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一、中文摘要

Bacillus megaterium, *Aspergillus niger* 已被用於轉換具 *ent*-kaurene 結構的 steviol (*ent*-13-hydroxy-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid)(**1**) 及具 *ent*-beyerane 結構的 *ent*-16 β -hydroxy-beyeran-19-oic acid (**3**)。 *B. megaterium* 轉換此二種受質得到 19-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl (**5**, **9**)及 7 β -hydroxy (**4**, **8**)衍生物，以及受質 **3** 的 7 β -hydroxy-19-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl (**10**) 衍生物；此外受質 **1** 與 *A. niger* 進行培養可得到 7 β -hydroxy (**4**)，7-oxo (**6**)，以及 7 β ,11 α -dihydroxy (**7**)衍生物；受質 **3** 與 *A. niger* 進行培養可得到 1 α , 7 β ,16 α -trihydroxy (**11**)及 1 α ,7 β -dihydroxy-16-keto (**12**)衍生物；其中代謝物 **7**, **9**, **10** 及 **11** 為首次發表的化合物，分離的代謝物經由各種光譜分析以建立其結構。

關鍵詞：微生物轉換，四環二：類，steviol, *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid

Abstract

The microbial transformations of the tetracyclic diterpenes steviol (*ent*-13-hydroxy-kaur-16-en-19-oic acid) (**1**) and *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**) by *Bacillus megaterium* and *Aspergillus niger* have been studied. Incubation of **1** and **3** with *B. megaterium* afforded 19-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl (**5** and **9**) and 7 β -hydroxy (**4** and **8**) derivatives, and 7 β -hydroxy-19-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl derivative (**10**) for **3**. Incubation of **1** with *A. niger* afforded 7 β -hydroxy (**4**), 7-oxo (**6**), and 7 β ,11 α -dihydroxy (**7**) derivatives. Incubation of **3** with *A. niger* afforded 1 α ,7 β ,16 α -trihydroxy (**11**) and 1 α ,7 β -dihydroxy-16-keto (**12**) derivatives. Among them, the metabolites **7**, **9**, **10**, and **11** are the first reported. Metabolite

structures were established on the basis of HRFABMS, 1D and 2D NMR spectral data, and enzymatic hydrolysis.

Keywords: microbial transformations, tetracyclic diterpenoids, steviol, *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid

二、緣由與目的

The microbial transformation of multi-functional substrates can give rise to mixtures of products due to the presence of numerous enzymatic activities in the whole cells biocatalyst.¹ Alternatively, microorganisms have already been successfully applied for the selective oxygenation of organic compounds, especially the unactivated sites in hydrocarbons.² Thus, microorganisms have been used to transform a variety of organic compounds, such as steroids, alkaloids, terpenoids, and antibiotics.^{3,4} Stevioside is the major sweet component isolated from the leaves of *Stevia rebaudiana*.^{5,6} Steviol (*ent*-13-hydroxykaur-16-en-19-oic acid) (**1**), the aglycone part of stevioside, is one of the major metabolite of stevioside during its enzymatic hydrolysis.⁷ It has been known that stevioside is converted to steviol by intestinal bacteria when stevioside is orally administered to rats.^{8,9} Steviol can also be obtained by oxidation of stevioside with NaIO₄, and then hydrolysis with KOH.¹⁰ On the other hand, hydrolysis of stevioside with mineral acid affords isosteviol (**2**),^{11,12} which is then reduced with NaBH₄ to yield *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**).¹³ Steviol has been reported to be a toxic substance with mutagenic and bactericidal activities in *Salmonella typhimurium* TM 677.¹⁴ In contrast, steviol and stevioside have also been reported to have therapeutic value as

