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Mixed Lignan—Neolignans from *Tarennia attenuata*Xian-Wen Yang,^{‡,§} Pei-Ji Zhao,[†] Yan-Lin Ma,[§] Hai-Tao Xiao,[‡] Yi-Qing Zuo,[§] Hong-Ping He,[†] Ling Li,[§] and Xiao-Jiang Hao^{*,†}

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Six new mixed lignan—neolignans and 20 known compounds were isolated from the whole plant of *Tarennia attenuata*. By analysis of physical and spectroscopic data, the structures of the new compounds were elucidated as (1*R*,5*R*,6*R*)-6-{4-*O*-[2-(1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl))glycerol]-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl}-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-2-one (**1**), 5''-methoxyhedyotisol A (**2**), 4''-*O*-(8-guaiacylglycerol)buddlenol A (**3**), 5''-methoxy-4''-*O*-(8-guaiacylglycerol)buddlenol A (**4**), 4,6-dimethoxy-5-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (**5**), and 7-*O*-ethylguaiacylglycerol (**6**). Compounds **1**, **5**, **6**, and **8** showed potent antioxidant activities against H₂O₂-induced impairment in PC12 cells, and compounds **1**, **2**, **5**, and **7** scavenged DPPH radical strongly with IC₅₀ values of 72, 87, 45, and 55 μM, respectively.

Tarennia attenuata (Voigt) Hutchins, a shrub or small tree of the Rubiaceae family, is widely distributed in India, Vietnam, Cambodia, and China.¹ It is used as an antinociceptive and antipyretic by native communities in the traditional medicinal system of Guangxi Province, People's Republic of China.² In our recent search for bioactive compounds from the crude extract of medicinal plants, we found that the ethanol extract of *T. attenuata* exhibited potent antioxidant effects against H₂O₂-induced impairment in PC12 cells. Previous studies have reported the isolation of 10 iridoids, but none of them showed antioxidant activities.³ This paper deals with the isolation and structure elucidation of six new and 20 known lignan constituents, as well as the antioxidant activities of some.

Results and Discussion

The EtOAc-soluble fraction of the EtOH extract of the whole plants of *T. attenuata* was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel, RP-18, and Sephadex LH-20, as well as preparative TLC to afford six new (**1**–**6**) and 20 known lignans: hedyotisol A (**7**),^{4,5} buddlenol A (**8**),^{5,6} guaiacylglycerol (**9**),⁷ buddlenols C–E,^{5,6} fuscusquignan A,^{5,8} (+)-pinoselinol,⁹ (+)-syringaresinol,⁹ 2,3-dihydro-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxymethyl-5-(2-formylvinyl)-7-hydroxybenzofuran,¹⁰ balanophonin,^{11,12} glycosmistic acid,^{13,14} ficusal,⁸ ω-hydroxypropioquaiacone,¹⁵ dihydrocubebin,¹⁶ 4,4',7-trihydroxy-3,3'-dimethoxy-9,9'-epoxylignan,^{17,18} isoferulaldehyde,¹⁹ sinapaldehyde,²⁰ cinnamic acid,²¹ and ferulic acid.²² Compound **1** had a molecular formula of C₂₄H₂₈O₁₀ from the positive HRESIMS (found 499.1571, calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₁₀Na, 499.1580). Its IR spectrum showed absorptions of hydroxy (3439 cm⁻¹), ester carbonyl (1767 cm⁻¹), and aromatic moieties (1630, 1550, and 1462 cm⁻¹). The ¹H NMR data of **1** (Table 1) indicated the presence of a 1,3,4-trisubstituted benzene moiety [δ_{H} 6.91 (1H, s, H-2''), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-5''), 6.75 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-6''), a 1,3,4,5-tetrasubstituted benzene ring [δ_{H} 6.62 (2H, s, H-2',6'), three oxymethines, three oxymethylenes, and two other aliphatic methines. From the ¹H–¹H COSY spectrum (Figure 1), two partial structures, [–OCHCH(OH)CH₂O–] and [–OCHCH–

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Data for Compound **1** in CDCl₃ (δ in ppm, *J* in Hz in parentheses)

position	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b	position	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b
1	46.0	3.49 m	1''	131.1	
2	177.8		2''	108.2	6.96 s
4	70.3	4.41 d (9.5)	3''	144.8	
		4.24 dd (9.5, 3.4)	4''	146.6	
5	48.6	3.13 m	5''	114.1	6.86 d (8.4)
6	86.0	4.63 d (7.2)	6''	118.6	6.73 d (8.4)
8	69.6	4.54 dd (9.8, 6.7)	7''	72.5	4.99 d (3.9)
		4.38 dd (9.8, 1.5)	8''	87.1	4.13 dd (6.6, 3.9)
1'	135.5		9''	60.5	3.92 m
2',6'	102.8	6.62 s			3.51 m
3',5'	153.6		3',5'-OMe	56.3	3.90 s
4'	134.7		3''-OMe	56.0	3.90 s

^a Recorded at 125 MHz. ^b Recorded at 500 MHz.

