Triterpenoids from Tillandsia fasciculata

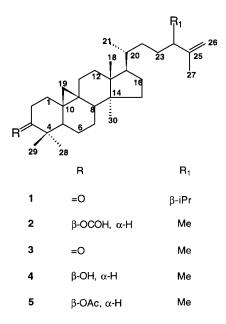
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The leaves of *Tillandsia fasciculata* afforded four tetracyclic triterpenoids of the cycloartane type, two new compounds identified as cyclolaudenyl formate (2) and the (24.S)-24-isopropenyl cycloartanone, which we named tillandsinone (1), and the known cyclolaudenone (3) and cyclolaudenol (4).

The genus *Tillandsia* is an interesting group of epiphytic plants with about 500 species, which belong to the subfamily Tillandsioideae of the family Bromeliaceae. There are about 175 species recorded in México, 20 of which can be found in the state of Yucatan. A search of the literature showed very few *Tillandsia* species chemically studied. *Tillandsia usneoides*, commonly known as "Spanish moss", is the most extensively studied, followed by *Tillandsia recurvata*. The studied species contain cycloartane triterpenoids, pentacyclic triterpenes, sterols, 3,4 and flavonoids. 5,6

As part of our search for biologically active compounds of plants from the ecological reserve "El Eden" located in the state of Quintana Roo in Mexico, we have undertaken the phytochemical study of *Tillandsia fasciculata* Swarts (Bromeliaceae), which is one of the more abundant species in the area. Column chromatography of the hexane and dichloromethane extracts of dried leaves of *T. fasciculata* afforded four cycloartane triterpenoids (1–4).



The 1 H NMR spectra of compounds **1–4** (Table 1) indicated the presence of a cycloartane type skeleton with the typical high-field AB doublets due to the nonequivalent hydrogens (H-19) of the 9β ,19 cyclopropane ring.³

Table 1. 1H NMR (500 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz) Spectral Data for Tillandsinone (1) and Cyclolaudenyl Formate (2) in CDCl $_3$

	1		2	
	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (ppm),		$\delta_{\rm H}$ (ppm),	
position	J(Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm)	J(Hz)	δ _C (ppm)
1α	1.85 tdd (13.5, 4.5, 1.0)	33.4 t	1.60 m	31.5 t
1β	1.54 m ^a		1.25 m	
$\frac{1}{2}\alpha$	2.30 ddd (14,	37.5 t	1.75 m	26.9 t
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2β	2.71 td (14.0,		1.60 m	
,	5.0, 7.0)			
3	, ,	216.6 s	4.57 dd (11.5,	80.3 d
			4.5)	
4		50.3 s		39.4 s
5	1.71 dd (12.5,	48.5 d	1.40 m	47.2 d
	4.5)			
$6\alpha,6\beta$	1.55 m, 0.94 m	21.5 t	1.60 m, 0.80 m	20.9 t
$7\alpha,7\beta$	1.28 m, 1.90 m	28.1 t	1.27 m, 1.86 m	28.0 t
8	1.58 m	47.9 d	1.50 m	47.8 d
9		21.1 s		20.1 s
10	0.00 1.17	25.9 s	1.00 1.11	25.8 s
$11\alpha,11\beta$	2.03 m, 1.17 m	26.8 t	1.98 m, 1.11 m	26.5 t
12	1.65 m (2H)	32.8 t	1.60 m (2H)	32.8 t
13		48.7 s		48.8 s
14	1 99 (911)	45.3 s	1 97 (911)	45.2 s
15	1.28 m (2H)	35.6 t	1.27 m (2H)	35.5 t
16 17	1.38 m, 1.14 m	25.9 t 52.2 d	1.32 m, 1.12 m 1.57 m	25.8 t 52.2 d
18	1.60 m 0.98 s	32.2 a 18.0 g	0.96 s	52.2 a 17.9 g
19α	0.58 S 0.57 d (4.5)	29.6 t	0.35 d (4.4)	29.7 t
19β	0.79 d (4.0)	23.0 t	0.59 d (4.4)	23.7 t
20	1.32 m	36.7 d	1.35 m	36.0 d
21	0.88 d (7.0)	18.7 q	0.86 d (6.5)	18.3 q
22	0.80 m, 1.37 m	34.5 t	0.93 m, 1.32 m	33.9 t
23	1.03 m, 1.62 m	26.8 t	1.14 m, 1.45 m	31.6 t
24	1.53 m	55.5 d	2.09 m^b	41.6 d
25	1.00 111	147.4 s	2.00 111	150.2 s
26a	4.61 da (2.5)	111.9 t	4.66 m	109.3 t
26b	4.75 dq (2.5,	111.0 0	4.67 m	100.0 0
	1.5)			
27	1.58 s (br)	19.0 q	1.69 s (br)	18.6 q
28	1.05 s	22.2 q	0.89 s	25.3 q
29	1.10 s	20.8 q	0.91 s	15.1 q
30	0.90 s	19.3q	0.89 s	19.3 q
31	1.52	30.3 d	1.00 d (6.9)	20.1 q
32	0.92 d (6.0)	20.8 q	, ,	•
33	0.81 d (6.0)	21.5 q		
H-COO-			8.12 s	161.1 d

