

Potentially Hepatoprotective Glycolipid Constituents of *Lycium chinense* Fruits

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Further investigation of *Lycium chinense* fruits gave a mixture of (6'-*O*-palmitoyl)- and (6'-*O*-stearoyl)- β -sitosterol-3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) and two glycolipids, 1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**2**) and 1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*-octadecadienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**3**). These compounds were newly isolated as constituents of *L. chinense*.

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INTRODUCTION

Fruits of *Lycium chinense* Miller (Solanaceae), distributed in northeast Asia, have been used as a tonic in traditional oriental medicine (Kim *et al.*, 1997). These fruits are also known to possess a hypotensive, hypoglycemic, hepatoprotective, and antipyretic activities, and to prevent stress-induced ulceration in experimental animals. A number of neutral volatile compounds, steroids, cerebrosides, and alkaloids were known as constituents of the fruits of this plant (Chin *et al.*, 2003). Because the EtOAc fraction of these fruits was found to show a hepatoprotective activity, this fraction was chosen for further investigation of bioactive materials. As a result, a mixture of (6'-*O*-palmitoyl)- and (6'-*O*-stearoyl)- β -sitosterol-3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**1**), and two glycolipids (**2** and **3**) were isolated from the fruits of *L. chinense*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material

Air-dried fruits of *L. chinense* were purchased from Chungyang Agricultural Cooperatives Federation in Korea

and identified by one of the authors. A voucher specimen (SNUPH-0027) was deposited at the College of Pharmacy, Seoul National University.

General experimental procedures

NMR spectra were measured on a Varian VXR 300 spectrometer in CDCl₃. FAB-MS were obtained on a JMS AX 505WA spectrometer. GC-FID analysis was carried out on an HP 5890II (Hewlett Packard) with an HP 3395 integrator and DB-1, capillary column (J & W Scientific, 30 m×0.25 mm×0.17 μ m film thickness). Helium was used as a carrier gas at the flow rate of 2 mL/min. The oven temperature was set at 180°C for 5 min, from 180°C to 230°C at a rate of 2°C/min, then held at 230°C for 1 min, and finally up to 280°C at a rate of 10 °C/min. The injector temperature and the detector temperature were set at 250°C and was 280°C, respectively.

Extraction and isolation

Dried fruits (120 kg) were extracted with EtOH and evaporated *in vacuo*. The extract was suspended in water and partitioned with *n*-hexane and EtOAc. The EtOAc extract (600 g) was subjected to SiO₂ column chromatography with CHCl₃-EtOAc gradient system (1:0 to 0:1, 5 L each) to give 18 fractions. Fraction 13 (16.7 g) was filtered and obtained a white precipitate (1.2 g). The precipitate was chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH = 4:1) and then was subjected to HPLC

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(*n*-hexane-isopropyl alcohol = 7:1, 2 mL/min, Conosil Silica 7.8×250 mm) to afford compound **1** (70.2 mg). Fraction 16 (26.5 g) was subjected to SiO₂ column chromatography (CHCl₃-MeOH=10:1-0:1, 1000 mL each) and then provided 8 sub-fractions (F1601-F1608). F1602 (3.1 g) was applied on vacuum SiO₂ column chromatography giving 10 sub-fractions (F160201-F160210). F160203 (700 mg) was subjected to low pressure column chromatography (MeCN-H₂O 4:1-0:1, 10 mL/min, Lobar RP-8, Art. 11804, 40-60 μm, Merck) to give 7 sub-fractions. Sub-fraction 5 (120 mg) was analyzed by HPLC (MeCN-H₂O = 4:1, 2 mL/min, VyDACTM C8, 10×240 mm) to give compounds **2** (32.0 mg) and **3** (17.5 mg).

A mixture of (6'-*O*-palmitoyl)-β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucoside and (6'-*O*-stearoyl)-β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside (**1**)

