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Bioconversion of corticosterone into corticosterone-glucoside by glucosyltransferase

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Abstract: Glucosylation of the 21-hydroxyl group of glucocorticoid changes its solubility into hydrophilicity from hydrophobicity and, as with glucocorticoid glucuronides as a moving object in vivo, it is conceivable that it exhibits the same behavior. Therefore, glucosylation to the 21-hydroxyl group while maintaining the 11 β -hydroxyl group is particularly important, and glucosylation of corticosterone was confirmed by high-resolution mass spectrometry and 1D (¹H and ¹³C) and 2D (COSY, ROESY, HSQC-DEPT and HMBC) NMR. Moreover, the difference in bioactivity between corticosterone and corticosterone 21-glucoside was investigated in vitro. Corticosterone 21-glucoside showed greater neuroprotective effects against H₂O₂-induced cell death and reactive oxygen species (ROS) compared with corticosterone. These results for the first time demonstrate that bioconversion of corticosterone through the region-selective glucosylation of a novel compound can present structural potential for developing new neuroprotective agents.

Keywords: corticosterone; enzymatic glucosylation; glucocorticoid; NMR; steroid

Figure legends

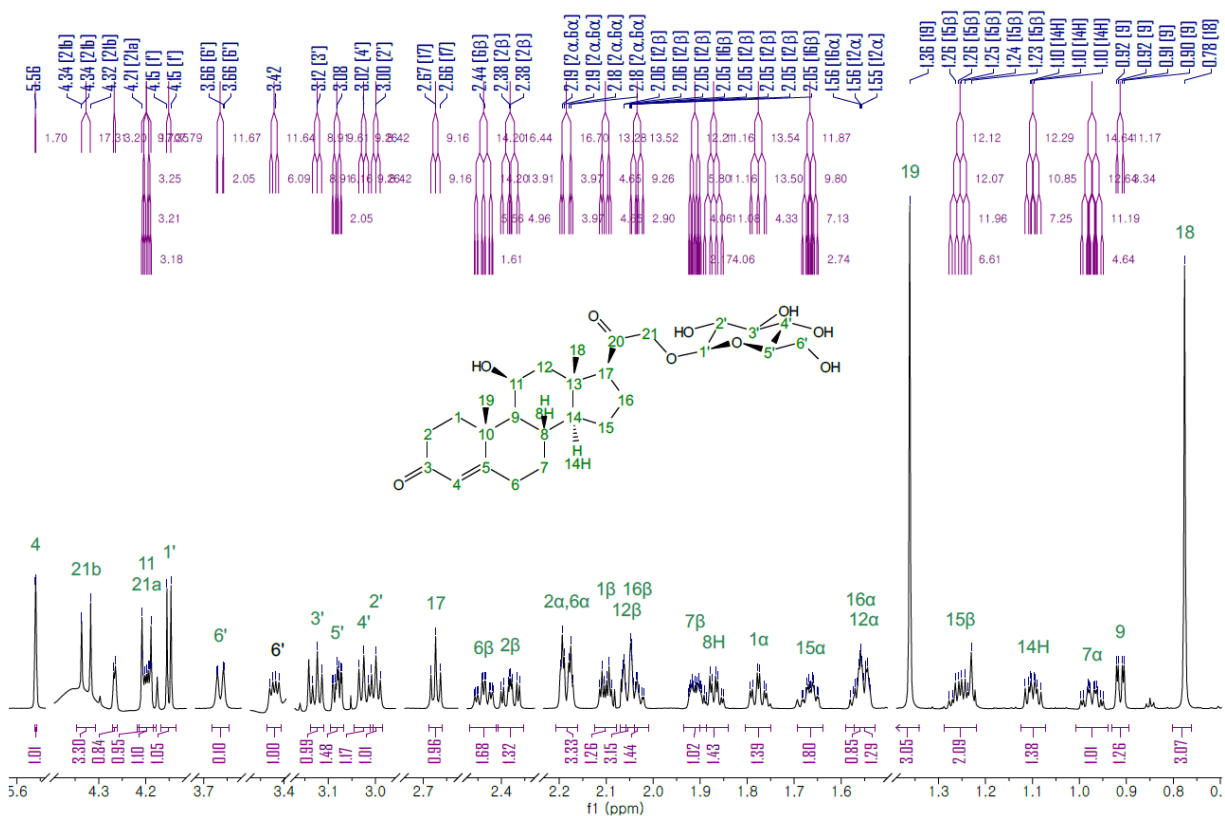
Figure S1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR analysis of corticosterone glucoside.

