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Four New Triterpenoids from Callicarpa kwangtungensis

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Abstract: Four new triterpenoids which were identifed as $2\alpha,3\beta,6\beta,19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (1), 2-O- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- $3\alpha,19\alpha$ -dihydroxyoleanolic acid (2), 2-O- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- $3\alpha,19\alpha$ -dihydroxyursolic acid (3), $2\alpha,3\alpha,6\beta,19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), were isolated from the aerial parts of *Callicarpa kwangtungensis* together with three known triterpenoids identified as $2\alpha,3\beta,21\beta$ -trihydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5), $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6), $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7). Their structures were elucidated by the combination of mass spectrometry (MS), one and two-dimensional NMR experiments.

Keywords: Callicarpa kwangtungensis; Verbenaceae; triterpenoids; NMR; MS

1. Introduction

Callicarpa kwangtungensis Chun, belonging to the family Verbenaceae, is distributed widely in the Guangdong, Guangxi, and Jiangxi provinces of China [1]. The aerial parts of *C. kwangtungensis* are

used in Chinese herbal medicine for the treatment of bleeding wounds and hematemesis [1]. Previous phytochemical studies of the genus *Callicarpa* led to the isolation of flavonoids, triterpenoids, and phenylpropanoid glycosides. Some sesquiterpenoids such as callicarpenal, intermedeol, α -humulane were isolated from *Callicarpa americana*, *C. japonica* and *C. pedunculata*; They also include a few diterpenoids such as 16,17-dihydroxy-3-oxophyllocladane, 16-hydroxy-17-acetoxy-3-oxophyllocladane, isopropylidenocalliterpenone, and calliphyllin from *C. acuminata*, *C. formosana*, *C. macrophylla*, *C. maingayi* and *C. pentandra*; and many triterpenoids such as 2a,3a,24-trihydroxyoleanolic acid, ursolic acid and β -amyrin from *C. formosana*; oleanolic acid, betulin and α -amyrin from *C. macrophylla*; maslinic acid, bauerenol, 2 α ,3 β -dihydroxyursolic acid from *C. bodinieri*; several phenylpropanoid glycosides from *C. pentandra*, *C. kwangtungensis* and *C. furfuraceae* [2–4]. In our previous investigations, a novel phenylpropanoid glycoside was isolated from the aerial parts of *C. kwangtungensis* [5,6].

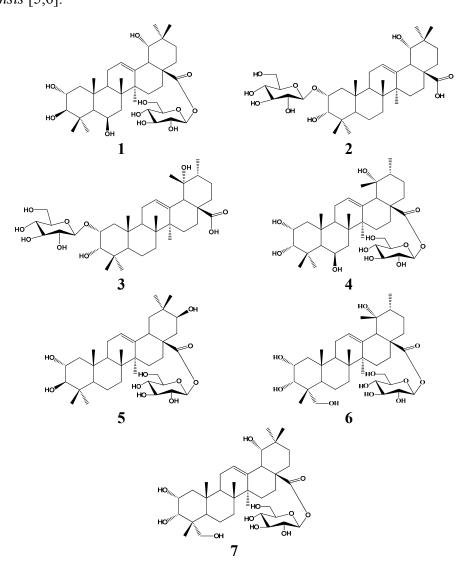


Figure 1. Structures of compounds 1–7.

As part of a study of the chemical constituents of *C. kwangtungensis*, a 95% EtOH extract of the aerial parts of *C. kwangtungensis* has now been investigated. Four new triterpenoids have been isolated and identified as 2α , 3 β , 6 β , 19 α -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (1), 2-*O*- β -D-

glucopyranosyloxy- 3α , 19α -dihydroxyoleanolic acid (2), 2-O- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- 3α , 19α dihydroxyursolic acid (3), 2α , 3α , 6β , 19α -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), In addition three known triterpenoids identified as 2α , 3β , 21β -trihydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -Dglucopyranoside (5), 2α , 3α , 19α , 23-tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6) and 2α , 3α , 19α , 23-tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7) have also been isolated (Figure 1). We report herein the isolation and structure elucidation of these compounds.

2. Results and Discussion

The EtOH extract of the aerial parts of *Callicarpa kwangtungensis* was successively partitioned with petroleum ether, EtOAc, and *n*-BuOH. The EtOAc-soluble portion was separated by a combination of silica gel, ODS column chromatography, and preparative HPLC to afford four new triterpenoids: $2\alpha,3\beta,6\beta,19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (1), 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- $3\alpha,19\alpha$ -dihydroxyoleanolic acid (2), 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), together with three known triterpenoids $2\alpha,3\beta,21\beta$ -trihydroxyursolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (5), $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (6) and $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (7). Their structures were elucidated by extensive NMR techniques mainly including 1D NMR (¹H- and ¹³C-NMR), 2D NMR (COSY, NOESY, HSQC, and HMBC), and ESI-MS.

