Four New Terpenoids from Xylaria sp. 101

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One new diterpenoid, xylarenolide (1), and three new sesquiterpenoids, xylaranol A (2), xylaranol B (3) , and xylaranic acid (4) , were obtained from the fungal strain Xylaria sp. 101, which was isolated from the fruiting body of Xylaria sp. collected in Gaoligong Mountain, Yunnan Province. Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic analyses, including 1D- and 2D-NMR experiments, and by HR-Q-TOF mass spectrometry. Their antimicrobial activities were evaluated.

Introduction. – Fungi of the genus *Xylaria* are very diverse with respect to their chemical constituents. Secondary metabolites of them are known to include terpenoids $[1-4]$, cyclopeptides $[5][6]$, polyketides $[7][8]$, cytochalasins $[9]$, xanthones $[10][11]$, and unique unclassified xyloketals [12]. Recently, we have embarked on a research program of looking for new structural and bioactive metabolites from the strain 101, which was collected from Gaoligong Mountain of southwestern China, and identified as Xylaria sp. (family Xylariaceace). Here, we report the isolation, structure elucidation, and antimicrobial activities of four new terpenoids, namely xylarenolide (1), xylaranol A (2), xylaranol B (3), and xylaranic acid (4), from the fermentation products of the fungal strain Xylaria sp. 101.

Results and Discussion. – 1. Structure Elucidation. The morphological properties of the isolate 101 were examined after incubation for two months at 28° in potatodextrose agar (PDA) medium. This organism was identified to be Xylaria sp. according to its ITS sequence of rDNA (ITS1-5.8S-ITS2). The fermentation culture was extracted successively with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was purified by repeated column chromatography ($RP-18$, Sephadex LH-20, and silica gel) to afford compounds $1-4$.

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Xylarenolide (1) was obtained as a colorless oil. The HR-Q-TOF-MS showed the quasi-molecular-ion peak $([M + Na]^+)$ at m/z 371.2049, establishing the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$. The IR absorption at 3366 cm⁻¹ indicated the presence of OH groups. The ¹³C-NMR (DEPT) spectra of **1** (*Table 1*) displayed signals for seven quaternary C-atoms (one O-bearing, one olefinic, and two CO), and three CH (one Obearing and one olefinic), seven $CH₂$, and three Me groups. The structure of fragment **1a**, a C₁₃ moiety composed of $2 \times$ Me, $3 \times$ CH₂, $3 \times$ CH groups, and five quaternary Catoms, was determined on the basis of the 1H , 1H -COSY correlations $H-C(1) \leftrightarrow$ $H - C(2) \leftrightarrow H - C(3)$ and $H - C(5) \leftrightarrow H - C(6) \leftrightarrow H - C(7)$, along with the HMBCs from the H-atoms of Me(18) to $C(3)$, $C(4)$, $C(5)$, and $C(19)$, from those of Me(20) to C(1), C(5), C(9), and C(10), from H-C(6) to C(8), and from H-C(7) to C(9) $(Fig. 1)$. Furthermore, the HMBC spectra showed correlations of the H-atoms of Me(17) with $C(12)$, $C(13)$, $C(14)$, and $C(15)$, and correlations from CH₂(15) to C(16) were observed. In combination with the ${}^{1}H, {}^{1}H$ -COSY $H - C(11) \rightarrow H - C(12)$, this led to the establishment of fragment **1b** (*Fig. 1*). Finally, the HMBCs from CH₂(12) to C(9) and from CH₂(14) to C(7) indicated that fragments **1a** and **1b** were linked together via $C(9)-C(11)$ and $C(8)-C(14)$, indicating a pimarane-type diterpene. The relative configuration of 1 was determined by the analysis of NOE spectrum. The presence of NOE correlations $H-C(18) \leftrightarrow H-C(5) \leftrightarrow H-C(6)$, and $H_{eq}-C(14) \leftrightarrow Me(17) \leftrightarrow$ $H_{ax} - C(11) \rightarrow Me(20)$ (*Fig. 2*) indicated that **1** had the same relative configuration as that of hymatoxin E [13]. Indeed, 1 was the $C(16)$ carboxylic derivative of hymatoxin E. Thus, from the above data, the structure of compound 1 was established to be 2- [(3aR*,5aS*,8R*,10aS*,10bR*,10cS*)-2,3,3a,4,5a,7,8,9,10,10a,10b,10c-dodecahydro-10ahydroxy-3a,8,10b-trimethyl-4-oxo-1H-phenanthro[10,1-bc]furan-8-yl]acetic acid.

