



Phytochemical Constituents of *Capsella bursa-pastoris* and Their Anti-inflammatory Activity

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Abstract – Phytochemical investigation of 80% MeOH extract of the aerial parts of *Capsella bursa-pastoris* yielded fourteen compounds (**1** - **14**). The structures of the compounds were elucidated by spectroscopic methods to be methyl-1-thio- β -D-glucopyranosyl disulfide (**1**), 10-methylsulphinyl-decanenitrile (**2**), 11-methyl-sulphinyl-undecanenitrile (**3**), 1-*O*-(lauroyl)glycerol (**4**), phytene-1, 2-diol (**5**), (3*S*,5*R*,6*S*,7*E*)-5,6-epoxy-3-hydroxy-7-megastigmen-9-one (**6**), loliolide (**7**), β -sitosterol (**8**), 3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propanone (**9**), 1-feruloyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**10**), pinoresinol-4'-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**11**), luteolin (**12**), quercetin-3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**13**), and luteolin 6-*C*- β -glucopyranoside (**14**). Although compound **1** was reported as synthetic compound, **1** was first isolated from natural source. NMR spectral data assignments of **1**, **2** and **3** were reported for the first time, and compounds **1** - **14** were for the first time reported from this plant source. The anti-inflammatory effects of **1** - **14** were evaluated in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated murine microglia BV-2 cells. Compounds **12** exhibited strong inhibitory effects on nitric oxide production in LPS-activated BV-2 cells with IC₅₀ values of 9.70 μ M.

Keywords – *Capsella bursa-pastoris*, Cruciferae, Sulfur compound

Introduction

Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medik (Cruciferae), commonly known as Shepherd's purse, is widely distributed throughout the world.¹ The root of this plant was edible and has been used in Korean folk medicine for the treatment of edema and hypertension.² Previous phytochemical investigation on this plant reported the isolation of flavonoids, terpenoids and phenolic compounds,²⁻⁴ with their biological studies, such as anti-microbial, anti-bacterial, anti-tumor, and liver catalase activities.⁵⁻⁷ As parts of our search for biologically active compounds from Korean natural plant sources, we investigated the constituents of the aerial parts of *C. bursa-pastoris* and reported the isolation of phenolic glycosides and their anti-inflammatory effects.⁸ In our continuing study on this plant source, we further isolated fourteen compounds, including three sulfur compounds (**1** - **3**). The structures

of these compounds were elucidated by physicochemical and spectroscopic methods. The isolated compounds (**1** - **14**) were evaluated for their potential inhibitory effects on NO production in LPS-activated microglia BV-2 cell line.

Experimental

General experimental procedures – Melting point was determined on Gallenkamp melting point apparatus. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1020 polarimeter in MeOH. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS-66/S FT-IR spectrometer. HR-FAB-MS spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMS700 mass spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III 700 NMR spectrometer at 700 MHz (¹H) and 175 MHz (¹³C). Preparative high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was conducted using a Gilson 306 pump with Shodex refractive index detector and Phenomenex-Luna-10 μ -silica-(2) column (250 \times 10.00 mm) or YMC J'sphere ODS-M80 column (250 \times 10.00 mm). Low-pressure liquid chromatography (LPLC) was carried out on a Merck LiChroprep Lobar[®]-A RP-C₁₈ and Si 60 column (240 \times 10