Compound 1 was obtained as a white amorphous powder, which gave a positive result in the Liebermann-Burchard test. Acid hydrolysis of compound 1 with 2 mol/L HCl/1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v) furnished glucose, identified by TLC by comparison with an authentic sample. The positive optical rotation ($\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ +45.1, c 0.03, H₂O) indicated the D-configuration of glucose. The sugar identity was further confirmed by the chemical shifts and coupling constants in the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra. The HR-ESI-MS of 1 showed a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 665.3901 [M–H]⁻, indicating a molecular formula of C₃₆H₅₈O₁₀ (calcd. for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 665.3909, Δ amu 2.6 ppm). The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of 1 in pyridine-d₅ showed typical signals for an oleanane pentacyclic triterpenoid skeleton including seven tertiary methyl groups [δ_H 0.99,1.17, 1.49, 1.66, 1.79, 1.79, 1.83, (each 3H, s)], as well as one olefinic proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.61 (1H, br s), two olefinic carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 124.5 and 144.2) and an ester carbonyl at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 177.17. The ¹H-NMR spectra of 1 exhibited four oxymethine protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.87 (1H, s), 4.30 (1H, m), 3.63 (1H, s), and 3.43 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz). The data thus suggested that 1 is an oleanane-type triterpene with four hydroxy groups, a trisubstituted double bond, and a carboxyl. Comparison of the NMR spectroscopic data of 1 with those of arjunctin [7] demonstrated that the two compounds were almost identical, except for an additional hydroxyl group at C-6 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 68.3). These data suggested that 1 is a 6-oxygenated derivative of arjunctin, which was further confirmed by HMBC and NOESY experiments on 1. The existence of four hydroxy groups at C-2, C-3, C-6 and C-19 was supported by the HMBC spectrum. HMBC correlations (Figure 2) were observed between H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.35 and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.40) and C-25 (δ_{C} 18.9), C-4 (δ_{C} 40.2), C-2 (δ_{C} 69.3), C-3 (δ_{C} 84.4); between H-2 (δ_{H} 4.30) and C-3 (δ_{C} 84.4); H-3 (δ_H 3.43) and C-2 (δ_C 69.3), C-4 (δ_C 40.2), C-24 (δ_C 19.0); between H-19 (δ_H 3.63) and C-21 (δ_{C} 29.5), C-17 (δ_{C} 47.0); between H-5 (δ_{H} 1.21), H-7 (δ_{H} 2.00) and C-6 (δ_{C} 68.3). The orientations of the hydroxyls at C-2, C-3, C-6 and C-19 were determined using NOESY correlations.

The NOESY correlation of H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.43) with H-23 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.43) indicated that the hydroxyl at C-3 should be β -oriented; the NOESY correlations of H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.30) with H-24 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.79) and H-25 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.79) implied that 2-OH group had an α -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.87) with H-5 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.21) and H-23 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.49) implied that the 6-OH group had a β -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-19 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63) with H-30 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.66) implied that the 19-OH group had an α -orientation; Therefore, the aglycon moiety of **1** was identified as 2α , 3β , 6β , 19α -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of **1**, the relatively large ³*J*_{H-1,H-2} coupling constant of the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.36 of the D-glucopyranosyl moiety (*J* = 7.8 Hz) indicated a β -configuration for D-glucose. HMBC correlations between the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.36 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz) and the carbon signal at C-28 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 177.7) indicated that a β -D-glucopyranosyl moiety was attached to the C-28 position of the aglycone. On the basis of the foregoing evidence, the structure of **1** was determined as 2α , 3β , 6β , 19α -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside.

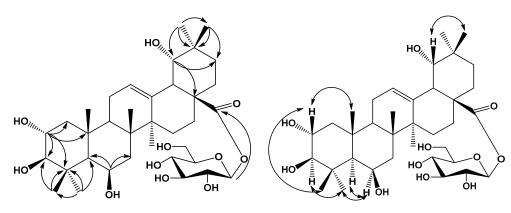


Figure 2. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of compound 1.

