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# Nonvolatile Chemical Constituents from the Leaves of *Ligusticopsis wallichiana* (DC.) Pimenov & Kljuykov and Their Free Radical-Scavenging Activity

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Different plant parts of *Ligusticopsis wallichiana* (family: Apiaceae) are widely used as traditional medicines. Although many volatile constituents are already identified from the leaves of *L. wallichiana*, there is no detailed report on the nonvolatile constituents. In the present study, we aimed to isolate and identify the major chemical constituents from the leaves. Bhutkesoside A (1), falcarindiol (2), ferulic acid (3), cnidioside A (4), quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (5), rutin (6), 4'-*O*-methylquercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (7), scopoletin (8), umbelliferone (9), eugenol 4-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (10) and pumilaside A (11) were isolated from the 70% MeOH extract. The structures of isolated compounds were elucidated on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectroscopic data. Compounds 4–11 are reported for the first time from *L. wallichiana*. Compounds 5 and 6 showed potent free radical-scavenging activity.

## 1. Introduction

*Ligusticopsis wallichiana* (DC.) Pimenov & Kljuykov (Syns. *Selinum wallichianum* (DC.) Raizada & H. O. Saxena, *Selinum tenuifolium* Wall. ex C. B. Clarke) is a perennial aromatic herb belonging to family Apiaceae. It is widely distributed in the Himalayan region of Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bhutan, and China between 2700 and 4800 m [1, 2]. In Nepal, it is locally known as “Bhutkesh” and the root decoction is used to treat body pain, fever, cough, and cold [1]. Flowers and leaves in the form of infusions are used to treat stomachache, and they are also applied locally for healing cuts and wounds [3]. In India, the root decoction is used for the treatment of diarrhea, stomachache, and vomiting. The flowers and stems are used for stimulant and carminative properties [2]. Previous studies on *L. wallichiana* were mainly focused on the volatile constituents of the different plant parts [2–6], but there is no detailed report on the nonvolatile constituents from the leaves. Recently, we

reported two novel compounds, bhutkesoside A (1) and bhutkesoside B and ten known compounds from the roots of the same plant [7]. On continuation, in this paper, we report the detailed isolation and spectroscopic identification of major chemical constituents from the leaves of *L. wallichiana* and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) free radical-scavenging activity of isolated compounds.

## 2. Experiment

**2.1. General Experimental Procedures.** <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, and 2D-NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL  $\alpha$  – 500 (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 500 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 125 MHz). Chemical shifts are given in ppm with reference to tetramethyl silane (TMS). Mass spectra were recorded on JEOL JMS-700 MStation. Absorbance was recorded on Immuno-MiniNJ-2300 Microtiter Plate Reader, Biotech Pvt., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan). Column chromatography was carried out with MCI gel CHP20P (75–150  $\mu$ m, Mitsubishi Chemical Industries Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan), Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham

Pharmacia Biotech, Tokyo, Japan), Chromatorex ODS (30–50  $\mu\text{m}$ , Fuji Silysia Chemical Co., Ltd., Aichi, Japan), and silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 mm, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany). TLC was performed on a precoated silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (aluminum sheet, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany).

**2.2. Chemicals.** 1,1-Diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) and Trolox were purchased from Wako Pure Chemicals, Osaka, Japan, and MES buffer was purchased from Dojindo Chemical Research, Kumamoto, Japan.

**2.3. Plant Material.** The fresh leaves of *L. wallichiana* were collected from Kurikharkha, Dolkha, Nepal in August 2013. The plant specimen was identified by Mr. Kuber Jung Malla, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Plant Resources, Nepal. The voucher specimen (Voucher Number: KUNP20130809-015) was deposited at the Museum of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kumamoto University, Kumamoto, Japan.

