



## 中文摘要

從雲實莢果之含水丙酮萃出物中，分離出 (+)-galocatechin (1), (-)-epicatechin 3-*O*-gallate (2), procyanidin B-1 (3), procyanidine B-3 (4), prodelphinidine B-1 (5), gallocatechin-(4 $\alpha$ →8)-catechin (6), 4-*O*-galloyl(-)-shikimic acid (9), 5-*O*-galloyl(-)-shikimic acid (10) 等化合物。另外，從黃蝴蝶之果實，純化得到化合物 1, (-)-epigallocatechin 3-*O*-gallate (11), (-)-epicatechin (12), 1,6-di-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (16), 2,6-di-*O*-galloyl-D-glucose (17), 1,2,3,6-tetra-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (18)。這些化合物之結構是藉由光譜解析以及化學之方法而定。其中化合物 7, 8, 13, 14 及 15 為新穎之成分。

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## Abstract

From the aqueous acetone extract of the fruit of *C. decapetala*: (+)-gallocatechin (1), (-)-epicatechin 3-*O*-gallate (2), procyanidin B-1 (3), procyanidine B-3 (4), prodelphinidine B-1 (5), gallocatechin-(4 $\alpha$ →8)-catechin (6), 4-*O*-galloyl(-)-shikimic acid (9), 5-*O*-galloyl(-)-shikimic acid (10) were isolated. From the fruit of *C. pulcherrima*: 1, (-)-epigallocatechin 3-*O*-gallate (11), (-)-epicatechin (12), 1,6-di-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (16), 2,6-di-*O*-galloyl-D-glucose (17), 1,2,3,6-tetra-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (18) were obtained. The structure of those compounds was determinate base on spectral analysis and chemical evidence. Compounds 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 were novel constituents.

Keywords: *Caesalpinia decapetala*,  
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## INTRODUCTION

Leguminosae, a great plant family, is widely distributed in the whole world and is rich in tannin substance. There are about 60 genera and 170 species in Taiwan,<sup>1</sup> and have been an important source of the economic and medicinal plants. *Caesalpinia decapetala* was traditionally taken as antitussives, expectorants and anthelmintics.<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, *Caesalpinia pulcherrima* have been used for botanical remedies.<sup>3</sup> According to the literatures, the rhizome contains cassane diterpenoids; the root contains caesalpin diterpenoids with anticarcinogenic effect;<sup>4</sup> the seeds are rich in galactomanna.<sup>5</sup> AS a consequence, a wide spectrum of biological activities has been reported for many condensed tannins<sup>6</sup> for example, silymarin for liver problems,<sup>7</sup> ginkgo flavone glycosides for circulatory disorders,<sup>8</sup> pycnogenol from pin tree for antioxidant.<sup>9</sup> This paper deals with the isolation and structure determination of novel condensed tannins of above-mentioned two plants.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

From the aqueous acetone extract of the fruit of *C. decapetala*: (+)-gallocatechin (1),<sup>10</sup> (-)-epicatechin 3-*O*-gallate (2),<sup>10</sup> procyanidin B-1 (3),<sup>11</sup> procyanidine B-3 (4),<sup>11</sup> prodelphinidine B-1 (5)<sup>11</sup>, gallocatechin-(4 $\alpha$ →8)-catechin (6),<sup>12</sup> 4-*O*-galloyl-

(-)-shikimic acid (**9**),<sup>13</sup> 5-*O*-galloyl-(-)-shikimic acid (**10**)<sup>13</sup> were isolated. From *C. pulcherrima*: **1**, (-)-epigallocatechin 3-*O*-gallate (**11**),<sup>10</sup> (-)-epicatechin (**12**),<sup>10</sup> 1,6-di-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (**16**),<sup>14</sup> 2,6-di-*O*-galloyl-D-glucose (**17**),<sup>15</sup> 1,2,3,6-tetra-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (**18**)<sup>16</sup> were obtained. The structure of those compound were determinate base on spectral analysis and chemical evidence. Compounds **7**, **8**, **13**, **14** and **15** were novel constituents.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Plant material

The fresh pods of *Caesalpinia decapetala* (Roth.) Alston. and *Caesalpinia pulcherrima* Swartz. was collected in Chang-Jhu, Ping-Tung, Taiwan (Jul. 2000), and verified by Dr. Feng-Chi Ho (Taiwan Forestry Research Institute, Heng-Chun Branch, Ping-Tung, Taiwan).

