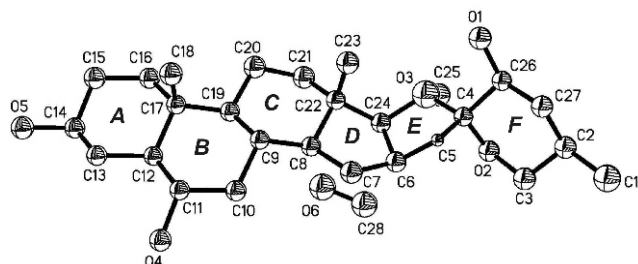


# Crystal structure of $3\beta,6\alpha,23\alpha$ -trihydroxy- $5\alpha,25R$ -spirostane — methanol (1:1), $C_{27}H_{45}O_5$ $\cdot$ $CH_3OH$ , isolated from *Agave sisalana*

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## Abstract

$C_{28}H_{49}O_6$ , orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$  (no. 19),  $a = 8.689(2)$  Å,  $b = 13.516(3)$  Å,  $c = 22.545(5)$  Å,  $V = 2647.6$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{int}}(F) = 0.063$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.195$ ,  $T = 296$  K.

## Source of material

Generally, for the separation of the steroid sapogenins and saponins, paper chromatography, silica gel thin layer chromatography and silica gel column chromatography can be used [1–4]. This separation experiment has made use of a method of silica gel column chromatography, and the main experimental steps are as follows. The ethanol extract of *Agave sisalana* (200.0 g) has been added to a methanol–water solution (1:1, 8 L); Then the upper solution has been separated from the precipitate and concentrated to obtain an extract (108.3 g); The extract has been dissolved in a methanol–water solution (1:1, 4 L), and ethyl acetate (3 L) was added for a liquid–liquid extraction; The upper ethyl acetate layer has been concentrated to obtain a pale yellow extract (23.3 g); Then the ethyl acetate extract was separated by silica gel column chromatography, and the eluting solutions are as follows: petroleum ether – ethyl acetate (2:1), petroleum ether – ethyl acetate (1:1), petroleum ether – ethyl acetate (1:3), ethyl acetate, methanol – ethyl acetate (1:9), methanol – ethyl acetate (1:4), methanol – ethyl acetate (1:1), and methanol. Colorless block-shaped crystals of hongguanggenin ( $3\beta,6\alpha,23\alpha$ -trihydroxy- $5\alpha,25R$ -spirostane) were found in the methanol – ethyl acetate (1:9) portion.

## Experimental details

All H atoms were positioned geometrically ( $d(\text{C}–\text{H}) = 0.82$ – $0.98$  Å) and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}$ . The Flack parameter is  $-0.7(17)$ , based on 1997 Friedel pairs.

## Discussion

*Agave sisalana* is an agave, *Agavaceae*, perennial herb. The extract of *Agave sisalana* can be used to treat, e. g., tuberculosis, subcutaneous tissue, hemafecia, dysentery, skin ulcer, hemorrhoids [5]. The steroid sapogenins and saponins from *Agave sisalana* have proved to be cytotoxic, antifungal, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory [6,7]. Research has shown that the activity

of the steroidal saponins can be associated with their aglycone moieties and the number and structure of monosaccharide units in their sugar chains. Hongguanggenin ( $3\beta,6\alpha,23\alpha$ -trihydroxy- $5\alpha,25R$ -spirostane) is a steroidal sapogenin and isolated from *Agave sisalana* [8]. In order to find out the structure activity relationship of hongguanggenin and its saponin, and increase the utilization of *Agave sisalana*, the data of crystal structure of hongguanggenin are useful.

In the molecule of the title compound, all bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges. Six carbon atoms in ring *A* (C12–C17), ring *B* (C9–C12/C17/C19), ring *C* (C8/C9/C19–C22), and ring *F* (C2/C3/O2/C4/C26/C27) are all in chair conformation. Five carbon atoms in ring *D* (C6–C8/C22/C24) have an envelope form with C8 as the out-of-plane atom. Five carbon atoms in ring *E* (C4–C6/C24/O3) also has an envelope form with C5 as the out-of-plane atom. In the crystal, adjacent molecules are linked by intermolecular C–H  $\cdots$  O hydrogen bonding to form a supramolecular network. The intermolecular O–H  $\cdots$  O hydrogen-bonding interactions are formed by atoms O1, O4, O5, and O6 belonging to hydroxy groups, resulting in a 3D supramolecular structures.

