

Triterpenoid and Coumarin Isolated from *Astilbe grandis* with Anti-Inflammatory Effects through Inhibiting the NF- κ B Pathway in LPS-Induced RAW264.7 Cells

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Abstract: The roots of *Astilbe grandis*, known as “Ma sang gou bang”, are used as a Miao traditional medicine with anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties. However, the active components and mechanism of action of this plant remain mostly uncharacterized. The aim of this study was to identify its active components and verify their pharmacological activity. The extract of *A. grandis* root was separated using various chromatographic methods. As a result, we obtained one novel triterpenoid, named astigranolactone (1), which has an unusual lactone moiety formed between C-7 and C-27. Additionally, a known coumarin compound, 11-*O*-galloyl bergenin (2) was isolated from this plant. The structures of these two compounds were elucidated by extensive NMR experiments in conjunction with HR-ESI-MS data. To the best of our knowledge, both compounds were isolated from this species for the first time. Moreover, we tested the anti-inflammation effect of the two compounds by establishing a cellular inflammation model induced by LPS in RAW264.7 cells. The effect of different concentrations of these compounds on the activity of RAW264.7 cells was assessed using a CCK8 assay. The levels of nitric oxide (NO), tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α), interleukin-6 (IL-6) and interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β) in the supernatant of each group were evaluated using the Griess method and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). Western blot and quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) were used to measure the levels of cyclooxygenase 2 (COX-2) and nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) gene expression. Our findings revealed that these two compounds inhibited the high levels of NO, TNF- α , IL-6, IL-1 β , COX-2, and iNOS (induced by LPS). Mechanistic studies demonstrated that these two compounds reduced the activation of the nuclear transcription factor- κ B (NF- κ B) signaling pathway by inhibiting the phosphorylation of p65. Therefore, our study indicates that compounds 1 and 2 can exert a definite anti-inflammatory effect by inhibiting the NF- κ B signaling pathway.

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Table S1 ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR data of astigranlactone (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ in ppm, *J* in Hz).

Position	astigranlactone	
	δ _H	δ _C
1a	1.38 (1H, m)	38.0 (t)
1b	1.72 (1H, m)	
2a	1.64 (1H, m)	23.2 (t)
2b	1.72 (1H, m)	
3	4.40 (1H, dd, 11.7, 4.1)	79.5 (d)
4	-	36.3 (s)
5	2.80 (1H, s)	59.7 (d)
6	-	206.5 (s)
7	4.18 (1H, s)	86.1 (d)
8	-	50.9 (s)
9	1.82 (1H, m)	49.8 (d)
10	-	44.8 (s)
11a	1.91 (1H, m)	22.1 (t)
11b	2.00 (1H, m)	
12	5.65 (1H, dd, 5.4, 2.0)	127.4 (d)
13	-	135.0 (s)
14	-	55.3 (s)
15a	1.48 (1H, m)	22.7 (t)
15b	1.82 (1H, m)	
16a	0.91 (1H, m)	26.4 (t)
16b	2.10 (1H, m)	
17	-	32.5 (s)
18	2.10 (1H, m)	48.6 (d)
19a	0.94 (1H, m)	42.6 (t)
19b	2.58 (1H, t, 13.8)	
20	-	30.9 (s)
21a	1.11 (1H, m)	34.5 (t)
21b	1.38 (1H, m)	
22a	1.25 (1H, m)	36.7 (t)
22b	1.48 (1H, m)	
23	0.93 (3H, s)	27.2 (q)
24	1.29 (3H, s)	16.6 (q)
25	0.97 (3H, s)	17.3 (q)
26	1.03 (3H, s)	11.3 (q)
27	-	176.7 (s)
28	0.84 (3H, s)	28.3 (q)
29	0.95 (3H, s)	33.2 (q)
30	0.89 (3H, s)	24.1 (q)

31	-	170.8 (s)
32	2.04 (3H, s)	21.3 (q)

