## New triterpenoid saponin from the stems of *Albizia adianthifolia* (Schumach.) W.Wight

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## Abstract

As part of our continuing study of apoptosis-inducing saponins from Cameroonian *Albizia* genus, one new triterpenoid saponin, named adianthifolioside J (1), together with the known gummiferaoside E (2), were isolated from *Albizia adianthifolia* stems. The structure of the new saponin (1), was established on the basis of extensive analysis of 1D and 2D NMR (<sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, DEPT, COSY, TOCSY, NOESY, HSQC, HSQC-TOCSY and HMBC) and HRESIMS experiments, and by chemical evidence as  $3 - O - [\beta - D - xy] opyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2) - \beta - D$ -fucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]-21-O-{(2E,6S)-2-(hydroxymethyl)-6-methyl-6-O-{4-O-[(2E,6S)-2,6-dimethyl-6-O-( $\beta$ -D-quinovopyranosyl)octa-2,7-dienoyl]-( $\beta$ -D-quinovopyranosyl)octa-2,7-dienoyl]- $(\alpha$ -L-arabinofuranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl ester (1). The pro-apoptotic activity of the new isolated saponin 1 was evaluated, using Annexin V-FITC binding assay, on the A431 human epidermoid cancer cell. The result showed that adianthifolioside J (1) displayed weak pro-apoptotic activity.

**Keywords:** Albizia adianthifolia; Mimosaceae; Triterpenoid saponins; NMR; Human epidermoid cancer cell (A431).

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Fig.S1. Key HMBC and NOESY correlations of adianthifolioside J (1)



Fig. S2. Effects of saponin 1 on the apoptosis rate.

Cells were exposed to the isolated new saponin (1) at the indicated concentrations and incubated for 24 h. Cell apoptosis rate was assessed by flow cytometry using the Annexin V-FITC/ PI staining assay (n = 3). \*P < 0.05 and \*\*\*P < 0.001 vs. vehicle-treated cells.

DEDT		1		2
DEF I	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$ (multiplicity)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (multiplicity)
$CH_{2}(1)$	38.7	1.61 ; 1.19	38.7	1.60; 1.19
$CH_{2}(2)$	26.4	2.31; 1.94	26.6	2.29; 1.95
CH(3)	88.5	3.52	88.3	3.62
C (4)	39.4	-	39.4	-
CH(5)	55.7	0.99	55.8	0.99
$CH_{2}(6)$	18.5	1.56; 1.70	18.4	1.70 ; 1.48
$CH_{2}(7)$	33.3	1.75; nd	33.4	1.74 ; nd
C (8)	39.9	-	39.9	-
CH(9)	46.9	1.90	46.9	1.93
C (10)	36.8	-	36.8	-
$CH_{2}(11)$	23.7	2.09; 1.53	23.5	2.09; 1.52
CH(12)	122.9	5.62 (brs)	122.8	5.64 (brs)
C (13)	143.0	-	143.1	-
C (14)	41.8	-	41.8	-
$CH_{2}(15)$	35.7	2.29; 2.04	35.7	2.29; 2.05
CH(16)	73.6	5.25	73.7	5.24
C (17)	51.4	-	51.4	-
CH(18)	40.6	3.47	40.7	3.46
CH <sub>2</sub> (19)	47.6	2.97; 1.42	47.6	2.97; 1.42
C (20)	35.2	-	35.2	-
CH(21)	77.3	6.33	76.9	6.32
$CH_{2}(22)$	36.2	2.74; 2.20	36.2	2.74; 2.20
CH <sub>3</sub> (23)	27.9	1.37 (s)	27.9	1.30 (s)
$CH_{3}(24)$	15.6	0.98(s)	15.7	0.98(s)
CH <sub>3</sub> (25)	17.0	1.06 ( <i>s</i> )	17.0	1.06 (s)
CH <sub>3</sub> (26)	17.0	1.19 (s)	17.0	1.18(s)
CH <sub>3</sub> (27)	27.1	1.90 (s)	27.0	1.90 (s)
C (28)	174.1	-	174.2	-
CH <sub>3</sub> (29)	29.0	1.06 (s)	28.9	1.06(s)
$CH_{3}(30)$	18.9	1.11(s)	18.9	1.11(s)

**Table S1.**<sup>13</sup>*C*-*NMR* (125 *MHz*) and <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* (500 *MHz*) data of the Aglycone part of compounds 1-2 (in pyridine- $d_5$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm)<sup>a</sup>.

