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New geranyl flavonoids from the leaves of Artocarpus communis

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Abstract

Four new geranyl flavonoids 1–4 and four known flavonoids 5–8 were obtained from the leaves of *Artocarpus communis* collected in Indonesia. The planar structures of flavonoids were elucidated by analyses of MS and NMR spectroscopic data. Absolute configurations of 1 and 2 were determined by ECD spectroscopy. Analyses by HPLC with a chiral-phase column and ECD spectra confirmed that 3 and 4 were stereoisomeric mixtures and 7 and 8 were racemic mixtures. The compounds obtained in this study inhibited the enzymatic activities of ubiquitin-specific protease 7 (USP7) and the chymotrypsin-like activity of the proteasome. Among the geranyl flavonoids tested in this experiment, the USP7 inhibitory activity of 6 (IC₅₀ value, 0.094 μ M) was 55 times more potent than the commercially available positive control, P5091 (IC₅₀ value, 5.2 μ M).

Keywords Artocarpus communis · Moraceae · Geranyl flavonoid · Chiral resolution · USP7 · Proteasome

Introduction

Medicinal plants have been used as folk medicines in Indonesia, and the bioactive metabolites of these traditional medicines have attracted much interest as new drug candidates [1, 2]. The genus Artocarpus is distributed in the tropical and subtropical areas of Asia and used as traditional medicines to treat inflammation, diabetes, malarial fever, abscesses, and diarrhea [3] as well as a food in South-East Asia [4]. The constituents of Artocarpus species are wellstudied and a variety of phenolic compounds including flavonoids, arylbenzofurans, and stilbenoids were reported as the major bioactive components [5]. Flavonoids isolated from Artocarpus species show a wide range of biological activities such as cytotoxicity [6, 7], antibacterial and antifungal [8], antimalarial [9], anti-inflammatory [10, 11], and tyrosinase inhibitory activities [9]. Continuing research on the constituents of the traditional medicinal plants is necessary in order to utilize the traditional ethnopharmacological knowledge for the development of new drugs. In this study, we investigated the biologically active constituents of the

Sachiko Tsukamoto sachiko@kumamoto-u.ac.jp leaves of *A. communis* (family Moraceae) collected in Indonesia and obtained four new geranyl flavonoids along with four known congeners.

Results and Discussion

Separation of eight geranyl flavonoids (1-8)

The leaves of A. communis were extracted with EtOH. The extract was concentrated and partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O, and then the organic layer was concentrated and partitioned between n-haxane and 90% MeOH-H₂O. The concentrated aqueous MeOH fraction was subjected to silica gel column chromatography followed by HPLC to afford eight compounds. The structures of four new geranyl flavonoids were determined to be (S,E)-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-8-(3,7dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl)-5,7-dihydroxychroman-4-one (1), (S)-5,7-dihydroxy-8-((2E,5E)-7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethylocta-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)chroman-4-one (2), (2S)-5,7-dihydroxy-8-((E)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethylocta-2,7-dien-1-yl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)chroman-4-one (3), and 1-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-(8-hydroxy-2-(3hydroxy-4-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)-2-methyl-2H-chromen-5-yl)propan-1-one (4) (Fig. 1) by detailed analyses of the spectroscopic data. In addition to 1-4, four known flavonoids sophoraflavanone A [12, 13], 2-geranyl-2',3,4,4'tetrahydroxydihydrochalcone [14], 1-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-

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Fig. 1 Chemical structures of geranyl flavonoids 1–8 from the leaves of *A. communis*

3-[8-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)-2*H*-1-benzopyranyl]-1-propanone [14], and 1-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-[8-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-(4hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pentenyl)-2*H*-1-benzopyran-5-yl]-1propanone (8) [15] were identified (Fig. 1).

