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**BIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS FROM CHINESE NATURAL MEDICINES.  
XXV.<sup>1</sup> NEW FLAVONOL BISDES MOSIDES, SARMENOSIDES I, II, III,  
AND IV, WITH HEPATOPROTECTIVE ACTIVITY FROM *SEDUM  
SARMENTOSUM* (CRASSULACEAE)**

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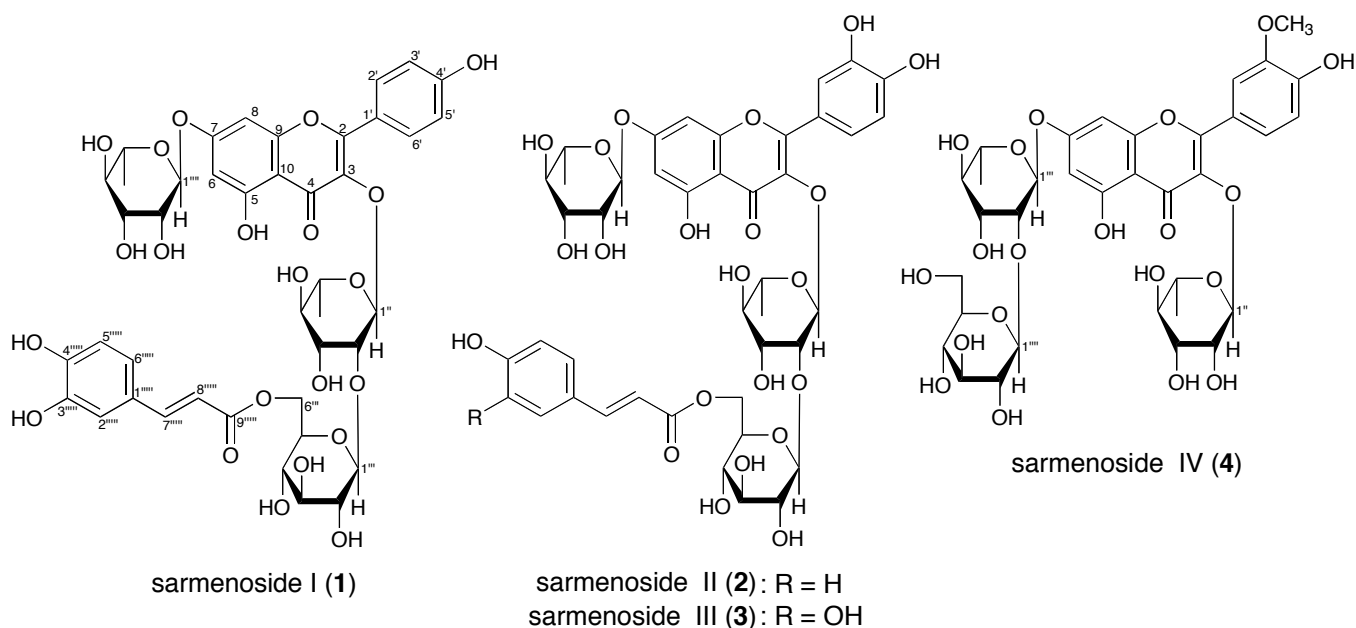
**Abstract** — Four new flavonol bisdesmosides, sarmenosides I, II, III, and IV, were isolated from the whole plant of *Sedum sarmentosum* (Crassulaceae). Their structures were elucidated on the basis of chemical and physicochemical evidence. Among them, sarmenoside III was found to show potent hepatoprotective effect ( $IC_{50} = 4.4 \mu M$ ) on D-galactosamine-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.

During the course of our characterization studies on the bioactive constituents from Chinese natural medicines,<sup>2-15</sup> we have reported the isolation and structure elucidation of 27 megastigmane constituents, including sarmenotoic acid, sarmentol A, sedumosides A<sub>1</sub>–A<sub>6</sub>, B, C, D, E<sub>1</sub>–E<sub>3</sub>, F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, and G–I, from the whole plant of *Sedum sarmentosum* (Crassulaceae).<sup>16-18</sup> The extract of *S. sarmentosum* and several megastigmane constituents were found to show hepatoprotective effects on D-galactosamine (D-GalN)-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.<sup>18</sup> As a continuing study on this herbal medicine, we have isolated four new flavonol bisdesmosides, sarmenosides I (**1**), II (**2**), III (**3**), and IV (**4**). This paper deals with the isolation and structure elucidation of the new flavonol bisdesmosides (**1**–**4**) and hepatoprotective effects of flavonoid and lignan constituents from this herbal medicine on D-GalN-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.

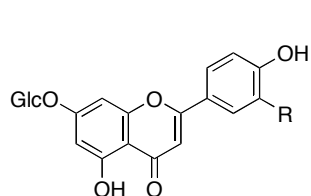
**Structures of Sarmenosides I (1), II (2), III (3), and IV (4)**

The hot water extract from the whole plant of *S. sarmentosum* was treated with methanol to give the methanol-soluble part (0.57% from the fresh plant). The methanol-soluble part was subjected to Diaion

