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Chemical Constituents of *Canarium album*

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The *n*-butanol fraction of the dried fruits of *Canarium album* was isolated and purified by means of chromatography. Four compounds were obtained and their structures were identified by spectral analysis as quercetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (**1**), rutin (**2**), quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucoside (**3**) and 2 α , 3 α , 19 α , 24-tetrahydroxyurs-12-en-28-oic acid-28-O- β -D-glucoside (**4**). Compounds **1**, **2** and **4** have not been reported before from the fruit of *Canarium album*, compound **4** is the first triterpenoid saponin isolated from this plant source.

Key Words: Chemical constituents, *Canarium album*, Structures elucidation, *n*-Butanol fraction.

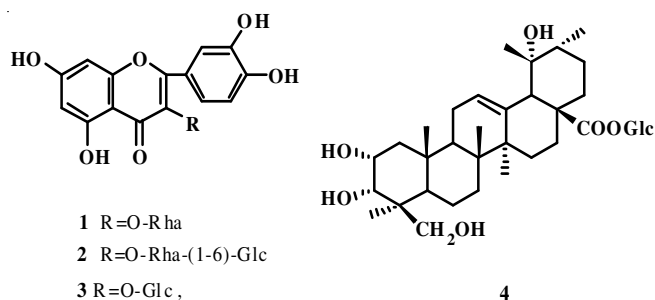
Canarium album (Lour.) Raeusch, normally called Ganlan, Qing Guo in China, is a fruit tree belonging to the burseraceae family, which is widely distributed in southern China. Its fruits have been used as both food and folk medicine in China. It possesses some pharmacological functions, such as antibacterium¹, antiinflammation and detoxification², antioxidation³, antialcohol, hepatoprotective activities⁴ and antihepatitis B activities⁵. As for the chemical constituents of the plant, the occurrence of phenolic compounds⁶⁻⁸, triterpenoids^{9,10} and flavonoids¹¹. In the course of further studies, four compounds were obtained from the *n*-butanol fraction of the dried fruit of *Canarium album* and identified as quercetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (**1**), rutin (**2**), quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucoside (**3**) and 2 α , 3 α , 19 α , 24-tetrahydroxyurs-12-en-28-oic acid-28-O- β -D-glucoside (**4**). Compounds **1**, **2** and **4** have not been reported before from the fruit of *Canarium album*, compound **4** is the first triterpenoid saponin isolated from this plant source.

ESI-MS and HRESI-MS were performed with a Mat-212 and a Micro mass Auto Spec Q-TOF spectrometers, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard and DMSO-*d*₆ as solvents. Chemical shifts were given in δ (ppm) values.

The plant material was collected in September 2009 from Jiangjin, Chongqing municipality and identified as the dried fruits of *Canarium album* (Lour.) Raeusch by Prof. Ren Shaoguang, College of Bioengineering, Chongqing University. A voucher specimen (No. 20090902) has been deposited in

the herbarium of College of Bio-information, Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Chongqing.

Extraction and isolation: The dried fruits of *C. album* (7 kg) were chopped and extracted with 80 % EtOH three times under reflux and concentrated under vacuum to yield an EtOH extract (400 g). The extract was suspended in water and extracted successively with petroleum ether, ethyl acetate and *n*-butanol to obtain petroleum ether residue (35 g), ethyl acetate residue (230 g) and *n*-butanol residue (50 g). The *n*-butanol fraction (40 g) was chromatographed over a macroporous resin column, eluting successively with water, 30 % EtOH, 60 % EtOH and 90 % EtOH. The 60 % EtOH fraction (13 g) was then subjected to silica gel CC (200-300 mesh) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH-H₂O) to yield **1** (35 mg), **2** (70 mg), **3** (28 mg) and **4** (45 mg).



Structures elucidation: Compound **1**, a yellow powder, which gave positive Molish reaction. ESI-MS *m/z*: 471 [M+Na]⁺, 449 [M+H]⁺, 447[M-H]⁻, indicating molecular

weight (m.w.) of **1** was 448. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 6.19 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-6), 6.41 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-8), 7.68 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-2'), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, H-6'), 5.24 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-1''), 0.81 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, H-6''). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (Table-1). And comparison with reference¹², compound **1** was identified as quercetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside.

TABLE-1
DATA OF COMPOUNDS **1-4**, ^{13}C -NMR
(125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ /ppm)

No.	1	2	3	No.	4	No.	4
2	157.2	156.6	156.2	1	42.2	21	25.3
3	134.2	133.3	133.4	2	65.5	22	36.1
4	177.7	177.4	177.5	3	73.3	23	22.5
5	161.3	161.2	161.3	4	44.6	24	63.8
6	101.8	98.7	98.8	5	57.8	25	13.7
7	164.0	164.1	164.4	6	18.2	26	16.2
8	93.6	93.6	93.6	7	32.6	27	23.9
9	156.4	156.4	156.4	8	39.2	28	175.6
10	103.9	104.0	104.0	9	46.3	29	25.8
1'	121.1	121.2	121.2	10	37.0	30	16.4
2'	115.6	115.2	115.3	11	23.1	1'	94.1
3'	145.2	144.8	144.9	12	127.0	2'	72.4
4'	148.5	148.4	148.5	13	137.2	3'	77.6
5'	115.4	116.3	116.2	14	40.8	4'	69.5
6'	120.7	121.6	121.7	15	27.5	5'	77.7
1''	98.7	101.2	101.0	16	24.8	6'	60.6
2''	70.3	74.1	74.2	17	47.3		
3''	70.5	76.5	76.6	18	53.2		
4''	71.2	70.0	70.0	19	71.5		
5''	70.0	75.9	77.6	20	40.7		
6''	17.5	67.0	61.0				
1'''		100.7					
2'''		70.4					
3'''		70.6					
4'''		71.9					
5'''		68.2					
6'''		17.7					

Compound **2**, a lemon yellow powder which gave positive Molish reaction, ESI-MS m/z : 633 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 611 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 609 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, indicating molecular weight (m.w.) of **2** was 610. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 6.18 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-6), 6.39 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-8), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, H-5'), 7.54 (2H, m, H-6', H-2'), 5.32 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, H-1''), 4.38 (s, H-1'''), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, H-6'''). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (Table-1). And comparison with reference¹³, compound **2** was identified as rutin.

Compound **3**, a yellow powder which gave positive Molish reaction. ESI-MS m/z : 487 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 465 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 463 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, indicating molecular weight of compound **3** was 464. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 6.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-6), 6.39 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-8), 7.56 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-2'), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz,

H-5'), 6.54 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, H-6'), 5.43 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-1''), 4.02 (dd, $J = 7.0$, 6.0 Hz, H-2''), 3.70 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-6''), 3.50 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-6''). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (Table-1). And comparison with reference¹⁴, compound **3** was identified as quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucoside.

Compound **4**, a micro-needle crystal from MeOH-chloroform, which gave positive Libermann-Buchard reaction. ESI-MS m/z : 689 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 667 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 665 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$, indicating molecular weight of compound **4** was 666. The molecular formula $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_{11}$ was determined by HRESI-MS (m/z 666.3980, calcd. 666.3979 for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_{11}$). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 4.11 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, H-24), 3.82 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, H-24), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, H-30), 6.27 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-1'), 4.22 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 6.0 Hz, H-2'). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (Table-1). And comparison with reference¹⁵, compound **4** was identified as 2 α , 3 α , 19 α , 24-tetrahydroxyurs-12-en-28-oic acid-28-O- β -D-glucoside.

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