**2.4. Extraction and Isolation.** The shade dried leaves (540.0 g) were macerated three times (48 hours for each time) with 70% MeOH (8 L) at room temperature with frequent stirring. The extracts were then combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to give 131.0 g of semisolid extract. A part of the extract (119.0 g) was subjected to MCI gel CHP20P CC and eluted successively with water, 40%–100% MeOH to afford fifteen fractions (1–15). Fraction 6 (2.0 g, 40% MeOH eluate) was subjected successively to Sephadex LH-20 CC (50% MeOH), ODS CC (10% MeOH), and silica gel column (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH : H<sub>2</sub>O = 8 : 2 : 0.1) to obtain compound **4** (7.6 mg) and **11** (21.4 mg). Fraction 7 (2.6 g, 40% MeOH eluate) was applied over Sephadex LH-20 CC (50% MeOH) and ODS CC (20–25% MeOH) to give compounds **5** (34.4 mg) and **6** (127.0 mg). Fraction 9 (2.0 g, 70% MeOH eluate) was applied over Sephadex LH-20 CC (50–100% MeOH) to give ten subfractions (9–1–10). Subfraction 9–2 (927.0 mg) was applied over Sephadex LH-20 CC (40% MeOH) silica gel column (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH = 10 : 1), and ODS CC (20% MeOH) to give compounds **1** (13.2 mg) and **10** (20.1 mg). Subfraction 9–4 (321.6 mg) was subjected on silica gel column (hexane : EtOAc = 3 : 2) to obtain compounds **8** (29.2 mg) and **9** (15.6 mg). Subfraction 9–5 was obtained as compound **3** (77.3 mg). Fraction 11 (875 mg, 70% MeOH eluate) was applied over Sephadex LH 20 and ODS CC (40–42% MeOH) to give compound **7** (6.0 mg). Fraction 13 (1.89 g, MeOH eluate) was applied over silica gel column (hexane : EtOAc = 3 : 1) to give compound **2** (375 mg).

**2.5. Measurement of Free Radical-Scavenging Activity.** The DPPH radical-scavenging activity of the isolated compounds was measured by the method as described by Li and Seeram [8] with slight modifications. Briefly, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 200 mM MES (2-(*N*-morpholino) ethanesulphonic acid) buffer (pH 6.0), 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of samples at different concentrations (in DMSO : ethanol = 1 : 1) and 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 800 mM DPPH in ethanol solution were mixed in a 96-well plate and kept in dark at

room temperature for 20 minutes. The radical-scavenging activity was measured at 510 nm with UV spectrophotometer using the following formula: radical-scavenging activity (%) =  $100 \times (A - B)/A$ , where *A* is the control absorbance of DPPH radicals without samples and *B* is the absorbance after reacting with samples. Trolox was used as the positive control. From these data, curve was plotted and effective concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>) value was calculated which is defined as the concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) of the compound required for 50% reduction of the DPPH radical absorbance.

### 3. Results and Discussion

The shade dried leaves of *L. wallichiana* were extracted with 70% MeOH, and the extract was then subjected to repeated column chromatography (CC) on MCI gel CHP20P, Sephadex LH20, ODS, and silica gel column to obtain 11 compounds (**1–11**). Structures of these compounds were determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectroscopic data and comparison with reference values (Figure 1).

Compound **1**, a pale yellow oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> –117° (*c* = 0.35, MeOH), was identified as 2(*R*)-hydroxy-3,5-nonadiyn-2-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside named as bhutkesoside A, which was a new diacetylene glucoside isolated from the roots of *L. wallichiana* in our previous study [7]. The detailed <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data for compound **1** are given in Table 1.