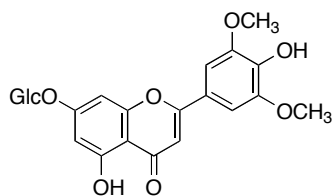
HP-20 column chromatography ( $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{MeOH}$ ) to give the water- and methanol-eluted fractions (0.44 and 0.13%, respectively) as previously reported.<sup>16</sup> The methanol-eluted fraction was subjected to normal- and reversed-phase silica gel column chromatographies, and finally HPLC to give **1** (0.00005%), **2** (0.00064%), **3** (0.00001%), and **4** (0.00002%) together with apigenin 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**5**, 0.00005%), luteolin 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**6**, 0.00006%), tricetin 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**7**, 0.00002%), kaempferol 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**8**, 0.00004%), kaempferol 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**, 0.00015%), grosvenorin (**10**, 0.00010%), quercetin 3,7-di-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**11**, 0.00007%), quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**12**, 0.00004%), isorhamnetin 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**13**, 0.00009%), isorhamnetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**14**, 0.00005%), isorhamnetin 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**15**, 0.00014%), isorhamnetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**16**, 0.00005%), herbacetin 8-methyl ether 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**17**, 0.00003%), limocitrin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**18**, 0.00008%), limocitrin 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**19**, 0.00057%), (-)-pinoselinol 4,4'-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**20**, 0.00005%), (+)-isolariciresinol (**21**, 0.00012%), woorensin XI (**22**, 0.00015%), (+)-isolariciresinol 3a-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**23**, 0.00003%), **24** (0.00005%), (+)-lariciresinol 4-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**25**, 0.00007%), (+)-lariciresinol 4,4'-bis-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**26**, 0.00031%), 2-phenylethyl  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**27**, 0.00001%), 2-phenylethyl D-rutinoside (**28**, 0.00003%), eugenyl  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**29**, 0.00007%), 4*R*-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**30**, 0.00006%), 4*R*-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 8-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**31**, 0.00004%), octa-1-en-3-yl  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**32**, 0.00043%), 1-acetyl  $\beta$ -carboline (**33**, 0.00001%), **34** (0.00003%), and **35** (0.00005%).<sup>17</sup>



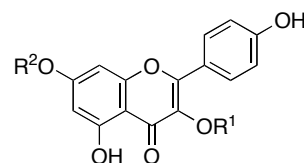
**Chart 1**



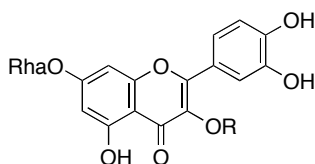
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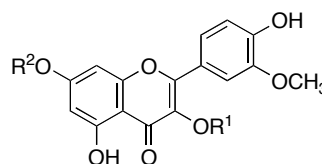
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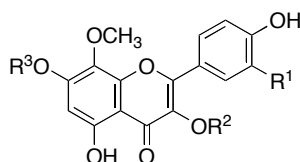
kaempferol 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**8**): R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Glc  
**9**: R<sup>1</sup> = Rha<sup>2-1</sup>-Glc, R<sup>2</sup> = Rha  
grosvenorine (**10**): R<sup>1</sup> = Rha, R<sup>2</sup> = Rha<sup>2-1</sup>-Glc



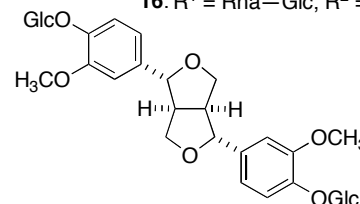
quercetin 3,7-di-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**11**): R = Rha  
**12**: R = Rha<sup>2-1</sup>-Glc



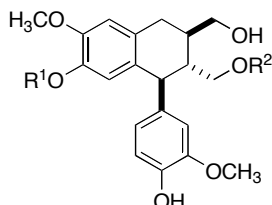
isorhamnetin 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**13**): R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Glc  
**14**: R<sup>1</sup> = Glc, R<sup>2</sup> = Rha  
isorhamnetin 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**15**): R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = Glc  
**16**: R<sup>1</sup> = Rha<sup>2-1</sup>-Glc, R<sup>2</sup> = Rha



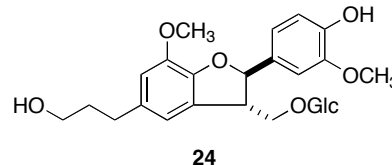
herbacetin 8-methyl ether 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**17**): R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = Glc  
limocitrin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**18**): R<sup>1</sup> = OCH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = Glc, R<sup>3</sup> = H  
limocitrin 3,7-di-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**19**): R<sup>1</sup> = OCH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = Glc



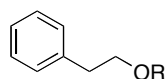
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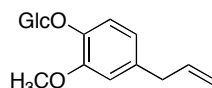
(+)-isolariciresinol (**21**): R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = H  
woorenoside XI (**22**): R<sup>1</sup> = Glc, R<sup>2</sup> = H  
(+)-isolariciresinol 3a-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**23**): R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Glc



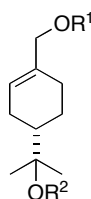
(+)-lariciresinol 4-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**25**): R = H  
(+)-lariciresinol 4,4'-bis-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**26**): R = Glc



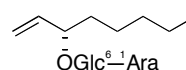
2-phenylethyl  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**27**): R = Glc  
2-phenylethyl D-rutinoside (**28**): R = Glc<sup>2-1</sup>-Rha



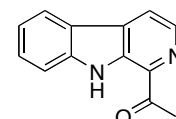
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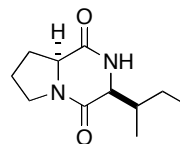
4*R*-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**30**): R<sup>1</sup> = Glc, R<sup>2</sup> = H  
4*R*-*p*-menth-1-ene-7,8-diol 8-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**31**): R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Glc



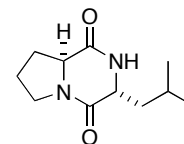
octa-1-en-3-yl  $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl (1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**32**)



1-acetyl  $\beta$ -carboline (**33**)



**34**



**35**

Glc:  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl; Rha:  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl; Ara:  $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl

Sarmenoside I (**1**) was isolated as an amorphous powder with negative optical rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{24} -80.6^\circ$  in MeOH). The IR spectrum of **1** showed absorption bands ascribable to hydroxyl ( $3431\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), ester carbonyl ( $1655\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and ether ( $1024\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) functions and aromatic ring ( $1603, 1541, 1458\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). In the positive- and negative-ion fast atom bombardment (FAB)-MS of **1**, quasimolecular ion peaks were observed at  $m/z$  925 ( $(M+Na)^+$ ) and  $m/z$  901 ( $(M-H)^-$ ), respectively. High-resolution MS analysis of the quasimolecular ion peak ( $(M+Na)^+$ ) in the positive-ion FAB-MS revealed the molecular formula of **1** to be  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{22}$ . On alkaline hydrolysis of **1** with 10% aqueous potassium hydroxide (KOH)–50%

aqueous 1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v), kaempferol 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**)<sup>17,19</sup> was obtained together with caffeic acid, which was identified by HPLC analysis. The  $^1\text{H}$ - (DMSO- $d_6$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (Table 1) spectra of **1**, which were assigned by various NMR experiments,<sup>20</sup> showed signals assignable to a kaempferol part [ $\delta$  6.43, 6.70 (1H each, both d,  $J = 2.2\text{ Hz}$ , 6, 8-H), 6.93, 7.78 (2H each, both d,  $J = 8.9\text{ Hz}$ , 3',5', 2',6'-H)], and a  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl and two  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl moieties [ $\delta$  0.92, 1.13 (3H each, both d,  $J = 6.1\text{ Hz}$ , 6'', 6''''-H<sub>3</sub>), 4.33 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$ , 1'''-H), 5.61 (1H, br s, 1''-H), 5.53 (1H, d,  $J = 1.2\text{ Hz}$ , 1''''-H)] together with a caffeoyl group [ $\delta$  6.12, 7.38 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.9\text{ Hz}$ , 8''''', 7'''''-H), 6.68 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$ , 5'''''-H), 6.86 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 8.3\text{ Hz}$ , 6'''''-H), 6.93 (1H, d,  $J = 1.8\text{ Hz}$ , 2'''''-H)]. Comparison of the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data for **1** with those for **9** revealed an acylation shift around the 6'''-position of the glucopyranosyl moiety [**9**:  $\delta_C$  76.6 (5'''-C), 60.5 (6'''-C); **1**:  $\delta_C$  73.6 (5'''-C), 62.8 (6'''-C)]. Furthermore, in the heteronuclear multiple-bond correlations (HMBC) experiment of **1**, long-range correlation was observed between the 6'''-protons [ $\delta$  4.16, 4.21 (1H each, both m)] and the ester carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_C$  166.2). On the basis of the above-mentioned evidence, the structure of sarmenoside I was determined to be kaempferol 3-*O*-(6-*O*-caffeoyl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**1**).

Sarmenoside II (**2**) was obtained as an amorphous powder with negative optical rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{24} -111.2^\circ$  in MeOH). The molecular formula,  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{22}$ , of **2** was determined from the positive-ion FAB-MS [ $m/z$  925 ( $(M+Na)^+$ )] and by high resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement. Sarmenoside III (**3**),  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -$

**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data for Sarmenosides I (**1**), II (**2**), and III (**3**)

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
2	157.1	157.0	157.1	3- <i>O</i> -Rha-1''	100.5	100.6	100.6
3	134.5	134.6	134.5	2''	81.4	81.7	81.5
4	177.8	177.9	177.9	3''	70.0	70.2	70.1
5	160.9	160.9	160.9	4''	71.6	71.7	71.6
6	99.3	99.3	99.3	5''	70.4	70.4	70.3
7	161.6	161.6	161.6	6''	17.3	17.4	17.3
8	94.5	94.3	94.3	2''- <i>O</i> -Glc-1'''	105.9	106.1	106.1
9	155.9	155.9	155.8	2'''	73.6	73.5	73.6
10	105.6	105.6	105.6	3'''	75.9	75.9	75.8
1'	120.1	120.4	120.3	4'''	69.5	69.5	69.1
2'	130.6	115.5	115.4	5'''	73.6	73.6	73.5
3'	115.3	145.2	145.1	6'''	62.8	62.7	62.5
4'	160.2	148.7	148.7	7- <i>O</i> -Rha-1''''	98.4	98.4	98.4
5'	115.3	115.5	115.5	2''''	69.7	69.8	69.7
6'	130.6	120.9	120.9	3''''	70.2	70.1	70.1
<i>acyl</i> -1''''	125.3	124.9	125.3	4''''	71.5	71.6	71.5
2''''	114.8	130.0	114.8	5''''	70.0	70.0	70.0
3''''	145.4	115.5	145.4	6''''	17.8	17.8	17.8
4''''	148.2	159.6	148.2				
5''''	115.5	115.5	115.5				
6''''	120.9	130.0	121.0				
7''''	145.0	144.5	145.0				
8''''	113.6	113.9	113.9				
9''''	166.2	166.3	166.3				

Measured at 125 MHz in DMSO- $d_6$ .

Rha:  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl; Glc:  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl

87.6° (MeOH), was also obtained as an amorphous powder and the molecular formula, C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>23</sub>, was determined from the positive-ion FAB-MS data and by high resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement. Treatment of **2** and **3** with 10% KOH–50% aqueous 1,4-dioxane (1:1, v/v), gave quercetin 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**12**)<sup>17,21</sup> together with *p*-coumaric acid (from **2**) and caffeic acid (from **3**), which were identified by HPLC analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H- (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table 1) spectra<sup>20</sup> of **2** showed signals assignable to a quercetin part [ $\delta$  6.42, 6.68 (1H each, both d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.92 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 5'-H), 7.31 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 2.2, 8.2 Hz, 6'-H), 7.43 (1H, d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 2'-H)], and a β-D-glucopyranosyl and two α-L-rhamnopyranosyl moieties [ $\delta$  0.97 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 6''-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1'''-H), 5.58 (1H, br s, 1''-H), 5.54 (1H, d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 1''''-H)] together with a *p*-coumaroyl group [ $\delta$  6.25, 7.45 (1H each, both d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 8''''', 7'''''-H), 6.71, 7.41 (2H each, both d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 3''''', 5''''', 2''''', 6'''''-H)]. The proton and carbon signals in <sup>1</sup>H- (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table 1) spectra<sup>20</sup> of **3** were superimposable on those of **2**, except for the signals due to an acyl group [ $\delta$  6.15, 7.37 (1H each, both d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 8''''', 7'''''-H), 6.67 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 5'''''-H), 6.88 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 2.5, 8.3 Hz, 6'''''-H)]. The HMBC experiments on **2** and **3** showed long-range correlations between the 6'''-protons [**2**:  $\delta$  4.11 (1H, br d,  $J$  = *ca.* 11 Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.3, 11.3 Hz); **3**:  $\delta$  4.01 (1H, br d,  $J$  = *ca.* 11 Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 2.8, 11.3 Hz)] and the ester carbonyl carbon (**2**:  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 166.3; **3**:  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 166.3), respectively. Consequently, the structures of sarmenosides **II** and **III** were determined to be quercetin 3-*O*-(6-*O*-*p*-coumaroyl)-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**2**) and quercetin 3-*O*-(6-*O*-caffeoyl)-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**3**).

Sarmenoside **IV** (**4**) with negative optical rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -77.5° in MeOH) was also isolated as an amorphous powder. The molecular formula C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>20</sub> of **4** was also determined from the positive- and negative-ion FAB-MS [ $m/z$  793 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>,  $m/z$  769 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>] and by high-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS measurement. Acid hydrolysis of **4** with 1.0 M hydrochloric acid (HCl) liberated L-rhamnose and D-glucose, which were identified by HPLC analysis using an optical rotation detector.<sup>2,4-6,9-14,16,17</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table 2) spectra<sup>20</sup> of **4** indicated the presence of *meta*-coupled and *ortho*-coupled A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>-type aromatic protons [ $\delta$  6.48, 6.85 (1H each, both d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.94 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 5'-H), 7.44 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 2.2, 8.6 Hz, 6'-H), 7.48 (1H, d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2'-H)], and a β-D-glucopyranosyl and two α-L-rhamnopyranosyl moieties [ $\delta$  0.81 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 6''-H), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 4.38 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1'''-H), 5.28 (1H, d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1''-H), 5.94 (1H, d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1''''-H)] together with a methoxyl protons [ $\delta$  3.86 (3H, s, 3'-OCH<sub>3</sub>)]. The proton and carbon signals in the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **4** were very similar to those of grosvenorine

**Table 2.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Data for Sarmenoside **IV** (**4**)

	<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>
2	157.7	3- <i>O</i> -Rha-1''	101.8
3	134.6	2''	70.0
4	177.9	3''	70.4
5	160.9	4''	71.1
6	99.6	5''	70.7
7	161.4	6''	17.3
8	94.7	7- <i>O</i> -Rha-1'''	97.1
9	156.1	2'''	79.9
10	105.8	3'''	70.0
1'	120.5	4'''	72.1
2'	112.7	5'''	69.9
3'	147.2	6'''	17.8
4'	149.7	2''''- <i>O</i> -Glc-1''''	105.6
5'	115.4	2''''	73.9
6'	122.8	3''''	76.2
3'-OCH <sub>3</sub>	55.7	4''''	69.9
		5''''	76.8
		6''''	61.0

Measured at 125 MHz in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

Rha: α-L-rhamnopyranosyl;

Glc: β-D-glucopyranosyl

(10),<sup>17,22</sup> except for the signals due to the B ring in the aglycon part. The connectivities of oligoglycoside moieties to the aglycon part were characterized by a HMBC experiment on **4**. Thus, the HMBC experiment of **4** showed long-range correlations between the following proton and carbon pairs (1''-H and C-3; 1'''-H and C-7; 1''''-H and C-2'''). Finally, the position of a methoxyl group in **4** was clarified by nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy (NOESY) experiment, which showed NOE correlation between the methoxyl protons and the 2'-proton. Consequently, the structure of sarmenoside IV was determined to be isorhamnetin 3-*O*- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside (**4**).

### Protective Effects on D-GalN-induced Cytotoxicity in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

**Table 3.** Inhibitory Effects of Constituents from *S. sarmentosum* on D-GalN-induced Cytotoxicity in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

