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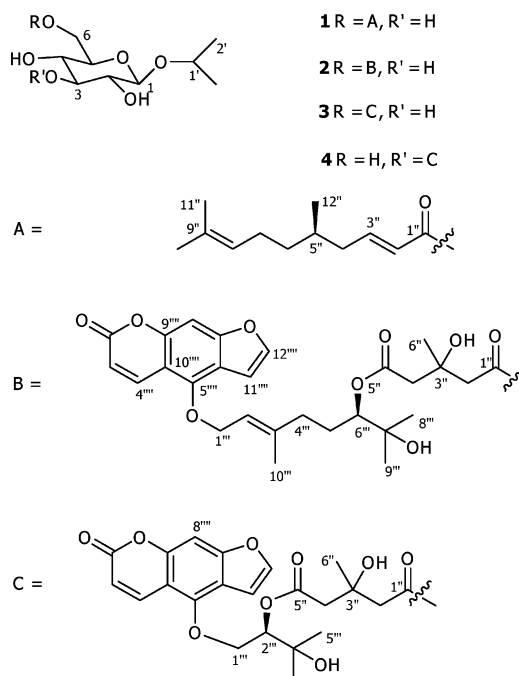
Four new compounds, citrusosides A–D (**1**–**4**), and 15 known compounds were isolated from the hexanes and CH₂Cl₂ extracts of the peels of *Citrus hystrix* fruits. Compound **1** is a 1-*O*-isopropyl-6-*O*-β-D-glucopyranosyl ester of 5'',9''-dimethyl-2'',8''-decadienoic acid. Compounds **2**–**4** possess a 1-*O*-isopropyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl and a dihydroxyphenylfuranocoumarin moiety conjugated to the 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaric acid as diesters. Several furanocoumarins were evaluated for their cholinesterase inhibitory activity. (*R*)-(+)-6'-Hydroxy-7'-methoxybergamottin, (*R*)-(+)-6'-7'-dihydroxybergamottin, and (+)-isoimperatorin showed IC₅₀ values of 11.2 ± 0.1, 15.4 ± 0.3, and 23 ± 0.2 μM, respectively. Bioassay results indicated that the presence of a dioxygenated geranyl chain in the test compounds is crucial for the inhibitory activity.

Citrus hystrix DC (syn. *C. papeda* Miq.),¹ leech lime of the Rutaceae family, is commonly found in Southeast Asia. It is a small plant of about 3–8 m in height. The leaves and fruits of this plant have long been used as an ingredient in several Thai cooking recipes. The fruits are pear-shaped with a rough, warty skin. Its essential oil was reported to exhibit antibacterial activity.² Extracts of fruit peels were found to inhibit implantation, produce abortion, and slightly hasten labor time in pregnant rats.³ Previous phytochemical investigations revealed the presence of terpenes,⁴ phenolic compounds,⁵ glyceroglycolipids,⁶ and coumarins.⁷ We report herein the isolation and spectroscopic data of compounds **1**–**4** from the fruit peels of this plant and cholinesterase inhibitory activity of some of the isolates.

Our study on bioactive compounds from *C. hystrix* led to the isolation of four new 1-*O*-isopropyl-β-D-glucopyranoside conjugates, citrusosides A–D (**1**–**4**), in addition to six known furanocoumarins, (+)-oxypeucedanin (**5**),^{7,8} (*R*)-(+)-oxypeucedanin hydrate (**6**),⁹ (+)-isoimperatorin (**7**),¹⁰ (*R*)-(+)-6'-hydroxy-7'-methoxybergamottin (**8**),¹⁰ (*R*)-(+)-6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin (**9**),^{7,11} and (+)-bergamottin (**10**),^{7,11} a eudesmane sesquiterpene, (+)-4-*epi*-cryptomeridiol (eudesmane-4β,11-diol),¹² five monoterpenes, citronellal,¹³ citronellol,¹³ citronellol acetate,¹³ isopulegol,¹⁴ and neo-isopulegol,¹⁴ as well as 1-*O*-isopropyl-β-D-glucopyranoside,¹⁵ sitosteryl-β-D-glucopyranoside,¹⁶ and β-sitosterol.¹⁶

