

Four New Germine Esters from *Veratrum dahuricum*

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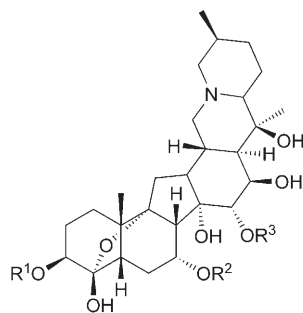
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Four new alkaloids, compounds **1–4**, based on the germine (=4,9-epoxycevine-3,4,7,14,15,16,20-heptol; **5**) framework, were isolated from the rhizomes of *V. dahuricum*, together with germine proper. The X-ray crystal structure of germine (**5**) was solved, and all compounds were characterized by circular dichroism, 1D- and 2D-NMR (¹H, ¹H-COSY, DEPT, HSQC, HMBC), as well as HR-MS analyses.

Introduction. – The genus *Veratrum* (Liliaceae) consists of more than 40 species, including 14 species in China [1], several of which have been used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) against diseases such as apoplexy or epilepsy [2]. The investigation of *V. dahuricum* started in the 1980s, and 13 steroidal alkaloids, mainly including ceveratrum and jerveratrum frameworks, have been reported from this species [2–4]. Some of these alkaloids display significant hypotensive, analgesic, and antitumor activities [5]. Especially cyclopamine, an analogue of jervine, isolated from *V. dahuricum*, showed significant antitumor activity [6][7].

Based on these previous results, it was thought worthwhile to investigate the alkaloids of *V. dahuricum*. This led to the isolation of four new alkaloidal germine esters, compounds **1–4**, from the CHCl₃-soluble part of the aqueous-EtOH extract of the rhizomes of *V. dahuricum*, together with germine (**5**). Herein, we report the isolation and structure elucidation of these compounds.



	R ¹	R ²	R ³	
1	Ac	Ac	Ang	
2	Ver	H	H	
3	Ac	H	Ang	
4	Ver	H	Ang	Ang = angeloyl
5	H	H	H	Ver = veratroyl

Results and Discussion. – Compound **5** was identified as germine by comparison of its spectroscopic data with those previously reported in the literature [8]. Its

configuration was confirmed by X-ray crystal-structure analysis (*Fig. 1*)¹, and by circular dichroism (CD; see *Fig. 2* below). Compounds **1–4** were found to be germine derivatives not reported previously.

