

## Eremophilenolide-Type Sesquiterpenes from *Hertia intermedia*

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Hertidins A–E (**1–5**, resp.), new eremophilenolide-type sesquiterpenes, have been isolated from the AcOEt-soluble fraction of *Hertia intermedia*. Structures of **1–5** were elucidated on the basis of extensive spectroscopic studies.

**Introduction.** – The genus *Hertia* belongs to the family Compositae and comprises twelve species distributed all over South and North Africa, and Southwest Asia [1]. The crude CHCl<sub>3</sub>-, AcOEt-, and MeOH-soluble extracts of *Hertia cheirifolia* have been reported to exhibit spasmolytic and anti-inflammatory activities. The antispasmodic effect of the sesquiterpenoid bakkenolide isolated from the CHCl<sub>3</sub>-soluble extract was found in the same range as that of alverine, a standard musculotropic spasmolytic agent [2]. One of the species of the genus *Hertia* is *H. intermedia* Boiss. growing wildly in hilly regions of Balochistan and North West Frontier Provinces of Pakistan, and is also distributed westward towards Iran [3]. It is a small shrub with beautiful yellow flowers [4]. It is used as painkiller in the hilly areas of Pakistan [5]. A literature survey revealed that no biological studies have so far been carried out on this plant, while the phytochemical studies are confined to only two sesquiterpenes [6]. The ethnopharmacological and chemotaxonomic importance of the genus *Hertia* prompted us to carry out further phytochemical studies on *H. intermedia*, resulting in the isolation of five eremophilenolide-type sesquiterpenes, named hertidins A–E (**1–5**, resp.; Fig. 1), from the AcOEt-soluble fraction. Their structures have been elucidated through extensive spectroscopic analyses.

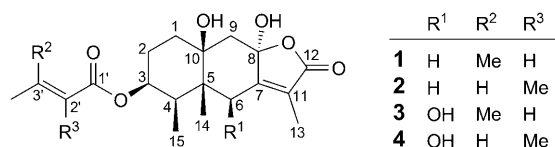


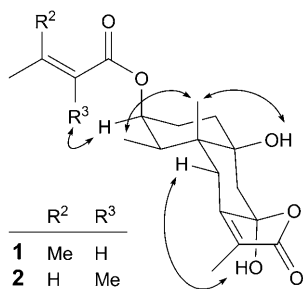
Fig. 1. Structures of hertidins A–D (**1–4**, resp.)

**Results and Discussion.** – Hertidin A (**1**) was obtained as a white powder. Its molecular formula was deduced as C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub> from HR-EI-MS, which showed an M<sup>+</sup>

peak at  $m/z$  364.1882 (calc. 364.1886), representing seven degrees of unsaturation. The EI-MS showed, besides the  $M^+$  peak at  $m/z$  364, two prominent fragment peaks at  $m/z$  346 and 328 due to successive losses of  $H_2O$  molecules, indicating the presence of two OH groups. The IR spectrum displayed absorption bands diagnostic of OH ( $3468\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactone ( $1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester ( $1696\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and C=C bond ( $1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) functionalities. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (BB and DEPT) spectra exhibited 20 signals, ascribed to five Me, four  $\text{CH}_2$ , and three CH groups, and eight quaternary C-atoms. The CO C-atoms of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactone and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester resonated downfield at  $\delta(\text{C})$  173.1 and 165.9, while the corresponding olefinic C-atom signals were observed at  $\delta(\text{C})$  158.2, 157.6, 122.8, and 115.9, respectively. Two O-bearing quaternary C-atoms gave rise to signals at  $\delta(\text{C})$  102.5 and 74.1, while the O-bearing CH C-atom resonated at  $\delta(\text{C})$  71.9. The Me signals were observed at  $\delta(\text{C})$  27.4, 20.8, 17.9, 12.2, and 8.3.