Compound 2 was obtained as a white amorphous powder, which gave a positive result in the Liebermann-Burchard test. Acid hydrolysis of compound 2 with 2 mol/L HCl/1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v) furnished glucose, identified by TLC comparison with an authentic sample. The positive optical rotation $(\alpha)_{D}^{20}$ +46.2, c 0.03, H₂O) indicated the D-configuration of glucose. In the (-) and (+)-ESI-MS of 2, guasimolecular ion peaks were observed at m/z: 649 [M–H]⁻ and 673 [M+Na]⁺, respectively. The HR-ESI-MS (m/z 649.3962 [M–H]⁻) analysis revealed the molecular formula of 2 to be C₃₆H₅₈O₁₀ (calcd. for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 649.3968, Δamu 0.9 ppm). The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **2** in pyridine-ds showed typical signals for an oleanane pentacyclic triterpenoid skeleton including seven tertiary methyl groups [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.88, 0.97, 1.06, 1.11, 1.19, 1.23, 1.54, (each 3H, s)], as well as one olefinic proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.57 (1H, br s), a pair of olefinic carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 124.3 and 145.3, typical for a double bond at C-12 (13) in an oleanane pentacyclic triterpenoid skeleton [6,7] and a carboxyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 181.3. The ¹H-NMR spectra of **2** exhibited three oxymethine protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.46 (1H, m), 4.05 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 3.63 (1H, s). The data thus suggested that the aglycon moiety of 2 is an oleanane-type triterpene with three hydroxy groups, a trisubstituted double bond, and a carboxyl. Comparison of the NMR spectroscopic data of 2 with those of 2α , 3α , 19α -dihydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside [7] demonstrated that the aglycon moiety of the two compounds were almost identical. These data suggesting that 2 has the same aglycon moiety as $2\alpha_3\alpha_19\alpha_2$ -dihydroxyoleanolic acid $28-O-\beta_2$ -D-glucopyranoside were further confirmed by HMBC and NOESY experiments on 2. The existence of three hydroxy groups at

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C-2, C-3 and C-19 was supported by the HMBC spectrum, HMBC correlations (Figure 3) were observed between H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.00 and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.86) and C-25 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 16.9), C-4 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 39.2), C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 76.9); between H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.46) and C-3 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 79.0); between H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.05) and C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 76.9), C-5 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 49.5); between H-19 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63) and C-21 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 29.6), C-17 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 44.6). The configuration of the hydroxyls at C-2, C-3 and C-19 were determined using NOESY correlations. The NOESY correlation of H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.46) with H-24 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.88) and H-25 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.97) indicated that the hydroxyl at C-2 should be in an α -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.05) with H-24 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.88) implied that 3-OH group had an α -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-19 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63) with H-30 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.54) implied that 19-OH group had an α -orientation. Therefore, the aglycon moiety of **2** was identified as $2\alpha_3 \alpha_3 (19\alpha)$ -trihydroxyoleanolic acid. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of **2**, the relatively large ³ $J_{\rm H-1,\rm H-2}$ coupling constant of the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.16 of the D-glucopyranosyl moiety (J = 7.8 Hz) indicated a β -configuration for D-Glc. HMBC correlations between the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.36 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz) and the carbon signal at C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 76.9) indicated that a β -D-glucopyranosyl moiety was attached to the C-2 position of the aglycone. On the basis of the foregoing evidence, the structure of **2** was determined as 2-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy-3 α_3 ,19 α -dihydroxyoleanolic acid.

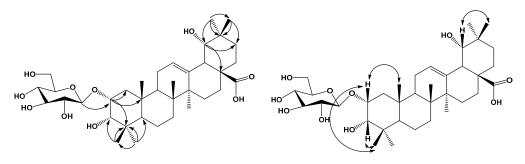


Figure 3. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of compound 2.

Compound 3 was obtained as a white amorphous powder, which gave a positive result in the Liebermann-Burchard test. Acid hydrolysis of compound 3 with 2 mol/L HCl/1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v) furnished glucose, identified by TLC comparison with an authentic sample. The positive optical rotation ($\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ +45.7, c 0.03, H₂O) indicated the D-configuration of glucose. In the (-) and (+)-ESI-MS of 3, quasimolecular ion peaks observed at m/z: 649 [M–H]⁻ and 673 [M+Na]⁺ indicated the molecular weight of **3** is 650. The HR-ESI-MS of **3** showed a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 649.3952 [M–H]⁻, indicating a molecular formula of C₃₆H₅₈O₁₀ (calcd. for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 649.3958, Δ amu 0.41 ppm). The ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **3** in pyridine-d₅ showed typical signals for an ursane pentacyclic triterpenoid skeleton, including six tertiary methyl groups [δ_H 0.86, 0.96, 1.09, 1.22, 1.44, 1.62 (each 3H, s)] and one secondary methyl signal at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.14 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), as well as one olefinic proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.56 (1H, br s), two olefinic carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 128.4 and 140.4) and a carboxyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 181.1. The ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **3** exhibited two oxymethine protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.46 (1H, m), 4.03 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz) and one hydroxy group attached to a tertiary carbon. The data thus suggested that 3 is an ursane-type triterpene with three hydroxy groups, a trisubstituted double bond, and a carboxyl. Comparison of the NMR spectroscopic data of **3** with those of $2\alpha_3\beta_19\alpha_1$ -trihydroxyurs-12-en-28-*O*- β_2 -D-glucopyranoside. [7] demonstrated that the two compounds have the same aglycon moiety, only differing in the orientation of the hydroxy group at C-3. The existence of three hydroxy groups at C-2, C-3 and C-19 was

