

A New Bioactive Steroidal Saponin from *Agave shrevei*

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A new steroidal saponin was isolated from the leaves of *Agave shrevei* Gentry. Its structure was established as 26-(β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-22-methoxy-3-{*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-*O*-[*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-*O*-[*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)]-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- β -D-galactopyranosyl]oxy}-(3 β ,5 α ,25*R*)-furostane. The structural identification was performed using detailed analyses of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra including 2D NMR spectroscopic techniques (COSY, HETCOR, and COLOC) and chemical conversions. The steroidal saponin showed absence of haemolytic effects in the *in vitro* assay, but demonstrated a significant inhibition of the capillary permeability activity.

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