The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum showed a *singlet* due to an olefinic H-atom of a trisubstituted C=C bond at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.63 and a *multiplet* of an O-bearing CH group at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.98. The broad peaks at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.01 and 3.37, which disappeared on shaking with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , were assigned to the OH groups. Characteristic Me signals of an eremophil-enolide-type sesquiterpene were observed at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.80 (*s*, 3 H), 1.20 (*d*,  $J = 7.0$ , 3 H), and 0.91 (*s*, 3 H) [7–9]. The Me groups attached to the olefinic C-atom resonated comparatively downfield at  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.15 and 1.90 (2*s*, 3 H). The Me H-atom signals at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.80 showed interactions in the HMBC with signals of C(11) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  122.8), C(7) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  158.2), and C(12) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  173.1), suggesting a Me-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactone. Another Me signal appearing at  $\delta(\text{H})$  0.91 correlated with those of C(4) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  36.4), C(6) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  31.1), C(5) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  46.0), and C(10) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  74.1), allowing us to assign it to C(14). The remaining Me signal at  $\delta(\text{H})$  1.20 correlated with signals of C(4) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  36.4), C(3) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  71.9), and C(5) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  46.0) and could subsequently be assigned to C(15).

The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data showed close similarities to those of herticin A [6], except for the downfield shifts of both C(3) and C(8). The presence of a OH group at C(8) could be inferred from the downfield shift of C(8) signal ( $\delta(\text{C})$  102.5) and a well-defined *AX* pattern for the  $\text{CH}_2$  H-atoms of C(9) appearing as *doublets* at  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.22 and 2.18 ( $J = 11.1$ , 1 H). It was subsequently confirmed by HMBCs between the OH H-atom at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.01 and C(8) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  102.5), C(7) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  158.2), and C(9) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  42.5). The presence of a 3-methylbut-2-enyloxy moiety was evident from the EI-MS showing an intense peak at  $m/z$  83 as well as other spectral data, and its location at C(3) could be confirmed by  $^3J$  correlation of H–C(3) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.98 with C(1') ( $\delta(\text{C})$  165.9). Its  $\beta$ -orientation was deduced by comparing chemical shifts, coupling pattern, and coupling constants with those of related compounds [10] and further confirmed by a NOESY correlation of  $\text{H}_\alpha$ –C(3) with  $\text{H}_\alpha$ –C(4), and  $\text{H}_\alpha$ –C(6). The presence of a NOESY correlation between HO–C(10) ( $\delta(\text{H})$  3.37) and Me(14) ( $\delta(\text{H})$  0.91) confirmed the *cis*-fused *A/B* ring system. Another NOESY interaction between Me(14) ( $\delta(\text{H})$  0.91) and Me(15) ( $\delta(\text{H})$  1.20) allowed us to assign  $\beta$ -orientation to the Me group at C(4). The absence of a NOESY correlation between HO–C(8), and HO–C(10) and Me(14) provided evidence for their relative *trans*-orientation. The other NOESY correlations (Fig. 2) and HMOC were in complete agreement to the assigned structure of hertidin A (**1**) as  $8\alpha,10\beta$ -dihydroxy-3-[(3-methylbut-2-enyl)oxy]eremophil-enolide.