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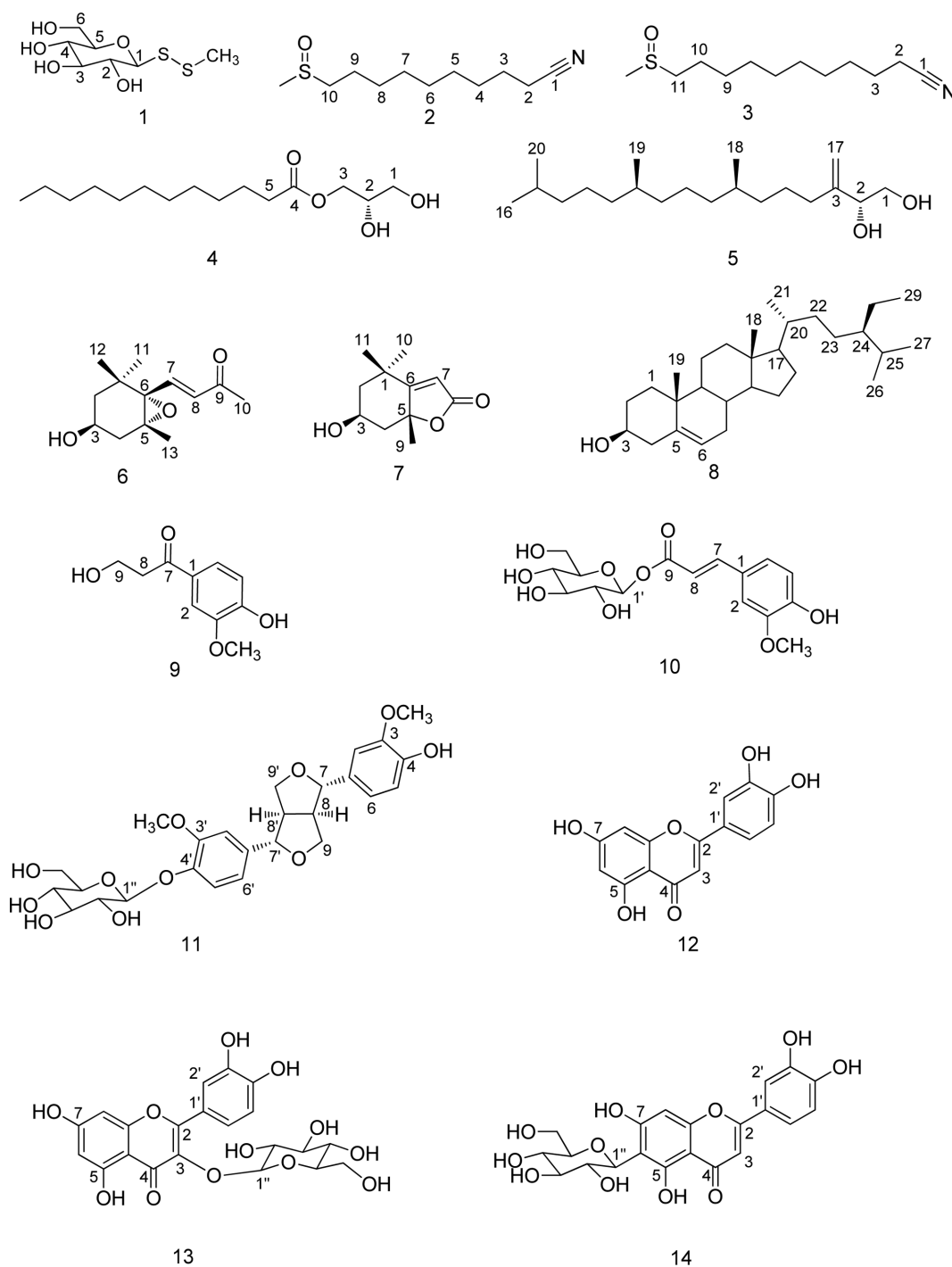


Fig. 1. The structures of 1 - 14 isolated from *C. bursa-pastoris*.

mm) with an FMI QSY-0 pump (ISCO). Silica gel 60 (Merck, 70 – 230 and 230 - 400 mesh) and RP-C18 silica gel (Merck, 230 - 400 mesh) were used for column chromatography. The packing material for molecular sieve column chromatography was Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia Co.). TLC was performed using Merck precoated Silica gel F254 plates and RP-18 F254s plates. Spots were

detected by thin layer chromatography (TLC) under UV light or by heating after spraying with anisaldehyde-sulfuric acid.

Plant materials – Whole plants of *C. bursa-pastoris* (2.5 kg) were purchased from Anmyeon-Island, Chungcheongnam-do, Korea in March 2015. A voucher specimen (SKKU-NPL 1410) has been deposited in the herbarium

of the School of Pharmacy, Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, Korea.