Table S2. The primer sequences for RT-PCR

Target gene	Primer sequences
β -actin_F	5'-CGGTTCCGATGCCCTGAGGCTCTT-3'
β -actin_R	5'-CGTCACACTTCATGATGGAATTGA-3'
iNOS_F	5'-CAGCACAGGAAATGTTTCAGC-3'
iNOS_R	5'-TAGCCAGCGTACCGGATGA-3'
COX-2_F	5'-TTTGGTCTGGTGCCTGGTC-3'
COX-2_R	5'-CTGCTGGTTTGGAATAGTTGCTC-3'

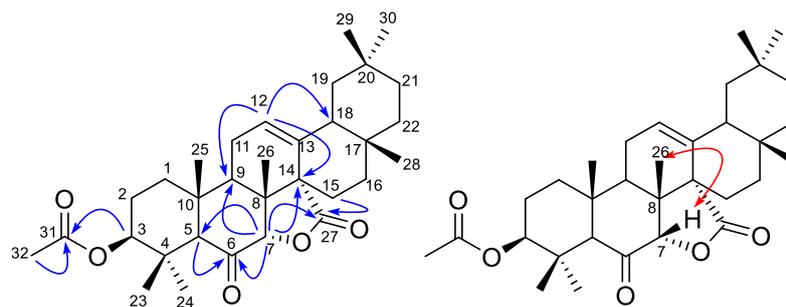


Figure S1. HMBC (→) and ROESY (↔) correlations of astigranolactone

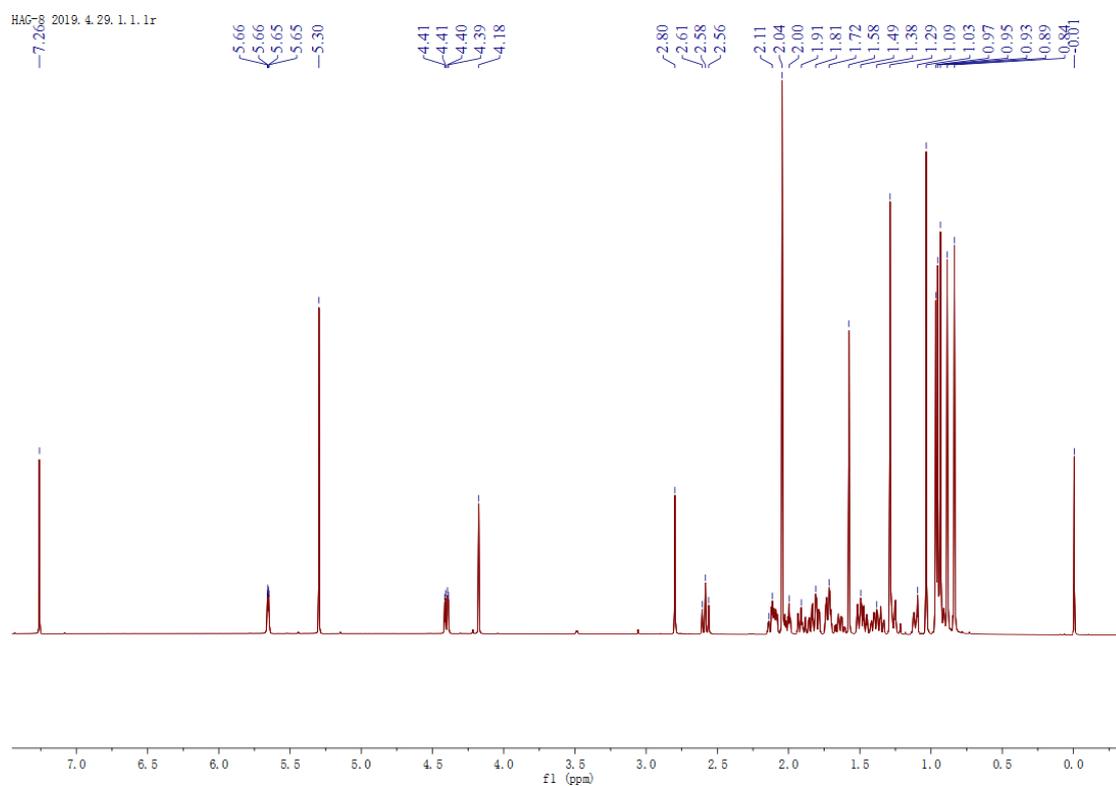


Figure S2. ¹H-NMR spectrum of astigranolactone

