

1 Communication

2 Phenolic Constituents with Antioxidant and 3 α -glucosidase Inhibitory Activities from Sugar Maple 4 (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.) Fall Leaves

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13 **Abstract:** To elucidate the chemical compositions of the sugar fall maple leaves, the methanol
14 extracts were firstly fractionated by ethyl acetate and n-butanol respectively. The phenolic
15 acids-rich fractions (ethyl acetate extracts) were further purified by various chromatographic
16 columns including XAD macroporous resin, Sephadex LH-20, ODS and semi-preparative HPLC to
17 yield the compounds. The isolated compounds were characterized by ¹H-Nuclear Magnetic
18 Resonance (¹H-NMR), ¹³C-NMR, and high resolution electrospray ionisation mass spectral
19 (HR-ESI-MS) spectroscopy. Twenty eight phenolics including fourteen flavonoids (**1-14**), five
20 quinic acid derivatives (**15-19**), five galloyl tannins (**20-24**) and four other phenolic acids (**25-28**)
21 were isolated and their structures were identified. The isolated compounds were evaluated for
22 their antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory activities. All of the phenolics constituents showed
23 DPPH scavenging antioxidant activities. While, glycosides of quercetin and myricetin, galloyl
24 tannins were showed promising α -glucosidase inhibitory activity. All of the compounds except **4**,
25 **11**, **12** and **28** were isolated from sugar maple for the first time. Moreover, Compounds **9**, **10**, **14**, **20**,
26 **21**, **23**, **25** and **26** were isolated from the *Acer* species for the first time.

27 **Keywords:** *Acer saccharum*; sugar maple; phenolics; chebulate derivatives; antioxidant;
28 α -glucosidase inhibitory
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30 1. Introduction

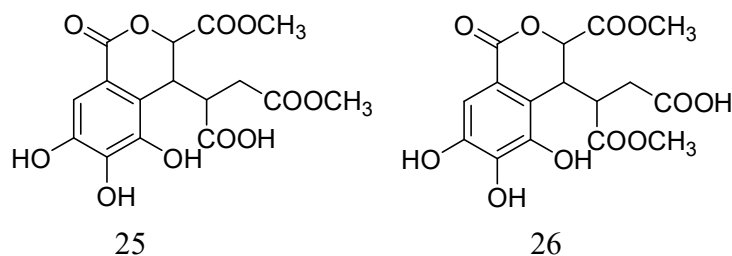
31 The genus *Acer* (Aceraceae) contains nearly 200 species of which thirteen, including the sugar
32 maple (*A. saccharum*), red maple (*A. rubrum* L.), norway maple (*A. platanoides*), and silver Maple (*A.*
33 *saccharinum*) are indigenous to North America [1]. The phytochemistry studies of the genus *Acer*
34 revealed phenolics constituents including flavonoids [2], tannins, phenylpropanoids were the major
35 constituents of *Acer* species. Except phenolics constituents, several other types of compounds such
36 as benzoic acid derivatives, terpenoids, diarylheptanoids, phenylethanoid glycosides and alkaloids
37 were also existed in *Acer* species [3]. Diarylheptanoids compounds were abundant existed in *A.*
38 *nikoense* [4], phenylethanoid glycosides were mainly existed in *A. tegmentosum* [5] and *A. nikoense* [6].
39 Phenolics including acertannin, lignans, flavonoids, phenolic glycosides, were also the predominant
40 compounds reported from *A. saccharum* [7-9].

41 Preliminary biological activities studies of *Acer* species have proved their human health
42 benefits. The extracts of *Acer* species and main compounds have shown antioxidant, antidiabetic,
43 anti-inflammatory, antitumor, hepatoprotective, and antiobesity activities, as well as promoting
44 osteoblast differentiation [3]. *A. saccharum* hot water extracts have shown safe dietary antioxidants
45 potential [10]. Sugar maple extracts and its main constituent acertannin have shown

46 anti-hyperglycemic effects [11]. In order to continue our research on isolation and identification
 47 antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory constituents from Acer species. The antioxidant and
 48 α -glucosidase inhibitory activities of sugar maple summer and fall leaves were compared. Herein
 49 we worked on the chemical constituents of the sugar maple fall leaves and led to the identification
 50 of twenty eight phenolics.