(CH₂)CHCH₂O–], are feasible. In the HMBC spectrum (Figure 1), the correlations of H₂–4 (δ_{H} 4.41 and 4.24, each 1H) and H-1 (δ_{H} 3.49) to C-2 (δ_{C} 177.8), H-6 (δ_{H} 4.63) to C-2',6' (δ_{C} 102.8), and H-2',6' (δ_{H} 6.62) to C-6 (δ_{C} 86.0) suggested compound **1** could be a 3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane-type lignan. Moreover, the correlations of H-7'' (δ_{H} 4.99) to C-2'' (δ_{C} 108.2) and H-6'' (δ_{H} 6.73) to C-7'' (δ_{C} 72.5) indicated the presence of a guaiacylglycerol moiety. Compared to guaiacylglycerol (**9**), C-8'' in compound **1** was downshifted from δ_{C} 75.6 to 87.1 ppm, which implied the connection of C-8'' to C-4'. Since there was no correlation between H-8'' and C-4' in the HMBC spectrum obtained using a standard Bruker HMBC pulse program, tandem MS was adopted to confirm the structure. According to the MS/MS spectrum, the parent ion at *m/z* 499.4 lost a guaiacylglycerol group to give the daughter ion at *m/z* 302.1, thus establishing the connection of C-8'' of the guaiacylglycerol moiety to C-4'. The absolute configuration at C-6 was considered to be *R*, as the coupling constant of H-6 was 7.2 Hz.²³ In the ROESY spectrum (Figure 1), the correlations of H-6'/H-4a, H-4a/H-1, and H-1/H-5 suggested that C-1 and C-5 were both *R* configured. Therefore, compound **1** was defined as (1*R*,5*R*,6*R*)-6-{4-*O*-[2-(1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methoxy)]glycerol]-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl}-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-2-one.

Compound **2** exhibited an [M + Na]⁺ ion peak at *m/z* 863.3119 in the positive HRESIMS, corresponding to the molecular formula C₄₃H₅₂O₁₇. The IR spectrum displayed absorption bands for hydroxy (3441 cm⁻¹) and aromatic moieties (1618, 1505, and 1462 cm⁻¹). Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data were very closely related

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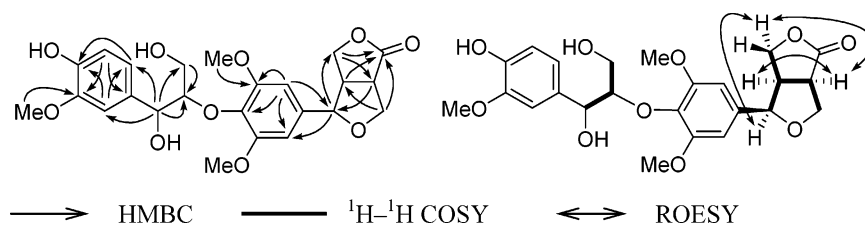
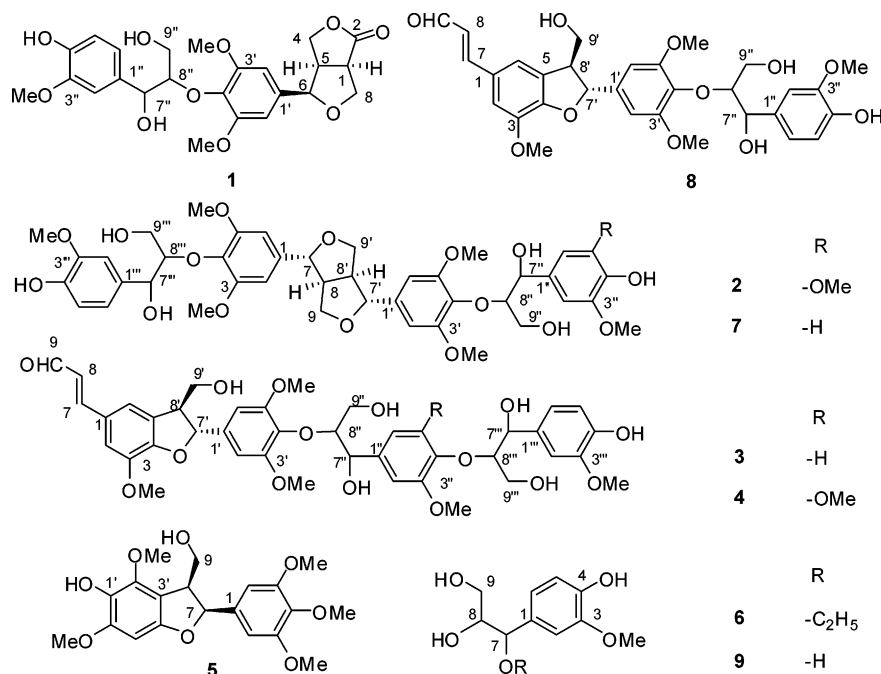


