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ABSTRACT.—Three new macrolides, jaspisamides A [1], B [2], and C [3], with cytotoxic activities have been isolated from the Okinawan marine sponge *Jaspis* sp. and their structures determined by the spectroscopic data. This is the first isolation of macrolides from a sponge of the genus *Jaspis*.

Several cytotoxic and antifungal macrolides containing oxazole rings have been isolated from nudibranch egg masses (1-4) and sponges of the genera Halichondria (4,5) and Mycale (6). During our search for bioactive metabolites from Okinawan marine organisms (7-11), we examined extracts of the sponge Jaspis sp. and obtained three new cytotoxic macrolides, jaspisamides A [1], B [2], and C [3], together with known related compounds halichondramide [4] (5), dihydrohalichondramide [5] (4), and isohalichondramide [6] (4). In this paper we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of 1-3.

The sponge Jaspis sp. was collected off Ishigaki Island, Okinawa and kept frozen until required. The MeOH extract of the sponge was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The EtOAc-soluble fraction was subjected to Si gel cc followed by Si gel and reversed-phase hplc to yield jaspisamides A [1] (0.00054%, wet wt), B [2] (0.00008%), and C [3] (0.0002%) together with halichondramide [4], dihydrohalichondramide [5], and isohalichondramide [6].

Jaspisamide A [1], a colorless solid, was shown to have molecular formula $C_{44}H_{62}N_4O_{13}$ by the hrfabms, m/z855.4382 [M + H]⁺, Δ -1.0 mmu. The uv spectrum exhibited a broad absorption at 244 nm (ϵ 24000). The ir absorption at 3350 cm⁻¹ indicated the presence of OH and/or NH groups, while the presence of ester and amide

groups was implied by bands at 1700 and 1650 cm^{-1} , respectively. The ¹Hnmr spectrum of 1 (Table 1) was quite similar to that of halichondramide [4]. previously isolated from a Palauan sponge Halichondria sp. (5). In the ¹H nmr of 1 a pair of doublet signals was observed in a ratio of 2:1 for H-34 (δ 5.06 and 5.10), H-35 (8 6.52 and 7.18), and an N-methyl formamide group (δ 3.03 and 3.07, NMe; 8 8.06 and 8.28, NCHO), respectively. The magnitude of chemical shift differences of the doublets was proportional to the distance from the N-methyl formamide group, suggesting that each pair of doublet signals was due to restricted rotation around the C-N bond of the N-methyl formamide group. Such a phenomenon was previously observed for halichondramide [4](5) and the kabiramides (2). In the ¹H-nmr spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$ (Table 1), three adjoining oxazole rings gave rise to proton signals at δ 8.08 (1H, s, H-14), 8.04 (1H, s, H-17), and 7.57 (1H, s, H-11). The H-9 at 8 4.98 (1H, d, J = 4.4 Hz) was coupled to H-8 at δ 3.27 (1H, dq, J = 6.8 and 4.4 Hz) that was in turn coupled to 8-Me at δ 0.97 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz). The olefinic proton at δ 6.95 (1H, dd, J = 16.0 and 7.3 Hz, H-20) was coupled to a trans-olefinic proton at δ 6.44 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz, H-19) and to methylene protons at δ 2.22 and 2.5 (H_2 -21). An ester oxygen on C-1 was connected to a methine (C-24), which was implied by the ¹H chem-



TABLE 1. ¹H-nmr Data of Jaspisamides A [1], B [2], and C [3].

Proton	Compound					
	1	J(Hz)	2	J (Hz)	3	J (Hz)
H-2	2.61 dd 2.50 m 4.73 m 2.50 m 1.80 m 4.77 m 3.08 m 3.27 dq 4.98 d 7.57 s 8.08 s 8.04 s 6.44 d	15,11 6.8,4.4 4.4	2.64 dd 2.50 m 4.42 m 2.50 m 7.33 dd 6.23 d 4.03 m 4.35 d 7.67 s 8.10 s 8.04 s 6.34 d	15,11 16,10 16 8.8 16	2.61 dd 2.50 m 4.44 m 2.50 m 7.29 m 6.22 d 4.02 m 4.36 d 7.66 s 8.10 s 8.05 s 6.29 d	15,11 16 8.8 16
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6.95 dt 2.50 m 2.22 m 1.72 m 1.32 m 1.78 m 5.17 m 1.58 m 1.58 m 2.98 brd 1.70 m 1.36 m 2.53 m 2.50 m 2.74 m 3.44 m 2.50 m 2.15 m 5.10 m	16,7.3	7.11 ddd 2.50 m 2.27 m 4.03 m 1.78 m 5.10 m 1.77 m 1.56 m 3.09 brd 1.78 m 1.80 m 1.28 m 2.50 m 2.50 m 2.74 m 3.46 m 2.14 m 5.10 m 5.08 m	16,9.3,4.9	7.15 dt 2.50 m 2.25 m 1.67 m 1.40 m 1.91 m 5.12 m 1.55 m 1.55 m 1.55 m 1.55 m 1.55 m 1.70 m 1.70 m 1.75 m 1.36 m 2.50 m 2.50 m 2.67 m 3.31 m 2.40 m	16,7.3
H-35	6.52 d 7.18 d 0.97 d 0.90 d 0.84 d 0.99 d 8.28 s 8.06 s 3.03 s 3.07 s 3.47 s 3.29 s 3.33 s	14 14 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8	6.52 d 7.18 d 0.89 d 0.95 d 0.86 d 0.99 d 8.29 s 8.06 s 3.04 s 3.07 s 3.19 s 3.30 s 3.30 s	14 14 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8	6.46 d 7.13 d 0.92 d 0.91 d 0.85 d 0.97 d 8.29 s 8.04 s 3.04 s 3.04 s 3.08 s 3.18 s 3.32 s 3.35 s 1.16 d	14 14 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8 6.8