 $[^]a$ Assignments and chemical shifts of overlapped $^1\mathrm{H}$ multiplets are based on COSY, NOESY, and HMQC experiments; $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ assignments confirmed by DEPT, HMQC, and HMBC experiments. b Pseudo-sextet ($J\approx7.0$ Hz).

Compound 1 gave a molecular ion peak (HRMS) corresponding to the molecular formula $C_{33}H_{54}O$. Chemical

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shifts of the proton and carbon signals of the C-19 methylene group and the C-18, C-28, C-29, and C-30 tertiary methyl groups were almost identical with those of cyclolaudenone (3), and the presence of a carbonyl signal at δ 216.6 suggested that 1 had the same cycloartane nucleus. Fragment peaks at m/z 355, 341, 313, and 175 in the mass spectra of both compounds 1 and 3 supported the above assumption. The major fragment ions at m/z 313 (M – $C_{11}H_{21}$)+, 328 (M - $C_9H_{14}O$)+, 175 [M - $C_{11}H_{21}$ - $C_9H_{14}O$ (ring A)]+ indicated that compound 1 was a cycloartanetype triterpene with a C_{11} side chain. The ions at m/z 328 and 175 corresponding to the loss of ring A were characteristic of 9β , 19-cyclotetracyclic triterpenes.⁷

The ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 1) showed differences compared with that of cyclolaudenone (3), at the chemical shifts of the C-26 terminal methylene protons and the C-24 methine group. The methylene protons appeared in 1 as a broad doublet at δ 4.61 (J=2.5 Hz) and a doublet of quartets at δ 4.75 (J = 2.5 and 1.5 Hz), similar to the 24ethyl compound cyclomargenone,8 and the H-24 signal was shifted upfield from δ 2.10 in cyclolaudenone (3) to δ 1.53 in tillandsinone (1). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1 (Table 1) showed two extra carbon signals, one for a secondary methyl and one for a methine group. Differences in the MS and ¹H and ¹³C NMR can be explained assuming the presence of an isopropyl group at C-24 in 1 instead of the methyl group in 3. This assumption was also in accordance with the downfield shift of C-24 (from δ 41.6 to 55.5, β effect) and the upfield shifts of C-23 and C-25 (from δ 31.4 and 150.2 to δ 26.8 and 147.4, respectively) due to the γ effect of the two methyl groups. HMBC experiments confirmed the presence of the isopropyl group at C-24, since long-range couplings were observed between the C-24 (δ 55.5) and the protons of the vinyl methyl (H-27, δ 1.58), the terminal methylene (H-26, δ 4.61 and 4.75), and the secondary methyl groups (H-32 and H-33, δ 0.92 and 0.81). Thus, tillandsinone was identified as 24-isopropenylcycloartan-3-one (1).

Triterpenes and sterols having nonconventional side chains, as in tillandsinone (1), are rare in terrestrial plants, and they have so far been detected only in Nervilia purpurea (Orchidaceae)⁹ and Viola formosana (Violaceae).¹⁰ Sterols with this type of side chain alkylation pattern are more common in marine sponges; they have been reported from Aplysina species, 11 Pseudaxinyssa sp., 12 and Dysidea herbacea.13 The stereochemistry of the side chain of 24isopropenylcholesterol and cyclohomonervilol, a triterpenoid with the same type of side chain, was established by chemical correlation with clionasterol9 and 24S-dihydrocyclofuntumienol.14 Careful examination and comparison of the published ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data¹⁵ with those of tillandsinone (1) showed these to be very similar (Table 1). Therefore tillandsinone must be (24*S*)-24-isopropenylcycloartan-3-one (1).