Figure 1. Key HMBC, ^1H – ^1H COSY, and ROESY correlations of **1**.

Chart 1



to those of compound **7** (Table 2). Comparison of the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of these two compounds showed that compound **2** had an additional resonance at δ_{C} 104.4. In the HMBC spectrum, H-7'' (δ_{H} 4.85) correlated with this resonance. Therefore, the only difference between these two compounds is that H-5'' in compound **7** was substituted by a methoxy group in compound **2**. Further confirmation was found in the tandem MS spectrum of compound **2**, indicating that the parent ion at m/z 863.4 afforded daughter ions with loss of a guaiacylglycerol moiety at m/z 667.2, a syringoylglycerol moiety at m/z 637.2, and both guaiacylglycerol and syringoylglycerol moieties at m/z 439.2. Compound **2** was, therefore, defined as 5''-methoxyhedyotisol A.

Compound **3** was assigned the molecular formula $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_{15}$ from the positive HRESIMS. Its IR spectrum revealed absorption bands for hydroxy (3443 cm^{-1}) and aromatic moieties (1630, 1595, and 1464 cm^{-1}). The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of compound **8**, except for the presence of a guaiacylglycerol [δ_{H} 7.00 (H, s, H-2'''), 6.83 (1H, m, H-6'''), 6.71 (1H, m, H-5'''), 4.88 (1H, m, H-7'''), 4.25 (1H, m, H-8'''); δ_{C} 120.6 (CH, C-6''), 115.6 (CH, C-5''), 111.6 (CH, C-2''), 87.0 (CH, C-8''), 73.9 (CH, C-7''), 61.8 (CH₂, C-9''), 56.4 (CH₃, 3'''-OMe)]. Compared to **8** and **9**, C-8''' was downshifted from δ_{C} 75.6 to 87.0 and C-4'' was downshifted from δ_{C} 146.0 to 146.8, thus establishing the connection of C-8''' to C-4'' via an ether linkage. This assumption was further confirmed by a tandem MS spectrum and an HMBC correlation of H-8''' (δ_{H} 4.25, m) to C-4'' (δ_{C} 146.8). Therefore compound **3** was defined as 4''-O-(8-guaiacylglycerol)-buddlenol A.

Compound **4** had the molecular formula $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_{16}$ from the positive HRESIMS at m/z 831.2827. Its UV, IR, and ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of compound **3** except for the presence of a syringoylglycerol group and a

Table 2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data for Compounds **2** and **7** in CD_3OD (δ in ppm, J in Hz in parentheses)