	Inhibition (%)					IC <sub>50</sub> $\mu$ M
	0 $\mu$ M	3 $\mu$ M	10 $\mu$ M	30 $\mu$ M	100 $\mu$ M	
sarmenoside I ( <b>1</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 6.6	5.0 $\pm$ 7.2	12.5 $\pm$ 7.2	35.9 $\pm$ 7.0	73.3 $\pm$ 10.6**	46
sarmenoside II ( <b>2</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 6.2	9.4 $\pm$ 7.2	23.4 $\pm$ 9.5	26.8 $\pm$ 7.0	54.2 $\pm$ 8.0**	94
sarmenoside III ( <b>3</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 1.8	42.8 $\pm$ 2.2**	65.4 $\pm$ 1.6**	86.4 $\pm$ 6.0**	99.2 $\pm$ 2.5**	4.4
sarmenoside IV ( <b>4</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 6.3	5.6 $\pm$ 3.9	5.6 $\pm$ 4.7	13.3 $\pm$ 5.8	38.7 $\pm$ 7.5**	
apigenin 7- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>5</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 3.4	1.5 $\pm$ 5.8	13.2 $\pm$ 7.0	21.7 $\pm$ 4.1*	24.0 $\pm$ 2.3*	
luteolin 7- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>6</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 2.1	2.5 $\pm$ 2.3	0.7 $\pm$ 10.2	36.8 $\pm$ 2.6**	62.3 $\pm$ 2.6**	57
tricin 7- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>7</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 3.8	0.6 $\pm$ 2.3	6.2 $\pm$ 2.5	10.8 $\pm$ 2.9	22.0 $\pm$ 3.8**	
kaempferol 7- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>8</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 1.5	4.2 $\pm$ 1.5	14.0 $\pm$ 1.0**	46.4 $\pm$ 2.2**	83.5 $\pm$ 0.7**	32
<b>9</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.6	1.0 $\pm$ 1.4	9.8 $\pm$ 4.5	28.9 $\pm$ 5.9**	61.8 $\pm$ 6.6**	66
grosvenorine ( <b>10</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 2.7	1.8 $\pm$ 3.1	16.1 $\pm$ 1.3	25.6 $\pm$ 4.2**	51.6 $\pm$ 2.4**	
quercetin 3,7-di- <i>O</i> -Rha ( <b>11</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 1.4	-3.4 $\pm$ 0.8	9.2 $\pm$ 2.4*	24.7 $\pm$ 3.1**	28.5 $\pm$ 2.5**	
<b>12</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.3	3.9 $\pm$ 2.8	6.3 $\pm$ 3.5	9.8 $\pm$ 2.2	49.1 $\pm$ 3.9**	
isorhamnetin 7- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>13</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 2.2	-7.3 $\pm$ 1.4	-13.2 $\pm$ 0.6	-12.2 $\pm$ 0.9	12.9 $\pm$ 1.5**	
<b>14</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 1.6	6.6 $\pm$ 3.0*	8.7 $\pm$ 1.3**	10.5 $\pm$ 1.1**	11.5 $\pm$ 0.9**	
isorhamnetin 3,7-di- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>15</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 1.8	1.1 $\pm$ 2.5	-2.5 $\pm$ 1.4	-0.7 $\pm$ 2.5	20.9 $\pm$ 4.4**	
<b>16</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.4	7.3 $\pm$ 1.8	8.9 $\pm$ 2.0	17.8 $\pm$ 2.1	27.0 $\pm$ 3.8*	
<b>17</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.4	2.0 $\pm$ 4.4	10.3 $\pm$ 3.9	16.6 $\pm$ 3.7*	28.3 $\pm$ 2.3**	
limocitrin 3- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>18</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 3.0	7.6 $\pm$ 3.1	10.6 $\pm$ 2.2*	25.3 $\pm$ 1.8**	56.7 $\pm$ 2.7**	96
limocitrin 3,7-di- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>19</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 1.4	0.0 $\pm$ 1.6	-3.0 $\pm$ 0.9	-3.0 $\pm$ 1.8	8.3 $\pm$ 8.0	
<b>20</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 3.6	4.5 $\pm$ 2.0	7.1 $\pm$ 2.0	29.9 $\pm$ 3.1**	69.8 $\pm$ 4.3**	59
(+)-isolariciresinol ( <b>21</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 4.7	6.7 $\pm$ 3.3	20.7 $\pm$ 2.0*	42.8 $\pm$ 4.6**	79.1 $\pm$ 6.0**	33
woorenoside XI ( <b>22</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 7.5	2.2 $\pm$ 6.2	7.2 $\pm$ 3.5	11.4 $\pm$ 4.8	29.7 $\pm$ 7.7**	
<b>23</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.8	7.3 $\pm$ 2.2	19.9 $\pm$ 1.3**	44.9 $\pm$ 3.0**	92.5 $\pm$ 3.5**	24
<b>24</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.5	5.5 $\pm$ 2.8	6.6 $\pm$ 3.9	23.2 $\pm$ 4.1*	47.9 $\pm$ 6.4**	
(+)-lariciresinol 4- <i>O</i> -Glc ( <b>25</b> )	0.0 $\pm$ 0.6	7.7 $\pm$ 0.5	26.5 $\pm$ 1.5**	68.8 $\pm$ 2.3**	108.2 $\pm$ 3.5**	18
<b>26</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 1.0	2.9 $\pm$ 1.8	4.2 $\pm$ 3.2	19.9 $\pm$ 0.5**	16.8 $\pm$ 0.8**	
<b>27</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.2	1.2 $\pm$ 2.5	11.1 $\pm$ 1.1**	6.1 $\pm$ 1.2	12.0 $\pm$ 2.0**	
<b>28</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 0.9	1.9 $\pm$ 2.2	3.3 $\pm$ 0.9	17.4 $\pm$ 3.0**	19.7 $\pm$ 1.0**	
<b>29</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.7	4.2 $\pm$ 1.1	4.2 $\pm$ 0.8	33.2 $\pm$ 1.4**	93.2 $\pm$ 0.9**	37
<b>30</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 2.0	5.4 $\pm$ 0.7	9.4 $\pm$ 1.1**	7.4 $\pm$ 1.9*	15.2 $\pm$ 1.5**	
<b>31</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 0.9	1.9 $\pm$ 2.6	2.7 $\pm$ 2.8	8.4 $\pm$ 2.2	12.1 $\pm$ 0.9**	
<b>32</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 1.7	2.0 $\pm$ 2.0	7.5 $\pm$ 1.6	10.0 $\pm$ 3.7**	7.5 $\pm$ 2.0	
<b>33</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 1.4	12.8 $\pm$ 1.0**	18.2 $\pm$ 0.4**	32.3 $\pm$ 2.5**	4.6 $\pm$ 1.6	
<b>34</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 1.1	4.0 $\pm$ 0.8	7.8 $\pm$ 2.1*	8.7 $\pm$ 0.9**	18.6 $\pm$ 1.3**	
<b>35</b>	0.0 $\pm$ 3.3	-1.4 $\pm$ 2.1	3.4 $\pm$ 1.8	5.6 $\pm$ 3.6	17.9 $\pm$ 2.3**	
silybin <sup>a</sup>	0.0 $\pm$ 0.3	4.8 $\pm$ 1.1	7.7 $\pm$ 0.7	45.2 $\pm$ 8.8**	77.0 $\pm$ 5.5**	41

Each value represents the mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. ( $N=4$ ). Significantly different from the control, \* $p<0.05$ , \*\* $p<0.01$ .

