

Pachyclavariolides M–R, Six Novel Diterpenoids from a Taiwanese Soft Coral *Pachyclavaria violacea*

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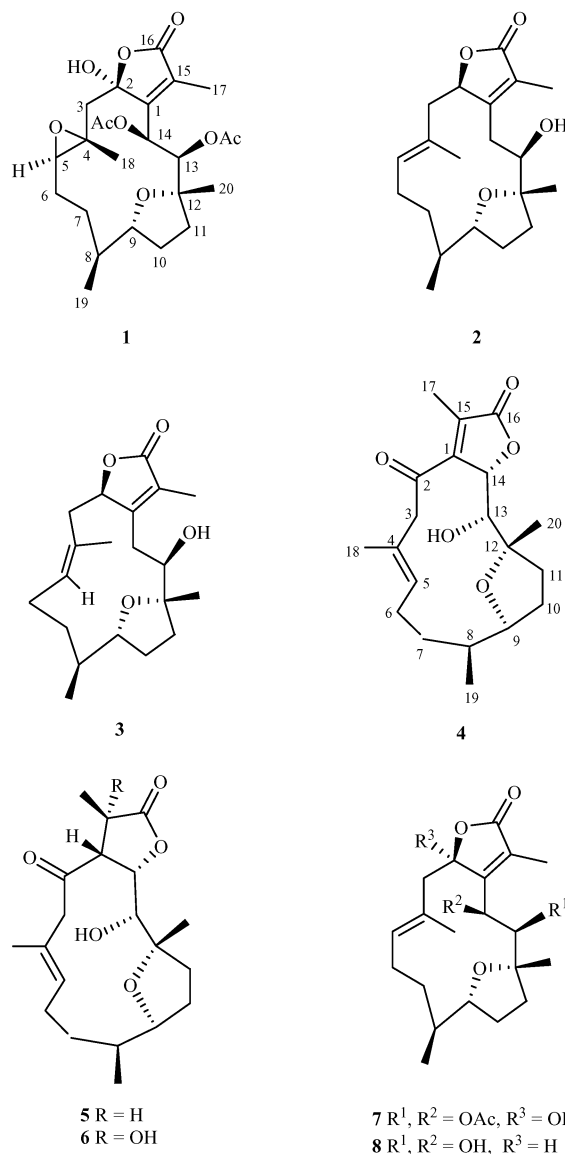
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Six novel diterpenoids, pachyclavariolides M–R (1–6), have been isolated from a Taiwanese soft coral *Pachyclavaria violacea*. The structures and relative stereochemistry of compounds 1–6 were established by spectroscopic analyses. Compound 1 has been shown to exhibit significant cytotoxicity toward P-388 cancer cells. Biosynthesis of 4–6 is discussed.

Our research has focused on the search for structurally novel and bioactive metabolites from Formosan marine invertebrates in recent years, and *Briareum excavatum*,¹ *Junceella fragilis*,² *Sinularia* sp.,³ *Suberogorgia suberosa*,⁴ and *Isis hippuris*⁵ have been investigated. Previous chemical studies on *Pachyclavaria violacea* (Quey & Gaimard, 1833) by other groups and ourselves have revealed that this marine organism produces vasertile metabolites such as pachyclavariolides,^{6,7} secopachyclavariaenone A,⁷ pachyclavariaenones A–G,^{8,9} and secosteroids.¹⁰ In the course of our continuing study on the chemical constituents of *P. violacea*, which was collected along the coast of Kenting, located in the southernmost tip of Taiwan, in September 1995, six new diterpenoids, pachyclavariolides M–R (1–6), were isolated. This paper deals with the structure elucidation of these new diterpenoids. The structures and relative stereochemistry of 1–6 were established by extensive 1D and 2D NMR experiments (¹H–¹H COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY). Pachyclavariolide M has been shown to exhibit significant cytotoxicity against the growth of murine leukemia (P-388) cancer cells. The biosynthetic pathway for the related metabolites 4–6 is proposed.