Figure S2. 2D (COSY, ROESY, HSQC-DEPT and HMBC) NMR of corticosterone glucoside.

Table S1. ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR chemical shifts¹ (ppm) of corticosterone glucoside

¹³ C		¹ H with coupling constants J _{HH} ²		
δ(ppm)		δ(ppm)		J _{HH} (Hz)
Aglycon moiety				
1	34.04	1α	1.78	ddd, 13.6, 13.6, 4.4
		1β	2.10	ddd, 13.3, 4.7, 4.7
2	33.48	2α	2.18	ddd, 16.8, 4.0, 4.0
		2β	2.38	ddd, 16.5, 13.8, 5.0
3	198.1			
4	121.52	4	5.56	d, 1.7
5	172.32			
6	31.35	6α	2.18	ddd, 16.8, 4.0, 4.0
		6β	2.44	dddd, 14.2, 14.2, 5.6, 1.6
7	32.52	7α	0.97	dddd, 14.6, 12.6, 11.2, 4.6
		7β	1.91	dddd, 12.2, 5.8, 4.1, 2.2
8	31.13	8	1.87	dddd, 11.2, 11.2, 11.1, 4.1
9	55.46	9	0.91	dd, 11.2, 3.4
10	38.86			
11	66.14	11α	4.20	dddd, 9.7, 3.3, 3.2, 3.2
		11β		
12	46.52	12α	1.57 – 1.53	m
		12β	2.07 – 2.04	m
13	43.41			
14	56.91	14	1.10	ddd, 12.3, 10.8, 7.1
15	24.13	15α	1.67	dddd, 12.1, 9.7, 7.1, 2.9
		15β	1.25	dddd, 12.1, 12.1, 12.0, 6.6
16	21.8	16α	1.59 – 1.53	m
		16β	2.03	ddd, 13.5, 9.3, 2.9
17	58.06	17	2.67	t, 9.2
18	15.76	18-CH ₃	0.78	s
19	20.37	19-CH ₃	1.36	s
20	207.61			
21	73.44	21	4.33	d, 17.3
		21	4.20	d, 17.3
Sugar moiety				
1'	102.14	1'	4.15	d, 7.8
2'	73.30	2'	3.00	dd, 8.4, 8.4
3'	76.55	3'	3.12	dd, 8.9, 8.9
4'	69.97	4'	3.02	dd, 9.3, 9.3
5'	77.03	5'	3.08	ddd, 9.6, 6.2, 2.1
6'	61.09	6'a	3.42	dd, 11.6, 6.1
		6'b	3.66	dd, 11.7, 2.1

¹ ^{13}C NMR (226 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) and ^1H NMR (900 MHz, DMSO-*d*6). Assignments from ^1H - ^1H COSY, ROESY, HSQC-DEPT and HMQC. ² Experimental error in the measured ^1H - ^1H coupling constants was ± 0.6 Hz.