51 2. Results

52 The structures of the compounds were elucidated by a combination of spectroscopic methods
 53 (ESI-MS, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data), and comparison with literature data. Twenty eight phenolics
 54 including fourteen flavonoids (1-14), five quinic acid derivatives (15-19), five galloyl tannins (20-24)
 55 and four other phenolic acids (25-28) were isolated and their structures were identified as
 56 quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucoside (1) [12], quercetin-3-O- β -D-galactoside (2) [12], quercetin-3-O- α -L-
 57 arabinoside (3) [12], quercetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (4) [13], kaempferol-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (5)
 58 [14], myricetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (6) [14], quercetin-3-O-(2''-O-galloyl)- α -L-rhamnoside (7) [15],
 59 quercetin-3-O-(3''-O-galloyl)- α -L-rhamnoside (8) [16], quercetin-3-O-(6''-O-galloyl)- β -D-glucoside
 60 (9) [17], quercetin-3-O-(6''-O-galloyl)- β -D-galactoside (10) [18], epi-catechin (11) [19], catechin (12)
 61 [19], epicatechin-3-O-gallate (13) [20], dihydroquercetin-3-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (14) [21],
 62 5-O-caffeoylquinic acid (15) [22], 3-O-caffeoylquinic acid (16) [22], 5-O-caffeoylquinic acid methyl
 63 ester (17) [12], 3-O-caffeoylquinic acid methyl ester (18) [23], 5-O-coumaroylquinic acid methyl
 64 ester (19) [12], 1,2,4-trigalloyl- β -D-glucose (20) [24,25], 1,3,4-trigalloyl- α -D-glucose (21) [24],
 65 1,2,3,4,6-Pentagalloylglucose (22) [26], 1,2,4-trigalloyl-3,6-HHDP- α -D-glucose (23) [27],
 66 2,3,4-trigalloyl-1,6-HHDP- α -D-glucose (24) [28], 11,12-dimethyl-chebulate (25) [29], 12,13-dimethyl-
 67 chebulate (26) [29] (Figure 1), protocatechuic acid (27) [30], and methyl gallate (28) [31]. An
 68 HPLC-DAD profile of the ethyl acetate extract of sugar maple leaves and the isolates compounds
 69 were shown in supporting information (S1). All of the compounds except 4, 11, 12 and 28 were
 70 isolated from sugar maple for the first time. Moreover, Compounds 9, 10, 14, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 26
 71 were isolated from the Acer species for the first time.



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73 **Figure 1.** The structures of compounds 25-26.

74 The extracts of sugar maple fall and summer leaves were firstly evaluated for their antioxidant
 75 and α -glucosidase inhibitory activities. The results (Table 1) showed that sugar maple fall leaves
 76 extracts possessed better activities than summer leaves extracts. Moreover, the EtOAc fraction of
 77 sugar maple fall leaves showed the best activities. So the final isolation were conducted on this
 78 fraction. 28 phenolics were identified and evaluated for their antioxidant and α -glucosidase
 79 inhibitory activities. The isolated compounds were evaluated for their antioxidant and
 80 α -glucosidase inhibitory activities. Overall, all of the phenolics constituents showed DPPH
 81 scavenging antioxidant activities, the flavonol glycosides, quinic acid derivatives, galloyl tannins
 82 and other phenolic acids all showed comparable or superior antioxidant activities compared to the
 83 positive controls, BHT (IC_{50} = 51.53 $\mu\text{g/mL}$). However, glycosides of quercetin and myricetin, galloyl
 84 tannins were showed promising α -glucosidase inhibitors compared with the clinical drug, acarbose
 85 (IC_{50} = 370.15 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).

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Table 1. Antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory activities of compounds 1–28 from sugar maple

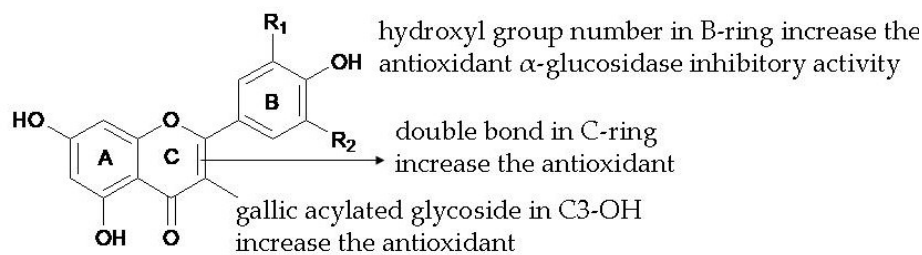
No	DPPH	α -glucosidase	No	DPPH	α -glucosidase
	EC ₅₀ (μ g/mL)			EC ₅₀ (μ g/mL)	
1	17.74 \pm 0.64	283.99 \pm 2.61	20	11.50 \pm 0.67	370.90 \pm 18.16
2	18.21 \pm 0.84	275.68 \pm 2.93	21	10.43 \pm 0.41	584.03 \pm 26.87
3	76.38 \pm 7.28	298.21 \pm 5.68	22	7.99 \pm 0.52	6.32 \pm 0.96
4	35.04 \pm 1.91	190.03 \pm 9.30	23	7.59 \pm 0.39	14.69 \pm 0.64
5	59.42 \pm 10.68	514.25 \pm 16.06	24	12.49 \pm 0.54	27.90 \pm 1.76
6	22.16 \pm 4.42	156.27 \pm 8.98	25	9.94 \pm 0.81	—
7	4.96 \pm 2.00	57.62 \pm 4.10	26	9.51 \pm 2.25	—
8	8.47 \pm 2.45	102.88 \pm 11.93	27	1.46 \pm 0.62	1749.37 \pm 131.44
9	1.90 \pm 0.68	373.39 \pm 9.18	28	not detect	not detect
10	2.01 \pm 0.32	379.26 \pm 10.14	FLME	16.78 \pm 4.17	152.38 \pm 13.46
11	5.74 \pm 0.17	1943.43 \pm 63.62	FLEF	0.96 \pm 0.28	118.11 \pm 2.25
12	14.05 \pm 0.43	1642.57 \pm 185.74	FLBF	10.79 \pm 3.20	92.00 \pm 4.12
13	22.49 \pm 0.77	137.59 \pm 5.43	FLWF	22.31 \pm 5.26	96.11 \pm 10.80
14	110.97 \pm 1.69	—	SLME	11.15 \pm 2.21	57.86 \pm 13.92
15	31.34 \pm 2.03	—	SLEF	1.94 \pm 0.63	46.73 \pm 2.71
16	18.86 \pm 4.09	—	SLBF	7.82 \pm 3.60	99.38 \pm 3.23
17	35.33 \pm 1.03	—	SLWF	81.85 \pm 5.44	453.46 \pm 6.83
18	21.60 \pm 3.68	—	Acarbose	—	370.15 \pm 11.99
19	33.13 \pm 1.34	—	BHT	51.53 \pm 3.31	—