### Extraction and isolation

[I] The fresh pods of *C. decapetala* (6.5 kg) were extracted four times with 70 % aqueous acetone at room temp. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting brown precipitates were removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and subjected to Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography with water containing increasing amounts of MeOH and finally with a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O-acetone (1:1) to give fraction 1 (16 g), fraction 2 (7 g), fraction 3 (10.6 g), fraction 4 (14 g). Fraction 1 was chromatographed over Sephadex LH-20, MCI-gel CHP-20P, Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub>-OPN (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH) (1:0-0:1) to yield 4-*O*-galloyl-

(-)-shikimic acid (**9**) (29 mg). Repeated chromatography of fraction 2 on Sephadex LH-20, MIC-gel CHP-20P, Fuji-gel ODS-G3 (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to obtain 5-*O*-galloyl-(-)-shikimic acid (**10**) (32 mg). Fraction 3 was subjected to Sephadex LH-20, Fuji-gel ODS-G3, MCI-gel CHP-20P (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to yield (+)-gallocatechin (**1**) (851 mg), procyanidin B-1 (**3**) (101 mg), procyanidin B-3 (**4**) (95 mg), and prodelphinidin B-3 (**5**) (28 mg). Fraction 4 was applied to columns of Sephadex LH-20, MIC-gel CHP-20P, Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub>-OPN, Fuji-gel ODS-G3 (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to give (-)-epicatechin 3-*O*-gallate (**2**) (38 mg), galocatechin-(4 $\alpha$ →8)-catechin (**6**) (63 mg), prodelphinidin B-3 3-*O*-gallate (**7**) (481 mg), and prodelphinidin B-6 3-*O*-gallate (**8**) (75 mg).

[II] The fresh pods of *C. pulcherrima* (2.1 kg) were extracted four times with 70 % aqueous acetone at room temp. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting brown precipitates were removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and subjected to Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography with H<sub>2</sub>O containing increasing amounts of MeOH and finally with a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O:acetone (1:1) to give fraction 1 (10.2 g), fraction 2 (24.1 g), fraction 3 (16.3 g), and fraction 4 (14.6 g). Fraction 1 was chromatographed over MIC-gel CHP-20P, Sephadex LH-20 (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to yield 1,6-di-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (**16**) (104 mg) and 2,6-di-*O*-galloyl-D-glucose (**17**) (932 mg). Purification of Fraction 2 by MCI-gel CHP-20P, Fujigel ODS-G3, Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub>-OPN (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to give 1,2,3,4-tetra-*O*-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucose (**18**) (81

mg), 3,4,5-tri-*O*-galloyl-(-)-shikimic acid (**15**) (131 mg), and (+)-gallocatechin (**1**) (581 mg). Fraction 3 repeatedly chromatographed over sephadex LH-20, Fuji-gel ODS-G3, Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub>-OPN, MIC-gel CHP-20P (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to yield (-)-epigallocatechin 3-*O*-gallate (**11**) (1.3 g), and (-)-epicatechin (**12**) (108 mg). Fraction 4 was applied to columns of MCI-gel CHP-20P, Fuji-gel ODS-G3, Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub> OPN, Sephadex LH-20 (H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 1:0-0:1) to yield prodelphinidin B-3 3,3'-di-*O*-gallate (**13**) (338 mg), and prodelphinidin C-2 3,3'-di-*O*-gallate (**14**) (420 mg).

Prodelphinidin B-3 3-*O*-gallate: A tan amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -140.0^\circ$  (c=1.0, acetone). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>18</sub> · 7/2 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.82; H, 4.52. Found: C, 53.93; H, 4.38. negative FAB-MS: 76.1 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.38-3.11 (2H, m, 4'-H), 4.21-4.82 (4H in total, m, 2, 4, 2', 3'-H), 5.84-6.04 (4H, in total, m, 3, 6, 8, 6'-H), 6.26, 6.43, 6.53, 6.59 (4H in total, each s, 12, 16, 12', 16'-H), 6.91, 7.00, 7.04 (2H in total, each s, galloyl H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  28.7 (C-4'), 67.8 68.5 (C-3'), 73.3 (C-3), 81.5, 81.9 (C-2'), 83.4 (C-2), 95.2, 95.7, 96.1, 96.7, 97.3 (C-6, 8, 6') 100.5, 101.3, 101.6 (C-10, 10'), 105.7 (C-8'), 108.1 (galloyl C-2, 6), 105.7, 109.9, 110.2 (C-12, 16, 12', 16'), 121.5 (galloyl C-1), 129.7, 130.9 (C-11, 11'), 133.2, 134.4 (galloyl C-4), 158.6 (C-14, 14'), 145.6, 145.8 (C-13, 15, 13', 14', galloyl C-3, 5), 154.7, 155.0, 155.5, 156.6, 156.7, 157.7, 158.0 (C-5, 7, 9, 5'', 7'', 9'', 5''', 7''', 9'''), 165.4, 165.9 (-COO-).