Fig. 2. Key NOESY interactions in compounds **1** and **2**

Hertidin B (**2**) was obtained as a white powder. The molecular formula was established as C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub> on the basis of the HR-EI-MS ( $M^+$  peak at  $m/z$  364.1884; calc. 364.1886). The EI-mass and IR spectra were similar to those of **1**. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (BB and DEPT) was also similar to that of **1** showing 20 signals for five Me, four CH<sub>2</sub>, and three CH groups, and eight quaternary C-atoms. It was apparent that **2** is an isomer of **1**. The signals of rings A/B and Me-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactone were closely similar to those of **1**, showing a difference in the chemical shifts of the corresponding Me groups. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR chemical shift of the H-atom of the trisubstituted C=C bond was shifted downfield to  $\delta$ (H) 6.04 ( $q$ ,  $J = 7.0, 1.2$ ). The signal of one of the Me groups also shifted upfield to  $\delta$ (H) 1.88, showing a *trans*-allylic coupling with the olefinic H-atoms ( $d$ ,  $J = 1.2$ ). The signal of the remaining Me group was observed at  $\delta$ (H) 1.90 ( $d$ ,  $J = 7.0, 3\text{ H}$ ). These data confirmed the presence of a 2-methylbut-2-enoyloxy moiety. The (*E*)-configuration of the C=C bond was inferred through *trans* allylic coupling of olefinic H-atom with Me H-atoms at C(2'), as well as by NOESY correlations between Me H-atoms at C(2'), and C(4) and H <sub>$\alpha$</sub> -C(3) (Fig. 2). The HMBC and other NOESY correlations of **2** were similar to those of **1**. Therefore, the structure of hertidin B (**2**) could be assigned as 8 $\alpha,10\beta$ -dihydroxy-3-[(*E*)-2-methylbut-2-enoyl]oxy]jeremophilanolide.

Hertidin C (**3**) was obtained as white powder. The HR-EI-MS exhibited an  $M^+$  peak at  $m/z$  380.1830 consistent with a molecular formula C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (calc. 380.1835). The IR spectrum was similar to that of **1**. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (BB and DEPT) showed 20 signals comprising five Me, three CH<sub>2</sub>, and four CH groups, and eight quaternary C-atoms. It was similar to **1** except the downfield shift of C(6) ( $\delta$ (C) 72.0). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum also showed the additional downfield O-bearing CH H-atom at  $\delta$ (H) 4.70 ( $s$ , 1 H). It could be assigned to C(6) based on its HMBCs with C(5) ( $\delta$ (C) 46.1), C(7) ( $\delta$ (C) 158.2), C(11) ( $\delta$ (C) 122.6), C(8) ( $\delta$ (C) 102.7), C(4) ( $\delta$ (C) 36.3), and C(10) ( $\delta$ (C) 74.0). The compound **3** is, therefore, the 6-hydroxy derivative of **1**. The OH group at C(6) was assigned  $\beta$ -orientation based on a strong NOESY interaction between H <sub>$\alpha$</sub> -C(6) and HO-C(8). Hertidin C (**3**) could, therefore, be assigned the structure 6 $\beta,8\alpha,10\beta$ -trihydroxy-3-[(3-methylbut-2-enoyl)oxy]jeremophilanolide (Fig. 1).

Hertidin D (**4**) was obtained as a white powder. The molecular formula was established as C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub> by HR-EI-MS ( $M^+$  at  $m/z$  380.1831; calc. 380.1835). The IR spectrum was similar to that of **1**. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum was very similar to that of **2** except for the downfield shift of the C(6) signal ( $\delta$ (C) 72.0). Similarly, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR

spectrum showed the downfield signal of the O-bearing CH H-atom at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.60 (s, 1 H), which could be assigned to C(6) based on its HMBCs with C(5) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  45.8), C(7) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  158.3), C(11) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  122.7), C(8) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  102.6), C(4) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  36.4), and C(10) ( $\delta(\text{C})$  74.2). It could be assigned  $\alpha$ -orientation based on strong NOESY correlation with HO–C(8). The structure of hertidin D (**4**) was, therefore, deduced as 6 $\beta$ ,8 $\alpha$ ,10 $\beta$ -trihydroxy-3-[(*E*)-2-methylbut-2-enoyloxy]eremophilinolide (Fig. 1).