			Position ¹) $\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$
$1.62 - 1.64$ (<i>m</i> , H _{ax}),	$27.3(t)$ 11		1.91 (dt, $J = 4.2$, 14.0, H_{av}),	27.0 (t)
1.29 – 1.34 (<i>m</i> , H_{eq})			1.52 – 1.54 (<i>m</i> , H_{eq})	
1.77 – 1.79 (<i>m</i> , H_{ax}),				31.9 (t)
$1.53 - 1.55$ (<i>m</i> , H _{eg})			1.52 – 1.54 (<i>m</i> , H_{eq})	
				34.0 (s)
2.19 – 2.22 (m, H_{eq})		14	2.46 $(d, J = 11.0, Hav)$,	43.2 (t)
	42.4 (s)		2.18 – 2.20 (m, H_{eq})	
2.36 (d, $J = 4.6$, H _{ax})			2.31(s)	48.1 (t)
4.81 (br. d, $J = 2.5$, H _{eq})				176.2 (s)
5.82 (br. s)			0.90(s)	21.8 (q)
			1.32(s)	24.8 (q)
				182.7 (s)
			1.00(s)	21.9(q)
		1.47 (ddd, $J = 5.8, 8.5, 14.3, Hav$),	18.1 (t) 12 $28.3(t)$ 13 43.9 (d) 15 73.1 (d) 16 $120.7(d)$ 17 143.9 (s) 18 72.9 (s) 19 37.9 (s) 20	1.81 (dt, $J = 4.2$, 14.0, H_{av}),

Table 1. ^{*IH*}- and ¹³C-NMR Data of **1**. At 600 and 150 MHz, resp., in CDCl₃; δ in ppm. *J* in Hz.

Xylaranol A (2) was obtained as a colorless oil. The molecular formula was determined as $C_{15}H_{26}O_2$ by its HR-Q-TOF-MS and NMR data. The IR spectrum exhibited the absorption at 3424 cm⁻¹ typical for OH groups. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR, and DEPT spectra (Table 2) indicated two Me, seven $CH₂$, four CH groups, and two

Fig. 1. The structures of fragments 1a and 1b of compound 1, fragments 2a and 2b of compound 2, and fragments 4 a and 4 b of compound 4 , and selected $HMBCs$ $(\mathrm{H}\rightarrow\mathrm{C})$ and $^1H,^1H\text{-COS}Y$ correlations (bold line)

Fig. 2. Selected NOE correlations for compounds 1, 2, and 4 ($H \leftrightarrow H$)

quaternary C-atoms, of which a $CH₂$ group and a quaternary C-atom were O-bearing. Furthermore, the HSQC, HMBC, and ¹H, ¹H-COSY spectra facilitated the assignments of all ¹ H- and 13C-NMR signals, indicating a simple guaiane-type structure [14]. The HMBCs from Me(14) to C(1), C(9), and C(10), and from Me(15) to C(3), C(4) and C(5), along with the ¹H,¹H-COSY correlations $H-C(3) \leftrightarrow H-C(2) \leftrightarrow H-C(1) \leftrightarrow$ $H - C(5)$ established the structure of fragment 2a (*Fig. 1*). Meanwhile, the HMBCs from CH₂(13) to C(7), C(11), and C(12), in combination with the ${}^{1}H$, ¹H-COSY correlations $H-C(6) \rightarrow H-C(7) \rightarrow H-C(8)$, led to the establishment of fragment 2b (*Fig. 1*). Finally, the ¹H,¹H-COSY correlations $H - C(5) \rightarrow CH_2(6)$ and $CH_2(8) \rightarrow$ $CH₂(9)$ connected the fragments 2a and 2b. The relative configuration of 2 was assigned on the basis of NOE spectrum $(Fig. 2)$. Although the NOE correlations between $H - C(1)$ and $H - C(5)$ were not observed, as reported by *Fleischer et al.* [14], the fusion of ring A and ring B was determined to be *cis* based on the NOE correlations $H-C(1) \leftrightarrow Me(14)$, $Me(14) \leftrightarrow H_a-C(3) \leftrightarrow H-C(5)$, and $H_b-C(3) \leftrightarrow Me(15)$ which determined the relative configurations at $C(10)$ and $C(4)$. The relative configuration of H-C(7) was determined to be β according to the NOE correlations $H_a-C(6) \leftrightarrow$

Me(15) and $H_a-C(6) \leftrightarrow CH_2(12)$. Therefore, the structure of compound 2 was established to be $(1R^*,3aS^*,4R^*,7S^*,8aR^*)$ -decahydro-7-(1-hydroxyprop-2-en-2-yl)-1,4-dimethylazulen-4-ol.