Extraction and isolation – The whole plants of *C. bursa-pastoris* (2.5 kg) were extracted three times with 80% aqueous MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a MeOH extract (280 g), which was suspended in distilled water (800 mL) and solvent-partitioned to *given*-hexane (33.0 g), CHCl₃ (5.0 g), EtOAc (4.0 g), and *n*-BuOH (26.0 g). The CHCl₃ layer (4.0 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column (CHCl₃-MeOH = 40:1 → 1:1) to yielded six fractions (C1–C6). Fraction C1 (1.1 g) was separated over a silica gel column (CHCl₃-MeOH = 40:1 → 1:1) to give eight subfractions (C11–C18). Fraction C13 (248 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography eluted with 100% MeOH as to give seven subfractions (C131–C137). Subfraction C137 (20 mg) was purified with a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (100% MeOH) to yield **5** (20 mg). Fraction C2 (671 mg) was separated on a silica gel column (CHCl₃-MeOH = 100:1 → 1:1) to give eight subfractions (C21–C28). Subfraction C26 (207 mg) was chromatographed over RP-C₁₈ silica Lobar[®]-A (80% MeOH) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (65% MeOH) to yield **2** (48 mg), **3** (20 mg) and **4** (5 mg). Subfraction C27 (116 mg) was chromatographed over RP-C₁₈ silica Lobar[®]-A (80% MeOH) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (40% MeOH) to yield **6** (5 mg), **7** (5 mg) and **9** (5 mg). Subfraction C28 (20 mg) was purified with a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (100% MeOH) to yield **5** (5 mg). The EtOAc layer (4.0 g) was separated on a RP-C₁₈ silica gel column with 40–100% MeOH to yielded sixteen fractions (E1–E16). Fraction E3 (120 mg) was chromatographed over silica Lobar[®]-A (CHCl₃-MeOH-H₂O = 4:1:0.1) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (10% MeCN) to yield **1** (15 mg) and **10** (17 mg). Fraction E5 (150 mg) was chromatographed over a Sephadex LH-20 column (85% MeOH) to yield five subfractions (E51–E55). Subfraction E55 (31 mg) was purified with a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (20% MeCN) to yield **14** (9 mg). Fraction E8 (116 mg) was chromatographed over silica Lobar[®]-A (EtOAc-MeOH-H₂O = 5:1:0.1) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (25% MeCN) to yield **11** (10 mg). Fraction E11 (150 mg) was chromatographed over a Sephadex LH-20 column (100% MeOH) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (10% MeCN) to yield **13** (38 mg). Fraction E13 (208 mg) was chromatographed over silica Lobar[®]-A (CHCl₃-MeOH-H₂O = 7:1:0.1) and a RP-C₁₈ prep HPLC (30% MeCN) to yield **12** (11 mg).

Methyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranosyl disulfide (1) – Yellowish gum. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$: -78.0 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3412, 2875, 1642, 1031 cm⁻¹; ¹H, ¹³C NMR see

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **1** in CD₃OD (δ in ppm, 700 MHz for ¹H and 175 MHz for ¹³C)

Position	1	
	δ_H (<i>J</i> in Hz)	δ_C
1	4.37 d (9.4)	92.3
2	3.50m	72.8
3	3.40t (8.8)	79.6
4	3.30 m	71.6
5	3.30 m	82.61
6	3.64 dd (12.0, 5.5)	63.2
	3.86 dd (12.0, 1.8)	63.2
S-CH ₃	2.50 m	24.9

¹H and ¹³C NMR data were recorded at 700 and 175 MHz, respectively.

Coupling constants (in Hz) are given in parentheses.

Table 1; HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) *m/z*: 265.0178 [M+Na]⁺ (calcd for C₇H₁₄O₅S₂Na, 265.0180).

10-Methylsulphinyl-decanenitrile (2) – Colorless gum. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$: -8.3 (*c* 0.01, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3420, 3010, 2204, 1665, 1483, 1035, 984, 671 cm⁻¹; ¹H, ¹³C NMR see Table 2; HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) *m/z*: 216.1424 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₁H₂₂NOS, 216.1422).

