

Acylated Cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucosides from the Purple Roots of Red Radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) ‘Benikanmi’

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Four new acylated cyanidin glycosides were isolated from the purple root peels of *Raphanus sativus* L. ‘Benikanmi’, along with five known anthocyanins. These pigments were based on cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside, and acylated diversely with malonic, *p*-coumaric, caffeic, and ferulic acids. Two pigments of these four new anthocyanins were determined to be cyanidin 3-*O*-[2-*O*-(β -glucopyranosyl)-6-*O*-(*trans*-feruloyl)- β -glucopyranoside]-5-*O*-[6-*O*-(malonyl)- β -glucopyranoside] and cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*cis*-*p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-[6-(malonyl)-glucoside] by chemical and spectroscopic methods. Since two other new pigments were obtained in small quantities, their structures were tentatively assigned to be malonyl cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside and malonyl cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-caffeoyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside, mainly on the basis of their spectroscopic data. From the results, the potential of these purple root anthocyanins as natural food colorants is discussed.

Key Words: acylated cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside, caffeic acid, ferulic acid, malonic acid, *trans*- and *cis*-*p*-coumaric acids.

Introduction

Recently, red radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) root anthocyanins have been widely used as natural food colorant because they are potential alternatives to synthetic dyes (Giusti and Wrolstad, 2003). These anthocyanins have been identified by several research groups (Fuleki, 1969; Harborne, 1964; Ishikura and Hayashi, 1962, 1963, 1965; Ishikura et al., 1965), and the presence of pelargonidin and cyanidin derivatives was reported in red and purple roots of red radish cultivars, respectively. Moreover, several groups (Giusti et al., 1998; Mori et al., 2006; Otsuki et al., 2002; Tatsuzawa et al., 2008) characterized the structures of acylated pelargonidin glycosides from the red roots of red radish cultivars; however, a detailed structural study of the purple root anthocyanins of red radish cultivars has not been reported until now. In this study, we wish to report the structure elucidation of four new acylated

cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucosides with five known anthocyanins isolated from purple root peels of *Raphanus sativus* ‘Benikanmi’.

Materials and Methods

General procedures

TLC was carried out on plastic coated cellulose sheets (Merck) using nine mobile phases: BAW (*n*-BuOH/HOAc/H₂O, 4 : 1 : 2, v/v/v), BuHCl (*n*-BuOH/2N HCl, 1 : 1, v/v, upper layer), AHW (HOAc/HCl/H₂O, 15 : 3 : 82, v/v/v), 1% HCl and Forestal (HOAc/HCl/H₂O, 30 : 3 : 10, v/v/v) for anthocyanins, and BAW, APW (EtOAc/pyridine/H₂O, 15 : 7 : 5, v/v/v), EAA (EtOAc/HCOOH/H₂O, 5 : 2 : 1, v/v/v), APW (EtOAc/pyridine/H₂O, 15 : 7 : 5, v/v/v), and 15% HOAc-H₂O for sugars and organic acids with UV light and aniline hydrogen phthalate spray reagent (Tatsuzawa et al., 2006).

Analytical HPLC was performed using the LC 10A system (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan), using a Waters C18 (4.6 ϕ × 250 mm) column (Nihon Waters K.K., Tokyo, Japan) at 40°C with a flow rate of 1 mL·min⁻¹ and monitoring at 530 nm. The eluant was applied as a linear

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gradient elution for 40 min from 20 to 85% solvent B (1.5% H₃PO₄, 20% HOAc, 25% MeCN in H₂O) in solvent A (1.5% H₃PO₄ in H₂O). UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a MPS-2400 (Shimadzu) in 0.1% HCl-MeOH (from 200 to 700 nm). Fast atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectra were obtained in the positive ion mode using the magic bullet (5 : 1 mixture of dithiothreitol and dithioerythritol) as a matrix. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded at 500 MHz for ¹H spectra in DMSO-*d*₆-CF₃COOD (9 : 1). Chemical shifts are reported relative to a tetra methyl silane (TMS) internal standard (δ), and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hz. Nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy (NOESY) spectra in DMSO-*d*₆-CF₃COOD (9 : 1) at 21°C were recorded on a JMN LA-500 spectrometer (JEOL Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) using the pnoesy_fgzz method to obtain phase-sensitive data, with 2k complex data points in f2 and 512 increments in f1, 1100 ms mixing time (PI1). A 2.0 s delay before each scan was used and 80 scans were averaged.