An amorphous powder, EI-MS (70 eV, rel. int.): *m/z* 414 [M-palmitoyl-glucosyl]⁺ (8), 396 [414-H₂O]⁺ (13), 255 [C₁₆H₃₁O₂]⁺ (10), 98 (100); IR *v*_{max} (CHCl₃): 3410 (OH), 1739 (C=O), 1170 (C-O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.65 (3H, s, H-18), 0.80, 0.81 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-26, H-27), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-29), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-16"), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-21), 0.97 (3H, s, H-19), 1.25 (brs, (-CH₂)_n), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-2"), 3.34 (1H, m, H-2'), 3.36 (1H, m, H-4'), 3.44 (1H, m, H-3), 3.54 (2H, m, H-3', H-5'), 4.32 (1H, m, H-6'a), 4.35 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, m, H-6'b), 5.34 (1H, brs, H-6); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 11.8 (C-18), 11.9 (C-29), 14.1 (C-16"), 18.8 (C-26), 19.0 (C-21), 19.4 (C-19), 19.8 (C-27), 21.0 (C-11), 22.7 (C-15"), 23.0 (C-28), 24.3 (C-15), 25.0 (C-3"), 26.2 (C-25), 29.5-29.9 ((-CH₂)_n), 29.7 (C-2), 31.9 (C-7, 8), 34.0 (C-22), 34.3 (C-2"), 36.2 (C-10), 36.7 (C-20), 37.3 (C-1), 39.0 (C-4), 39.8 (C-12), 42.3 (C-13), 45.8 (C-24), 50.1 (C-9), 56.2 (C-17), 56.8 (C-14), 63.7 (C-6'), 70.5 (C-4'), 73.3 (C-2'), 73.7 (C-5'), 76.3 (C-3'), 79.8 (C-3), 101.3 (C-1'), 122.0 (C-6), 140.4 (C-5), 174.1 (C-1").

Acetylation of compound **1**

Compound **1** (5 mg) was mixed with dry pyridine-Ac₂O (1:1) and left 1 h at 60°C. Reaction mixture was dried by N₂ flow to yield compound **1a** (5.7 mg).

Compound **1a**: a white amorphous powder, IR *v*_{max} (CHCl₃): 2923, 2850, 1747, 1227 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.65 (3H, s, H-18), 0.80, 0.81 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-26, H-27), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-29), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-16"), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-21), 0.97 (3H, s, H-19), 1.25 (brs, (-CH₂)_n), 1.98 (3H, s, -COCH₃), 2.00 (3H, s, -COCH₃), 2.02 (3H, -COCH₃), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-2"), 3.45 (1H, m, H-3), 3.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.7, 5.4, 2.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.10 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.7 Hz, H-6a'), 4.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.4 Hz, H-6b'), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.8 Hz, H-2'), 5.05 (1H, t, *J* =

9.7 Hz, H-4'), 5.18 (1H, t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H-3'), 5.33 (1H, m, H-6).

Acid hydrolysis of compound **1**

Compound **1** (20 mg) was hydrolyzed in 2N HCl-MeOH (4 mL) at 70°C for 4 h. The reaction mixtures were extracted with *n*-hexane (2 mL×3). The *n*-hexane fractions were evaporated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS.

Alkaline hydrolysis of compound **1**

A solution of **1** (15 mg) in 3% KOH-MeOH (4 mL) was left to stand for 15 min at room temperature, and then neutralized with 1N HCl-MeOH. The solution was passed through Sephadex LH-20 with MeOH to remove the salts. The white crystals, m.p. 292-295°C, deposited from the eluate, were identical to β-sitosterol-3-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside.

1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**2**)

A white amorphous powder, C₄₆H₇₄O₁₀, FAB-MS (positive): *m/z* 813 [M+K]⁺, 797 [M+Na]⁺, 595 [M-C₆H₁₁O₆]⁺; IR *v*_{max} (CHCl₃): 3401 (OH), 1741 (C=O), 1166 (C-O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.95 (6H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18", 18"), 1.28 (16H, m, H-4"~7", 4"~7"), 1.58 (4H, m, H-3", 3"), 2.05 (8H, m, H-8", 8", 17", 17"), 2.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2"), 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2"), 2.78 (8H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, H-11", 11", 14", 14"), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.1, 4.2 Hz, H-5'), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.3 Hz, H-3'), 3.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.2 Hz, H-6'b), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, H-3a), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, H-6'b), 3.99 (1H, brs, H-4'), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.3 Hz, H-1b), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, H-1a), 5.28 (1H, m, H-2), 5.34 (12H, m, H-9", 9", 10", 10", 12", 12", 13", 13", 15", 15", 16", 16"); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3 (C-18", 18"), 20.6, 24.8, 24.9, 25.5, 25.6, 29.1, 29.2, 29.6 (C-4"-7", 4"~7"), 25.5 (C-3", 3"), 25.6 (C-11"-14", 11"~14"), 27.2 (C-8", 8", 17", 17"), 34.1, 34.3 (C-2", 2"), 62.5 (C-6'), 62.8 (C-1), 68.3 (C-3), 69.4 (C-4'), 70.2 (C-2'), 71.6 (C-2), 73.5 (C-3'), 74.6 (C-5'), 104.0 (C-1'), 127.1, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 130.2, 132.0 (C-9", 9", 10", 10", 12", 12", 13", 13", 15", 15", 16", 16"), 173.5, 173.8 (C-1", 1").

