 6.86 ( $J = 12.0$  Hz) arose from the *cis*-cinnamoyl moiety, and a singlet at  $\delta$  3.84 was assignable to a methoxy group on the aromatic ring. These data led to the conclusion that compound 6 had a *p*-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl unit as the acyl function.

The downfield shift of 0.14 ppm in the signal of H-6 ( $\delta$  5.41) in the  $^1H$  NMR spectrum of 6 compared the corresponding signal ( $\delta$  5.27) in 3 [1] suggested that the acyl unit, *p*-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl, was located at C-6 and not at C-8 in 6. The structure of 6 was then established to be 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester.

The spectral data (UV, IR, MS) of compound 7 were quite similar to those of 6. The  $^1H$  NMR of 7 differed from that of 6 only by the signals of the two olefinic protons in the cinnamoyl unit. Two doublets of olefinic protons of 7 ( $\delta$  6.29 and 7.61,  $J = 15.0$  Hz) appeared at lower fields with higher coupling constants values than those of the corresponding values of compound 6 (Table 1). These data led to the conclusion that compound 7 had a *p*-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamoyl moiety as the acyl function attached to C-6. 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester was assigned to compound 7.

The chemical analysis data ( $C_{28}H_{34}O_{14} \cdot 11/2H_2O$ ) and  $[M+H]^+$  ( $m/z$  595) of compounds 8 and 9 suggested that both compounds had one methylene group ( $CH_2$ ) less than compounds 6 and 7. This was con-

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firmed by the absence of aromatic methoxyl signals in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **8** and **9**. Other peaks in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **8** and **9** were almost identical to those of **6** and **7**, respectively (see Table 1). The UV, IR and MS spectra of **8** and **9** were quite similar to those of **6** and **7**. These data led to the conclusion that compound **8** was 6-*O*-*p*-*cis*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester and **9** was 6-*O*-*p*-*trans*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhiside methyl ester.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of iridoids **6**–**9** were in agreement with the structures (Table 2).

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Unless otherwise stated, microanalyses were carried out by the Scientific and Technological Research

Equipment Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Mps: uncorr; MeOH; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, Bruker AMX 400 (400 MHz), TMS as int. standard; <sup>13</sup>C NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100.62 MHz, TMS as int. standard; CI MS: Finnigan MAT TSQ46 (desorption probe), CH<sub>4</sub> being used as reagent gas; Optical rotation: MeOH; TLC: precoated PF<sub>254</sub> plates (Merck); spots were detected by spraying with 1% CeSO<sub>4</sub> in 10% aq. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> followed by heating; CC: silica gel 70–230 mesh (Merck); Semi-prep. HPLC: Waters LC consisting of 6000A pump, U6K injector, 450 nm variable wavelength UV detector and R401 RI detector, using a Partisil M9 10/50 ODC-2 (Whatman) column, MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (58:42) and (52:48) at a flow rate of 4 ml min<sup>–1</sup>. A voucher specimen (Bansiddhi 9763) of