Position ¹)	2		3	
	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$
1	$2.09 - 2.16$ (<i>m</i>)	55.3 (d)	1.99 $(dd, J = 8.7, 18.1)$	54.8 (d)
$\overline{2}$	1.54 – 1.57 (m, H_a) ,	26.2(t)	1.46 (ddd, $J = 4.9, 10.6, 22.6, Ha$),	25.6(t)
	1.72 – 1.75 (m, H_8)		1.52 – 1.58 (m, H_8)	
3	1.72 – 1.74 (m, H_a) ,	31.1(t)	1.63 – 1.65 (m, H_a) ,	30.6 (t)
	1.22 – 1.25 (m, H_β)		1.12 – 1.19 (m, H_8)	
$\overline{4}$	$2.03 - 2.05$ (<i>m</i>)	38.9 (d)	$1.89 - 1.99(m)$	38.6 (d)
5	$2.02 - 2.04$ (<i>m</i>)	45.9 (d)	$1.79 - 1.82$ (<i>m</i>)	46.1 (d)
6	1.45 – 1.50 (m, H_a) ,	29.2(t)	0.82 (dd, $J = 12.7, 23.1, Ha$),	21.3(t)
	1.91 – 1.94 (m, H_β)		1.65 (br. $d, J = 10.0$)	
7	2.32 (td, $J = 8.5, 3.5$)	41.8 (d)	$1.73 - 1.76$ (<i>m</i>)	43.0 (d)
8	1.28 – 1.31 (m, H_a) ,	29.4 (t)	1.05 – 1.08 (m, H_a) ,	23.9(t)
	1.48 – 1.52 (m, H_8)		1.74 – 1.77 (m, H_β)	
9	1.94 – 1.96 (m, H_a) ,	36.2(t)	$1.73 - 1.75$ (m, H_a) ,	33.8 (t)
	1.58 – 1.61 (m, H_8)		1.30 – 1.33 (m, H_6)	
10		75.0(s)		72.4 (s)
11		156.3(s)		74.5 (s)
12	4.13 (s)	65.0(t)	3.21 (s)	67.8 (t)
13	4.88 (s, H_a) ,	106.9 (t)	0.87(s)	19.4 (q)
	4.97 (s, H_h)			
14	1.21(s)	29.7 (q)	1.01(s)	30.9 (q)
15	0.89 $(d, J = 5.5)$	16.1 (q)	0.89 $(d, J = 7.0)$	16.3 (q)

Table 2. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Data of 2 (CDCl₃) and 3 ((D₆)DMSO). At 600/150 MHz, in CDCl₃; δ in ppm. J in Hz.

Xylaranol B (3) showed a *quasi*-molecular-ion peak ($[M + H]$ ⁺) at *m*/z 257.2969 in the positive-ion-mode HR-Q-TOF-MS, which was consistent with the molecular formula $C_{15}H_{28}O_3$. The IR spectrum exhibited the absorption at 3427 cm⁻¹ for OH groups. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of 3 (*Table 2*) were similar to those of 2. The difference was at δ (C) 74.5 (C(11)) and 19.4 (C(13)) due to the hydration of the $C(11)=C(13)$ bond, which was supported by the HMBCs from Me(13) to $C(7)$, $C(11)$, and $C(12)$. The relative configuration of 3 was determined on the basis of the same NOE correlations as those of 2. Therefore, compound 3 was determined to be 2- $[(3R*,3aR*,5S*,8R*,8aS*)-decaydor0-S-hydroxy-3,8-dimethylazulen-5-y]propane-1,2$ diol.