Hertidin E (**5**; Fig. 3) was isolated as a white powder. The HR-EI-MS showed an  $M^+$  peak at  $m/z$  710.3165 consistent with molecular formula  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{54}\text{O}_{11}$  (calc. 710.3169). The molecular formula was confirmed by  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (BB and DEPT) spectrum showing 40 signals for ten Me, six  $\text{CH}_2$ , and eight CH groups, and 14 quaternary C-atoms. The spectra showed it to be a dimeric analogue of compounds **3** and **4** with a notable difference of the missing OH groups at C(8) and C(8'), of which the signals occurred together upfield at ( $\delta(\text{C})$  75.9. In  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum, the signals of H–C(8) and H–C(8') were also observed together comparatively upfield at  $\delta(\text{H})$  5.32 (*ddq*,  $J = 10.64, 4.8, 1.4, 2$  H). The latter homoallylic coupling of smaller magnitude is due to coupling of the H-atoms at C(13) with H–C(8) and H–C(8'), characteristic for such compounds [1][6]. The signals of the geminal H-atoms at C(9) were now observed as double *doublets* at  $\delta(\text{H})$  2.34 ( $J = 13.0, 4.8, 2$  H) and 1.81 ( $J = 13.0, 10.6, 2$  H). Both H–C(8) and H–C(8') showed a strong NOESY correlation with  $\text{H}_\alpha$ –C(6) allowing us to assign  $\alpha$ -orientation. Moreover, the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum showed the broad signals for two OH groups, *i.e.*, at C(6') at  $\delta(\text{H})$  4.60 and at C(10) at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.38, and a slight upfield shift of the  $\text{H}_\alpha$ –C(6) signal, indicating that the OH groups at C(6) and C(10') are involved in C–O–C bond-formation leading to a dimeric analogue. This could further be confirmed by HMBC of H–C(6) with C(10') ( $\delta(\text{C})$  77.1). Therefore, the structure of hertidin E (**5**) could be assigned as illustrated in Fig. 3.

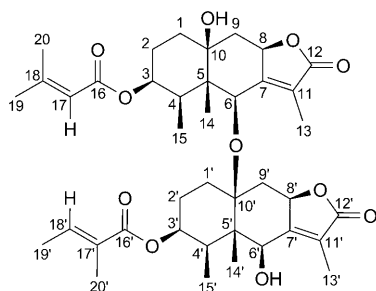


Fig. 3. Structure of hertidin E (**5**)

### Experimental Part

*General.* Column chromatography (CC): silica gel ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ; 230–400 mesh; *E. Merck*). TLC: Precoated silica gel  $F_{254}$  plates; detection at 254 nm and by spraying with ceric sulfate reagent. M.p.: *Gallenkamp* apparatus; uncorrected. Optical rotations: *Jasco-DIP-360* digital polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Jasco-302-A* spectrophotometer; in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra: *Bruker AMX 400* spectrometers at 400 and 100 MHz, resp.;  $\delta$  in ppm,  $J$  in Hz; 2D-NMR Spectra: *Bruker AMX-500* spectrometer. EI-MS and HR-EI-MS: *Jeol JMS-DA-500* mass spectrometer; in  $m/z$  (rel.%).

*Plant Material.* The plant material of *H. intermedia* Boiss. was collected from Balochistan (Pakistan) in May 2006 and was identified by *R. B. T.*, Plant Taxonomist, Department of Botany, University of Balochistan, where a voucher specimen (No. HI-36-06) has been deposited.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The shade-dried whole plant (28.0 kg) was exhaustively extracted with MeOH (3 × 50 l) at r.t. The extract was evaporated to yield a residue (750 g), which was divided into hexane- (135 g), AcOEt- (150 g), BuOH- (68 g), and H<sub>2</sub>O-soluble (38 g) fractions. The AcOEt-soluble fraction was subjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; hexane, hexane/AcOEt, AcOEt, and AcOEt/MeOH). The fraction eluted with hexane/AcOEt 8.5: 2.5 were combined and resubjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; hexane/AcOEt 8.5: 2.5) to afford fractions *FC-1*, *FC-2*, and *FC-3*. *FC-1* was purified by prep. TLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; hexane/AcOEt 8.0: 2.0) to afford **1** (4 mg) and **2** (4.3 mg). *FC-2* was also purified by prep. TLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; hexane/AcOEt 8.5: 1.5) to afford **3** (3.8 mg) and **4** (4.2 mg). *FC-3* was subjected to CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; hexane/AcOEt 8.5: 1.5) to afford **5** (4.5 mg).