Compound **2** was obtained as yellowish orange oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +99.9° (*c* = 0.88, MeOH). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 2) showed three proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.94 (1H, ddd, *J* = 5.2, 10.4, 17.2 Hz), 5.47 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.5, 17.2 Hz), and 5.25 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.5, 10.4 Hz) assignable to terminal vinyl protons. A set of olefinic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 10.6 Hz) and 5.61 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.2, 7.3, 10.6 Hz) were also present and their coupling constant of 10.6 Hz suggested the *cis* configuration. Two protons attached to oxygen bearing carbon were present at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.20 (1H, brd, *J* = 8.5 Hz) and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.93 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz). Two methylene proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.10 to 1.27 ppm and a methyl signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz) were also observed. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra (Table 2) showed signals equivalent to total seventeen carbons. The natures of these carbons were determined by DEPT spectra. Among these carbon signals, four quaternary carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  78.2 (C), 70.3 (C), 79.8 (C), and 68.7 (C) were assignable to a di-substituted acetylene moiety. Two oxygen-bearing carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  63.4 (CH) and 58.5 (CH) and a methyl group at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  14.0 ppm were also observed. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound **2** was identified as falcariindiol [9].

Compound **3** was obtained as white needles. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (Table 3) showed three proton signals in the aromatic region at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.27 (1H, *J* = d, 2.1 Hz), 7.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.2 Hz), and 6.80 (1H, *J* = d, 8.2 Hz) assignable to a 1,3,4-trisubstituted aromatic ring. Two signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz) and 6.36 (1H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz) suggested presence of *trans* olefinic protons. A methoxy signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.82 (3H, s) attached to aromatic ring was also observed. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Table 3) showed six carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  149.1 (C), 147.9 (C), 125.8 (C), 122.8 (CH), 115.6 (CH), and 111.2 (CH), which confirmed a 1,3,4-trisubstituted aromatic ring



TABLE 2:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compound 2 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

Carbon number	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	5.47, dt (17.2, 1.5) 5.25, dt (10.4, 1.5)	117.3, $\text{CH}_2$
2	5.94, ddd (5.2, 10.4, 17.2)	135.7, CH
3	4.93, brd (5.2)	63.4, CH
4	—	78.2, C
5	—	70.3, C
6	—	68.7, C
7	—	79.8, C
8	5.20, brd (8.5)	58.5, CH
9	5.51, brdd (8.5, 10.6)	127.6, CH
10	5.61, ddd (1.2, 7.3, 10.6)	134.6, CH
11	2.10, dq (1.2, 7.3)	31.7, $\text{CH}_2$
12	1.38, t like (7.3)	29.2, $\text{CH}_2$
13	1.27–1.29, m	29.2, $\text{CH}_2$
14	1.27–1.29, m	29.2, $\text{CH}_2$
15	1.27–1.29, m	27.2, $\text{CH}_2$
16	1.27–1.29, m	22.1, $\text{CH}_2$
17	0.88, t (7.0)	14.0, $\text{CH}_3$

TABLE 3:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compound 3 in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

Carbon number	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	—	125.8, C
2	7.27, d (2.1)	111.2, CH
3	—	149.1, C
4	—	147.9, C
5	6.80, d (8.5)	115.6, $\text{CH}^a$
6	7.08, dd (2.1, 8.2)	122.8, CH
7	7.51, d (15.9)	144.6, CH
8	6.36, d (15.9)	115.5, $\text{CH}^a$
9	—	168.1, C
$\text{OCH}_3$	3.82, s	55.7, $\text{OCH}_3$

<sup>a</sup>Assignments with the same superscript may be interchanged in the same column.

Compound 5 was obtained as pale yellow crystalline powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{23} -31.9^\circ$  ( $c=0.99$ , pyridine). The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 5) showed five proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.59 (1H, d,  $J=2.2$  Hz), 7.58 (1H, brd,  $J=8.4$  Hz), 6.85 (1H, d,  $J=8.4$  Hz), 6.41 (1H, d,  $J=1.8$  Hz), and 6.21 (1H, d,  $J=1.8$  Hz) assignable to proton signals of quercetin. Seven proton signals attached to oxygen bearing carbon were present at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.47 (1H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz), 3.10 (1H, m), 3.25 (2H, m), 3.10 (1H, m), 3.59 (1H, d,  $J=11.3$  Hz), and 3.33 (1H, d,  $J=11.3$  Hz) were present. Among them proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.47 (1H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz) was assignable to anomeric proton of the sugar moiety. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of (Table 5) showed signals equivalent to total twenty-one carbons, in which 15 carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  177.5 (C), 164.3 (C), 161.2 (C), 156.3 (C),