Results and Discussion

Pachyclavariolide M (1) was obtained as a white powder. Its HREIMS established the molecular formula C₂₄H₃₄O₉. Thus, eight degrees of unsaturation were determined for 1. The IR spectrum of 1 showed the presence of a hydroxy group (ν_{\max} 3391 cm⁻¹), ester carbonyl groups (ν_{\max} 1716 cm⁻¹), and an α,β -unsaturated- γ -lactone unit (ν_{\max} 1744 cm⁻¹). The EIMS of 1 showed peaks at m/z 466 [M]⁺, 407 [M – OAc]⁺, and 346 [M – 2 HOAc]⁺, suggesting the presence of two acetoxymethyl groups in 1. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 (Table 1) showed the presence of six methyl groups, including a methyl attached to a methine carbon (δ 0.82, 3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), two methyls attached to oxygen-bearing carbons (δ 1.53, 3H, s and 1.51, 3H, s), one methyl attached to an α,β -unsaturated- γ -lactone (δ 1.89, 3H, s), and two acetate methyl groups (δ 2.13, 3H, s; 2.18, 3H, s). Three oxygenated methine protons (δ 3.75, 1H, m; 5.03, 1H, dd, J = 5.3, 1.6 Hz; and 5.95, 1H, brs) were assigned



to be H-9, H-13, and H-14, respectively, by comparison with the ¹H NMR spectral data of pachyclavariolide E (7).^{6a} In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1 (Table 1), a set of resonances at δ 173.1 (C-16, s), 155.7 (C-1, s), 128.6 (C-15, s), 105.5 (C-2, s), and 9.5 (C-17, s) could be assigned to the α -methyl- γ -hydroxybutenolide substructure by comparison with the

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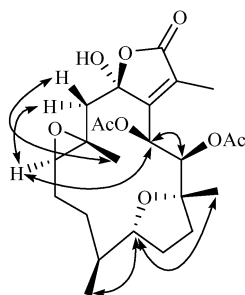
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Table 1. ^1H NMR Chemical Shifts for Diterpenes 1–6

proton	1 ^a	2 ^a	3 ^a	4 ^a	5 ^a	6 ^a
1					3.28 dd (9.6, 8.1)	3.32 s
2		4.90 d (10.8)	4.96 d (10.8)			
3 α	1.83 d (15.0) ^b	2.79 d (13.6)	2.77 d (13.6)	3.43 d (11.4)	3.43 d (12.6)	3.12 s
3 β	3.02 d (15.0)	2.19 d (13.6, 10.8)	2.22 dd (13.6, 10.8)	3.15 d (11.4)	2.94 d (12.6)	3.12 s
4						
5	3.45 dd (8.7, 1.8)	5.41 t (7.7)	5.40 m	5.46 t (7.9)	5.29 t (7.2)	5.18 t (7.3)
6	2.04 m	2.05 m	2.10 m	1.20 m	1.98 m	2.08 m
			2.02 m		1.52 m	
7	1.37 m	1.88 m	1.85 m	1.84 m	1.77 m	1.83 m
	1.25 m	1.15 m	1.12 m	1.17 m	1.17 m	1.18 m
8	1.67 m	1.01 m	1.11 m	0.86 m	0.93 m	0.98 m
9	3.75 m	3.66 dd (14.4, 8.2)	3.68 m	3.68 ddd (9.7, 9.7, 7.4)	3.67 ddd (11.1, 8.1, 1.5)	3.67 ddd (9.4, 9.4, 7.0)
10 α	2.20 m	1.61 m	1.67 m	1.61 m	1.26 m	1.67 m
10 β		2.11 m	2.08 m			2.11 m
11	1.83 m	2.24 m	1.85 m	2.29 m	2.21 m	2.32 m
		1.68 m	1.66 m	1.67 m	1.26 m	1.67 m
12						
13	5.03 dd (5.3, 1.6)	3.37 d (12.0)	4.80 dd (12.8, 2.5)	3.45 s	3.16 dd (11.1, 8.1)	3.41 s
14 α	5.95 brs	2.93 d (12.6)	2.98 d (14.7)			
14 β		2.63 dd (12.6, 12.0)	2.77 dd (12.8, 12.8)	5.57 br s	5.01 d (8.1)	4.90 s
15					2.98 m	
16						
17	1.89 s	1.84 s	1.80 s	1.92 s	1.31 d (6.9)	1.40 s
18	1.53 s	1.74 s	1.94 s	1.74 s	1.72 s	1.76 s
19	0.82 d (6.6)	0.84 d (6.5)	0.85 d (6.3)	0.80 d (6.4)	0.81 d (6.6)	0.83 d (6.5)
20	1.51 s	1.26 s	1.32 s	1.32 s	1.23 s	1.27 s
acetate						
CH ₃	2.13 s; 2.18 s					

^a Spectra recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl₃ at 25 °C. ^b *J* values (in Hz) in parentheses. The values are downfield from TMS.