<sup>a</sup>Commercial silybin was purchased from Funakoshi Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan).

Previously, we have reported the isolation and structure elucidation of several constituents with hepatoprotective effects from *Hovenia dulcis*,<sup>23</sup> *Bupleurum scorzonerifolium*,<sup>24,25</sup> *Curcuma zedoaria*,<sup>26–28</sup> *Angelica furcijuga*,<sup>29,30</sup> *Betula platyphylla* var. *japonica*,<sup>31</sup> *Pisum sativum*,<sup>32</sup> *Salacia reticulata*,<sup>33</sup> *Tilia argentea*,<sup>34</sup> *Anastatica hierochuntica*,<sup>35</sup> *Panax notoginseng*,<sup>36</sup> *Cyperus longus*,<sup>37</sup> *Erycibe expansa*,<sup>38</sup> and *Camellia sinensis*.<sup>39</sup> Since the extract of this herbal medicine and several megastigmane constituents showed hepatoprotective effect,<sup>18</sup> the inhibitory effects of flavonoid and lignan constituents from the same extract including sarmenosides I–IV (**1–4**), on D-GalN-induced cytotoxicity in primary cultured mouse hepatocytes were also examined. As shown in Table 3, sarmenosides I (**1**, IC<sub>50</sub> = 46 μM), II (**2**, 94 μM), and III (**3**, 4.4 μM), luteolin 7-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**6**, 57 μM), kaempferol 7-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**8**, 32 μM), kaempferol 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**, 66 μM), grosvenorine (**10**, ca. 100 μM), limocitrin 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**18**, 96 μM), (–)-pinoresinol 4,4'-di-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**20**, 59 μM), (+)-isolariciresinol (**21**, 33 μM), (+)-isolariciresinol 3a-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**23**, 24 μM), (+)-lariciresinol 4-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**25**, 18 μM), and eugenyl β-D-glucopyranoside (**29**, 37 μM), were found to show inhibitory activity. Especially, the hepatoprotective activity of sarmenoside III (**3**) was stronger than that of commercial silybin (41 μM), which is well known to show potent hepatoprotective activity.<sup>38,39</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL

The following instruments were used to obtain physical data : specific rotations, Horiba SEPA-300 digital polarimeter (*l* = 5 cm); UV spectra, Shimadzu UV-1600; IR spectra, Shimadzu FTIR-8100 spectrophotometer; FAB-MS and high-resolution FAB-MS, JEOL JMS-SX 102A mass spectrometer; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, JEOL EX-270 (270 MHz) and JNM-LA500 (500 MHz) spectrometers; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra, JEOL EX-270 (68 MHz) and JNM-LA500 (125 MHz) spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard; HPLC detector, Shimadzu RID-6A refractive index and SPD-10A<sub>vp</sub> UV-VIS detectors; and HPLC column, Cosmosil 5C<sub>18</sub>-MS-II (250 × 4.6 mm i.d.) and (250 × 20 mm i.d.) columns were used for analytical and preparative purposes, respectively.

The following experimental conditions were used for chromatography: normal-phase column chromatography; Silica gel BW-200 (Fuji Silysia Chemical, Ltd., 150–350 mesh), reversed-phase column chromatography; Diaion HP-20 (Nippon Rensui); TLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> (Merck, 0.25 mm) (normal-phase) and Silica gel RP-18 F<sub>254S</sub> (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase); HPTLC, pre-coated TLC plates with Silica gel RP-18 WF<sub>254S</sub> (Merck, 0.25 mm) (reversed-phase) and detection was achieved by spraying with 1% Ce(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, followed by heating.

## Plant Material

*S. sarmentosum* was cultivated at Huangshan, Anhui province, China and plant material was identified by one of authors (M. Y.). A voucher specimen (2005.01. Eishin-02) of this plant is on file in our laboratory.<sup>16–18</sup>

### Isolation of Sarmenosides I (1), II (2), III (3), and IV (4)

Fraction 5-10 (1818 mg), which was obtained from the methanol-eluted fraction of hot water extract from the fresh whole plant of *S. sarmentosum* as reported previously,<sup>17</sup> was purified by Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography [150 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (1:1, v/v)] and finally HPLC [MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (35:65, 40:60 v/v) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN-MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (15:8:77, v/v/v)] to furnish sarmenosides I (**1**, 28.1 mg, 0.00005%), II (**2**, 343.9 mg, 0.00064%), III (**3**, 6.3 mg, 0.00001%), and IV (**4**, 10.6 mg, 0.00002%) together with kaempferol 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**, 79.9 mg, 0.00015%), grosvenorine (**10**, 53.6 mg, 0.00010%), quercetin 3,7-di-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**11**, 37.6 mg, 0.00007%), quercetin 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**12**, 23.9 mg, 0.00004%), isorhamnetin 3,7-di-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**15**, 32.8 mg, 0.00006%), and isorhamnetin 3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→2)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-7-*O*-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (**16**, 26.8 mg, 0.00005%).