11-Methylsulphinyl-undecanenitrile (3) – Colorless gum. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$: -10.1 (*c* 0.01, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3213, 3102, 2306, 1664, 1427, 1028, 991, 598 cm⁻¹; ¹H, ¹³C NMR see Table 2; HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) *m/z*: 230.1580 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₂H₂₄NOS, 230.1579).

1-O-(Lauroyl)glycerol (4) – Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz): δ 4.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, H-3a), 4.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.7 Hz, H-3b), 3.81 (1H, m, H-1b), 3.66 (1H, m, H-2), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.1, 5.8 Hz, H-1a), 2.30 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-5), 1.62 (2H, m, H-6), 1.31 (18H, brs, H-7 to 14), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H-15); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 175 MHz): δ 173.0 (C-4), 70.1 (C-2), 64.8 (C-3), 63.3 (C-1), 33.7 (C-5), 31.5 (C-13), 28.9 (C-11), 28.9 (C-10), 28.9 (C-9), 28.8 (C-12), 28.8 (C-8), 28.7 (C-7), 25.1 (C-6), 22.3 (C-14), 13.8 (C-15); FABMS *m/z* 273.1 [M+H]⁺.

Phytene-1,2-diol (5) – Colorless gum. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 700 MHz): δ 5.00 (1H, s, H-17a), 4.84 (1H, s, H-17b), 4.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.2 Hz, H-2), 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.5, 4.0 Hz, H-1a), 3.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.1 Hz, H-1b), 2.20–2.01 (2H, m, H-4), 1.57–1.06 (19H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-16), 0.88 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-18, 20), 0.85 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-19); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 175 MHz): δ 151.0 (C-3), 109.1 (C-17), 74.3 (C-2), 65.5 (C-1), 38.2 (C-14), 37.0 (C-8), 36.9 (C-10, 12), 36.8 (C-6), 33.1 (C-4), 31.0 (C-7, 11), 28.5 (C-15), 26.4 (C-5), 23.5 (C-13), 23.1 (C-9), 22.4 (C-20), 22.5 (C-16), 19.0 (C-19),

Table 2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of **2** and **3** in CDCl_3 (δ in ppm, 700 MHz for ^1H and 175 MHz for ^{13}C)

Position	2		3	
	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}
1		119.8		119.9
2	2.28 t (7.0)	17.1	2.32t (7.1)	17.2
3	1.59 m	25.3	1.64m	25.3
4	1.23-1.30 m	28.9	1.25-1.29 m	29.2
5	1.38 m	28.6	1.38 m	28.8
6	1.38 m	28.7	1.38 m	28.9
7	1.23-1.30 m	28.5	1.25-1.29 m	28.7
8	1.23-1.30 m	29.0	1.25-1.29 m	28.7
9	1.70 m	22.5	1.25-1.29 m	29.3
10	2.66 m	54.7	1.74 m	22.6
	2.58 m			
11			2.73 m	54.6
			2.65 m	
CH_3SO	2.51 s	38.6	2.57 s	38.6

^1H and ^{13}C NMR data were recorded at 700 and 175 MHz, respectively. Coupling constants (in Hz) are given in parentheses.

18.9 (C-18); FABMS m/z 313.3 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