**Figure 1.** Selective NOE correlations of pachyclavariolide M (**1**).

^{13}C NMR data of a known metabolite, pachyclavariolide E, and could be further confirmed by UV absorption at 219 nm. It was found that the spectral data (^1H and ^{13}C NMR) of **1** were very similar to those of pachyclavariolide E, except that the NMR signals for the 4,5-double bond in **7** were missing, and instead the resonances for an epoxide were observed in the ^1H NMR (δ 3.45, dd, J = 8.7, 1.8 Hz) and ^{13}C NMR (δ 64.7, d; 58.9, s). On the basis of the above results and by the assistance of ^1H – ^1H COSY and HMBC experiments (Figure 1S, Supporting Information), the molecular framework of **1** could be established. The relative stereochemistry of **1** was further determined on the basis of the results of a NOESY experiment (Figure 1). Key NOE correlations for **1** showed NOE interactions between H-5 and H-14, but not between H-5 and H₃-18. Also H-9 showed NOE responses with H₃-19 and H₃-20, but not with H-13, which exhibited an NOE interaction with H-14. On the basis of these observations, the structure of **1**, including the relative stereochemistry, was established unambiguously.

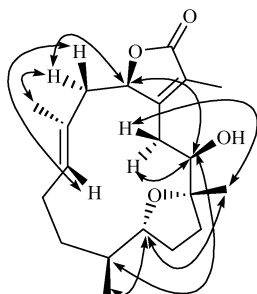
Pachyclavariolide N (**2**) was obtained as a white powder. Its HRFABMS established a molecular formula of C₂₀H₃₀O₄. Thus, six degrees of unsaturation were determined for **2**. The IR spectrum of **2** showed the presence of hydroxy (ν_{max} 3350 cm⁻¹) and ester carbonyl (ν_{max} 1738

cm⁻¹) groups. The FABMS of **2** showed peaks at m/z 335 [M + H]⁺ and 317 [M + H – H₂O]⁺, suggesting the presence of a hydroxy group. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** (Table 1) showed signals for three oxymethines (δ 3.37, 1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz; 3.66, 1H, dd, J = 14.4, 8.2 Hz; 4.90, 1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz) and four methyls (δ 1.26, 3H, s; 1.74, 3H, s; 1.84, 3H, s; 0.84, 3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz). The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **2** (Table 2) showed the presence of 20 carbons, including characteristic signals for an α -methyl- γ -butenolide (δ 171.0, C-16, s; 163.2, C-1, s; 125.9, C-15, s; 79.2, C-2, d; 8.9, C-17, q), a trisubstituted olefin (δ 131.2, d; 130.1, s), two oxymethines (δ 84.4, d; 73.8, d), and one quaternary oxygenated carbon (δ 84.4, s). The above observations revealed that the structure of **2** should be very similar to that of pachyclavariolide (**8**),^{6b} except that one oxymethine group in **8** had been replaced by a methylene group in **2**. By ^1H – ^1H COSY and HMBC correlations (Figure 2S, Supporting Information), it was found that C-14 of **2** is a methylene carbon. Thus, metabolite **2** should possess the same molecular framework as that of 14-dehydroxpachyclavariolide. The relative stereochemistry of **2** was determined on the basis of the NOE correlations observed in a NOESY spectrum (Figure 2). Assuming the β -orientation of H-9, it was found that H-9 exhibited NOE correlations with H₃-19 (δ 0.84, 3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz). Thus, H₃-19 should be positioned on the β -face, and H-8 should be located on the α -face. H-8 showed an NOE interaction with H-13, which further exhibited an NOE response with H-2 (δ 4.90, d, J = 10.8 Hz), implying the α -orientation of H-2 and β -orientation of the OH-13. The α -oriented H-13 was found to show an NOE interaction with one of the C-14 protons (δ 2.93, d, J = 12.6 Hz), which was subsequently assigned as the α -oriented protons. Thus, the other H-14 (δ 2.63, dd, J = 12.6, 12.0 Hz) should be positioned on the β -face and was found to exhibit NOE responses with both H₃-20 and H₃-17, revealing the β -orientation of H₃-20. On the