1-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*-octadecadienoyl)-2-*O*-(9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*-octadecatrienoyl)-3-*O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl glycerol (**3**)

A white amorphous powder, C₄₅H₇₆O₁₀, FAB-MS (positive): *m/z* 815 [M+K]⁺, 799 [M+Na]⁺, 597 [M-C₆H₁₁O₆]⁺; IR *v*_{max} (CHCl₃): 3400 (OH), 1740 (C=O), 1167 (C-O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (3H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-18"), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18"), 1.28 (16H, m, H-4"~7", 4"~7"), 1.58 (4H, m, H-3", 3"), 2.05 (8H, m, H-8", 17", 8",

17'''), 2.29 (2H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H-2''), 2.30 (2H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H-2'''), 2.77 (6H, t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, H-11'', 11''', 14'''), 3.52 (1H, dd, $J = 6.1, 4.2$ Hz, H-5'), 3.56 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 3.3$ Hz, H-3') 3.63 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 7.3$ Hz, H-2'), 3.71 (1H, dd, $J = 11.2, 6.3$ Hz, H-3b), 3.83 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9, 4.2$ Hz, H-6'b), 3.89 (1H, dd, $J = 11.2, 5.6$ Hz, H-3a), 3.94 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9, 6.1$ Hz, H-6'a), 3.99 (1H, brs, H-4'), 4.19 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9, 6.3$ Hz, H-1b), 4.25 (1H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H-1'), 4.37 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9, 3.4$ Hz, H-1a), 5.28 (1H, m, H-2), 5.34 (10H, m, H-9'', 9''', 10'', 10''', 12'', 12''', 13'', 13''', 15'', 16''); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.3 (C-18'', 18'''), 25.5 (C-3'', 3'''), 25.6 (C-11'', 11''', 14''), 27.2 (C-8'', 8''', 17'', 17'''), 20.5, 24.8, 24.9, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.6, 31.6 (C-4''-7'', 4''-7'''), 34.1, 34.3 (C-2'', 2'''), 62.7 (C-1, 6'), 68.4 (C-3), 69.4 (C-4'), 70.2 (C-2'), 71.6 (C-2), 73.4 (C-3'), 74.5 (C-5'), 104.0 (C-1'), 127.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 130.0, 130.2, 132.0 (C-9'', 9''', 10'', 10''', 12'', 12''', 13'', 13''', 15'', 16''), 173.5, 173.7 (C-1', 1''').

Acid hydrolysis of compounds 2 and 3

Compound 2 (5 mg) was dissolved in 2N HCl-MeOH (1 mL) and reacted at 70°C for 4 h. The hydrolyzate was extracted with *n*-hexane (1 mL \times 3) and the *n*-hexane

fraction was evaporated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS. Acid hydrolysis of compound 3 (3 mg) was performed according to the method described for 2.

Alkaline hydrolysis of compounds 2 and 3

Compound 2 (8 mg) in 10% NaOMe-MeOH (2 mL) was stirred at 40°C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 2N HCl-MeOH and extracted with *n*-hexane. After removal of *n*-hexane fraction, MeOH extract was evaporated *in vacuo* and was dissolved in H₂O (3 mL). The solution was subjected to C₁₈ Sep-Pak cartridge to afford compound 2a. Compound 3 (9 mg) was hydrolyzed in alkaline condition to the method as described for 2 to yield 3a.

Compound 2a : C₉H₁₈O₈, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -9.5^\circ$ (c 0.1, H₂O); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ : 63.2 (C-6'), 64.7 (C-1), 71.1 (C-4'), 72.7 (C-3), 72.8 (C-2), 73.2 (C-2'), 75.5 (C-3'), 77.4 (C-5'), 105.7 (C-1').

Compound 3a : C₉H₁₈O₈, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -9.5^\circ$ (c 0.05, H₂O); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ : 63.2 (C-6'), 64.7 (C-1), 71.1 (C-4'), 72.7 (C-3), 72.8 (C-2), 73.2 (C-2'), 75.5 (C-3'), 77.4 (C-5'), 105.7 (C-1').