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **7** (prodelphinidin B-3 3-*O*-gallate): A solution of **7** (80 mg) in H<sub>2</sub>O (4

ml) was incubated with tannase at 37° C for 4 hr. The reaction mixture as concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* and the residue was treated with MeOH. The MeOH soluble portion was purified by Sephadex LH-20 with 80% aqueous MeOH to furnish gallic acid (19.2 mg) and prodelphinidin B-3 (**5**) (41 mg), off-whit amorphous,  $[\alpha]_D -143.5^\circ$  (c=1.0, acetone). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.58 (1H, dd, J=7, 15 Hz, 4'-H), 2.94 (1H, dd, J=5, 15 Hz, 4'-H), 4.25-4.67 (3H, m, 2, 4, 2'-H), 5.78-6.14 (3H in total, m, 6, 8, 6'-H), 6.19, 6.41, 6.58, 6.62 (4H in total, each s, 12, 16, 12', 16'-H).

Thiolytic degradation<sup>17</sup> of **7**: A mixture of **7** (312 mg), benzylmercaptan (3 ml) and acetic acid (1 ml) in EtOH (5 ml) was refluxed for 4 h. The solvent was evaporated off under reduced pressure, and the residue was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 chromatography with chloroform-MeOH (4:1-1:1) to yield (+)-gallocatechin (81 mg), **7b** (62 mg) and **7c** (75 mg). **7b** is an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D +74.7^\circ$  (c=0.9, acetone), <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  3.87 (2H, s, -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.62 (1H, d, J=4Hz, 4-H), 5.32 (1H, d, J=10 Hz, 2-H), 5.46 (1H, dd, J=4,10 Hz, 3-H), 5.89, 6.59 (each 1H, d, J=2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.59 (2H, s, 12, 16-H), 7.14 (2H, s, galloyl-H), 7.16-7.44 (5H, m, aromatic H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>11</sub>S · 5/2 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 57.91; H, 4.49, Found: C, 57.94; H, 4.33. Negative FAB-MS m/z: 579 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  3.79, 3.89 (each 1H, d, J=12 Hz, -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.20 (1H, d, J=4 Hz, 4-H), 5.10 (1H, d, J=6 Hz, 2-H), 5.76 (1H, dd, J=4, 6 Hz, 3-H), 6.04, 6.12 (each 1H, d, J=2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.53 (2H, s, 12, 16-H), 7.25 (2H, S, galloyl H), 7.15-7.30 (5H, m, aromatic H). Desulfurization: **7c** (45 mg) in EtOH (8 ml)

was treated at room temperature with an EtOH slurry of Raney-nikel (W-4), for 30 min. After filtration of the catalyst, the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to dryness, and the residue was purified by Sephadex LH-20 with H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH to give (+)-galloyl catechin 3-*O*-gallate (**20**) (7.5 mg).

#### Prodelphinidin B-6 3-*O*-gallate (**8**):

A tan amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -118.4^\circ$  ( $c=0.1$ , acetone), Anal. Calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>18</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 55.46; H, 4.29. Found: C, 55.17, H, 4.40. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 764 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.40 (1H, dd,  $J=9$ , 16 Hz, 4'-H), 2.98 (1H, dd,  $J=6$ , 16 Hz, 4'-H), 4.36 (1H, d,  $J=8$  Hz, 2'-H), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J=10$  Hz, 4-H), 4.82 (1H, d,  $J=7$  Hz, 2-H), 5.86-6.32 (4H, m, 3, 6, 8, 8'-H), 6.46, 6.62 (each 2H, s, 12, 16, 12', 16'-H), 6.97 (2H, s, galloyl H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  30.4 (C-4'), 35.7 (C-4), 68.1 (C-3'), 74.5 (C-3), 81.8 (C-2'), 82.4 (C-2), 96.1, 96.3, 97.3, 97.7 (C-6, 8, 8'), 107.8, 106.6 (C-10, 10'), 107.1, 107.6, 108.0 (C-12, 16, 12', 16'), 107.9 (C-6'), 110.0, 110.3, 110.5 (galloyl C-2, 6), 121.6 (galloyl C-1), 129.6, 130.8 (C-11, 11'), 133.4, 135.5 (C-14, 14'), 138.6 (galloyl C-4), 145.6, 145.9, 146.0 (C-13, 15, 13', 15', galloyl C-3, 5), 154.5, 154.6, 155.2, 157.3, 158.1, 158.5 (C-5, 7, 9, 5', 7', 9'), 165.8 (-COO-).