Structure elucidation of four new geranyl flavonoids (1–4)

Compound **1** was obtained as pale yellow solid. The molecular formula of $C_{25}H_{28}O_6$ was confirmed by HRESIMS. Interpretation of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra together with HSQC spectrum revealed the presence of a carbonyl carbon at δ_C 196.6 (C-4), five oxygenated aromatic carbons at δ_C 161.1 (C-5), 164.4 (C-7), 159.7 (C-8a), 145.2 (C-3'), and 145.5 (C-4'), eleven sp^2 carbons at δ_C 101.8 (C, C-4a), 95.2 (CH, C-6), 107.0 (C, C-8), 129.8 (C, C-1'), 114.2 (CH,

C-2'), 115.3 (CH, C-5'), 117.6 (CH, C-6'), 122.4 (CH, C-2"), 133.8 (C, C-3"), 124.1 (CH, C-6"), and 130.6 (C, C-7"), four methylenes at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 42.1 (C-3), 21.2 (C-1"), 39.3 (C-4"), and 26.2 (C-5"), one methine at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 78.2 (C-2), and three methyls at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.5 (C-8"), 17.5 (C-9"), and 15.8 (C-10") (Table 1). The COSY correlations indicated the presence of three spin systems, H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.33)/H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.10), H-1" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.08)/H-2" $(\delta_{\rm H} 5.09)$, and H-4" $(\delta_{\rm H} 1.86)$ /H-5" $(\delta_{\rm H} 1.96)$ /H-6" $(\delta_{\rm H} 5.01)$ (Fig. 2a). The HMBC correlations from two methyls at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.58 (Me-8") and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.51 (Me-9") to C-7" and C-6", and from a methyl proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.55 (H-10") to C-2", C-3", and C-4", together with a NOE correlation between H-1" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.08) and H-10" assigned the structure of a geranyl moiety (Fig. 2a). The flavanone skeleton was established by the HMBC correlations from an aromatic proton H-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.95) to C-4a, C-5, C-7, and C-8, from hydroxyl proton 5-OH ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 12.09) to C-4a, C-5, and C-6, from H-2' to C-2, C-4', and

Table I	C Wink data for $1-3$ (150 Winz)				
No.	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^b		
2	78.2	78.6	78.7		
3	42.1	43.0	43.1		
4	196.6	196.3	196.4		
4a	101.8	103.1	103.2		
5	161.1	162.2	162.2		
6	95.2	96.7	96.7		
7	164.4	163.7	163.6		
8	107.0	106.5	106.4		
8a	159.7	159.8	159.7		
1'	129.8	130.6	130.8		
2'	114.2	127.7	127.8		
3'	145.2	115.6	115.6		
4′	145.5	156.3	156.1		
5'	115.3	115.6	115.6		
6'	117.6	127.7	127.8		
1″	21.2	21.7	21.7		
2″	122.4	122.8	122.2		
3″	133.8	135.9	137.5		
4″	39.3	42.4	35.82/35.87		
5″	26.2	124.8	32.8		
6″	124.1	139.5	75.76/75.80		
7″	130.6	70.9	147.2		
8″	25.5	29.7	111.1		
9″	17.5	29.7	17.7		
10″	15.8	16.2	16.1		

Table 1 13 C NMR data for 1–3 (150 MHz)

^aMeasured in DMSO-d₆

^bMeasured in CDCl₃

C-6', and from H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.69) to C-4. The geranyl side chain was attached to C-8, which was established by the HMBC correlations from H-1" to C-7, C-8, and C-8a. The structure of ring B was determined as 3',4'-dihydroxyphenyl on the basis of the comparison of the ¹³C NMR chemical shifts reported in the literature [16]. Although the proton signals for H-5' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.72) and H-6' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.72) were completely overlapped in DMSO- d_6 , they were slightly differentiated in CD₃OD, and the ortho coupling constants (8.3 Hz) of H-5' $(\delta_{\rm H} 6.78)/{\rm H}$ -6' $(\delta_{\rm H} 6.80)$ and the *meta* coupling constants (1.5 Hz) of H-2' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.92)/H-6' confirmed the 3',4'-dihydroxyphenyl structure. The absolute configuration at C-2 was unambiguously determined to be S by the negative Cotton effect around 290 nm [17] (Fig. 2b). Yang et al. [16] previously pointed out that the assignment of the substitution pattern in the dihydroxy aromatic ring requires careful analyses of ¹H and ¹³C NMR data and revised the structures of 28 compounds with 3,5-dioxygenated aromatic rings. During this study, we found that the reported 3',5'-dihydroxyphenyl structures of three flavanones, 5,7,3',5'-tetrahydroxyflavanone [18], schizolaenone C [19], and xeractinol [20],



Fig. 2 a COSY (bold line), key HMBC (solid arrow), and key NOE (dashed arrow) correlations of 1. b ECD spectrum of 1 in MeOH

should be corrected to the 3',4'-dihydroxyphenyl structures (Fig. 3), which were ultimately identified to be (–)-eriodic-tyol [21], diplacone [22], and taxifolin 6-*C*-glucoside [23], respectively.

