

New Alkaloids from *Daphniphyllum calycinum*

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Four new alkaloids, 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphylic acid (**1**), daphcalycinosidine C (**2**, a new iridoid alkaloid), yuzurimine E (**3**), and yuzurimic acid B (**4**), were isolated from the seeds of *Daphniphyllum calycinum*. The structures of these *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids were determined by spectroscopic analysis including mass spectrometry and 2D NMR.

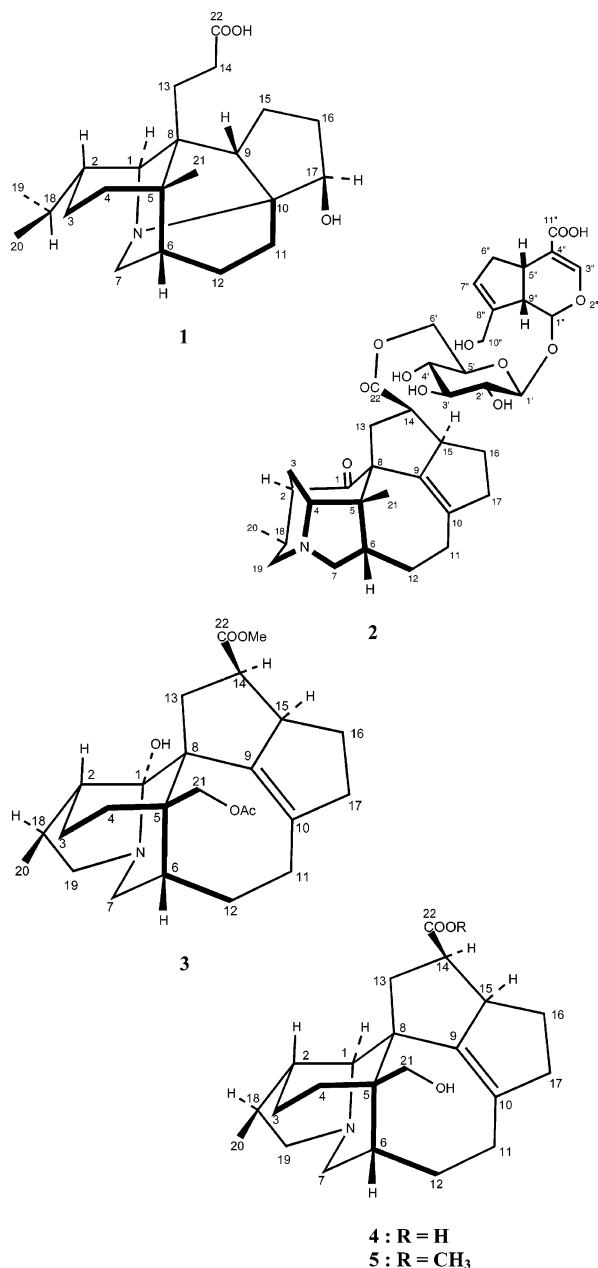
The *Daphniphyllum* genus, the only one of the Daphniphyllaceae family, is composed of 10 species and is remarkable for its ability to biosynthesize various alkaloid classes with highly complex and unique polycyclic structures.^{1,2} Recently, various novel types of *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids were characterized, and more than 60 compounds are now known.^{3–16} Heathcock and co-workers developed biomimetic total syntheses of several of these alkaloids.¹⁷ *Daphniphyllum* species are used in folk medicines in various Asian countries and especially *D. calycinum* Benth., a shrub native to North Vietnam and China, which is used for wound healing and as an antiinflammatory remedy.¹⁸ Recent studies on different parts of *D. calycinum* reported the isolation of new structural types of alkaloids such as daphcalycine,³ daphcalycic acid, daphcalycinosidines A and B,⁴ and calyciphyllines A and B.¹⁴ Further investigation of the seeds of *D. calycinum* resulted in the isolation of four new alkaloids: 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphylic acid (**1**), daphcalycinosidine C (**2**), yuzurimine E (**3**), and yuzurimic acid B (**4**). This paper describes their isolation and structural elucidation.