**Hertidin A** (= (4*a*R,5*R*,6*S*,8*a*S,9*a*R)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*,9,9*a*-Decahydro-8*a*,9*a*-dihydroxy-3,4*a*,5-*tri*-methyl-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-6-yl 3-Methylbut-2-enoate; **1**). White solid. M.p. 150–151°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –118 (*c* = 0.015, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr): 3468, 1750, 1696, 1620. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.63 (*d*, *J* = 1.1 H–C(2′)); 5.01 (*s*, HO–C(8)); 4.98 (br. *d*, *J* = 2.2, H–C(3)); 3.37 (*s*, HO–C(10)); 2.61 (*d*, *J* = 14.4, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(6)); 2.41 (*d*, *J* = 14.4, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(6)); 2.22 (*d*, *J* = 11.1, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(9)), 2.18 (*d*, *J* = 11.1, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(9)); 2.15 (*s*, Me(4′)); 1.90 (*d*, *J* = 1.1, Me(5′)); 1.80 (*s*, Me(13)); 1.65–1.69 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(2)); 1.46–1.49 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(4)); 1.35–1.38 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(1)); 1.20 (*d*, *J* = 7.0, Me(15)); 0.91 (*s*, Me(14)). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 173.1 (C(12)); 165.9 (C(1′)); 158.2 (C(7)); 157.6 (C(3′)); 122.8 (C(11)); 115.9 (C(2′)); 102.5 (C(8)); 74.1 (C(10)); 71.9 (C(3)); 46.0 (C(5)); 42.5 (C(9)); 36.4 (C(4)); 31.1 (C(6)); 30.3 (C(1)); 27.5 (C(2)); 27.4 (C(5′)); 20.8 (C(4′)); 17.9 (C(14)); 12.2 (C(15)); 8.3 (C(13)). EI-MS: 364 (3, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 346 (32), 328 (29), 264 (39), 246 (70), 95 (90), 83 (100). HR-EI-MS: 364.1882 (calc. 364.1886).

**Hertidin B** (= (4*a*R,5*R*,6*S*,8*a*S,9*a*R)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*,9,9*a*-Decahydro-8*a*,9*a*-dihydroxy-3,4*a*,5-*tri*-methyl-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-6-yl (2*E*)-2-Methylbut-2-enoate; **2**). White solid. M.p. 155–158°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –115 (*c* = 0.015, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr): 3468, 1750, 1696, 1620. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.04 (*q*, *J* = 7.0, 1.2, H–C(3′)); 5.02 (*s*, HO–C(8)); 4.91 (br. *d*, *J* = 2.1, H–C(3)); 3.36 (*s*, HO–C(10)); 2.62 (*d*, *J* = 14.0, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(6)); 2.42 (*d*, *J* = 14.0, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(6)); 2.21 (*d*, *J* = 11.0, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(9)), 2.19 (*d*, *J* = 11.0, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(9)); 1.90 (*d*, *J* = 7.0, Me(4′)); 1.88 (*d*, *J* = 1.2, Me(5′)); 1.82 (*s*, Me(13)); 1.66–1.70 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(2)); 1.46–1.49 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(4)); 1.35–1.37 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(1)); 1.21 (*d*, *J* = 7.2, Me(15)); 0.93 (*s*, Me(14)). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 173.1 (C(12)); 167.2 (C(1′)); 158.1 (C(7)); 139.0 (C(3′)); 127.5 (C(2′)); 122.7 (C(11)); 102.5 (C(8)); 74.3 (C(10)); 71.2 (C(3)); 45.8 (C(5)); 42.5 (C(9)); 36.4 (C(4)); 31.1 (C(6)); 30.4 (C(1)); 27.5 (C(2)); 20.2 (C(4′)); 18.0 (C(14)); 12.3 (C(15)); 12.2 (C(5′)); 8.4 (C(13)). EI-MS: 364 (3, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 346 (30), 328 (28), 264 (29), 246 (73), 95 (85), 83 (100). HR-EI-MS: 364.1884 (calc. 364.1886).