The molecular formula of 2 was determined to be $C_{25}H_{28}O_6$. Comparison of the ¹H NMR spectra of 1 and 2 indicated their structural similarity (Table 2). The ¹H NMR spectrum of 2 showed mutually coupled aromatic protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.28 (H-2' and H-6') and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.86 (H-3' and H-5'), indicating the presence of a *p*-substituted phenyl group. The HMBC correlations from H-2'/H-6' to a methine carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 78.6 (C-2) and an oxygenated aromatic carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 156.3 (C-4') and from H-3'/H-5' to an aromatic carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 130.6 (C-1') assigned a hydroxyl group substituted at C-4' in the aromatic ring B of the flavanone. Detailed analysis of the 1D and 2D NMR spectra of 2 indicated the 5,7,4'-trihydroxy flavanone with a modified geranyl side chain bound to C-8. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed the presence of an *E*-olefin ($J_{\text{H-5",H-6"}}$ 15.0 Hz) at C-5" (δ_{H} 5.54, δ_{C} 124.8)/C-6" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.60, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 139.5). The HMBC correlation from H-8"/H-9" $(\delta_{\rm H} 1.28)$ to C-6" and C-7" $(\delta_{\rm C} 70.9)$ confirmed the position of a hydroxyl group at C-7". Finally, the planar structure of



Fig. 3 Proposed (upper) and corrected (lower) structures of three previously reported flavanones

No.	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^b
2	5.33, dd (2.8, 12.5)	5.33, dd (2.9, 12.5)	5.33, dd (3.0, 12.7)
3	2.69, dd (2.8, 17.0)	2.79, dd (2.9, 17.6)	2.78, dd (3.0, 17.0)
	3.10, dd (12.5, 17.0)	3.00, dd (12.5, 17.6)	3.02, dd (12.7, 17.0)
6	5.95, s	6.00, s	5.98, s
2'	6.86, brs	7.28, d (8.7)	7.30, d (8.5)
3'		6.86, d (8.7)	6.86, d (8.5)
5'	6.72, brs	6.86, d (8.7)	6.86, d (8.5)
6'	6.72, brs	7.28, d (8.7)	7.30, d (8.5)
1″	3.08, d (6.5)	3.27, d (6.8)	3.28, d (7.1)
2″	5.09, t (6.5)	5.20, t (6.8)	5.20, t (7.1)
4″	1.86, t (7.0)	2.66, d (6.4)	2.03, m
5″	1.96, m	5.54, dd (6.4, 15.0)	1.60, m
6″	5.01, t (6.4)	5.60, d (15.0)	4.00, t (6.5)
8″	1.58, s	1.28, s	4.80, s
			4.88, s
9″	1.51, s	1.28, s	1.69, s
10″	1.55, s	1.64, s	1.69, s
5-OH	12.09, s	11.98, s	11.98, s

Table 2	¹ H NMR	data for	1-3	(600	MHz)
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^aMeasured in DMSO-d₆

^bMeasured in CDCl₃

2 was determined and the absolute configuration at C-2 was determined to be *S* by the negative Cotton effect at 290 nm in ECD spectroscopy (Fig. 4) [17].