supported by the HMBC spectrum, HMBC correlations (Figure 4) were observed between H-1 (δ_H 1.80 and δ_H 1.94) and C-25 (δ_C 17.0), C-4 (δ_C 39.0), C-2 (δ_C 76.6), C-3 (δ_C 79.1); between H-2 (δ_H 4.46) and C-3 (δ_C 79.1); H-3 (δ_H 4.03) and C-2 (δ_C 76.6), C-4 (δ_C 39.0), C-24 (δ_C 22.8); between H-18 (δ_H 3.05), H-30 (δ_H 1.14), H-29 (δ_H 1.44) and C-19 (δ_C 73.1). The configuration of the hydroxyls at C-2, C-3 and C-19 were determined using NOESY correlations. The NOESY correlation of H-3 (δ_H 4.03) with H-24 (δ_H 0.86) indicated that the hydroxyl at C-3 should be α-oriented; the NOESY correlations of H-2 (δ_H 4.46) with H-24 (δ_H 0.86) and H-25 (δ_H 0.96) implied that the 2-OH group had an α-orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-29 (δ_H 1.44) with H-18 (δ_H 3.05) and H-20 (δ_H 1.50) implied that 19-OH group had an α-orientation; Therefore, the aglycon moiety of **3** was identified as $2\alpha_3\alpha_1$,19α-trihydroxyoursolic acid. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3**, the relatively large ³*J*_{H-1,H-2} coupling constant of the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.14 of D-glucopyranosyl moiety (*J* = 7.8 Hz) indicated a β-configuration for D-Glc. HMBC correlations between the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.14 (1H,d, *J* = 7.8 Hz) and the carbon signal at C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 76.6) indicated that a β-D-glucopyranosyl moiety was attached to the C-2 position of the aglycone. On the basis of the foregoing evidence, the structure of **3** was determined as 2-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyloxy-3α,19α-dihydroxyursolic acid.

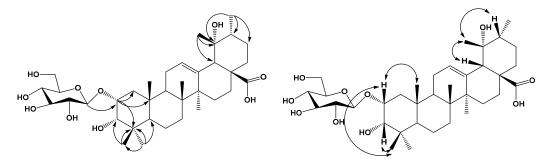


Figure 4. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of compound 3.

Compound 4 was obtained as a white amorphous powder, which gave a positive result in the Liebermann-Burchard test. Acid hydrolysis of compound 4 with 2 mol/L HCl/1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v) furnished glucose, identified by TLC comparison with an authentic sample. The positive optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +45.7, c 0.03, H₂O) indicated the D-configuration of glucose. The HR-ESI-MS of 4 showed a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 665.3901 [M–H]⁻, indicating a molecular formula of C₃₆H₅₈O₁₀ (calcd. for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 665.3909, Δ amu 1.2 ppm). The ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of 4 in pyridine-d₅ showed typical signals for an ursane pentacyclic triterpenoid skeleton, including six tertiary methyl groups [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.04, 1.07, 1.22, 1.25, 1.33, 1.38 (each 3H, s)] and one secondary methyl signals at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.94 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), as well as one olefinic proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.36 (1H, br s), two olefinic carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 129.9 and 139.9) and an ester carbonyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 178.5. The ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of 4 exhibited three oxymethine protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.38 (1H, s), 4.02 (1H, m), 3.29 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz) and one hydroxy group attached to a tertiary carbon. The data thus suggested that 4 is an ursane-type triterpene with four hydroxy groups, a trisubstituted double bond, and a carboxyl. Comparison of the NMR spectroscopic data of 4 with those of $2\alpha_3\beta_19\alpha$ -trihydroxyurs-12-en-28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside [7] demonstrated that two compounds were almost identical, except for an additional hydroxyl group at C-6 (δ_{C} 69.2). This was further confirmed by HMBC and NOESY experiments on 4. The existence of four hydroxy groups at C-2, C-3, C-6 and C-19 was supported by the HMBC spectrum, HMBC

correlations (Figure 5) were observed between H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.54 and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.28) and C-25 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 18.5), C-4 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 40.1), C-2 (δ_C 67.1), C-3 (δ_C 81.5); between H-2 (δ_H 4.02) and C-3 (δ_C 81.5); H-3 (δ_H 3.29) and C-2 (δc 67.1), C-4 (δc 40.1), C-24 (δc 24.4); between H-19 (δ_H 3.63) and C-21 (δc 29.5), C-17 (δc 47.0); between H-5 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.28), H-7 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.53) and C-6 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 69.2). The configuration of the hydroxyls at C-2, C-3, C-6 and C-19 were determined using NOESY correlations. The NOESY correlation of H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.29) with H-24 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.25) indicated that the hydroxyl at C-3 should be in an α -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.02) with H-24 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.25) and H-25 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.38) implied that the 2-OH group had an α -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.38) with H-5 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.28) and H-23 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.07) implied that the 6-OH group had a β -orientation; the NOESY correlations of H-19 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63) with H-30 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.66) the NOESY correlations of H-29 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.22) with H-18 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.54) and H-20 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.36) implied that the 19-OH group had an α -orientation. Therefore, the aglycon moiety of 4 was identified as $2\alpha_3\alpha_6\beta_19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid. In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of 4, the relatively large ³J_{H-1,H-2} coupling constant of the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.32 of the D-glucopyranosyl moiety (J = 8.4 Hz) indicated a β -configuration for D-Glc. HMBC correlations between the anomeric proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.32 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz) and the carbon signal at C-28 (δc 178.5) indicated that a β -D-glucopyranosyl moiety was attached to the C-28 position of the aglycone. On the basis of the foregoing evidence, the structure of 4 was determined as $2\alpha_3\alpha_6\beta_19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside.

