

Four New Acridone–Coumarin Dimers from a *Citrus* Plant¹⁾

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Four new acridone–coumarin dimers, neoacrimarines-H (1), -I (2), -J (3) and -K (4), were isolated from the roots of Marsh grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi* MACF.). The structures of these new compounds were elucidated by spectral analysis especially using heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation (HMBC) and nuclear Overhauser effect experiments.

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The roots of *Citrus* plants (Rutaceae) contain many kinds of coumarins and acridone alkaloids.²⁾ Especially, acridone–coumarin dimers named acrimarines³⁾ (composed of various acridone alkaloids and suberenol as a sole coumarin unit) and neoacrimarines⁴⁾ (composed of various acridone alkaloids and coumarins except for suberenol) are characteristic constituents. In our continuing phytochemical studies of *Citrus* plants, we have already reported the isolation and structure elucidation of many new monomeric,⁵⁾ dimeric acridone alkaloids⁶⁾ and bicoumarins⁷⁾ from the root of Marsh grapefruit (*C. paradisi* MACF.). On continuing our investigation of the constituents of this plant, we isolated an additional four new acridone–coumarin dimers, named neoacrimarines-H (1), -I (2), -J (3) and -K (4). We report here the structure elucidation of these new compounds.

The acetone extract of the root of Marsh grapefruit (*C. paradisi* MACF.) was fractionated by a combination of silica gel column and preparative thin layer chromatographies to give new acridone–coumarin dimers along with known coumarins and acridone alkaloids.

Neoacrimarine-H (1) was obtained as a yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D +80.6^\circ$ (CHCl₃), and the molecular formula was determined as C₃₃H₂₈NO₈ by HR FAB-MS which showed an $[M+H]^+$ peak at m/z 568.1934 (C₃₃H₂₉NO₈). The UV [204, 265, 286, 294 (sh), 318, 343 (sh), 410 nm] and IR (1734, 1633, 1606, 1558 cm⁻¹) spectra suggested the presence of acridone and coumarin skeletons.⁸⁾ The ¹H-NMR spectrum showed the signal of a hydrogen-bonded hydroxyl group at δ 14.08 (1H, s), which is characteristic to the 1-hydroxy-9-acridone skeleton. The ABC type aromatic proton signals at δ 8.12 (1H, dd, $J=7.9, 1.2$ Hz), 7.78 (1H, dd, $J=7.9, 1.2$ Hz) and 7.38 (1H, t, $J=7.9$ Hz) were assigned to H-8, H-6 and H-7 of the acridone moiety, because the lowest signal was deshielded by a 9-carbonyl group. Two pairs of doublets at δ 7.47, 5.96 (each 1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz) and δ 7.37, 6.87 (each 1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz) were characteristic signals of H-4', H-3', H-5' and H-6' of the coumarin skeleton.⁹⁾ Two olefinic proton signals at δ 5.89 and 5.34 (each 1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz) and two methyl signals at δ 1.44 and 1.43 (each 3H, s) indicated the presence of a 2,2-dimethylpyran ring and two methine signals at δ 5.77 (1H, d, $J=4.9$ Hz) and 4.07 (1H, dd, $J=4.9, 7.9$ Hz), hydroxyl signal at δ 2.78 (1H, d, $J=7.9$ Hz) and two methyl sig-

nals at δ 1.61 and 1.53 (each 3H, s) suggested the presence of a 3,4-dioxygenated-2,2-dimethyl-dihydropyran ring. In differential nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) experiments, irradiation of the signal at δ 3.46 (3H, s) induced an 8% increment of the olefinic proton signal at δ 5.89, suggesting the presence of an *N*-methyl group and an angular orientation for the 2,2-dimethylpyran ring of the acridone moiety. Thus, the lone aromatic proton signal at δ 6.21 was assigned to H-2. From the above results, the acridone and coumarin skeleton were presumed to be linked between C-5 and C-9' by oxygen. We applied the heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation (HMBC) experiment to confirm the structure of neoacrimarine-H (1). Though no correlations were observed between methine signals [δ 5.77, 4.07] and any carbon signals, the observed ²*J* and ³*J* correlations (Fig. 1) supported the structure of both the acridone and the coumarin moieties. Irradiation of the methine signal at δ 5.77 caused a 10% enhancement of the signal at δ 4.07, indicating the *cis* relationship of two methine protons. From the above results, the structure of neoacrimarine-H was concluded to be 1. The structural components of neoacrimarine-H (1) are the previously known acridone, 5-hydroxynoracronycine (5)¹⁰⁾ and coumarin, *cis*-khellactone (6).¹¹⁾