Xylaranic acid (4) was deduced to have the molecular formula $C_1,H_{24}O_5$ from the HR-Q-TOF-MS and NMR spectral data. The IR absorption at 3404 cm-¹ indicated the presence of OH groups. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR, and DEPT spectra (*Table 3*) exhibited 15 signals, which were assigned to two Me, four $CH₂$ (one O-bearing), six CH (one olefinic and two O-bearing) groups, and three quaternary C-atoms (one olefinic and one CO). Comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of **4** (*Table 3*) with those of phomenone in literature [15] revealed that 4 had the same ring C-atom skeleton as a simple eremophilane-type sesquiterpene. The HMBCs from Me(14) to $C(4)$, $C(5)$, $C(6)$, and $C(10)$, and from CH₂(1) to C(10), in combination with the ¹H,¹H-COSY correlations $CH_2(1) \leftrightarrow H-C(2) \leftrightarrow CH_2(3) \leftrightarrow H-C(4) \leftrightarrow Me(15)$, established the structure of fragment $4a$ (*Fig. 1*). Additionally, the HMBC spectrum showed that CH₂(13) were correlated with C(12), and the correlations $H-C(9) \rightarrow H-C(8) \rightarrow$ $H - C(7) \leftrightarrow H - C(11) \leftrightarrow CH_2(13)$ were observed in ¹H,¹H-COSY spectrum, determining the structure of fragment 4b (Fig. 1). Finally, the HMBCs from $CH₂(1)$ to C(9), and from CH₂(6) to both C(7) and C(11), assigned the fragments **4a** and **4b** to be linked together via $C(9)$ and $C(10)$, and $C(6)$ and $C(7)$. The relative configuration of 4 was determined from the NOE spectrum. The presence of NOE correlations $\mathrm{H}_{\beta}\mathrm{-C}(1)$ \leftrightarrow $H - C(2) \leftrightarrow Me(14) \leftrightarrow Me(15)$ as well as $H - C(7) \leftrightarrow H - C(8)$ indicated that $H - C(2)$, Me(14), and Me(15) were β -oriented, while H-C(7) and H-C(8) were in α orientation (*Fig. 2*). Thus, the structure of compound 4 was established to be 2- $[(2R*, 3S*, 6S*, 8S*, 8aR*)-1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a-octahydro-3, 6-dihydroxy-8, 8a-dimethylnaph$ thalen-2-yl]-3-hydroxypropanoic acid.

Table 3. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Data of **4**. At 600/150 MHz, in CDCl₃; δ in ppm. *J* in Hz.

Position ¹)	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$	Position ¹)	$\delta(H)$	$\delta(C)$
$\mathbf{1}$	2.41 (br. d, $J=11.5$, H _a),	41.9 (t)	7	$2.66 - 2.69$ (<i>m</i>)	34.3 (d)
	2.28 $(t, J=11.5, Ha)$		8	4.93 (dd, $J = 2.0, 7.0$)	76.0 (d)
2	$3.59 - 3.62$ (<i>m</i>)	71.0 (d)	9	5.52 (br. d, $J = 2.0$)	118.0 (d)
\mathcal{F}	$1.41 - 1.45$ (m, H_a) ,	39.7 (t)	10		148.1 (s)
	1.82 – 1.84 (m, H_6)		11	$2.73 - 2.76$ (<i>m</i>)	47.0 (d)
$\overline{4}$	$1.37 - 1.40$ (<i>m</i>)	40.6 (d)	12		178.1 (s)
.5		35.9(s)	13	4.03 (dd, $J = 5.5$, 11.3), 3.86 (dd, $J = 5.5$, 11.3)	60.5 (t)
6	1.83 (dd, $J=6.1$, 14.8, H _a), 1.71 (dd, $J = 4.9$, 14.8, H _a)	35.5 (t)	14 15	1.08(s) 0.91 (d, $J = 6.6$)	20.1 (q) 14.9 (q)

2. Biological Study. The antibacterial activities of compounds $1-4$ were tested against bacteria (Escherichia coli (CMCC (B) 44103), Bacillus subtilis (CMCC (B) 63501), Bacillus pumilus (CMCC (B) 63202), and Staphylococcus aureus (CMCC (B) 26003), and yeast (*Candida albicans* (AS 2.538)) using *Oxford* plate assay system. Two replicates were performed for each compound at a concentration 0.3 mg/ml with the loading volume 100 μ . The results showed that compounds $1 - 4$ had no effects on the growth of tested bacteria or yeast at 30 ug/plate.

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Experimental Part

General. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO₂; 200-300 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory, Qingdao, P. R. China), silica gel GF_{254} (Merck), RP-18 (Merck), and Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Biosciences). TLC: precoated silica-gel GF_{254} plates (0.20-0.25 mm; Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory, Qingdao, P. R. China). Optical rotations: Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter, with CHCl₃ as solvent. IR Spectra: in KBr on a *Nicolet FT-IR 360* spectrophotometer. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra:

Bruker DRX-600 spectrometer, at 600 and 150 MHz, resp., in CDCl₃ or (D₆)DMSO; δ in ppm rel. to $Me₄Si, J$ in Hz.