Plant materials

Seeds of *Raphanus sativus* 'Benikanmi' (a cultivar of purple root) were purchased from Mikado Co., Ltd. (Chiba, Japan). These seeds were sown in September, 2006, and the plants were grown in a farm of Minami-kyushu University. Their purple root peels [Purple 78A by Royal Horticultural Society (R.H.S.) Colour Chart and chromaticity value ($b^*/a^* = -2.83/28.65 = -0.10$)] were collected in December, 2006, dried overnight at 40°C, and kept in a refrigerator at about 4°C.

Extraction and purification of anthocyanins

Dried root peels (ca. 30 g) of *R. sativus* 'Benikanmi' were immersed in 5% HOAc-H₂O (5L) at room temperature for 5 h and extracted. The extract was passed through a Diaion HP-20 ion exchange resins (Mitsubishi Chemical, Tokyo, Japan) column (90 × 150 mm), on which acylated anthocyanins were absorbed. The column was thoroughly washed with H₂O (2 L) and eluted 5% HOAc-MeOH (500 mL) to recover the anthocyanins. After concentration, the eluates were separated and purified with paper chromatography using BAW. The separated pigments were further purified with preparative HPLC, which was performed on a C18 (19 ϕ × 150 mm, Waters) column at 40°C with a flow rate of 1 mL·min⁻¹ and monitoring at 530 nm. The solvent used was as follows: a linear gradient elution for 55 min from 40 to 85% solvent B in solvent A. Finally, four new (1–4) and five known anthocyanins (A–E) (Fig. 1) were obtained as follows: pigments 1 (ca. 3 mg), 2 (ca. 3 mg), 3 (ca. 5 mg), 4 (ca. 10 mg), A (ca. 1 mg), B (ca. 1 mg), C (ca. 1 mg), D (ca. 1 mg), and E (ca. 7 mg).

1. Pigment 1

Dark purple powder: malonyl cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 524, 279 nm, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 15$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values

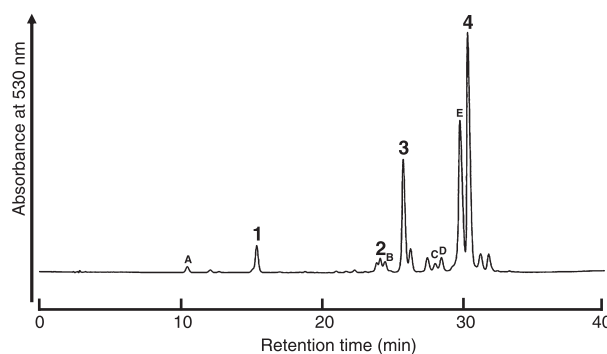


Fig. 1. HPLC analysis of pigments in root peels of *R. sativus* 'Benikanmi'. Peak No. 1–4 are new anthocyanins and A–E are known anthocyanins.

BAW 0.18, BuHCl 0.09, 1% HCl 0.55, AHW 0.78; HPLC: R_t (min) 15.6.

2. Pigment 2

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*cis-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-[6-(malonyl)-glucoside]; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 529, 318, 296, 282 nm, $E_{\text{acyl}}/E_{\max} (\%) = 106$, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 14$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.39, BuHCl 0.21, 1% HCl 0.43, AHW 0.79; HPLC: R_t (min) 24.4.

3. Pigment 3

Dark purple powder: malonyl cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-caffeoyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 527, 328, 295, 280 nm, $E_{\text{acyl}}/E_{\max} (\%) = 74$, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 14$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.32, BuHCl 0.16, 1% HCl 0.35, AHW 0.60; HPLC: R_t (min) 26.0.

4. Pigment 4

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-*O*-[2-*O*-(β -glucopyranosyl)-6-*O*-(*trans*-feruloyl)- β -glucopyranoside]-5-*O*-[6-*O*-(malonyl)- β -glucopyranoside]; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 530, 323, 295, 281 nm, $E_{\text{acyl}}/E_{\max} (\%) = 88$, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 14$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.36, BuHCl 0.16, 1% HCl 0.43, AHW 0.67; HPLC: R_t (min) 30.6.