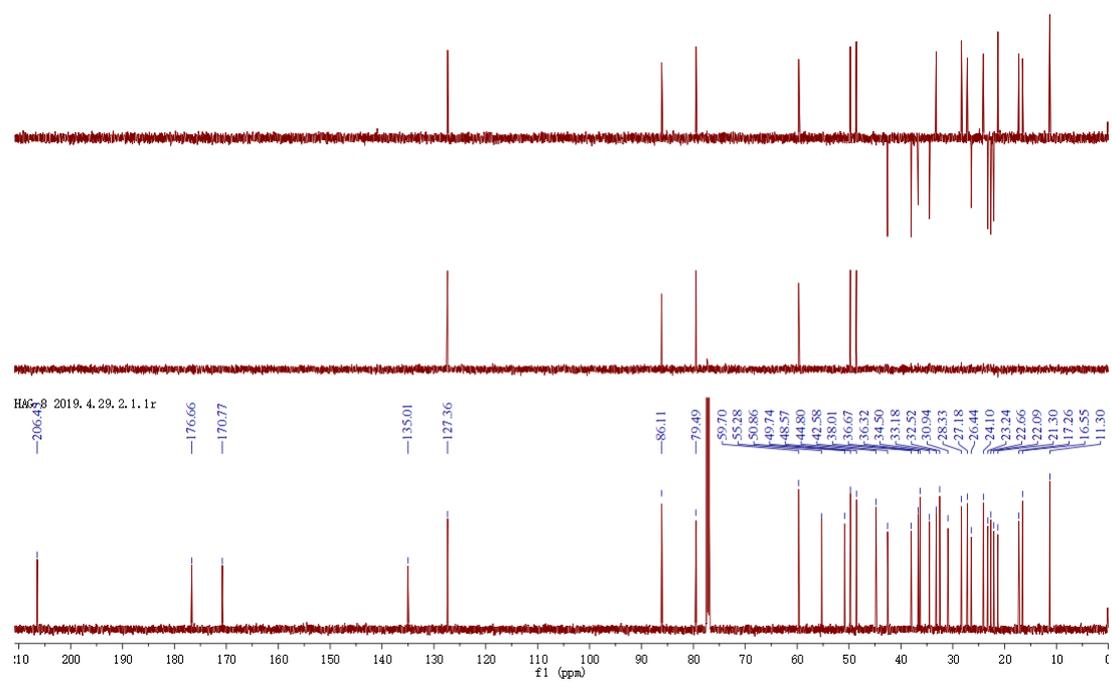


Figure S3. ¹³C-NMR and DEPT spectra of astigranlactone

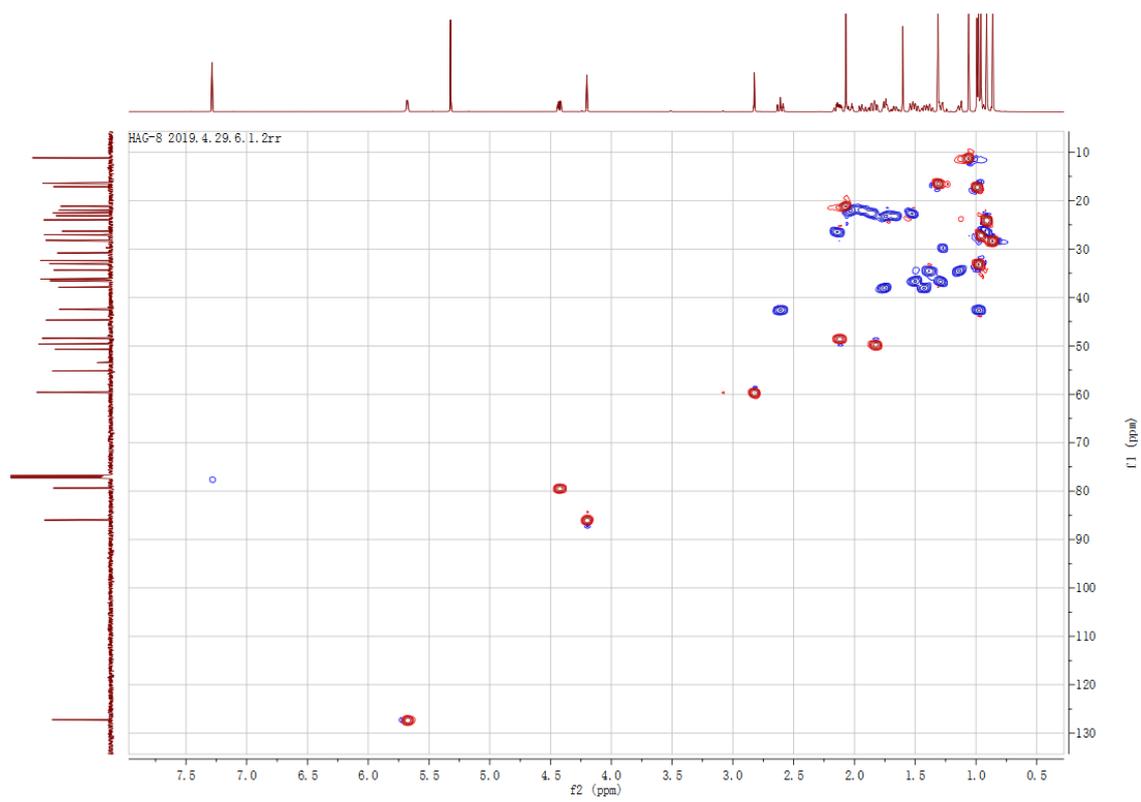


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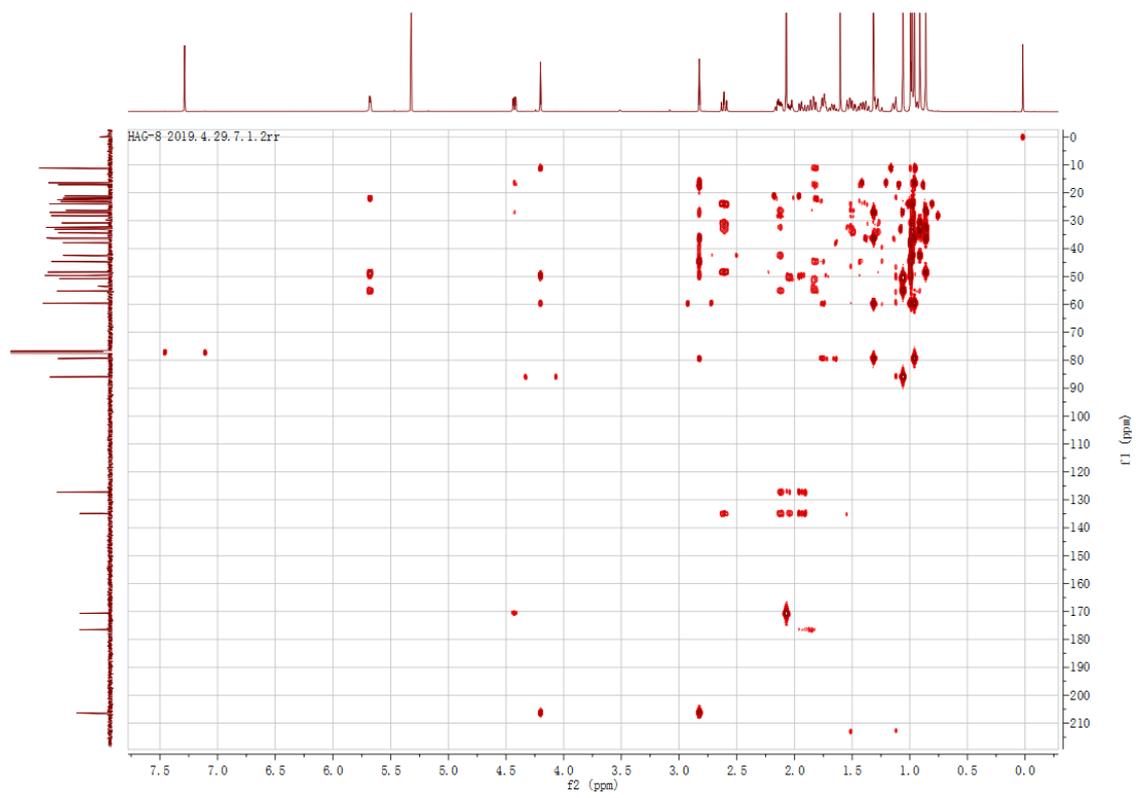