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **8**: Hydrolysis of **8** (25 mg) by tannase as describes for previous process to give gallic acid (4 mg) and **8a** (12 mg). **8a**: an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -94.6^\circ$  ( $c=1.0$ , acetone). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.58-3.13 (2H, m, 4'-H), 3.95 (1H, m, 3-H), 4.30-4.50 (3H, m, 2, 4, 2'-H), 5.83-6.25 (3H in total, m, 6, 8, 6'-H), 6.48, 6.57 (each 2H, 12, 16,

12', 16'-H).

Thiolytic degradation and desulfurization of **8**: **8** (21 mg) dissolved in EtOH (5 ml) and thiolysis with AcOH-benzylmercaptan to give **7b** (3-*O*-galloyl gallo catechin 4 $\alpha$ -bezy lthioether (3.5 mg), **7c** (3-*O*-galloyl gallo catechin 4 $\beta$ -bezy lthioether (2.3 mg) and (+)-gallo catechin (6 mg). As usual process after desulfurization of **7c** to yield **20**.

#### Prodelphinidin B-3 3,3-di-*O*-gallate (**13**):

An amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -135.2^\circ$  ( $c=0.9$ , acetone), Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>22</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 56.66; H, 3.89. Found: C, 56.52, H, 4.04. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 913 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.60-2.72 (2H, m, 4'-H), 4.54 (1H, d,  $J=10$  Hz, 4-H), 4.84 (2H, d,  $J=8$  Hz, 2, 2'-H), 5.17-5.37 (1H, m, 3'-H), 5.81-6.28 (4H in total, m, 3, 6, 8, 6'-H), 6.50, 6.53, 6.59, 6.66 (4H in total, each s, 12, 16, 12', 16'-H), 7.01, 7.07, 7.17 (4H in total, each s, 2 x galloyl H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>+D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  23.1 (C-4'), 36.2 (C-4), 67.2 (C-3'), 76.2 (C-3), 78.7 (C-2'), 81.8 (C-2), 95.9, 96.7, 97.8 (C-6, 8, 6'), 106.8 (C-8'), 107.0, 107.8, 110.0, 130.3 (C-11, 11'), 133.1, 133.4 (C-14, 14'), 138.7, 138.9 (galloyl C-4), 145.4, 146.3, 145.9 (C-13, 15, 13', 15', galloyl C-3, 5), 153.9, 154.6, 155.1, 155.4, 155.9, 156.8, 157.3, 158.1, 158.6 (C-5, 7, 9, 5', 7', 9'), 165.0, 166.0, 167.1 (-COO-).

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **13**: Hydrolysis of **13** (35 mg) with tannase as describes for previous process to obtain gallic acid (8 mg) and prodelphinidin B-3 (14 mg).

#### Prodelphinidin C-2 3,3-di-*O*-gallate (**14**):

An amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -188.5^\circ$  ( $c=1.0$ ,

acetone), Anal. Calcd for  $C_{59}H_{46}O_{29} \cdot 8/3 H_2O$ : C, 55.93; H, 4.08. Found: C, 55.45, H, 4.22. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 1217 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone- $d_6$ +D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.31-3.16 (2H, m, 3''-H), 3.49-3.84 (1H, m, 3'-H), 4.31 (1H, d, J=9 Hz, 2''-H), 4.54-4.94 (4H in total, m, 2, 4, 2', 4'-H), 5.58-6.12 (6H in total, m, 3, 6, 8, 3', 6', 6''-H), 6.29, 6.53, 6.67 (6H in total, each s, 12, 16, 12', 16, 12'', 16''-H), 6.85, 6.93, 7.00, 7.08 (4H in total, each s, galloyl H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (acetone- $d_6$ +D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  28.3 (C-4''), 36.1 (C-4, 4'), 68.7 (C-3''), 72.7 (C-3, 3'), 81.4, 81.7 (C-2', 2''), 83.7 (C-2), 96.5, 97.6 (C-6, 8, 6', 8'), 100.7 (C-10, 10', 10''), 105.6, 106.3 (C-8', 8''), 106.6, 107.1, 110.0, 110.3 (C-12, 16, 12', 16', 12'', 16''), 121.9 (galloyl C-1), 129.6, 130.0, 130.8 (C-11, 11', 11''), 133.6, 133.9 (C-14, 14', 14''), 138.2, 138.6 (galloyl C-4), 145.4, 145.8 (C-13, 15, 13', 15', 13'', 15'', galloyl C-3, 5), 155.4, 155.9, 158.0 (C-5, 7, 9, 5', 7', 9', 5'', 7'', 9''), 164.9 (-COO-).