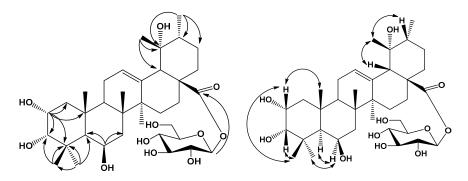


Figure 5. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of compound 4.

The structures of the three known triterpenoids $2\alpha,3\beta,21\beta$ -trihydroxy ursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5) [8], $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6) [9] and $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7) [10] were determined by comparison of their NMR spectral data with those reported in the literature.

3. Experimental Section

3.1. General Experimental Procedures

Optical rotations were measured on an Autopol IV-T/V (Rudolph Research Analytical, Hackettstown, NJ, USA). UV spectra were recorded in MeOH on a Jasco V650 spectrophotometer (JASCO, Inc., Easton, MD, USA). The ¹H (600 MHz), ¹³C- (150 MHz), and 2D-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III 600 instrument using TMS (tetramethylsilane) as an internal reference (Bruker Company, Billerica, MA, USA). HRTOFMS data were obtained on an Agilent 7890–7000 A mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). Preparative HPLC

(high-performance liquid chromatography) was conducted with an Agilent Technologies 1200 series instrument with an multiple wavelength detector using a YMC-pack ODS (Octadecylsilyl)-A column (5 μ m, 250 \times 20 mm). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200–300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical Ltd., Qingdao, China), Develosil ODS (50 μ m, Nomura Chemical Co. Ltd., Osaka, Japan), and Sephadex LH-20 GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB, Uppsala, Sweden). TLC (thin layer chromatography) was carried out with glass precoated with silica gel GF254. Spots were visualized under UV light or by spraying with 10% sulfuric acid in EtOH followed by heating. All reagents and solvents are analystical grade.

3.2. Plant Material

The aerial parts of *C. kwangtungensis* Chun were collected from Pingxiang, Jiangxi province of China, in July 2012. The plant was identified by Guiping Yuan at Jiangxi Provincial Institute for Drug and Food Control, China. A voucher specimen (No. 20120715) is deposited in the Herbarium of Jiangxi Provincial Institute for Drug and Food Control.

3.3. Extraction and Isolation

The aerial parts of C. kwangtungensis (10.5 kg) were extracted three times with 95% EtOH under reflux (2 h each). The extracted solution was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a dark-brown residue (1.2 kg). The residue was suspended in water (20 L) and then successively partitioned with petroleum ether (3 \times 20 L), EtOAc (3 \times 20 L), and *n*-BuOH (3 \times 20 L). After removing the solvent, the EtOAc-soluble portion (130 g) was fractionated via silica gel column chromatography (CC), eluting with CHCl₃/MeOH (5:1, v/v), to give 10 major fractions A1-A10 on the basis of TLC analysis. Fraction A2 (7.8 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (30:1–1:1, v/v) to afford nine fractions (A2-1-A2-9). Fraction A2-4 (2.5 g) was separated by ODS CC (50 µm, 20%-100%, MeOH/H₂O) to give four subfractions (A2-4-1-A2-4-4). Subfraction A2-4-3 (1.1 g) was separated by Sephadex LH-20 CC using MeOH to afford five fractions (A2-4-3-1-A2-4-3-5) on the basis of TLC analysis. Fraction A2-4-3-3 (108 mg) was further separated by preparative HPLC (YMC-ODS-A, 5 µm, 250 mm × 20 mm, detection at 210 nm) using 23% CH₃CN-H₂O (7 mL/min) as mobile phase to yield 1 (20.2 mg) and 2 (4.0 mg). A2-4-2 (1.1 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (12:1-4:1) to afford three fractions (A2-4-2-1-A2-4-2-3). Subfraction A2-4-2-2 (108 mg) was separated by preparative HPLC (YMC-ODS-A, 5 µm, 250 mm × 20 mm, detection at 210 nm) using 23% CH₃CN-H₂O (7 mL/min) to yield 3 (4.5 mg), 4 (21.3 mg) and 5 (5.8 mg). Fraction 5 (8.9 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (30:1-1:1, v/v) to afford five fractions (A5-1-A5-5). A5-4 (2.7 g) was subjected to ODS CC (50 μ m, 20%–100%, MeOH-H₂O) to afford four subfractions (A5-4-1-A5-4-4). A5-4-3 (1.31 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (30:1–1:1, v/v) to afford three fractions (A5-4-3-1~A5-4-3-3), A5-4-3-1 (217 mg) separated by preparative HPLC (YMC-ODS-A, 5 µm, 250 mm × 20 mm, detection at 210 nm) using 23% CH₃CN-H₂O (7 mL/min) to yield 6 (5.3 mg)and 7 (16.8 mg).