Compound **3** had the molecular formula $C_{25}H_{28}O_6$. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **2** and **3** implied a difference in the modified geranyl side chain. HMBC correlations from a methyl at δ_H 1.69 (Me-9") to an oxymethine carbon at



Fig. 4 ECD spectrum of 2 in MeOH

 $\delta_{\rm C}$ 75.8 (C-6") and olefin carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 147.2 (C-7") and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 111.1 (C-8") assigned the planar structure of **3**. The 2*S* configuration of **3** was determined by the ECD spectrum (Fig. 5a) [17]. Detailed analysis of the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3** showed two sets of slightly shifted signals at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 35.82/35.87 (C-4") and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 75.76/75.80 (C-6"), indicating that **3** was an epimeric mixture at C-6". Purification by HPLC with a chiral-phase column furnished two equivalent peaks (Fig. 5b), and thereby **3** was determined to be an epimeric mixture of 6"*R*- and 6"*S*-**3** in the ratio 1:1.

The molecular formula of **4** was determined to be $C_{25}H_{28}O_6$ from the HRESIMS. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **4**, most carbons showed sets of slightly shifted chemical shifts in the ratio 1:1 (Table 3), and **4** was indicated to be a mixture of stereoisomers. 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopic data showed one carbonyl carbon at δ_C 203.74/203.78, four oxygenated aromatic carbons at δ_C 139.40/139.45 (C-3), δ_C



Fig. 5 a ECD spectrum of 3 in MeOH. b HPLC chromatogram of 3 (0.8 mg) with a chiral-phase column

143.06/143.07 (C-4), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.3 (C-2'), and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 163.27/163.28 (C-4'), 12 sp² carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 127.96/127.98 (C, C-1), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 118.88/118.93 (CH, C-2), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 114.69/114.71 (CH, C-5), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 121.26/121.29 (CH, C-6), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 113.62/113.64 (C, C-1'), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 103.6 (CH, C-3'), δ_C 107.9 (CH, C-5'), δ_C 132.21/132.25 (CH, C-6'), δ_C 119.7 (CH, C-1"), δ_C 129.64/129.71 (CH, C-2"), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 146.99/147.07 (C, C-7"), and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 111.44/111.57 (CH₂, C-8"), two methyls at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 29.15/29.29 (C-9") and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 26.25/26.41 (C-10"), four methylenes at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 39.64/39.69 (C- α), 26.58/26.63 (C- β), $\delta_{\rm C}$ 36.68/36.88 (C-4"), and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 17.51/17.59 (C-5"), one oxymethine at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 75.87/75.90 (C-6"), and one quaternary carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 78.51/78.63 (C-3"). COSY correlations revealed five spin systems H-5 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.71)/ H-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.60), H-α ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.07)/H-β ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.96), H-5' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.30)/ H-6' ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.48), H-1" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.50)/H-2" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.58), and H-5" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.61)/H-6" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.05) (Fig. 6a). A dihydrochalcone skeleton was confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H-5 to C-1 and C-3, from H-6 to C-2 and C-4, from H-5' to C-1' and C-3', from H-6' to C-2', C-4', and a carbonyl carbon, from H- β to C-1, C-2, and C-6, from H- α to a carbonyl carbon (Fig. 6a). The remaining structure was elucidated from the 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopic data. A coupling constant of 10.0 Hz between olefin protons H-1" and H-2" confirmed the Z-olefin configuration. HMBC correlations from H-1" to C-1, C-3, and C-3", from H-2" to C-2 and C-3", from H-6" to C-4", C-5", C-7", and C-8", from Me-10" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.36) to C-2", C-3", and C-4", from Me-9" ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.68) to C-6", C-7", and C-8" established the planar structure of 4. As explained above, the ¹³C NMR spectrum showed 4 to be a mixture Table 3 ¹H and ¹³C NMR data for 4 in CDCl₃

No.	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$, mult. (<i>J</i> in Hz)
1	127.96/127.98	
2	118.88/118.93	
3	139.40/139.45	
4	143.06/143.07	
5	114.69/114.71	6.71, d (8.2)
6	121.26/121.29	6.60, d (8.2)
α	39.64/39.69	3.07, m
β	26.58/26.63	2.96, m
C=O	203.74/203.78	
1'	113.62/113.64	
2'	165.3	
3'	103.6	6.35, brd (2.4)
4'	163.27/163.28	
5'	107.9	6.30, dd (2.4, 8.8)
6'	132.21/132.25	7.48, d (8.8)
1″	119.7	6.50, d (10.0)
2″	129.64/129.71	5.58, d (10.0)
3″	78.51/78.63	
4″	36.68/36.88	1.61, m
		1.74, m
5″	29.15/29.29	1.61, m
		1.70, m
6″	75.87/75.90	4.05, m
7″	146.99/147.07	
8″	111.44/111.57	4.83, m
		4.92, brs
9″	17.51/17.59	1.68, brs
10″	26.25/26.41	1.36, s
2'-OH		12.74, s