position	2		7	
	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b
1,1'	132.7		135.7	
2,6,2',6'	103.5		104.1	6.68 s
3,5,3',5'	153.8		154.4	
4,4'	138.3		139.0	
7,7'	86.5	4.74 ^f	87.2	4.74 brs ^f
8,8'	55.0	3.11 brs	55.6	3.11 brs
9,9'	72.4	4.27 m ^c , 3.91 m ^d	73.0	4.28 m ^c , 3.92 m ^d
1''	133.1		133.8	
2''	104.4	6.62 s	111.2	6.95 s
3''	153.4		148.6	
4''	130.1		146.8	
5''	153.4		115.6	6.72 d (7.8)
6''	104.4	6.62 s	120.6	6.75 d (7.8)
7''	73.4	4.85 brs ^f	74.0	4.86 m ^f
8''	86.5	4.28 m ^c	87.1	4.26 m ^c
9''	60.8	3.90 m ^d , 3.59 m	61.3	3.91 m ^d , 3.60 d (11.9)
1'''	132.1		133.8	
2'''	110.6	6.94 s	111.2	6.95 s
3'''	148.2		148.6	
4'''	146.2		146.8	
5'''	115.0	6.73 m ^c	115.6	6.72 d (7.8)
6'''	120.0	6.74 m ^c	120.6	6.75 d (7.8)
7'''	73.6	4.84 brs ^f	74.0	4.86 m ^f
8'''	86.5	4.28 m ^c	87.1	4.26 m ^c
9'''	60.8	3.90 m ^d , 3.59 m	61.3	3.91 m ^d , 3.60 d (11.9)
3,5,3',5'-OMe	56.0	3.82 s	56.6	3.85 s
3''-OMe	56.0	3.82 s	56.3	3.83 s
5''-OMe	56.0	3.82 s		
3'''-OMe	55.6	3.80 s	56.3	3.83 s

^a Spectra were measured at 100 MHz. ^b Spectra were measured at 500 MHz. ^{c,d,e} Signals in the same column were overlapped. ^f Hidden in the D₂O signals.

Table 3. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data for Compounds **3**, **4**, and **8** in CD_3OD (δ in ppm, J in Hz in parentheses)

position	3		4		8	
	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^b
1	129.9		129.9s		129.9	
2	114.2	7.23 s	114.2d	7.23 s	114.5	7.20 s
3	146.0		145.9 s		146.0	
4	152.7		152.6s		152.8	
5	130.8		130.0s		130.9	
6	120.0	7.26 s	120.0d	7.26 s	120.0	7.24 s
7	156.1	7.61 d (15.7)	156.0d	7.60 d (15.7)	155.9	7.88 d (15.6)
8	127.2	6.67 m	127.2d	6.66 m	127.3	6.67 m
9	196.3	9.58 d (7.8)	196.2d	9.57 d (7.8)	196.1	9.50 d (7.8)
1'	138.9		139.0s		132.8	
2',6'	103.8	6.68 s	103.8d	6.68 s	104.1	6.68 s
3',5'	154.3		154.6s		154.7	
4'	136.4		136.4s		138.8	
7'	89.6	5.64 brs	89.6d	5.64 m	89.6	5.63 m
8'	54.9	3.50 m	55.0d	3.54 m	55.0	3.52 m
9'	64.6	3.88 m ^d	64.7t	3.87 m ^d	64.7	3.87 m ^d
		3.81 m		3.80 m		3.81 m
1''	133.7		139.0s		131.0	
2''	112.0	7.00 s	105.3d	6.70 m	111.4	6.94 s
3''	148.6		154.1s		149.2	
4''	146.8		136.4s		146.0	
5''	115.8	6.71 d (8.0)	154.1s		116.2	6.70 d (8.0)
6''	120.6	6.83 d (8.0)	105.3d	6.70 m	120.8	6.82 d (8.0)
7''	73.9	4.88 m ^e	74.0d	4.94 m ^e	74.3	4.88 m ^e
8''	87.0	4.25 m	87.5d	4.18 brs	87.2	4.25 m
9''	61.8	3.86 m ^d	61.3t	3.86 m ^d	61.8	3.86 m ^d
		3.45 m		3.60 m		3.45 m
1'''	133.7		133.8s			
2'''	111.6	7.00 s	111.2d	6.95 s		
3'''	148.8		148.7s			
4'''	146.6		146.8s			
5'''	115.6	6.71 d (8.0)	115.7d	6.72 m ^e		
6'''	120.6	6.83 d (8.0)	120.5d	6.73 m ^e		
7'''	73.9	4.88 m ^e	73.9d	4.93 m ^e		
8'''	87.0	4.25 m	86.8d	4.28 m		
9'''	61.8	3.86 m	61.6t	3.86 m ^d		
		3.45 m		3.54 m		
3-OMe	57.0	3.92 s	57.0	3.92 s	57.0	3.90 s
3',5'-OMe	56.7	3.78 s	56.7	3.78 s	56.7	3.78 s
3''-OMe	56.6	3.80 s	56.6	3.80 s	56.4	3.80 s
5''-OMe			56.6	3.80 s		
3'''-OMe	56.4	3.79 s	56.4	3.79 s		

^a Recorded in CD_3OD (100 MHz). ^b Recorded in CD_3OD (500 MHz).
^{c,d} Signals in the same column were overlapped. ^e Hidden in the D_2O signals.