Neoacrimarine-I (2) was isolated as a yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D -157.3^\circ$ (CHCl₃). The molecular formula C₂₉H₂₅NO₉ was obtained by HR FAB-MS which showed an $[M+H]^+$ peak at m/z 532.1584 (C₂₉H₂₆NO₉). The UV and IR absorption bands (see Experimental) indicated the presence of acridone and coumarin moieties.⁸⁾ The presence of a 1,3,5,6-tetraoxygenated acridone nucleus in this molecule was suggested by the appearance of the signals of chelated hydroxyl group [δ 14.31 (1H, s)], *ortho*-coupled [δ 7.92, 6.96 (each 1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz)] and *meta*-coupled [δ 6.43, 6.16 (each 1H, d, $J=2.2$ Hz)] aromatic protons in the ¹H-NMR spectrum. The proton signals due to the coumarin moiety were similar to that of 1, and showed the characteristic signals of H-4', H-3', H-5' and H-6' of the coumarin skeleton [δ 7.97, 6.17 (each 1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz), 7.61, 6.85 (each 1H, d, $J=8.8$ Hz)] and the signals due to a 3,4-dioxygenated-2,2-dimethyl-dihydropyran ring [δ 5.45 (1H, d, $J=3.7$ Hz), 4.24 (1H, t, $J=3.7$ Hz), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.55 (3H, s)]. The presence of two methoxy groups was apparent from the signals at δ_H 3.88 and 3.42 in the ¹H-

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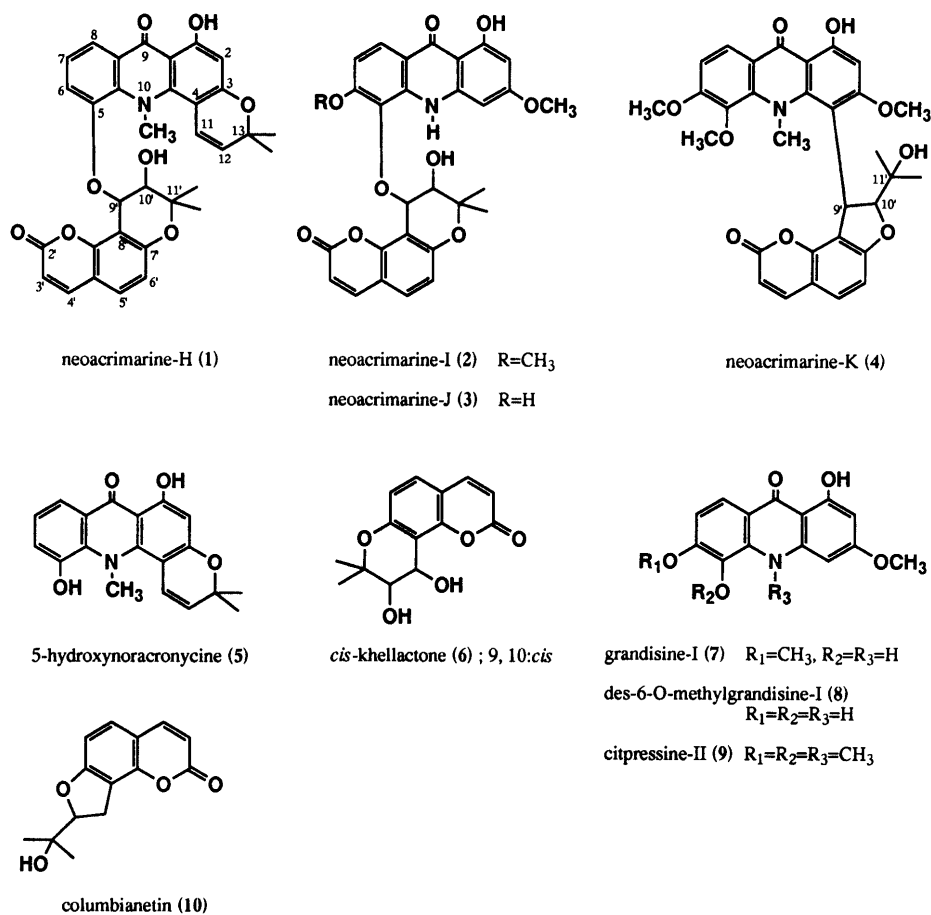


