AMPHIDINOLIDE C3, A NEW CYTOTOXIC 25-MEMBERED MACROLIDE FROM MARINE DINOFLAGELLATE *AMPHIDINIUM* SP.

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Abstract - A new cytotoxic 25-membered macrolide, amphidinolide C3 (1), has been isolated from marine dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* sp. (Y-56 strain), and the structure of **1** was elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic data and chemical means.

INTRODUCTION

Marine dinoflagellates have been recognized as a source of novel bioactive substances with unique structures.¹⁻⁹ During our continuing search for structurally unique secondary metabolites from marine dinoflagellates *Amphidinium* sp, a series of cytotoxic macrolides, amphidinolides, as well as long chain polyhydroxy compounds have been isolated so far.¹⁻⁴ Further investigation of extracts of dinoflagellates *Amphidinium* spp. resulted in isolation of a new cytotoxic 25-membered macrolide, amphidinolide C3 (1), from the Y-56 strain of the dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* sp., which was separated from the inside cells of the marine acoel flatworms *Amphiscolops* sp. In this paper we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of amphidinolide C3 (1).



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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* sp. (Y-56 strain) was obtained from an acoel flatworm *Amphiscolops* sp. collected off Zanpa, Okinawa. The harvested cells of the cultured dinoflagellate (304 g, wet weight) obtained from 580 L of culture were extracted with MeOH/toluene (3:1), and the extracts were partitioned between toluene and water. The toluene soluble materials were subjected to a silica gel column followed by a C_{18} column and C_{18} HPLC to afford amphidinolide C3 (1, 0.00006%) together with amphidinolide C (2, 0.0004%).¹⁰⁻¹³

The molecular formula of amphidinolide C3 (1) was revealed to be $C_{41}H_{60}O_{10}$ by HRFABMS [*m/z* 735.41075 (M + Na)⁺, +2.33 mmu]. The IR spectrum indicated the presence of hydroxy (v_{max} 3470 cm⁻¹) and carbonyl (v_{max} 1730 and 1710 cm⁻¹) functionalities, while UV absorptions at 237 nm (39000) and 280 nm (3200) suggested the presence of conjugated system. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR, and HMQC spectra of 1 disclosed the existence of three keto carbonyls, an ester carbonyl, four sp² quaternary carbons, four sp² methylenes, eleven sp³ methines, ten sp³ methylenes, and six methyls, which were similar to those of amphidinolide C (2) except for the presence of a keto carbonyl carbon in place of an oxymethine carbon of amphidinolide C (2).

| Position | δ_{H} | δ _C | | Position | δ_{H} | δ _C | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------|---|----------|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1 | - | 172.40 | S | 21a | 1.82 (1H, nd) | 32.15 | t |
| 2a | 2.62 (1H, dd, 15.6, 9.5) | 39.00 | t | 21b | 1.37 (1H, nd) | | |
| 2b | 2.38 (1H, nd) | | | 22a | 1.56 (1H, nd) | 30.15 | t |
| 3 | 3.89 (1H, t, 9.6) | 81.73 | d | 22b | 1.30 (1H, nd) | | |
| 4 | 1.54 (1H, nd) | 40.11 | d | 23 | 3.97 (1H, q, 7.0) | 79.87 | d |
| 5a | 1.86 (1H, nd) | 36.98 | t | 24 | 5.45 (1H, t, 7.0) | 76.64 | d |
| 5b | 1.43 (1H, nd) | | | 25 | 5.79 (1H, dd, 14.9, 7.3) | 134.97 | d |
| 6 | 4.09 (1H, nd) | 79.26 | d | 26 | 6.75 (1H, dd, 14.9, 11.4) | 137.78 | d |
| 7 | 3.62 (1H, brt, 5.4) | 76.64 | d | 27 | 6.91 (1H, d, 10.8) | 129.97 | d |
| 8 | 4.31 (1H, brs) | 77.73 | d | 28 | - | 138.35 | S |
| 9 | - | 145.93 | S | 29 | - | 199.13 | S |
| 10 | 6.31 (1H, brs) | 125.43 | d | 30 | - | 148.96 | S |
| 11 | - | 143.58 | S | 31 | 2.47 (2H, nd) | 33.04 | t |
| 12 | 2.29 (1H, quint, 7.3) | 49.31 | d | 32 | 1.43 (2H, nd) | 30.59 | t |
| 13 | 4.09 (1H, nd) | 71.07 | d | 33 | 1.30 (2H, nd) | 22.73 | t |
| 14a | 2.76 (1H, dd, 15.9, 8.9) | 45.85 | t | 34 | 0.87 (3H, t, 7.3) | 13.98 | q |
| 14b | 2.43 (1H, nd) | | | 35 | 0.71 (3H, d, 6.7) | 15.32 | q |
| 15 | - | 213.24 | S | 36a | 5.17 (1H, s) | 115.43 | t |
| 16 | 3.09 (1H, m) | 42.48 | d | 36b | 5.00 (1H, s) | | |
| 17a | 2.97 (1H, dd, 17.5, 8.9) | 46.31 | t | 37 | 1.77 (3H, s) | 14.96 | q |
| 17b | 2.08 (1H, dd, 17.5, 4.5) | | | 38 | 0.96 (3H, d, 7.3) | 15.73 | q |
| 18 | - | 208.03 | S | 39 | 0.98 (3H, d, 7.3) | 16.17 | q |
| 19a | 2.51 (1H, nd) | 48.59 | t | 40 | 2.02 (3H, s) | 12.93 | q |
| 19b | 2.17 (1H, m) | | | 41a | 5.33 (1H, s) | 120.89 | t |
| 20 | 4.23 (1H, m) | 75.59 | d | 41b | 5.30 (1H, s) | | |