89 Fall leaves methanol extract (FLME), Fall leaves EtOAc fraction (FLEF), Fall leaves n-butanol fraction (FLBF),
 90 Fall leaves water layer fraction (FLWF); Summer leaves methanol extract (SLME), Summer leaves EtOAc
 91 fraction (SLEF), Summer leaves n-butanol fraction (SLBF), Summer leaves water layer fraction (SLWF).
 92 butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)

93 3. Discussion

94 Phenolics including tannins and flavonoids are the characteristic metabolites reported from the
 95 genus *Acer* [2-3]. Furthermore, flavonoids (chalcone, and anthocyanins), Cyclopropylamino acids
 96 have been proposed as chemotaxonomic markers to differentiate various *Acer* taxa [1, 32, 33]. Here,
 97 twenty eight phenolics including fourteen flavonoids (1–14), five quinic acid derivatives (15–19), five
 98 galloyl tannins (20–24) and four other phenolic acids (25–28) were isolated from *A. saccharum* leaves.
 99 All of the compounds except 4, 11, 12 and 28 were isolated from sugar maple for the first time.
 100 Moreover, Compounds 9, 10, 14, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 26 were isolated from the *Acer* species for the first
 101 time. The widespread presence of flavan-3-ol derivatives and quercetin glycosides in sugar maple is
 102 in agreement with the previous report from *A. rubrum*, *A. ginnala*, *A. truncatum* Bunge, and *A. glabrum*
 103 [2-3]. The presence of quinic acid derivatives in sugar maple is in agreement with the previous
 104 report from *A. truncatum* Bunge, *A. saccharum* and *A. pseudoplatanus* [3, 34] This is the first report of
 105 chebulate derivatives (25-26) from an *Acer* species, both compounds were isolated from the leaves of
 106 *Dipteronia dyeriana*, belongs to the family Aceraceae. Two chebulate derivatives (25-26) found in
 107 *A. saccharum* revealed the relationship of the genus of *Acer* and *Dipteronia*, which is a significant
 108 chemotaxonomic finding. However, whether these compounds may be regarded as
 109 chemotaxonomic markers for *A. saccharum* would require further studies.

110 The isolated compounds were evaluated for their antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory
 111 activities. Overall, all of the phenolics constituents showed DPPH scavenging antioxidant activities,
 112 the flavonol glycosides, quinic acid derivatives, galloyl tannins and other phenolic acids all showed
 113 comparable or superior antioxidant activities compared to the positive controls. The
 114 structure-activity relationship (SAR Figure 2) reveals the antioxidant activities were highly related
 115 to the number of phenolic hydroxyl group [35]. And the antioxidant activities were also highly
 116 related to the number of galloyl [36]. As for the α -glucosidase inhibitory activity, only flavonoids
 117 and galloyl tannins were showed promising inhibitory activity. The SAR reveals the α -glucosidase
 118 inhibitory activity were highly related to the number of phenolic hydroxyl group and galloyl [36].



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Figure 2. The structure-activity relationship of flavonoids with antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory activity

122 4. Materials and Methods

123 4.1. Plant Material

124 The leaves of sugar maple were collected in autumn of November 2010 and in summer of June
 125 2014 respectively from the campus of University of Rhode Island and identified by Mr. J. Peter
 126 Morgan (Senior Gardener, College of Pharmacy, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode
 127 Island, USA). A voucher specimen (16JPM17-ASA-101410FL for sugar maple fall leaves,
 128 16JPM19-ASA-6182014 for sugar maple summer leaves) has been deposited in the Heber Youngken
 129 Medicinal Garden and Greenhouse (College of Pharmacy, University of Rhode Island).