Results and Discussion

Compound **1** was isolated as a liquid. The HRESIMS spectrum showed an [M + Na]⁺ ion at *m/z* 423.2361 corresponding to an elemental formula of C₂₁H₃₆O₇Na. The FT-IR spectrum revealed absorption maxima for a hydroxy (3407 cm⁻¹) and double-bond (1652 cm⁻¹) functions. The ¹³C NMR spectrum exhibited 21 carbon signals, comprising five methyl, four methylene, 10 methine, and two quaternary carbons, including one carbonyl and one olefinic carbon. The presence of a β-D-glucopyranosyl unit was evident from NMR signals of a dioxygenated methine group at δ_H 4.31 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-1) and δ_C 101.2 (C-1), in addition to signals of four oxymethine groups at δ_H 3.53–3.33 and δ_C 76.1, 73.9, 73.4, and 70.3, and of an oxymethylene group at δ_H 4.38 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, H-6) and δ_C 63.5 (C-6). The low-field two-proton doublet at δ_H



4.38 was assigned to H₂-6 of the glucopyranose ring connected to an *O*-COR group. The two doublets at δ_H 1.21 and 1.17 (both *J* = 6.2 Hz), which coupled to a broad quintet at δ_H 3.95 (*J* = 6.2 Hz), indicated the presence of an *O*-isopropyl group. The 5'',9''-dimethyl-2'',8''-decadienoyl unit was detected from the ¹H–¹H COSY spectrum, which showed cross-peaks between two double triplet signals at δ_H 5.82 (*J* = 15.6, 1.4 Hz, H-2'') and 6.95 (*J* = 15.3, 7.5 Hz, H-3'') and sequential correlations from H-4'' to H-8''. Connectivity of an isopropyl group to an oxygen atom at C-1 and the presence of an ester linkage between the carboxylic C-1'' of the long-chain acid and an oxygen atom at C-6 of a β-D-glucopyranose were detected from HMBC correlations between H-1/C-1' and H-6/C-1'', respectively. Compound **1** was named citrusoside A and identified as 1-*O*-isopropyl-6-*O*-(5'',9''-dimethyl-2'',8''-decadienoyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside. Reaction of **1** with Ac₂O in pyridine/DMAP gave a triacetate derivative of **1**. Full assignment of ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts of **1** was as indicated in the Experimental Section (for the triacetate derivative, see Supporting Information, Table S2).

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Table 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data of **2–4** in CDCl_3^a

