A New Perylenequinone from *Hypomyces* sp.

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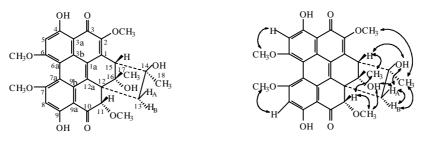
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Abstract: A new perylenequinone, named hypomycin A, was isolated from the mycelia of *Hypomyces* sp.. Its structure was elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic methods.

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Some metabolites of fungi and plants containing perylenequinones have been used as folk medicine for the treatment of many diseases^{1,2}. A filamentous fungus, Ascomy-cetes Hypocreaceae *Hypomyces* (Fr.) Tul. sp., was found from the northwestern mountains of Yunnan Province, and cultured successfully in the laboratory. A new perylenequinone, named hypomycin A (1), was isolated from its mycelia. In this paper the structure elucidation of 1 was described.

Figure 1 The structure of compound 1 Figure 2 The key correlations of 1 in the NOESY



Compound **1**, red crystals, mp 166~169°C (EtOH); $[\alpha]_{D}^{2s}$ +350.6 (c, 0.15, CHCl₃). The FAB-MS spectrum showed a $[M+1]^+$ ion peak at m/z 549. Its molecular formula, $C_{30}H_{28}O_{10}$, was established by FAB-MS, ¹H and ¹³C NMR (**Table 1**) spectroscopy. The IR absorptions at 3422, 1624 and 1583 cm⁻¹ indicated the presence of hydroxy and hydrogen-bonded extended quinone carbonyl groups. The UV-vis spectrum λ_{max}^{MeOH} nm (lg ε) 212 (4.45), 286 (4.52), 395 (4.23), 416 (4.31), 495 (3.89) and 527 (3.92), was similar to those of elsinochromes³ and other perylene-quinones⁴, but hypsochromic obviously. Furthermore, compound **1** showed a remarkable upfield shift of one phenyl hydroxy (δ 12.71), a downfield shift of one quinone carbonyl group (δ 197.2), and only

the δ values of 18 carbons were more than 99 (common perylenequinones⁵ at least 20 carbons). So compound **1** was a perylenequinone whose one carbonyl group lacked a conjugated double bond.

In the HMBC experiment, the correlations of H-11 with C-10, C-12, C-12a, C-13 and C-16, H_A and H_B -13 with C-12 and C-12a, H-15 with C-1, C-1a, C-2, C-12 and C-16, and H-17 with C-12, C-15 and C-16, indicated C-16 and C-13 connected with C-12, C-15 with C-1, and C-16 with C-15. In addition, the correlations of H-18 with C-13, C-14 and C-15, and H-15 with C-13 and C-14, showed that C-14 connected with C-15 and C-13. Together with other correlations, the basic structure of **1** was established. All proton and carbon data were assigned on the basis of the HMQC and HMBC spectra.

The relative stereochemistry of **1** was deduced by the NOESY (**Figure 2**) experiment. If H_A -13 were in β -configuration, the correlations of H_A -13 with 16-OH, H-11 with H-17, and H_B -13 with H-18 revealed that H-11 and 17-CH₃ were in β - configuration, and 18-CH₃ was in α -configuration. Thus, the structure of **1** was determined.

	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	¹³ C		$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	¹³ C		$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	¹³ C
1		135.9s	8	6.76(s)	100.3d	16		85.8s
1a		121.8s	9		165.4s	17	1.26(s)	20.8q
2		149.6s	9a		102.4s	18	0.88(s)	26.6q
3		181.2s	9b		127.3s	$2-OCH_3$	4.13(s)	60.9q
3a		106.7s	10		197.2s	6-OCH ₃	4.10(s)	56.3q
3b		124.6s	11	4.56(s)	81.1d	7-OCH ₃	4.08(s)	56.2q
4		169.9s	12		55.4s	11-OCH ₃	3.92(s)	60.6q
5	6.77(s)	99.5d	12a		139.6s	14-OH	4.83(s)	
6		164.5s	13	H _A 2.94(d, 13.5)	46.3t	16-OH	5.60(s)	
6a		112.1s		H _B 1.84(d, 13.5)		4-OH	15.19(s)	
7		164.1s	14		80.5s	9-OH	12.71(s)	
7a		115.4s	15	3.85(s)	58.2d			

Table 1 The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of compound **1** (500MHz, δ ppm, CDCl₃, TMS)

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