(3S,5R,6S,7E)-5,6-Epoxy-3-hydroxy-7-megastigmen-9-one (6) – Colorless gum. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$: -53.4 (c 0.01, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 700 MHz): δ 7.05 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz, H-7), 6.31 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz, H-8), 3.93 (1H, m, H-3), 2.41 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 5.0 Hz, H-4a), 2.31 (3H, s, CH_3 -10), 1.68 (1H, dd, J = 14.6, 9.2 Hz, H-4b), 1.60 (1H, dd, J = 12.2, 4.2 Hz, H-2a), 1.30 (1H, dd, J = 12.2, 10.2 Hz, H-2b), 1.22 (3H, s, CH_3 -13), 1.20 (3H, s, CH_3 -11), 1.00 (3H, s, CH_3 -12); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 175 MHz): δ 197.6 (C-9), 142.6 (C-7), 132.8 (C-8), 69.6 (C-6), 67.4 (C-5), 64.2 (C-3), 46.8 (C-4), 40.8 (C-2), 35.3 (C-1), 29.5 (C-11), 28.5 (C-10), 25.2 (C-12), 20.0 (C-13); FABMS m/z 225.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Loliolide (7) – Colorless gum. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21}$: -32.1 (c 0.01, CHCl_3); ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 700 MHz): δ 5.72 (1H, s, H-7), 4.36 (1H, m, H-3), 2.49 (1H, td, J = 13.8 Hz, H-4 α), 2.00 (1H, dd, J = 14.4 Hz, H-2 α), 1.81 (3H, s, H-9), 1.74 (1 H, d, J = 3.3 Hz, H-4 β), 1.60 (1 H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-2 β), 1.50 (3H, s, H-10), 1.30 (3H, s, H-11); ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 175 MHz): δ 185.6 (C-8), 171.4 (C-6), 112.5 (C-7), 87.6 (C-5), 65.2 (C-3), 48.3 (C-2), 47.0 (C-4), 38.1 (C-1), 32.5 (C-9), 27.3 (C-10), 27.0 (C-11); FABMS m/z 197.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

β -Sitosterol (8) – White powder, mp. 145 °C; ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 700 MHz): δ 5.35 (1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, H-6), 3.53 (1H, m, H-3), 1.06 (3H, s, H-19), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-21), 0.92 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-26), 0.80 (3H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, H-29), 0.76 (3H, s, H-18). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 175

MHz): δ 141.7 (C-5), 120.9 (C-6), 73.4 (C-3), 58.0 (C-14), 56.3 (C-17), 51.2 (C-9), 47.0 (C-24), 46.1 (C-4), 43.5 (C-13), 40.3 (C-12), 38.2 (C-1), 35.1 (C-10), 36.2 (C-20), 34.0 (C-22), 32.8 (C-2), 31.5 (C-8), 29.4 (C-25), 27.9 (C-16), 26.5 (C-23), 25.8 (C-15), 23.4 (C-28), 20.6 (C-11), 20.0 (C-27), 19.3 (C-26), 19.1 (C-21), 19.0 (C-19), 12.0 (C-29), 11.9 (C-18); FABMS m/z 415.3 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

3-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propa-none (9) – Colorless gum. ^1H -NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, H-6), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-2), 6.95 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-5), 4.02 (2H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, H-5), 3.96 (3H, s, 3-OCH₃), 3.18 (2H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, H-5); ^{13}C -NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 199.3 (C-7), 152.4 (C-3), 148.4 (C-4), 131.0 (C-1), 123.8 (C-6), 115.4 (C-5), 111.9 (C-2), 58.5 (C-9), 56.5 (OCH₃), 50.8 (C-3), 41.6 (C-8); FABMS m/z 197.0 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

1-Feruloyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (10) – Yellowish gum. ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.72 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H-8), 7.19 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, H-2), 7.09 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, H-6), 6.82 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, H-5), 6.39 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H-7), 5.58 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, H-1'), 3.86 (1H, s, 3-OCH₃), 3.83 (1H, m, H-6'), 3.70 (1H, m, H-3'), 3.43 (1H, m, H-5'), 3.31 (1H, m, H-2'), 3.23 (1H, m, H-4'); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 151.1 (C-9), 149.3 (C-4), 147.6 (C-3), 147.4 (C-7), 137.6 (C-1), 133.9 (C-6), 120.2 (C-8), 119.9 (C-2), 95.9 (C-1'), 78.9 (C-3'), 78.2 (C-5'), 74.2 (C-2'), 71.9 (C-4'), 62.3 (C-6'), 56.9 (3-OCH₃); FABMS m/z 357.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Pinoresinol-4'- β -D-glucopyranoside (11) – Yellowish