diuretic drugs¹⁵ and also as diabetic drugs by stimulating insulin secretion from pancreas.¹⁶ *Ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**) has the ability to lower blood pressure in spontaneously hypertensive rats.¹⁷ Although the A/B ring junction of the steviol (**1**) and *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**) is the same, the C- and D-rings are different (Figure 1). There is very little data available on the biotransformations of steviol and *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid, apart from that on *Gibberella fujikuroi*.^{13,18–22} As a part of an ongoing program to study the bioconversion of diterpenoids by microorganisms,^{12,23,24} and attempt to find out whether there exists a parallel between the action of the microorganisms on *ent*-kaurene and *ent*-beyerane of tetracyclic diterpenoids with similar chemical functions, the microbial metabolisms of **1** and **3** were investigated. The isolation and structure elucidation of the metabolites are described herein.

三、結果與討論

A total of 27 microorganisms including fungi, yeast and bacteria were tested for their ability to metabolize steviol (**1**) and *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**). *Bacillus megaterium* and *Aspergillus niger* were the cultures capable of reproducibly bioconversion of **1** and **3** to different metabolites. The bioconversion of steviol (**1**) by *B. megaterium* and *A. niger* led to the isolation of the metabolites **4–7**. Metabolites **4** and **6** have been prepared from the incubation of **1** with *G. fujikuroi*.^{19,20} Metabolite **5** has been isolated from the biotransformation of steviol by cultures cells of *Eucalyptus perriniana*.²⁵ Metabolite **7** was obtained as white needles. Its HRFABMS (negative-ion mode) showed a $[M - H]^-$ at m/z 349.2021, indicating a molecular weight of 350, compatible with a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₉O₅ (calcd 349.2015). The ¹³C NMR spectrum displayed resonances for 20 carbons, while the DEPT spectrum showed the presence of the two methyl, eight methylene, four methine, and six quaternary carbons. The HMQC spectrum, compared to

that of **1**, showed new resonances at δ_H 4.78 (δ_C 70.9) and δ_H 3.96 (δ_C 76.9). It indicated that metabolite **7** contains two more oxygen atoms than does steviol (**1**). In the DEPT spectrum, the resonance of C-6 has shifted downfield from δ 22.7 to 30.6, and the resonances of C-5 and C-9 have shifted upfield, from δ 57.1 to 48.4 and from δ 54.4 to 53.0, respectively. In the HMBC spectrum, δ_H 3.96 exhibits cross-peaks with δ_C 47.0 (C-14), 48.4 (C-5) and 53.0 (C-9). Thus, hydroxylation occurs at C-7, to which the resonance at δ 76.9 is attributed. The configuration at C-7 follows from the multiplicity of the H-7 signal in the ¹H NMR spectrum, which is a broad singlet, indicating that the proton is in the equatorial (α) position.^{12,22,27} Furthermore, the NOESY spectrum also shows cross-peaks between δ 3.96 (H-7 α) and H-6 (δ 2.47 and 2.69), H-14_{ax} (δ 1.74) and H-15_{eq} (δ 2.75). Accordingly, the hydroxyl group is in the axial (β) position. The location of the second hydroxyl group at the C-11 position of **7** was deduced by HMBC correlations between δ_H 4.78 (H-11) and δ_C 41.4 (C-10) and 51.5 (C-12). The relative stereochemistry of the hydroxyl group at C-11, in the axial position (α), was suggested from the cross-peaks between H-11 (δ 4.78) and δ 2.52 (2H, H-9 β and H-12) and 2.75 (H-12 and H-15) in the NOESY spectrum. Comparison of ¹H NMR spectrum of **7** with methyl *ent*-7 β ,11 α ,13-trihydroxykaur-16-en-19-oate²¹ found that H-11 was located at δ 4.78 as a doublet triplet ($J = 13.0, 6.5$ Hz) in **7** and H-11 α was located at δ 4.48 as a doublet ($J = 6.0$ Hz) in methyl *ent*-7 β ,11 α ,13-trihydroxykaur-16-en-19-oate. Thus, the configuration of the hydroxyl group at C-11 was established to be α . On the basis of the above evidence, the structure of **7** is determined to be *ent*-7 α ,11 β ,13-trihydroxykaur-16-en-19-oic acid.