3.4. Acid Hydrolysis of Compounds 1-4

Compounds 1 (1.0 mg), 2 (1.0 mg), 3 (1.0 mg) and 4 (1.0 mg) were heated in an ampule with aqueous 2 mol/L HCl/1,4-dioxane (1:1, 2 mL) at 80 °C for 6 h. The aglycone was extracted with chloroform (3×3 mL). The aqueous layer was evaporated under reduced pressure and subjected to the column chromatography over Sephadex LH-20, eluting with CH₃CN/H₂O (8:1) to yield the sugar residue. Compound 1, 2, 3 and 4 gave D-glucose which was identified by TLC comparison with a standard sample (CH₃CN/H₂O (6:1); R_f = 0.35 and its positive optical rotation.

3.5. The Physicochemical Data of Compounds 1–7

 2α , 3β , 6β , 19α -Tetrahydroxyoleanolic Acid 28-O- β -D-Glucopyranoside (1). White amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –12.5 (c 0.12, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε): 207.6 (3.33) nm; for ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, C₅D₅N) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, C₅D₅N) spectral data, see Table 1; HR-ESI-MS *m*/*z* 665.3901 [M–H]⁻, (calcd for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 665.3909, Δ amu 2.6 ppm).

2-*O*-β-*D*-*Glucopyranosyloxy*-3*α*, 19*α*-*dihydroxyoleanolic* Acid (**2**). White amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –23.3 (*c* 0.03, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε): 206.2 (3.22) nm; for ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, C₅D₅N) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, C₅D₅N) spectral data, see Table 1; HR-ESI-MS *m*/*z* 649.3962 [M–H][–] (calcd for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 649.3968, Δ amu 0.9 ppm).

Na	_	1	_	2		3		4
No.	С	Н	С	Н	С	Н	С	Н
1	50.4	1.40, 1H, br t, J = 12.0 Hz	39.8	1.86, 1H, br t, J = 12.0 Hz	39.9	1.80, 1H, br t, J = 12.0 Hz	44.9	1.28, 1H, s
		2.35, 1H, m		2.00, 1H, m		1.94, 1H, m		1.54, 1H, m
2	69.3	4.30, 1H, m	76.9	4.46, 1H, m	76.6	4.46, 1H, m	67.1	4.02, 1H, m
3	84.4	3.43, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	79	4.05,1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.4 Hz	79.1	4.03, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.4 Hz	81.5	3.29, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.4 Hz
4	40.2		39.2		39.0		40.1	
5	57.4	1.21, 1H, s	49.5	1.68, 1H, m	48.8	1.66, 1H, m	49.7	1.28, 1H, s
6	68.3	4.87, 1H, s	19.1	1.34, 1H, m	19.0	1.33, 1H, m	69.2	4.38, 1H, s
				1.49 m		1.47 m		
7	41.3	2.00, 2H, m	34.1	1.36, 1H, m	33.9	1.35, 1H, m	40.6	1.53, 2H, m
				1.58, 1H, m		1.65, 1H, m		
8	42.1		40.7		41.0		41.7	
9	49.5	2.14, 1H, m	48.7	2.08, 1H, m	48.1	2.03, 1H, m	49.5	1.90, 1H, m
10	39.0		39.2		39.0		38.3	
11	24.8	2.33, 1H, m	24.8	2.01, 1H, m	24.6	2.00, 1H, s	24.4	2.09, 2H, m
12	124.5	5.61, 1H, s	124.3	5.57, 1H, s	128.4	5.56, 1H, s	129.9	5.36, 1H, s
13	144.2		145.3		140.4		139.9	

Table 1. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz) spectral data of 1–4 (δ in ppm, *J* in Hz, in pyridine-*d*₅).