Figure S5. HMBC spectrum of astigranlactone

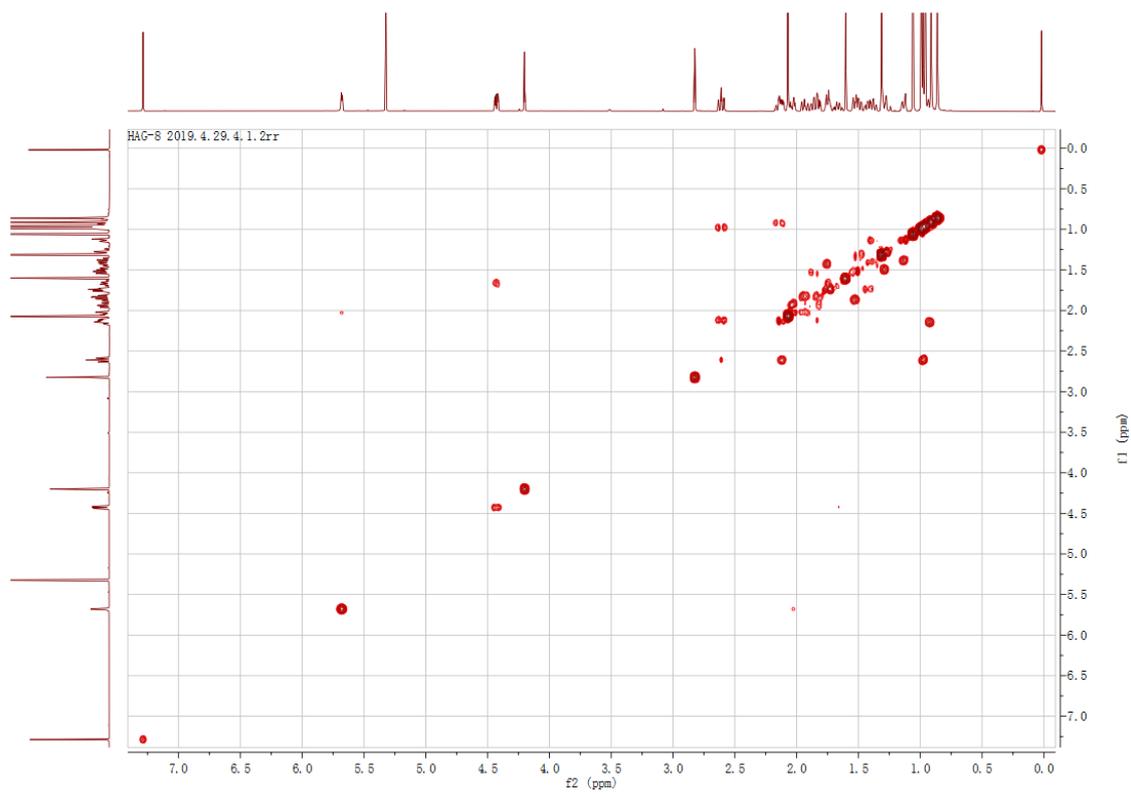


Figure S6. COSY spectrum of astigranlactone

