

Two Novel Migrated Pimarane-type Diterpenes, Neorthosiphols A and B, from the Leaves of *Orthosiphon aristatus* (Lamiaceae)

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Two new migrated pimarane-type diterpenes called neorthosiphols A and B have been isolated from a water decoction of the leaves of *Orthosiphon aristatus* (Lamiaceae) cultivated in Java, Indonesia. Their chemical structures have been elucidated on the basis of physicochemical evidence.

Key words *Orthosiphon aristatus*; Lamiaceae; neorthosiphol; migrated pimarane-type diterpene; benzoate chirality

Orthosiphon aristatus (BL.) Miq. (Lamiaceae) is called kumis kucing in Javanese. The leaves of *Orthosiphon aristatus* are prescribed in Javanese traditional medicine (jamu)¹ for the treatment of hypertension and diabetes. We have conducted a chemical study of the water decoction of the leaves and isolated two novel migrated pimarane-type diterpenes designated neorthosiphols A (1) and B (2).

Neorthosiphols A (1) and B (2) were obtained from the chloroform-soluble portion of the water decoction by separation on normal phase adsorbents, in addition to four known isopimarane-type diterpenes, orthosiphols A (3) and B,² orthosiphonones A and B,³ and three known benzochromenes.³

Neorthosiphol A (1), colorless plates from ether, mp 148–149 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{25} -28.7^\circ$ (CHCl₃), showed quasimolecular ion peaks at m/z 699 $[M+Li]^+$, C₃₈H₄₄LiO₁₂, in the FAB-MS, and the IR spectrum showed the presence of a hydroxyl (3420 cm⁻¹) group, a vinyl (3080, 712 cm⁻¹) group, and an ester (1720, 1267 cm⁻¹) group. The UV spectrum showed absorption bands at 230 nm (ϵ 24000) and 274 nm (ϵ 2000).

The ¹H-NMR spectrum⁴ exhibited signals due to four tertiary methyls, two acetoxymethyls, four methine protons attached to an ester group, three olefinic protons, and ten aromatic protons. The ¹³C-NMR⁵ and DEPT spectra showed the presence of six methyl carbons, two methylene carbons, nine methine carbons, a ketonic carbonyl carbon, four ester carbonyl carbons, twelve aromatic carbons, and four quaternary carbons including two carbons bearing a hydroxyl function.

The ¹H–¹H COSY spectrum of 1 showed correlation peaks revealing the sequences from 1-C to 3-C via 2-C, from 5-C to 7-C via 6-C, and from 9-C to 16-C via 11-C, 12-C, and 15-C (Fig. 3). From these findings and analysis of the HMBC spectrum (Table 1), it has been deduced that 1 possesses a novel diterpene skeleton, which may be biosynthetically produced through a 1,2-shift of a C₂ unit into the C-12 from the C-13 position in a pimarane-type diterpene.

The ROESY spectrum showed correlation peaks between 19-H₃ and 20-H₃, 2-H and 19-H₃, 2-H and 20-H₃, 6 β -H and 20-H₃, and 5-H and 9-H. This evidence and the coupling

constants of protons on the A and B rings suggested that the conformation and configuration of A and B rings in 1 were the same as those in 3.²

The orientations of 11-H and 17-CH₃ were both determined to be β -axial based on the coupling constant ($J_{9,11} = 11.0$ Hz) and the correlations with 11-H and 17-H₃, and 11-H and 20-H₃ in the ROESY spectrum. The signals due to 20-H₃ and 17-H₃ were observed at lower fields than expected, which was assumed to be due to an anisotropic effect of 8 β -axial-OH. This assumption is supported by the pyridine-induced solvent shifts⁶ ($\delta_{CDCl_3} - \delta_{C_6D_6N}$) $\Delta = -0.43$ ppm for 20-CH₃ and $\Delta = -0.30$ ppm for 17-CH₃. Furthermore, the coupling constant $J_{11,12}$ (3.5 Hz) indicated that the vinyl group was oriented in the α -axial configuration.