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **14**: Hydrolysis of **14** (50 mg) with tannase as describes for previous process to give gallic acid (8 mg) and **14a** (27 mg). **14a**:  $[\alpha]_D -189.5^\circ$  (c=0.9, acetone), Anal. Calcd for  $C_{45}H_{38}O_{21} \cdot 6 H_2O$ : C, 52.84; H, 4.92. Found: C, 52.97, H, 4.71. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 913 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone- $d_6$ +D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.46-3.16 (2H, m, 4''-H), 4.16-4.91 (5H, m, 2, 4, 2', 4', 2''-H), 5.84-6.27 (4H in total, m, 6, 8, 6', 6''-H), 6.56, 6.60, 6.63, 6.69 (6H in total, each s, 12, 16, 12', 16', 12'', 16''-H).

Partial thiolysis of **14**: A mixture of **14** (130 mg), benzylmercaptan (4 ml), acetic acid (2 ml) and EtOH (8 ml) was heated under reflux for 1 h. Work-up as described above gave partial degradation products, (+)-galloocatechin (9 mg),

(+)-galloocatechin 4 $\alpha$ -benzylthioether (**7b**) and **14b** (38 mg). **14b**: A tan amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -84.55^\circ$  (c=0.9, acetone), Anal. Calcd for  $C_{51}H_{40}O_{22} \cdot 4 H_2O$ : C, 55.24; H, 4.36. Found: C, 55.56, H, 4.46. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 1035 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone- $d_6$ +D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  3.79 (2H, s, -S-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.49-5.55 (5H, m, 2, 4, 2', 3', 4'-H), 5.81-6.11 (4H, m, 3-H, A-ring H), 6.35, 6.42, 6.59, 6.72 (4H, m, 12, 16, 12', 16'-H), 6.92-7.14 (5H, m, aromatic H), 7.21 (4H, s, 2 x galloyl H).

Desulfurization of **14b**: **14b** (20 mg) dissolved in 20 % AcOH-EtOH (5 ml) then stirring with Raney nickel under room temperature for 2 h. Filtrated the Raney nickel, concentrated the filtrate, at TLC the spot of **13** was observed [Rf: 0.25, silica gel, benzene-HCOOEt-HCOOH (1:7:1)]

3,4,5-Tri-*O*-galloyl-(-)-shikimic acid (**15**):

An off-whit amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -223.1^\circ$  (c=1.0, acetone), Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{22}O_{17} \cdot 2 H_2O$ : C, 50.45; H, 3.93. Found: C, 50.26, H, 4.17. Negative FAB-MS  $m/z$ : 621 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (acetone- $d_6$ +D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  2.72 (1H, dd, J=5.6, 19.0 Hz, 2-H), 3.12 (1H, dd, J=5.1, 19.0 Hz, 2-H), 5.66 (1H, dd, J=3.8, 8.1 Hz, 4-H), 5.73 (1H, ddd, J=5.1, 5.6, 8.1 Hz, 3-H), 6.04 (1H, t, J=3.8 Hz, 5-H), 6.93 (1H, d, J=3.8 Hz, 6-H), 7.06, 7.12, 7.14 (each 2H, s, galloyl H).

Enzymatic hydrolysis of **15**: **15** (45 mg) hydrolysis with tannase under room temperature, and purified by Sephadex LH-20 to give gallic acid (22 mg) and **15a** (4 mg). **15a**: whit amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D -19.1$  (c=0.9, MeOH), identified by co-TLC with authentic sample on silica gel [Rf 0.45, benzene-HCOOEt-HCOOH

(1:5:1.5)] and cellulose [Rf 0.60, n-BuOH-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1:5)].

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