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR Chemical Shifts for Diterpenes 1–6

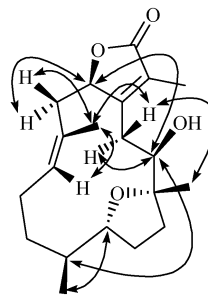
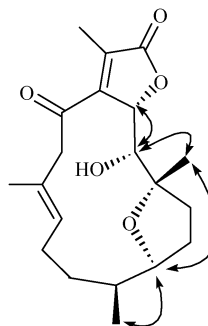
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1	155.7 s ^b	163.2 s	161.9 s	159.1 s	60.3 d	62.9 d
2	105.5 s	79.2 d	79.1 d	199.2 s	205.2 s	206.3 s
3	46.7 t	44.5 t	44.3 t	53.4 t	49.7 t	54.0 t
4	58.9 s	130.1 s	130.6 s	126.6 s	127.7 s	127.3 s
5	64.7 d	131.2 d	130.9 d	132.7 d	131.1 d	131.6 d
6	25.0 t	25.2 t	25.0 t	29.3 t	29.8 t	25.0 t
7	29.5 t	32.9 t	32.6 t	33.0 t	33.6 t	33.7 t
8	40.7 d	40.2 d	40.1 d	39.6 d	39.0 d	40.7 d
9	85.3 d	84.4 d	85.2 d	84.4 d	85.0 d	85.0 d
10	30.6 t	30.8 t	30.3 t	30.9 t	30.1 t	30.6 t
11	39.3 t	36.9 t	36.8 t	37.2 t	37.4 t	36.1 t
12	82.3 s	84.4 s	82.9 s	84.2 s	83.7 s	83.8 s
13	74.5 d	73.8 d	72.7 d	72.2 d	76.1 d	76.3 d
14	70.0 d	29.1 t	26.5 t	81.4 d	76.8 d	77.1 d
15	128.6 s	125.9 s	125.5 s	126.5 s	38.8 d	74.9 d
16	173.1 s	171.0 s	170.1 s	172.9 s	177.5 s	176.4 s
17	9.5 q	8.9 q	8.5 q	9.3 q	16.8 q	19.0 q
18	20.0 q	16.7 q	20.7 q	17.4 q	17.0 q	18.2 q
19	15.6 q	16.0 q	15.8 q	15.7 q	15.1 q	16.0 q
20	22.8 q	19.8 q	20.5 q	21.5 q	21.6 q	20.6 q
acetate						
CH ₃	20.9 q					
CO	169.6 s					
acetate						
CH ₃	21.1 q					
CO	169.0 s					

^a Spectra recorded at 100 MHz in CDCl₃ at 25 °C. ^b Multiplicity deduced by DEPT and indicated by usual symbols. The values are downfield from TMS.

**Figure 2.** Selective NOE correlations of pachyclavariolide N (2).

basis of the above observations, the relative configuration of **2** was unambiguously established.

Pachyclavariolide O (**3**) was obtained as a white gum. Its HRFABMS established the molecular formula C₂₀H₃₀O₄. Thus, six degrees of unsaturation were determined for **3**. The IR spectrum of **3** showed the presence of a hydroxy group (ν_{max} 3350 cm⁻¹) and an α,β -unsaturated- γ -lactone (ν_{max} 1740 cm⁻¹). The EIMS of **3** showed peaks at m/z 334 [M]⁺ and 316 [M - H₂O]⁺, suggesting the presence of a hydroxy group in **3**. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** (Table 1) showed the signals of three oxymethine protons (δ 3.68, 1H, m; 4.80, 1H, dd, J = 12.8, 2.5 Hz; 4.96, 1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), one olefinic proton (δ 5.40, 1H, m), and four methyls (δ 0.85, 3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz; 1.32, 3H, s; 1.80, 3H, s; 1.94, 3H, s). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3** (Table 2) showed the presence of 20 carbons, including signals for a set of α -methyl- γ -butenolide carbons (δ 170.1, C-16, s; 161.9, C-1, s; 125.5, C-15, s; 79.1, C-2, d; and 8.5, C-17, q), a trisubstituted olefin (δ 130.6, s; 130.9, d), two oxymethines (δ 72.7, d; 85.2, d), and one quaternary oxygenated carbon (δ 82.9, s). The above observations revealed that the structure of **3** should be similar to that of pachyclavariolide **8**; however, one oxymethine group of **8** had to be converted into a methylene in **3**. Analyses of the ¹H-¹H COSY and HMBC correlations (Figure 3S, Supporting Information) revealed that C-14 is a methylene carbon in **3**, as in **2**.