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Data for Amphidinolide C3 (1) in C_6D_6 .

nd : not determined by overlapping

The ¹H-¹H COSY and TOCSY spectra of 1 revealed connectivities of five partial structures, a (C-2 to C-8 and C-4 to C-35), **b** (C-12 to C-14 and C-38), **c** (C-16 to C17 and C-39), **d** (C-19 to C-27), and **e** (C-31 to C-34), as shown in Figure 1. ¹H-¹H COSY cross-peaks of H-36 to C-10 and H₃-37 to C-10 due to allyl couplings, and HMBC correlations for H₂-36/C-8, H₃-37/C-11, H₃-38/C-11, and H-13/C-11 suggested that C-8 and C-12 were connected through a diene moiety (C-9 to C-11, C-9 to C-36, and C-11 to C-37). Connectivities of C-14 and C-16 to C-15, and C-17 and C-19 to C-18 were implied by HMBC cross-peaks of H₃-39 to C-15, H₂-17 to C-18, and H₂-19 to C-18. Two cross-peaks due to allyl coupling of H-27 to H₃-40 and H₂-31 to H-41 observed in the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum, and HMBC cross-peaks of H₃-40 to C-28, H₃-40 to C-29, H-41 to C-29, and H₂-31 to C-30 disclosed the linkages of C-27, C-29, and C-40 via C-28, and C-29, C-31, and C-41 via C-30. The presence of two tetrahydrofuran rings (C-3 to C-6 and C-20 to C-23) were deduced from HMBC cross-peaks of H-6 to C-3 and H-20 to C-23, respectively. The HMBC correlation for H-2 to an ester carbonyl carbon (C-1, δ 172.40) and the chemical shifts for H-24 (δ 5.45) and C-24 (δ 76.64) suggested that C-2 and C-24 were connected through an ester linkage. The NOESY correlation for H-36b (8 5.00)/H₃-37 indicated that the conjugated diene C-36-C-9-C-10-C-11 was s-cis form. E-geometry of the C-25-C-26 double bond was deduced from the ¹H-¹H coupling constant (${}^{3}J_{H-25/H-26} = 15.6$ Hz), while that of the C-27-C-28 double bond was assigned as E on the basis of a NOESY cross-peak of H-26/H₃-40. Thus, the gross structure of amphidinolide C3 was elucidated to be 1 (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Selected 2D NMR correlations for amphidinolide C3 (1).



Figure 2. Conversion of amphidinolide C (2) into amphidinolide C3 (1).