Assignments based on the HMBC, HSQC, COSY, HSQC-TOCSY, NOESY, and DEPT experiments. nd, not determined <sup>a)</sup> Overlapped proton NMR signals are reported without designated multiplicity.

D :::		1		2
Position	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H} (J \text{ in Hz})$	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( J \text{ in Hz} \right)$
3-O-sugars				
Glc I				
1	104.6	5.08 (d, J = 8.1)	104.7	4.90 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =7.8)
2	75.7	4.09	75.3	4.04
3	78.2	4.15	78.2	4.16
4	71.5	3.98	71.9	3.98
5	77.6	4.03	78.0	4.03
6	69.7	4.74; 4.35	69.8	4.74 ; 4.36
Fuc	100.0		100.0	
1	103.2	5.02(d, J=7.8)	103.2	4.97(d, J=8.0)
2	82.1	4.48	82.1	4.44
3	75.0	4.12	75.0	4.14
4	72.0	4.01	71.1	3.76
5	71.4	3.75	70.5	3.69
6	17.0	1.51 (d, J = 6.5)	17.0	1.50 (d, J = 6.4)
Xyl	107.0	500(1172)	106.0	500 (1 1 7 0)
1	107.0	5.00(d, J=7.2)	106.8	5.08(d, J=7.0)
2	15.1	4.07	/5./	4.06
3	77.0	4.02	//.4	4.03
4	/0.9	4.08	70.5	4.11
3	67.0	4.40; 5.59	07.0	4.40 ; 3.01
28-O-sugars				
	05 5	600(1 I - 91)	05 5	$600(1 I_00)$
1	93.3 76.6	0.09(a, J=0.1)	93.3	0.08(a, J=0.0)
2	70.0	5.96 1 17	70.0	4.03
3	70.2	4.17	76.2	4.14
4	71.0	4.05	71.5	4.10
5	61.6	1 35: 1 23	61.6	4.05
Rha	01.0	4.55, 4.25	01.0	4.30, 4.23
1	101.7	5.83 (hrs)	101.6	5.92 (hrs)
2	70.2	5 21	70.2	5 21
2	81.6	4 95	81.8	4 97
4	78.9	4 52	78.9	4.51
5	69.0	4 55	69.0	4.51
6	18.2	1.77 (d. I = 5.7)	18.5	1.78 (d. I = 5.5)
Glc III	10.2	1.,, (u, 0 5., )	10.0	11/0 (4, 0 0.0 )
1	105.6	5.34 (d, J = 8.0)	105.5	5.36(d, J=8.0)
2	75.0	4.00	75.3	4.02
3	77.6	4.16	78.2	4.18
4	71.1	4.07	71.5	4.10
5	78.7	3.96	78.8	3.97
6	62.6	4.50; 4.20	62.5	4.51; 4.18
Ara <sub>f</sub>		,		,
1	110.9	6.24 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =6.9 )	110.8	6.29 (brs)
2	84.3	4.96	84.3	5.00
3	78.7	4.48	78.9	4.83
4	81.1	4.74	85.2	4.77
5	64.6	4.69; 4.50	62.3	4.27;4.16
A <sub>C</sub>	170.4	-		
	20.5	1.92(s)		

**Table S2.**<sup>13</sup>*C*-*NMR* (125 *MHz*) and <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* (500 *MHz*) Data of the Sugar Moieties attached at C-3 and C-28 of compounds **1**–**2** (in pyridine- $d_5$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm)<sup>*a*</sup>.

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Assignments were based on the HMBC, HSQC, COSY, TOCSY, NOESY, and DEPT experiments. <sup>a)</sup>Overlapped proton NMR signals are reported without designated multiplicity.

