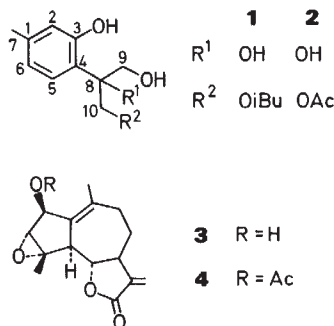


# A Further Guaianolide from *Kaunia arbuscularis*

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From the aerial parts of *Kaunia arbuscularis* (B. L. Robins.) K. et R. (Compositae, tribe Eupatorieae), in addition to compounds reported previously (1), we now have isolated novanin (2), the thymol derivatives **1** (3) and **2** as well as the epoxide **3**.

The structure of **2** could be easily deduced from the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (s. Experimental) which, of course, was close to that of **1**. The structure of **3** also clearly followed from the spectral data, especially as the corresponding acetate **4** was isolated previously from a *Grosvenoria* species (4). As expected, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR signals (s. Experimental) of 2-H and 3-H are shifted. Spin decoupling allowed the assignment of all signals. The biological tests of **3** and investigations of species related to this group are in progress.



Plant material was collected in January 1983 in Peru. The air dried aerial parts (270 g) (voucher RMK 9160, deposited in the US National Herbarium, Washington) were extracted with ether/methanol, 1 : 1, and the resulting extract was separated first by column chromatography (CC, SiO<sub>2</sub>) and further by repeated TLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, PF 254). The polar CC fractions (ether/methanol, 10 : 1) gave, in addition to the compounds isolated previously (1), 20 mg novanin, 12 mg **1**, 12 mg **2**, 24 mg **3** (TLC: Et<sub>2</sub>O/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1 : 2 : 2) and 59 mg **4** (same solvent mixture). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of **1** and of novanin were identical with those of authentic material.

## 10-Acetoxy-8,9-dihydroxythymol (**2**)

Colourless oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3410 (OH), 1620 (aromat.); MS: 240.099 (6) (M<sup>+</sup>) (calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 240.099), 167 (91) (M - CH<sub>2</sub>O - Ac), 149 (100) (167 - H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 6.72 (1H, br, s, 2-H), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 8, 5-H), 6.67 (1H, br, d, *J* = 8, 6-H), 2.28 (3H, s, 7-H), 3.89 and 3.81 (each 1H, d, *J* = 12, 9-H), 4.53 and 4.46 (1H each, *J* = 12, 10-H), 2.09 (3H, s, OAc).

## 2 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-3 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ -epoxy-3,4-dihydrokaunolide (**3**)

Colourless oil; IR  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3580 (OH), 1770 ( $\gamma$ -lactone); MS: 262.121 (M<sup>+</sup>) (12) (calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 262.121), 247 (12) (M - CH<sub>3</sub>), 244 (9) (M - H<sub>2</sub>O), 151 (82), 135 (82), 91 (90), 53 (100); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 4.66 (1H, br, s, 2-H), 3.53 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5, 3-H), 3.25 (1H, br, d, *J* = 10, 5-H), 3.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 10 and 10, 6-H), 2.77 (1H, dddd, *J* = 11, 10, 3, 3, 3, 7-H), 6.14 (1H, d, *J* = 3), 5.41 (1H, d, *J* = 3), 1.97 (3H, br, s, 14-H), 1.66 (3H, s, 15-H); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = +85 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* = 0.5).

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