**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

|                                                         |                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal:                                                | colorless block, size 0.28 0.31 0.38 mm            |
| Wavelength:                                             | Mo $K_{\alpha}$ radiation (0.71073 Å)              |
| $\mu$ :                                                 | 0.83 cm <sup>−1</sup>                              |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                              | Bruker SMART CCD, $\varphi/\omega$                 |
| $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ :                                | 50°                                                |
| $N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ : | 14344, 4653                                        |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ : | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 4340 |
| $N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :                    | 309                                                |
| Programs:                                               | SHELXS-97, SHELXL-97, SHELXTL [9]                  |

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom  | Site | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}$ |
|-------|------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|
| H(1)  | 4a   | 0.6170   | 0.0583   | 0.0834   | 0.062            |
| H(4)  | 4a   | 0.1224   | 0.3451   | 0.4013   | 0.058            |
| H(5)  | 4a   | 0.1341   | 0.1074   | 0.6203   | 0.069            |
| H(6)  | 4a   | 0.8890   | 0.3404   | 0.3419   | 0.119            |
| H(1B) | 4a   | 0.7455   | 0.2563   | 0.0886   | 0.092            |
| H(1C) | 4a   | 0.5871   | 0.2096   | 0.0706   | 0.092            |
| H(1D) | 4a   | 0.7082   | 0.1464   | 0.1056   | 0.092            |
| H(2A) | 4a   | 0.8744   | 0.1482   | 0.0239   | 0.049            |
| H(3A) | 4a   | 0.8081   | 0.2988   | 0.0164   | 0.053            |
| H(3B) | 4a   | 0.6472   | 0.2575   | 0.0359   | 0.053            |
| H(5A) | 4a   | 0.5324   | 0.0811   | 0.1266   | 0.016            |
| H(5B) | 4a   | 0.5444   | 0.1775   | 0.0875   | 0.016            |
| H(6A) | 4a   | 0.6137   | 0.2713   | 0.1654   | 0.044            |
| H(7A) | 4a   | 0.3632   | 0.1484   | 0.1891   | 0.048            |
| H(7B) | 4a   | 0.3784   | 0.2616   | 0.2059   | 0.048            |
| H(8A) | 4a   | 0.5295   | 0.2278   | 0.2860   | 0.038            |
| H(9A) | 4a   | 0.2977   | 0.0833   | 0.2992   | 0.037            |

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Table 2. Continued.

| Atom   | Site | x      | y      | z      | U <sub>iso</sub> |
|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| H(10A) | 4a   | 0.3089 | 0.2849 | 0.3340 | 0.041            |
| H(10B) | 4a   | 0.1885 | 0.2385 | 0.2905 | 0.041            |
| H(11A) | 4a   | 0.0577 | 0.1634 | 0.3660 | 0.038            |
| H(12A) | 4a   | 0.2893 | 0.2261 | 0.4454 | 0.037            |
| H(13A) | 4a   | 0.0494 | 0.2220 | 0.4928 | 0.043            |
| H(13B) | 4a   | 0.0327 | 0.1092 | 0.4774 | 0.043            |
| H(14A) | 4a   | 0.2651 | 0.1891 | 0.5515 | 0.045            |
| H(15A) | 4a   | 0.2190 | 0.0140 | 0.5262 | 0.051            |
| H(15B) | 4a   | 0.3480 | 0.0277 | 0.5680 | 0.051            |
| H(16A) | 4a   | 0.4489 | 0.0109 | 0.4737 | 0.047            |
| H(16B) | 4a   | 0.4730 | 0.1012 | 0.4887 | 0.047            |
| H(18A) | 4a   | 0.1404 | 0.0230 | 0.4308 | 0.064            |
| H(18B) | 4a   | 0.2787 | 0.0637 | 0.3934 | 0.064            |
| H(18C) | 4a   | 0.1614 | 0.0102 | 0.3646 | 0.064            |
| H(19A) | 4a   | 0.4851 | 0.1694 | 0.3881 | 0.039            |
| H(20A) | 4a   | 0.6170 | 0.0223 | 0.4015 | 0.055            |

Table 2. Continued.