The HREIMS spectrum of compound 2 showed a molecular formula of C₃₂H₅₂O₂. The ¹³C NMR spectrum (Table 1) showed signals for 32 carbon atoms, which accounted for seven methyl groups, 12 methylenes, seven methines, and six tetrasubstituted carbons (DEPT). The ¹H NMR spectrum was similar to that of cyclolaudenyl acetate (5), but it lacked the acetate methyl signal. Another significant difference with 5 was the presence of a low-field singlet at δ 8.1, which showed a cross-peak with a doublet signal at δ 161.1 in the HMQC experiment and with the methine carbon signal at 80.3 in the HMBC experiment. These ¹H and ¹³C differences indicated a formate group at C-3 in compound 2, instead of an acetate, as in compound 5. The mass spectral data were in agreement with the above assumption since the MS showed the same significant fragment peaks as cyclolaudenol (4) and its corresponding acetate 5. On the basis of all the above data, compound 2 was identified as cyclolaudenyl formate.

The known compounds were identified as cyclolaudenone (3) and cyclolaudenol (4), by comparison of their ¹H NMR and MS spectral data with those reported in the literature.8,16,17 Although 3 and 4 are known compounds isolated from various plant species, complete NMR assignments were not found in the literature. Some of the published data for cyclolaudenol (4) and its acetate (5) are confusing, as those reported by Govardan¹⁶ and Desoki¹⁷ differ from those reported by Ageta.8 ¹H and ¹³C NMR assignments for compounds 3, 4, and 5 were based on 1D and 2D NMR experiments, including DEPT, COSY, HMQC, and HMBC experiments.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were determined on a Fisher-Jones type apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured in CHCl₃ solutions on a Jasco DIP 360 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on KBr disks on a Nicolet Magna Fourier transform IR spectrometer 550. EIMS were obtained on a Hewlett-Packard 5892 mass spectrometer using a Hewlett-Packard 5970 series II gas chromatograph as injection system. HREIMS were done on a VG Micromass LTD-ZAB-2F spectrometer at 70 eV. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Unity PLUS 500 and Bruker Advance 400 spectrometers in CDCl₃ solutions with TMS as internal standard; chemical shifts are recorded in δ values.

Plant Material. Tillandsia fasciculata was collected at "El Eden" ecological reserve located at 21° 3′ N, 87° 11′ W of Cancún Q. R. (México) in January 1999 and authenticated by Gillian Schultz. A voucher specimen has been deposited at the herbarium Alfredo Barrera Marín, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Mérida, México,

Extraction and Isolation. Dried and ground leaves of *T.* fasciculata (1.0 kg) were extracted at room temperature by percolation with hexane, CH₂Cl₂, and MeOH to give green dark residues (ca. 11, 10, and 38 g, respectively). The hexane residue (8.3 g) was chromatographed on a column of silica gel (4.5 \times 15.0 cm), eluted with hexane, mixtures of hexane-CH₂Cl₂ (8:2, 6:4, 4:6), CH₂Cl₂, mixtures of CH₂Cl₂-EtOAc (9:1, 8:2, 6:4), and EtOAc. Eluates (84) were collected, monitored by TLC, and combined in four major fractions (A-D). Fraction A was identified by GC-MS as a mixture of C27 to C33 hydrocarbons. Fraction B treated with acetone gave 206.9 mg of precipitate, which was chromatographed on silica gel (15 g) using hexanes-EtOAc as eluent. Fractions 1 and 2 contained a mixture of cyclolaudenone (3)8 and tillandsinone (1), which were further separated by TLC on 10% AgNO₃-silica gel with hexane-CH₂Cl₂ (8:2, developed 2×), giving 23.4 mg of 1 and 9.6 mg of 3. Fraction C (4.71 g) was chromatographed over silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as eluent. Fractions 3-5 were combined with fractions 3 and 4 from the chromatography of the CH₂-Cl₂ extract and separated in acidic and neutral compounds, using a 5% solution of NaOH. The neutral fraction (292.4 mg) was repeatedly subjected to CC over ordinary silica gel and 10% AgNO₃-silica gel to afford 2.8 mg of cyclolaudenyl formate (2), 5 mg of 1, and 20.5 mg of a mixture of 3 and 1. Fractions 6-14 (457 mg) treated in the same way afforded 6.5 mg of cyclolaudenol (4).8 Fraction D (210.5 mg) gave a mixture of sterols identified by GC-MS as β -sitosterol, stigmasterol, and campesterol.