5. Pigment A

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 525, 278 nm, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 13$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.20, BuHCl 0.06, 1% HCl 0.46, AHW 0.72; HPLC: R_t (min) 10.5.

6. Pigment B

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-caffeoyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 528, 327, 294, 281 nm, $E_{\text{acyl}}/E_{\max} (\%) = 83$, $E_{440}/E_{\max} = 15$, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.40, BuHCl 0.17, 1% HCl 0.28, AHW 0.57; HPLC: R_t (min) 24.6.

7. Pigment C

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{\max} 528, (314), 297, 282 nm,

E_{acyl}/E_{max} (%) = 160, E_{440}/E_{max} = 15, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.44, BuHCl 0.20, 1% HCl 0.31, AHW 0.62; HPLC: R_t (min) 28.2.

8. Pigment D

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-feruloyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{max} 529, 323, 295, 281 nm, E_{acyl}/E_{max} (%) = 86, E_{440}/E_{max} = 14, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.40, BuHCl 0.15, 1% HCl 0.30, AHW 0.60; HPLC: R_t (min) 28.6.

9. Pigment E

Dark purple powder: cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-[6-(malonyl)-glucoside]; UV-VIS (in 0.1% HCl-MeOH): λ_{max} 529, 315, 296, 281 nm, E_{acyl}/E_{max} (%) = 76, E_{440}/E_{max} = 13, AlCl₃ shift +; TLC R_f -values BAW 0.40, BuHCl 0.27, 1% HCl 0.45, AHW 0.72; HPLC: R_t (min) 30.0.

Results and Discussion

Five known anthocyanins (A–E) from these anthocyanin peaks (Fig. 1) were isolated, and their structures were determined to be cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside (ranging from 0.8% of the total anthocyanin contents calculated from the HPLC peak area at 530 nm, A), cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-caffeoyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside (1.7%, B), cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside (1.1%, C), cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-feruloyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside (1.8%, D), and cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-[6-(malonyl)-glucoside] (26.8%, E) by direct comparison with authentic specimens (Idaka et al., 1987; Saito et al., 1995, 2008). In addition to the above five anthocyanins, four new anthocyanins (1: 3.8%, 2: 1.1%, 3: 15.4%, 4: 39.9%) were detected in the extract as shown in Figure 1. Acid hydrolysis of each pigment 1–4 (ca. 0.3 mg each) was carried out with 2N HCl (1 mL) at 90°C for 2 h to give cyanidin, glucose, and malonic acid. *cis-p*-Coumaric acid, caffeic acid, and ferulic acid were detected in the hydrolysis products of pigments 2, 3, and 4, respectively. These products were confirmed by direct comparison of their TLC and HPLC behavior with authentic samples. Alkaline hydrolysis of pigments 1–4 (ca. 0.3 mg) was carried out with 2N NaOH solution (0.5 mL) at ambient temperature for 15 min, and the mixture was then acidified with 2N HCl (0.7 mL) to provide only one deacylated anthocyanin. Its structure was identified to be cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside by direct comparison of its TLC and HPLC behavior with those of the authentic sample obtained from *Iberis umbellata* (Saito et al., 2008). Also on acyl residues, malonic acid was detected in alkaline hydrolysis products of 1–4, *cis-p*-coumaric acid in 2, caffeic acid in 3, and ferulic acid in 4, respectively.