| Atom   | Site | x      | y      | z      | U <sub>iso</sub> |
|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| H(20B) | 4a   | 0.5219 | 0.0282 | 0.3506 | 0.055            |
| H(21A) | 4a   | 0.7337 | 0.1293 | 0.3331 | 0.055            |
| H(21B) | 4a   | 0.7617 | 0.0197 | 0.3128 | 0.055            |
| H(23A) | 4a   | 0.6318 | 0.0493 | 0.2256 | 0.063            |
| H(23B) | 4a   | 0.5006 | 0.0100 | 0.1937 | 0.063            |
| H(23C) | 4a   | 0.4730 | 0.0335 | 0.2573 | 0.063            |
| H(24A) | 4a   | 0.7632 | 0.2042 | 0.2365 | 0.041            |
| H(25A) | 4a   | 1.0478 | 0.1026 | 0.1497 | 0.079            |
| H(25B) | 4a   | 1.0196 | 0.1229 | 0.2173 | 0.079            |
| H(25C) | 4a   | 0.9894 | 0.2067 | 0.1706 | 0.079            |
| H(26A) | 4a   | 0.8724 | 0.0309 | 0.0576 | 0.041            |
| H(27A) | 4a   | 0.5820 | 0.0758 | 0.0104 | 0.047            |
| H(27B) | 4a   | 0.7087 | 0.0136 | 0.0225 | 0.047            |
| H(28A) | 4a   | 0.8442 | 0.4639 | 0.2647 | 0.110            |
| H(28B) | 4a   | 0.8353 | 0.3601 | 0.2339 | 0.110            |
| H(28C) | 4a   | 0.9854 | 0.3919 | 0.2674 | 0.110            |