position	2		3		4	
	δ_{H}	δ_{C}	δ_{H}	δ_{C}	δ_{H}	δ_{C}
1	4.33 d (7.7)	101.1	4.30 d (7.8) ^e	101.1	4.42 d (7.7)	101.2
2	3.47	76.3	3.48	76.2	3.41 ^g	75.5
3	3.30 t (8.1)	73.4	3.30 t (8.2)	73.5	4.98 t (9.5)	78.0
4	3.47	70.2	3.46 ^f	70.1	3.67 t (9.5)	69.0
5	3.47	73.5	3.45 ^f	73.3	3.40 ^g	71.9
6	4.42 d (12.0)	63.7	4.39 d (10.9)	63.7	3.87 dd (12.0, 3.4), 3.81 dd (12.0, 4.3)	62.2
	4.38 d (12.0)		4.30 d (10.9) ^e			
1'	3.94 quint (6.4)	72.2	3.90 quint (6.2)	72.3	3.99 quint (6.2)	72.5
2'	1.20 d (6.4)	22.0 ^d	1.12 d (6.2)	21.9	1.19 d (6.2)	21.9
3'	1.16 d (6.4)	23.4 ^d	1.15 d (6.2)	23.4	1.23 d (6.2)	23.4
1''		171.6 ^b		171.6 ^c		171.8 ^d
2''	2.68 d (14.7)	46.0 ^e	2.62 d (14.7)	45.7	2.73 d (14.2)	46.1
	2.63 d (14.7)		2.60 d (14.7)		2.69 d (14.2)	
3''		70.1		70.1		70.4
4''	2.79 d (14.6) 2.54 d (14.6)	45.1 ^e	2.79 d (14.8)	45.4	2.90 d (15.1) 2.57 d (15.1)	44.6
			2.72 d (14.8)			
5''		171.9 ^b		171.1 ^c		171.5 ^d
6''	1.36 s	27.4	1.34 s	27.2	1.39 s	26.8
1'''	4.91 brd (6.8)	69.6	4.67 dd (10.0, 2.5) 4.56 dd (10.0, 8.5)	71.0	4.64 dd (10.3, 2.9) 4.58 dd (10.3, 8.0)	71.5
2'''	5.51 t (6.8)	119.7	5.34 dd (8.5, 2.5)	78.2	5.34 dd (8.0, 2.9)	78.1
3'''		141.8		71.5		71.2
4'''	2.04	35.9	1.31 s	25.9	1.32 s	25.8
5'''	1.65 ^h	27.9	1.30 s	26.5	1.32 s	27.7
6'''	4.83 dd (9.9, 2.6)	80.0				
7'''		72.3				
8'''	1.169	26.5 ^f				
9'''	1.173	24.1 ^f				
10'''	1.65 ^h	16.6				
2''''		161.4		161.4		161.5
3''''	6.25 d (9.9)	112.6	6.24 d (9.8)	112.8	6.29 d (9.8)	113.2
4''''	8.15 d (9.9)	139.8	8.03 d (9.8)	139.4	8.07 d (9.8)	139.1
5''''		148.9		148.1		148.4
6''''		114.3		113.1		113.3)
7''''		158.1		158.1		158.2
8''''	7.12 s	94.4	7.05 s	94.2	7.14 s	94.6
9''''		152.6		152.4		152.5
10''''		107.6		106.7		106.8
11''''	6.93 d (2.3)	105.0	6.95 d (2.4)	104.9	6.93 d (2.3)	104.7
12''''	7.58 d (2.3)	145.1	7.57 d (2.4)	145.3	7.59 d (2.3)	145.0

^a Coupling constants are listed in parentheses in Hz. ^{b–d} Interchangeable signals. ^{e–h} Overlapping signals.

geranyl chain in the test compounds to be crucial for the inhibitory activity. Our study is among the few reports on the occurrence of 1-*O*-isopropyl- β -D-glucopyranoside¹⁵ in Nature.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were measured using an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO DIP 1020 polarimeter. The IR spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 1760x FT-IR spectrophotometer. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVANCE 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are referenced to the residual solvent signals (CDCl_3 : δ_{H} 7.24 and δ_{C} 77.0 ppm). HRESIMS was recorded on a Bruker Daltonics microTOF mass spectrometer.

Plant Material. The fruits of *Citrus hystrix* DC. (Rutaceae), known in Thailand as “Makruut”, was collected from Bangkungkong subdistrict, Bangkruai district, Nonthaburi Province, Thailand, in June 2003. The plant was identified by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nijisiri Ruangrangsri, Department of Pharmacognosy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. A voucher specimen (SSCH/2003) is maintained at the Chemistry Department, Ramkhamhaeng University.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried, ground fruit peels (5.7 kg) were extracted successively with hexanes, CH_2Cl_2 , and MeOH at room temperature to obtain, after solvent evaporation under reduced pressure, hexanes (240.2 g), CH_2Cl_2 (155.0 g), and MeOH (384.8 g) extracts, respectively.