Tillandsinone (1): colorless fine needles, mp 125 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D $+26.6^{\circ}$ (c 0.18, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3072, 1699, 884 cm⁻¹; EIMS m/z 466 [M]⁺ (88), 451 [M – Me]⁺ (18), 368 [M – C₇H₁₃ $\begin{array}{l} -H]^+ \ (12),\ 355\ [M-C_8H_{15}]^+ \ (9),\ 341\ [M-C_9H_{17}]^+ \ (7),\ 328 \\ [M-(ring\ A+H)]^+ \ (13),\ 313\ [M-SC\ (C_{11}H_{21})]^+ \ (69),\ 175\ [M-(ring\ A+H)-SC\ (C_{11}H_{21})]^+ \ (38);\ ^1H\ and\ ^{13}C\ NMR\ (see\ Table\ 1),\ (38),\ ^{13}H\ and\ ^{13}C\ NMR\ (see\ Table\ 1),\ (38),\ ^{14}H\ and\ ^{13}C\ NMR\ (see\ Table\ 1),\ (38),\ ^{14}H\ and\ ^{15}H\ and\ ^{1$ 1); HREIMS m/z 466.4166 [M]⁺ (calcd for C₃₃H₅₄O, 466.4174).

Cyclolaudenyl formate (2): colorless gum; EIMS m/z 468 $[M]^+$ (22), 453 $[M - Me]^+$ (17), 422 $[M - HCO_2H]^+$ (40), 407 $[M - HCO_2H - Me]^+$ (36), 379 $[M - HCO_2H - C_3H_7]^+$ (9), 353 $[M - HCO_2H - C_5H_9]^+$ (10), 300 $[M - (ring A+H)]^+$ (31), 297 $[M - HCO_2H - SC (C_9H_{17})]^+$ (24), 203 [M - (ring A+H) - C_7H_{13}]⁺ (40), 175 [M - (ring A+H) - SC (C_9H_{17})]⁺ (49); ¹H and 13 C NMR (see Table 1); HREIMS m/z 468.3994 [M]⁺ (calcd for C₃₂H₅₂O₂, 468.3967).

Cyclolaudenone (3): 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 4.67 $(2H, m, H-26), 2.70 (1H, td, J = 14.0, 6.5 Hz, H-2\beta), 2.30 (1H, td, J = 14.0, 6.5 Hz, H-2\beta)$ ddd, $J = 14.0, 4.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{H-}2\alpha), 2.10$ (1H, pseudo sextet, J ~ 7.0 Hz, H-24), 2.04 (1H, m, H-11a), 1.90 (1H, m, H-11b), 1.86 (1H, tdd, J = 13.5, 4.0, 1.0 Hz, H-1 α), 1.70 (1H, dd, J = 12.5, 4.5 Hz, H-5), 1.65 (2H, m, H-12), 1.64 (3H, brs, H-27), 1.58 $(1H, m, H-17), 1.58 (1H, dd, J = 12.5, 5.0, H-8), 1.56 (m, H-6\alpha),$ 1.44(m, H-23a), 1.38 (m, H-16a), 1.35 (m, H-22a), 1.30 (2H, m, H-15), 1.28 (m, H-7b), 1.15 (m, H-16b, H-11b), 1.14 (m, H-23b), 1.10 (3H, s, H-29), 1.05 (3H, s, H-28), 1.00 (3H, d, J =7 Hz), 0.99 (3H, s, H-18), 0.95 (m, H-6 β), 0.94 (m, H-22b), 0.90 (3H, s, H-30), 0.87 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-21), 0.78, 0.56 (each 1H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, H-19); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 216.6 (s, C-3), 150.2 (s, C-25), 109.4 (t, C-26), 52.3 (d, C-17), 50.2 (s, C-4), 48.7 (s, C-13), 48.4 (d, C-5), 47.9 (d, C-8), 45.3 (s, C-14), 41.6 (d, C-24), 37.5 (t, C-2), 36.0 (d, C-20), 35.6 (t, C-15), 33.9 (t, C-22), 33.4 (t, C-1), 32.8 (t, C-12), 31.5 (t, C-23), 29.6 (t, C-19), 28.1 (t, C-7), 26.8 (t, C-11), 26.0 (s, C-10), 25.9 (t, C-16), 22.2 (q, C-28), 21.5 (t, C-6), 21.1 (s, C-9), 20.8 (q, C-29), 20.1 (q, C-31), 19.3 (q, C-30), 18.7 (q, C-27), 18.3 (q, C-21), 18.0 (q,