Results and Discussion

The seeds of *D. calycinum* Benth. collected in North Vietnam were ground, defatted with cyclohexane, and then extracted with MeOH. The methanolic extract was chromatographed over reversed-phase silica gel column to yield fractions, which were further purified by combination of column chromatography and TLC procedures to afford four new compounds: 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphylic acid (**1**, 0.0001%), daphcalycinosidine C (**2**, 0.0004%), yuzurimine E (**3**, 0.0004%), and yuzurimic acid B (**4**, 0.001%).

Compound **1** is an optically active solid, $[\alpha]_D^{22} -17^\circ$ (*c* 0.2, MeOH), the molecular formula of which was determined as C₂₂H₃₅NO₃ by HRFABMS (*m/z* 362.2638, $[M + H]^+$, calc 362.2696), involving six sites of unsaturation. Its IR absorption spectrum showed the presence of hydroxyl (3302 cm⁻¹) and carboxylic (1715 cm⁻¹) functionalities. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (Pyr-*d*₅, Table 1) showed signals due to four quaternary carbons (1 sp², 3 sp³), six methines, nine methylenes, and three methyls.

The ¹³C chemical shifts of the methylene at δ_C 45.4 (C-7), the methine at δ_C 64.6 (C-1), and the quaternary carbon at δ_C 79.4 (C-10) suggested they were linked to a nitrogen



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atom, whereas that of the methine at δ_C 78.0 (C-17) indicated it bore an oxygen atom. The ¹H–¹H COSY spectrum revealed connectivities of partial structures **a**

Table 1. ^1H (400.13 MHz) and ^{13}C (75.47 MHz) NMR Data for Compounds **1**, **3**, and **4**

C no.	1 in pyridine- d_5		3 in CD_3OD		4 in CD_3OD	
	δ_{H} J (Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} J (Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} J (Hz)	δ_{C}
1	3.50 d 3.5	64.6		101.5	3.30 d 4.2	70.0
2	1.46 m	37.5	2.00 ddd 8.7/7.7/5.1	48.1	2.52 m	37.9
3a	1.68 m	26.5	1.54 m	21.9	1.81 m	22.2
3b	1.41 m		1.48 m		1.76 m	
4a	1.93 m	35.9	1.66 m	34.4	1.98 ddd 12.5/12.5/6.0	33.1
4b	1.34 m		1.64 m		1.62 ddd 12.5/5.0/5.0	
5		37.1		43.8		39.1
6	1.50 m	39.2	2.29 m	40.0	2.25 brddd 9.5/6.5/3.0	41.4
7a	3.52 brd 13.6	45.4	3.52 dd 13.1/4.0	56.3	3.59 dd 14.0/3.0	58.6
7b	3.40 brd 13.6		3.23 dd 13.1/9.6		3.53 dd 14.0/9.5	
8		47.2		51.6		45.0
9	2.48 dd 10.4/7.7	49.3		144.6		145.8
10		79.4		137.0		135.5
11a	2.28 m	22.6	2.45 m	26.0	2.32 ddd 15.0/7.5/7.5	25.8
11b	1.60 m		2.08 m		2.16 ddd 15.0/4.0/4.0	
12a	1.70 m	20.4	1.90 m	28.1	1.48 m	28.3
12b	1.59 m		1.45 m		2.28 m	
13a	2.32 ddd 15.0/10.0/6.5	26.8	2.62 dd 14.7/4.2	39.8	3.02 dd 15.0/2.5	40.6
13b	1.68 m		2.55 dd 14.7/9.3		1.99 dd 15.0/8.9	
14a	2.75 ddd 16.8/10.5/6.5	32.2	2.99 ddd 13.4/9.3/4.2	44.5	2.82 ddd 11.6/8.9/2.5	47.8
14b	2.59 ddd 16.8/10.0/4.8					
15a	1.68 m	22.7	3.48 m	57.5	3.52 m	55.7
15b	1.52 m					
16a	1.97 m	31.2	1.83 dddd 11.5/7.0/7.0/1.0	29.1	1.93 ddd 12.5/7.0/7.0	29.2
16b	1.63 m		1.42 dddd 11.5/11.5/11.5/11.5		1.63 dddd 12.5/11.0/11.0/9.2	
17a	4.60 dd 11.4/6.0	78.0	2.54 m	44.0	2.68 brdd 14.5/11.0	44.1
17b			2.34 brdd 14.2/7.6		2.37 brdd 14.5/7.0	
18	1.84 m	30.3	2.46 m	35.0	2.65 m	36.9
19a	1.20 d 6.4	21.9	3.34 m	66.2	3.81 dd 12.4/11.0	65.5
19b			2.50 m		2.79 m	
20	0.75 d 6.5	20.7	1.02 d 6.8	13.8	1.15 d 7.1	14.4
21a	0.95 s	24.6	4.32 d 11.6	71.0	4.01 brd 11.7	68.7
21b			4.30 d 11.6		3.53 d 11.7	
22		175.8		177.2		182.8
23			3.67 s	51.7		
24				173.0		
25			2.04 s	20.9		