Sarmenoside I (**1**): an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{24} -80.6^\circ$  ( $c = 1.00$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>22</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 925.2378. Found: 925.2383. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 266 (4.38), 329 (4.08). IR (KBr): 3431, 2932, 1655, 1603, 1541, 1509, 1491, 1458, 1270, 1208, 1175, 1024, 961, 816 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ: 0.92, 1.13 (3H each, both d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6'', 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0, 8.9$  Hz, 2'''-H), 3.14 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.5$  Hz, 4''-H), 3.20 (1H, m, 3'''-H), 3.21 (1H, m, 4'''-H), 3.31 (1H, m, 4''''-H), 3.32 (1H, m, 5'''-H), 3.38 (1H, m, 5''-H), 3.44 (1H, m, 5''''-H), 3.56 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.7, 9.5$  Hz, 3''-H), 3.64 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.4, 9.5$  Hz, 3''''-H), 3.86 (1H, m, 2''''-H), 4.14 (1H, br d,  $J = ca. 2$  Hz, 2''-H), 4.16, 4.21 (1H each, both m, 6'''-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.33 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1'''-H), 5.61 (1H, br s, 1''-H), 5.53 (1H, d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1''''-H), 6.12, 7.38 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 8''''', 7''''''-H), 6.43, 6.70 (1H each, both d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.68 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 5''''''-H), 6.86 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 8.3$  Hz, 6''''''-H), 6.93 (1H, d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 2''''''-H), 6.93, 7.78 (2H each, both d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 3',5', 2',6'-H), 12.55 (1H, br s, 5-OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δc: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  925 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>. Negative-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  901 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>.

Sarmenoside II (**2**): an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{24} -111.2^\circ$  ( $c = 1.06$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>22</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 925.2378. Found: 925.2374. UV [MeOH, nm (log ε)]: 257 (4.42), 317 (4.45). IR (KBr): 3389, 2934, 1655, 1605, 1516, 1491, 1449, 1348, 1271, 1206, 1169, 1022, 963, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ: 0.97 (3H, d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6''-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.9, 8.5$  Hz, 2'''-H), 3.17 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.5$  Hz, 4''-H), 3.22 (1H, m, 4'''-H), 3.24 (1H, m, 3'''-H), 3.30 (1H, m, 5'''-H), 3.33 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.5$  Hz, 4''''-H), 3.46 (1H, m, 5''''-H), 3.61 (1H, m, 5''-H), 3.64 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.4, 9.5$  Hz, 3''-H), 3.66 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.4, 9.5$  Hz, 3''''-H), 3.88 (1H, m, 2''''-H), [4.11 (1H, br d,  $J = ca. 11$  Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.3, 11.3$  Hz), 6'''-H<sub>2</sub>], 4.20 (1H, br d,  $J = ca. 3$  Hz, 2''-H), 4.31 (1H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1'''-H), 5.58 (1H, br s, 1''-H), 5.54 (1H, d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 1''''-H), 6.25, 7.45 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 8''''', 7''''''-H), 6.42, 6.68 (1H each, both d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.71, 7.41 (2H each, both d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 3''''', 5''''', 2''''', 6'''''-H), 6.92 (1H, d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 5'-H), 7.31 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.2, 8.2$  Hz, 6'-H), 7.43 (1H, d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2'-H), 12.61 (1H, br s, 5-OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δc: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  925 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>. Negative-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  901 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>.



Sarmenoside III (**3**): an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -87.6^\circ$  ( $c = 0.11$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{23}Na$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 941.2328. Found: 941.2336. UV [MeOH, nm (log  $\epsilon$ )]: 255 (4.44), 336 (4.37). IR (KBr): 3431, 2940, 1651, 1605, 1509, 1500, 1458, 1348, 1273, 1175, 1052, 966, 820  $cm^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.93 (3H, d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6''-H), 1.12 (3H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.7, 8.3$  Hz, 2'''-H), 3.13 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.5$  Hz, 4''-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 3'''-H), 3.19 (1H, m, 4'''-H), 3.25 (1H, m, 5'''-H), 3.29 (1H, m, 4''''-H), 3.40 (1H, m, 5''''-H), 3.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.4, 9.5$  Hz, 3''-H), 3.61 (1H, m, 5''-H), 3.63 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.4, 9.5$  Hz, 3''''-H), 3.84 (1H, m, 2''''-H), [4.01 (1H, br d,  $J = ca. 11$  Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.8, 11.3$  Hz), 6'''-H<sub>2</sub>], 4.16 (1H, br s, 2''-H), 4.28 (1H, d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1''-H), 5.50 (1H, br s, 1''-H), 5.52 (1H, br s, 1''''-H), 6.15, 7.37 (1H each, both d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 8''''', 7'''''-H), 6.41, 6.70 (1H each, both d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.67 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 5''''-H), 6.88 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.5, 8.3$  Hz, 6''''-H), 6.95 (1H, d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 2''''-H), 6.89 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 5'-H), 7.30 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.1, 8.5$  Hz, 6'-H), 7.43 (1H, d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2'-H), 12.61 (1H, br s, 5-OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ c: given in Table 1. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  941 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>. Negative-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  917 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>.

Sarmenoside IV (**4**): an amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{22} -77.5^\circ$  ( $c = 0.62$ , MeOH). High-resolution positive-ion FAB-MS: Calcd for  $C_{34}H_{42}O_{20}Na$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 793.2176. Found: 793.2161. UV [MeOH, nm (log  $\epsilon$ )]: 255 (4.27), 349 (4.12). IR (KBr): 3389, 2918, 1653, 1647, 1605, 1559, 1541, 1509, 1489, 1474, 1458, 1341, 1210, 1169, 1025, 970, 814  $cm^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.81 (3H, d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6''-H), 1.15 (3H, d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6'''-H<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.9, 8.3$  Hz, 2'''-H), 3.07 (1H, m, 4''''-H), 3.14 (1H, m, 4''-H), 3.15 (1H, m, 5''''-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 5''-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 3''''-H), 3.29 (1H, m, 4'''-H), 3.42, 3.66 (1H each, both m, 6'''-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.46 (1H, m, 5'''-H), 3.51 (1H, m, 3''-H), 3.68 (1H, m, 3''-H), 3.86 (3H, s, 3'-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.93 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.6, 3.7$  Hz, 2'''-H), 3.98 (1H, br s, 2''-H), 4.38 (1H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1''''-H), 5.28 (1H, d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1''-H), 5.94 (1H, d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1'''-H), 6.48, 6.85 (1H each, both d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 6, 8-H), 6.94 (1H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 5'-H), 7.44 (1H, dd,  $J = 2.2, 8.6$  Hz, 6'-H), 7.48 (1H, d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2'-H), 12.60 (1H, br s, 5-OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ c: given in Table 2. Positive-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  793 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>. Negative-ion FAB-MS:  $m/z$  769 (M-H)<sup>-</sup>.

### Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1–3

A solution of sarmenosides I–III (**1–3**, each 3.0 mg) in 50% aqueous 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL) was treated with 10% aqueous KOH (0.5 mL) and the whole mixture was stirred at 37 °C for 1 h. A part of the reaction mixture was subjected to HPLC analysis [column: Cosmosil C<sub>18</sub>-PAQ, 250 × 4.6 mm i.d.; mobile phase: MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (45:55, v/v); detection: UV (254 nm); flow rate: 0.7 mL/min] to identify caffeic acid (**a**,  $t_R$  10.9 min) from **1** and **3**, and *p*-coumaric acid (**b**,  $t_R$  18.0 min) from **2**. The rest of each reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex HCR W2 (H<sup>+</sup> form) and the resin was removed by filtration. Evaporation of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure yielded a product, which was subjected to HPLC [MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (40:60, v/v)] to give **5** (1.3 mg from **1**) and **6** (0.9 mg from **2**, 1.4 mg from **3**).

### Acid Hydrolysis of 4

A solution of sarmenoside IV (**4**, 3.0 mg) in 1 M HCl (1.0 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was subjected to HPLC

analysis under the following conditions, respectively: HPLC column, Kaseisorb LC NH<sub>2</sub>-60-5, 4.6 mm i.d. × 250 mm (Tokyo Kasei Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan); detection, optical rotation [Shodex OR-2 (Showa Denko Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan)]; mobile phase, CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O (85:15, v/v); flow rate 0.8 mL/min]. Identification of L-rhamnose and D-glucose present in the aqueous layer was carried out by comparison of its retention time and optical rotation with those of authentic samples, *t<sub>R</sub>*: (i) 7.8 min (L-rhamnose, negative optical rotation) and (ii) 13.9 min (D-glucose, positive optical rotation), respectively.

## Bioassay Method

### Protective Effect on Cytotoxicity Induced by D-GalN in Primary Cultured Mouse Hepatocytes

The hepatoprotective effects of the constituents were determined by the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) colorimetric assay using primary cultured mouse hepatocytes.<sup>39</sup> Hepatocytes were isolated from male ddY mice (30–35 g) by collagenase perfusion method. The cell suspension at 4×10<sup>4</sup> cells in 100 μL William's E medium containing fetal calf serum (10%), penicillin G (100 units/mL), and streptomycin (100 μg/ml) was inoculated in a 96-well microplate, and precultured for 4 h at 37°C under a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The fresh medium (100 μL) containing D-GalN (2 mM) and a test sample were added and the hepatocytes were cultured for 44 h. The medium was exchanged with 100 μL of the fresh medium, and 10 μL of MTT (5 mg/mL in phosphate buffered saline) solution was added to the medium. After 4 h culture, the medium was removed, 100 μL of isopropanol containing 0.04 M HCl was then added to dissolve the formazan produced in the cells. The optical density (O.D.) of the formazan solution was measured by microplate reader at 570 nm (reference: 655 nm). Inhibition (%) was obtained by following formula.

$$\text{Inhibition (\%)} = [(O.D.(\text{sample}) - O.D.(\text{control})) / (O.D.(\text{normal}) - O.D.(\text{control}))] \times 100$$

Cytotoxic effects of the constituents were assessed by MTT colorimetric assay. Briefly, after 44 h incubation with a test sample in the absence of D-GalN, MTT assay was performed as described above.

## Statistics

Values are expressed as means±S.E.M. One-way analysis of variance followed by Dunnett's test was used for statistical analysis.

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 $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.5 (C-2), 134.8 (C-3), 177.8 (C-4), 160.8 (C-5), 99.4 (C-6), 161.7 (C-7), 94.6 (C-8), 156.0 (C-9), 105.7 (C-10), 120.2 (C-1'), 130.6 (C-2',6'), 115.4 (C-3',5'), 160.2 (C-4'), 100.9 (C-1''), 81.2 (C-2''), 70.2 (C-3''), 71.7 (C-4''), 70.2 (C-5''), 17.4 (C-6''), 106.0 (C-1'''), 73.9 (C-2'''), 76.3 (C-3'''), 69.3 (C-4'''), 76.6 (C-5'''), 60.5 (C-6'''), 98.3 (C-1'''), 69.8 (C-2'''), 70.4 (C-3'''), 71.6 (C-4'''), 70.1 (C-5'''), 17.9 (C-6''').
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 $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.4 (2-C), 134.7 (3-C), 177.8 (4-C), 160.8 (5-C), 99.3 (6-C), 161.6 (7-C), 94.4 (8-C), 155.9 (9-C), 105.6 (10-C), 120.1 (1'-C), 115.4 (2'-C), 145.2 (3'-C), 148.9 (4'-C), 115.4 (5'-C), 121.0 (6'-C), 100.9 (1''-C), 81.3 (2''-C), 70.3 (3''-C), 71.6 (4''-C), 70.3 (5''-C), 17.3

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