

## S1 Text.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of saponin 1 revealed six signals relative to methyl groups at  $\delta$  0.90 (*s*), 0.94 (*s*), 1.05 (*s*), 1.13 (*s*), 1.31 (*s*) and 1.61 (*s*) (S1 Table) that correlated to the carbon signals at  $\delta$  33.6 (C-29), 24.2 (C-30), 18.8 (C-26), 26.4 (C-27), 16.4 (C-24) and 19.2 (C-25) in the HMQC spectrum (S5 Fig). The attributions of signals were determined based on the HMBC correlations (S4 and S6 Fig), such as the correlations of H/C-29 with signals of 30 and 22, H/C-26 with 14 and 8 and H/C-25 with 1 and 9 positions. The carbons at  $\delta$  83.8 (C-3) and 177.9 (C-28) indicates the presence of two saccharide chains attaching the hydroxyl at C-3 and in C-28 esterifying the acid, which were confirmed by the H-C correlations of the anomeric hydrogens observed in the HMBC. In addition, hydroxylations were established in other aglycone positions from the hydrogens  $\delta$  4.32 (*m*, H-2), 4.46 (*m*, H-6) and 3.42/3.72 (H-23), as well as the presence of one double bond at C-12 was also determined from the hydrogen at  $\delta$  5.35(*t*) and the carbons  $\delta$  124.4 (C-12) and 144.4 (C-13). Thus the data confirmed the aglycone protobassic acid, and they are in agreement with those reported [1], besides this aglycone was already reported in *Manilkara* species [2].

The six anomeric hydrogens were observed in the region from 4.2 to 5.7 ppm, suggesting the presence of six sugars in the structure. Their coupling constant (*J*) were important to determine the anomeric configuration, for example, 7-8 Hz and 1-4 Hz for  $\beta$ - and  $\alpha$ -configuration in the pyranosides, respectively [1,2]. The signals of each sugar were established by the H-H correlations observed in the COSY and TOCSY 2D spectra. The signals at  $\delta$  4.42 (*d*, *J*= 7.7 Hz) and 4.28 (*d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), relative to the carbons at  $\delta$  105.4 and 103.9 observed from HMQC (S5 Fig), together with all their  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data confirmed the identity of  $\beta$ -glucose. The same strategy was applied to elucidate the other saccharides with the anomeric hydrogens at  $\delta$  4.52 (*d*, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 5.09 (*d*, *J*= 1.2Hz), 5.17 (*d*, *J*= 1.4Hz) and 5.62 (*d*, *J*= 4.0 Hz), which were identified as  $\alpha$ -xylose,  $\alpha$ -rhamnose,  $\alpha$ -rhamnose and  $\alpha$ -arabinose, respectively, and these data were compatible to the data reported in the literature.[1,2] The linkage position of sugars were determined by the C-H correlations observed from the HMBC spectrum (S4 and S6 Fig), for example, the correlations of  $\delta$  5.62 (H-1 of  $\alpha$ -arabinose) and 4.42 (H-1 of  $\beta$ -glucose) with the aglycone carbons  $\delta$  83.8 (C-3) and 177.9 (C-28). Thus the isolated saponin 1 as 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-28-*O*-( $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-glycopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopyranosyl)-protobassic acid or Mi-saponin C. The ion at *m/z* 1383.6423 [M-H] $^-$  was observed in the high resolution mass spectrum of saponin 1 (S7 Fig), confirming the structure proposed ( $\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{103}\text{O}_{32}$ , calc. 1383.6438, error 1.0 pmm).

Therefore, the isolated saponin was identified as Mi-saponin C, which was described from species *Planchonella* and *Madhuca longifolia* and whose spectral data are compatible with those obtained in the present study.

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