(C-2 to C-1 and C-18, and C-18 to C-19 and C-20), **b** (C-3 to C-4), **c** (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-12 to C-11), **d** (C-15 to C-9 and C-16, and C-16 to C-17), and **e** (C-13 to C-14) (Figure 1). Connections between **a** and **b** units were depicted by HMBC cross-peaks between H-1 and both C-2 (δ_{C} 37.5) and C-3 (δ_{C} 26.5) and between H-4 and C-2. Connections among C-1, C-4, C-6, C-13, and C-21 via two consecutive quaternary carbons C-5 (δ_{C} 37.1) and C-8 (δ_{C} 47.2) were deduced by HMBC cross-peaks for H-6 and H₂-7 to C-5, H₂-4 to C-6 (δ_{C} 39.2) and C-8, H₂-13 to C-1 (δ_{C} 64.6), C-5, and C-8, and H₃-21 to C-4, C-5, C-6, and C-8, indicating the linkage of the methyl group (δ_{C} 24.6) at C-5. The connectivities between **c** and **d** through C-10 (δ_{C} 79.4) were deduced from HMBC correlations of H-9 to C-11 (δ_{C} 22.6), and of H₂-11, H₂-16, and H-17 to C-10, with a hydroxyl group at C-17 (δ_{C} 78.0). Long-range couplings for H₂-13 to C-9 (δ_{C} 49.3) indicated the connection between **d** and **e** units via C-8. The HMBC correlations of H₂-14 and H₂-13 to C-22 (δ_{C} 175.8) revealed that the carboxyl group was attached to C-14. Thus, **1** has the daphnane skeleton and its structure is related to that of methyl homodaphniphyllate¹⁹ and was named 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphyllic acid.

NOESY correlations for **1** indicated the same relative configuration as that of methyl homodaphniphyllate (Figure 1). The protons of the methyl H₃-21 showed NOE correlations with H-6, H-9, and H-12a. The hydroxyl group at C-17 was located on the same side of the cyclopentane ring as H₂-11, because a strong NOE cross-peak was observed between its geminal proton (H-17) and H-1 and not with H₂-11; the relative configuration at C-17 is thus

*R**. A chair conformation for the cyclohexane bearing (C-1–C-5 and C-8) was suggested by NOESY cross-peaks of H-3b with H-7a and of H-4a with H-13a.

A plausible pathway for the biosynthesis of **1** from methyl homosecodaphniphyllate is proposed in Figure 2: an elimination–fragmentation process takes place through an oxidation of the nitrogen atom of methyl homosecodaphniphyllate(I), providing the intermediates II and III, and the reduction of the latter yields IV.^{17c} Then, the C10–C17 double bond of IV is oxidized to form the intermediate epoxide V. Finally, 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphyllic acid is suggested to result from a rearrangement due to the nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen atom at C-10.

Daphcalycinosidine C (**2**) was isolated as an optically active solid, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -15^\circ$ (*c* 0.6, MeOH). Its HRFABMS showed the quasimolecular ion $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ at *m/z* 712.3349 (calc 712.3334), corresponding to the molecular formula C₃₈H₄₉NO₁₂, which indicated 15 degrees of unsaturation. The IR absorption spectrum showed the presence of hydroxyls (3307 cm⁻¹) and carbonyls (1735, 1720, and 1705 cm⁻¹).

The ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆, Table 2) had 38 carbon signals due to two methyls, 11 methylenes, 16 methines (2 sp², 14 sp³), and nine quaternary carbons (7 sp², 2 sp³).

The carbonyl signal at δ_{C} 215.5 was assigned to a ketone and those at 173.8 and 169.3 to carboxyls, with the latter being conjugated. The ^{13}C NMR data (Table 2) suggested that the methine at 65.8 (C-4) and the methylenes at 55.6 (C-7) and 48.8 (C-19) were linked to the nitrogen atom. The chemical shifts of the methine carbons at δ_{C} 98.5 (C-1) and

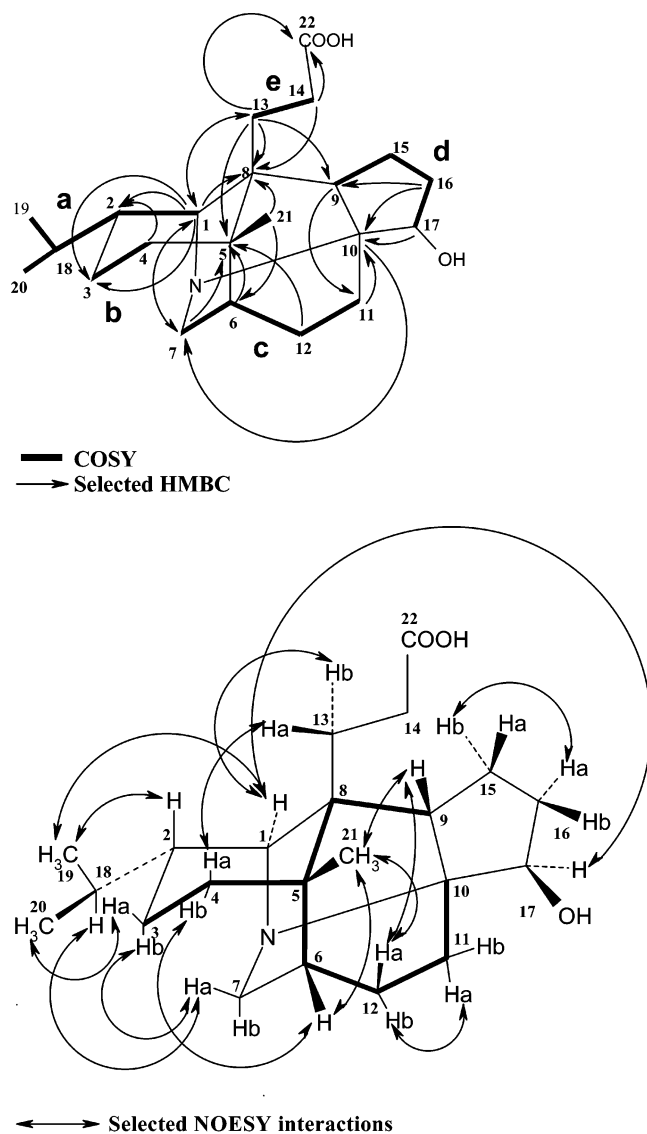


Figure 1. Selected 2D NMR correlations for 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphyllinic acid (**1**).

