



A Pyrone and Flavonoid Derivatives from *Cryptocarya crassinervia* and their Inhibitory Properties against Receptor Tyrosine Kinases

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Abstract. A new α -pyrone, i.e., cryptocrassinervione (**1**), and a new flavone glycoside, i.e., kaempferol-3-*O*-rhamnosyl-2-*O*-apiofuranoside (**4**), were isolated from EtOAc extract of *Cryptocarya crassinervia* leaves. Along with these compounds, two known flavone glycosides, namely afzelin (**2**) and quercitrin (**3**), were also isolated. The structures of the new compounds were determined based on NMR and mass spectral data. Compounds **1–4** were examined against eight receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) (EGFR, HER2, HER4, IGF1R, InsR, KDR, PDGFR α , and PDGFR β), which showed that these compounds were moderately active against EGFR, with inhibition percentages of 55, 49, 41, and 44%, respectively. They were weakly active against HER2, with inhibitions of 17, 20, 18, and 16%, respectively. However, they were not active against the rest of the RTKs. Nevertheless, compounds **1–4** have potency as inhibitors of EGFR.

Keywords: α -pyrone; *Cryptocarya crassinervia*; flavone glycosides; Lauraceae; receptor tyrosine kinases.

1 Introduction

Cryptocarya, consisting of about 350 species, is a large genus of Lauraceae and is distributed in Asia, Australia, Africa, and South America [1]. It is locally known as *medang* in Indonesia and has been valued for a number of purposes, for example, as a source for building materials and furniture, pulp, and perfume [2,3]. Some of the plants have also been used in traditional medicines, for instance, for the treatment of muscle and joint pain, fever, headache, nausea, and infection caused by fungi [2–4]. The genus of this plant has been reported to produce a diverse range of secondary metabolites, including alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, coumarins stilbenes, flavonoids, lignans, α -pyrones, amides, and

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carboxylic acid derivatives. In a previous study [5], we have reported α -pyrones and amides derivatives from Indonesian *Cryptocarya* that exhibited potential cytotoxic activity against murine leukemia P-388 cells. As a continuation of this study, herein we report the isolation and structure elucidation of compounds from *Cryptocarya crassinervia* leaves and their evaluation of inhibitory activity against receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs).

2 Experiment

2.1 General

Gravity column chromatography (GCC) was carried out using two stationary phases, i.e., polyamide and Si gel 60 GF254. Meanwhile, centrifugal planar chromatography (CPC) was conducted using Si gel 60 PF254. Aluminum thin-layer chromatography (TLC) used Si gel coated with fluorescence indicator F254 (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254). Solvents (*n*-hexane, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate, and methanol) for extraction and purification were technical-grade and were distilled prior to use, except for chloroform, which was pro-analysis grade (Merck). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured with Agilent DD2 system operating at 500 (^1H) and 125 (^{13}C) MHz. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with an ESI-TOF Waters LCT Premier XE. Optical rotations were measured with an Autopol IV Rudolph Research Analytical. Promega provided the ADP-Glo Kinase Assay and Kinase Selectivity Profiling System (KSPS) for receptor tyrosine kinases TK1 (EGFR, HER2, HER4, IGF1R, InsR, KDR, PDGFR, and PDGFR). The kinase enzyme assay was carried out using a Pipetmax-268 automatic liquid handler from Gilson, while the luminescent assay was measured with a GloMax Explorer.

2.2 Plant Materials

Leaves of *C. crassinervia* were collected from Bogor Botanical Garden, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia, in July 2017, and a voucher specimen (No. XX.B.12a) was deposited at the Herbarium Bogoriense.

2.3 Extraction and Isolation

The dried and powdered leaves of *C. crassinervia* (1.2 kg) were macerated with methanol at room temperature three times overnight (3 L each). After solvent evaporation, the extract (127 g) was separated from the chlorophyll by dissolving it in $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1). The free chlorophyll fraction (317.5 mL) was then redissolved in EtOAc to yield 5.5 g of EtOAc extract. The EtOAc extract was fractionated by using gravitational column chromatography (GCC; polyamide, 50 g) and eluted with $\text{CHCl}_3-\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (9.5:0.5) to give 15 fractions (fr.A–fr.O).