Quinovose		1		2
(Qui)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H} (J \text{ in Hz})$	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H} (J \text{ in Hz})$
Qui I				
1	99.1	4.90 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =7.8)	99.1	4.90 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =7.8)
2	75.7	3.98	75.3	4.03
3	75.2	4.15	75.2	4.21
4	76.9	5.35	76.9	5.36
5	69.9	3.69	70.9	3.77
6	18.2	1.37 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =6.0)	18.7	1.36 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =6.0)
Qui II				
1	99.1	4.87 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =7.8)	99.1	4.87( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =7.9)
2	75.3	3.96	75.3	4.03
3	78.2	4.16	75.7	4.21
4	76.7	3.71	76.9	5.37
5	72.4	3.70	72.6	3.76
6	18.7	1.62 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =5.5)	18.7	1.63 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =5.5)
Qui III				
1			96.7	4.96 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =8.0)
2			75.7	4.02
3			75.7	4.23
4			76.7	3.73
5			72.4	3.72
6			18.7	1.60 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =6.0)

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**Table S3.**<sup>13</sup>*C*-*NMR* (125 *MHz*) and <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* (500 *MHz*) Data of the Quinovosyl Moieties attached at C-21 of compounds 1-3 (in pyridine- $d_5$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm)<sup>a</sup>.

Assignments based on the HMBC, HSQC, COSY, TOCSY, NOESY, and DEPT experiments. <sup>a)</sup>Overlapped proton NMR signals are reported without designated multiplicity

Monoterpene		1		2
(MT)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H} \left( J \text{ in Hz} \right)$	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}  (J  {\rm in}  {\rm Hz})$
$MT_1$				
1	167.2	-	167.4	-
2	133.6	-	133.6	-
3	143.9	7.05 (t, J = 7.3)	145.0	7.06 (t, J = 7.1)
4	23.5	2.66; nd	23.5	2.70 ; 2.46
5	40.6	1.84; nd	40.3	1.82; 1.75
6	79.5	-	79.3	-
7	143.7	6.23 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> =11.2; 17.8)	143.8	6.24 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> =11.5; 17.7)
8	114.6	5.44 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =17.8);	114.7	5.44 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =17.7);
		5.25 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =11.2)		5.24 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =11.5)
9	55.7	4.74 (brs)	55.8	4.75 (brs)
10	23.7	1.53 (s)	23.6	1.56(s)
$MT_2$				
1	167.5	-	167.3	-
2	127.7	-	127.9	-
3	143.7	7.05 (t, J = 7.3)	142.8	7.00 (t, J = 7.1)
4	23.5	2.44; nd	23.3	2.70; 2.46
5	40.2	1.76; nd	40.6	1.82; 1.75
6	79.2	-	79.2	-
7	143.7	6.24 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> =11.2; 17.8)	143.9	6.24 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> =11.5; 17.7)
8	114.9	5.45 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =17.8 );	115.0	5.43 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =17.7);
		5.24 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =11.2 )		5.26 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =11.5)
9	12.5	1.90(s)	12.5	1.90 (s)
10	23.5	1.56 (s)	23.7	1.53 (s)
$MT_3$				
1			167.0	-
2			127.9	-
3			143.0	7.08 (t, J = 7.0)
4			23.2	2.70 ; 2.46
5			40.8	1.82; 1.75
6			79.2	-
7			143.6	6.26 ( <i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> =11.0; 17.5)
8			115.3	5.39 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =17.5);
				5.31 ( <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> =11.0);
9			12.5	1.93 (s)
10			23.5	1.51 (s)

**Table S4.**<sup>13</sup>*C*-*NMR* (125 *MHz*) and <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* (500 *MHz*) Data of the Monoterpene Moieties Attached at C-21 of compounds 1-2 (in pyridine- $d_5$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm)<sup>a</sup>.

Assignments based on the HMBC, HSQC, COSY, TOCSY, NOESY, and DEPT experiments. nd, not determined. <sup>a)</sup>Overlapped proton NMR signals are reported without designated multiplicity.