95.8 (C-1'') revealed they were hemiketal carbons. The methylenes at δ_C 63.6 (C-6'') and 59.4 (C-10'') were linked to oxygen atoms. Of the 15 degrees of unsaturation, six were assigned on the basis of this spectrum to the three carbonyls and three carbon-carbon double bonds (Table 2), and thus **2** has nine rings. Analysis of the ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum showed spin systems of the six partial structures: **a** (C-2 to C-4), **b** (C-18 to C-20), **c** (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-12 to C-11), **d** (C-13 to C-17), **e** (C-1' to C-6''), and **f** (C-6'' to C-5'' and C-7'', and C-9'' to C-1'' and C-5'') (Figure 3). The carbon signals at δ_C 98.5, 76.3, 74.0, 73.1, 70.0, and 63.6 (substructure **e**) together with 2D NMR data indicated the presence of a glucopyranose moiety. The large coupling ($J = 8.0$ Hz) of the anomeric proton at δ_H 4.52 indicated a β -glucose. HMBC correlations characterized substructure **f** as a de-*O*-methylgenipin unit (Figure 3). The HMBC connectivities between H-1'' and C-1' (δ_C 98.5) and between H-1' and C-1'' (δ_C 95.8) supported the C-1' to C-1'' link through an oxygen, and this linkage formed a geniposidic acid substructure. HMBC correlations were observed for H-4 and H₂-19 to C-7, and for H₂-7 and H₂-19 to C-4, suggesting that C-4, C-7, and C-19 were connected to each other through the nitrogen atom. Connections among the **a** and **b** units were depicted by HMBC cross-peaks between H₂-19 and H₃-20 and C-2 (δ_C 43.3) and between

Table 2. ^1H (400.13 MHz) and ^{13}C (75.47 MHz) NMR Data for Compound **2** (in DMSO-*d*₆)

C no.	$\delta_H J$ (Hz)	δ_C
1		215.5
2	2.09 m	43.3
3a	1.97 brdd 14.3/6.0	19.8
3b	1.82 brdd 14.3/4.6	
4a	3.15 brd 4.6	65.8
4b		
5		51.3
6	2.12 m	50.6
7a	2.79 dd 11.8/6.9	55.6
7b	2.49 dd 11.8/8.2	
8		61.0
9		141.8
10		136.8
11a	1.97 m	25.1
11b	1.87 m	
12a	1.82 m	26.3
12b	1.52 m	
13a	2.63 dd 13.5/7.5	39.2
13b	2.22 dd 13.5/10.0	
14a	2.65 m	41.6
14b		
15a	3.19 m	53.2
15b		
16a	1.71 m	27.1
16b	1.19 m	
17a	2.53 m	41.5
17b	2.28 m	
18	2.64 m	33.1
19a	2.63 m	48.8
19b	2.35 m	
20	0.87 d 6.3	18.2
21a	1.20 s	23.9
21b		
22		173.8
1'	4.52 d 8.0	98.5
2'	2.99 dd 8.8/8.0	73.1
3'	3.19 dd 9.0/8.8	76.3
4'	3.04 dd 9.5/9.0	70.0
5'	3.30 ddd 9.5/6.9/1.9	74.0
6'a	4.34 dd 11.9/1.9	63.6
6'b	3.92 dd 11.9/6.9	
1''	4.87 d 7.3	95.8
3''	7.20 d 1.3	148.5
4''		114.4
5''	3.00 brddd 8.0/7.3/7.0	35.6
6''a	2.70 dd 17.0/7.0	38.7
6''b	1.95 dd 17.0/8.0	
7''	5.63 s	125.6
8''		144.6
9''	2.52 dd 8.0/7.3	45.8
10''a	4.04 brd 14.1	59.4
10''b	3.96 dd 14.1/2.0	
11''		169.3

H-18 and C-3 (δ_C 19.8). The long-range correlations of both H-2 and H₂-3 to C-1 (δ_C 215.5) linked the ketone carbonyl C-1 to C-2. HMBC cross-peaks for H₂-13 to C-1, C-5 (δ_C 51.3), and C-8 (δ_C 61.0) and for H-4 to C-8 indicated connectivities of C-1 to C-13 through C-8 and also of C-4 to C-8 through C-5. The linkage of C-21 (δ_C 23.9) to C-5 was suggested by HMBC correlations for H₃-21 to C-4, C-5, C-6 (δ_C 50.6), and C-8. Connections among **c** and **d** units and the tetrasubstituted olefin C-9 (δ_C 141.8) and C-10 (δ_C 136.8) were provided by HMBC correlations of H₂-13, H-14, H-15, H₂-16, and H₂-17 to C-9 and of H₂-11, H₂-12, and H₂-17 to C-10. Furthermore, HMBC correlations of H₂-13, H-14, and H₂-6' to C-22 (δ_C 173.8) showed that C-22 was linked to C-14 and attached to C-6' by an ester bond. Saponification of **2** with KOH (2%) afforded, after acidification and purification by TLC, de-*N*-oxide-calyciphylline A¹⁴ and geniposidic acid; spectral data and $[\alpha]_D$ of the latter were identical with those of the natural product, $[\alpha]_D^{22} +3^\circ$