guaiaicylglycerol group instead of two guaiaicylglycerol groups in **4**. Since there was no correlation of H-8'' and H-8''' in the HMBC NMR spectrum, the tandem MS method was used to determine the structure of compound **4**. In the MS/MS spectrum, the parent ion at m/z 831.3 lost a guaiaicylglycerol group to give the daughter ion at m/z 634.1, which indicated that the syringoylglycerol group was connected to C-4', while the guaiaicylglycerol moiety was

attached to C-4''. On the basis of the above evidence, compound **4** was determined as 5''-methoxy-4''-O-(8-guaiaicylglycerol)buddlenol A.

Compound **5** was assigned the molecular formula $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8$ from the positive HRESIMS at m/z 415.1362. Its IR showed absorption bands for hydroxy (3441 cm^{-1}) and aromatic moieties (1619 , 1517 , and 1465 cm^{-1}). The ^1H NMR spectroscopic data (Table 4) indicated the presence of a benzofuran-type lignan moiety [δ_{H} 5.55 (1H, d, $J = 4.4\text{ Hz}$, H-7), 3.52 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$, 4.4 Hz , H-8), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 10.8$, 3.8 Hz , H-9a), 3.66 (1H, dd, $J = 10.8$, 8.3 Hz , H-9b)], which was supported by resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum [δ_{C} 89.0 (CH, C-7), 54.6 (CH, C-8), 64.1 (CH_2 , C-9)]. Furthermore, its 1D NMR showed the presence of a 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl group [δ_{H} 6.62 (2H, s, H-2,6); δ_{C} 104.0 (CH, C-2,6), 61.5 (CH_3 , 4-OMe), 56.8 (CH_3 , 3,5-OMe)]. According to the HMBC spectrum, the above fragments were connected as shown in Figure 2. Since the coupling constant of H-7 was 4.4 Hz , the relative configuration of C-7 and C-8 was regarded as *cis*.²⁴ This configuration is opposite of that of the same protons in balanophonin,¹¹ for which J values (*trans*) are 7.0 Hz . Therefore compound **5** was determined as 4,6-dimethoxy-5-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran. However, a paucity of material prevented determination of the absolute configuration.

Compound **6** gave the molecular formula $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5$ from the positive HRESIMS at m/z 265.1050. Its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data (Table 4) gave two fragments, including a guaiaicylglycerol group [δ_{H} 6.91 (1H, s, H-2), 6.77 (1H, d, $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}$, H-5), 6.75 (1H, d, $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}$, H-6); δ_{C} 121.3 (CH, C-6), 115.91 (CH, C-5), 111.7 (CH, C-2), 83.6 (CH, C-7), 77.0 (CH, C-8), 63.9 (CH_2 , C-9), 56.3 (CH_3 , 3-OMe)] and an ethoxy moiety [δ_{H} 3.39 (1H, d, $J = 7.0\text{ Hz}$, H-1'a), 3.34 (1H, d, $J = 7.0\text{ Hz}$, H-1'b) 1.16 (3H, t, $J = 7.0\text{ Hz}$, 2'-Me); δ_{C} 65.2 (CH_2 , C-1'), 15.5 (CH_3 , 2'-Me)]. Compared to guaiaicylglycerol (**9**), C-7 in compound **6** was downshifted from δ_{C} 75.6 to 83.6, which established the connection of the ethoxy at C-7 of the guaiaicylglycerol. This was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of H-7 (δ_{H} 4.19, d, $J = 6.6\text{ Hz}$) to C-1' (δ_{C} 65.2). Therefore, compound **6** was elucidated as 7-O-ethylguaiaicylglycerol. It has been reported that in the cases of syringoylglycerols and guaiaicylglycerol derivatives, the coupling constant between H-7 and H-8 was about 5 Hz for the *erythro* isomer and 7 Hz for the *threo* isomer.²⁵ Thus, compound **6** was considered to be the *threo* isomer. To confirm whether compound **6** is artifactual because 95% EtOH was used as the solvent for extraction, another supply of the plant was obtained and extracted with MeOH and EtOH, respectively. By LC-MS, compound **6** was detected in the

Table 4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data for Compounds **5**, **6**, and **9** in CD_3OD (δ in ppm, J in Hz in parentheses)