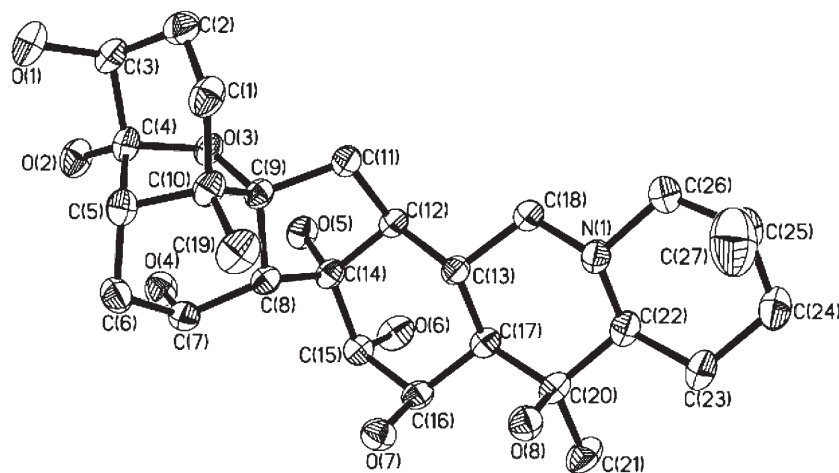


Fig. 1. X-Ray crystal structure of germine (**5**)¹

Compound **1** showed the $[M + H]^+$ ion peak at m/z 676.3691 by HR-ESI-TOF-MS, and its molecular formula was deduced as $C_{36}H_{53}NO_{11}$. The 1H -NMR resonances (*Table 1*) at $\delta(H)$ 1.99 (*s*, Me), 1.98 (*s*, Me), 1.81 (*q*, $J = 1.8$ Hz, Me), 1.89 (*dd*, $J = 7.8$, 1.8 Hz, Me), and 6.01 (*dd*, $J = 7.2$, 1.8 Hz, 1 H) showed HSQC correlations with $\delta(C)$ 20.7, 20.7, 20.8, 16.7, and 137.7, respectively (*Table 2*). The ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of **1** showed five signals in the downfield region at $\delta(C)$ 170.2, 170.1, 167.5, 137.7, and 127.5. These data indicated two AcO groups and an *O*-angeloyl (Ang)² moiety in **1** [9]. Based on the observed 1H -NMR chemical-shift differences between germine (**5**) and **1**, from $\delta(H)$ 3.77 (*d*, H–C(3)) to 4.94 (*d*), from 3.83 (*d*, H–C(15)) to 5.05 (*d*), and from 4.38 (*d*, H–C(7)) to 5.54 (*d*), respectively, the two AcO groups and the AngO function were connected to C(3), C(15), and C(7), respectively. The HMBC long-range correlations between $\delta(H)$ 4.94 and both $\delta(C)$ 170.2 (MeCO) and 104.2 (C(4)), between $\delta(H)$ 5.05 and $\delta(C)$ 170.1 (MeCO), 79.8 (C(14)), and 68.7 (C(16)), and between $\delta(H)$ 5.54 and $\delta(C)$ 167.5 (C=O of Ang), 32.0 (C(6)), and 45.9 (C(8)), respectively, further confirmed the above deduction (see *Exper. Part*).

The CD spectrum of **1** (*Fig. 2*) exhibited great similarity to that of **5**, indicating identical absolute configurations. Thus, from the above data, the structure of compound **1** was deduced as (3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3,7-diacetoxy-4,9-epoxy-15-[[*(2Z)*-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]cevine-4,14,16,20-tetrol.

¹) The crystallographic data of **5** have been deposited with the *Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre* as supplementary publication number CCDC-635769. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, at http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

²) Angeloyl = (*Z*)-2-methylbut-2-enoyl.

Table 1. ¹H-NMR Data of **1–5**. At 600 MHz in CDCl₃; δ in ppm, *J* in Hz.