TABLE 4:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compound 4 in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

Carbon number	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	—	126.6, $\text{C}^a$
2	—	153.5, $\text{C}^b$
3	7.37, s	98.3, CH
3a	—	153.4, $\text{C}^b$
4	7.82, d (2.2)	144.9, CH
5	6.81, d (2.2)	106.2, CH
5a	—	120.8, $\text{C}^a$
6	7.32, s	120.6, CH
7	2.87, t (7.6)	26.1, $\text{CH}_2$
8	2.40, t (7.6)	35.3, $\text{CH}_2$
9	—	174.8, C
Glc-1	4.82, d (7.3)	101.5, CH
Glc-2	3.26–3.30, m	73.3, CH
Glc-3	3.16, t (9.1)	77.0, $\text{CH}^c$
Glc-4	3.16, t (9.1)	69.9, CH
Glc-5	3.26–3.30, m	76.6, $\text{CH}^c$
Glc-6	3.72, dd (5.0, 11.8) 3.75, dd (1.8, 11.8)	60.8, $\text{CH}_2$

<sup>a,b,c</sup>Assignments with the same superscripts may be interchanged in the same column.

156.2 (C), 144.8 (C), 148.5 (C), 133.4 (C), 121.6 121.2 (C), 115.2 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 104.0 (C), and 98.7 (CH), were assignable to a 3-*O*-substituted quercetin. The remaining six signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  100.9 (CH), 77.5 (CH), 76.5 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 69.9 (CH), and 61.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) for a monosaccharide revealed the  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl moiety which was supported by the coupling constant ( $J=7.0$  Hz) of anomeric proton. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound 5 was identified as quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside [12].

Compound 6 was obtained as pale yellow crystalline powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{23} -35.5^\circ$  ( $c=0.37$ , pyridine). The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 5) of compound 6 was similar to that of compound 5 except some additional signals of sugar moiety. Proton signal for anomeric proton at 5.29 (1H, brs) and a methyl group at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.00 (3H, d,  $J=6.1$  Hz) suggested the presence of rhamnopyranosyl moiety. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 5) showed signals equivalent to total twenty-seven carbons. Similar to compound 5, fifteen carbon signals were assignable to a 3-*O*-substituted quercetin moiety. Among the remaining 12 signals, six signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  101.2 (CH), 76.4 (CH), 75.9 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 70.6 (CH), and 68.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) were assignable to a  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl moiety and other six carbons signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  100.7 (CH), 70.4 (CH), 70.0 (CH), 71.8 (CH), 67.0 (CH), and 17.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) were assignable to a  $\alpha$ -rhamnopyranosyl moiety. The downfield shift of C-6 of glucopyranosyl moiety at 68.2 ppm suggested Rha-1 $\rightarrow$ Glc-6 linkage. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound 6 was identified as rutin [12].

Compound 7 was obtained as yellow powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{27} -14.7^\circ$  ( $c=0.60$ , pyridine). The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 5) showed

TABLE 5:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compounds **5**, **6**, and **7** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