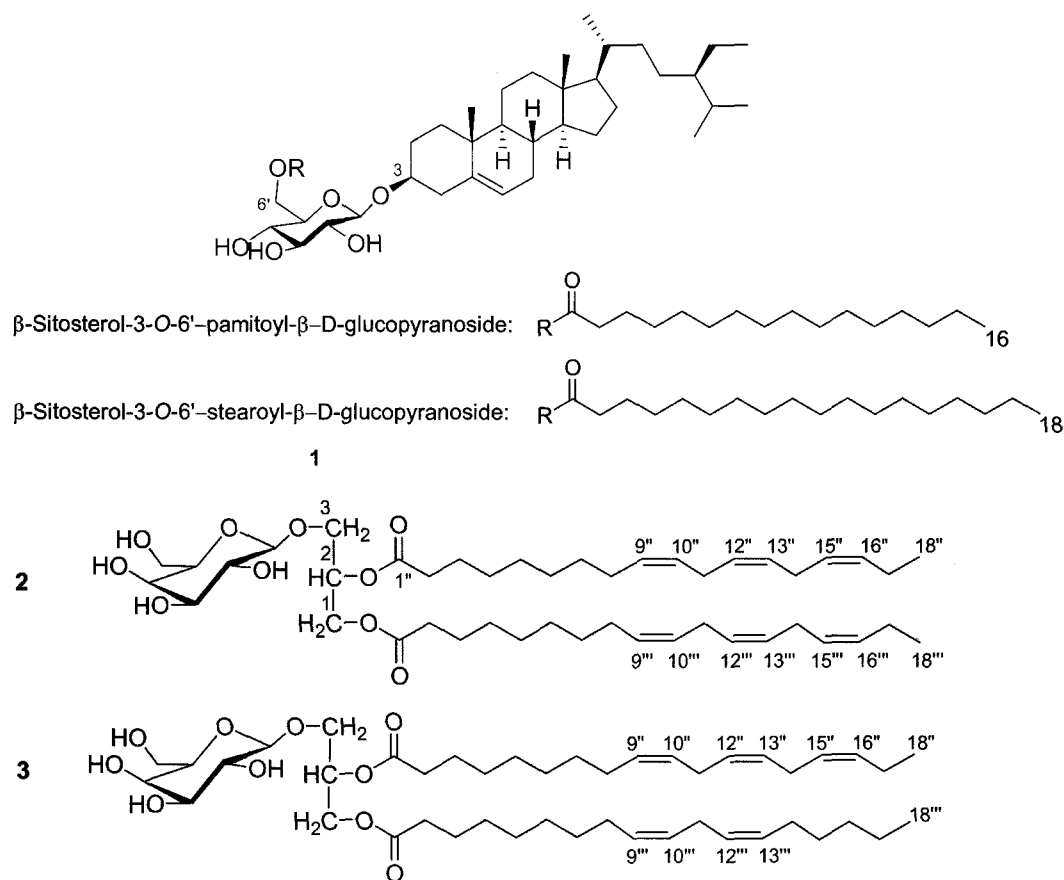


Fig. 1. The structures of compounds 1-3

Enzymic hydrolysis of compounds 2 and 3

A solution of **2** (0.4 mg) and Lipase type XIII (Sigma, 0.2 mg) in 200 μ L dioxane-H₂O (1:1) was incubated at 37°C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by adding 5% HOAc (25 μ L), then EtOH was added to the reaction mixture. After removal of solvent *in vacuo*, the resulting residue was dissolved in THF and then esterified by ethereal CH₂N₂. The reaction mixture was extracted with *n*-hexane. The *n*-hexane layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and analyzed by GC-MS (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Enzymic hydrolysis of **3** was performed according to the method described for **2**.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The EtOAc extract of *L. chinense* fruits was chromatographed on a SiO₂ gel using CHCl₃-EtOAc (1:00:1) and then were further subjected to Sephadex LH-20, low pressure column chromatography and reversed-phase HPLC to furnish compounds **1-3**.