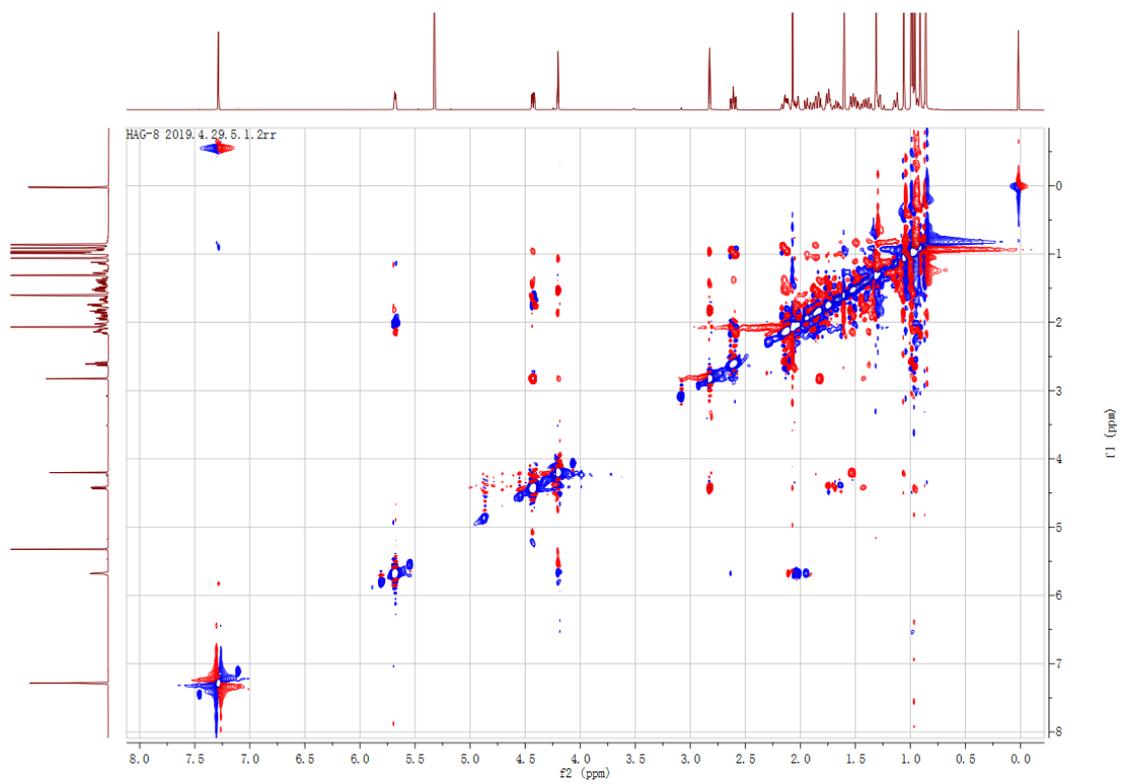


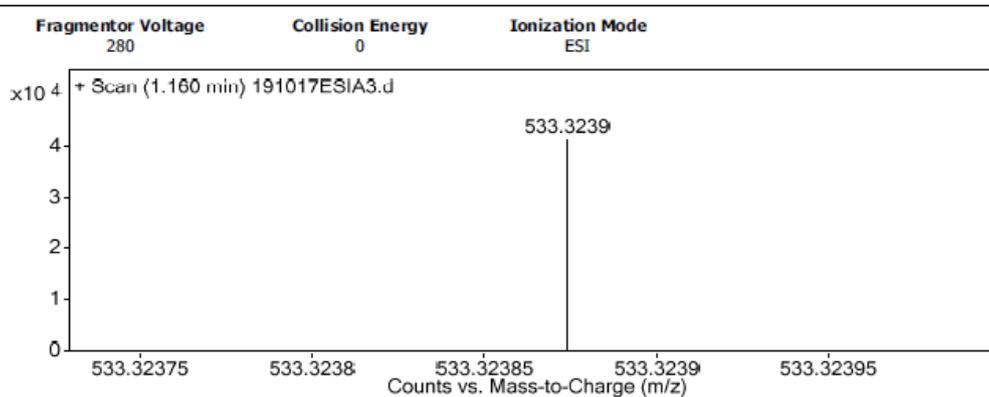
Figure S7. ROESY spectrum of astigranlactone