Fraction B (1.4 g) was further subjected to centrifugal planar chromatography (CPC) with an eluent of CHCl_3 –acetone (7:3) and yielded compound **1** (18.9 mg). Fraction K (230 mg) was fractionated by GCC (eluent: CHCl_3 – CH_3OH = 9:1) to give six fractions. Fraction K.4 was repeatedly separated using GCC eluted by CHCl_3 – CH_3OH . Purification of the K4.2 fraction by CPC gave compound **2** (20 mg), while the K4.4 fraction afforded compound **3** (22 mg). Moreover, fraction M (380 mg) was further purified using GCC with CH_3Cl – CH_3OH as an eluent (9:1) to get fractions M.1–M.2 that were pure and then assigned as compound **4** (24.8 mg).

2.4 Tyrosine Kinase Assay

The tyrosine kinase assay was carried out in accordance with the established methodology previously described in [6], which is based on the work of Hennek [7], with some modifications. Specifically, the single-dose inhibition protocol was utilized to determine the percentage of enzyme activity. The test compound, prepared at a concentration of 5% in DMSO, was diluted with 62.5 μL of 4X kinase buffer and supplemented with 175 μL of nuclease-free water to achieve a concentration of 10 μM . Each kinase stock in the strip within the PCR tubes was diluted with 95 μL of 2.5X kinase reaction buffer, while each substrate/cofactor stock in the substrate strip was diluted with 20 μL of 80 μM ATP. These tubes were maintained at 0 °C passive thermal block until use. To initiate the assay, 2 μL of kinase working stocks and 2 μL of ATP/substrate mixture were dispensed into the wells of a 384-well plate along with 1 μL of the test compound. The reaction mixture was incubated for 1 hour at room temperature (22 to 25 °C).

Upon finishing the reaction, 5 μL of ADP-Glo reagent was added and incubated for another 40 minutes. Afterward, 10 μL of kinase detection reagent was added, and the incubation was continued for an additional 30 minutes to convert ADP to ATP, thus enabling the measurement of newly synthesized ATP through a luciferin reaction. Following the completion of the reaction, the luminescence was measured to the detected kinase activity. The negative control in absence of the compound represented uninhibited kinase activity (100% activity) and without the enzyme represented background luminescence (0% activity). The data were processed using the SMART protocol in the GloMax Explorer software. The reported percentage of kinase activity was calculated by subtracting the average luminescence of the no-enzyme control from all kinase-containing reactions, with or without the compound, and then converting these net luminescence values to percentage activity based on the no-compound control reaction, representing 100% kinase activity. Erlotinib was used as positive control (1 μM).

3 Results and Discussion

The structure of the isolated compounds (**1–4**) was elucidated based on their spectroscopic data, including NMR, HRMS, and UV-Vis spectra, compared to the data in the literature.

Cryptocrassinervione (**1**) – Colorless gum: $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -284 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ): 204 (3.18) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3451, 2928, 1713, 1641, 1387, 1258, 1103, 1038 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) see Table 1. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) see Table 1. HRESITOF-MS m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.1667 (calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 381.1672).

Afzelin (**2**) – Yellow solid: $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -136 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); M.p. 175–176°C. UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ): 219 (5.93), 265 (8.97), 296 (5.75), dan 339 (5.76) nm. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ_{H} : 12.68 (1H, *s*, 5-OH), 7.82 (2H, *d*, $J = 8.7$ Hz, H-2'/H-6'), 6.98 (2H, *d*, $J = 8.7$ Hz, H-3'/H-5'), 6.44 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.8$ Hz, H-8), 6.23 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.9$ Hz, H-6), 5.51 (1H, *s*, H-1''), 4.14 (1H, *s*, H-2''), 3.65 (1H, *dd*, $J = 9.4$ and 3.8 Hz, H-3''), 3.31 (1H, *dd*, $J = 9.4$ and 8.6 Hz, H-4''), 3.27 (1H, *m*, H-5''), 0.86 (3H, *d*, $J = 5.8$ Hz, H-6''); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ_{C} : 179.1 (C-4), 164.8 (C-7), 163.0 (C-5), 160.7 (C-4'), 158.3 (C-2), 157.8 (C-8a), 135.5 (C-3), 131.5 (C-2'/C-6'), 122.3 (C-1'), 116.1 (C-3'/C-5'), 105.6 (C-4a), 102.5 (C-1''), 99.4 (C-6), 94.4 (C-8), 72.8 (C-4''), 72.0 (C-3''), 71.3 (C-2''), 71.2 (C-5''), 17.6 (C-6'') ppm.

