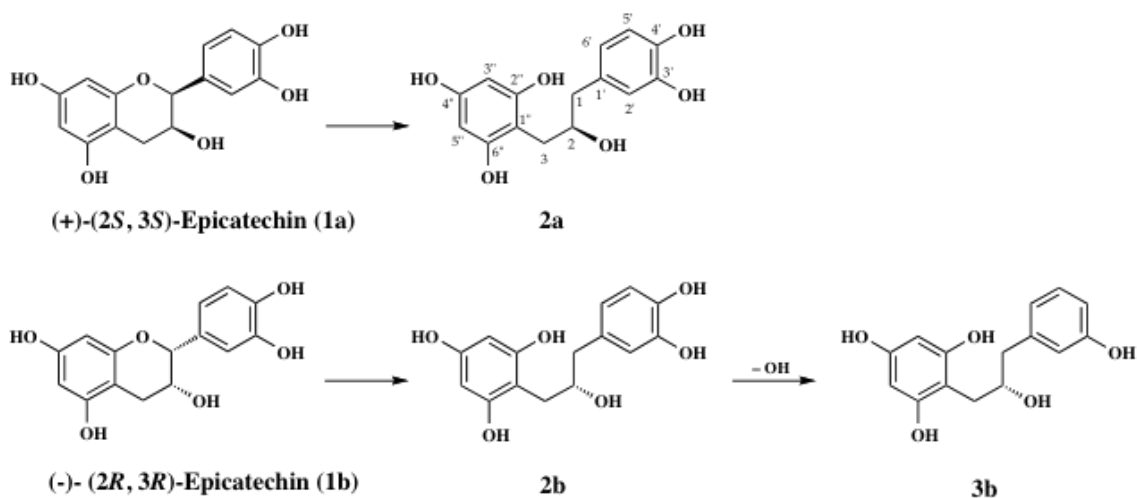


Epicatechin



Transformation of epicatechin by a human intestinal bacterium *Eubacterium* sp. strain SDG-2

Incubation of (+)-epicatechin with *Eubacterium* sp. strain SDG-2

(+)-Epicatechin (**1a**) (10 mg in 1 ml MeOH) was anaerobically incubated with a bacterial suspension (20 ml) for 36 h. The reaction mixture was then treated as usual to give **2a** (4 mg). [Wang *et al.*, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **49**, 1640-1643 (2001)]

Incubation of (-)-epicatechin with *E. sp.* strain SDG-2

(-)-Epicatechin (**1b**) (30 mg in 1 ml MeOH) was anaerobically incubated with a bacterial suspension for 36 h. The reaction mixture was then treated as usual to give **2b** (10 mg) and **3b** (8 mg), respectively. [Wang *et al.*, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **49**, 1640-1643 (2001)]

Compound **2a**

Amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{25} +19.8^\circ$ (c 0.83, MeOH). EI-MS m/z : 292 $[\text{M}]^+$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (MeOH- d_4) δ : 2.47 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 8.3 Hz, H-1a), 2.60 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 7.6 Hz, H-3a), 2.63 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 4.3 Hz, H-1b), 2.82 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 4.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.91 (1H, ddd, $J=8.3$, 7.6, 4.3 Hz, H-2), 5.83 (2H, br s, H-3'', 5''), 6.48 (1H, dd, $J=8.0$, 1.9 Hz, H-6'),

6.61 (1H, d, $J=8.0$ Hz, H-5'), 6.62 (1H, d, $J=1.9$ Hz, H-2'). ^{13}C -NMR (MeOH- d_4) δ : 31.4 (C-3), 43.8 (C-1), 75.3 (C-2), 95.9 (C-3'', 5''), 105.7 (C-1''), 116.1 (C-5'), 117.6 (C-2'), 121.8 (C-6'), 132.5 (C-1'), 144.3 (C-4'), 145.8 (C-3'), 157.6 (C-2'', 6''), 158.1 (C-4''). [Wang *et al.*, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **49**, 1640-1643 (2001)]

Compound 2b

Amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{25} -16.8^\circ$ (c 1.14, MeOH). EI-MS m/z : 292 $[\text{M}]^+$. ^1H -NMR (MeOH- d_4) δ : 2.50 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 8.3 Hz, H-1a), 2.65 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 7.8 Hz, H-3a), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 4.2 Hz, H-1b), 2.85 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 4.3 Hz, H-3b), 3.94 (1H, ddd, $J=8.3$, 7.8, 4.2 Hz, H-2), 5.87 (2H, br s, H-3'', 5''), 6.52 (1H, dd, $J=8.2$, 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 6.65 (1H, d, $J=8.2$ Hz, H-5'), 6.65 (1H, d, $J=2.2$ Hz, H-2'). ^{13}C -NMR (MeOH- d_4) δ : 31.5 (C-3), 43.8 (C-1), 75.4 (C-2), 96.0 (C-3'', 5''), 105.7 (C-1''), 116.1 (C-5'), 117.6 (C-2'), 121.8 (C-6'), 132.6 (C-1'), 144.4 (C-4'), 145.9 (C-3'), 157.7 (C-2'', 6''), 158.2 (C-4''). [Wang *et al.*, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **49**, 1640-1643 (2001)]

Compound 3b

Amorphous powder, $[\alpha]_D^{25} -13.5^\circ$ (c 0.78, MeOH). EI-MS m/z : 276 $[\text{M}]^+$. ^1H -NMR (MeOH- d_4) δ : 2.54 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 8.7 Hz, H-1a), 2.65 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 7.3 Hz, H-3a), 2.70 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 3.9 Hz, H-1b), 2.83 (1H, dd, $J=14.2$, 4.6 Hz, H-3b), 3.98 (1H, dddd, $J=8.7$, 7.3, 4.6, 3.9 Hz, H-2), 5.83 (2H, br s, H-3'', 5''), 6.54 (1H, ddd, $J=8.0$, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, H-6'), 6.62 (1H, dd, $J=2.4$, 1.0 Hz, H-2'), 6.63 (1H, dd, $J=8.3$, 1.0 Hz, H-4'), 7.00 (1H, t, $J=8.0$ Hz, H-5'). ^{13}C -NMR (MeOH- d_4) δ : 31.7 (C-3), 44.4 (C-1), 75.1 (C-2), 95.9 (C-3'', 5''), 105.6 (C-1''), 113.8 (C-2'), 117.4 (C-4'), 121.8 (C-6'), 130.0 (C-5'), 142.5 (C-1'), 158.2 (C-3'), 158.3 (C-4''), 157.8 (C-2'', 6''). [Wang *et al.*, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **49**, 1640-1643 (2001)]

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