Chart 1

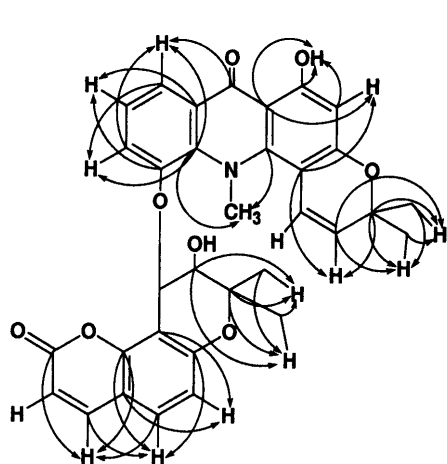


Fig. 1. C-H Long-Range Correlations in the HMBC Spectrum of Neoacrimarine-H (1)

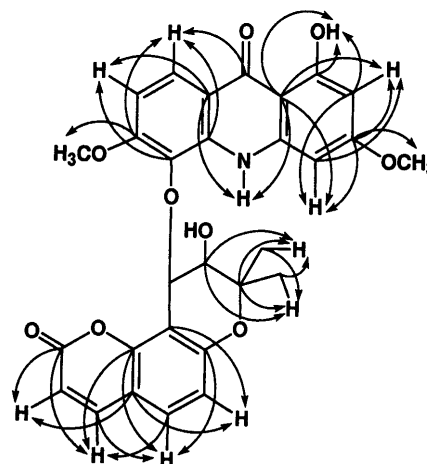


Fig. 2. C-H Long-Range Correlations in the HMBC Spectrum of Neoacrimarine-I (2)

NMR and δ_C 55.7 and 55.5 in the ¹³C-NMR spectra. In the NOE differential experiments (solvent: CDCl₃), irradiation of the signal at δ 4.04 caused a 13% enhancement of the signal at δ 6.97 (H-7). When the signal at δ 3.82 was irradiated, 9 and 7% enhancements of the signals at δ 6.23 (H-4) and 6.17 (H-2) were observed. Thus, the two methoxy groups were assigned to C-3 and C-6. Irradiation of the methine proton signal at δ 5.51 (H-9') induced a 9% increment of the signal at δ 3.77 (H-10'), thus the *cis*-relationship of these protons was established. The ²J and ³J correlations obtained by HMBC experiment (Fig. 2) established the structures of both the

acridone and the coumarin moieties, and the linkage between C-5 and C-9' by oxygen was demonstrated. From the above results, we assigned the structure 2 to neoacrimarine-I. Neoacrimarine-I (2) corresponds to a dimer of grandisine-I (7)¹² and *cis*-khellactone (6).¹¹

Neoacrimarine-J (3) was isolated as a yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -131.9° (CHCl₃). The HR FAB-MS showed an $[M+H]^+$ peak at m/z 518.1463 which showed the molecular formula C₂₈H₂₃NO₉, a difference of CH₂ compared with neoacrimarine-I (2). The UV and IR spectra (see Experimental) indicated the presence of acridone and coumarin moieties.⁸ The

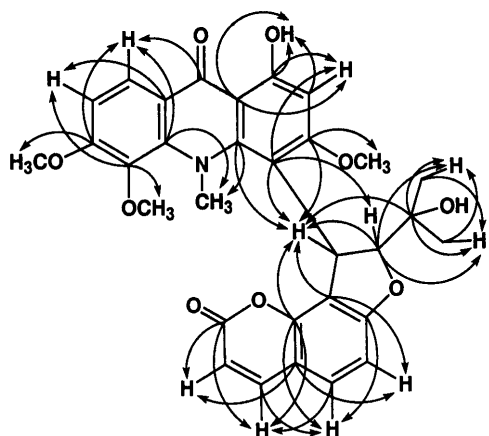


Fig. 3. C-H Long-Range Correlations in the HMBC Spectrum of Neocrimarine-K (4)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of **3** showed similar signal patterns to that of neocrimarine-I (**2**), except for a lack of one methoxy group. In the differential NOE experiments, irradiation of the methoxy signal at δ 3.83 caused a 15% increment of the signal at δ 6.23 (2H, s, H-2, H-4), indicating the location of the methoxy group at C-3. On irradiation of the methine proton signal at δ 5.43, a 5% enhancement of the signal at δ 3.86 was induced. Inversely, irradiation of the signal at δ 3.86 caused a 5% enhancement of the signal at δ 5.43. These results indicated the *cis* relationship of the two methine protons. Based on these results, neocrimarine-J was assigned the structure **3**. Neocrimarine-J (**3**) corresponds to a dimer of unknown des-6-*O*-methylgrandisine-I (**8**)¹³ and *cis*-khellactone (**6**)¹¹.