ical shift (δ 5.17, H-24). The ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of **1** revealed the presence of four segments, C-2 to C-4, C-8 to C-9, C-19 to C-29, and C-31 to C-35,

which were also found in halichondramide [4]. The only structural difference between compounds 1 and 4 was found for a segment from C-5 to C-6 as follows. An oxymethine proton at δ 4.77 (H-5) was coupled to methylene protons (δ 3.08, H₂-6) in **1**, while two olefinic protons (δ 7.27, H-5 and δ 6.28, H-6) were observed for 4. Thus the structure of jaspisamide A was concluded to be **1**.

Jaspisamide B [2] showed uv, ir, and ¹H-nmr (Table 1) spectra closely related to those of halichondramide [4]. The molecular formula, C44H60N4O13, of 2 was established by the hrfabms m/z853.4282 $[M+H]^+$, Δ +4.7 mmu. The mol wt of 2 was larger than that of 4by 16 daltons, suggesting the presence of an extra hydroxy group in 2. This was supported from connectivities between the oxymethine proton (1H, δ 4.03, m, H-22) and methylene protons (δ 2.27 and 2.50, H₂-21) and between one of H₂-21 and an olefinic proton (δ 7.11, H-20) observed in the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of 2. Thus the structure of jaspisamide B was assigned as 2.

Jaspisamide C [3] also showed uv and ir spectra similar to those of halichondramide [4] and had a molecular formula of $C_{45}H_{62}N_4O_{12}$, which was established by the hrfabras m/z 851.4451 $[M + H]^+$, $\Delta + 0.9$ mmu. The ¹H-nmr (Table 1) spectrum of 3 resembled that of 4, except for one methyl signal at δ 1.16 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz) in 3. The methyl protons were coupled to a methine proton at δ 2.40 (H-33), which showed a cross peak to an oxymethine proton at δ 3.31 (H-32) in the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum. These spectral data led us to assign the structure of jaspisamide C as 3.

Jaspisamides A [1], B [2], and C [3] are new congeners of halichondramide [4], a unique 28-membered macrolide including a three contiguous oxazole ring system, which may biosynthetically involve introduction of nitrogens into a polyketide intermediate (12). This is the first isolation of macrolides (6) from a sponge belonging to the genus *Jaspis*, although this genus has been shown to contain triterpenes (13–16) and cyclic

peptides (17,18). Compounds 1-3 appear to be also biogenetically related to mycalides (6) obtained from a sponge Mycale sp. collected in Gokasho Bay, Japan. It is interesting from a chemotaxonomic point of view that structurally related macrolides have been found among sponges of the genera Halichondria, Mycale, and Jaspis, which belong to different orders. Compounds 1-3 exhibited cytotoxicities against L1210 murine leukemia cells in vitro, with IC_{50} values of <0.001, <0.001, and $<0.001 \,\mu$ g/ml, and against KB human epidermoid carcinoma cells in vitro with IC₅₀ values of 0.015, 0.006, and 0.013 $\mu g/ml$, respectively.

EXPERIMENTAL

GENERAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES.— Optical rotations were determined on a JASCO DIP-370 polarimeter. Uv and ir spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu UV-220 spectrometer and a JASCO IR Report-100 spectrometer, respectively. ¹H-nmr spectra were recorded on a JEOL EX-400 spectrometer. Fabms spectra were obtained on a JEOL HX-110 spectrometer. Wako C-300 Si gel was used for glass cc. Tlc was carried out on Merck Si gel GF₂₅₄.

SPONGE MATERIAL.—The sponge Jaspis sp. (order Astrophorida; family Epipolasidae) was collected by scuba off Ishigaki Island, Okinawa and kept frozen until used. Preserved sponge has a blue-black exterior, which is smooth but wrinkled, and a yellow-fawn interior. The specimen is firm, compressible, and spongy. Oxeas occur in parallel bands at right angles to the surface or are strewn haphazardly. The oxeas are long and pointed, $634 \times 12 \ \mu m$, range $594-715 \times 9-17 \ \mu m$. No microscleres. The voucher specimen (SS-218) was deposited at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University.