Carbon number	5		6		7	
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
2	—	156.3, C <sup>a</sup>	—	156.4, C <sup>b</sup>	—	156.2, C <sup>a</sup>
3	—	133.4, C	—	133.3, C	—	133.5, C
4	—	177.5, C	—	177.4, C	—	177.4, C
5	—	161.2, C <sup>c</sup>	—	161.2, C <sup>d</sup>	—	161.2, C <sup>c</sup>
6	6.21, d (1.8)	98.7, CH	6.19, d (2.2)	100.7, CH <sup>e</sup>	6.20, d (1.8)	98.7, CH
7	—	164.3, C <sup>c</sup>	—	164.0, C <sup>d</sup>	—	164.1, C <sup>c</sup>
8	6.41, d (1.8)	93.5, CH	6.38, d (2.2)	93.6, CH	6.41, d (1.8)	93.6, CH
9	—	156.2, C <sup>a</sup>	—	156.6, C <sup>b</sup>	—	155.7, C <sup>a</sup>
10	—	104.0, C	—	104.0, C	—	103.9, C
1'	—	121.2, C	—	121.2, C	—	122.6, C
2'	7.59, d (2.2)	115.2, CH <sup>f</sup>	7.52, d (2.2)	115.2, CH <sup>f</sup>	7.56, d (2.2)	115.7, CH <sup>f</sup>
3'	—	144.8, C	—	144.7, C	—	145.8, C
4'	—	148.5, C	—	148.4, C	—	149.9, C
5'	6.85, d (8.4)	116.2, CH <sup>f</sup>	6.81, d (8.4)	116.3, CH <sup>f</sup>	7.04, d (8.4)	114.8, CH <sup>f</sup>
6'	7.58, brd (8.4)	121.6, CH	7.54, brd (8.4)	121.6, CH	7.70, brd (8.4)	121.4, CH
OCH <sub>3</sub>	—	—	—	—	3.85, s	55.6, OCH <sub>3</sub>
Glc-1	5.47, d (7.0)	100.9, CH	5.34, d (7.3)	101.2, CH <sup>e</sup>	5.48, d (7.0)	100.8, CH
Glc-2	3.10, m	74.1, CH	3.22–3.42, m	74.1, CH	3.09, m	74.0, CH
Glc-3	3.24–3.25, m	77.5, CH <sup>e</sup>	3.22–3.42, m	76.4, CH <sup>c</sup>	3.17–3.24, m	77.5, CH <sup>e</sup>
Glc-4	3.10, m	69.9, CH	3.07, dd (9.5, 9.2)	70.6, CH <sup>a</sup>	3.09, m	69.8, CH
Glc-5	3.24–3.25, m	76.5, CH <sup>e</sup>	3.22–3.42, m	75.9, CH <sup>c</sup>	3.17–3.24, m	76.4, CH <sup>e</sup>
Glc-6	3.59, brd (11.3)	61.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.67, brd (10.2)	67.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.57, brd (11.3)	60.9, CH <sub>2</sub>
	3.33, brd (11.3)		3.70, brd (10.9)		3.60, m	
Rha-1	—	—	5.29, brs	100.7, CH <sup>e</sup>	—	—
Rha-2	—	—	3.22–3.42, m	70.4, CH <sup>a</sup>	—	—
Rha-3	—	—	3.22–3.42, m	70.0, CH <sup>a</sup>	—	—
Rha-4	—	—	3.22–3.42, m	71.8, CH <sup>a</sup>	—	—
Rha-5	—	—	3.22–3.42, m	68.2, CH	—	—
Rha-6	—	—	1.00, d (6.1)	17.7, CH <sub>3</sub>	—	—

<sup>a,b,c,d,e,f</sup>Assignment with the same superscript may be interchanged in the same column.

signals similar to compound **5** except an additional signal for methoxy group at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.85 (3H, s). The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of compound **7** (Table 5) showed signals equivalent to total twenty-two carbons, in which 15 carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  177.5 (C), 164.3 (C), 161.2 (C), 156.3 (C), 156.2 (C), 144.8 (C), 148.5 (C), 133.4 (C), 121.6 (C), 121.2 (C), 115.2 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 104.0 (C), and 98.7 (CH), were assignable to a 3-*O*-substituted quercetin. The remaining six signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  101.5 (CH), 72.7 (CH), 70.8 (CH), 68.2 (CH), and 63.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>) confirmed the presence of a  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl which was also supported by the coupling constant ( $J=7.9$  Hz) of the anomeric proton. Signal at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.6 was assigned to a methoxy group. In differential NOE experiment, irradiation of the methoxy signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.85 (3H, s) increased the intensity of proton signal assignable to C-5' at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.04 (d, 8.4 Hz) while no effect was seen in the protons at C-2' at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.56, 1H (d, 2.2 Hz), which suggested that the methoxy group was attached at C-4' position in B-ring of quercetin. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature

values, compound **7** was identified as 4'-*O*-methylquercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside [13].