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No.	С	Н	С	Н	С	Н	С	Н
14	43.3		42.7		42.7		43.2	
15	29.6	1.32, 1H, m	29.7	1.33, 1H, m	29.7	1.25, 1H, m	29.3	1.03, 1H, m
		2.08, 1H, m		2.12, 1H, m		2.33, 1H, m		1.91, 1H, m
16	28.7	2.17, 1H, m	28.9	2.16, 1H, m	27.4	1.33, 1H, m	27.1	1.26, 1H, m
		2.83, 1H, m		2.80, 1H, m		2.08, 1H, m		1.77, 1H, m
17	47.0		46.6		49.3		49.6	
18	45.1	3.58, 1H, s	45.3	3.60, 1H, m	55.0	3.05, 1H, t	55.0	2.54, 1H, s
19	81.6	3.63, 1H, s	81.8	3.63, 1H, t	73.2		73.7	
20	36.0		36.2		42.8	1.50, 1H, m	43.0	1.36, 1H, m
21	29.5	1.07, 1H, m	29.6	1.25, 1H, m	26.9	2.04, 1H, m	26.6	1.64, 1H, m
		2.48, 1H, t		1.35, 1H, m		3.11, 1H, m		2.62, 1H, m
		J = 6.0 Hz		1.50, 111, 11		<i></i> ,,		2.02, 111, 111
22	33.4	2.00, 1H, m	33.8	2.04, 1H, m	39.2	2.08, 1H, m	38.8	1.66, 1H, m
		2.08, 1H, m		2.17, 1H, m		2.16, 1H, m		1.79, 1H, m
23	29.6	1.49, 3H, s	29.9	1.23, 3H, s	29.8	1.22, 3H, s	29.6	1.07, 3H, s
24	19.0	1.79, 3H, s	22.8	0.88, 3H, s	22.8	0.86, 3H, s	24.4	1.25, 3H, s
25	18.9	1.79, 3H, s	17.0	0.97, 3H, s	17.0	0.96, 3H, s	18.5	1.38, 3H, s
26	19.8	1.83, 3H, s	18.1	1.06, 3H, s	17.7	1.09, 3H, s	18.7	1.04, 3H, s
27	25.3	0.99, 3H, s	25.3	1.54, 3H, s	25.1	1.62, 3H, s	24.7	1.33, 3H, s
28	177.7		181.3		181.1		178.5	
29	29.2	1.17, 3H, s	29.3	1.19, 3H, s	27.5	1.44, 3H, s	27.2	1.22, 3H, s
30	25.3	1.66, 3H, s	25.3	1.54, 3H, s	17.3	1.14, 3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz	16.6	0.94, 3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz
Glc								
1	96.4	6.36, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz	104.2	5.16, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz	104.1	5.14, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz	95.9	5.32, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz
2	74.6	4.24, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz	75.8	4.07,1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz	75.9	4.07, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz	73.9	3.35, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz
3	79.7	4.02, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	78.3	4.28,1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	78.3	4.29, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz	78.3	3.35, 1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz
4	71.7	4.39, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	72.3	4.30,1H, t, $J = 9.0$ Hz	72.2	4.31, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz	71.3	3.40, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz
5	79.3	4.30, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	78.8	4.32, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz	78.9	4.33, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz	78.6	4.03, 1H, dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz J = 4.2 Hz
6	62.6	4.41, 1H, t, <i>J</i> = 9.6 Hz	63.3	4.37, 1H, dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz J = 12.0 Hz	63.2	4.37, 1H, dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz J = 11.4 Hz	62.4	3.70, 1H, dd, $J = 4.2$ Hz J = 12.0 Hz
		4.44, 1H, m		4.54, 1H, dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz J = 12.0 Hz		4.54, 1H, dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz J = 11.4 Hz		3.81, 1H, dd, $J = 1.8$ Hz J = 12.0 Hz

 Table 1. Cont.

2-O-β-D-Glucopyranosyloxy-3α, 19α-dihydroxyursolic Acid (**3**). White amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –13.0 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λmax (logε): 208.6 (3.16) nm; for ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, C₅D₅N) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, C₅D₅N) spectral data, see Table 1; HR-ESI-MS *m*/*z* 649.3952 [M–H][–] (calcd for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 649.3958, Δamu 0.41 ppm).

2 α , 3 α , 6 β , 19 α -Tetrahydroxyursolic Acid 28-O- β -D-Glucopyranoside (4). White amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ -15.0 (*c* 0.08, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε): 210.1 (3.55) nm; for ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, C₅D₅N) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, C₅D₅N) spectral data, see Table 1; HR-ESI-MS *m*/*z* 665.3901 [M–H]⁻ (calcd for C₃₆H₅₇O₁₀, 665.3909, Δ amu 1.2 ppm).

 2α , 3β , 21β -Trihydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**5**), 2α , 3α , 19α , 23-tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**6**), and 2α , 3α , 19α , 23-tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (**7**), for ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, C₅D₅N) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, C₅D₅N) spectral data, see Table 2.