Neocrimarine-K (**4**) was isolated as a yellow oil, racemate. The UV and IR spectra (see Experimental) suggested the presence of acridone and coumarin skeletons.⁸ The HR EI-MS gave a molecular ion at m/z 559.1828, consistent with a molecular formula $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_9$. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum showed characteristic signals due to chelated hydroxyl group [δ 14.36 (1H, s), H-8 and H-7 [δ 8.07, 6.98 (each 1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz)] and a lone aromatic proton [δ 6.30 (1H, s)] on the acridone skeleton, and H-4', H-3', H-5' and H-6' [δ 7.60, 6.10 (each 1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz), 7.28, 6.80 (each 1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz)] on the coumarin moiety. The presence of an *N*-methyl and three methoxy groups was apparent from the signals at δ_{H} 4.16 (3H, s), 4.01 (3H, s), 3.98 (3H, s), 3.57 (3H, s) in the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ and δ_{C} 49.9, 56.2, 60.9 and 55.6 in the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra. In the differential NOE experiments, irradiation of the methoxy signal at δ 3.57 (3-MeO) caused a 24% increment of the signal at δ 6.30 (1H, s), providing the assignment of this proton as H-2. Irradiation of the *N*-methyl signal at δ 4.16 induced a 15% increment of the signal at δ 5.49 (H-9'). Irradiation of the methoxy signal at δ 4.01 (6-MeO) caused a 16% enhancement of the signal at δ 6.98 (H-7) and no NOE was observed on irradiation of the methoxy signal at δ 3.98 (5-MeO), suggesting the location of these two methoxy groups at C-6 and C-5. The signals at δ_{H} 5.49 (1H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz), 5.29 (1H, s), 4.46 (1H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz), 1.27 (3H, s), 1.05 (3H, s) in the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum, coupled with signals at δ_{C} 41.4 (d), 97.8 (d), 72.1 (s), 26.3 (q) and 24.0 (q) in the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum suggested the presence of a 3-substituted 2-hydroxyisopropyl-dihydrofuran ring system attached to C-7

and C-8 on the coumarin skeleton. From the above results, a linkage was assumed between C-4 of the acridone skeleton and C-9' of the coumarin moiety. In order to confirm the structure, HMBC experiments were carried out. The methine proton signal at δ 5.49 showed correlations with the carbon signals at δ_{C} 151.1 (C-4a), 109.0 (C-4), 165.4 (C-3), 150.9 (C-8'a), 117.2 (C-8'), 97.8 (C-10') and 72.1 (C-11'), supported the linking position of the two moieties. Other correlations observed in the HMBC experiments shown by arrows in Fig. 3 also supported the structure **4**. Because no increments were observed between the two methine signals at δ 4.46 and 5.49 in the NOE experiments, the relative configuration of H-9' and H-10' was assigned as *trans*. These spectral data led us to assign structure **4** to neocrimarine-K, corresponding to a dimer of citpressine-II (**9**)¹³ and columbianetin (**10**)¹⁴. Among the neocrimarines, neocrimarine-K (**4**) is the first example that contains a dihydrofuranocoumarin moiety.

While the optical rotation of neocrimarine-H (**1**) showed dextrorotatory, neocrimarine-I (**2**) and -J (**3**) exhibited levorotatory. It may be due to the opposite stereostructure of *cis*-khellactone (**6**) moiety. The absolute stereochemistry of the four new compounds in this paper remains to be determined.

Experimental

$^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on GX-400 and GSX-500 (JEOL) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are shown on the δ (ppm) scale with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal reference. Heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence (HMQC) and HMBC spectra were measured at $J=8$ Hz on an A-400 or A-600 (JEOL) spectrometer. EI- and HR-MS were taken with a Hitachi M-80 spectrometer having a direct inlet system. FAB- and HR FAB-MS were measured with a JMS-HX 110 spectrometer. UV spectra were recorded on a UV-160A (Shimadzu) or UVDEC-610C double-beam spectrometer (Jasco) and IR spectra on a IR-450 (Shimadzu) or IR-230 (Jasco) spectrometer. Optical rotations were taken on a DIP-370 (Jasco).