130 4.2. Equipment and Reagents

131 ^1H and ^{13}C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) data were recorded on a Varian 500 MHz
 132 instrument with TMS as internal standard. Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectral (ESI-MS) data
 133 were acquired on a Q-Star Elite (Applied Biosystems MDS) mass spectrometer equipped with a
 134 Turbo Ionspray source and were obtained by direct infusion of pure compounds. Medium pressure
 135 liquid chromatography (MPLC) separations were carried out on pre-packed C18 columns
 136 connected to a DLC-10/11 isocratic liquid chromatography pump (D-Star Instruments, Manassas,
 137 VA) with a fixed-wavelength detector. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) were
 138 performed on a Hitachi Elite LaChrom system consisting of a L2130 pump, L-2200 autosampler,
 139 and a L-2455 Diode Array Detector all operated by EZChrom Elite software. All solvents were of
 140 either ACS or HPLC grade and were purchased from Wilkem Scientific (Pawtucket, RI).

141 4.3. Extraction and Chromatography

142 The sugar maple fall leaves (0.8 Kg, dry weight) were extracted exhaustively with MeOH (3×4
 143 L) at room temperature to yield a dried MeOH extract (200 g). A portion of the extract (210 g) was
 144 re-suspended in H₂O (2.0 L) and successively partitioned with EtOAc (3×2.0 L) and n-butanol to
 145 yield a dried EtOAc (55 g) and n-butanol (44 g) extracts, respectively. 100 g sugar maple summer
 146 leaves were extracted by the same method as mentioned ahead.

147 The EtOAc extract (50 g) was chromatographed on a XAD column (3×10 inch) eluting with a
 148 gradient system of MeOH/H₂O (1:1 to 9:1, v/v) to afford 3 sub-fractions (A1-A3) which were
 149 combined based on analytical HPLC analyses.

150 Fraction A1 was separated by Sephadex LH-20 (1.5×23 inch) eluted with MeOH to give 5
 151 sub-fractions (B1-B5). Sub-fractions B1 was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with a
 152 gradient system MeOH/H₂O (2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **25** and **26**.

153 Sub-fractions B2 was chromatographed on a C18 MPLC column (2×15 cm) eluting with a
 154 gradient system of MeOH/H₂O (1:9 to 4:6, v/v) to afford 4 sub-fractions (C1- C4).

155 Sub-fractions C1 was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (33/67, v/v;
 156 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **16**, **27** and **28**.

157 Sub-fractions C2 was separated by Sephadex LH-20 (1.5 × 23 inch) eluted with MeOH to give 2
158 main sub-fractions (C2A and C2B). C2A were separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with
159 MeOH/H₂O (32/68, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **15**, **16**, **18**. C2B were separated by
160 semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (32/68, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **11**
161 and **12**

162 Sub-fractions C4 was separated by Sephadex LH-20 (1.0 × 21 inch) eluted with MeOH to give 3
163 main sub-fractions (C4A and C4C). C4A was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with
164 MeOH/H₂O (35/65, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **17** and **19**. C4B was separated by
165 semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (36/64, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield 5 sub-fractions
166 (C4B1-C4B5). C4B4 was separated by semi-preparative HPLC to yield compounds **14**.

167 Sub-fractions B3 was chromatographed on a C18 MPLC column (2 × 15 cm) eluting with a
168 gradient system of MeOH/H₂O (1:9 to 4:6, v/v) to afford 4 sub-fractions (D1- D4). D2 was separated
169 by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (28/72, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **20**
170 and **21**. D4 was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (46/54, v/v; 2.8
171 mL/min) to yield compounds **6**, **9**, **10** and **13**.

172 Sub-fractions B5 was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (40/60, v/v;
173 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **22**, **23** and **24**.

174 Fraction A3 was separated by Sephadex LH-20 (1.5 × 23 inch) eluted with MeOH to give 3
175 sub-fractions (E1-E3). Sub-fractions E2 was chromatographed on a C18 MPLC column (2 × 15 cm)
176 eluting with a gradient system of MeOH/H₂O (2:8 to 7:3, v/v) to afford 3 sub-fractions (E2A- E2C).
177 Sub-fractions E2A was separated by semi-preparative HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (50/50, v/v;
178 2.8 mL/min) to yield compounds **1–4** and **7**. Sub-fractions E2C was separated by semi-preparative
179 HPLC eluted with MeOH/H₂O (51/49, v/v; 2.8 mL/min) to yield **5** and **8**. Detailed flow chart of the
180 isolation procedure was shown in supporting information (S2).

181 4.4. Antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory activities

182 The antioxidant and α -glucosidase inhibitory activities of isolates were evaluated as described
183 previously [12].

184 4.5. NMR and MS Data of Compounds 1–28

185 The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of these compounds (1–28) were listed as follows.

186 Quercetin-3-O- β -D-glucoside (**1**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.61 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz,
187 H-2'), 7.48 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, H-6'), 6.76 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-5'), 6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-8), 6.10
188 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-6), 5.15 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, H-1''), 3.63 (1H, dd, J = 2.4, 11.9 Hz, H-6a''), 3.53 (1H,
189 dd, J = 2.4, 11.9 Hz, H-6b''), 3.45–3.30 (3H, m, H-2'', 3'', 4''), 3.23 (1H, m, 5'').