gum. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$: +21.3 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.14 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz, H-5), 7.02 (1H, d, $J=1.9$ Hz, H-2), 6.94 (1H, d, $J=1.8$ Hz, H-2'), 6.91 (1H, dd, $J=8.3, 1.9$ Hz, H-6), 6.81 (1H, dd, $J=8.1, 1.9$ Hz, H-6'), 6.77 (1H, d, $J=8.1$ Hz, H-5'), 4.88 (1H, d, $J=7.8$ Hz, H-1''), 4.76 (1H, d, $J=4.1$ Hz, H-7), 4.70 (1H, d, $J=4.5$ Hz, H-7'), 4.24 (2H, m, H-9a, 9'a), 3.86 (3H, s, 3-OCH₃), 3.85 (3H, s, 3'-OCH₃), 3.82 (2H, m, H-9b, 9'b), 3.70 - 3.26 (5H, m, sugar-H), 3.12 (2H, m, H-8, 8'); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 151.1 (C-4), 149.3 (C-4'), 147.6 (C-3'), 147.4 (C-3), 137.6 (C-1), 133.9 (C-1'), 120.2 (C-6'), 119.9 (C-6), 118.2 (C-5), 116.2 (C-5'), 111.8 (C-2), 111.2 (C-2'), 102.9 (C-1''), 87.6 (C-7), 87.2 (C-7), 78.3 (C-5''), 78.0 (C-3''), 75.1 (C-2''), 72.8 (C-9'), 72.8 (C-9), 71.4 (C-4''), 62.6 (C-6''), 56.9 (3-OCH₃), 56.6 (3'-OCH₃), 55.6 (C-8'), 55.5 (C-8); FABMS m/z 521.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Luteolin (12) – Yellowish gum. ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.40 (1H, dd, $J=8.4, 2.0$ Hz, H-6'), 7.38 (1H, d, $J=2.0$ Hz, H-2'), 6.89 (1H, d, $J=8.4$ Hz, H-5'), 6.53 (1H, s, H-3), 6.43 (1H, s, H-8), 6.19 (1H, s, H-6); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 184.1 (C-4), 166.3 (C-7), 166.1 (C-2), 163.2 (C-5), 159.5 (C-9), 151.7 (C-4'), 147.2 (C-3'), 123.1 (C-1'), 120.4 (C-6'), 116.9 (C-5'), 114.3 (C-2'), 105.4 (C-10), 104.5 (C-3), 100.2 (C-6), 95.1 (C-8); FABMS m/z 287.0 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (13) – Yellowish gum. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$: -20.3 (*c* 0.01, MeOH); ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.72 (1H, br s, H-2'), 7.59 (1H, d, $J=8.2$ Hz, H-6'), 6.87 (1H, d, $J=8.2$ Hz, H-5'), 6.37 (1H, s, H-6), 6.19 (1H, s, H-8), 5.24 (1H, s, $J=7.3$ Hz, H-1''), 3.72 (1H, dd, $J=14.1, 1.30$ Hz, H-6''), 3.58 (1H, dd, $J=11.5, 5.3$ Hz, H-3''), 3.50 (1H, td, $J=10.5, 7.1$ Hz, H-5''), 3.36 (1H, m, H-2''), 3.23 (1H, m, H-4''); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 173.6 (C-4), 166.2 (C-7), 163.2 (C-5), 153.1 (C-9), 158.6 (C-2), 150 (C-4'), 146.1 (C-3'), 135.7 (C-3), 123.3 (C-6'), 123.2 (C-1'), 117.7 (C-5'), 116.5 (C-2'), 105.8 (C-10), 104.5 (C-1''), 100.1 (C-6), 94.8 (C-8), 78.5 (C-3''), 78.2 (C-5''), 75.8 (C-2''), 71.3 (C-4''), 62.7 (C-6''); FABMS m/z 465.0 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Luteolin 6-C- β -glucopyranoside (14) – Yellowish gum. ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 700 MHz): δ 7.36 (2H, br s, H-2', 6'), 6.89 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz, H-5'), 6.54 (1H, s, H-3), 6.48 (1H, s, H-8), 4.90 (1H, d, $J=9.9$ Hz, H-1''), 4.16 (1H, t, $J=9.1, 8.4$ Hz, H-2''), 3.88 (1H, dd, $J=12.1, 1.8$ Hz, H-6''a), 3.74 (1H, dd, $J=12.1, 5.1$ Hz, H-6''b), 3.48 (1H, m, H-5''), 3.42 (1H, m, H-4''), 3.41 (1H, m, H-3''); ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 175 MHz): δ 184.1 (C-4), 165.1 (C-7), 162.2 (C-5), 158.8 (C-9), 151.2 (C-4'), 147.2 (C-3'), 123.7 (C-1'), 120.5 (C-6'), 116.9 (C-5'), 116.4 (C-2), 105.3 (C-10), 95.3 (C-8), 82.7 (C-5''), 80.3 (C-3''), 75.5 (C-1''), 72.7 (C-4''),