¹H NMR

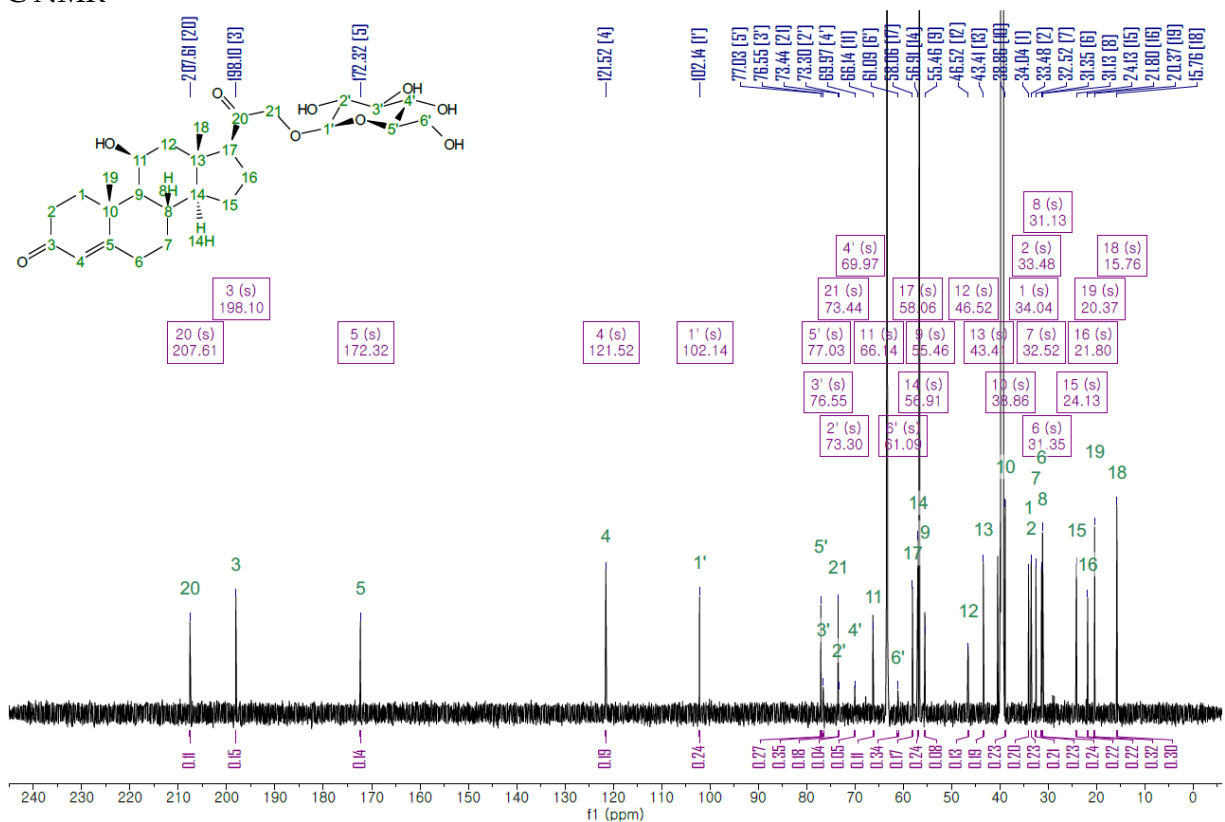
¹³C NMR

Figure S1.

