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A novel triterpenoid saponin from bulbs of *Bolbostemma paniculatum*MA Ting-jun<sup>1,2</sup>, LI Jun<sup>1</sup>, TU Peng-fei<sup>1</sup>, LU Fei-jie<sup>3</sup>

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**Abstract: Objective** To study the triterpenoid saponin from bulbs of *Bolbostemma paniculatum*.

**Methods** The compound was isolated by repeated silica gel chromatographies and its structure was elucidated on the basis of physico chemical property and spectral analysis. **Results** A novel triterpenoid saponin was isolated and determined as olean 12-en-28-oic acid, 3-{[2-O-[6-O-[(3R)-4-carboxy-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-oxobutyl]-β-D-glucopyranosyl]-β-D-glucopyranosyl] oxy}-2, 16, 23-trihydroxy-28-[2-O-α-L-rhamnose (1→2)-α-L-arabinopyranosyl] ester (I). **Conclusion** Compound I is a novel compound named as dexylosyltubeimoside II.

**Key words:** *Bolbostemma paniculatum* (Maxim.) Franquet; triterpenoid saponin; dexylosyltubeimoside II

## 土贝母中一个新的三萜皂苷

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**摘要:**目的 对土贝母 *Bolbostemma paniculatum* 的三萜皂苷成分进行分离和结构鉴定。方法 采用反复柱色谱方法进行分离, 通过理化性质和波谱分析鉴定结构。结果 从土贝母中分离并鉴定了1个新的三萜皂苷脱木糖土贝母苷丙(dexylosyltubeimoside II)。结论 化合物I为新化合物。

**关键词:** 土贝母; 三萜皂苷; dexylosyltubeimoside II

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The bulbs of *Bolbostemma paniculatum* (Maxim.) Franquet is a Chinese folk medicine named as "Tu Bei Mu". Tubeimosides I, II, and III, isolated from the folk medicine, showed significant antitumor, anti-inflammatory, and antitumor-promoting effects<sup>[1-3]</sup>. Recent studies have reported the isolation and structural elucidation of nine new triterpenoid saponin from *B. paniculatum*, which has antiviral activity<sup>[4]</sup>. The isolation of a novel cyclic bisdesmoside, dexylosyltubeimoside II,

from the ethanol extracts of the bulbs of *B. paniculatum* has been reported here.

## 1 Apparatus and materials

The optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Melting points of the compound was determined with an XT-4A apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 16 PC FT-IR spectrometer. NMR spectra were measured with a Bruker DRX-500 spectrophotometer. A YG-20 250 mass spectrometer

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was used to record the MS data. Silica gel (200—300 meshes) and silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> (Qingdao Marine Chemical Group Co.) were used for column chromatography and TLC, respectively.

*B. paniculatum* was collected from Jiangxian, Shanxi Province, China, in December 2003, and identified by Prof. Tu Pengfei (School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Health Science Center, Peking University). A voucher specimen was deposited in the Modern Research Center of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Peking University.

## 2 Extraction and isolation

*B. paniculatum* (20 kg) was milled and extracted three times with 95% EtOH for 2 h each time, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The 95% ethanol extract was suspended in water and was partitioned with petroleum ether, EtOAc and *n*-BuOH. The *n*-butanol fraction was chromatographed on D-101 macroporous resin, eluting successively with water, 10%, 30%, 50%, 70%, and finally 95% EtOH. The 50% EtOH fraction was repeated column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 65 : 35 : 10), Sephadex LH-20 (70% MeOH) and HPLC (50% MeOH) to afford dxylosyltubeimoside **1**.

## 3 Identification

Compound **1**; a white amorphous powder, mp 200—202 °C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>+15 (C 0.56, MeOH), has a molecular formula C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>92</sub>O<sub>27</sub> determined from its ESI-MS (*m/z* 1 250 [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>) and NMR data. Its IR absorption bands at 3 415 (OH), 1 734 (C=O), 1 675 (C=C), 1 454 and 1 382 were observed. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum suggested the presence of six singlet methyls ( $\delta$ : 0.89, 0.95, 1.14, 1.29, 1.53 and 1.85), one olefinic proton at  $\delta$  5.56 (H-12) and four anomeric proton signals [ $\delta$  5.00 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-1 of Glc **1**), 5.26 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-1 of Glc **1**), 5.86 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, H-1 of Ara), 6.33 (brs, H-1 of Rha)], which correlated in the HMQC spectrum with  $\delta$  (C) 103.1 (C-1 of Glc **1**), 105.7 (C-1 of Glc **1**), 94.7 (C-1 of Ara), 102.5 (C-1 of Rha)]. A comparison of the NMR data of **1** with that of tubeimoside **3** showed that compound **1** was lack of a set of data

of xylose moiety. Acid hydrolysis of **1** produced glucose, arabinose, rhamnose by TLC comparison with authentic samples. All proton and carbon signals in the NMR spectra (Table 1) were assigned by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, TOCSY, HMBC, and HMQC spectra.