**Figure 3.** Selective NOE correlations of pachyclavariolide O (3).**Figure 4.** Selective NOE correlations of pachyclavariolide P (4).

However, a NOESY spectrum of **3** showed interactions of H-5 with H₃-18, revealing the *cis* orientation of the 4,5-double bond. Assuming the α -orientation of H-2 (δ 4.96, d, J = 10.8 Hz), it was found that H-2 interacted with H-13 (δ 4.80, dd, J = 12.8, 1.5 Hz). Thus, OH-13 should be positioned on the β -face. On the basis of the above results and other key NOE interactions observed (Figure 3), the structure of **3**, including the relative configuration, was fully determined.

Pachyclavariolide P (**4**) was isolated as a white solid and had the molecular formula C₂₀H₂₈O₅ as determined by HREIMS. Its IR spectrum exhibited stretches for a hydroxy at 3447 cm⁻¹, a carbonyl of an α,β -unsaturated- γ -lactone at 1761 cm⁻¹, and a carbonyl at 1697 cm⁻¹. The EIMS spectrum of **4** showed peaks at m/z 348 [M]⁺ and 330 [M - H₂O]⁺, suggesting the presence of one hydroxy group in **4**. From ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data (Tables 1 and 2), a trisubstituted olefin was deduced from the signals of two carbons at δ 126.6 (s) and 132.7 (d). The ¹³C NMR spectrum confirmed the presence of an α -methyl- γ -butenolide moiety, which showed signals at δ 172.9 (C-16, s); 159.1 (C-1, s); 126.5 (C-15, s); 81.4 (C-14, d); and 9.3 (C-17, q). An additional carbonyl carbon resonating at δ 199.2 pointed to the presence of a conjugated ketone moiety. Carbons resonating at δ 72.2 (C-13, d), 84.2 (C-12, s), and 84.4 (C-9, d) indicated the presence of two oxymethines and one oxygenated quaternary carbon. According to the above results, together with the correlations observed in ¹H-¹H COSY and HMBC spectra (Figure 4S, Supporting Information), the gross structure of **4** was established and found to be highly related with those of **1**–**3**. The relative stereochemistries of the chiral centers were determined by a NOESY experiment (Figure 4). NOE correlations between H-13 and H-14/H₃-20 were observed, suggesting the β -orientations for H-13, H-14, and H₃-20 in compound **4**. Therefore, the structure of pachyclavariolide P was suggested to be as that illustrated in Figure 4. One reasonable biosynthetic pathway (Figure 5) suggested that the possible precursor, pachyclavariolide L (**9**), could be hydrolyzed to ketocarbonylic acid **10** and further isomerized at the 1,15-double bond to afford intermediate **11**. Lacton-

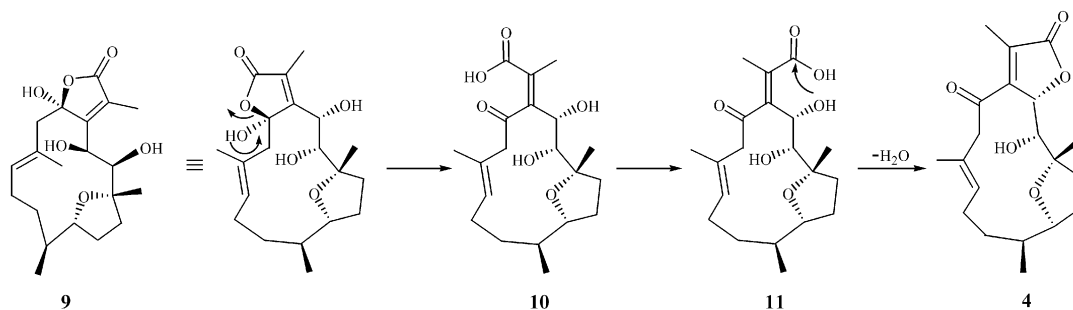


Figure 5. Proposed biogenetic relationships between pachyclavariolides L (**9**) and P (**4**).

ization of **11** should yield metabolite **4**. This proposal predicts the C-8 (*S**), C-9 (*R**), C-12 (*S**), C-13 (*R**), and C-14 (*S**) configurations in **4**.