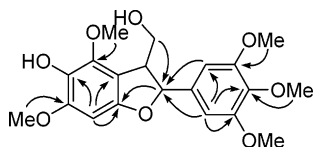
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	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^c	δ_{C}^b	δ_{H}^c	δ_{C}^b	δ_{H}^c
1	134.1		132.1		134.0	
2	104.0	6.62 s	111.7	6.91 s	111.6	6.96 s
3	149.4		149.0		149.9	
4	136.7		147.4		148.3	
5	149.4		115.9	6.77 d (8.2)	116.2	6.78 d (7.9)
6	104.0	6.62 s	121.3	6.75 d (8.2)	120.7	6.73 d (7.9)
7	89.0	5.55 d (4.4)	83.6	4.19 d (6.6)	77.6	4.48 d (3.4)
8	54.6	3.52 dd (8.3, 4.4)	77.0	3.65 m	75.6	3.64 m
9	64.1	3.93 dd (10.8, 3.8)	63.9	3.43 dd (11.1, 3.1)	64.3	3.45 m
		3.66 dd (10.8, 8.3)		3.33 m		
1'	136.8		65.2	3.39 d (7.0), 3.34 d (7.0)		
2'	152.5		15.5	1.16 t (7.0)		
3'	110.8					
4'	159.3					
5'	91.5	6.35 s				
6'	157.2					
3-OMe	56.8	3.80 s	56.3	3.84 s	56.4	3.84 s
4-OMe	61.5	3.73 s				
5-OMe	56.8	3.80 s				
2'-OMe	61.1	3.89 s				
6'-OMe	56.8	3.81 s				

^a Recorded at 100 MHz. ^b Recorded at 125 MHz. ^c Recorded at 500 MHz.

Table 5. Antioxidant Effects of Compounds **1–8** by MTT and DPPH Assays

group	viability (%), concentration (μM) ^{a,b}				IC ₅₀ (μM) ^c
	0.4	2.0	10.0	50.0	
control	100***				
model ^c	51.5 \pm 2.7				
edaravone ^d	55.5 \pm 1.4*	53.1 \pm 3.9	47.8 \pm 2.2	25.6 \pm 2.3	27
compound 1	59.3 \pm 2.8**	61.8 \pm 2.5**	59.4 \pm 1.9**	45.7 \pm 4.4	72
compound 2	51.9 \pm 2.9	54.3 \pm 3.9	54.7 \pm 2.6	54.1 \pm 3.6	87
compound 3	52.8 \pm 4.0	47.9 \pm 8.9	64.4 \pm 18.7	55.9 \pm 6.4	201
compound 4	50.3 \pm 5.5	54.7 \pm 4.2	55.2 \pm 1.6*	51.0 \pm 5.5	127
compound 5	61.4 \pm 3.1**	58.0 \pm 2.7**	58.2 \pm 1.5**	55.0 \pm 3.0	45
compound 6	54.1 \pm 1.9	54.9 \pm 1.8	56.8 \pm 2.9*	57.3 \pm 2.5*	132
compound 7	52.2 \pm 4.7	53.2 \pm 3.5	54.3 \pm 2.0	55.3 \pm 5.1	55
compound 8	56.9 \pm 6.6	56.8 \pm 5.2	62.6 \pm 8.5*	64.8 \pm 9.7*	147

^a Effects of compounds **1–8** against H₂O₂-induced impairment in PC12 cells. ^b $n = 5$, $\bar{X} \pm \text{SD}$. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$ vs model. ^c Negative control. ^d Positive control. ^e Radical-scavenging activities of compounds **1–8** against DPPH.

**Figure 2.** Key HMBC correlations of compound **5**.

EtOH extract (2.0 mg/mL), while it was not detected in the MeOH extract (2.0 mg/mL). Thus, compound **6** was established unequivocally as an artifact of extraction.

The antioxidant effects of compounds **1–8** were evaluated by both MTT and DPPH assays (Table 5). Compounds **1**, **5**, **6**, and **8** showed potent activities against H₂O₂-induced impairment in PC12 cells within the concentration range tested (0.4 to 50 μM), whereas compounds **1**, **2**, **5**, and **7** scavenged DPPH radical strongly, with IC₅₀ values of 74.5, 87.1, 45.4, and 55.0 μM , respectively.