Compound **1** in the IR spectrum showed the ester at 1739 and 1170 cm⁻¹, hydroxy at 3410 cm⁻¹. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR of **1** were similar to those of β -sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside, that was supported by the alkaline hydrolysis of **1**, except that there were the signals at δ 0.86 (terminal methyl, H-16), δ 1.25 (virtually coupled methylenes), and δ 2.30 (methylene proton connected to carbonyl group, H-2) in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, and the signal at δ 174.1 (a carbonyl due to an acyl group, C-1) in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum, which was assigned to a fatty acid moiety (Nakano *et al.*, 1981; Iribarren and Pomilio, 1983). Therefore, **1** was assumed to be β -sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glucoside containing a fatty acid moiety. The acetylation of **1** showed three acetyl signals in the ¹H-NMR spectrum, and this fact suggested that the fatty acid was located at a hydroxy group of the glucose (Kadota *et al.*, 1989). The position of the fatty acid was determined to be at C-6' based on the downfield shifts of C-6' (α -effect, +1.6 ppm) and upfield shift of C-5' (β -effect, -2.3 ppm) (Chaurasia and Wichti, 1987). Furthermore, acid hydrolysis of **1** afforded the mixture of palmitic acid and stearic acid in the ratio of 4 to 1, which were identified by GC-MS analysis (methyl palmitate at *m/z* 270 and methyl stearate at *m/z* 298, respectively). On the basis of these data, structure of **1** was determined as the mixture of (6'-O-palmitoyl)- β -sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glucoside and (6'-O-stearoyl)- β -sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glucoside in the ratio of 4 to 1.

The molecular formula of compound **2**, C₄₅H₇₄O₁₀, was obtained by observing quasimolecular ions at *m/z* 813 [M+K]⁺ and 797 [M+Na]⁺ in the FAB-MS. The ¹H-NMR spectrum of **2** exhibited the signals at δ 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, H-3a), 4.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.3 Hz, H-1b), 4.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, H-1a), and 5.28 (1H, m, H-2) due to a

glycerol moiety. Also, there were two methyl protons at δ 0.95 (6H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18 and 18), virtually coupled methylene protons at δ 1.28, two methylene protons at δ 2.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2) and 2.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2) adjacent to carbonyl group, and olefinic protons at δ 5.34 (12H, m). These peaks were assigned to aliphatic long chains with double bonds. In addition to these signals, an anomeric signal of the sugar unit was observed at δ 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz) and the sugar unit proved to be β -D-galactopyranoside by comparing six oxygenated carbon signals beside a glycerol moiety with the literature (Jung *et al.*, 1996). The ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **2** showed the signals by two terminal methyl signals at δ 14.3, six olefinic signals belonging to 12 carbon signals at δ 127.1-132.0, and two carbonyl carbon signals at δ 173.8 and 173.5, resulting from the presence of two unsaturated fatty acids. The geometry of the double bonds in the fatty acid moieties was determined to be *cis* based on the chemical shift (δ 27.2) of the carbons next to double bonds in the ¹³C-NMR data (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Thus, **2** was assumed to be a diacyl glycerol with a β -D-galactopyranoside. Acid hydrolysis of **2** with 2N HCl-MeOH gave a methyl 9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoate (*m/z* 292), which was identified by GC-MS analysis. Also, treatment of **2** with 10% sodium methoxide in methanol yielded **2a**, that was identical in specific rotation and ¹³C-NMR data to (2R)-1-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol confirming the stereochemistry of both sugar and glycerol parts in **2** (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Murakami *et al.*, 1993; Oshima *et al.*, 1994). Therefore, the structure of **2** was determined to be (2S)-1-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol.

The spectral data of **3** were similar to those of **2**, except for the signals at δ 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-18") and 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-18") in the fatty acid residue, which suggested that two kinds of the fatty acid residues were present in **3** (Jung *et al.*, 1996). Acid hydrolysis of **3** with 2N HCl-MeOH furnished a methyl 9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoate (*m/z* 292) and a methyl 9Z,12Z-octadecadienoate (*m/z* 294), which were identified by GC-MS analysis. Also, treatment of **3** with 10% sodium methoxide in methanol afforded **3a**, (2R)-1-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol, corroborated by comparison with an optical rotation and ¹³C-NMR data (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Murakami *et al.*, 1993; Oshima *et al.*, 1994). The sequence of fatty acid residues in **3** was determined by *regio*-selective enzyme hydrolysis using Lipase type XIII that selectively hydrolyzed fatty acid attached to C-1 of glycerol moiety, and 9Z,12Z-octadecadienoate was obtained as a major compound (Jung *et al.*, 1996; Kitagawa *et al.*, 1989). On the basis of these data, structure of **3** was determined as (2S)-1-O-(9Z,12Z-octadecadienoyl)-2-O-(9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoyl)-3-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl glycerol.

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