Measured at 600 MHz for ¹H NMR and 150 MHz for ¹³C NMR

of two stereoisomers. In addition, no Cotton effect in the ECD spectroscopy indicated that 4 had a racemic nature. Taken together, 4 appeared to be a mixture of four stereoisomers. HPLC analysis with a chiral-phase column showed four peaks with nearly equal peak areas. Thus, 4 was confirmed to be a mixture of four stereoisomers at C-3" and C-6" (Fig. 6b).

Study on the absolute configurations of four known geranyl flavonoids (5–8)

Four known geranyl flavonoids **5–8** were obtained from *A. communis* in this study. However, as there were no previous descriptions of the stereochemistries of **7** and **8** [14, 15], we investigated their absolute configurations. The specific rotations of **7** and **8** were nearly zero (**7**, -0.7; **8**, +0.4), and no obvious Cotton effects were observed in the ECD spectra. Resolution of **7** by HPLC with a chiral-phase



Fig. 6 a COSY (bold line) and key HMBC (arrow) correlations of 4. b HPLC chromatogram of 4 (10 μ g) with a chiral-phase column

column successfully afforded equivalent amounts of (+)-7 $([\alpha]_D^{20} + 40)$ and (-)-7 $([\alpha]_D^{20} - 45)$, and thus 7 was concluded to be a racemic mixture (Fig. 7a). The ECD spectrum of (+)-7 showed positive Cotton effects around 220 and 275 nm, and (-)-7 showed opposite Cotton effects to (+)-isomer (Fig. 7b). A Cotton effect due to the styrene chromophore is expected to be observed around 270 nm [24, 25]. Thus, the positive Cotton effect around 270 nm of (+)-7 indicated a 3"S configuration. To confirm this result, the ECD spectrum of S-chromenone (9) was calculated and a positive Cotton effect was observed at 270 nm (Fig. 7b). Compound 8 was separated by HPLC with a chiral-phase column to afford (+)- and (-)-isomers in the ratio 1:1 (Fig. 8a). The absolute configurations of (+)-and (-)-isomers were determined to be 3"S and 3"R, respectively, from their ECD spectra (Fig. 8b).

Biological activities of 1–8

The biological activities of **1–6**, (+)- and (–)-**7**, and (+)- and (–)-**8** were evaluated with our in-house screening including cytotoxicity, antimicrobial activities, inhibitory activity of the cholesterol ester accumulation in macrophages, inhibitory activity of the RANKL-induced formation of multinuclear osteoclasts, and inhibitory activities of the ubiquitin–proteasome system (proteasome, E1, Ubc13 (E2)–Uev1A interaction, p53–Mdm2 (E3) interaction, and USP7). Among them, **1**, **4**, **5**, and **6** inhibited USP7 activity with 76, 92, 42, and 94% inhibition, respectively, at 1 μ M, and the IC₅₀ values of **1**, **5**, and **6** were 0.26, 1.2, and 0.094 μ M, respectively. In addition, **1**, **5**, and **6** inhibited the



Fig. 7 a HPLC chromatogram of **7** (1.2 mg) with a chiral-phase column. **b** Experimental ECD spectra of (+)- and (-)-**7** and calculated ECD spectrum of a model compound *S*-**9**



Fig. 8 a HPLC chromatogram of 8 (1.5 mg) with a chiral-phase column. b Experimental ECD spectra of (+)- and (-)-8

chymotrypsin-like activity of the proteasome by 77, 24, and 67%, respectively, at 1 μ M. This study showed that these geranyl flavonoids inhibited the enzymatic activity of USP7 and the proteasome at relatively low concentrations. Flavonoids are highly reactive and are known to inhibit various enzymatic activities including the proteasome [26, 27]. Further study is needed to reveal the relationship between structures of geranyl flavonoids and inhibitory activities of USP7 and the proteasome.