190 Quercetin-3-O- β -D-galactoside (**2**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.74 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz,
191 H-2'), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, H-6'), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-5'), 6.30 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-8), 6.10
192 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-6), 5.06 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, H-1''), 3.76 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz, H-3''), 3.71 (1H, dd, J =
193 7.9, 9.7 Hz, H-2''), 3.54 (1H, dd, J = 6.1, 8.3 Hz, H-5''), 3.47 (2H, m, H-6''), 3.33 (1H, t, J = 8.9 Hz, H-4'').

194 Quercetin-3-O- α -L-arabinopyranoside (**3**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, J =
195 2.1 Hz, H-2'), 7.47 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, H-6'), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-5'), 6.29 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz,
196 H-8), 6.10 (1H, brs, H-6), 5.07 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-1''), 3.81 (1H, dd, J = 8.4, 6.6 Hz, H-2''), 3.72 (2H, m,
197 H-4'', 5''), 3.55 (1H, m, H-3''), 3.35 (1H, dd, J = 13.5, 3.1 Hz, H-5'').

198 Quercetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (**4**), (+) ESIMS, m/z 449.1290 [M + H]⁺, ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ,
199 ppm, J/Hz): 7.25 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-2'), 7.20 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, H-6'), 6.82 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz,
200 H-5'), 6.26 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, H-8), 6.09 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, H-6), 5.27 (1H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H-1''), 4.15 (1H,
201 m), 3.69 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, brs), 3.23 (1H, m), 0.87 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, CH₃).

202 Kaempferol-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (**5**), (+) ESIMS, m/z 431.1873 [M + H]⁺, ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD,
203 δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.67 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-2', 6'), 6.84 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-3', 5'), 6.27 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz,

- 204 H-8), 6.10 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-6), 5.28 (1H, d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, H-1''), 4.13 (1H, m), 3.61 (1H, m), 3.25 (1H,
205 brs), 3.21 (1H, m), 0.87 (3H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, CH₃).
- 206 Myricetin-3-O- α -L-rhamnoside (**6**), (-) ESIMS, m/z 463.2451 [M - H]⁻, ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ,
207 ppm, J/Hz): 6.85 (2H, s, H-2', 6'), 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-8), 6.10 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-6), 5.21 (1H, d,
208 $J = 1.5$ Hz, H-1''), 4.11 (1H, m), 3.69 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, brs), 3.25 (1H, m), 0.86 (3H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, CH₃).
- 209 Quercetin-3-O-(2''-O-galloyl)- α -L-rhamnoside (**7**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.27
210 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-2'), 7.24 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, H-6'), 6.98 (2H, s, H-2''', 6'''), 6.84 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$
211 Hz, H-5'), 6.27 (1H, d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, H-8), 6.10 (1H, d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, H-6), 5.53 (1H, dd, $J = 3.0, 1.4$ Hz, H-2''),
212 5.41 (1H, d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, H-1''), 3.92 (1H, m), 3.38 (2H, m), 0.94 (3H, d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, CH₃).
- 213 Quercetin-3-O-(3''-O-galloyl)- α -L-rhamnoside (**8**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.28
214 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-2'), 7.30 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, H-6'), 7.07 (2H, s, H-2''', 6'''), 6.84 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$
215 Hz, H-5'), 6.29 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-8), 6.11 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-6), 5.12 (1H, dd, $J = 9.7, 3.3$ Hz, H-3''),
216 5.29 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, H-1''), 4.38 (1H, m), 3.57 (1H, m), 3.48 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, CH₃).
- 217 Quercetin-3-O-(6''-O-galloyl)- β -D-glucoside (**9**), (-) ESIMS, m/z 615.3062 [M - H]⁻, ¹H-NMR (500
218 MHz, CD₃OD, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 7.47 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-2'), 7.43 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.1$ Hz, H-6'), 6.84 (2H,
219 s, H-2''', 6'''), 6.62 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 6.23 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-8), 6.07 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-6), 5.11
220 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H-1''), 4.26 (1H, d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, H-6a''), 4.18 (1H, dd, $J = 1.6, 11.8$ Hz, H-6b''), 3.42
221 -3.33 (3H, m, H-2'', 3'', 5''), 3.23 (1H, m, 4'').