Compound **8** was obtained as white crystals. The TLC spot for compound **8** showed blue colour under UV (365 nm), suggesting a coumarin derivative. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 6) showed four proton signals in aromatic or olefinic region at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.84 (1H d,  $J=9.5$  Hz), 7.10 (1H, s), 6.76 (1H, s), and 6.20 (1H, d,  $J=9.5$  Hz). Further a proton singlet at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.90 (3H, s) suggested a methoxy group. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 6) showed signals equivalent to total 10 carbons and among them, 9 carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  164.1 (C), 152.9 (C), 151.5 (C), 147.1 (C), 146.1 (CH), 112.6 (C), 112.7 (CH), 110.0 (CH), and 104.0 (CH) were assignable to a 6,7-dihydroycoumarin derivative. Moreover, signal at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  56.8 was assigned to a methoxy group. In differential NOE experiment, irradiation of a proton signal at 7.10  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (1H, s) assignable to proton attached to C-5 position of coumarin increased the intensity of methoxy signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.90 (3H, s) as well as proton assignable to C-4 position at

TABLE 6:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compounds **8** and **9** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

Carbon number	<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>	
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
2	—	164.1, C	—	163.7, C <sup>a</sup>
3	6.20, d (9.5)	112.7, CH	6.18, d (9.5)	114.5, CH <sup>b</sup>
4	7.84, d (9.5)	146.1, CH	7.84, d (9.5)	146.0, CH
5	7.10, s	110.0, CH	7.45, d (8.5)	130.7, CH
6	—	147.1, C	6.77, dd (2.4,8.5)	112.3, CH <sup>b</sup>
7	—	152.9, C <sup>c</sup>	—	163.1, C <sup>a</sup>
8	6.76, s	104.0, CH	6.70, d (2.4)	103.4, CH
9	—	151.5, C <sup>c</sup>	—	157.2, C <sup>c</sup>
10	—	112.6, C	—	111.6, C
$\text{OCH}_3$	3.90, s	56.8, $\text{CH}_3$	—	—

<sup>a,b,c</sup>Assignment with the same superscript may be interchanged in the same column.

7.84 (1H d,  $J=9.5$  Hz), which suggested that the methoxy group was attached to C-6 position. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound **8** was identified as scopoletin [14].

Compound **9** was obtained as white crystals. The TLC spot for compound **9** also showed blue colour under UV (365 nm), suggesting a coumarin derivative. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 6) showed five protons in the aromatic region two proton signals coupled each other at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.18 (1H, d,  $J=9.5$  Hz) and 7.84 (1H d,  $J=9.5$  Hz) and three proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.45 (1H, d,  $J=8.5$  Hz), 6.77 (1H, dd,  $J=2.4$ , 8.5 Hz), and 6.70 (1H, d,  $J=2.4$  Hz), suggesting that the compound **9** was a 7-hydroxycoumarin. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 6) showed signals equivalent to total 9 carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  163.7 (C), 163.1 (C), 157.2 (C), 146.0 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 111.6 (C), 112.3 (CH), and 103.4 (CH). These carbon signals were superimposable with that of umbellifone [14].