Atom	1	2	3	4	5
CH ₂ (1)	1.59–1.65 (<i>m</i>) 1.50–1.56 (<i>m</i>)	1.60–1.65 (<i>m</i>) 1.50–1.53 (<i>m</i>)	1.65–1.71 (<i>m</i>) 1.58–1.62 (<i>m</i>)	1.59–1.66 (<i>m</i>)	1.58–1.64 (<i>m</i>) 1.50–1.56 (<i>m</i>)
CH ₂ (2)	2.07–2.14 (<i>m</i>) 1.66–1.71 (<i>m</i>)	2.01–2.07 (<i>m</i>) 1.67–1.71 (<i>m</i>)	2.19–2.23 (<i>m</i>) 1.68–1.72 (<i>m</i>)	1.80–1.84 (<i>m</i>) 1.68–1.74 (<i>m</i>)	1.92–1.98 (<i>m</i>) 1.52–1.58 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(3)	4.94 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)	5.20 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.8)	4.86 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)	5.09 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.8)	3.77 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)
H–C(5)	2.18 (<i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	2.16 (<i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 2.4)	2.30 (<i>br. s</i>)	2.35 (<i>br. s</i>)	2.31 (<i>t</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)
CH ₂ (6)	2.14–2.17 (<i>m</i>) 2.01–2.06 (<i>m</i>)	2.15–2.19 (<i>m</i>) 2.01–2.07 (<i>m</i>)	2.06–2.10 (<i>m</i>) 1.98–2.03 (<i>m</i>)	2.55–2.59 (<i>m</i>) 2.16–2.20 (<i>m</i>)	2.05–2.09 (<i>m</i>) 1.98–2.03 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(7)	5.54 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)	4.49 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)	4.49 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.8)	4.57 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)	4.38 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)
H–C(8)	2.84 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.0)	2.34 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)	2.73 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	2.67 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	2.48 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)
CH ₂ (11)	2.17 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 4.2)	2.29 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.0, 9.0)	2.30 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.0, 8.4)	2.59 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 15.0, 8.4)	2.19 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 3.0)
H–C(12)	1.53–1.58 (<i>m</i>)	1.70–1.74 (<i>m</i>)	1.65–1.71 (<i>m</i>)	1.65–1.71 (<i>m</i>)	1.56–1.60 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(13)	1.67–1.71 (<i>m</i>)	1.50–1.54 (<i>m</i>)	1.70–1.74 (<i>m</i>)	1.71–1.76 (<i>m</i>)	1.67–1.71 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(15)	1.48–1.52 (<i>m</i>)	1.48–1.52 (<i>m</i>)	1.51–1.57 (<i>m</i>)	1.54–1.58 (<i>m</i>)	1.50–1.56 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(16)	5.05 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	3.72 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	5.35 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	5.40 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)	3.83 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.0)
H–C(17)	4.18 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)	4.49 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)	4.37 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 3.6)	4.31 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 1.8)	4.38 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.2)
H–C(18)	1.23 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 1.8)	1.25 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 1.8)	1.27 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 1.8)	1.25 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)	1.35 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0, 1.8)
CH ₂ (18)	2.66 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.8) 1.61–1.65 (<i>m</i>)	2.67 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2) 1.79–1.83 (<i>m</i>)	2.93 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2) 1.70–1.74 (<i>m</i>)	2.89 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2) 1.67–1.72 (<i>m</i>)	2.62 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2) 1.58–1.62 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(22)	1.66 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0)	1.66 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0)	1.67 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0)	1.70 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4, 3.0)	1.65 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 9.0, 2.4)
CH ₂ (23)	1.52–1.58 (<i>m</i>)	1.55–1.59 (<i>m</i>) 1.51–1.55 (<i>m</i>)	1.58–1.64 (<i>m</i>)	1.58–1.62 (<i>m</i>) 1.52–1.56 (<i>m</i>)	1.51–1.57 (<i>m</i>)
CH ₂ (24)	1.46–1.53 (<i>m</i>)	1.52–1.56 (<i>m</i>) 1.32–1.38 (<i>m</i>)	1.58–1.64 (<i>m</i>) 1.48–1.53 (<i>m</i>)	1.56–1.60 (<i>m</i>) 1.48–1.53 (<i>m</i>)	1.46–1.53 (<i>m</i>)
H–C(25)	2.02–2.07 (<i>m</i>)	2.10–2.14 (<i>m</i>)	1.73–1.77 (<i>m</i>)	1.82–1.86 (<i>m</i>)	1.84–1.88 (<i>m</i>)
CH ₂ (26)	2.59 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)	2.60 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)	2.84 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)	2.62 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)	2.58 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 12.0)
Me(19)	2.15–2.21 (<i>m</i>)	2.27–2.33 (<i>m</i>)	2.26–2.32 (<i>m</i>)	2.28–2.34 (<i>m</i>)	2.10–2.14 (<i>m</i>)
Me(21)	0.95 (<i>s</i>)	1.00 (<i>s</i>)	1.03 (<i>s</i>)	1.02 (<i>s</i>)	0.88 (<i>s</i>)
Me(27)	1.13 (<i>s</i>)	1.19–1.23 (<i>m</i>)	1.27–1.31 (<i>m</i>)	1.20–1.24 (<i>m</i>)	1.15–1.19 (<i>m</i>)
3-Ester:					
Ac	1.03 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	1.09 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 6.0)	1.14 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.8)	1.09 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)	1.01 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2)
H–C(2')	1.99 (<i>s</i>)		2.02–2.06 (<i>m</i>)		
3'-MeO		7.55 (<i>s</i>)		7.47 (<i>s</i>)	
4'-MeO		3.93 (<i>s</i>)		3.84 (<i>s</i>)	
H–C(5')		3.94 (<i>s</i>)		3.85 (<i>s</i>)	
H–C(6')		6.89 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)		6.81 (<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4)	
7-AcO		7.66 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8)		7.59 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 8.4, 1.8)	
15-O-Ang:					
H–C(3'')	1.98 (<i>s</i>)		6.10 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 1.2)	6.10 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 1.2)	
Me(4'')	6.01 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 1.8)		1.96 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 1.2)	1.96 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.2, 1.2)	
Me(5'')	1.89 (<i>dd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.8)		1.89 (<i>s</i>)	1.89 (<i>s</i>)	