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Table 2. ¹³C NMR Data for Compounds **1-5, 11-14** (125 MHz, CD₃OD)

no.	δ_C									
	1	2	3	4	5	11	12	12	14	
2	157.4	157.5	157.3	157.2	157.8	78.4	81.4	77.2	83.5	
3	134.2	134.3	134.2	134.8	134.8	66.1	67.4	68.6	72.1	
4	178.1	178.0	178.1	178.2	178.2	27.9	27.1	25.5	197.0	
5	161.5	161.5	161.7	161.8	161.8	156.1	156.1	155.9	167.3	
6	98.4	98.4	98.4	98.5	98.4	95.1	94.9	94.5	95.9	
7	164.5	164.6	164.6	164.4	164.4	156.5	156.3	156.4	163.9	
8	93.4	93.3	93.3	93.4	93.3	94.6	94.1	95.1	94.9	
8a	157.0	157.0	157.0	157.9	157.1	155.9	155.4	155.9	163.0	
4a	104.0	104.1	103.2	104.5	104.5	98.7	99.4	98.0	100.5	
1'	121.6	121.8	121.6	121.5	121.2	130.9	130.8	130.0	128.6	
2'	116.1	116.3	116.0	114.9	130.4	113.9	113.8	113.7	116.8	
3'	144.4	144.5	144.6	145.0	115.1	144.3	144.8	144.5	145.1	
4'	148.4	148.5	148.5	148.4	160.1	144.5	144.8	144.5	147.6	
5'	114.6	114.6	114.7	115.5	115.1	114.6	114.7	114.6	115.5	
6'	121.4	121.5	121.4	121.4	130.4	118.1	118.6	118.0	123.2	
1''	102.8	103.9	102.3	102.1	102.1			120.0	102.6	
2''	74.4	71.7	71.4	70.6	70.6			108.8	73.5	
3''	76.7	73.7	72.7	70.7	70.7			144.9	76.2	
4''	69.8	68.6	67.7	71.8	71.7			138.4	70.1	
5''	77.1	75.6	65.5	70.5	70.5			144.9	77.0	
6''	61.1	60.5		16.2	16.2			108.8	61.1	
7''								166.2		

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- 224 Quercetin-3-O-(6''-O-galloyl)- β -D-galactoside (**10**), (-) ESIMS, m/z 615.3697 [M - H]⁻, ¹H NMR (500
225 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.68 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-2'), 7.42 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.1$ Hz, H-6'), 6.79 (2H, s, H-2''', 6'''),
226 6.71 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 6.26 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-8), 6.07 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, H-6), 5.01 (1H, dd, $J =$
227 7.8 Hz, H-1''), 4.26 (1H, d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, H-6a''), 4.10 (1H, dd, $J = 5.6, 11.8$ Hz, H-6b''), 3.76- 3.42 (4H, m).

228 Epi-catechin (**11**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-5'), 6.80 (1H,
229 dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, H-6'), 6.98 (1H, brs, H-2'), 5.94 (1H, s, H-6), 5.96 (1H, s, H-8), 2.74 (1H, dd, J = 16.7,
230 2.4 Hz, H-4b), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 4.7 Hz, H-4a), 4.17 (1H, m, H-3), 4.81 (1H, s, H-2)

231 Catechin (**12**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz), 6.61 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, H-6'), 6.66 (1H,
232 d, J = 8.1 Hz, H-5'), 6.74 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, H-2'), 5.76 (1H, brs, H-6), 5.83 (1H, brs, H-8), 2.42 (1H, dd, J
233 = 16.2, 8.2 Hz, H-4b), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 16.1, 5.4 Hz, H-4a), 3.87 (1H, m, H-3), 4.46 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz,
234 H-2).

235 Epicatechin-3-O-gallate (**13**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz), 6.94 (2H, s, H-2''', 6'''), 6.93
236 (1H, brs, H-2'), 6.80 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 8.3 Hz, H-6'), 6.69 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, H-5'), 5.96 (2H, s, H-6,8), 5.52
237 (1H, brs, H-3), 5.03 (1H, s, H-2), 3.01 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 17.4 Hz, H-4a), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 17.4 Hz,
238 H-4b).

239 Dihydroquercetin-3-O-β-D-glucopyranoside (**14**), (-) ESIMS, m/z 465.2664 [M - H]⁻; ¹H-NMR (500
240 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, H-2'), 7.10(1H, dd, J=8.3, 1.9 Hz, H-6'), 6.89(1H, d,
241 J=8.2 Hz, H-5'), 5.93(1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-8), 5.88(1H, d, J=2.1 Hz, H-6), 4.98(1H, d, J=7.2 Hz, H-1''),
242 4.57(1H, d, J=11.7 Hz, H-2), 3.90(1H, dd, J=9.6, 2.0 Hz, H-3), 3.68–3.35 (6H, m, H-2'', 3'', 4'', 5'', 6'').

243 **Table 3.** ¹H-NMR (¹H-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, 500 MHz, CD₃OD) characteristics of the quinic
244 acid derivatives **15–19** isolated from fall sugar maple leaves.