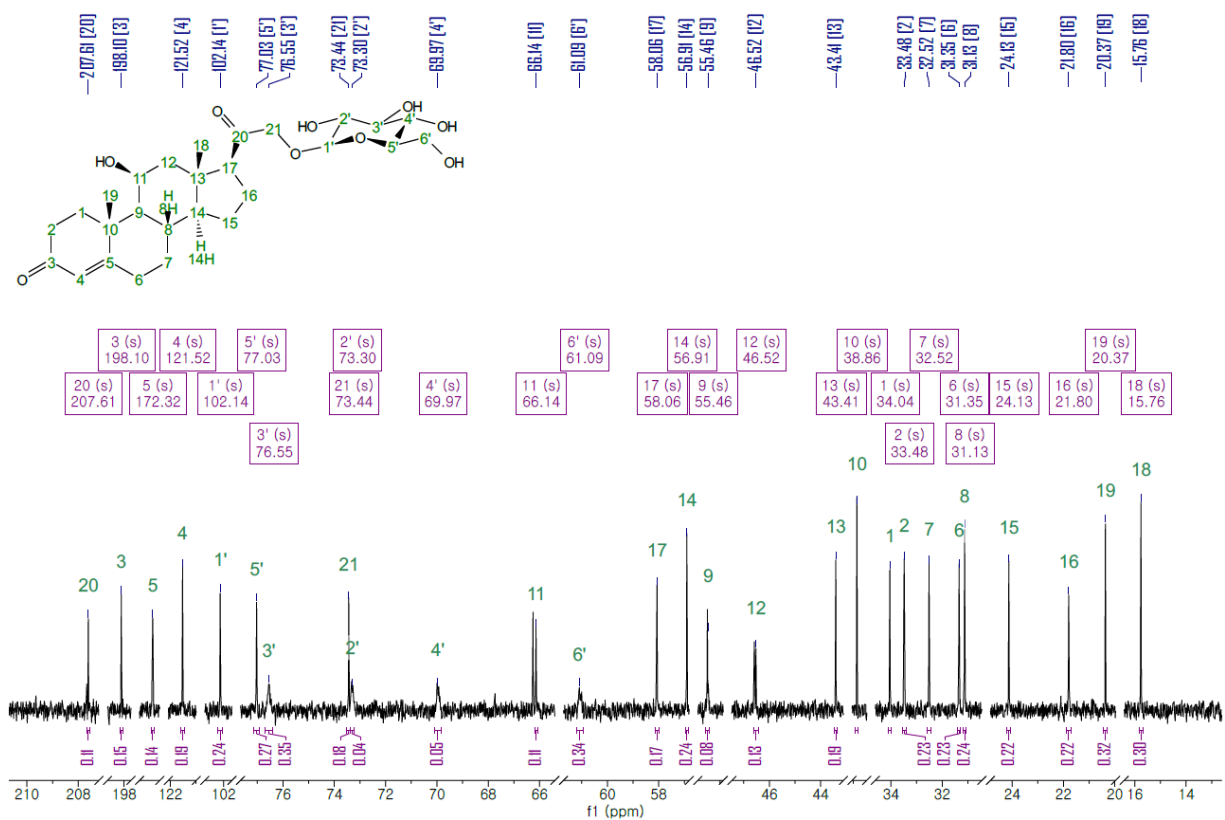
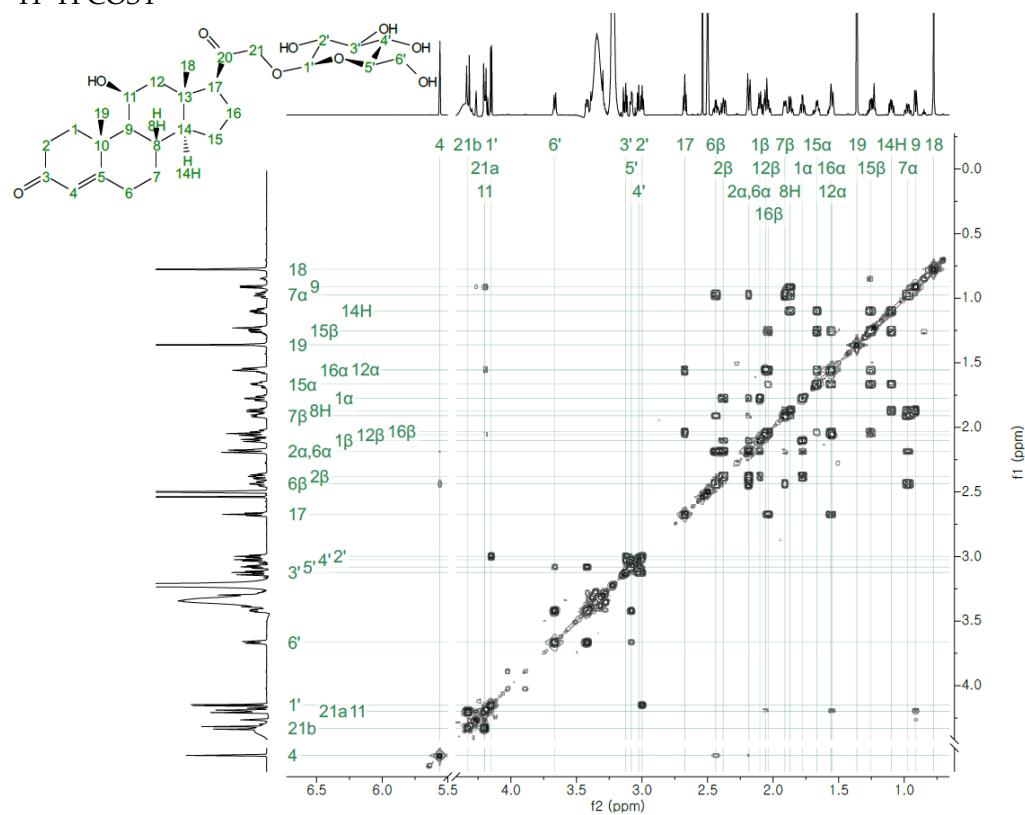


Figure S2.