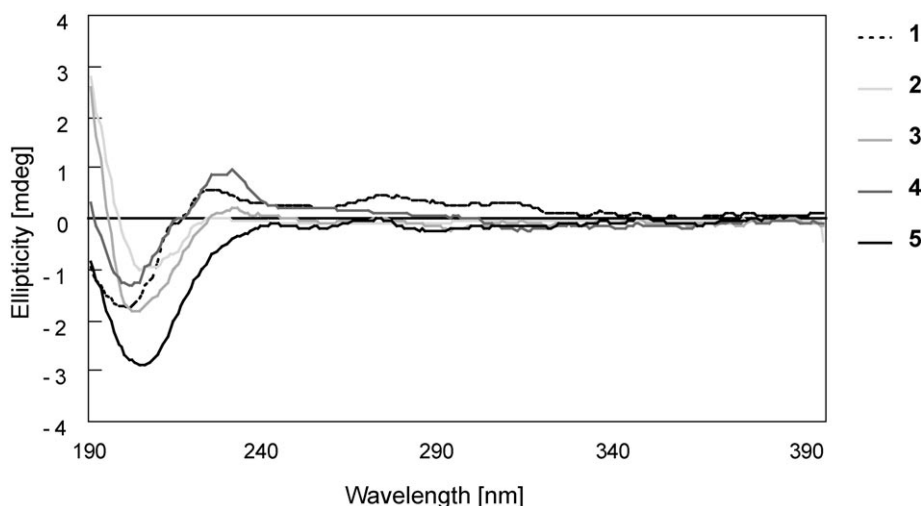


Fig. 2. Circular-dichroism spectra of **1**–**5**. In MeOH at 20°.

Compound **2** showed the $[M + H]^+$ peak at m/z 674.3544 by HR-ESI-TOF-MS, in accord with the molecular formula $C_{36}H_{51}NO_{11}$. The resonances at $\delta(H)$ 3.93 (*s*, Me), 3.94 (*s*, Me), 6.89 (*d*, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (*s*, 1 H), and 7.66 (*dd*, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1 H) were correlated with $\delta(C)$ 56.0, 56.1, 110.4, 112.6, and 123.8, respectively, in the HSQC spectrum. The ^{13}C -NMR data of **2** (Table 2) showed seven signals in the downfield region at $\delta(C)$ 166.7, 153.5, 148.9, 123.8, 122.6, 112.6, and 110.4, as well as two signals at $\delta(C)$ 56.1 and 56.0, indicating a veratroyl (Ver)³ group [10]. The other notable difference between the 1H -NMR spectra of **2** and **5** was the signal for H–C(3), which appeared at $\delta(H)$ 5.20 (*d*, $J = 4.8$ Hz) for **2**, instead at $\delta(H)$ 3.77 (*d*, $J = 4.2$ Hz) for **5**. Further, this signal was HMBC-correlated with $\delta(C)$ 166.7 (C=O of Ver) and 105.6 (C(4)). Thus, the *O*-Ver group was attached at C(3) in compound **2**. The similarity of the CD spectra of **2** and **5** (Fig. 2) again confirmed the same relative configuration. Thus, compound **2** was identified as (3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-[(3,4-dimethoxybenzoyl)oxy]-4,9-epoxycevine-4,7,14,15,16,20-hexol.

