

# Potentially Hepatoprotective Glycolipid Constituents of *Lycium chinense* Fruits

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Further investigation of *Lycium chinense* fruits gave a mixture of (6'-O-palmitoyl)- and (6'-O-stearoyl)- $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) and two glycolipids, 1-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**2**) and 1-O-(9Z,12Z-octadecadienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**3**). These compounds were newly isolated as constituents of *L. chinense*.

**Key words:** *Lycium chinense* fruits, (6'-O-Palmitoyl)- and (6'-O-stearoyl)- $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 1-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol, 1-O-(9Z,12Z-octadecadienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol

## INTRODUCTION

Fruits of *Lycium chinense* Miller (Solanaceae), distributed in northeast Asia, have been used as a tonic in traditional oriental medicine (Kim *et al.*, 1997). These fruits are also known to possess a hypotensive, hypoglycemic, hepatoprotective, and antipyretic activities, and to prevent stress-induced ulceration in experimental animals. A number of neutral volatile compounds, steroids, cerebrosides, and alkaloids were known as constituents of the fruits of this plant (Chin *et al.*, 2003). Because the EtOAc fraction of these fruits was found to show a hepatoprotective activity, this fraction was chosen for further investigation of bioactive materials. As a result, a mixture of (6'-O-palmitoyl)- and (6'-O-stearoyl)- $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1**), and two glycolipids (**2** and **3**) were isolated from the fruits of *L. chinense*.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant material

Air-dried fruits of *L. chinense* were purchased from Chungyang Agricultural Cooperatives Federation in Korea

and identified by one of the authors. A voucher specimen (SNUPH-0027) was deposited at the College of Pharmacy, Seoul National University.

### General experimental procedures

NMR spectra were measured on a Varian VXR 300 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. FAB-MS were obtained on a JMS AX 505WA spectrometer. GC-FID analysis was carried out on an HP 5890II (Hewlett Packard) with an HP 3395 integrator and DB-1, capillary column (J & W Scientific, 30 m $\times$ 0.25 mm $\times$ 0.17  $\mu$ m film thickness). Helium was used as a carrier gas at the flow rate of 2 mL/min. The oven temperature was set at 180°C for 5 min, from 180°C to 230°C at a rate of 2°C/min, then held at 230°C for 1 min, and finally up to 280°C at a rate of 10 °C/min. The injector temperature and the detector temperature were set at 250°C and was 280°C, respectively.

### Extraction and isolation

Dried fruits (120 g) were extracted with EtOH and evaporated *in vacuo*. The extract was suspended in water and partitioned with *n*-hexane and EtOAc. The EtOAc extract (600 g) was subjected to SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography with CHCl<sub>3</sub>-EtOAc gradient system (1:0 to 0:1, 5 L each) to give 18 fractions. Fraction 13 (16.7 g) was filtered and obtained a white precipitate (1.2 g). The precipitate was chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH = 4:1) and then was subjected to HPLC

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(*n*-hexane-isopropyl alcohol = 7:1, 2 mL/min, Conosil Silica 7.8×250 mm) to afford compound **1** (70.2 mg). Fraction 16 (26.5 g) was subjected to SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH=10:1-0:1, 1000 mL each) and then provided 8 sub-fractions (F1601-F1608). F1602 (3.1 g) was applied on vacuum SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography giving 10 sub-fractions (F160201-F160210). F160203 (700 mg) was subjected to low pressure column chromatography (MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1-0:1, 10 mL/min, Lobar RP-8, Art. 11804, 40-60 μm, Merck) to give 7 sub-fractions. Sub-fraction 5 (120 mg) was analyzed by HPLC (MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O = 4:1, 2 mL/min, VyDACTM C8, 10×240 mm) to give compounds **2** (32.0 mg) and **3** (17.5 mg).