Cyclolaudenol (4): 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 4.67 (2H, m, H-26), 3.28 (1H, dd, J = 11.5, 4.5 Hz, H-3), 2.10 (1H, pseudo sextet, $J \approx 7.0$ Hz, H-24), 1.96 (1H, m, H-11 α), 1.87 (1H, m, $H-7\beta$), 1.75 (1H, m, H-2 α), 1.64 (3H, brs, H-27), 1.60 (2H, m, H-12), 1.58 (1H, m, H-6 α), 1.56 (m, H-1 α , H-2 β , H-17,), 1.50 (1H, m, H-8), 1.42 (1H, m, H.23a), 1.36 (1H, m, H-20), 1.33 (2H, m, H-16a, H-22a), 1.28 (4H, m, H-5, H-7α, H-15a,b), 1.24 $(1H, m, H-1\beta)$, 1.10 $(H, m, H-11\beta, H-16b, H-23a)$, 1.00 (3H, d, H-16b)J = 7.0 Hz, H-31, 0.97 (3H, s, H-28), 0.96 (3H, s, H-18), 0.92(H, m, H-22b), 0.89 (3H, s, H-30), 0.86 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-21), 0.81 (3H, s, H-29), 0.80 (1H, m, H-6 β), 0.55, 0.33 (each 1H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, H-19); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 150.2 (s, C-25), 109.4 (t, C-26), 78.9 (d, C-3), 52.3 (d, C-17), 48.8 (s, C-13), 48.0 (d, C-8), 47.1 (d, C-5), 45.3 (s, C-14), 41.6 (d, C-24), 40.5 (s, C-4), 36.0 (d, C-20), 35.6 (t, C-15), 33.9 (t, C-22), 32.9 (t, C-12), 32.0 (t, C-1), 31.5 (t, C-23), 30.4 (t, C-2), 29.9 (t, C-19), 28.1 (t, C-7), 26.5 (t, C-11), 26.1 (s, C-10), 26.0 (t, C-16), 25.4 (q, C-28), 21.1 (t, C-6), 20.1 (q, C-31), 20.0 (s, C-9), 19.3 (q, C-30), 18.7 (q, C-27), 18.3 (q, C-21), 18.0 (q, C-18), 14.0 (q, C-29).

Cyclolaudenyl Acetate (5). Crude cyclolaudenol (4, 19.2 mg) was acetylated in the usual manner, and the reaction mixture purified on a column of 10% AgNO₃-silica gel, to give 3.3 mg of cyclolaudenyl acetate (5):8 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 4.67 (2H, m, H-26), 4.57 (1H, dd, J = 11.0, 4.5 Hz, H-3),),

2.09 (1H, pseudo sextet, $J \approx 7.0$ Hz, H-24), 2.0 (1H, m, H-11 α), 1.84 (1H, m, H-7 β), 1.74 (1H, m, H-2 α), 1.64 (3H, brs, H-27), 1.60 (2H, m, H-12), 1.60 (1H, m, H-6 α), 1.58 (m, H-2 β , H-17), 1.56 (H, m, H-1α), 1.50 (1H, m, H-8), 1.48 (1H, m, H.23a), 1.40 (1H, m, H-5), 1.38 (1H, m, H-20), 1.34 (1H, m, H-16a), 1.32 $(1H, m, H-22a), 1.28 (2H, m, H-15a,b), 1.24 (2H, m, H-1<math>\beta$, H-7α), 1.12 (1H, m, H-23a), 1.10 (1H, m, H-16b), 1.08 (H, m, H-11 β), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-31), 0.98 (H, m, H-22b), 0.95 (3H, s, H-18), 0.89 (6H, s, H-29, H-30), 0.86 (3H, d, J =6.5 Hz, H-21), 0.85 (3H, s, H-28), 0.82 (1H, m, H-6 β), 0.57, 034 (each 1H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, H-19); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 150.3 (s, C-25), 109.4 (t, C-26), 80.7 (d, C-3), 52.2 (d, C-17), 48.8 (s, C-13), 47.8 (d, C-8), 47.2 (d, C-5), 45.3 (s, C-14), 41.6 (d, C-24), 39.4 (s, C-4), 36.0 (d, C-20), 35.5 (t, C-15), 33.9 (t, C-22), 32.8 (t, C-12), 31.5 (t, C-1), 31.5 (t, C-23), 29.7 (t, C-19), 28.1 (t, C-7), 26.8 (t, C-11), 26.5 (t, C-2), 26.0 (s, C-10), 25.8 (t, C-16), 25.4 (q, C-28), 20.9 (t, C-6), 20.1 (q, C-31), 20.1 (s, C-9), 19.3 (q, C-30), 18.7 (q, C-27), 18.3 (q, C-21), 17.9 (q, C-18), 15.1 (q, C-29).

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