**Hertidin C** (= (4*S*,4*a*S,5*R*,6*S*,8*a*S,9*a*R)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*,9,9*a*-Decahydro-4,8*a*,9*a*-trihydroxy-3,4*a*,5-*tri*-methyl-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-6-yl 3-Methylbut-2-enoate; **3**). White solid. M.p. 146–148°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –120 (*c* = 0.015, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr): 3468, 1750, 1696, 1620. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.62 (*d*, *J* = 1.1, H–C(2′)); 5.10 (*s*, HO–C(8)); 4.97 (br. *d*, *J* = 2.3, H–C(3)); 4.60 (*s*, HO–C(6)); 4.70 (*s*, H–C(6)); 3.30 (*s*, HO–C(10)); 2.20 (*d*, *J* = 11.4, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(9)), 2.16 (*d*, *J* = 11.4, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(9)); 2.14 (*s*, Me(4′)); 1.90 (*d*, *J* = 1.1, Me(5′)); 1.80 (*s*, Me(13)); 1.66–1.70 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(2)); 1.45–1.49 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(4)); 1.35–1.39 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(1)); 1.20 (*d*, *J* = 7.0, Me(15)); 0.91 (*s*, Me(14)). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 173.2 (C(12)); 165.9 (C(1′)); 158.2 (C(7)); 157.6 (C(3′)); 122.6 (C(11)); 115.9 (C(2′)); 102.7 (C(8)); 74.0 (C(10)); 72.0 (C(6)); 71.2 (C(3)); 46.1 (C(5)); 42.4 (C(9)); 36.3 (C(4)); 30.2 (C(1)); 27.5 (C(2)); 27.4 (C(5′)); 20.8 (C(4′)); 12.2 (C(14)); 10.5 (C(15)); 8.3 (C(13)). EI-MS: 380 (5, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 362 (26), 344 (27), 280 (30), 262 (39), 95 (80), 83 (100). HR-EI-MS: 380.1830 (calc. 380.1835).

**Hertidin D** (= (4*S*,4*a*S,5*R*,6*S*,8*a*S,9*a*R)-2,4,4*a*,5,6,7,8,8*a*,9,9*a*-Decahydro-4,8*a*,9*a*-trihydroxy-3,4*a*,5-*tri*-methyl-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-6-yl (2*E*)-2-Methylbut-2-enoate; **4**). White solid. M.p. 141–143°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –125 (*c* = 0.015, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr): 3468, 1750, 1696, 1620. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.04 (*q*, *J* = 7.0, 1.2, H–C(3′)); 5.10 (*s*, HO–C(8)); 4.90 (br. *d*, *J* = 2.2, H–C(3)); 4.71 (*s*, H–C(6)); 4.60 (*s*, HO–C(6)); 3.2 (*s*, HO–C(10)); 2.22 (*d*, *J* = 11.0, H<sub>*α*</sub>–C(9)); 2.18 (*d*, *J* = 11.0, H<sub>*β*</sub>–C(9)); 1.96 (*d*, *J* = 7.0, Me(4′)); 1.87 (*d*, *J* = 1.2, Me(5′)); 1.83 (*s*, Me(13)); 1.58–1.61 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(2)); 1.46–1.49 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(4)); 1.33–1.37 (*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>(1)); 1.23 (*d*, *J* = 7.2, Me(15)); 0.91 (*s*, Me(14)). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 173.1 (C(12)); 167.2 (C(1′)); 158.3 (C(7)); 138.9 (C(3′)); 127.5 (C(2′)); 122.7 (C(11)); 102.6 (C(8)); 74.2 (C(10)); 72.0 (C(6)); 71.2 (C(3)); 45.8 (C(5)); 42.5 (C(9)); 36.4 (C(4)); 30.2 (C(1)); 27.4 (C(2)); 20.2 (C(4′)); 10.6 (C(14)); 12.2 (C(15)); 12.1 (C(5′)); 8.3 (C(13)). EI-MS: 380 (3, *M*<sup>+</sup>), 362 (29), 344 (28), 280 (29), 262 (40), 95 (90), 83 (100). HR-EI-MS: 380.1831 (calc. 380.1835).