Pachyclavariolide Q (**5**) was isolated as a white solid. The molecular formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ was established by HREIMS, indicating six degrees of unsaturation. Its IR spectrum exhibited a hydroxy stretch at 3439 cm^{-1} , a γ -lactone carbonyl at 1743 cm^{-1} , and a carbonyl at 1699 cm^{-1} . The EIMS showed peaks at $m/z\ 350\ [M]^+$ and $332\ [M - H_2O]^+$, suggesting the presence of one hydroxy group in **5**. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectral data (Tables 1 and 2) were nearly identical with those of **4**, except that the signals for carbons of the 1,15-double bond disappeared and were replaced by signals of two sp^3 methine carbons. Thus, the 1,15-double bond in **4** is reduced to a single bond in **5**. Key NOE correlations observed in the NOESY spectrum of **5** revealed that it possesses the same relative configurations at C-8, C-9, C-12, C-13, and C-14 as in **4**. Furthermore, H-1 showed NOE interactions with H-14 and H₃-17. Thus, the structure of **5** was established as shown.

Pachyclavariolide R (**6**) was isolated as a white solid, and its molecular formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$ was assigned from HREIMS. The EIMS showed peaks at $m/z\ 366\ [M]^+$, $348\ [M - H_2O]^+$, and $330\ [M - 2\ H_2O]^+$, suggesting the presence of two hydroxy groups in **6**. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were very similar to those of **5**, while the signal for an additional quaternary oxygenated carbon appeared at $\delta\ 74.9$ (s). Furthermore, a hydroxy group attached at the C-15 position was confirmed by HMBC correlations observed between H₃-17 ($\delta\ 1.40$, 3H, s) and C-15, C-16, and C-1; and H-14 ($\delta\ 4.90$, 1H, s) and C-1, C-2, C-12, C-13, and C-16. The relative configurations at all chiral centers, except C-15, were found to be the same for both **5** and **6**, by comparison of the NOE data. Furthermore H₃-17 showed NOE interactions with H-1, revealing the α -orientation of the hydroxy group at C-15.

Similar to metabolite **4**, compounds **5** and **6** could be biosynthesized via a pathway related to Figure 5. The cytotoxicity of metabolites **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5** against the growth of P-388, KB, A549, and HT-29 was studied. It was found that only **1** showed significant activity against P-388 with an $\text{ED}_{50} = 3.2\ \mu\text{g/mL}$.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-1000 digital polarimeter. Melting points were determined using a Fisher-Johns melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. IR spectra were measured on a Hitachi I-2001 or a Jasco FT/IR-5300 infrared spectrophotometer. Ultraviolet spectra were recorded on a Hitachi U-3210 UV spectrophotometer. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 400 FT NMR at 400 MHz for ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C , in CDCl_3 using TMS as an internal standard, unless otherwise indicated. MS spectra were obtained with a VG QUATTRO GC/MS spectrometer. HRMS

spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMX-HX 110 mass spectrometer. Silica gel 60 (Merck, 230–400 mesh) was used for CC. Precoated silica gel plates (Merck, Kieselgel 60 F-254, 0.20 mm) were used for analytic TLC.

Collection, Extraction, and Separation. Frozen specimens were freeze-dried and then subjected to extraction, and the crude extracts were evaluated for cytotoxicity as described previously.⁷ The extract was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel. Elution was performed with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (stepwise, 0–100% EtOAc) to afford 47 fractions. Fraction 25 eluted with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (1:2) was further separated by silica gel column chromatography eluting with CH_2Cl_2 –*n*-hexane (2:1) to obtain compound **2**. Fraction 26 eluted with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (3:2) was further separated by silica gel column chromatography eluting with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (stepwise, 0–100% EtOAc) to obtain a mixture of **3**, **4**, and **5**. Further chromatography of this mixture using pure CH_2Cl_2 as eluent yielded pure **3**, **4**, and **5**. Similarly, fraction 27 eluted with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (1:1) was further purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (2:1) to obtain compound **6**. Finally, fraction 31 eluted with EtOAc–*n*-hexane (2:1) was separated by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc– CH_2Cl_2 (1:3), to obtain compound **1**.