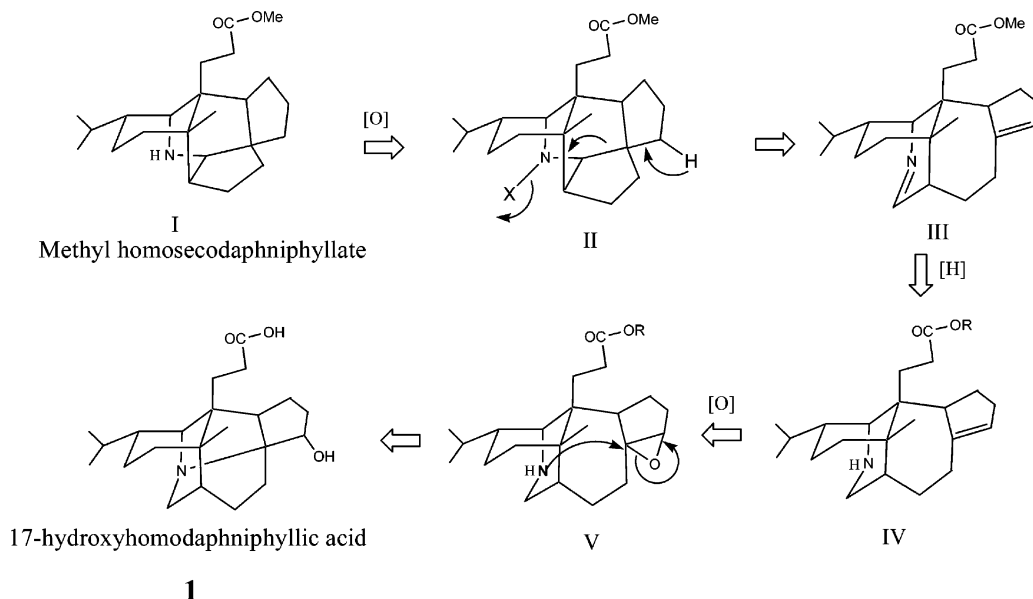


Figure 2. Biogenetic pathway proposed for 17-hydroxyhomodaphniphyllate (**1**) formation from methylhomosecodaphniphyllate.

(*c* 0.1, MeOH).²⁰ Thus, **2** is a new *Daphniphyllum* iridoid alkaloid, for which we propose the name daphcalycinosidine C.

Analysis of the fragmentation pattern of the quasi-molecular ion $[M + H]^+$ of daphcalycinosidine C (m/z 712) by positive ion ESI-TOF MS/MS showed fragment ions supporting the proposed structure: the ions at m/z 518 and 500 corresponded to the cleavage of the ether bond between the de-*O*-methylgenipin and the glucose moieties at the O/C-1'' and O/C-1' level, respectively. Other major fragments at m/z 356 and 338 corresponded to the cleavage of the ester bond between the glucose and the alkaloidal moieties at the O/C-6' and O/C-22 level, respectively.

The relative configuration of daphcalycinosidine C was deduced from NOESY correlations (Figure 3). Strong NOEs for the alkaloidal moiety were observed between H-3a and the two protons of the methylene H₂-13, suggesting a boat conformation for the cyclohexanone ring bearing C-3. Furthermore, the NOESY correlations between H-3b and H-19b on one hand, and between H-3b and H₃-20 on the other hand, suggested an equilibrium between the boat and chair conformations for the piperidine ring involving C-18 and C-19. The strong NOE correlations of H-5'' with H-9'' and the absence of cross-peaks between H-1'' and both H-5'' and H-9'' indicated the same relative configuration as geniposidic acid.²⁰ In addition, H-1'' (δ_H 4.87) gave a large coupling with H-9'' ($J = 7.3$ Hz), in agreement with a *trans* relative disposition. Another strong NOE correlation was depicted between H-1'' and H-16a, suggesting a preferred conformation of the two substituents at C-1' and C-6' of the glucose moiety.