**Table 1** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz) Data of compound **1** in C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N

Position	C	H	Position	C	H
1	44.1	2.18 m, 1.26 m	Glc( 1 )		
2	70.0	4.72 m	1	103.1	5.00 d (7.5)
3	83.1	4.16 m	2	84.8	4.03 m
4	42.3		3	78.3	4.12 m
5	47.6	1.76 m	4	70.6	4.07 m
6	18.4	2.18 m, 1.68 m	5	78.1	3.78 m
7	33.1	1.95 m, 1.76 m	6	62.3	4.35 m, 4.21 m
8	40.2		Glc( 1 )		
9	47.6	2.03 m	1	105.7	5.26 d (7.5)
10	37.0		2	76.9	4.05 m
11	24.0	2.33 m, 2.05 m	3	77.4	4.08 m
12	122.8	5.56 m	4	70.6	4.11 m
13	144.6		5	75.7	3.98 m
14	42.0		6	64.1	4.63 m, 4.11 m
15	36.8	2.24 m, 1.85 m	Ara		
16	73.4		1	94.7	5.86 d (7.8)
17	49.1		2	76.4	4.63 m
18	40.9	3.50 m	3	72.4	4.07 m
19	46.5	1.80 m, 1.33 m	4	69.8	4.05 m
20	30.7		5	67.7	4.19 m, 3.76 m
21	35.9	2.37 m, 1.24 m	Rha		
22	32.4	2.33 m, 2.18 m	1	102.5	6.33 brs
23	64.5	4.38 m, 3.78 m	2	72.4	4.89 brs
24	15.2	1.29 s	3	73.4	4.21 m
25	17.4	1.53 s	4	75.7	5.83 t (9.6)
26	17.5	1.14 s	5	67.9	4.49 dd (9.6, 3.0)
27	27.3	1.85 s	6	18.21	1.37 d (6.0)
28	175.6				
29	33.1	0.89 s			
30	24.3	0.95 s			
Acyl moiety					
1'	171.6				
2'	47.1	3.36 d (14.1), 2.77 d (14.1)			
3'	70.5				
4'	46.5	3.10 d (16.8), 2.65 d (16.8)			
5'	171.8				
6'	26.3	1.62 s			

The linkages between sugars and aglycone were decided mainly by HMBC spectra (Fig. 1).

In the HMBC spectrum, long-range correlations were observed between the anomeric proton signal at  $\delta$  5.00 (H-1 of Glc **1**) and the carbon signal at  $\delta$  83.1 due to the C-3 of aglycone, the anomeric proton signal at  $\delta$  5.26 (H-1 of Glc **1**)

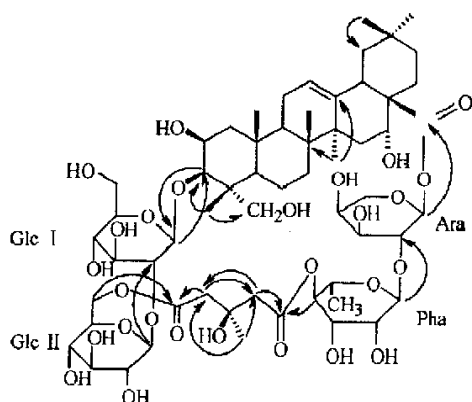


Fig. 1 Structure and main HMBC of compound I (H→C)

and the carbon signal at  $\delta$  84.8 due to the C-2 of Glc I, the anomeric proton signal at  $\delta$  5.86 (H-1 of Ara) and the carbon signal at  $\delta$  175.6 due to the C-28 of aglycone, the anomeric proton signal at  $\delta$  6.33 (H-1 of Rha) and the carbon signal at  $\delta$  76.4

due to the C-2 of Ara, the carbon signal at  $\delta$  171.6 (C-1 of HMG) and the proton signals at  $\delta$  4.63 and  $\delta$  4.11 (H-6a and 6b of Glc I), the carbon signal at  $\delta$  171.8 (C-5 of HMG) and the proton signal at  $\delta$  5.83 (H-4 of Rha). From these data, the structure of compound I was elucidated as dexylosyltubeimoside II.

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## 三列凹顶藻中倍半萜成分的研究

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**摘要:**目的 从三列凹顶藻 *Laurencia tristicha* 中寻找具有多样性结构的倍半萜化学成分, 供药理学筛选。方法 采用凝胶柱色谱、硅胶柱色谱、重结晶和高效液相色谱等方法进行分离; 借助包括一维和二维 NMR 等波谱方法和 X-单晶衍射鉴定化合物的结构; 用 MTT 法对得到的化合物进行细胞毒性评价。结果 分离得到 5 个倍半萜类化合物, 分别鉴定为海兔阿普里素 (aplysin, I)、海兔阿普里醇 (aplysinol, II)、去溴海兔阿普里醇 (debromoaplysinol, III)、凹顶藻聚苯 (laurebiphenyl, IV)、约翰斯顿醇 (johnstonol, V); 在人肿瘤细胞株 HCT-8、Bel-7402、BGC-823、A549 和 HeLa 模型上, 化合物 IV 对所有细胞株均显示毒性, 化合物 II 对 HeLa 细胞显示中等强度的细胞毒性, 其他化合物对所有细胞株均无明显毒性, IC<sub>50</sub> 均大于 10.0  $\mu$ g/mL。结论 化合物 I ~ V 均为首次从三列凹顶藻中得到, 化合物 II 对 HeLa 细胞具有中等强度的选择性细胞毒性, 化合物 IV 对所有细胞株均显示毒性。

**关键词:** 三列凹顶藻; 倍半萜; 细胞毒性

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