^1H - ^1H COSY



ROESY

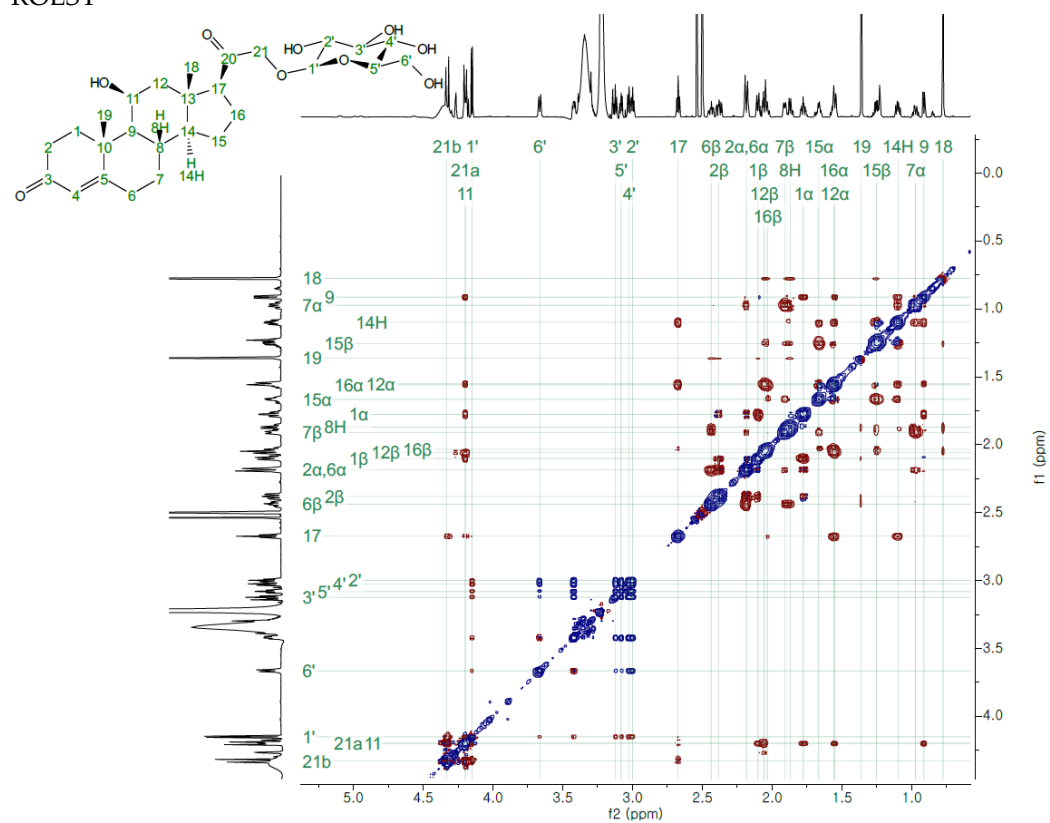
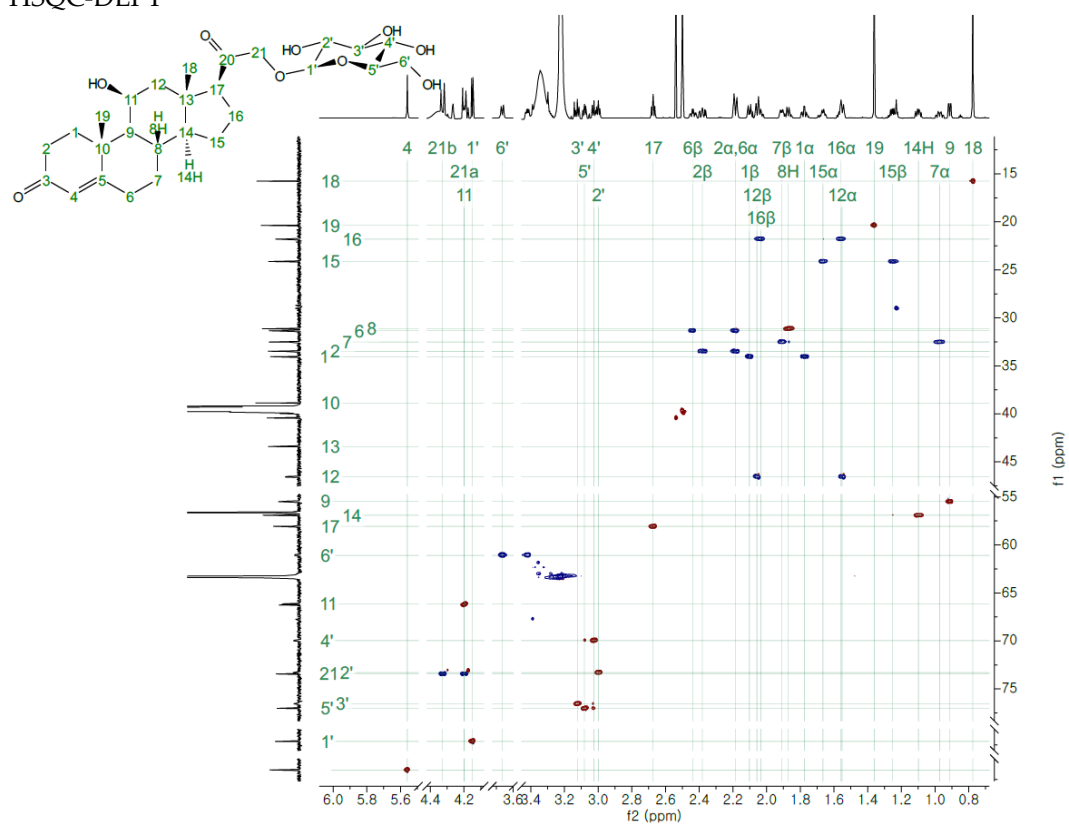


Figure S2.

HSQC-DEPT



HMBC