Isolation The CH_2Cl_2 eluate (see the preceding paper^{6a}) was further submitted to a combination of silica gel column chromatography and preparative TLC [solvent: benzene-AcOEt (1:1); CHCl_3 -acetone (9:1); benzene-MeOH (9:1); benzene-AcOEt (6:4), AcOEt-*n*-hexane (1:1) to give neocrimarine-H (**1**) (1.0 mg), -I (**2**) (2.1 mg) and -K (**3**) (3.2 mg). The acetone eluate (see the preceding paper^{6a}) was worked up in a similar manner as above to give neocrimarine-J (**4**) (1.3 mg).

Neocrimarine-H (**1**): Yellow oil, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +80.6^\circ$ ($c=0.067$, CHCl_3). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm: 204, 265, 286, 294 (sh), 318, 343 (sh), 410. IR ν_{max} (CHCl_3) cm^{-1} : 1734, 1633, 1606, 1558. HR FAB-MS m/z 568.1934 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_8$: 568.1971). EI-MS m/z : 567 $[\text{M}]^+$, 323, 308 (base peak), 293, 244, 188, 160. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ): 14.08 (1H, s, 1-OH), 8.12 (1H, dd, $J=7.9, 1.2$ Hz, H-8), 7.78 (1H, dd, $J=7.9, 1.2$ Hz, H-6), 7.47 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 7.38 (1H, t, $J=7.9$ Hz, H-7), 7.37 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 6.87 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-6'), 6.21 (1H, s, H-2), 5.96 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-3'), 5.89 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-11), 5.77 (1H, d, $J=4.9$ Hz, H-9'), 5.34 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-12), 4.07 (1H, dd, $J=7.9, 4.9$ Hz, H-10'), 3.46 (3H, s, N-Me), 2.78 (1H, d, $J=7.9$ Hz, 10'-OH), 1.61 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.53 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.44 (3H, s, 13-Me), 1.43 (3H, s, 13-Me). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , δ): 182.1 (s, C-9), 164.6 (s, C-1), 161.2 (s, C-3), 158.8 (s, C-2'), 156.4 (s, C-7'), 154.5 (s, C-8'a), 150.6 (s, C-5), 147.6 (s, C-4a), 142.9 (d, C-4'), 140.7 (s, C-10a), 129.5 (d, C-5'), 125.9 (s, C-8a), 124.0 (d, C-7), 123.7 (d, C-12), 122.1 (d, C-6), 120.7 (d, C-11), 120.4 (d, C-8), 114.7 (d, C-6'), 112.9 (d, C-3'), 112.4 (s, C-4'a), 108.2 (s, C-8'), 107.4 (s, C-9a), 102.5 (s, C-4), 98.5 (d, C-2), 78.9 (s, C-11'), 77.2 (d, C-9'), 76.5 (s, C-13), 70.7 (d, C-10'), 49.7 (q, N-Me), 27.2 (q, 13-Me), 27.0 (q, 13-Me), 25.8 (q, 11'-Me), 21.7 (q, 11'-Me).

Neocrimarine-I (**2**): Yellow oil, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -157.3^\circ$ ($c=0.273$, CHCl_3). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm: 205, 255 (sh), 266, 292 (sh), 326, 381. IR ν_{max} (CHCl_3): 1734, 1643, 1604 cm^{-1} . HR FAB-MS m/z 532.1584 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_9$: 532.1608). FAB-MS m/z : 532 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 369, 277, 185 (base peak), 93. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, δ): 14.31 (1H, s, 1-OH), 12.15 (1H, s, NH), 7.97 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 7.92 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-8), 7.61 (1H, d,