Compound **3** showed the $[M + H]^+$ signal at m/z 634.3595 by HR-ESI-TOF-MS, and its molecular formula was deduced as $C_{34}H_{51}NO_{10}$. The 1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of **3** (Tables 1 and 2, resp.) were similar to those of **1**, except for the disappearance of the 7-AcO resonance in **3**. The HMBC correlations between $\delta(H)$ 4.86 (*d*, $J = 4.2$ Hz, H–C(3)) and both $\delta(C)$ 172.1 (MeCO) and 105.7 (C(4)), and between $\delta(H)$ 5.35 (*d*, $J = 3.6$ Hz, H–C(15)) and both $\delta(C)$ 168.6 (C=O of Ang) and 70.2 (C(16)) confirmed that the AcO and Ang groups were attached to C(3) and C(15), respectively. Again, similar CD spectra were obtained for **3** and **1**. Thus, the structure of **3** was elucidated as (3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-acetoxy-4,9-epoxy-15-[(2*Z*)-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]-cevine-4,7,14,16,20-pentol.

Compound **4** showed the $[M + H]^+$ ion peak at m/z 756.3958 by HR-ESI-TOF-MS, and its molecular formula was deduced as $C_{41}H_{57}NO_{12}$. The 1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra

³) Veratroyl = 3,4-dimethoxybenzoyl.

Table 2. ^{13}C -NMR Data of **1**–**5**. At 150 MHz in CDCl_3 ; δ in ppm.

Atom	1	2	3	4	5
C(1)	32.5	32.7	33.3	32.7	32.0
C(2)	26.8	26.7	28.0	28.8	28.1
C(3)	74.3	75.3	75.9	74.9	72.5
C(4)	104.2	105.6	105.7	105.6	106.4
C(5)	47.3	47.8	47.3	46.6	44.5
C(6)	32.0	28.9	30.1	28.9	28.9
C(7)	68.0	67.4	68.5	66.8	67.1
C(8)	45.9	46.2	47.6	48.1	47.5
C(9)	92.5	93.9	94.5	93.0	92.9
C(10)	45.2	44.1	45.8	45.8	46.4
C(11)	32.0	33.2	34.4	33.2	33.0
C(12)	44.7	44.6	46.1	46.0	45.7
C(13)	32.4	33.5	33.5	33.8	33.2
C(14)	79.8	82.9	82.1	81.2	82.3
C(15)	70.2	70.0	73.0	70.1	69.5
C(16)	68.7	69.6	70.2	69.4	69.9
C(17)	45.8	45.7	47.3	46.6	43.9
C(18)	61.6	61.3	62.3	61.4	61.4
C(19)	18.3	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.0
C(20)	72.3	73.2	73.5	73.0	73.1
C(21)	20.2	19.2	22.7	20.6	20.1
C(22)	70.3	73.1	72.2	69.8	70.1
C(23)	18.2	18.4	19.5	18.4	18.3
C(24)	28.9	29.7	30.7	29.7	29.1
C(25)	27.2	27.4	28.7	27.3	27.3
C(26)	61.2	61.4	62.7	61.6	61.5
C(27)	16.7	17.1	17.6	17.0	16.9
3-Ester:					
C(1')	170.2	122.6	172.1	123.1	
C(2')	20.7	112.6	21.2	112.6	
C(3')		148.9		148.8	
C(4')		153.5		153.2	
C(5')		110.4		110.3	
C(6')		123.8		123.6	
C=O		166.7		165.8	
3'-MeO		56.1		56.1	
4'-MeO		56.1		56.0	
7-MeCO	170.1				
7-MeCO	20.7				
15-O-Ang:					
C(1'')	167.5		168.6	167.2	
C(2'')	127.5		129.4	128.0	
C(3'')	137.7		138.7	137.6	
C(4'')	16.7		16.1	15.5	
C(5'')	20.8		20.9	20.6	