The FAB mass spectra of pigments 1–4 gave molecular ions at 859, 1005, 1021 and 1035 m/z , respectively, in agreement with the masses calculated for C₃₆H₄₃O₂₄, C₄₅H₄₉O₂₆, C₄₅H₄₉O₂₇ and C₄₆H₅₁O₂₇,

and their elemental components were confirmed by measuring their high-resolution FAB MS; Pigment 1: calc. for C₃₆H₄₃O₂₄ requires: 859.2144. Found: 859.2147; Pigment 2: calc. for C₄₅H₄₉O₂₆ requires: 1005.2512. Found: 1005.2542; Pigment 3: calc. for C₄₅H₄₉O₂₇ requires: 1021.2461. Found: 1021.2467; Pigment 4: calc. for C₄₆H₅₁O₂₇ requires: 1035.2616. Found: 1035.2603. Structure elucidation of pigment 4 was further carried out by measuring its ¹H-¹H correlation spectroscopy (COSY), nuclear Overhauser enhancement and exchange spectroscopy (NOESY), heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence spectroscopy (HMQC) and heteronuclear multiple bond correlation spectroscopy (HMBC) spectra, and its chemical shifts are shown in Table 1.

Pigment 4

The ¹H NMR spectrum of pigment 4 demonstrated the presence of three molecules of glucose and one molecule each of cyanidin, ferulic acid, and malonic acid. The aromatic protons of cyanidin and ferulic acid in this pigment were assigned by analysis of the COSY spectrum (Table 1). Proton signals of the sugar moieties were observed in the region of δ 2.74–5.68 (Table 1). The signals of three anomeric protons appeared at δ 5.68 (1H, *d*, J = 7.3 Hz, glucose (Glc) A), δ 4.70 (1H, *d*, J = 7.6 Hz, Glc B) and δ 5.18 (1H, *d*, J = 7.9 Hz, Glc C), and the assigned neighboring diaxial hydrogens had large coupling constants (7.3–9.2 Hz); therefore, these three glucose units must be β -glucopyranose. The characteristic four protons shifted to lower magnetic fields were assigned to two methylenes (-CH₂-) of Glc A (δ 4.28 and 4.47) and Glc C (δ 3.94 and 4.41). These results revealed that the OH-6 of Glc A and C were acylated by two acid residues (ferulic and malonic acid). Moreover, a signal appeared at δ 4.12 (*t*, J = 7.8 Hz, H-2 of Glc A) was easily correlated to the proton H-1 of Glc A. Thus, this proton was assigned to the H-2 of Glc A. The signal of the anomeric proton of Glc B was correlated to the signal of the H-2 proton of Glc A in the NOESY spectrum. These results suggested that Glc B was attached to OH-2 of Glc A through a glucosidic bond, and formed a sophorose unit. The signals of anomeric protons of Glc A and Glc C were correlated to the signals of the H-4 and H-6 of cyanidin by analysis of NOESY spectra (Fig. 2). Moreover, the observed correlation between the methylene protons of Glc C and malonic acid in its NOESY spectrum indicated that malonic acid was bonded to the OH-6 of Glc C. On the hydrolysis of pigment 4 (1 mg) with 1N HCl (1 mL) at room temperature for 1 week, pigment D was yielded; therefore, pigment 4 was determined to be cyanidin 3-*O*-[2-*O*-(β -glucopyranosyl)-6-*O*-(*trans*-feruloyl)- β -glucopyranoside]-5-*O*-[6-*O*-(malonyl)- β -glucopyranoside] (Fig. 2), a novel anthocyanin in plants (Andersen and Jordheim, 2006; Harborne and Baxter, 1999; Honda and Saito, 2002).

Table 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR^z spectroscopic data of pigment 4 of *R. sativus* 'Benikanmi'.

	^1H	^{13}C		^1H	^{13}C
Cyanidin			Glucose C		
2		162.6	1	5.18 d (7.9)	101.7
3		144.7	2	3.55 t* (8.5)	73.2
4	8.77 s	131.3	3	3.41 t* (8.9)	76.1
5		154.9	4	3.19 m	69.7
6	6.97 d (1.6)	104.7	5	3.76 m	74.2
7		167.3	6a	3.94 dd (7.0, 12.0)	64.2
8	7.05 d (1.6)	96.3	6b	4.41 d (12.0)	
9		155.2			
10		111.5	Ferulic acid		
1'		119.7	1		125.5
2'	8.05 d (2.2)	117.7	2	7.07 d (1.6)	111.3
3'		146.4	3		147.9
4'		155.1	4		149.5
5'	7.10 d (8.6)	117.0	5	6.75 d (8.3)	115.5
6'	8.27 dd (2.2, 8.6)	127.8	6	6.96 dd (1.6, 8.3)	123.1
			7 α	6.33 d (15.9)	114.5
Glucose A			8 β	7.42 d (15.9)	145.6
1	5.68 d (7.3)	99.2	9		166.8
2	4.12 t* (7.8)	80.8	OCH ₃	3.74 s	55.7
3	3.74 t* (8.2)	76.2			
4	3.52 t* (9.2)	69.7	Malonic acid		
5	4.03 m	73.7	1		166.9
6a	4.28 dd (6.6, 12.0)	63.2	2	3.41 s	41.2
6b	4.47 d (12.0)		3		168.1
Glucose B					
1	4.70 d (7.6)	103.8			
2	3.00 t* (8.9)	74.6			
3	3.12 t* (8.9)	75.8			
4	3.04 t* (9.2)	69.7			
5	2.74 m	76.9			
6a	3.19 m	60.6			
6b	3.23 m				