In the HMBC experiment, 1 showed the presence of four characteristic cross-peaks between two hydroxymethine protons (1- and 11-H) and two benzoyl carbonyl carbons, and between two hydroxymethine protons (2- and 7-H) and two acetyl carbonyl carbons, respectively. In addition, the presence of cross-peaks between the protons at C-12 and C-17 and the ketonic carbonyl carbon indicated that the ketonic function was oriented to C-14.

Neorthosiphol B (2),⁷ a colorless plate from ether, mp 194–195 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{25} +18.1^\circ$ (CHCl₃), showed a quasimolecular ion peak at m/z 699 $[M+Li]^+$, C₃₈H₄₄LiO₁₂, in the FAB-MS. The IR, UV, and NMR spectra were very similar to those of 1 except for the chemical shifts for 2-H and 3-H in

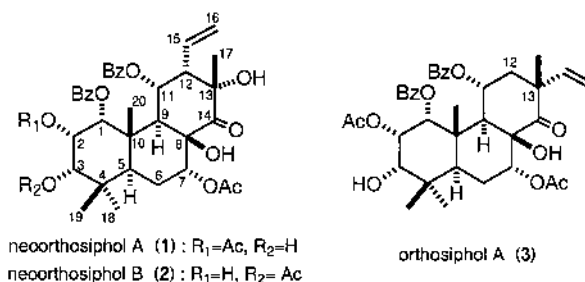


Fig. 1

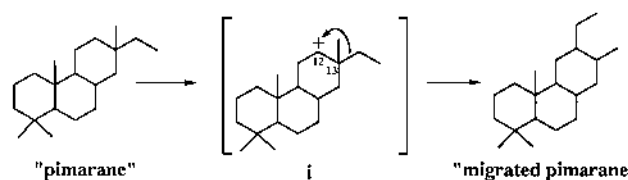


Fig. 2. Plausible Biosynthetic Route for "Migrated Pimarane" from "Pimarane"

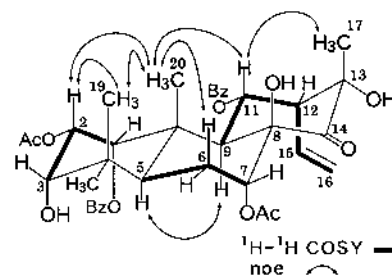


Fig. 3. ¹H–¹H COSY and ROESY Correlations of 1

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Table 1. HMBC Correlations of Neorthosiphon A (**1**)

¹ H	→	¹³ C
1-H		2-C, 5-C, 10-C, -COPh
2-H		1-C, -COCH ₃
3-H		1-C, 2-C, 4-C, 5-C, 19-C
5-H		4-C, 7-C, 10-C, 18-C, 19-C, 20-C
6-H α		7-C, 8-C, 10-C
6-H β		5-C
7-H		5-C, 8-C, 9-C, -COCH ₃
9-H		1-C, 10-C, 11-C, 12-C, 20-C
11-H		9-C, 12-C, 13-C, 15-C, -COPh
12-H		9-C, 11-C, 13-C, 14-C, 15-C, 16-C, 17-C
15-H		9-C, 13-C
16-H ₂		12-C
17-H ₃		12-C, 13-C, 14-C
18-H ₃		3-C, 4-C, 5-C, 19-C
19-H ₃		3-C, 4-C, 5-C, 18-C
20-H ₃		1-C, 5-C, 9-C, 10-C

the ¹H-NMR spectrum. A cross-peak between 3-H and 3-COCH₃ was observed in the HMBC, instead of that between 2-H and 2-COCH₃ in **1**.

Finally, the absolute configurations of **1** and **2** were established by application of the exciton chirality method.⁸⁾ Positive maxima (**1**: [θ]₂₃₆ +63000, **2**: [θ]₂₃₇ +47000) which were caused by two chromophoric benzoates at C-1 and C-11 were observed in those CD spectra. Consequently, it has been clarified that the absolute configurations of **1** and **2** are as shown.