Incubation of **3** with *B. megaterium* for 6 days led to the formation of metabolites **8–10**. Metabolite **8** is *ent*-7 α ,16 β -dihydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid by comparison of NMR data with literature.¹³ Metabolite **9** showed a quasi-molecular ion $[M - H]^-$ at m/z 481 and

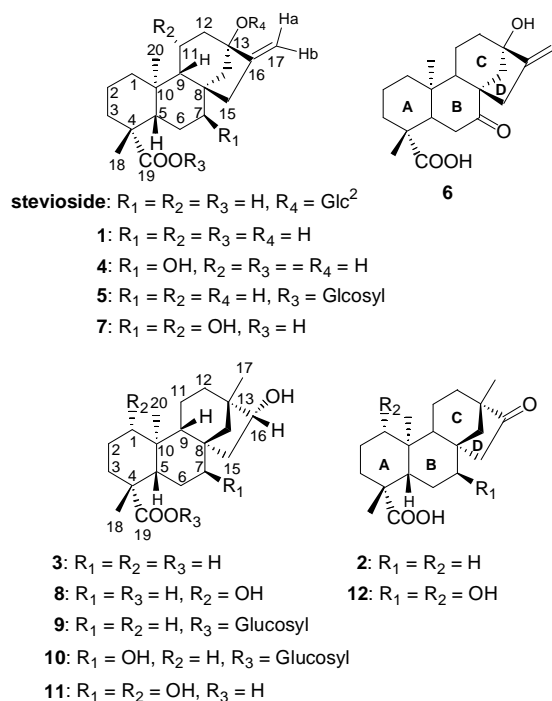


Figure 1. Structures of stevioside and compounds 1-12

the aglycone peak at m/z 319 $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ due to loss of a hexosyl moiety in the negative-ion FABMS. It also gave a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 481.2809 corresponding to the molecular formula $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_8$ (calcd 481.2801) in the negative HRFABMS. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were similar to the substrate, except for the additional proton and carbon signals for the sugar moiety. The DEPT experiment of sugar moiety displayed one CH_2 group at δ 62.2 and five CH groups at δ 95.8, 79.4, 79.2, 74.2, and 71.2 ppm. These signals were similar to those glucose with the anomeric proton resonating at δ 6.23 with $J = 8.0$ Hz. The coupling constant agreed with a β -D configuration for the sugar moiety in metabolite.²⁷ The HMQC and ^1H - ^1H COSY spectra allowed for the assignment of all the protons of the sugar moiety of the metabolite, including the readily discernible cross-peak corresponding to the coupling of the anomeric proton H-1' to H-2'. Comparison of the ^{13}C NMR spectra of **3** and **9** indicated that **9** is a glucopyranosyl ester of **3** at C-19, based on the upfield shift of C-19 from δ 180.3 to 177.0.²⁷ The sugar moiety was also confidently linked at C-19 of the aglycone basing on the HMBC correlation between the C-19 (δ 177.0) and H-1' (δ 6.23). The β