Pachyclavariolide M (1): white solid (2.9 mg); mp 84–86°C; $[\alpha]_D^{29} -14^\circ$ (*c* 0.15, CHCl_3); UV (95% EtOH) $\lambda_{\text{max}}\ 219\text{ nm}$ ($\epsilon\ 5680$); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3391, 1744, 1716$ and 1222 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; EIMS $m/z\ 466\ [0.2, (M)^+]$, $449\ [1, (M - OH)^+]$, $407\ [6, (M - OAc)^+]$, and $346\ [2, (M - 2\ HOAc)^+]$; HREIMS $m/z\ 446.2203$ (calcd for $C_{24}H_{34}O_9$, 446.2203).

Pachyclavariolide N (2): white solid (8.8 mg); mp 108–110°C; $[\alpha]_D^{31} -26^\circ$ (*c* 0.23, CHCl_3); UV (95% EtOH) $\lambda_{\text{max}}\ 215\text{ nm}$ ($\epsilon\ 9585$); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3350, 2930, 1738, 1668$, and 1099 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; FABMS $m/z\ 335\ [5, (M + H)^+]$, $317\ [5]$; HRFABMS $m/z\ 335.2222$ (calcd for $C_{20}H_{31}O_4$, 335.2223).

Pachyclavariolide O (3): white gum (1.7 mg); $[\alpha]_D^{26} -2^\circ$ (*c* 0.09, CHCl_3); UV (95% EtOH) $\lambda_{\text{max}}\ 210\text{ nm}$ ($\epsilon\ 8650$); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3350, 2926, 1740, 1440$, and 1140 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; EIMS $m/z\ 334\ [0.6, (M)^+]$, $316\ [6, (M - H_2O)^+]$; HREIMS $m/z\ 334.2144$ (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, 334.2145).

Pachyclavariolide P (4): white solid (28.5 mg); mp 133–135°C; $[\alpha]_D^{30} +131^\circ$ (*c* 0.68, CHCl_3); UV (95% EtOH) $\lambda_{\text{max}}\ 219\text{ nm}$ ($\epsilon\ 8920$); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3447, 1761, 1697$, and 1458 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; EIMS $m/z\ 348\ [11, (M)^+]$, $331\ [2, (M - OH)^+]$, and $330\ [0.6, (M - H_2O)^+]$; HREIMS $m/z\ 348.1937$ (calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$, 348.1937).

Pachyclavariolide Q (5): white solid (11.6 mg); mp 186–189°C; $[\alpha]_D^{30} +28^\circ$ (*c* 0.05, CHCl_3); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3439, 1743, 1699$, and 1458 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; EIMS $m/z\ 350\ [7, (M)^+]$, $332\ [0.5, (M - H_2O)^+]$; HREIMS $m/z\ 350.2093$ (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$, 350.2094).

Pachyclavariolide R (6): white solid (4.0 mg); mp 204–205°C; $[\alpha]_D^{31} -103^\circ$ (*c* 0.20, CHCl_3); IR (neat) $\nu_{\text{max}}\ 3395, 1760, 1703$, and 1454 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR data, Table 1; ^{13}C NMR data, Table 2; EIMS $m/z\ 366\ [7, (M)^+]$, $349\ [1, (M - OH)^+]$, $348\ [0.8, (M - H_2O)^+]$, $331\ [0.8, (M - OH - H_2O)^+]$, and $330\ [0.2, (M - 2\ H_2O)^+]$; HREIMS $m/z\ 366.2039$ (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$, 366.2043).

Cytotoxicity Testing. KB and P-388 cells were kindly provided by J. M. Pezzuto, University of Illinois at Chicago; A549 (human lung adenocarcinoma) and HT-29 (human colon adenocarcinoma) were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection. The cytotoxic activities of tested compounds **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5** were assayed by a modification of the MTT [3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide] colorimetric method.¹¹

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