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom  | Site | x         | y         | z          | U <sub>11</sub> | U <sub>22</sub> | U <sub>33</sub> | U <sub>12</sub> | U <sub>13</sub> | U <sub>23</sub> |
|-------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| O(1)  | 4a   | 0.7107(3) | 0.0543(2) | 0.0870(1)  | 0.041(1)        | 0.032(1)        | 0.051(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.000(1)        | 0.005(1)        |
| O(2)  | 4a   | 0.8195(3) | 0.2082(2) | 0.0856(1)  | 0.045(1)        | 0.032(1)        | 0.041(1)        | 0.005(1)        | 0.003(1)        | 0.004(1)        |
| O(3)  | 4a   | 0.8178(4) | 0.1019(3) | 0.1713(2)  | 0.059(2)        | 0.075(2)        | 0.068(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.003(2)        | 0.005(2)        |
| O(4)  | 4a   | 0.0593(3) | 0.3045(2) | 0.3896(1)  | 0.034(1)        | 0.039(1)        | 0.043(1)        | 0.011(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| O(5)  | 4a   | 0.0874(3) | 0.1228(2) | 0.5901(1)  | 0.040(1)        | 0.065(2)        | 0.034(1)        | 0.004(1)        | 0.008(1)        | 0.005(1)        |
| O(6)  | 4a   | 0.8173(4) | 0.3546(3) | 0.3198(1)  | 0.060(2)        | 0.127(3)        | 0.053(2)        | 0.024(2)        | 0.011(2)        | 0.004(2)        |
| C(1)  | 4a   | 0.6949(6) | 0.1968(4) | 0.0760(2)  | 0.074(3)        | 0.071(3)        | 0.040(2)        | 0.016(2)        | 0.003(2)        | 0.014(2)        |
| C(2)  | 4a   | 0.7651(4) | 0.1615(3) | 0.0169(2)  | 0.043(2)        | 0.047(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.008(2)        | 0.004(1)        | 0.006(1)        |
| C(3)  | 4a   | 0.7544(5) | 0.2401(3) | 0.0299(2)  | 0.051(2)        | 0.039(2)        | 0.041(2)        | 0.006(2)        | 0.007(2)        | 0.009(2)        |
| C(4)  | 4a   | 0.7462(3) | 0.1224(2) | 0.1104(1)  | 0.029(2)        | 0.030(2)        | 0.034(2)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.006(1)        | 0.002(1)        |
| C(5)  | 4a   | 0.5891(3) | 0.1422(2) | 0.12073(9) | 0.014(1)        | 0.019(1)        | 0.006(1)        | 0.0052(9)       | 0.0029(8)       | 0.0003(9)       |
| C(6)  | 4a   | 0.5852(4) | 0.2027(2) | 0.1742(1)  | 0.045(2)        | 0.034(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.005(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.000(1)        |
| C(7)  | 4a   | 0.4301(4) | 0.1980(3) | 0.2064(1)  | 0.046(2)        | 0.046(2)        | 0.028(2)        | 0.016(2)        | 0.003(2)        | 0.004(1)        |
| C(8)  | 4a   | 0.4787(4) | 0.1692(2) | 0.2695(1)  | 0.034(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.029(2)        | 0.005(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.000(1)        |
| C(9)  | 4a   | 0.3570(4) | 0.1393(2) | 0.3147(1)  | 0.034(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.027(1)        | 0.004(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.003(1)        |
| C(10) | 4a   | 0.2476(4) | 0.2263(2) | 0.3263(1)  | 0.038(2)        | 0.036(2)        | 0.029(2)        | 0.007(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.006(1)        |
| C(11) | 4a   | 0.1354(4) | 0.2121(2) | 0.3778(1)  | 0.029(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.003(1)        | 0.002(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| C(12) | 4a   | 0.2165(4) | 0.1743(2) | 0.4337(1)  | 0.029(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.030(2)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.000(1)        | 0.002(1)        |
| C(13) | 4a   | 0.1061(4) | 0.1611(3) | 0.4864(1)  | 0.034(2)        | 0.040(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.004(1)        | 0.005(1)        | 0.002(1)        |
| C(14) | 4a   | 0.1948(4) | 0.1347(3) | 0.5420(1)  | 0.034(2)        | 0.045(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.006(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| C(15) | 4a   | 0.2881(4) | 0.0414(3) | 0.5326(2)  | 0.047(2)        | 0.048(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.008(2)        | 0.000(2)        | 0.013(2)        |
| C(16) | 4a   | 0.3959(4) | 0.0515(3) | 0.4796(1)  | 0.042(2)        | 0.047(2)        | 0.030(2)        | 0.013(2)        | 0.003(1)        | 0.006(1)        |
| C(17) | 4a   | 0.3142(4) | 0.0806(2) | 0.4211(1)  | 0.037(2)        | 0.028(1)        | 0.029(2)        | 0.004(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.004(1)        |
| C(18) | 4a   | 0.2142(5) | 0.0073(2) | 0.4005(2)  | 0.058(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.037(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.005(2)        | 0.000(1)        |
| C(19) | 4a   | 0.4352(4) | 0.1093(2) | 0.3733(1)  | 0.033(2)        | 0.035(2)        | 0.029(2)        | 0.005(1)        | 0.001(1)        | 0.002(1)        |
| C(20) | 4a   | 0.5655(5) | 0.0341(3) | 0.3639(2)  | 0.048(2)        | 0.055(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.022(2)        | 0.004(2)        | 0.012(2)        |
| C(21) | 4a   | 0.6835(4) | 0.0701(3) | 0.3183(2)  | 0.037(2)        | 0.063(2)        | 0.037(2)        | 0.018(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.004(2)        |
| C(22) | 4a   | 0.6080(4) | 0.0927(2) | 0.2590(1)  | 0.034(2)        | 0.034(2)        | 0.030(2)        | 0.003(1)        | 0.002(1)        | 0.002(1)        |
| C(23) | 4a   | 0.5476(4) | 0.0042(3) | 0.2313(2)  | 0.048(2)        | 0.031(2)        | 0.048(2)        | 0.000(2)        | 0.011(2)        | 0.003(2)        |
| C(24) | 4a   | 0.7071(4) | 0.1528(2) | 0.2148(1)  | 0.036(2)        | 0.036(2)        | 0.032(2)        | 0.003(1)        | 0.002(1)        | 0.001(1)        |
| C(25) | 4a   | 0.9841(4) | 0.1368(3) | 0.1779(2)  | 0.039(2)        | 0.074(3)        | 0.045(2)        | 0.001(2)        | 0.001(2)        | 0.001(2)        |
| C(26) | 4a   | 0.7618(4) | 0.0384(2) | 0.0648(2)  | 0.031(2)        | 0.033(2)        | 0.038(2)        | 0.000(1)        | 0.006(1)        | 0.000(1)        |
| C(27) | 4a   | 0.6921(4) | 0.0665(3) | 0.0059(2)  | 0.040(2)        | 0.043(2)        | 0.034(2)        | 0.002(2)        | 0.004(2)        | 0.003(1)        |
| C(28) | 4a   | 0.8751(7) | 0.3959(4) | 0.2673(2)  | 0.089(4)        | 0.059(3)        | 0.072(3)        | 0.002(3)        | 0.015(3)        | 0.005(2)        |

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