Quercitrin (**3**) – Yellow solid: $[\alpha]_D^{27.5}$ -76 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ_{H} : 7.33 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.9$ Hz, C-2'), 7.29 (1H, *dd*, $J = 8.3$ and 1.9 Hz, H-6'), 6.90 (1H, *d*, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H-5'), 6.35 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.6$ Hz, H-8), 6.18 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.8$ Hz, H-6), 5.34 (1H, *d*, $J = 1.1$ Hz, H-1''), 4.21 (1H, *dd*, $J = 3.0$ and 1.5 Hz, H-2''), 3.74 (1H, *dd*, $J = 9.4$ and 3.3 Hz, H-3''), 3.41 (1H, *m*, H-5''), 3.33 (1H, *d*, $J = 9.5$ Hz, H-4''), 0.94 (3H, *d*, $J = 6.1$ Hz, H-6'') ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ_{C} : 179.6 (C-4), 165.9 (C-7), 163.2 (C-5), 159.3 (C-2), 158.5 (C-8a), 149.8 (C-4'), 146.4 (C-3'), 136.2 (C-3), 123.0 (C-1'), 122.9 (C-6'), 116.9 (C-2'), 116.4 (C-5'), 105.9 (C-4a), 103.5 (C-1''), 99.8 (C-6), 94.7 (C-8), 73.3 (C-4''), 72.1 (C-5''), 72.0 (C-3''), 71.9 (C-2''), 17.7 (C-6'') ppm.

Kaempferol-3-*O*-rhamnosyl-2-*O*-apiofuranoside (**4**) – Yellowish powder: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -56 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6) see Table 2; ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6) see Table 2. HRESITOF-MS m/z : $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 563.1409 (calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_{14}$: 563.1401).

Among the four compounds obtained from the leaf extract of *C. crassinervia* (Figure 1), two were new, i.e., cryptocrassinervione (**1**), a new α -pyrone, and

kaempferol-3-*O*-rhamnosyl-2-*O*-apiofuranoside (**4**), a new flavonoid glycoside. Besides that, two known flavonoid glycosides, namely afzelin (**2**) and quercitrin (**3**), were also isolated.

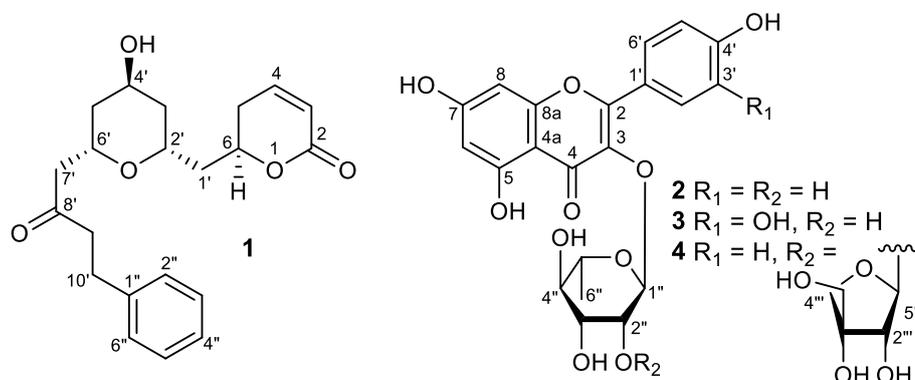


Figure 1 Structures of compounds isolated from *C. crassinervia*.