*Hertridin E* (= (4R,4aS,5R,6S,8aS,9aR)-2,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a,9,9a-Decahydro-4-hydroxy-8a-((4R,4aS,5R,6S,8aS,9aR)-2,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a,9,9a-decahydro-8a-hydroxy-3,4a,5-trimethyl-6-[(3-methylbut-2-en-2-yl)oxy]-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-b]furan-4-yl)oxy)-3,4a,5-trimethyl-2-oxonaphtho[2,3-b]furan-6-yl (2E)-2-methylbut-2-enoate; **5**). White solid. M.p. 92–94°.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -63$  ( $c = 0.015$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (KBr): 3468, 1750, 1696, 1620.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 6.07 ( $q$ ,  $J = 7.0, 1.2$ , H-C(17')); 5.65 ( $J = 1.2$ , H-C(17)); 5.32 ( $ddq$ ,  $J = 10.6, 4.8, 1.6$ , H-C(8, 8')); 4.96 (br.  $d$ ,  $J = 2.1$ , H-C(3')); 4.90 (br.  $d$ ,  $J = 2.2$ , H-C(3)); 4.62 ( $s$ , H-C(6)); 4.60 ( $s$ , HO-C(6')); 3.38 ( $s$ , HO-C(10)); 2.34 ( $d$ ,  $J = 13.0, 4.8$ ,  $\text{H}_\alpha$ -C(9,9')); 2.15 ( $s$ , H-C(19)); 1.86 ( $d$ ,  $J = 1.5$ , Me(13,13')); 1.81 ( $d$ ,  $J = 13.0, 10.6$ ,  $\text{H}_\beta$ -C(9,9')); 1.66–1.69 ( $m$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(2,2')$ ); 1.44–1.48 ( $m$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(4,4')$ ); 1.42 ( $d$ ,  $J = 7.0$ , Me(15,15')); 1.35–1.39 ( $m$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(1,1')$ ); 1.97 ( $d$ ,  $J = 7.2$ , Me(19')); 1.90 ( $J = 1.2$ , Me(20)); 1.86 ( $d$ ,  $J = 1.2$ , Me(20')); 0.93 ( $s$ , Me(14, 14')).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 174.4 (C(12)); 174.5 (C(12')); 167.6 (C(16)); 165.8 (C(16')); 160.4 (C(7)); 160.3 (C(7')); 157.8 (C(18)); 139.0 (C(18')); 127.5 (C(17')); 122.3 (C(11)); 122.2 (C(11')); 115.8 (C(17)); 77.1 (C(10')); 75.9 (C(8, 8')); 75.1 (C(6)); 74.1 (C(10)); 72.0 (C(6')); 70.9 (C(3)); 71.7 (C(3')); 46.0 (C(5)); 46.2 (C(5')); 41.2 (C(9)); 41.1 (C(9')); 36.5 (C(4)); 36.5 (C(4')); 31.3 (C(1)); 31.2 (C(1')); 27.8 (C(2)); 27.4 (C(2')); 27.2 (C(20)); 20.8 (C(19)); 20.0 (C(19')); 12.5 (C(15)); 12.0 (C(15')); 12.3 (C(14)); 12.2 (C(14')); 12.0 (C(20')); 8.7 (C(13)); 8.5 (13'). EI-MS: 710 (5,  $M^+$ ), 364 (29), 346 (35), 264 (32), 246 (30), 95 (90), 83 (100). HR-EI-MS: 710.3165 (calc. 710.3169).

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