Isolation and Fermentation of the Fungal Strain. The fungus was isolated from the fruiting body of Xylaria sp., which was collected in 'Gaoligong Mountain National Natural conservation Area', Yunnan Province, P. R. China. Both a traditional morphological assessment and internal transcribed spaces (ITS) sequencing were performed to characterize it as Xylaria sp. 101. The fermentation was performed, and the mycelia of 101 grown on PDA plates were used to inoculate 1-l *Erlenmeyer* flasks containing 200 ml of PD medium (potato 200 g/l, glucose 20 g/l, pH-neutral). The flasks were incubated on a rotary shaker for 5 d at 28° with shaking at 160 rpm. The cultures were transferred into 4 20-l flasks containing PD medium (51) and cultivated for two months at 28° without agitation.

Extraction and Isolation. The culture filtrate was concentrated under vacuum at 45° to a volumn of 2 l and then extracted with AcOEt $(3x)$. The combined org. layer, upon solvent removal, yielded a crude extract as a brown syrup $(4.8 g)$. The extract was subjected to MPLC $(145 g)$ of $RP-18$; 30, 50, 70%, aq. acetone, and neat acetone; 2 l for each gradient) to yield 14 fractions: Frs. $a-m$.

Fr. b (828 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 (in MeOH) twice, followed by CC (1. CHCl $\sqrt{ }$ MeOH $100:1; 2$. MPLC $(30 \text{ g } RP-18, \text{Me}_2\text{CO/H}_2\text{O }3:7)$) to afford $4(4 \text{ mg})$. Fr. d (300 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 (in MeOH) to afford Fr. d.1 (166 mg), which was then combined with Fr.e.1 (44 mg) and purified by passage over Sephadex LH-20 (in MeOH) again, and followed by purification on MPLC (30 g $RP-18$; Me₂CO/H₂O 3 : 7) to afford 3 (26 mg). Fr. e (214 mg) was subjected to Sephadex LH-20 (in MeOH) to afford two subfractions, Fr. e.1 and Fr. e.2. Fr. e.2 (25 mg) was purified by repeated CC (1. CHCl₃/MeOH 10:1; 2. Petroleum ether (PE)/acetone 15:1) to afford 1 (6 mg). Fr. g (406 mg) was subjected to CC (1. Sephadex LH-20: MeOH; 2. PE/Me₂O 15:1; 3. MPLC: 30 g RP -18; 35% aq. acetone) to afford $2(4 \text{ mg})$.

 X ylarenolide $(=(6\beta,13\alpha)-9-H$ ydroxy-18-oxo-6,18-epoxypimar-7-en-16-oic Acid = 2-[(3aR,5aS*, 8R*,10aS*,10bR*,10cS*)-2,3,3a,4,5a,7,8,9,10,10a,10b,10c-Dodecahydro-10a-hydroxy-3a,8,10b-trimethyl-4-oxo-1H-phenanthro[10,1-bc]furan-8-yl]acetic Acid; **1**). Colorless oil. [α] $_{10}^{\text{20}} = -18.0$ ($c = 0.054$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3366, 2917. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 1*. HR-Q-TOF-MS: 371.2049 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₀H₂₈NaO $\frac{1}{5}$; calc. 371.1834).

 $Xylaranol A (= (IR*,3aS*,4R*,7S*,8aR*)-Decahydro-7-(3-hydroxyprop-1-en-2-yl)-1,4-dimethyl-1$ *azulen-4-ol*; 2). Colorless oil. $\lbrack a \rbrack_0^2 = -24.2$ ($c = 0.08$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3424, 2928. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table 2. ESI-MS (pos.): 238 ($[M + Na]^+$). HR-Q-TOF-MS: 261.1928 ($[M + Na]^+$) $C_{15}H_{26}NaO_2^+$; calc. 261.1825).

 $Xylaranol \ B \ (=2-[3R*,3aR*,5S*,8R*,8aS*)-Decahydro-8-hydroxy-3,8-dimerthylazulen-5-ylpro$ pane-1,2-diol; 3). Colorless power. $[a]_D^{20} = -3.6$ ($c = 0.018$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3427. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table* 2. HR-Q-TOF-MS: 257.2969 ([$M + H$]⁺, C₁₅H₂₉O₃⁺; calc. 257.2117).

 $Xylaranic \ Acid (=2-[2R*,3S*,6S*,8S*,8aR*)-1,2,3,5,6,7,8,8a-Octahydro-3,6-dihydroxy-8,8a-dime$ thylnaphthalen-2-yl]-3-hydroxypropanoic Acid; **4**). Colorless oil. $\lbrack a\rbrack_{0}^{\infty} = +23.4$ ($c = 0.096$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3404, 2927, 1751. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: *Table 3*. HR-Q-TOF-MS: 285.3016 ([M+H]⁺, C₁₅H₂₅O₅^{*}; calc. 285.1702).

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