The hexanes extract (201.3 g) was fractionated using silica gel column chromatography (CC) with a gradient of hexanes– CH_2Cl_2 (100:0) to CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (70:30) to obtain eight fractions. Fraction 1 was

separated by CC using hexanes– CH_2Cl_2 (90:10 to 80:20) to give three subfractions (1.1–1.3). Subfraction 1.2 after CC (silica gel, hexanes– CH_2Cl_2 , 90:10 to 40:60) gave five subfractions (1.2.1–1.2.5). Isopulegol (48.9 mg) was obtained from subfraction 1.2.5. Purification of subfraction 1.2.2 using silica gel CC (hexanes– CH_2Cl_2 , 85:15) gave citronellal (21.7 mg). Subfraction 1.2.3 after CC (silica gel, hexanes– CH_2Cl_2 , 85:15 to 80:20) gave citronellyl acetate (27.5 mg) and neo-isopulegol (8.3 mg). Fraction 3 (6.88 g) was purified by CC (silica gel, hexanes–EtOAc, 96:4 to 93:7) to give isoimperatorin (**7**, 55.1 mg), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +0.41$ (c 0.53, CHCl_3), and bergomottin (**10**, 7.0 mg), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +2.89$ (c 0.36, CHCl_3), after CC (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 , then reversed-phase C_{18} , MeOH– H_2O , 85:15). Fraction 5 was purified (silica gel CC, hexanes–EtOAc, 90:10 to 50:50) and yielded five subfractions (5.1–5.5). Subfraction 5.2 gave β -sitosterol (21.9 mg) after CC (CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH, 100:0 to 97:3). Subfraction 5.4 was fractionated by CC (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH, 99:1) to give three subfractions (5.4.1–5.4.3). Subfraction 5.4.2 after further CC (reversed-phase C_{18} , MeOH– H_2O , 70:30, then silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH, 99:1 to 97:3) gave (*R*)-(+)-6'-hydroxy-7'-methoxybergamottin (**8**, 16.6 mg), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +8.7$ (c 0.68, CHCl_3), and (+)-6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin (**9**, 9.2 mg), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +6.1$ (c 0.42, CHCl_3). Fraction 7 (1.18 g) was purified using CC (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH, 99:1 to 85:15) to give five subfractions (7.1–7.5). Subfraction 7.2 gave citronellol (39.8 mg). Subfraction 7.4 (780.5 g) was purified using silica gel CC (hexanes–EtOAc, 60:40 to 50:50) to give three subfractions (7.4.1–7.4.3). Subfraction 7.4.2 (190.5 g) after CC (reversed-phase C_{18} , MeOH– H_2O , 60:40 to 100:0) yielded oxy-peucedanin hydrate (**6**, 54.9 mg), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +20.4$ (c 0.41, CHCl_3), and an additional quantity of dihydroxybergamottin (**9**, 17.4 mg). Subfraction 7.5 (466 mg) after CC (silica gel, hexanes–EtOAc, 70:30 to 0:100,

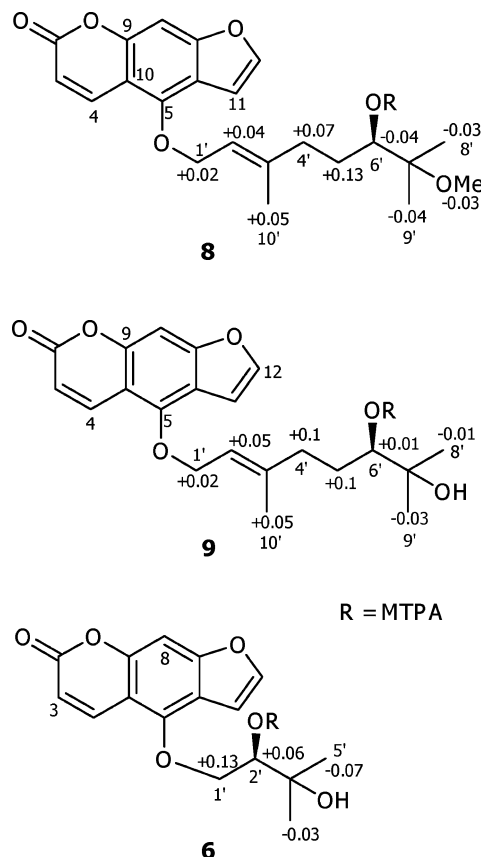


Figure 2. Distribution of $\Delta\delta_{S-R}$ values of the *S*- and *R*-MTPA esters of (+)-6'-hydroxy-7'-methoxybergamottin (**8**), (+)-6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin (**9**),²⁰ and (+)-oxypeucedanin hydrate (**6**).²¹