#### A mixture of (6'-*O*-palmitoyl)-β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucoside and (6'-*O*-stearoyl)-β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**1**)

An amorphous powder, EI-MS (70 eV, rel. int.) : *m/z* 414 [M-palmitoyl-glucosyl]<sup>+</sup> (8), 396 [414-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> (13), 255 [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (10), 98 (100); IR ν<sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 3410 (OH), 1739 (C=O), 1170 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 0.65 (3H, s, H-18), 0.80, 0.81 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-26, H-27), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-29), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-16"), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-21), 0.97 (3H, s, H-19), 1.25 (brs, (-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-2"), 3.34 (1H, m, H-2'), 3.36 (1H, m, H-4'), 3.44 (1H, m, H-3), 3.54 (2H, m, H-3', H-5'), 4.32 (1H, m, H-6'a), 4.35 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, m, H-6'b), 5.34 (1H, brs, H-6); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 11.8 (C-18), 11.9 (C-29), 14.1 (C-16"), 18.8 (C-26), 19.0 (C-21), 19.4 (C-19), 19.8 (C-27), 21.0 (C-11), 22.7 (C-15"), 23.0 (C-28), 24.3 (C-15), 25.0 (C-3"), 26.2 (C-25), 29.5-29.9 ((-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>), 29.7 (C-2), 31.9 (C-7, 8), 34.0 (C-22), 34.3 (C-2"), 36.2 (C-10), 36.7 (C-20), 37.3 (C-1), 39.0 (C-4), 39.8 (C-12), 42.3 (C-13), 45.8 (C-24), 50.1 (C-9), 56.2 (C-17), 56.8 (C-14), 63.7 (C-6'), 70.5 (C-4'), 73.3 (C-2'), 73.7 (C-5'), 76.3 (C-3'), 79.8 (C-3), 101.3 (C-1'), 122.0 (C-6), 140.4 (C-5), 174.1 (C-1").

#### Acetylation of compound **1**

Compound **1** (5 mg) was mixed with dry pyridine-Ac<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) and left 1 h at 60°C. Reaction mixture was dried by N<sub>2</sub> flow to yield compound **1a** (5.7 mg).

Compound **1a**: a white amorphous powder, IR ν<sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 2923, 2850, 1747, 1227 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.65 (3H, s, H-18), 0.80, 0.81 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-26, H-27), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-29), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-16"), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-21), 0.97 (3H, s, H-19), 1.25 (brs, (-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>), 1.98 (3H, s, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00 (3H, s, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (3H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-2"), 3.45 (1H, m, H-3), 3.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.7, 5.4, 2.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.10 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.7 Hz, H-6a'), 4.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.4 Hz, H-6b'), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.8 Hz, H-2'), 5.05 (1H, t, *J* =

9.7 Hz, H-4'), 5.18 (1H, t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H-3'), 5.33 (1H, m, H-6).

#### Acid hydrolysis of compound **1**

Compound **1** (20 mg) was hydrolyzed in 2N HCl-MeOH (4 mL) at 70°C for 4 h. The reaction mixtures were extracted with *n*-hexane (2 mL×3). The *n*-hexane fractions were evaporated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS.

#### Alkaline hydrolysis of compound **1**

A solution of **1** (15 mg) in 3% KOH-MeOH (4 mL) was left to stand for 15 min at room temperature, and then neutralized with 1N HCl-MeOH. The solution was passed through Sephadex LH-20 with MeOH to remove the salts. The white crystals, m.p. 292-295°C, deposited from the eluate, were identical to β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside.

#### 1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**2**)

A white amorphous powder, C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>74</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, FAB-MS (positive) : *m/z* 813 [M+K]<sup>+</sup>, 797 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 595 [M-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>; IR ν<sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) : 3401 (OH), 1741 (C=O), 1166 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.95 (6H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18", 18""), 1.28 (16H, m, H-4"~7", 4""~7""), 1.58 (4H, m, H-3", 3""), 2.05 (8H, m, H-8", 8"", 17", 17""), 2.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2"), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2""), 2.78 (8H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, H-11", 11"", 14", 14""), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.1, 4.2 Hz, H-5'), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.3 Hz, H-3'), 3.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.2 Hz, H-6'b), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, H-3a), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, H-6'b), 3.99 (1H, brs, H-4'), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.3 Hz, H-1b), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, H-1a), 5.28 (1H, m, H-2), 5.34 (12H, m, H-9", 9"", 10", 10"", 12", 12"", 13", 13"", 15", 15"", 16", 16""), <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.3 (C-18", 18""), 20.6, 24.8, 24.9, 25.5, 25.6, 29.1, 29.2, 29.6 (C-4"~7", 4""~7""), 25.5 (C-3", 3""), 25.6 (C-11"~14", 11""~14""), 27.2 (C-8", 8"", 17", 17""), 34.1, 34.3 (C-2", 2""), 62.5 (C-6'), 62.8 (C-1), 68.3 (C-3), 69.4 (C-4'), 70.2 (C-2'), 71.6 (C-2), 73.5 (C-3'), 74.6 (C-5'), 104.0 (C-1'), 127.1, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 130.2, 132.0 (C-9", 9"", 10", 10"", 12", 12"", 13", 13"", 15", 15"", 16", 16""), 173.5, 173.8 (C-1", 1").