configuration at C-1' was further confirmed by enzymatic hydrolysis of the glucosidic linkage in **9** using β -D-glucosidase enzyme. Based on the above evidence, metabolite **9** was determined as *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19- β -D-glucopyranosyl ester. Metabolite **10** displayed a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 497.2755 corresponding to the molecular formula $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_9$ (calcd 497.2751) in the negative HRFAMS. The ^1H NMR spectrum shows close similarity to those of **9** and displays additional downfield signal for oxygen-bearing methine proton at δ 3.88 (br s). The characteristic anomeric proton of the sugar was seen as a doublet at δ 6.24 with the coupling constant, $J = 8.0$ Hz, indicating the glucosidic linkage to have β configuration.²⁷ The DEPT spectrum shows the disappearance of one CH_2 signal relative to **9** and the presence of one new CH signal at δ 76.7. By comparison of ^{13}C NMR spectrum with **9**, the resonance of C-6 has shifted downfield from δ 22.3 to 30.3, and the resonances of C-5 and C-9 have shifted upfield, from δ 57.8 to 48.3 and from δ 56.4 to 50.7, respectively. In the HMBC spectrum, δ_{H} 3.88 exhibits correlations with δ 48.3 (C-5) and 50.7 (C-9). Thus, hydroxylation occurs at C-7. The configuration of the hydroxyl group at C-7 was established to be β on the basis of NOESY data. The NOESY spectrum shows cross-peaks between δ 3.88 (H-7) and H-6 (δ 2.68 and 2.42), H-15 (δ 2.34), and H-14 (δ 1.59). The H-7 signal in the ^1H NMR spectrum is a broad singlet, indicating that the proton is in the equatorial (α) position.^{12,26} Accordingly, the β -orientation of 7-OH was established. On the basis of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra with the aid of HMQC, HMBC, NOESY, and ^1H - ^1H COSY experiments and by comparison of NMR spectral data with **9**, metabolite **10** is assigned the structure *ent*-7 α ,16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19- β -D-glucopyranosyl ester.

Metabolites **11** and **12** were obtained in 9.3 % and 11.5 % yields, respectively, by preparative-scale incubations of *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**) with *A. niger* after 144 h incubation. Following solvent

Table 1. ^{13}C NMR assignments for steviol (**1**) and **3**, and metabolites **7**, **9-11** ($\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$, δ values)

Carbon	1	7	3	9	10	11 *
1	41.1	43.3	40.5	40.2	40.3	82.6
2	19.9	20.3	19.8	19.5	38.6	37.3
3	38.7	39.1	38.8	38.5	38.6	37.3
4	44.0	43.9	44.0	44.3	44.0	43.0
5	57.1	48.4	57.4	57.8	48.4	46.9
6	22.7	30.6	22.7	22.3	30.3	30.0
7	42.0	76.9	42.5	42.5	76.7	77.9
8	41.9	46.3	42.6	42.6	47.6	48.5
9	54.4	53.0	56.5	38.7	38.7	45.0
11	20.9	70.9	21.0	20.9	20.7	24.4
12	40.8	51.5	34.8	34.7	34.8	35.2
13	79.9	78.7	42.6	42.6	42.5	43.0
14	47.6	47.0	55.9	55.8	52.1	52.4
15	48.3	45.1	44.0	43.9	42.8	42.9
16	157.8	158.2	79.8	79.7	79.6	80.7
17	103.0	102.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.4
18	29.4	29.9	29.6	29.0	28.9	29.3
19	180.2	180.9	180.3	177.0	177.4	182.0
20	16.0	16.8	13.9	14.0	13.9	9.4
1'				95.8	95.9	
2'				74.2	74.2	
3'				79.4	79.4	
4'				71.2	71.2	
5'				79.2	79.2	
6'				62.2	62.2	

* in CD_3OD

extraction and column chromatographic purification, samples of metabolites were subjected to spectral analyses. The HRFABMS of metabolite **11** exhibited a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 351.2168 corresponding to $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_5$ (calcd 351.2172), indicating a metabolite structure containing two more oxygen atoms than **3**. In $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ as the solvent, the DEPT spectrum shows the disappearance of two CH_2 signals and the presence of two new CH signals at δ 81.8 and 76.8, confirming that **11** is a dihydroxylated metabolite of **3**. However, δ_{C} 81.8 and 76.8 are correlated to δ_{H} 3.94 (2H, singlet and shoulder like) in the HMQC spectrum. By changing the solvent to CD_3OD , these two signals are cleanly separated and showed at δ_{C} 82.6 and 77.9, and δ_{H} 3.33 and 3.42, respectively, in the HMQC spectrum. In the HMBC spectrum, the chemical shift of δ_{H} 3.33 showed connectivities with CH_3 -20 (δ 9.4), C-2 (δ 30.6), C-10 (δ 45.0), and C-9 (δ 51.7). In ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum, δ_{H} 3.33 showed cross peak with H-2 (δ 1.48). Thus, it