Position		5		6		7
1	46.7	0.95 (1H, m)	42.7	1.90 (1H, m)	48	1.23 (1H, m)
		2.25 (1H, m)		2.00 (1H, m)		2.08 (1H, m)
2	67.2	3.31 (1H, m)	66.7	4.08 (1H, m)	69.4	4.10 (1H, m)
3	83.1	2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.6 Hz)	79.9	3.78 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.4 Hz)	78.8	3.76 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz)
4	39		42.6		44.2	
5	55.6	0.93 (1H, m)	44	1.41 (1H, s)	48.5	1.33 (1H, m)
		1.23 (1H, m)	10	1.21 (1H, m)		
6	18.5	1.38 (1H, m)	19	1.34 (1H, m)	19.3	1.48 (2H, m)
		1.25 (1H, m)	22.7	1.25 (1H, m)		
7	32.8	1.42(1H, m)	33.7	1.40 (1H, m)	33.9	1.70 (2H, m)
8	39		41.2		40.8	
9	47.8	1.93 (1H, m)	48.3	2.06 (1H, m)	49	2.03 (1H, m)
10	37.7		38.2		39.1	
11	23.3	2.16 (1H, m)	25	2.00 (1H, m)	24.8	2.01 (1H, m)
12	122.3	4.76 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.5 Hz)	128.7	5.56 (1H, br s)	1283.6	5.54 (1H, br s)
13	143.7		139.6		144.8	
14	41.4		42.7		42.7	
15	28.5	0.98 (1H, m)	29.7	1.34 (1H, m)	29.7	1.31 (1H, m)
		1.83 (1H, m)		2.10 (1H, m)		2.04 (1H, m)
16	24.3	1.06 (1H, m)	27.1	2.14 (1H, m)	26.7	2.08 (1H, m)
		1.68 (1H, m)		2.62 (1H, m)		2.74 (1H, m)
17	47		49.1		47	
18	41.8	2.52 (1H, s)	54.9	2.52 (1H, s)	45.1	3.52 (1H, s)
19	46.6	1.06 (1H, m)	73.1		81.5	3.57 (1H, s)
		2.16 (1H, m)				
20	36		42.1	1.43 (1H, m)	36	
21	71.4	3.53 (1H, m)	26.6	2.00 (1H, m)	29.5	1.88 (2H, m)
				3.13 (1H, m)		
22	41.5	1.91 (1H, m)	38.9	2.04 (1H, m)	33.5	2.04 (1H, m)
		2.22 (1H, m)		2.14 (1H, m)		2.10 (1H, m)
23	29.5	0.84 (3H, s)	71	3.75 (1H, d, 10.8 Hz)	67	3.57 (1H, d, 10.2 Hz)
				3.92 (1H, d, 10.8 Hz)		3.73 (1H, d, 10.2 Hz)

Table 2. ¹H-NMR (600 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz) spectral data of **5**–7 (δ in ppm, *J* in Hz, in pyridine-*d*₅).

Position		5		6	7		
24	17.3	1.06 (3H, s)	18.2	0.90 (3H, s)	14.7	0.99 (3H, s)	
25	16.7	1.00 (3H, s)	17.6	1.09 (3H, s)	17,8	1.22 (3H, s)	
26	17	0.91 (3H, s)	18	1.26 (3H, s)	18.2	1.10 (3H, s)	
27	25.8	1.41 (3H, s)	27.5	1.65 (3H, s,)	25.9	1.56 (3H, s)	
28	176.6		177.9		177.8		
29	29.7	1.12 (3H, s)	24.7	1.39 (3H, s)	29.4	1.15 (3H, s)	
30	20.1	1.09 (3H, s)	17.2	1.07 (3H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz)	25.1	1.17 (3H, s)	
Glc							
1′	96.6	5.44 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz)	96.4	6.30 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz)	96.4	6.30 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz)	
2'	74	3.33 (1H, m)	74.6	4.22 (1H, m)	74.6	4.21 (1H, m)	
3'	78.9	3.43 (1H, m)	79.8	4.02 (1H, m)	79.9	3.98 (1H, m)	
4′	71.3	3.3 (1H, m)	71.7	4.33 (1H, m)	71.6	4.32 (1H, m)	
5'	79.4	3.31 (1H, m)	79.5	4.27 (1H, m)	79.8	4.25 (1H, m)	
6'	61.9	3.64 (1H, m)	62.7	4.35 (1H, m)	62.7	4.37 (1H, m)	
		3.85 (1H, m)		4.37 (1H, m)		4.40 (1H, m)	

Table 2. Cont.

4. Conclusions

Four new triterpenoids which were identifed as $2\alpha,3\beta,6\beta,19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (1), 2-O- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- $3\alpha,19\alpha$ -dihydroxyoleanolic acid (2), 2-O- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy- $3\alpha,19\alpha$ -dihydroxyursolic acid (3) and $2\alpha,3\alpha,6\beta,19\alpha$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (4), were isolated together with three known triterpenoids identified as $2\alpha,3\beta,21\beta$ -trihydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5), $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (5), $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyoleanolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (6), and $2\alpha,3\alpha,19\alpha,23$ -tetrahydroxyursolic acid 28-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (7) from the aerial parts of *Callicarpa kwangtungensis*. This finding represents an addition to the ongoing research on the pharmacological activity of this plant, which may be helpful to understand the use of *Callicarpa kwangtungensis* in traditional medicine and should continue to clarify its actual health benefits.

Supplementary Materials

Supplementary materials can be accessed at: http://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/20/05/9071/s1.

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