#### 1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*-octadecadienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**3**)

A white amorphous powder, C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>76</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, FAB-MS (positive): *m/z* 815 [M+K]<sup>+</sup>, 799 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 597 [M-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>; IR ν<sub>max</sub> (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) : 3400 (OH), 1740 (C=O), 1167 (C-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.87 (3H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-18""), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18"), 1.28 (16H, m, H-4"~7", 4""~7""), 1.58 (4H, m, H-3", 3""), 2.05 (8H, m, H-8", 17", 8",

17'''), 2.29 (2H, t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-2''), 2.30 (2H, t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-2'''), 2.77 (6H, t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, H-11'', 11''', 14'''), 3.52 (1H, dd,  $J = 6.1, 4.2$  Hz, H-5'), 3.56 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 3.3$  Hz, H-3') 3.63 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 7.3$  Hz, H-2''), 3.71 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.2, 6.3$  Hz, H-3b), 3.83 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.9, 4.2$  Hz, H-6'b), 3.89 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.2, 5.6$  Hz, H-3a), 3.94 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.9, 6.1$  Hz, H-6'a), 3.99 (1H, brs, H-4'), 4.19 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.9, 6.3$  Hz, H-1b), 4.25 (1H, d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.9, 3.4$  Hz, H-1a), 5.28 (1H, m, H-2), 5.34 (10H, m, H-9'', 9''', 10'', 10''', 12'', 12''', 13'', 13''', 15'', 16'');  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.3 (C-18'', 18'''), 25.5 (C-3'', 3'''), 25.6 (C-11'', 11''', 14''), 27.2 (C-8'', 8''', 17'', 17'''), 20.5, 24.8, 24.9, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.6, 31.6 (C-4''-7'', 4''-7'''), 34.1, 34.3 (C-2'', 2'''), 62.7 (C-1, 6'), 68.4 (C-3), 69.4 (C-4'), 70.2 (C-2'), 71.6 (C-2), 73.4 (C-3'), 74.5 (C-5'), 104.0 (C-1'), 127.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 130.0, 130.2, 132.0 (C-9'', 9''', 10'', 10''', 12'', 12''', 13'', 13''', 15'', 16''), 173.5, 173.7 (C-1', 1''').

### Acid hydrolysis of compounds 2 and 3

Compound 2 (5 mg) was dissolved in 2N HCl-MeOH (1 mL) and reacted at 70°C for 4 h. The hydrolyzate was extracted with *n*-hexane (1 mL  $\times$  3) and the *n*-hexane

fraction was evaporated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS. Acid hydrolysis of compound 3 (3 mg) was performed according to the method described for 2.

### Alkaline hydrolysis of compounds 2 and 3

Compound 2 (8 mg) in 10% NaOMe-MeOH (2 mL) was stirred at 40°C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 2N HCl-MeOH and extracted with *n*-hexane. After removal of *n*-hexane fraction, MeOH extract was evaporated *in vacuo* and was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL). The solution was subjected to C<sub>18</sub> Sep-Pak cartridge to afford compound 2a. Compound 3 (9 mg) was hydrolyzed in alkaline condition to the method as described for 2 to yield 3a.

Compound 2a : C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>8</sub>,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -9.5^\circ$  (*c* 0.1, H<sub>2</sub>O);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$ : 63.2 (C-6'), 64.7 (C-1), 71.1 (C-4'), 72.7 (C-3), 72.8 (C-2), 73.2 (C-2'), 75.5 (C-3'), 77.4 (C-5'), 105.7 (C-1').

Compound 3a : C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>8</sub>,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -9.5^\circ$  (*c* 0.05, H<sub>2</sub>O);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$ : 63.2 (C-6'), 64.7 (C-1), 71.1 (C-4'), 72.7 (C-3), 72.8 (C-2), 73.2 (C-2'), 75.5 (C-3'), 77.4 (C-5'), 105.7 (C-1').