suggested that one of hydroxyl group was at C-1. The relative stereochemistry of 1-OH was deduced from the NOESY experiment as well as the coupling constant in the ^1H NMR spectrum. The coupling constant of the methine proton at C-1 exhibited double-doublet ($J = 11.5, 4.5$ Hz) due to coupling with the protons of the neighboring C-2. The NOESY spectrum also showed NOE effects between H-1 (δ 3.33) and H-2 (δ 1.48), H-5 β (δ 1.63), H-9 β (δ 1.57), and CH_3 -18 (δ 1.13). Thus, the hydroxyl group at C-1 was in an equatorial (α) configuration.²⁶ The location of the second hydroxyl group at C-7 position was deduced by ^{13}C NMR signals. In spite of in $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ or CD_3OD , the resonance of C-6 has shifted downfield from δ 22.7 to 30.0, and the resonances of C-5 and C-9 have shifted upfield, from δ 57.4 to 46.9 and from δ 56.5 to 51.7, respectively. In the HMBC spectrum, δ_{H} 3.42 exhibits connectivities with δ 46.9 (C-5) and 51.7 (C-9). Therefore, hydroxylation occurs at C-7. The configuration of hydroxyl group at C-7 was assigned to be β due to the presence of a broad singlet proton signal at δ_{H} 3.42.^{12,26} On the basis of the above evidence, the structure of **11** is determined to be *ent*-1 β ,7 α ,16 β -trihydroxy-beyeran-19-oic acid. The difference between **11** and **12** is the lack of the H-16 β and C-16 signals in the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **12**, which is replaced by a carbonyl group at δ 221.0. Thus, metabolite **12** is *ent*-1 β ,7 α -dihydroxy-16-ketobeyeran-19-oic acid. This metabolite has been isolated as methyl derivative in biotransformation of isosteviol by *Aspergillus niger* CMI 17454.²⁶

四、計畫成果自評

Two selected substrates, steviol and *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid, are with different carbon skeletons of tetracyclic diterpenoids. In this investigation, the selected microorganisms have the ability to introduce hydroxyl group into 7 β position for both substrates. This is the most common reaction for introduction of oxygen function at C-7 in the microbial hydroxylation of tetracyclic diterpenoids and steroids. In addition, this study revealed that *A. niger* has

the ability to hydroxylate at 1 α ,7 β - positions of *ent*-16 β -hydroxybeyeran-19-oic acid (**3**) followed by oxidation at 16 α -hydroxy group to yield **12**. However, the dihydroxylation was occurred at 7 β ,11 α -positions of steviol (**1**) instead of 1 α ,7 β -positions. The configurations of **7** were opposite to the metabolite obtained from *G. fujikuroi*. Thus, the results obtained in this study indicated that the hydroxylation of both A- and B-rings' of *ent*-beyerane could be accomplished by *A. niger*. On the other hand, conjugation of metabolized xenobiotics is generally considered to be a detoxication mechanism. Previous studies demonstrated that *B. megaterium* could serve as a prokaryotic model for mammalian drug metabolism. Our study demonstrated that *B. megaterium* could catalyze not only in phase I hydroxylation but also in phase II conjugation for both substrates. Thus, this study provides us to understand the relationship between the *ent*-kaurene and *ent*-beyerane and the microbial enzymes responsible for their hydroxylation and glucosidation. Also, elucidation of the metabolic mechanism of the glucosidation in tetracyclic diterpenoids by *B. megaterium* may provide new insights in the field of enzymology and glucosidic chemistry. The antidiabetic and antihypertension activity tests will be evaluated later.

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