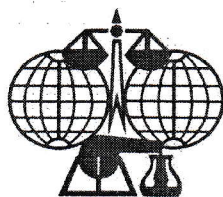


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Synthesis and biological activity of new thiazole isosteres of goniofufurone and 7-*epi*-goniofufurone

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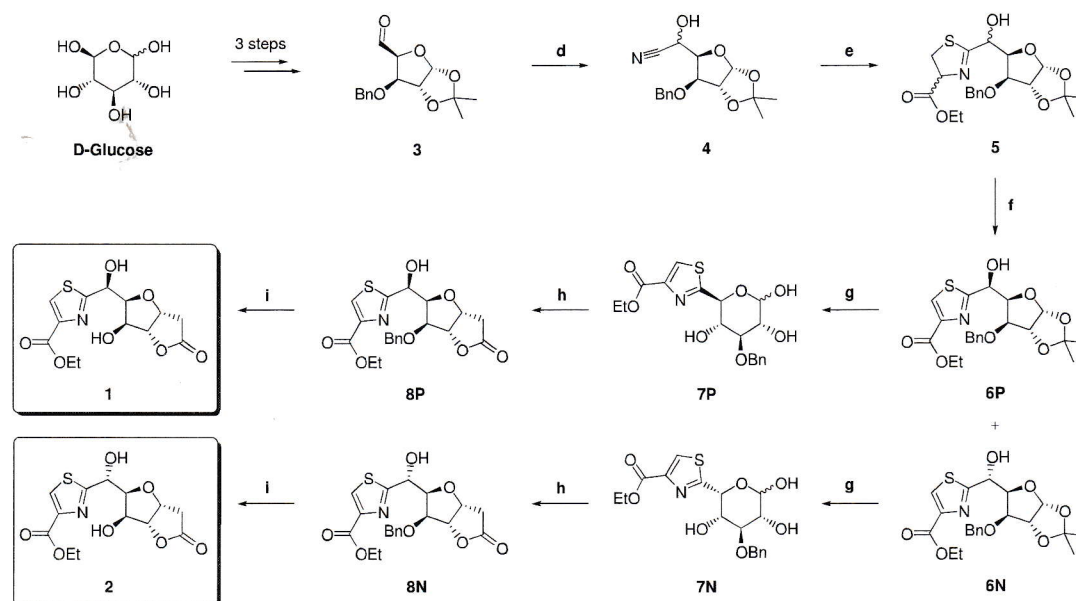
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(+)-Goniofufurone is the naturally occurring cytotoxic styryl lactone isolated from the stem bark of *Goniothalamus giganteus* (Annonaceae) that possesses structure marked by furano-furone bicyclic core.¹ Herein we report a total synthesis of two novel (7-*epi*-)goniofufurone isosteres bearing a 2-thiazolyl-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester moiety instead of the aromatic ring at C-7 (**1** and **2**, Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (d) TMSCN, Ph₃PMeI, CH₂Cl₂, rt; (e) L-cysteine ethyl ester hydrochloride, MeOH, Et₃N, rt; (f) CBrCl₃, DBU, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C → +4 °C; (g) 90% aq TFA, 0 °C; (h) Meldrum's acid, DMF, Et₃N, 46–50 °C; (i) TiCl₄, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C → rt.

The key intermediate (**4**) was obtained by addition of trimethylsilyl cyanide to known aldehyde **3**, which was readily available from D-glucose through a modified literature procedure.² Thiazole ring was introduced in two consecutive steps (e, f), which included cyclization and oxidation, respectively, while the γ -lactone function was built in the penultimate step (h), after the deprotection of hydroxyl groups at positions C-1 and C-2 (g). After removal of benzyl protection (i), final products **1** and **2** were obtained.

Antiproliferative activity of both analogues against a number of tumor cell lines will be presented.

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