^z 125.78 MHz for ^{13}C and 500 MHz for ^1H (DMSO-*d*₆-CF₃CO₂D, 9:1), at 25°C, TMS as an internal standard. Coupling constants (*J* in Hz) in parentheses.

s=singlet, d=doublet, brd=broad doublet, t*=distorted triplet, m=multiplet, dd=double doublet.

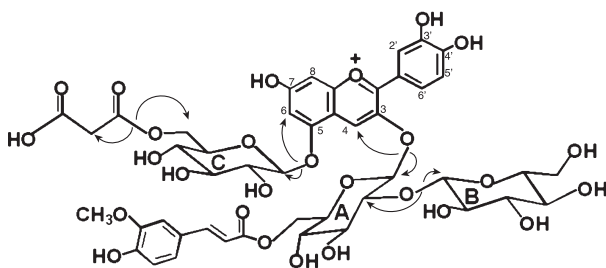


Fig. 2. Novel acylated anthocyanin (pigment 4) from root peels of *Raphanus sativus* 'Benikanmi'. Observed NOEs are indicated by arrows.

Pigments 1–3

Pigments 1–3 were hydrolyzed with 1N HCl by several methods, or isomerized by sunlight (Tatsuzawa et al., 2008). Pigments 1 (1 mg) and 3 (1 mg) were hydrolyzed

with 1N HCl (1 ml) at room temperature for 1 week. Then, pigment A from pigment 1 and pigment B from pigment 3 (Fig. 1) were obtained in addition to malonic acid as their hydrolysates, respectively; therefore, pigments 1 and 3 were tentatively identified to be malonyl cyanidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside (pigment 1) and malonyl cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*trans*-caffeoyl)-glucoside]-5-glucoside (pigment 3), respectively. Pigment 2 was transformed into pigment C by isomerization with sunlight (Tatsuzawa et al., 2008), indicating that the *p*-coumaroyl moiety of pigment 2 was isomerized from *cis* to *trans* form, and its structure was confirmed by HPLC analysis by comparison with pigment C. Therefore, pigment 2 was identified to be cyanidin 3-[2-(glucosyl)-6-(*cis-p*-coumaroyl)-glucoside]-5-malonylglucoside.

To the best of our knowledge, acylated anthocyanins

have been characterized by several research groups for red-color root cultivars whose anthocyanins were based on pelargonidin 3-sophoroside-5-glucoside (Giusti et al., 1998; Mori et al., 2006; Otsuki et al., 2002; Tatsuzawa et al., 2008); however, there are no reports on the anthocyanin components of purple-color root cultivars until now except the classical reports of Ishikura and Hayashi (1965) and Ishikura et al., (1965). In this study, we made a planed to investigate the anthocyanin components of ‘Benikanmi’, a typical purple-color root cultivar of red radish. The results revealed that the anthocyanins of ‘Benikanmi’ were analogous to those of red-color root cultivars, except for their aglycones. Namely, the aglycone of ‘Benikanmi’ is cyanidin instead of pelargonidin for red-color root cultivars. Therefore, it was considered that anthocyanin pigments from purple-color root cultivars of red radish also have potential as natural food colorants purple or red-purple for drinks, candy, jelly and so on. We hope that this anthocyanin research will contribute to the development of natural food colorants in the future.

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