Collection, EXTRACTION, AND ISOLA-TION.—The sponge (1.0 kg, wet wt) was extracted with MeOH (1.0 liters \times 2). The MeOH extract was partitioned between EtOAc (500 ml \times 5) and H₂O (500 ml). The EtOAc-soluble fraction (3.1 g) was subjected to a Si gel column (4.5 \times 40 cm) eluted with CHCl₃ (600 ml), hexane-Me₂CO (1:1) (600 ml), Me₂CO (400 ml), CHCl₃-EtOH (4:1) (400 ml), and CHCl₃-EtOH (1:1) (500 ml). The 120–220 ml fraction (0.16 g) eluted with CHCl₃-EtOH (4:1) was separated by a Sephadex LH-20 column [2.0 \times 100 cm, CHCl₃-MeOH (1:1)] followed by hplc on Si gel [Senshu Pak Silica-4251-S, Senshu Scientific, 1.0 × 25 cm, CHCl₃/MeOH (96:4), flow rate 2.0 ml/min] to afford jaspisamides A [1] (5.4 mg, 0.00054% wet wt, Rt 22.5 min) and B [2] (0.8 mg, 0.00008%, Rt 15.2 min) together with isohalichondramide [6] (3.0 mg, 0.003%, Rt 30.5 min). The fraction eluted with hexane-Me₂CO (1:1) from the first Si gel column was rechromatographed on a Si gel column [1.3 × 40 cm, hexane-Me₂CO (1:1)] followed by hplc on ODS [Asahipak ODP-50, 1.0×25 cm, MeCN-H₂O (1:1), flow rate 2.0 ml/min] to give jaspisamide C [3] (2.0 mg, 0.0002%, Rt 24.0 min), halichondramide [4] (540 mg, 0.054%, Rt 18.6 min), and dihydrohalichondramide [5] (3.7 mg, 0.00037%, Rt 19.8 min).

Jaspisamide A [1].—A colorless solid: $[\alpha]^{17}D$ -51° (c = 0.13, MeOH); ir (neat) ν max 3350, 3150, 1700, 1650, 1460, 1380, 1100, 980, 750 cm⁻¹; uv (MeOH) λ max 244 nm (€ 24000); ¹H nmr see Table 1; ¹³C nmr (CDCl₃) δ 13.52 (31-Me), 13.59 (8-Me), 14.39 (23-Me), 15.47 (27-Me), 24.93 (C-28), 27.65 (NMe), 29.15 (C-21), 29.72 (C-33), 31.62 (C-22), 33.14 (C-25), 34.68 (C-27), 35.54 (C-23), 37.49 (C-4), 37.69 (C-6), 42.30 (C-2), 42.37 (C-29), 43.97 (C-8), 49.10 (C-31), 56.82 (9-MeO and 32-MeO), 58.18 (26-MeO), 61.39 (C-5), 67.12 (C-3), 74.60 (C-24), 77.23 (C-9), 81.88 (C-26), 87.38 (C-32), 111.38 (C-34), 114.89 (C-19), 128.80 (C-16), 130.07 (C-35), 133.30 (C-13), 137.02 (C-11), 137.14 (C-14 and C-17), 139.56 (C-10), 143.71 (C-20), 155.54 (C-12), 156.60 (C-15), 162.18 (C-40), 163.11 (C-18), 172.02 (C-1), 202.67 (C-7), 214.12 (C-30); fabms m/z [M+ $Na^{+} 877, [M+H]^{+} 855, [M+H-H_2O]^{+} 837,$ $[M + H - 2H_2O]^+$ 819; hrfabms $m/z [M + H]^+$ 855.4382 (calcd for C44H63N4O13, 855.4392).

Jaspisamide B [2].—A colorless soild: $[\alpha]^{20}D$ -112° (c = 0.19, MeOH); ir (neat) ν max 3400, 3150, 1710, 1690, 1650, 1460, 1380, 1100, 970, 750 cm⁻¹; uv (MeOH) λ max 230 nm (ϵ 36000); ¹H nmr see Table 1; fabms m/z[M + Na]⁺ 875, [M + H]⁺ 853; hrfabms m/z[M + H]⁺ 853.4282 (calcd for C₄₄H₆₁N₄O₁₃, 853.4235).

Jaspisamide C [3].—A colorless solid: $[\alpha]^{19}D$ -76° (c = 0.37, MeOH); ir (neat) ν max 3400, 3150, 1720, 1690, 1650, 1460, 1370, 1100, 970, 750 cm⁻¹; uv (MeOH) λ max 230 nm (ϵ 32000); ¹H nmr see Table 1; fabms m/z[M + Na]⁺ 873, [M + H]⁺ 851; hrfabms m/z[M + H]⁺ 851.4451 (calcd for C₄₅H₆₃N₄O₁₂, 851.4442).

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