The absolute stereochemistry of amphidinolide C3 (1) was elucidated by chemical correlation with amphidinolide C (2) as follows (Figure 2). Amphidinolide C (2) was treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (DMP) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS) to afford 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene derivative **3** of amphidinolide C (2). Selective oxidation of the allylic alcohol at C-29 in 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene derivative **3** with manganese dioxide gave 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene 29-keto derivative **4** of amphidinolide C (2). Deprotection of acetonide group at C-7 and C-8 of 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene 29-keto derivative **4** afforded 29-keto derivative of amphidinolide C (2), whose NMR data and $[\alpha]_D$ value $\{[\alpha]_D^{22} - 32.7 \ (c \ 0.20, CHCl_3)\}$ were coincident with those of natural amphidinolide C3 (1). Thus, the absolute stereochemistry of amphidinolide C3 was concluded to be **1**.

Amphidinolide C3 (1) exhibited cytotoxicity against murine lymphoma P388 and L1210, and human epidermoid carcinoma KB cells (IC₅₀ 2.9, 7.6, and 10.0 μ g/mL, respectively) in vitro, which were less potent than those of amphidinolides C (2) and C2.¹⁴

EXPERIMENTAL

General Experimental Procedures.

Optical rotation was recorded on a JASCO P-1030 polarimeter. IR and UV spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-230 and Shimadzu UV-1600PC spectrophotometer, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-500 or AMX-600 spectrometer using 2.5 mm micro cells (Shigemi Co., Ltd.) for C_6D_6 . The 7.20 and 128.0 ppm resonances of residual C_6D_6 were used as internal references for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, respectively. ESI mass spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMS-700TZ spectrometer.

Cultivation and Isolation.

The dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* sp. (strain number Y-56) was isolated from the inside cells of a marine acoel flatworm *Amphiscolops* sp. collected off Zanpa, Okinawa. The dinoflagellate was unialgally cultured at 25 °C for two weeks in a seawater medium enriched with 1% ES supplement. The harvested cells of the cultured dinoflagellate (304 g wet weight, from 580 L of culture) were extracted with MeOH/toluene (3:1, 600 mL x 3). After addition of 1 M NaCl aq. (500 mL), the mixture was extracted with toluene (500 mL x 3). The toluene soluble fractions were evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (2.55 g), which was subjected to a silica gel column (Wakogel C-300, Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., CHCl₃/MeOH) and a C18 column (Cosmosil 140C18-PREP, nacalai tesque, MeOH/H₂O) followed by C₁₈ HPLC [YMC Pack Pro C₁₈, 5 mm, YMC Co., Ltd., 10 x 250 mm; eluent, CH₃CN/H₂O (70:30); flow rate, 3.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm] to afford amphidinolide C3 (1, 0.2 mg, 0.00006%, *t_R* 38.0 min) together with amphidinolide C (2, 1.3 mg, 0.0004%, *t_R* 25.0 min).

Amphidinolide C3 (1): colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -31.5 (*c* 0.20, CHCl₃); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 204 (ϵ 82000), 237 (39000), and 280 nm (3200); IR ν_{max} 3470, 1730, 1710 and 1630 cm⁻¹; ESIMS (pos.) *m/z* 735 [M + Na]⁺; HRESIMS (pos.) *m/z* 735.41075 [(M + Na)⁺, calcd for C₄₁H₆₀O₁₀Na, 735.40842].

Amphidinolide C3 (1) derived from amphidinolide C (2). Amphidinolide C (**2**, 1.0 mg) was dissolved in acetone (30 μ L) and treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (10 μ L) and PPTS (0.24 mg) at room temperature for 1 h. After addition of triethylamine (0.24 μ L), the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by a silica gel column (*n*-hexane/acetone, 3:1) to afford 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene derivative (**3**, 0.9 mg) of amphidinolide C (**2**). To a solution of 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene derivative (**3**, 0.9 mg) of amphidinolide C (**2**) in CH₂Cl₂ (300 μ L) was added MnO₂ (1.8 mg). The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The mixture was filtered through a cotton plug, and the filtrate was concentrated to afford 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene 29-keto derivative (**4**, 0.7 mg) of amphidinolide C (**2**). The 7,8-*O*-isopropylidene 29-keto derivative (**4**, 0.6 mg) of amphidinolide C (**2**) was dissolved in MeOH (300 mL) and treated with PPTS (0.23 mg) at 55 °C for 3 h. After addition of triethylamine (0.23 μ L), the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by a silica gel column (*n*-hexane/acetone, 3:1 to 3:2) to afford amphidinolide C3 (**1**, 0.6 mg,).

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