of **4** (Tables 1 and 2, resp.) were comparable to those of **2**, except for the presence of an additional Ang group [$\delta(\text{H})$ 1.89 (*s*, Me); 1.96 (*dd*, $J = 7.2$, 1.2 Hz, Me); 6.10 (*dd*, $J = 7.2$, 1.2 Hz, 1 H)]. The HMBC correlation between $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.40 (*d*, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H–C(15)) and the C=O resonance at $\delta(\text{C})$ 167.2 (C(1'')) demonstrated that the AngO group was attached to C(15). The similarity of the CD spectra of **4** and **2** (Fig. 2) confirmed the same relative configurations. Thus, the structure of compound **4** was deduced as (3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-[(3,4-dimethoxybenzoyl)oxy]-4,9-epoxy-15-[[*(2Z)*-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]cevine-4,7,14,16,20-pentol.

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Experimental Part

General. TLC Analyses were performed on HSG F_{254} silica-gel plates (10–40 μm ; *Yantai*, China); visualization under UV light (254, 365 nm) and by spraying with *Dragendorff* reagent. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh; *Yantai*), silica gel *H* (10–40 μm ; *Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory*, China), and *Sephadex LH-20* (*Pharmacia*). Melting points (m.p.) were measured on an *XT-4-100X* micro-melting-point apparatus; uncorrected. Optical rotations were determined on a *Perkin-Elmer-341* polarimeter. CD Spectra were obtained on a *JASCO J-810* instrument. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR Spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a *Bruker Avance^{II}-600* apparatus at 600/150 MHz, resp.; δ in ppm rel. to Me_4Si , J in Hz. ESI and HR-ESI-TOF mass spectra were recorded on *Varian MAT-212* and *Q-ToF micro-YA019* machines; in *m/z*.

Plant Material. The plants were collected in Yanbian, Jilin Province, P. R. China, in September 2005, and authenticated as *V. dahuricum* by Prof. *Yong-Zhen Liu*, School of Pharmacy, Yanbian University, China. A voucher specimen (No. 211) was deposited at the Herbarium of the School of Pharmacy, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried, powdered rhizomes of *V. dahuricum* (25 kg) were heated at reflux with 75% aq. EtOH (2 \times 3 h). The extract was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford an aq. residual, which was successively extracted with petroleum ether (PE), CHCl_3 , AcOEt, and BuOH. The CHCl_3 -soluble extract (125 g) was subjected to CC (SiO_2 , 200–300 mesh; $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ 20:0, 20:1, 10:1, 5:1, 2:1, 0:1) to yield six subfractions, which were further fractionated by CC (1. silica gel *H*, 10–40 μm ; CHCl_3 /acetone gradient; 2. *Sephadex LH-20*). This afforded a mixture of alkaloids, which were further purified by repeated CC (silica gel *H*) to afford compounds **1–4** (CHCl_3 /acetone 20:1, 10:1, 5:1, 2:1) and **5** (CHCl_3 /acetone 6:1, 4:1, 2:1, 1:1).