No.	15	16	17	18	19
	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)
2	1.96–2.17 (2H, m)	1.94–2.14 (2H, m)	1.90–2.13 (2H, m)	1.90–2.12 (2H, m)	1.90–2.12(2H, m)
3	4.08 (1H, ddd, 1.8,4.9,4.9)	5.23 (1H, brd, 4.1)	4.05 (1H, brs)	4.07 (1H, brs)	4.07 (1H, brs)
4	3.65 (1H, dd, 3.1, 8.8)	3.63 (1H, dd, 3.1, 8.5)	3.63 (1H, dd, 3.1, 7.5)	4.96 (1H, dd, 3.1, 9.4)	3.76 (1H, dd, 3.0, 8.1)
5	5.25 (1H, ddd, 4.5, 9.4, 9.4)	4.07 (1H, ddd, 3.6, 8.5, 8.5)	5.18 (1H, ddd, 9.0, 9.0, 4.5)	5.24 (1H, ddd, 4.5, 9.4, 9.4)	5.25 (1H, ddd, 4.5, 9.4, 9.4)
6	1.96–2.17 (2H, m)	1.94–2.14 (2H, m)	1.90–2.13 (2H, m)	1.90–2.12 (2H, m)	1.90–2.12(2H, m)
2'	6.96 (1H, d, 2.1)	6.95 (1H, d, 2.1)	6.94 (1H, d, 2.0)	7.09 (1H, d, 1.9)	7.37 (1H, d, 8.7)
3'					6.70 (1H, d, 7.9)
5'	6.68 (1H, d, 8.2)	6.68 (1H, d, 8.2)	6.68 (1H, d, 8.2)	6.70 (1H, d, 7.9)	6.70 (1H, d, 7.9)
6'	6.86 (1H, dd, 2.1, 8.2)	6.86 (1H, dd, 2.1, 8.2)	6.85 (1H, dd, 2.0, 8.2)	6.96 (1H, dd, 1.9, 7.9)	7.37(1H, d, 8.7)
7'	7.48 (1H, d, 15.9)	7.47 (1H, d, 15.9)	7.42 (1H, d, 15.9)	7.52(1H, d, 15.9)	7.52(1H, d, 15.9)
8'	6.19 (1H, d, 15.9)	6.18 (1H, d, 15.9)	6.13 (1H, d, 15.9)	6.25(1H, d, 15.9)	6.22(1H, d, 15.9)
OCH ₃			3.60 (3H, s)	3.88 (3H, s)	3.80 (3H, s)

245 5-O-Caffeoylquinic acid (**15**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 3. ¹³C-NMR (125
246 MHz, CD₃OD) 74.8(C-1), 36.8(C-2), 70.0(C-3), 72.1(C-4), 70.5(C-5), 37.4(C-6), 175.6(C-7), 126.4(C-1'),
247 113.8(C-2'), 145.3(C-3'), 148.1(C-4'), 115.1(C-5'), 121.6(C-6'), 145.7(C-7'), 113.8(C-8'), 167.3(C-9').
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249 3-O-Caffeoylquinic acid (**16**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 3. ¹³C-NMR (125
250 MHz, CD₃OD) 72.0(C-1), 36.8(C-2), 70.1(C-3), 70.6(C-4), 69.9(C-5), 37.4(C-6), 175.6(C-7), 126.4(C-1'),
251 113.8(C-2'), 145.4(C-3'), 148.1(C-4'), 115.0(C-5'), 121.5(C-6'), 145.7(C-7'), 113.8(C-8'), 167.2(C-9').

252 3-O-Caffeoylquinic acid methyl ester (**17**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 367.2286[M-H]⁻. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz,
253 CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 3.

254 5-O-Caffeoylquinic acid methyl ester (**18**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 3.

255 5-O-Coumaroylquinic acid methyl ester (**19**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 337.2081[M-H]⁻. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz,
256 CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 3.

257 1,2,4-trigalloyl-β-D-glucose (**20**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 4.

258 1,3,4-trigalloyl-α-D-glucose (**21**), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ, ppm, J/Hz) see table 4.

259 1,2,3,4,6-Pentagalloylglucose(**22**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 939.4211 [M-H]⁻. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD, δ,
260 ppm, J/Hz) see table 4. ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD), 109.2, 109.0, 109.0, 109.0, 108.9 (galloyl-C-2, 6),

261 119.6, 118.9, 118.8, 118.8, 118.3 (galloyl-C-1), 139.3, 138.9, 138.9, 138.7, 138.6 (galloyl-C-4), 145.1, 145.0,
262 145.0, 144.9, 144.9 (galloyl-C-3, 5), 166.5, 165.9, 165.6, 165.5, 164.8 (galloyl-C-7), 92.4 (glu-C-1), 73.0
263 (glu-C-5), 72.7 (glu-C-3), 70.8 (glu-C-2), 68.4 (glu-C-4), 61.7 (glu-C-6).

264 1,2,4-trigalloyl-3,6-HHDP- α -D-glucose (**23**), $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD_3OD , δ , ppm, J/Hz) see table 4.

265 2,3,4-trigalloyl-1,6-HHDP- α -D-glucose (**24**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 937.4019 [M-H] $^-$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz,
266 CD_3OD , δ , ppm, J/Hz) see table 4.

267 **Table 4.** $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($^1\text{H-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance}$, 500 MHz, CD_3OD) characteristics of the galloyl
268 tannins **20–24** isolated from fall sugar maple leaves.