Compound **10** was obtained as white amorphous powder,  $[\alpha]_D^{27} -35.5^\circ$  ( $c=0.92$ , pyridine). The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 7) showed three proton signals in the aromatic region at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.81 (1H, d,  $J=1.8$  Hz), 7.07 (1H, d,  $J=8.2$  Hz), and 6.71 (1H, dd,  $J=8.2$ , 1.8 Hz), which were assignable to a 1,3,4-substituted aromatic ring. Further three proton signals due to terminal alkene at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.94 (1H, ddt,  $J=17.0$ , 10.2, 6.7 Hz), 5.05 (1H, dd,  $J=17.0$ , 1.8 Hz), and 5.01 (1H, dd,  $J=10.2$ , 1.8 Hz) coupled with two proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.31 (2H, d,  $J=6.7$  Hz) were observed, which suggested the presence of allyl moiety. A singlet at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.83 (3H, s) suggested the presence of a methoxy group. Further seven protons assignable to a sugar moiety were present at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.83 (1H, d,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 3.48 (1H, dd,  $J=7.3$ , 9.1 Hz), 3.37–3.39 (2H, m), 3.45 (1H, dd,  $J=9.1$ , 9.8 Hz), 3.68 (1H, dd,  $J=12.2$ , 5.4 Hz), and 3.86 (1H, dd,  $J=12.2$ , 1.5 Hz). The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 7) showed signals equivalents to total 16 carbons, in which 9 carbon signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  150.8 (C), 146.4 (C), 139.0 (CH), 136.5 (C), 122.1 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 115.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 114.2 (CH), and 40.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), were assignable to a 1,3,4-tri-substituted aromatic ring with an allyl moiety. Other six signals  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  103.1 (CH), 78.2 (CH), 77.9 (CH), 74.9 (CH), 71.4 (CH), and 62.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) were assignable to  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl

TABLE 7:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compound **10** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .

Carbon number	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	—	136.5, C
2	6.81, d (1.8)	118.3, CH
3	—	146.4, C
4	—	150.8, C
5	7.07, d (8.2)	114.2, CH
6	6.71, dd (8.2, 1.8)	122.1, CH
7	3.31, d (6.7)	40.7, $\text{CH}_2$
8	5.94, ddt (10.2, 17.0, 6.7)	139.0, CH
9	5.05, dd (17.0, 1.8)	115.1, $\text{CH}_2$
	5.01, dd (10.2, 1.8)	
$\text{OCH}_3$	3.83, s	56.8, $\text{CH}_3$
Glc-1	4.83, d (7.3)	103.1, CH
Glc-2	3.48, dd (7.3, 9.1)	74.9, CH
Glc-3	3.37–3.39, m	78.2, CH <sup>a</sup>
Glc-4	3.45, dd (9.5, 9.1)	71.4, CH
Glc-5	3.37–3.39, m	77.9, CH <sup>a</sup>
Glc-6	3.68, dd (12.2, 5.4)	62.5, $\text{CH}_2$
	3.86, dd (12.2, 1.5)	

<sup>a</sup>Assignments with the same superscripts may be interchanged in the same column.

moiety as in the case of previous compounds. The carbon signal at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  56.8 was assigned to a methoxy group. In differential NOE experiment, irradiation of the methoxy signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.83 (3H, s) enhanced the intensity of proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.79 (1H, d,  $J=1.8$  Hz) assignable to C-2 of the aromatic ring, which suggested that the methoxy group was present at C-3 position, and glucopyranosyl moiety was attached to C-4. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound **10** was identified as eugenol 4- $O$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside [15].

Compound **11** was obtained as colourless gum,  $[\alpha]_D^{27} -25.9^\circ$ . Its molecular formula was determined to be  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_8$  on the basis of a HR-FAB-MS peak of  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  at 441.2482 (calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ , 441.2464).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR

TABLE 8:  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopic data of compound **II** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