Compound **1** was isolated as a yellowish gum, $[\alpha]_D^{20} -284^\circ$ (MeOH), and has the molecular formula of $C_{21}H_{26}O_5$ by high resolution electrospray ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry (HR-ESI-TOF-MS) (found m/z $[M+Na]^+$ 381.1667, calcd. 381.1672). The UV spectrum of **1** showed the maximum absorption at λ_{max} 204 nm, which is the typical absorption of a simple benzenoid chromophore. Meanwhile, its IR spectrum showed absorptions at ν_{max} 3451 (OH) and 1713 (conjugated ester C=O) cm^{-1} . These IR data indicated that compound **1** is an α -pyrone derivative [8]. In the NMR spectra (Table 1), the α -pyrone structure is shown by the presence of signals for a conjugated carbonyl lactone C-2 (δ_C 164.4), a conjugated *cis*-disubstituted alkene (δ_H 6.86 (H-3), 6.02 (H-4), each $J = 9.7$ Hz; δ_C 121.4 (C-3), 145.1 (C-4)), a methylene at C-5 (δ_H 2.37, δ_C 28.6), and an oxymethine at C-6 (δ_H 4.60, δ_C 75.2) groups, which was confirmed by the HMBC correlations (Fig. 2). The NMR spectra also showed the signals at δ_H 7.28 (H-3''/H-5''), 7.19 (H-4''), 7.17 (H-2''/H-6''), 2.86, (H-10'), 2.76 (H-9'), and signal at δ_C 207.8 (C-8') that indicated the presence of a dihydrocinnamoyl group. Meanwhile, the NMR signal at δ_H 4.23 (H-2'), 4.16 (H-6'), 4.05 (H-4'), 2.80 & 2.51 (H-7'), 2.29 & 1.71 (H-1'), 1.80 & 1.64 (H-3'), and 1.94 & 1.29 (H-5') exhibited a 2,6-dimethylenepyran-4-ol moiety.

The selected important HMBC showed the correlation between methylene at C-7' of the 2,6-dimethylenepyran-4-ol moiety (δ_H 2.80 & 2.51 ppm) and the carbonyl of a dihydrocinnamoyl at δ_C 207.8 ppm. Besides that, there was also an HMBC correlation between methylene at C-1' (δ_H 1.71 and 2.29 ppm) and C-6 of

a pyrone ring (δ_C 75.2 ppm). From this analysis, the structure of **1** can be formulated as a cinnamoyl unit and an α -pyrone unit flanking the 2,6-dimethylenepyran-4-ol moiety.

Long-range ^1H - ^{13}C correlations (Figure 2) between the methylene proton signals at δ_H 2.80 & 2.51 and 2.29 & 1.71 of the 2,6-dimethylenepyran-4-ol moiety with the carbon signals at δ_C 207.8 and 75.2, respectively, confirmed the basic structure of **1**. Other HMBC correlations that support structure **1** are shown in Fig. 2. Compound **1** is, therefore, an 8,9-dihydroderivative of cryptococcatone, which was isolated from *C. concinna* [9]. The CD spectrum revealed positive Cotton effects at λ ($\Delta\epsilon$) 205 (+32.19), 236 (+6.69), and 254 (+10.09) nm, consistent with the *R* configuration, indicating absolute stereochemistry at C-6 [8]. The presence of large coupling constants in the H-2' and H-6' signals (9.5 and 9.1 Hz, respectively) supported by NOE interaction (Figure 3) indicate that these hydrogens are in the axial configuration, and therefore the oxygen functionalities in the pyran-4-ol ring are equatorial. Therefore, compound **1** is trivially named as cyrptocrassinervione (Figure 1).