$J=8.8$ Hz, H-5'), 6.96 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-7), 6.85 (1H, d, $J=8.8$ Hz, H-6'), 6.43 (1H, d, $J=2.2$ Hz, H-4), 6.17 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-3'), 6.16 (1H, d, $J=2.2$ Hz, H-2), 5.45 (1H, d, $J=3.7$ Hz, H-9'), 4.24 (1H, t, $J=3.7$ Hz, H-10'), 3.88 (3H, s, 3-MeO), 3.42 (3H, s, 6-MeO), 1.61 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.55 (3H, s, 11'-Me). (CDCl₃, δ): 13.95 (1H, s, 1-OH), 9.7 (1H, br s, NH), 8.20 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-8), 7.62 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 7.40 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 6.97 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-7), 6.89 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-6'), 6.23 (1H, d, $J=2.4$ Hz, H-4), 6.18 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-3'), 6.17 (1H, d, $J=2.4$ Hz, H-2), 5.51 (1H, $J=3.1$ Hz, H-9'), 4.73 (1H, br s, 10'-OH), 4.04 (3H, s, 6-MeO), 3.82 (3H, s, 3-MeO), 3.77 (1H, m, H-10'), 1.62 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.52 (3H, s, 11'-Me). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 180.1 (s, C-9), 165.3 (s, C-3), 163.6 (s, C-1), 159.1 (s, C-2'), 156.1 (s, C-7'), 155.8 (s, C-6), 154.0 (s, C-8'a), 144.5 (d, C-4'), 142.9 (s, C-4a), 135.9 (s, C-10a), 133.5 (s, C-5), 129.9 (d, C-5'), 121.9 (d, C-8), 114.2 (s, C-8a), 113.8 (d, C-6'), 111.6 (d, C-3'), 111.5 (s, C-4'a), 109.3 (s, C-8'), 107.8 (d, C-7), 103.2 (s, C-9a), 94.5 (d, C-2), 89.5 (d, C-4), 79.2 (s, C-11'), 73.5 (d, C-10'), 70.8 (d, C-9'), 55.7 (q, 3-MeO), 55.5 (q, 6-MeO), 27.8 (q, 11'-Me), 21.8 (q, 11'-Me).

Neocrimarine-J (3): Yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ ($c=0.046$, CHCl₃). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm: 203, 218 (sh), 263, 292 (sh), 327, 373 (sh). IR ν_{max} (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 1734, 1647, 1604, 1541, 1508. HR FAB-MS m/z 518.1463 [M+H]⁺ (Calcd for C₂₈H₂₄NO₉: 518.1451). FAB-MS m/z : 518 [M+H]⁺, 274, 185, 93 (base peak). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.13 (1H, s, 1-OH), 10.13 (1H, s, NH), 8.12 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-8), 7.70 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 7.48 (1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz, H-5'), 6.93 (1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz, H-7), 6.92 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-6'), 6.33 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-3'), 6.23 (2H, s, H-2, H-4), 5.43 (1H, d, $J=4.3$ Hz, H-9'), 3.86 (1H, d, $J=4.3$ Hz, H-10'), 3.83 (3H, s, 3-MeO), 1.59 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.53 (3H, s, 11'-Me).

Neocrimarine-K (4): Yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ ($c=0.084$, CHCl₃). UV λ_{max} (MeOH) nm: 204, 222 (sh), 261 (sh), 269, 334, 393. IR ν_{max} (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 1734, 1614, 1587. HR EI-MS: Calcd for C₃₁H₂₀NO₉ 559.1842. Found: 559.1828. EI-MS m/z : 559 [M]⁺, 501, 500 (base peak), 486, 485. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 14.36 (1H, s, 1-OH), 8.07 (1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz, H-8), 7.60 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 7.28 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-5'), 6.98 (1H, d, $J=8.6$ Hz, H-7), 6.80 (1H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz, H-6'), 6.30 (1H, s, H-2), 6.10 (1H, d, $J=9.2$ Hz, H-3'), 5.49 (1H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz, H-9'), 4.46 (1H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz, H-10'), 4.16 (3H, s, N-Me), 4.01 (3H, s, 6-MeO), 3.98 (3H, s, 5-MeO), 3.57 (3H, s, 3-MeO), 1.27 (3H, s, 11'-Me), 1.05 (3H, s, 11'-Me). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ): 182.8 (s, C-9), 165.4 (s, C-3), 164.6 (s, C-1), 164.4 (s, C-7'), 160.3 (s, C-2'), 157.7 (s, C-6), 151.1 (s, C-4a), 150.9 (s, C-8'a), 144.2 (s, C-10a), 144.1 (d, C-4'), 139.4 (s, C-5), 128.6 (d, C-5'), 122.3 (d, C-8), 119.2 (s, C-8a), 117.2 (s, C-8'), 113.0 (s, C-4'a), 112.0 (d, C-3'), 109.0 (s, C-4), 108.4 (d, C-7), 107.8 (s, C-9a), 106.4 (d, C-6'), 97.8 (d, C-10'), 95.4 (d, C-2), 72.1 (s, C-11'), 60.9 (q, 5-MeO), 56.2 (q, 6-MeO), 55.6 (q, 3-MeO), 49.9 (q, N-Me), 41.4 (d, C-9'), 26.3 (q, 11'-Me), 24.0 (q, 11'-Me).

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