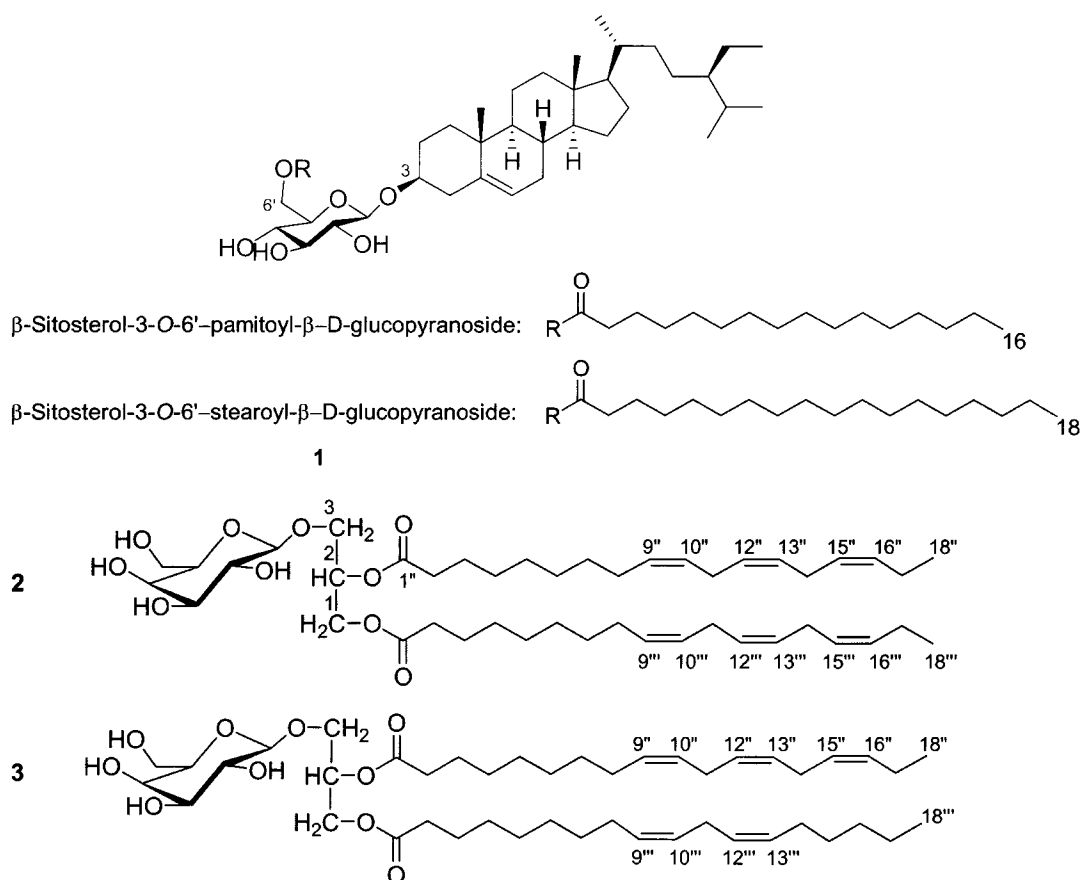


Fig. 1. The structures of compounds 1-3

### Enzymic hydrolysis of compounds **2** and **3**

A solution of **2** (0.4 mg) and Lipase type XIII (Sigma, 0.2 mg) in 200  $\mu$ L dioxane-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) was incubated at 37°C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by adding 5% HOAc (25  $\mu$ L), then EtOH was added to the reaction mixture. After removal of solvent *in vacuo*, the resulting residue was dissolved in THF and then esterified by ethereal CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was extracted with *n*-hexane. The *n*-hexane layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Enzymic hydrolysis of **3** was performed according to the method described for **2**.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The EtOAc extract of *L. chinense* fruits was chromatographed on a SiO<sub>2</sub> gel using CHCl<sub>3</sub>-EtOAc (1:00:1) and then were further subjected to Sephadex LH-20, low pressure column chromatography and reversed-phase HPLC to furnish compounds **1-3**.