71.9 (C-2''), 63.1 (C-6''); FABMS m/z 449.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

Measurement of nitric oxide production and cell viability – BV 2 cells were plated into a 96-well plate (3×10^4 cells/well). After 24 h, cells were pretreated with compounds **1** - **14** for 30 min, and then stimulated with 100 ng/ml of LPS for another 24 h. Nitrite, a soluble oxidation product of NO, was measured in the culture media using the Griess reaction. The supernatant was harvested and mixed with an equal volume of Griess reagent (1% sulfanilamide, 0.1% N-1 naphthylethylenediamine dihydrochloride in 5% phosphoric acid). After 10 min, the absorbance at 570 nm was measured using a microplate reader. Sodium nitrite was used as a standard to calculate the NO₂- concentration. Cell viability was assessed by a 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay. NG-mono-methyl-L-arginine (L-NMMA, Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA), a well-known nitric oxide synthase (NOS) inhibitor, was tested as a positive control.

Result and Discussion

Structures of compounds **4** - **14** were determined by comparing ^1H , ^{13}C NMR, and MS spectral data with those in the literatures to be 1-*O*-(lauroyl)glycerol (**4**),⁹ phytene-1,2-diol (**5**),¹⁰ (3*S*,5*R*,6*S*,7*E*)-5,6-epoxy-3-hydroxy-7-megastigmen-9-one (**6**),¹¹ loliolide (**7**),¹² β -sitosterol (**8**),¹³ 3-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propanone (**9**),¹⁴ 1-feruloyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**10**),¹⁵ pinoreosinol-4'-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**11**),¹⁶ luteolin (**12**),¹⁷ quercetin-3-*O*- β -D-glucopyranoside (**13**),¹⁸ and luteolin 6-*C*- β -glucopyranoside (**14**).¹⁹ Compounds **1** - **14** were first isolated from this source. The following describes the structure elucidation of **1**, which was first isolated from natural source, although it was reported as synthetic compound.²⁰ Since NMR spectral data of **2** and **3** have not been reported, the NMR data were explained and assigned (Table 2).

Compound **1** was obtained as a yellowish gum. From the HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) m/z : 265.0178 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{Na}$, 265.0180), the molecular formula was deduced to be $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$. The IR spectrum of **1** indicated the presence of hydroxyl (3412 cm^{-1}) and C-O functional groups (1031 cm^{-1}). The ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** showed signals for a methyl group [δ_{H} 2.50 (3H, s, S-CH₃)], four oxygenated methine proton signals [δ_{H} 3.50 (1H, m, H-2), 3.40 (1H, t, $J=8.8$ Hz, H-3), and 3.69 (2H, m, H-4, 5)] and two oxygenated methylene proton signals [δ_{H} 3.86 (1H, dd, $J=16.0, 5.5$ Hz, H-6a), and 3.64 (1H, dd, $J=16.0, 1.8$ Hz, H-6b)] and an anomeric proton adjacent to disulfide group [δ_{H} 4.37 (1H, d, $J=9.4$ Hz, H-

1)]. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum showed 7 carbon signals, including one methyl carbon [δ_{C} 24.9 (S-CH₃)], four oxygenated methine carbons [δ_{C} 82.6 (C-5), 79.6 (C-3), 72.8 (C-2), and 71.6 (C-4)], an anomeric carbon [δ_{C} 92.3 (C-1)]. The β -form of D-glucose was confirmed by the large coupling constant (9.4 Hz, **1**; 5.4 Hz, α -form; 9.1 Hz, β -form).²¹ This spectroscopic data were very similar to those of ethyl 1-thio- β -D-glucopyranosyl disulfide²⁰ except that the absence of a methylene group [δ_{H} 2.86; δ_{C} 33.8]. Based on the above evidences, the structure of **1** was elucidated as methyl-1-thio- β -D-glucopyranosyl disulfide.