T. attenuata has been used as an antinociceptive by native communities in the traditional medicinal system of Guangxi Province, People's Republic of China. Recent studies showed that the antinociceptive activity might be closely related to the free radical-scavenging effect.^{26,27} Thus the result in our current study provides a possible mechanism to account for its use as a traditional antinociceptive.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Optical rotations were measured with a Horiba SEPA-300 polarimeter or JASCO DIP-370 digital polarimeter. UV spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-2401PC spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS-135 spectrometer with KBr pellets. ¹H and ¹³C NMR experiments were performed on a Bruker AM-400 or DRX-500 NMR spectrometer with TMS as internal standard. LC-MS/MS and ESIMS were measured on a Waters 2695 HPLC-Thermo Finnigan LQC Advantage ion trap mass spectrometer. EIMS and HRESIMS were taken on a VG Auto Spec 3000 spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200–300 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical, Inc., Qingdao, People's Republic of China), silica gel H (10–40 μm ; Qingdao), Sephadex LH-20 (40–70 μm ; Amersham Pharmacia Biotech AB, Uppsala, Sweden), and Lichroprep RP-18 gel (40–63 μm ; Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Zones of preparative TLC plates (1.0–1.5 mm; Qingdao) and TLC plates (0.20–0.25 mm; Qingdao) were visualized under UV light or by spraying with 10% H₂SO₄ in 95% EtOH, followed by heating.

Plant Material. The whole plant of *T. attenuata*, collected in Xishuangbanna of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, in October 2004, was identified by Prof. Jing-Yun Cui, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A voucher specimen (BN163) was deposited in Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried and powdered (17 kg) sample of *T. attenuata* was extracted with 95% EtOH (16 L) under reflux for 3 \times 4 h. The extract was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in H₂O and partitioned, sequentially, with petroleum ether, EtOAc, and *n*-BuOH. The EtOAc extract

(61 g) was separated into eight fractions (F₁–F₈) by column chromatography on silica gel using a CHCl₃–MeOH gradient. Fraction F₁ was further separated by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether–EtOAc (20:1) to give cinnamic acid (18 mg). Fraction F₂ was separated using reversed-phase MPLC by a gradient of H₂O–MeOH and preparative TLC with EtOAc–MeOH (100:1) to give **7** (32 mg) and **8** (3 mg). Repeated column chromatography of fraction F₃ over silica gel (petroleum ether–EtOAc, 1:1; CHCl₃–MeOH, 50:1) gave **1** (1.1 mg), **2** (3.7 mg), **3** (6.1 mg), and **4** (6.6 mg). Fraction F₄ was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc–MeOH, 50:1) and Sephadex LH-20 (CHCl₃–MeOH, 1:1) to give **6** (6 mg), buddlenol D (15 mg), and balanophonin (8 mg). Fraction F₅ was divided into six subfractions (F_{5.1}–F_{5.6}) by column chromatography over silica gel (EtOAc–MeOH, 50:1). Subfraction F_{5.2} was then chromatographed on a silica gel column (CHCl₃–MeOH, 40:1) to give **9** (23 mg), 2,3-dihydro-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxymethyl-5-(2-formylvinyl)-7-hydroxybenzofuran (3 mg), and glycosmistic acid (9 mg). Repeated chromatography of subfraction F_{5.4} on silica gel eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (30:1) afforded ω -hydroxypropioquaiacone (4 mg), 4,4',7'-trihydroxy-3,3'-dimethoxy-9,9'-epoxylignan (8 mg), isoferulaldehyde (11 mg), and sinapaldehyde (10 mg). Fraction F₆ was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with EtOAc–MeOH (20:1) to give seven subfractions (F_{6.1}–F_{6.7}). Subfraction F_{6.2} was further chromatographed over a silica gel column (CHCl₃–MeOH, 10:1) to give **5** (0.6 mg) and buddlenol C (5 mg). Repeated chromatography of subfraction F_{6.3} over silica gel (CHCl₃–MeOH, 10:1) afforded buddlenol E (2 mg), fuscusquilignan A (1 mg), (+)-pinoresinol (2 mg), and (+)-syringaresinol (20 mg). Subfraction F_{6.5} was separated by chromatography eluting with EtOAc–MeOH (8:1) and Sephadex LH-20 eluting with MeOH to give ficusal (6 mg), dihydrocubebin (9 mg), and ferulic acid (34 mg).

(1R,5R,6R)-6-[4-O-[2-(1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl-3-methoxy))glycerol]-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl]-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octan-2-one (1): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -9.4$ (c 0.60, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 280 (3.81), 344 (3.17) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3439, 2932, 1767, 1630, 1550, 1462, 1425, 1382, 1333, 1273, 1221, 1125, 1033, 772 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 1; ESIMS (positive) m/z 499 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 499.1571 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₁₀Na, 499.1580).