Compound **4** was isolated as a pale-yellow solid, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -56° (MeOH). Based on the HRESITOF-MS spectrum (negative mode), it revealed a quasimolecular ion $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ at m/z 563.1409, consistent with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_{14}$ (calcd. $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ at m/z 563.1401). The ^1H NMR data of compound **4** (Table 2) were similar to those of compound **2**, namely the signals for the kaempferol structure, including signals of two protons of tetrasubstituted benzene at δ_H 6.46 (H-6) & 6.26 (H-8), each 1H and *d*, $J = 2.0$ Hz. In addition, there were also signals at δ_H 7.84 (H-2'/H-6') & 7.02 (H-3'/H-5'), each 2H and *d*, $J = 8.7$, indicating the presence of disubstituted benzene. Moreover, there were also signals for the α -L-rhamnopyranosyl groups at δ_H 5.55 (H-1''), 4.23 (H-2''), 3.80 (H-3''), 3.44 (H-5''), 3.34 (H-4''), and 0.94 (H-6''). Compound **4** also had additional NMR signals that appeared at δ_H 5.19 (H-1'''), 3.97 (H-2'''), 3.82 & 3.69 (H-4'''), and 3.56 (H-5'''), as well as signals at δ_C 111.5 (C-1'''), 80.0 (C-3'''), 77.3 (C-2'''), 74.7 (C-4'''), and 65.6 (C-5'''), that determined the presence of β -D-apiofuranosyl [13].

The HMBC spectrum showed a correlation between the anomeric proton signal of the β -D-apiofuranosyl group (δ_H 5.19, *d*, $J = 1.9$ Hz) and the carbon signal at C-2 (δ_C 77.9) that indicated that the β -D-apiofuranosyl group attached at C-2 of α -L-rhamnopyranosyl group. Thus, **4** was determined as kaempferol-3-*O*-(2-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside. Further support for structure **4** was obtained by comparison of the NMR data of **4** with those reported for quercetin-3-*O*-(2-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl)- α -L-rhamno-pyranoside [10].

Table 1 NMR data of compounds **1** (CDCl₃) and **4** (acetone-*d*₆).

C No.	1		C No.	4	
	δ_{H} (m, J in Hz)	δ_{C}		δ_{H} (m, J in Hz)	δ_{C}
2	-	164.4	2	-	158.3
3	6.02 (<i>ddd</i> , 9.7, 1.9, 1.0)	121.4	3	-	135.7
4	6.86 (<i>ddd</i> , 9.7, 5.6, 2.9)	145.1	4	-	179.1
5	2.37 (<i>m</i>)	28.6	4a	-	105.6
6	4.60 (<i>ddt</i> , 10.5, 7.5, 5.2)	75.2	5	-	163.1
1'	1.71 (<i>ddd</i> , 14.4, 7.5, 4.7)	36.7	6	6.26 (<i>d</i> , 2.0)	99.4
	2.29 (<i>ddd</i> , 14.4, 9.9, 5.2)	-	7	-	164.8
2'	4.23 (<i>dq</i> , 9.5, 4.7)	67.0	8	6.46 (<i>d</i> , 2.0)	94.4
3'	1.64 (<i>ddd</i> , 13.1, 9.5, 5.2)	37.9	8a	-	157.9
	1.80 (<i>dt</i> , 13.1, 4.7, 1.6)	-	1'	-	122.3
4'	4.05 (<i>br q</i> , 4.7)	64.0	2'/6'	7.84 (<i>d</i> , 8.7)	131.5
5'	1.29 (<i>dt</i> , 12.8, 9.2)	39.4	3'/5'	7.02 (<i>d</i> , 8.7)	116.3
	1.94 (<i>br dt</i> , 12.8, 3.5)	-	4'	-	160.8
6'	4.16 (<i>tdd</i> , 9.1, 4.6, 3.5)	65.8	1''	5.55 (<i>d</i> , 1.1)	101.8
7'	2.80 (<i>dd</i> , 16.1, 9.1)	48.3	2''	4.23 (<i>dd</i> , 3.0, 1.6)	77.9
	2.51 (<i>dd</i> , 16.1, 4.6)	-	3''	3.80 (<i>dd</i> , 3.1, 9.3)	71.7
8'	-	207.8	4''	3.34 (<i>t</i> , 9.5)	73.3
9'	2.76 (<i>t</i> , 7.3)	45.2	5''	3.44 (<i>m</i>)	71.3
10'	2.86 (<i>t</i> , 7.3)	29.5	6''	0.94 (<i>d</i> , 6.1)	17.8
1''	-	140.9	1'''	5.19 (<i>d</i> , 1.9)	111.5
2''/6''	7.17 (<i>br d</i> , 7.4)	128.3	2'''	3.97 (<i>d</i> , 1.6)	77.3
3''/5''	7.28 (<i>br d</i> , 7.4)	128.5	3'''	-	80.0
4''	7.19 (<i>br t</i> , 7.4)	126.2	4'''	3.82 (<i>d</i> , 9.6)	74.7
		126.2		3.69 (<i>d</i> , 9.6)	
		126.2	5'''	3.56 (<i>s</i>)	65.6
		126.2	5-OH	12.73 (<i>brs</i>)	-