Compound **2** was isolated as a colorless gum. The molecular formula was determined to be C₁₁H₂₁NOS from HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) m/z : 216.1424 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₁H₂₂NOS, 216.1422). The IR spectrum of **2** displayed characteristic absorption band of C \equiv N (2204 cm⁻¹). The ^1H -NMR spectrum showed the presence of a methylene signals [δ_{H} 2.66 (1H, m, H-10a), and 2.58 (1H, m, H-10b)] and a methyl group [δ_{H} 2.51 (3H, s, Me-12)]. Additionally, eight methylene protons were shown [δ_{H} 2.28 (2H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, H-2), 1.70 (2H, m, H-9), 1.59 (2H, m, H-3), 1.38 (4H, m, H-5, 6), and 1.23 - 1.30 (6H, m, H-4, 7, 8)]. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum showed 11 carbon signals, including a nitrile carbon at δ_{C} 119.8 (C \equiv N), a methyl sulfoxide at δ_{C} 38.6 (CH₃SO), two characteristic methylene carbons [δ_{C} 54.7 (C-10), and 17.1 (C-2)], and seven methylene carbons [δ_{C} 29.0 (C-8), 28.9 (C-3), 28.7 (C-6), 28.6 (C-5), 28.5 (C-7), 25.3(C-3), and 22.5 (C-9)]. These spectroscopic data was very similar to those of 9-(methylsulphonyl)-nonanenitrile²² except that the presence of a methylene group [δ_{H} 1.23; δ_{C} 28.6]. Thus, the structure of **2** was elucidated as 10-methylsulphonyl-decanenitrile.

Compound **3** was isolated as a colorless gum. The molecular formula was determined to be C₁₂H₂₃NOS from HR-FAB-MS (positive-ion mode) m/z : 230.1580 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for C₁₂H₂₄NOS, 230.1579). The IR spectrum of **3** displayed C \equiv N (2306 cm⁻¹) functional group. Its ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR data were very similar to those of **2** except for an additional methylene group [δ_{H} 1.25; δ_{C} 28.7]. Thus, the structure of **3** was elucidated as 11-methylsulphonyl-undecanenitrile.²²

Anti-inflammatory activity of the isolates (**1** - **14**) was evaluated by measuring the levels of nitric oxide (NO) production in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-activated microglia BV-2 cells. Compound **12** significantly inhibited NO levels with IC₅₀ value of 9.70 μM better than positive control (17.40 μM). Compounds **1** and **4** showed moderate NO product inhibitory (44.10 μM and 32.60 μM , respectively), but the other compounds showed little effects (Table 3).

Table 3. Effects of compounds **1** - **14** on NO production in LPS-activated BV-2 cells

Compound	IC ₅₀ ^a (mM)	Cell viability ^b (%)
1	44.10	118.28 \pm 6.54
2	75.23	136.44 \pm 5.13
3	144.64	117.91 \pm 8.44
4	32.60	136.20 \pm 11.20
5	153.71	152.92 \pm 3.50
6	167.24	117.44 \pm 2.83
7	>500	114.70 \pm 8.48
8	77.12	119.36 \pm 6.1
9	259.50	135.42 \pm 10.68
10	63.55	112.15 \pm 2.94
11	266.61	107.41 \pm 2.63
12	9.70	137.66 \pm 3.11
13	77.17	119.36 \pm 6.13
14	146.69	120.36 \pm 3.88
^c L-NMMA	17.40	110.21 \pm 4.56

^aThe IC₅₀ value of each compound was defined as the concentration (μM) that caused 50% inhibition of NO production in LPS-activated BV-2 cells; ^bCell viability after treatment with 20 μM of each compound was determined by the MTT assay and is expressed as a percentage (%). The results are averages of three independent experiments, and the data are expressed as mean \pm SD; ^c L-NMMA was used as a positive control

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