Compound **1** in the IR spectrum showed the ester at 1739 and 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>, hydroxy at 3410 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of **1** were similar to those of  $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, that was supported by the alkaline hydrolysis of **1**, except that there were the signals at  $\delta$  0.86 (terminal methyl, H-16),  $\delta$  1.25 (virtually coupled methylenes), and  $\delta$  2.30 (methylene proton connected to carbonyl group, H-2) in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, and the signal at  $\delta$  174.1 (a carbonyl due to an acyl group, C-1) in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum, which was assigned to a fatty acid moiety (Nakano *et al.*, 1981; Iribarren and Pomilio, 1983). Therefore, **1** was assumed to be  $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside containing a fatty acid moiety. The acetylation of **1** showed three acetyl signals in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, and this fact suggested that the fatty acid was located at a hydroxy group of the glucose (Kadota *et al.*, 1989). The position of the fatty acid was determined to be at C-6' based on the downfield shifts of C-6' ( $\alpha$ -effect, +1.6 ppm) and upfield shift of C-5' ( $\beta$ -effect, -2.3 ppm) (Chaurasia and Wichti, 1987). Furthermore, acid hydrolysis of **1** afforded the mixture of palmitic acid and stearic acid in the ratio of 4 to 1, which were identified by GC-MS analysis (methyl palmitate at *m/z* 270 and methyl stearate at *m/z* 298, respectively). On the basis of these data, structure of **1** was determined as the mixture of (6'-O-palmitoyl)- $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside and (6'-O-stearoyl)- $\beta$ -sitosterol-3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucoside in the ratio of 4 to 1.

The molecular formula of compound **2**, C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>74</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, was obtained by observing quasimolecular ions at *m/z* 813 [M+K]<sup>+</sup> and 797 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> in the FAB-MS. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **2** exhibited the signals at  $\delta$  3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, H-3a), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.3 Hz, H-1b), 4.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, H-1a), and 5.28 (1H, m, H-2) due to a

glycerol moiety. Also, there were two methyl protons at  $\delta$  0.95 (6H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18 and 18), virtually coupled methylene protons at  $\delta$  1.28, two methylene protons at  $\delta$  2.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2) and 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2) adjacent to carbonyl group, and olefinic protons at  $\delta$  5.34 (12H, m). These peaks were assigned to aliphatic long chains with double bonds. In addition to these signals, an anomeric signal of the sugar unit was observed at  $\delta$  4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz) and the sugar unit proved to be  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside by comparing six oxygenated carbon signals beside a glycerol moiety with the literature (Jung *et al.*, 1996). The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **2** showed the signals by two terminal methyl signals at  $\delta$  14.3, six olefinic signals belonging to 12 carbon signals at  $\delta$  127.1-132.0, and two carbonyl carbon signals at  $\delta$  173.8 and 173.5, resulting from the presence of two unsaturated fatty acids. The geometry of the double bonds in the fatty acid moieties was determined to be *cis* based on the chemical shift ( $\delta$  27.2) of the carbons next to double bonds in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Thus, **2** was assumed to be a diacyl glycerol with a  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside. Acid hydrolysis of **2** with 2N HCl-MeOH gave a methyl 9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoate (*m/z* 292), which was identified by GC-MS analysis. Also, treatment of **2** with 10% sodium methoxide in methanol yielded **2a**, that was identical in specific rotation and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data to (2R)-1-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol confirming the stereochemistry of both sugar and glycerol parts in **2** (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Murakami *et al.*, 1993; Oshima *et al.*, 1994). Therefore, the structure of **2** was determined to be (2S)-1-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol.

The spectral data of **3** were similar to those of **2**, except for the signals at  $\delta$  0.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18") and 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-18") in the fatty acid residue, which suggested that two kinds of the fatty acid residues were present in **3** (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Acid hydrolysis of **3** with 2N HCl-MeOH furnished a methyl 9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoate (*m/z* 292) and a methyl 9Z,12Z-octadecadienoate (*m/z* 294), which were identified by GC-MS analysis. Also, treatment of **3** with 10% sodium methoxide in methanol afforded **3a**, (2R)-1-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol, corroborated by comparison with an optical rotation and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Murakami *et al.*, 1993; Oshima *et al.*, 1994). The sequence of fatty acid residues in **3** was determined by *regio*-selective enzyme hydrolysis using Lipase type XIII that selectively hydrolyzed fatty acid attached to C-1 of glycerol moiety, and 9Z,12Z-octadecadienoate was obtained as a major compound (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Kitagawa *et al.*, 1989). On the basis of these data, structure of **3** was determined as (2S)-1-O-(9Z,12Z-octadecadienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol.

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