adianthifolioside I (1)	Compound ?
Oligospecharida maiaty attached at C-3	Oligosaccharida maioty attached at C-3
HMBC correlations	HMBC correlations
Hold Contentions H-1 Glc I (5.08) $-$ C-3 Agly (88.5)	H-1 Xvl $(5.08) = C-2$ Fuc $(82.1)$
H-1 Fuc $(5.02) = C_{-6} Glc I (69.7)$	111  Myr(3.00) = 2.1  uc(02.1)
$H_{-1}^{-1}$ Fuc $(4.48) = C_{-1}^{-1}$ Xvl $(107.0)$	
11-21  uc (4.40) = C-1  Ayr (107.0)	
NOFSY correlations	NOFSY correlations
H-1 Glc I (5.08) $-$ H-3 Agly (3.52)	H-1 Xvl (5.08) $-$ H-2 Fuc (4.44)
$H_{-1}$ Fuc (5.02) – $H_{-62}$ Glc I (4.35)	11 1 Xy1 (3.00) 11 2 1 de (4.44)
H 1 Fue $(5.02)$ – H-6h Gle I $(4.53)$	
H 1 Yul $(5.02)$ H 00 Gie $f(4.74)$ H-1 Xyl $(5.00) - H-2$ Fuc $(4.48)$	
11 1 Ayr (5.00) 11 2 1 de (4.40)	
Oligosaccharide moiety attached at C-28	Oligosaccharide <i>moietv attached at C-28</i>
HMBC correlations	HMBC correlations
H1 Glc II (6.09) – C28 Agly (174.1)	H-1 Glc II (6.08) – C-28 Agly (174.2)
H1 Rha $(5.83) - C2$ Glc II (76.6)	H-1 Glc III $(5.36) - C-3$ Rha $(81.8)$
H2 Glc II $(3.98) - C1$ Rha $(101.7)$	H-1 Araf $(6.29) - C-4$ Rha $(78.9)$
H1 Glc III $(5.34) - C3$ Rha $(81.6)$	
H1 Araf $(6.24) - C4$ Rha $(78.9)$	
H4 Rha $(4.52) - C1$ Araf $(110.9)$	
H5 Araf (4.50) – C1 Ac (170.4)	
NOESY correlations	NOESY correlations
H1 Rha (5.83) – H2 Glc II (3.98)	H-1 Glc III (5.36) – H-3 Rha (4.97)
H1 Glc III (5.34) – H3 Rha (4.85)	H-1 Araf (6.29) – H-4 Rha (4.51)
H1 Araf (6.24) – H4 Rha (4.52)	
MT Oui maisty attached at C 21	MT Oui moists attached at C 21
HMBC correlations	HMBC correlations
$H_{-21} \text{ Agly} (6.33) = C_{-1} \text{ MT}_{+} (167.2)$	$H_{-9} MT I (4.75) = C_{-1} MT I (167.4)$
H 21 Agry $(0.55)^{-1}$ C 1 M1 $(107.2)^{-1}$ H-1 Oui I (4 90) – C-6 MT (79.5)	H-1 Oui I (4.90) $-$ C-6 MT I (79.3)
$H = Qui I (4.96)^{-1} C = 0 MI_1 (79.3)^{-1}$ H-4 Qui I (5.35) - C-1 MT <sub>2</sub> (167.5)	H-9 MT I (4.75) - C-3 MT I (145.0)
H-1 Qui I ( $(4.87) - C-6 MT_2$ ( $79.2$ )	
H-9 MT <sub>1</sub> (4.74) – C-1 MT <sub>1</sub> (167.2)	H-9 MT II (1.90) – C-1 MT II (167.3)
$H-9 MT_1 (4.74) - C-2 MT_1 (133.6)$	H-1 Oui II (4.87) $-$ C-6 MT II (79.2)
	H-9 MT II $(1.90) - C-2$ MT II $(142.8)$
H-9 MT <sub>2</sub> (1.90) – C-1 MT <sub>2</sub> (167.5)	
H-9 MT <sub>2</sub> (1.90) – C-2 MT <sub>2</sub> (127.7)	H-9 MT III (1.93) – C-1 MT III (167.0)
, ,	H-1 Qui III (4.96) – C-6 MT III (79.2)
	H-9 MT III (1.93) – C-2 MT III (143.0)
NOESY correlations	
H-4a MT <sub>1</sub> (2.66) $-$ H <sub>3</sub> -9 MT <sub>1</sub> (4.74)	
H-4a MT <sub>2</sub> $(2.44) - H_3 - 9$ MT <sub>2</sub> $(1.90)$	

**Table S5.** HMBC and NOESY correlations of oligosaccharide *moieties attached at C-3, C-28, and C-21 of compounds* 1-2 *(in pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>; \delta in ppm)*