The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2**, identified as afzelin (kaempferol-3-*O*- α -L-rhamnoside), showed the presence of 19 signals representing 21 carbon atoms, six of which were signals for C-sp³. The remaining 13 carbon signals were for C-sp², including two characteristic carbon signals for a flavonol derivative at δ_{C} 179.1 and 135.5. The ¹³C NMR spectrum indicated that molecule **2** was likewise a glycosylated flavonol derivative. The ¹H NMR spectrum also revealed signals corresponding to the kaempferol unit, which was the same as in compound **4**. The signals included two *ortho*-coupled aromatic doublet signals (δ_{H} 7.82 and 6.98) on ring B, two *meta*-coupled aromatic doublet signals (δ_{H} 6.23 and 6.44) on ring A and a chelated OH group proton signal (δ_{H} 12.68). The existence of a methyl proton doublet signal at δ_{H} 0.86 showed the glycoside group in **2** originates from an α -L-rhamnosyl group, similar to compound **4**. The NMR data for **2** was compared to the data for the same compound in the literature and showed good agreement [11].

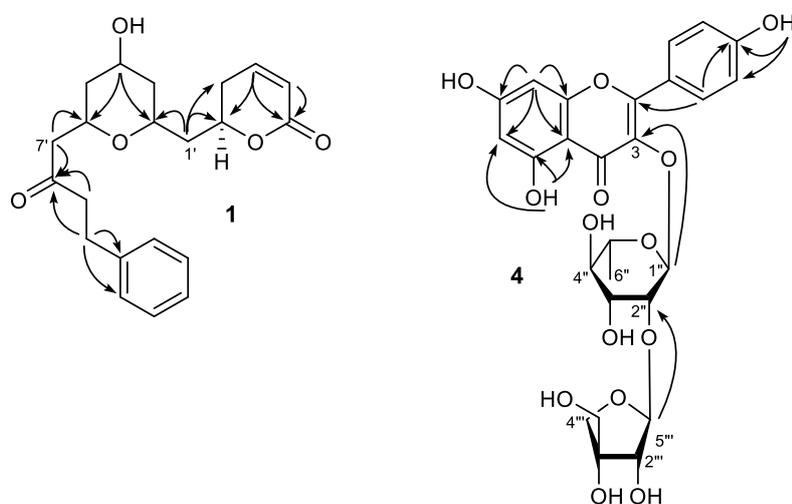


Figure 2 Selected important HMBC ($^1\text{H} \Rightarrow ^{13}\text{C}$) correlations in **1** and **4**.