Conclusion

Four new geranyl flavonoids were obtained from the leaves of A. communis collected in Indonesia along with four known congeners. The chemical structures were elucidated by analyses of NMR and MS spectroscopic data together with the calculated ECD spectra. During the structure elucidation, we found that the reported structures for 5,7,3',5'-tetrahydroxyflavanone, schizolaenone C, and xeractinol were incorrect and the same as those of (-)-eriodictyol, diplacone, and taxifolin 6-C-glucoside, respectively. The geranyl flavonoids obtained in this study inhibited the activities of USP7 and the chymotrypsin-like activity of the proteasome. Although an inhibitory effect of flavonoids on the proteasome has already been reported, this is the first report of geranyl flavonoids that inhibited USP7 and the proteasome. Among the geranyl flavonoids tested in this experiment, the USP7 inhibitory activity of 6 (IC₅₀ value, 0.094 μ M) was 55 times more potent than the commercially available positive control, P5091 (IC₅₀ value, 5.2 µM). Ubiquitin-dependent protein degradation is a promising target for cancer drug discovery, and our study showed the potential of geranyl flavonoids as inhibitors of the ubiquitin-proteasome system.

Experimental

General experimental procedures

Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 polarimeter in MeOH. UV spectra were measured on a JASCO V-550 spectrophotometer in MeOH. ECD spectra were measured on a JASCO J-820 spectropolarimeter in MeOH. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Frontier FT-IR spectrophotometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 600 NMR spectrometer. HRESIMS spectra were measured on a Bruker BioTOF and impact II mass spectrometer. The preparative HPLC system comprised a Waters 515 HPLC pump, Waters 2489 UV/ visible detector, and Pantos Unicorder U-228. Silica gelprecoated plates (TLC Silica gel 60F₂₅₄, Merck) were used for TLC detection, and spots were visualized using UV light (254 and/or 365 nm) and *p*-anisaldehyde reagent.

Plant material

Leaves of *A. communis* (15P099, fresh weight 169 g) were collected at Sam Ratulangi University, Kampus Bahu, Indonesia, in 2015 and soaked in EtOH immediately.

Extraction and separation

Leaves of A. communis (fresh weight, 169 g) were extracted with EtOH. Half of the extract was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The EtOAc fraction was partitioned between n-hexane and 90% MeOH-H₂O. The 90% MeOH-H₂O layer (1.1 g) was concentrated in vacuo and subjected to silica gel column chromatography with a stepwise gradient elution using *n*-hexane/EtOAc (2:1), $CH_2Cl_2/$ MeOH (19:1 and 9:1), and CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/H₂O (6:4:1) to afford 10 fractions. A portion (30 mg) of Fr. 2 (130 mg), eluted with n-hexane/EtOAc (2:1), was applied to gel filtration HPLC (Asahipak GS-310P, Asahi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., 21.5×500 mm) with *n*-hexane/EtOAc (2:1) and HPLC (Inertsil Diol, GL Sciences, 20 × 250 mm) with *n*-hexane/EtOAc (2:1) to afford 7 (6.9 mg). A portion (30 mg) of Fr. 3 (90 mg), eluted with *n*-hexane/EtOAc (2:1), was applied to gel filtration HPLC (Asahipak GS- $310P, 21.5 \times 500 \text{ mm}$) with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (10:1) to yield 5 (10.4 mg). Fr. 4 (64 mg), eluted with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (19:1), was subjected to gel filtration HPLC (Asahipak GS-310P, 21.5×500 mm) with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (4:1) followed by HPLC (Inertsil Diol, 20×250 mm) with *n*-hexane/EtOAc (1:1) to afford 1 (2.5 mg) and 6 (2.2 mg). The remaining half of the EtOH extract was subjected to solvent partitioning followed by silica gel column chromatography in a similar manner to that described above and afforded 10 fractions. Fr. 1 (140 mg), eluted with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (19:1), was applied to gel filtration HPLC (Asahipak GS-310P, 21.5×500 mm) with MeOH to afford nine fractions. Frs. 6 (13 mg) and 7 (14 mg) were combined and subjected to normal phase HPLC (COSMOSIL 5SL-II, Nacalai Tesque Inc., 10×250 mm) with *n*-hexane/CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (20:19:1) followed by ODS HPLC (COSMOSIL 5C18-AR-II, Nacalai Tesque Inc., 10×250 mm) eluted with 70% MeOH-H₂O to afford 2 (0.5 mg), 3 (0.8 mg), and 4 (1.7 mg). Fr. 5 (12 mg) was purified by normal phase HPLC (COSMOSIL 5SL-II, 10×250 mm) with *n*-hexane/CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (20:19:1) and ODS HPLC (COSMOSIL π-Nap, Nacalai Tesque Inc., 10×250 mm) with 70% MeOH-H₂O to afford 8 (1.5 mg). Separation of 3 (0.8 mg) by HPLC using a chiral-phase column (CHIRALCEL OJ-H, Daicel, 4.6×250 mm) with n-hexane/EtOH (4:1) afforded two equivalent amounts of diastereomers (0.4 mg each). Analysis of 4 (10 μ g) under the same conditions revealed four peaks. Resolution of 7 (2.4 mg) and 8 (1.5 mg) was carried out by the same column with *n*-hexane/2-propanol (4:1) to yield (+)- (1.1 mg)/(-)-7 (1.1 mg) and (+)- (0.4 mg)/(-)-8 (0.6 mg), respectively.