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of iridoids **6**–**9**

| H       | 6                           | 7                           | 8                           | 9                           |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1       | 5.95, <i>d</i> (1.5)        | 6.03, <i>d</i> (1.5)        | 6.05, <i>d</i> (1.5)        | 6.02, <i>d</i> (1.5)        |
| 3       | 7.48, <i>s</i>              | 7.50, <i>s</i>              | 7.49, <i>s</i>              | 7.50, <i>s</i>              |
| 5       | 3.25, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 3.31, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 3.23, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  | 3.31, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  |
| 6       | 5.41, <i>d</i> (4.5)        | 5.46, <i>d</i> (4.5)        | 5.46, <i>d</i> (4.5)        | 5.46, <i>d</i> (4.5)        |
| 7a      | 2.01, <i>dd</i> (4.5, 15.0) | 2.04, <i>dd</i> (4.5, 15.0) | 1.94, <i>dd</i> (4.5, 15.0) | 2.01, <i>dd</i> (4.5, 15.0) |
| 7b      | 2.38, <i>d</i> (15.0)       | 2.41, <i>d</i> (15.0)       | 2.36, <i>d</i> (15.0)       | 2.41, <i>d</i> (15.0)       |
| 9       | 3.00, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  | 3.09, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  | 3.01, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  | 3.10, <i>dd</i> (1.5, 9.0)  |
| 10      | 1.57, <i>s</i>              | 1.53, <i>s</i>              | 1.47, <i>s</i>              | 1.53, <i>s</i>              |
| COOMe   | 3.70, <i>s</i>              | 3.71, <i>s</i>              | 3.72, <i>s</i>              | 3.70, <i>s</i>              |
| OAc     | 1.90, <i>s</i>              | 1.96, <i>s</i>              | 1.88, <i>s</i>              | 1.96, <i>s</i>              |
| α       | 5.79, <i>d</i> (12.0)       | 6.29, <i>d</i> (15.0)       | 5.77, <i>d</i> (12.0)       | 6.22, <i>d</i> (15.0)       |
| β       | 6.86, <i>d</i> (12.0)       | 7.61, <i>d</i> (15.0)       | 6.82, <i>d</i> (12.0)       | 7.58, <i>d</i> (15.0)       |
| 2 × ArH | 6.88, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 6.97, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 6.83, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 6.86, <i>d</i> (9.0)        |
| 2 × ArH | 7.73, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 7.49, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 7.61, <i>d</i> (9.0)        | 7.39, <i>d</i> (9.0)        |
| OMe     | 3.84, <i>s</i>              | 3.86, <i>s</i>              |                             |                             |
| 1'      | 4.66, <i>d</i> (7.5)        | 4.69, <i>d</i> (7.5)        | 4.69, <i>d</i> (7.5)        | 4.70, <i>d</i> (7.5)        |

Table 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts of iridoids **6–9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{DMSO}-d_6$ 

| C        | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1        | 92.4  | 93.4  | 93.8  | 93.4  |
| 3        | 151.5 | 152.5 | 152.3 | 152.4 |
| 4        | 105.3 | 106.1 | 105.8 | 106.0 |
| 5        | 37.1  | 37.8  | 37.6  | 37.6  |
| 6        | 75.2  | 76.3  | 76.0  | 77.4  |
| 7        | 42.5  | 43.5  | 43.8  | 43.5  |
| 8        | 86.4  | 87.2  | 87.0  | 87.0  |
| 9        | 47.2  | 48.1  | 48.0  | 48.0  |
| 10       | 20.0  | 21.4  | 21.2  | 21.2  |
| 1'       | 97.4  | 98.5  | 98.9  | 98.6  |
| 2'       | 71.6  | 72.5  | 72.2  | 72.3  |
| 3'       | 75.6  | 76.1  | 76.0  | 76.1  |
| 4'       | 68.7  | 69.8  | 69.9  | 69.6  |
| 5'       | 77.2  | 76.3  | 76.1  | 76.1  |
| 6'       | 60.2  | 61.3  | 61.7  | 61.2  |
| 1''      | 125.2 | 126.5 | 124.6 | 125.0 |
| 2'',6''  | 128.4 | 131.6 | 128.9 | 131.7 |
| 3'',5''  | 113.0 | 113.8 | 115.2 | 114.3 |
| 4''      | 159.8 | 159.7 | 158.9 | 158.1 |
| $\alpha$ | 114.0 | 116.3 | 113.5 | 115.0 |
| $\beta$  | 142.0 | 142.6 | 144.0 | 142.9 |
| C=O      | 164.6 | 164.8 | 165.6 | 164.8 |
|          | 165.0 | 165.9 | 165.7 | 165.7 |
|          | 169.2 | 170.2 | 170.3 | 170.1 |
| OMe      | 49.8  | 50.6  | 50.4  | 50.5  |
|          | 53.9  | 54.7  | —     | —     |
| OAc      | 19.8  | 20.8  | 20.8  | 20.8  |

the plant material has been deposited at the Herbarium, the Division of Medicinal Plant Research and Development, Department of Medical Science, Nonthaburi 11000, Thailand.

#### Extraction and isolation

Fresh leaves of *B. lupulina* (1.62 kg) were blended with 95% EtOH at room temp. and filtered. Removal of EtOH *in vacuo* gave a dark green solid (209.3 g). The solid was dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (800 ml) and extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ( $4 \times 600$  ml). The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  layer was extracted with *n*-BuOH ( $4 \times 600$  ml). Removal of *n*-BuOH *in vacuo* gave a dark green solid (85.6 g). A portion of the *n*-BuOH extract (59.1 g) was subjected to CC on silica gel (700 g) using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (20:1 and 20:2) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20:3:1, 15:3:1, 10:3:1, 7:3:1 and 6:4:1) as the eluent to give 11 frs as dark solids (12.3, 5.6, 2.6, 3.7, 3.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.3, 3.5, 4.6 and 11.3 g respectively).