Table 2. Cholinesterase Inhibitory Activity of Some Isolates

compound	IC ₅₀ (μM) ± SD
citrusoside A (1)	376 ± 2
citrusoside B (2)	339 ± 3
citrusoside D (4)	inactive ^b
oxypeucedanin (5)	64.0 ± 0.2
oxypeucedanin hydrate (6)	inactive ^c
isoimperatorin (7)	23.1 ± 0.2
galanthamine ^d	3.2 ± 0.2
6'-hydroxy-7'-methoxybergamottin (8)	11.2 ± 0.1
6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin (9)	15.4 ± 0.3
bergamottin (10)	inactive ^d

^a Positive control compound. ^b Inactive at 7.2 mM. ^c At 65.1 μM, % inhibition was found to be 24.6. ^d Inactive at 14.8 mM.

then reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 60:40 to 100:0) yielded (+)-4-*epi*-cryptomeridol (eudesmane-4β,11-diol, mp 120–122 °C, 35.1 mg), [α]_D²⁸ +13.9 (*c* 0.24, CHCl₃).

The CH₂Cl₂ extract (155 g) was fractionated using silica gel CC with a gradient of CH₂Cl₂–MeOH (100:0 to 70:30) and gave 11 fractions. Fraction 3 (2.52 g) after CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 97:3 to 85:15) yielded six subfractions (3.1–3.6). Subfraction 3.4 gave oxypeucedanin (**5**, 562.5 mg), [α]_D²⁸ +13.2 (*c* 0.05, CHCl₃), after silica gel CC (CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 97:3 to 90:10). Subfraction 3.2 was purified (silica gel, hexanes–EtOAc, 60:40 to 100:0, then reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 70:30 to 100:0) to yield dihydroxybergamottin (**9**, 32.4 mg). Fraction 5 (3.35 g) after CC (silica gel, hexanes–EtOAc, 40:60, to EtOAc–MeOH, 80:20) gave four subfractions (5.1–5.4). Subfraction 5.2 was further purified (reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 60:40 to 100:0, then silica gel, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 97:3 to 90:10) and yielded compound **1** (21.7 mg). Fraction 7 (8.45 g) was purified (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 95:5 to 88:12) and gave six subfractions (7.1–7.6). Subfraction 7.3.3 was further purified (silica gel, hexanes–EtOAc, 97:3 to 70:30, then reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 70:30 to 100:0) and yielded an additional quantity of **2** (35.1 mg), **3** (18.4 mg), and **4** (13.1 mg). Subfraction 7.5 yielded β-sitosterol glucopyranoside (65.9 mg).

Subfraction 7.4 after purification (reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 60:40 to 100:0) gave three subfractions (7.4.1–7.4.3). Subfraction 7.4.2 (113.5 mg) was further purified using silica gel CC (CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 97:3 to 95:5) to yield **3** (18.7 mg), and purification of subfraction 7.4.3 (mg) using silica gel CC (CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 97:3 to 95:5) yielded **2** (11.8 mg). Fraction 9 (3.98 g) after CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH, 95:5 to 80:20) gave three subfractions (9.1–9.3), and further purification of subfraction 9.2 using CC (reversed-phase C₁₈, MeOH–H₂O, 60:40 to 100:0, then silica gel, EtOAc–MeOH, 97:3 to 94:4) gave 1-*O*-isopropyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (10.1 mg).