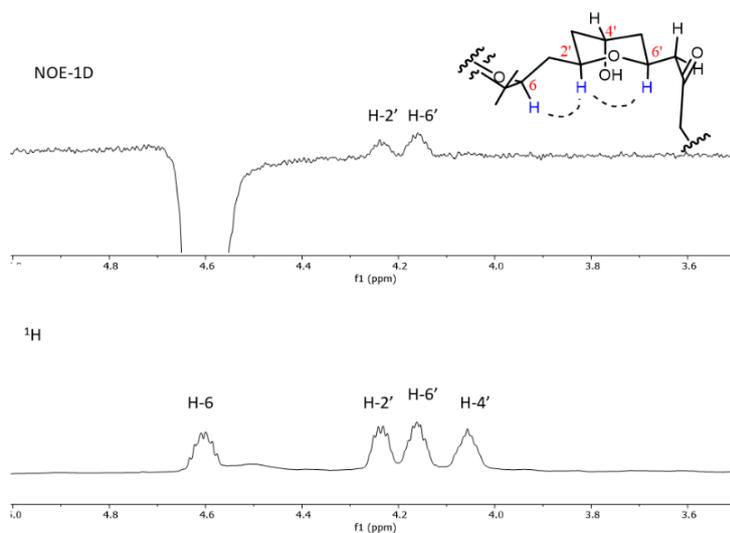


Figure 3 NOE-1D correlation for selected protons inset the pyran-4-ol-conformation of **1**.

Whereas the ^1H NMR spectrum of **3**, namely quercitrin (quercetin-3-*O*- α -L-rhamnoside), was identical to compound **4**, with a pair of *meta*-coupled aromatic

proton signals on ring A at δ_{H} 6.35 and 6.18 and the characteristic carbon signals for flavonol derivatives at δ_{C} 179.6 and 136.2. Compound **3** also exhibited signals for the α -L-rhamnosyl group at δ_{H} 5.34, 4.21, 3.74, 3.33, 3.41, and 0.94. The difference was that the pair of *ortho*-coupled aromatic proton signals on ring B in compound **4** were replaced by three aromatic signals at δ_{H} 7.33, 6.90, and 7.29 in compound **3**, with each having the multiplicity of *d* ($J = 1.9$ Hz), *d* ($J = 8.3$ Hz) and *dd* ($J = 1.9$ and 8.3 Hz), respectively, suggesting that the flavonol unit in compound **3** is quercetin. All the spectroscopic data were in accordance with the data in the literature for the same compound [12].

Furthermore, compounds **1–4** (at a concentration of 10 μM) were evaluated against eight receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs), including EGFR, HER2, HER4 (epidermal growth factor receptor), IGF1R, InsR (insulin receptor), KDR (kinase insert domain receptor), and PDGFR- α and - β (platelet-derived growth factor receptor) [6]. The results showed that all compounds are selectively active against EGFR (moderate, inhibition percentage of 41–55%) and HER2 (weak, inhibition percentage of 15–20%) (Table 3). EGFR and HER2 are members of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) family involved in cell proliferation, anti-apoptosis, and tumor cell motility [13]. EGFR overexpression has been observed in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), colorectal cancer (CRC), and squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (SCCHN), while HER2 mutations has been detected in patients with breast, gastroesophageal, pancreatic, and bladder cancer [14].

Table 2 Percent inhibition of **1–4** (at a concentration of 10 μM) against eight receptor tyrosine kinases.

Compds.	EGFR	HER2	HER4	IGF1R	InsR	KDR	PDGFR α	PDGFR β
Erlotinib ^b	100	94	77	0	2	96	87	87
1	55	17	0	0	0	0	3	0
2	49	20	0	4	0	0	2	2
3	41	18	0	4	0	0	2	0
4	44	15	0	0	0	19	11	0

^a strong: >80%, moderate: 40–80%, weak or not active: <40% ; ^b positive control (1.0 μM)

According to Safe *et al.* (2021) [15], flavonoids can bind to various proteins, including EGFR, and modify their function. Genistein (an isoflavone) is one of the flavonoids that has so far been recognized as an inhibitor of receptor tyrosine kinase. Therefore, our result, which showed that two flavonoids, i.e., compounds **2–4**, have a moderate effect on EGFR, also supported that fact. From these results, it can be stated that the compounds isolated from leaf extract of *C. crassinervia*, have the potential to be lead compounds for anticancer agents through the inhibition of EGFR and HER2.

In conclusion, one new α -pyrone (cryptocrassinervione (**1**)) and one new flavonol glycoside (quercetin-3-*O*-(2-*O*- β -D-apiofuranosyl)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**4**)), along with two known flavonol glycosides (afzelin (**2**) and quercitrin (**3**)), were isolated from leaf extract of *C. crassinervia*. All compounds were moderately active against EGFR but weakly active against HER2.

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