Qualitative Analysis Report

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Comment			

Sample Group	Info.
Acquisition SW	6200 series TOF/6500 series
Version	Q-TOF B.05.01 (B5125.2)

User Spectra



Peak List

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922.0098	1	124531.57		
1043.6573	1	95505.44		
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1141.6555	1	64040.9		
1142.6586	1	42670.09		
1553.9919	1	161246.7		
1554.9946	1	176457.48		
1555.9971	1	94242.75		

Formula Calculator Element Limits

Element	Min	Max
C	0	200
H	0	400
O	0	10
Na	1	1

Formula Calculator Results

Formula	CalculatedMass	Mz	Diff.(mDa)	Diff. (ppm)	DBE
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Figure S8. HR-ESI-MS spectrum of astigranlactone

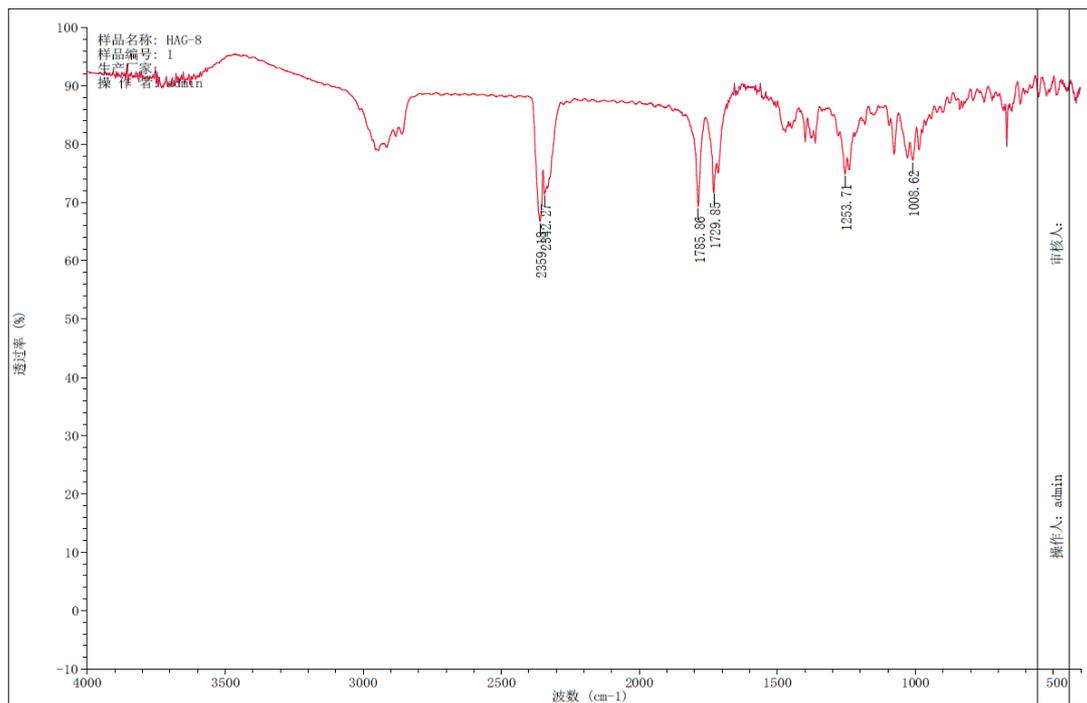


Figure S9. IR spectrum of astigranlactone