Citrusoside A (1**):** colorless, sticky liquid; [α]_D³⁰ –20.6 (*c* 0.66, MeOH); FT-IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3407, 2969, 2918, 1723, 1652, 1454, 1380, 1316, 1270, 1183, 1087, 1038, 927, 832, 643 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ_H 6.95 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3, 7.5 Hz, H-3''), 5.82 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3, 1.4 Hz, H-3''), 5.05 (1H, q, *J* = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, H-8''), 4.38 (1H, br d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, H-6), 4.31 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-1), 3.95 (1H, br quint, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H-6), 3.53 (1H, br t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 3.45 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.9 Hz, H-5), 3.37 (1H, br t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H-4), 3.33 (1H, m, H-2), 2.20 (1H, m, H-4''a), 2.00 (1H, m, H-4''b), 1.93 (1H, m, H-7''a), 1.65 (3H, s, H-10''), 1.61 (1H, m, H-5''), 1.59 (1H, m, H-7''b), 1.57 (3H, s, H-11''), 1.31 (1H, m, H-6''a), 1.22 (1H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H-2''), 1.17 (1H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H-3'), 1.14 (1H, m, H-6''b), 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H-12''); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ_C 167.1 (C, C-1''), 149.5 (CH, C-3''), 131.5 (C, C-9''), 124.4 (CH, C-8''), 121.7 (CH, C-2''), 101.2 (CH, C-1), 76.1 (CH, C-3), 73.9 (CH, C-5), 73.4 (CH, C-2), 72.5 (CH, C-1'), 70.3 (CH, C-4), 63.5 (CH₂, C-6), 39.7 (CH₂, C-4''), 36.7 (CH₂, C-6''), 32.0 (CH, C-5''), 25.7 (CH₃, C-10''), 25.5 (CH₂, C-7''), 23.4 (CH₃, C-2'), 22.1 (CH₃, C-3'), 19.5 (CH₃, C-12''), 17.6 (CH₃, C-11''); HRESIMS [M + Na]⁺ ion *m/z* 423.2361 (calcd for C₂₁H₃₆O₇Na, 423.2349).

Citrusoside B (2**):** colorless, sticky liquid; [α]_D³⁰ –16.2 (*c* 0.40, MeOH); FT-IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3368, 2921, 1731, 1626, 1579, 1455, 1382, 1205, 1131, 1074, 825, 749 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) see Table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 743.2885 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₆H₄₈O₁₅Na, 743.2877).

Citrusoside C (3**):** colorless, sticky liquid; [α]_D³⁰ –2.8 (*c* 0.45, MeOH); FT-IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3401, 2975, 2925, 1731, 1623, 1579, 1455, 1355, 1285, 1204, 1134, 1081, 87, 751 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) see Table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 675.2266 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₁H₄₀O₁₅Na, 675.2253).

Citrusoside D (4**):** colorless, sticky liquid; [α]_D³⁰ –4.7 (*c* 0.40, MeOH); FT-IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3401, 2924, 2852, 1731, 1623, 1579, 1456, 1382, 1354, 1285, 1257, 1206, 1157, 1135, 1080, 1039, 826, 751 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) see Table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 675.2259 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₁H₄₀O₁₅Na, 675.2253).

Bioassays. Butyrylcholinesterase inhibitory activity of the isolates was evaluated according to Ellman and co-workers²³ with some modification using acetylthiocholine iodide (as substrate), cholinesterase (from horse serum, EC 3.1.1.8), and galanthamine hydrobromide from *Lycoris* sp. Absorbance was read at 405 nm every 5 s for 2 min. The IC₅₀ is the concentration of inhibitor required to decrease enzyme activity by 50% and was determined in triplicate. The data are shown as mean ± standard deviation values (Table 2).

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Supporting Information Available: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **1**–**4**, Scheme S1 Syntheses of **1a**, HMBC correlations of **2**–**4**, tabulated ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of *R*-(–)-**1a**, *S*-(+)-**1a**, and acetate derivatives of **1**, **2**, and **3**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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