In conclusion, we isolated two novel migrated pimarane-type diterpenoids, **1** and **2**, from the leaves of the lamiaeous plant *Orthosiphon aristatus*. It should be mentioned that **1** and **2** exhibit concentration-dependent suppressions of the contraction induced by K⁺ and *l*-phenylephrine in the endothelium-denuded rat thoracic aorta. The IC₅₀ values of **1** and **2** against the contraction by high K⁺ were 10.5 μ g/ml and 41.6 μ g/ml, and against that by *l*-phenylephrine were 35.9 μ g/ml and 42.6 μ g/ml, respectively.

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- 5) ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 15.5 (20-C), 20.9 (6-C, 2-COCH₃), 21.2 (7-COCH₃), 22.4 (19-C), 29.0 (17-C), 29.3 (18-C), 34.4 (5-C), 38.2 (4-C), 40.7 (9-C), 43.5 (10-C), 54.4 (12-C), 67.8 (2-C), 70.1 (7-C), 70.3 (11-C), 75.9 (1-C), 76.6 (13-C), 76.8 (8-C), 77.0 (3-C), 121.1 (16-C), 128.2, 129.3, 130.6, 133.3 (11-COPh), 128.5, 129.5, 130.5, 133.2 (1-COPh), 131.2 (15-C), 164.1 (1-COPh), 166.9 (11-COPh), 169.9 (7-COCH₃), 170.0 (2-COCH₃), 208.9 (14-C).
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- 7) IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3410, 3080, 1720, 1250, 712. UV (MeOH) nm (ϵ): 230 (24000), 274 (2000). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.89 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 1.07 (3H, s, 19-H₃), 1.46 (3H, s, 20-H₃), 1.54 (3H, s, 3-COCH₃), 1.65 (3H, s, 17-H₃), 1.87 (1H, br d, J =13.7 Hz, 6-H α), 2.08 (1H, dd, J =13.7, 13.7 Hz, 6-H β), 2.24 (3H, s, 7-COCH₃), 2.52 (1H, d, J =13.7 Hz, 5-H), 2.99 (1H, dd, J =3.9, 9.8 Hz, 12-H), 3.24 (1H, d, J =10.3 Hz, 9-H), 4.40 (1H, br s, 2-H), 4.47 (1H, d, J =11.6 Hz, 16-Ha), 4.87 (1H, d, J =16.8 Hz, 16-Hb), 5.03 (1H, d, J =2.7 Hz, 3-H), 5.28 (1H, ddd, J =9.8, 11.6, 16.8 Hz, 15-H), 5.43 (1H, br s, 7-H), 5.49 (1H, br s, 1-H), 6.27 (1H, dd, J =3.9, 10.3 Hz, 11-H), 7.42 (2H, dd, J =7.9, 7.9 Hz), 7.43 (2H, dd, J =7.9, 7.9 Hz), 7.59 (1H, dd, J =7.9, 7.9 Hz), 7.60 (1H, dd, J =7.9, 7.9 Hz), 7.98 (2H, d, J =7.9 Hz), 8.06 (2H, d, J =7.9 Hz) (1- and 11-COPh). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 16.0 (20-C), 20.5 (2-COCH₃), 21.2 (7-COCH₃), 21.3 (6-C), 22.2 (19-C), 28.0 (18-C), 28.2 (17-C), 36.3 (5-C), 37.2 (4-C), 41.4 (9-C), 44.4 (10-C), 54.0 (12-C), 66.0 (2-C), 70.2 (7-C), 70.5 (11-C), 76.1 (13-C), 76.7 (8-C), 78.5 (3-C), 80.0 (1-C), 121.0 (16-C), 128.4, 128.5, 129.3, 129.6, 130.1, 130.2, 133.5, 133.6 (1- and 11-COPh), 131.6 (15-C), 166.2 (11-COPh), 167.3 (1-COPh), 169.3 (7-COCH₃), 170.7 (2-COCH₃), 208.3 (14-C).
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