Compound 1: a yellow amorphous solid. $[\alpha]_D^{21}-19$ (c = 2.1, MeOH). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm (log ε): 292 (3.9) nm. IR (film) υ_{max} 3198, 2923, 2854, 1634, 1602, 1520, 1436, 1378, 1342, 1264, 1180, 1072, 1114, 1072, 1022, 1000, 820, 781, 550 cm⁻¹. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (DMSO- d_6), see Tables 1 and 2. HRESIMS m/z 423.1837 [M-H]⁻ (calcd for C₂₅H₂₇O₆, 423.1813).

Compound **2**: a yellow amorphous solid. $[\alpha]_D^{25}-20$ (c = 0.4, MeOH). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm (log ε): 292 (4.1) nm. IR (film) v_{max} 3210, 2925, 1635, 1600, 1519, 1436, 1343, 1267, 1170, 1073, 1023, 834 cm⁻¹. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃), see Tables 1 and 2. HRESIMS *m/z* 447.1773 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₅H₂₈NaO₆, 447.1778).

Compound **3**: a yellow amorphous solid. $[\alpha]_D^{25}-14$ (c = 0.4, MeOH). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm (log ε): 294 (3.9) nm. IR (film) υ_{max} 3210, 2924, 1634, 1600, 1518, 1435, 1342, 1267, 1170, 1073, 1023, 833 cm⁻¹. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃), see Tables 1 and 2. HRESIMS *m/z* 447.1774 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₅H₂₈NaO₆, 447.1778).

Compound **4**: a yellow amorphous solid. $[\alpha]_D^{21} + 7.2$ (*c* = 1.9, MeOH). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm (log ε): 326 (3.6), 276 (4.1), 218 (4.3) nm. IR (film) υ_{max} 3252, 2926, 1719, 1627, 1494, 1443, 1365, 1239, 1207, 1133, 1022, 987, 902, 802, 724, 614, 563 cm⁻¹. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃), see Table 3. HRESIMS *m/z* 447.1777 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₅H₂₈NaO₆, 447.1778).

Conformational analysis and ECD calculation of S-9

This experiment was conducted as previously reported [28]. Conformational analysis was performed with Spartan'16 (Ver. 1.0.0; Wavefunction Inc., Irvine, CA), and ECD calculation was performed with Gaussian09 (Revision D.01; Gaussian, Wallingford, CT, USA) [29] at the B3LYP/TZVP level. No wavelength correction was needed.

USP7 inhibition assay

This assay was performed as previously reported [30]. P5091 (Abcam, Inc.) was used as positive control and its IC_{50} value was 5.2 μ M.

Proteasome inhibition assay

This experiment was performed as previously reported [31]. MG132 (Peptide Institute, Inc.) was used as positive control and its IC_{50} value was 0.037 μ M.

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