6-*O*-*p*-Methoxy-*cis*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhizide methyl ester (**6**) and 6-*O*-*p*-methoxy-*trans*-cinnamoyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhizide methyl ester (**7**). Fr. 1

(12.3 g) was chromatographed on silica gel (600 g) using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (30:3:1) as the eluent to give a mixture of glucosides **6** and **7** as a dark green solid (413 mg), a mixture of **6**, **7** and acetylbarlerin (**3**) as a dark green solid (754 mg) and compound **3** as a light green solid (7.5 g). The mixture of **6** and **7** (413 mg) was rechromatographed on silica gel using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (50:1, 40:1, 30:1 and 25:1) as the eluent to give as a colourless solid (317 mg) a mixture of **6** and **7**. Purification of this mixture (200 mg) by RP HPLC gave **6** (57 mg) and **7** (99 mg) as colourless solids. Compound **6**, colourless powder: (found: C, 53.9; H, 6.2.  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{14} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 54.0; H, 6.2%),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -129.7^\circ$  (*c*, 0.35). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 227 (4.36), 297 (sh) (4.25), 307 (4.27); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1700, 1640, 1600, 1270, 1180, 1080, 1020; CI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 609  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (12), 549 (12), 447 (12), 387 (22), 371 (70), 227 (40), 209 (100), 191 (92), 185 (40), 179 (11), 161 (40);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: Table 1;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: Table 2. Compound **7** colourless powder: (found: C, 54.0, H, 5.9.  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{14} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 54.0; H, 6.2%),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -103.0^\circ$  (*c*, 0.26). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 227 (4.36), 297 (sh) (4.35), 310 (4.38); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400 (broad), 1715, 1645, 1602, 1260, 1190, 1030; CI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 609  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (12), 549 (22), 447 (25), 387 (22), 371 (47), 227 (55), 209 (100), 191 (85), 179 (11), 161 (25);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: Table 1;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: Table 2.

6-*O*-*p*-*cis*-Coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhizide methyl ester (**8**) and 6-*O*-*p*-*trans*-coumaroyl-8-*O*-acetylshanzhizide methyl ester (**9**). Fr. 3 (2.6 g) was subjected to CC on silica gel (150 g) using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (40:1, 30:1, 20:1, 15:1, 10:1 and 10:2, respectively) as the eluent to give acetylbarlerin (**3**) as a colourless solid (372 mg) and a mixture of compounds **8**, **9** and barlerin (**2**) as a green solid (1.7 g). The mixture was further purified on a column of silica gel (100 g) using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH (50:1, 45:1, 40:1, 30:1, 20:1, 10:1 and 5:1 respectively) as the eluent to give a mixture of **8** and **9** as a colourless solid (274 mg), and a mixture of **8**, **9** and barlerin (**2**) as a colourless solid (460 mg) and compound **2** as a colourless solid (164 mg). The mixture of **8** and **9** (153 mg) was repurified by RP HPLC to give **8** and **9** as colourless solids (29 and 117 mg, respectively). Compound **8**, colourless solid, mp. 133–135° (found: C, 54.2; H, 5.6.  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_{14} \cdot 1\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 54.1; H, 6.0%),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -143.6^\circ$  (*c*, 0.10). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 228 (4.33), 299 (sh) (4.24), 312 (4.29); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1700, 1640, 1605, 1290, 1180, 1090, 1030; CI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 595  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (30), 535 (20), 433 (17), 371 (20), 269 (10), 209 (70), 191 (100), 165 (10), 147 (10);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: Table 1;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: Table 2. Compound **9** colourless solid, mp 151–153°C (found: C, 54.0; H, 5.9.  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_{14} \cdot 1\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 54.1; H, 6.0%).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24} = -110.9^\circ$  (*c*, 0.26). UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 220 (4.33), 298 (sh) (4.30), 312 (4.33); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3400, 1700, 1638, 1602, 1290, 1170, 1080, 1040; CIMS  $m/z$  (rel. int.): 595  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (30), 535 (25), 433 (20), 371 (20), 269 (10),

209 (60), 191 (100), 165 (12), 147 (12);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: Table 1;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: Table 2.

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