No.	20	21	22	23	24
	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)	δH (J Hz)
1	6.02(1H, d, 8.4)	6.42(1H, d, 3.8)	6.14(1H, d, 8.3)	6.41(1H, d, 4.5)	5.98(1H, d, 2.8)
2	5.33(1H, dd, 8.4,9.6)	4.10(1H, dd, 3.7,10.0)	5.48(1H, dd, 8.4, 9.8)	5.30(1H, d, 4.5)	5.35(1H, dd, 2.8, 6.9)
3	4.13(1H, t, 9.5)	5.80(1H, t, 9.8)	5.80(1H, t, 9.7)	5.68(1H, d, 3.3)	5.66(1H, t, 6.6)
4	5.19(1H, t, 9.8)	5.39(1H, t, 9.8)	5.52(1H, t, 9.8)	4.98(1H, d, 3.3)	5.00(1H, dd, 2.4, 6.3)
5	3.88(1H, m)	3.90(1H, m)	4.30(1H, m)	4.61(1H, m)	4.45(1H, m)
6	3.70(1H, dd, 2.2,12.6)	3.67(1H, dd, 2.2,12.5)	4.41(1H, d, 10.6)	4.32(2H, m)	4.77(1H, d, 12.1)
	3.61(1H, dd, 5.4,12.6)	3.59(1H, dd, 4.7,12.5)	4.28(1H, m)		4.28(1H, dd, 5.1,11.8)
2'6'	7.12 (2H, s)	7.23 (2H, s)	7.02(2H, s)	7.04(2H, s)	6.98(2H, s)
2''6''	7.05 (2H, s)	7.03 (2H, s)	6.96 (2H, s)	7.00 (2H, s)	6.97 (2H, s)
2'''6'''	7.03 (2H, s)	6.97 (2H, s)	6.88(2H, s)	6.97(2H, s)	6.93(2H, s)
2''''/6''''			6.85 (2H, s)	6.82 (1H, s)	6.69 (1H, s)
2'''''/6'''''			6.80 (2H, s)	6.67 (1H, s)	6.63 (1H, s)

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270 11,12-dimethyl-chebulate (**25**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 383.1908 [M-H] $^-$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD_3OD , δ , ppm,
271 J/Hz): 6.94 (1H, s, H-8), 5.24(1H, d, J=1.2 Hz, H-3), 3.79(1H, dd, J=9.3, 1.2 Hz, H-4), 3.08 (1H, m, H-9),
272 2.72 (1H, dd, J=17.0, 8.8 Hz, H-10), 2.37 (1H, d, J = 17.0, 5.7 Hz, H-10), 3.53, 3.42(6H, s, 11,12 OCH₃).
273 175.0(C-13), 172.3(C-11), 169.8(C-12), 164.8(C-1), 145.4(C-7), 142.6(C-5), 139.3(C-6), 116.0(C-4a),
274 114.7(C-8a), 107.8(C-8), 77.4(C-3), 51.9, 50.7(11,12 OCH₃), 43.5(C-9), 35.6(C-4), 33.6(C-10).

275 12,13-dimethyl-chebulate (**26**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 383.1938 [M-H] $^-$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD_3OD , δ , ppm,
276 J/Hz): 6.94 (1H, s, H-8), 5.17(1H, d, J=1.1 Hz, H-3), 3.74(1H, dd, J=7.1, 1.1 Hz, H-4), 3.09 (1H, m, H-9),
277 2.77 (1H, dd, J=17.2, 10.7 Hz, H-10), 2.35 (1H, d, J = 17.2, 4.4 Hz, H-10), 3.57, 3.53(6H, s, 12,13 OCH₃).
278 173.7(C-13), 173.7(C-11), 169.9(C-12), 164.7(C-1), 145.5(C-7), 142.4(C-5), 139.4(C-6), 116.1(C-4a),
279 114.6(C-8a), 107.6(C-8), 77.0(C-3), 51.9, 51.3(12,13 OCH₃), 43.8(C-9), 35.9(C-4), 33.5(C-10).

280 protocatechuic acid (**27**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 153.0874 [M-H] $^-$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.34(1H, s,
281 H-2), 7.32(1H, dd, J=2.1, H-6), 6.69(1H, d, J=7.9, H-5). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 116.3 (C-5),
282 114.3 (C-2), 121.7 (C-1), 122.5 (C-6), 144.6 (C-3), 150.1 (C-4) 168.7 (C-7).

283 methyl gallate (**28**), (-)ESIMS, m/z 183.0099 [M-H] $^-$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CD_3OD), 6.94(2H, s, H-2,6),
284 3.72(3H, s, OCH₃). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 108.6(C-2, 6), 120.0(C-1), 138.3(C-4), 145.1(C-3, 5),
285 167.6(C-7), 50.8 (COOCH₃)

286 **Supplementary Materials:** The following are available online at www.mdpi.com/xxx/s1, Figure S1: An
287 HPLC-DAD profile of the ethyl acetate extract of sugar maple leaves and the isolates compounds. Figure S2:
288 Extraction and isolation flow chart of compounds **1–28** from sugar maple leaves.

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