Carbon number	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult. ( $J$ in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	3.08, dd (4.2, 9.2)	77.9, CH
2	1.36–1.48, m	27.9, $\text{CH}_2$
3	1.36–1.48, m	39.9, $\text{CH}_2$
4	—	71.3, C
5	1.74, d (11.6)	49.9, CH
6	4.48, dd (4.6, 11.6)	76.8, CH
7	1.83, m	40.3, CH
8	1.62, d (14.2)	22.4, $\text{CH}_2$
9	1.36–1.48, m	35.5, $\text{CH}_2$
	1.14, m	
10	—	41.1, C
11	2.11, dq (7.0, 6.7)	24.6, CH
12	0.90, d (6.7)	22.6, $\text{CH}_3$
13	1.03, d (6.7)	23.1, $\text{CH}_3$
14	0.83, s	13.8, $\text{CH}_3$
15	1.23, s	23.6, $\text{CH}_3$
Glc-1	4.36, d (7.3)	98.3, CH
Glc-2	2.93, m	74.3, CH
Glc-3	3.10–3.16, m	77.0, CH
Glc-4	3.02–3.04, m	70.4, CH
Glc-5	3.10–3.16, m	76.9, CH
Glc-6	3.42, dd (5.0, 11.2)	61.4, $\text{CH}_2$
	3.70, dd (4.3, 11.2)	

spectrum of compound **II** (Table 8) showed several proton signals from 1 to 2 ppm, clear signals for two methyl doublets were present at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.90 (3H, d,  $J=6.7$  Hz) and 1.03 (3H, d,  $J=6.7$  Hz), two methyl singlets were present at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.83 (3H, s) and 1.23 (3H, s). Remaining ten proton signal equivalents were present from  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.11 to  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.48 ppm. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra (Table 8) showed total 21 carbon signals and among them, six signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  98.3 (CH), 77.0 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 74.3 (CH), 70.4 (CH), and 61.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) were assignable to a glucopyranosyl moiety. The rest fifteen signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.9 (CH), 76.8 (CH), 71.3 (C), 49.9 (CH), 40.3 (CH), 39.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 35.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.6 (CH), 23.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), and 13.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) can be assignable to a eudesmane-type sesquiterpenoid moiety. On the basis of these data and comparison with literature values, compound **II** was identified as pumilaside A [16].

Among these eleven compounds isolated from the leaves of *L. wallichiana* in this study, a diacetylene glucoside, bhutkesoside A (**1**); a polyacetylene derivative, falcaringiol (**2**); and a phenylpropanoid derivative, ferulic acid (**3**) were also isolated from the roots of same plant, which were reported in a previous paper [7]. All other compounds (**4–11**) were isolated for the first time from this plant which included a benzofuran derivative, cnidioside A (**4**); three flavonoid derivatives, quercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**5**), rutin (**6**), and 4'-*O*-methylquercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**7**); two coumarin derivatives, scopoletin (**8**) and umbelliferone (**9**); a phenylpropene derivative,

eugenol 4-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**10**), and a eudesmane sesquiterpene glucoside, pumilaside A (**11**). It was the first study on the isolation and identification of nonvolatile compounds from the leaves of *L. wallichiana*. Regarding coumarin derivatives, three furocoumarins such as bergapten, heraclenin, and heraclenol were isolated from the roots of *L. wallichiana* [17]. This is the first report on the presence of flavonoids in *L. wallichiana* and presence of coumarin derivatives in the leaves.

All these isolated compounds were evaluated for their DPPH free radical-scavenging activity. Among them, only two flavonoids, rutin (**6**) ( $\text{EC}_{50}$  52.4  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and quercetin-3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**5**) ( $\text{EC}_{50}$  54.5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) showed potent free radical-scavenging activity as compared to positive control, Trolox ( $\text{EC}_{50}$  96.1  $\mu\text{M}$ ). Flavonoids with unsubstituted hydroxyl groups in  $\text{C}_{3'}$  and  $\text{C}_{4'}$  position (**5** and **6**) showed potent activity; however, a compound with *C*-4' methoxy substitution, 4'-*O*-methylquercetin 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**7**), did not show any activity in the free radical-scavenging assay. These results were similar to previous studies on the free radical-scavenging activities of flavonoids [18, 19].

In conclusion, eleven nonvolatile compounds belonging to different chemical classes were isolated and identified for the first time from the leaves of *L. wallichiana*. Some of the isolated compounds also showed potent free radical-scavenging activity. Further studies should focus on the detailed biological activities of extracts and isolated compounds to provide the scientific evidence for their traditional uses.

## Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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