(3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3,7-Diacetoxy-4,9-epoxy-15-[[*(2Z)*-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]cevine-4,14,16,20-tetrol (**1**). Colorless, amorphous powder. M.p. 231–233° (acetone). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +2.8$ ($c = 0.0785$, CHCl_3). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: see Tables 1 and 2, resp. 2D-NMR (HMBC; 600 MHz, CDCl_3): H–C(3)/C(4), H–C(3)/MeCO, H–C(7)/C(5), H–C(7)/C(9), H–C(7)/MeCO, H–C(15)/C(14), H–C(15)/C(16), H–C(15)/(C=O of Ang), H–C(16)/C(20), H–C(19)/C(10), H–C(25)/C(24), H–C(25)/C(26). ESI-MS: 676 ($[M+H]^+$), 658 ($[M+H-H_2O]^+$), 616 ($[M+H-H_2O-Ac]^+$). HR-ESI-TOF-MS: 676.3691 ($[M+H]^+$, $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{NO}_{11}^+$; calc. 676.3697).

(3 β ,4*S*,7 α ,9*R*,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-[(3,4-Dimethoxybenzoyl)oxy]-4,9-epoxycevine-4,7,14,15,16,20-hexol (**2**). Colorless, amorphous powder. M.p. 280–283° (MeOH). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +13.0$ ($c = 0.0812$, CHCl_3). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: see Tables 1 and 2, resp. 2D-NMR (HMBC; 600 MHz, CDCl_3): H–C(3)/C(4), H–C(3)/C=O of Ver, H–C(7)/C(5), H–C(7)/C(9), H–C(15)/C(14), H–C(15)/C(16), H–C(16)/C(20), H–C(19)/C(10), H–C(25)/C(24), H–C(25)/C(26). ESI-MS: 674 ($[M+H]^+$), 656 ($[M+H-H_2O]^+$), 492 ($[M+H-H_2O-Ang]^+$). HR-ESI-TOF-MS: 674.3544 ($[M+H]^+$, $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{52}\text{NO}_{11}^+$; calc. 674.3540).

(3 β ,4S,7 α ,9R,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-Acetoxy-4,9-epoxy-15-[[2Z]-2-methylbut-2-enoyloxy]cevanone-4,7,14,16,20-pentol (**3**). Colorless, amorphous powder. M.p. 198–200° (acetone). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -8.0$ ($c = 0.0935$, CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. 2D-NMR (HMBC; 600 MHz, CDCl₃): H–C(3)/C(4), H–C(3)/MeCO; H–C(7)/C(5), H–C(7)/C(9), H–C(15)/C(14), H–C(15)/C(16), H–C(15)/C=O of Ang, H–C(16)/C(20), H–C(19)/C(10), H–C(25)/C(24), H–C(25)/C(26). ESI-MS: 634 ([M + H]⁺), 616 ([M + H – H₂O]⁺), 598 ([M + H – 2H₂O]⁺), 556 ([M + H – 2H₂O – Ac]⁺). HR-ESI-TOF-MS: 634.3595 ([M + H]⁺, C₃₄H₅₂NO₁₀⁺; calc. 634.3591).

(3 β ,4S,7 α ,9R,14 α ,15 α ,16 β)-3-[(3,4-Dimethoxybenzoyloxy)-4,9-epoxy-15-[[2Z]-2-methylbut-2-enoyloxy]cevanone-4,7,14,16,20-pentol (**4**). Colorless, amorphous powder. M.p. 281–283° (acetone). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +18.0$ ($c = 0.0855$, CHCl₃). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see *Tables 1* and *2*, resp. 2D-NMR (HMBC; 600 MHz, CDCl₃): H–C(3)/C(4), H–C(3)/C=O of Ver, H–C(7)/C(5), H–C(7)/C(9), H–C(15)/C(14), H–C(15)/C(16), H–C(15)/C=O of Ang, H–C(16)/C(20), H–C(19)/C(10), H–C(25)/C(24), H–C(25)/C(26). ESI-MS: 756 ([M + H]⁺), 738 ([M + H – H₂O]⁺), 638 ([M + H – H₂O – Ang]⁺), 474 ([M + H – H₂O – Ang – Ver]⁺). HR-ESI-TOF-MS: 756.3958 ([M + H]⁺, C₄₁H₅₈NO₁₂⁺; calc. 756.3959).

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