5''-Methoxyhedyotisol A (2): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{27} +6.5$ (c 0.21, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 205 (4.92), 280 (3.69), 357 (3.21) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3441, 2937, 1618, 1505, 1462, 1423, 1369, 1354, 1226, 1124, 1033, 774, 766 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 2; ESIMS (positive) m/z 863 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 863.3119 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₃H₅₂O₁₇Na, 863.3102).

4''-O-(8-Guaiacylglycerol)buddlenol A (3): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{27} +5.4$ (c 0.34, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 204 (4.84), 281 (3.88), 335 (3.90) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3443, 2936, 1630, 1595, 1511, 1464, 1424, 1383, 1350, 1270, 1222, 1127, 1032, 822, 767 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 3; ESIMS (positive) m/z 801 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 801.2753 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₁H₄₆O₁₅Na, 801.2734).

5''-Methoxy-4''-O-(8-guaiacylglycerol)buddlenol A (4): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{27} +5.9$ (c 0.38, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 205 (4.78), 279 (3.83), 334 (3.72) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3442, 2940, 2843, 1595, 1503, 1463, 1423, 1384, 1352, 1272, 1224, 1126, 1032, 831,

766 cm^{-1} ; ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 3; ESIMS (positive) m/z 831 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 831.2827 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_{16}\text{Na}$, 831.2840).

4,6-Dimethoxy-5-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (5): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +7.8$ (c 0.35, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 207 (4.76), 282 (3.67), 371 (3.02) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3441, 2933, 1619, 1517, 1465, 1429, 1372, 1275, 1201, 1167, 1118, 1033, 771 cm^{-1} ; ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 4; ESIMS (positive) m/z 415 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 807 $[2\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 415.1362 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$, 415.1368).

7-O-Ethylguaiaicylglycerol (6): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +11.2$ (c 0.27, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 204 (4.17), 229 (3.49), 280 (3.06) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3421, 2929, 1631, 1612, 1518, 1454, 1432, 1372, 1356, 1279, 1156, 1122, 1094, 1035, 853, 773 cm^{-1} ; ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data, see Table 4; ESIMS (positive) m/z 265 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 506 $[2\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$; HRESIMS (positive) m/z 265.1050 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$, 265.1051).

Antioxidant Assay against H_2O_2 -Induced Impairment in PC12 Cells. PC12 cells were obtained from Kunming Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and maintained in a water-saturated atmosphere of 5% CO_2 at 37 $^\circ\text{C}$. Cells were seeded into 96-well plates in RPMI 1640 medium (Invitrogen corporation, Grand Island, NY) with 10% characterized newborn bovine serum (Lanzhou National Hyclone Bio-engineering Co. Ltd., Lanzhou, People's Republic of China). Experiments were carried out 24 h after cells were seeded according to the reported protocol.²⁸ Different concentrations of these eight compounds and freshly prepared H_2O_2 (with final concentration of 0.2 mM) in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) were added to continue incubation for 1 h. The assay for cell viability was evaluated by MTT [3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide, Sigma] reduction.²⁹ Briefly, MTT solution (0.5 mg/mL) in PBS was added and the incubation continued for 4 h. Finally, a 100 μL solution containing 5% *i*-BuOH, 10% SDS (Sigma), and 0.004% HCl was added. The mixtures were kept overnight, and the index of cell viability (% of control) was calculated by measuring the optical density of the color produced by MTT dye reduction with a microplate reader (Bio-Rad Model 680, Hercules, CA) at 570 nm.

DPPH Radical-Scavenging Activity Assay. The DPPH method³⁰ was used to determine the free radical-scavenging potential of each sample. Each compound (100 μL in five different concentrations ranging from 0.16 to 100.0 μM) was added to 100 μL of DPPH solution (0.1 mM in EtOH). The absorbance was measured with a Spectra MAX 340 microplate reader (Molecular Devices, Menlo Park, CA) at 517 nm after 30 min of reaction at 37 $^\circ\text{C}$. The percentage of radical-scavenging activity (RSA %) was calculated using the following equation: $\text{RSA \%} = [(A_{\text{C}} - A_{\text{S}})/A_{\text{C}}] \times 100\%$, where A_{C} is the absorbance of the control and A_{S} is the absorbance of the samples at 517 nm. IC_{50} values denote the concentration of sample required to scavenge 50% DPPH free radicals.

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spectra for compound 6. This information is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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