The molecular formula of yuzurimine E (**3**), $[\alpha]_D^{25} -33^\circ$ (*c* 0.3, MeOH), was determined as C₂₅H₃₅NO₅ by HR-FABMS (m/z 430.2590, $[M + H]^+$, calc 430.2594), corresponding to nine degrees of unsaturation. Its ¹³C NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, Table 1) showed signals due to seven quaternary carbons (four sp² and three sp³), five methines, 10 methylenes, and three methyls including one methoxyl and one acetoxy group. The IR absorption spectrum suggested the presence of hydroxyl (3425 cm⁻¹), ester carbonyl (1734 cm⁻¹), and olefinic (1639 cm⁻¹) functionalities. Of the nine levels of unsaturation, three corresponded to one tetrasubstituted double bond (Table 1) and two ester carbonyls (δ_C 173.0 and 177.2), and thus six rings were assigned to **3**.

The ¹³C NMR spectrum depicted signals for two methylenes at δ_C 56.3 (C-7) and 66.2 (C-19), bearing a nitrogen, and one quaternary carbon δ_C 101.5 (C-1) linked to both a nitrogen and an oxygen atom. The chemical shift of the methylene at δ_C 71.0 (C-21) suggested it is linked to an oxygen atom. The presence of four partial structures (Figure 4), **a** (C-2 to C-4, and C-18 to C-2, C-19, and C-20), **b** (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-12 to C-11), **c** (C-13 to C-14), and **d** (C-15 to C-17), was demonstrated by detailed analyses of ¹H-¹H COSY and HSQC data. The **a-d** units were connected to one another on the basis of the following HMBC correlations: H-2 and H₂-3 to C-1 (δ_C 101.5), H₂-7 to C-1 and C-19 (δ_C 66.2), H₂-21 to C-4 (δ_C 34.4), C-6 (δ_C 40.0), and C-8 (δ_C 51.6), H₂-13 to C-1, C-5, C-8, C-9 (δ_C 144.6), and C-15 (δ_C 57.5), and H₂-11, H₂-16, and H₂-17 to C-9 and C-10 (δ_C 137.0). The linkage of the methoxycarbonyl at C-14 was established by HMBC correlations of H₂-13, H-14, and H₃-23 to C-22 (δ_C 177.2). HMBC cross-peaks of H₂-21 and H₃-25 with carbonyl at C-24 (δ_C 173.0) indicated an acetoxy group to be at C-21 (δ_C 71.0). Compound **3** was thus assigned as the C-4 deacetoxy form of yuzurimine²¹ and named yuzurimine E. The NOESY correlations in **3** indicated the same relative configuration as yuzurimine (Figure 4). The conformations of the cyclohexane (C-1-C-5 and C-8) and piperidine (N, C-1, C-8, and C-5-C-8) rings were assigned as chairs from NOE correlations of H-3b with H-7a, of H-4a with H-13a, and of H-2 with H-13b.

Yuzurimic acid B (**4**), $[\alpha]_D^{25} +11^\circ$ (*c* 0.3, MeOH), was shown to have the molecular formula C₂₂H₃₁NO₃ by HR-FABMS (m/z 358.2379, for $[M + H]^+$, calc 358.2383). In its ¹³C NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, Table 1), 22 carbon signals including five quaternary carbons (3 sp², 2 sp³), six methines, 10 methylenes, and one methyl were observed. The IR spectrum showed the presence of hydroxyl (3429 cm⁻¹), carboxyl (1720 cm⁻¹), and olefinic (1646 cm⁻¹) functionalities. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data suggested that **4** was structurally related to yuzurimine E (**3**) (Table 1), but differed from the latter as it lacked the hydroxyl group at C-1, the acetyl group on the C-21 oxygen, and the methyl group at C-22. In fact, detailed analyses of the 2D NMR data indicated that **4** was the acid form of yuzurimine B,²² and thus named yuzurimic acid B.

The relative configuration was elucidated to be the same as that yuzurimine E (**3**) from NOESY data. The meth-

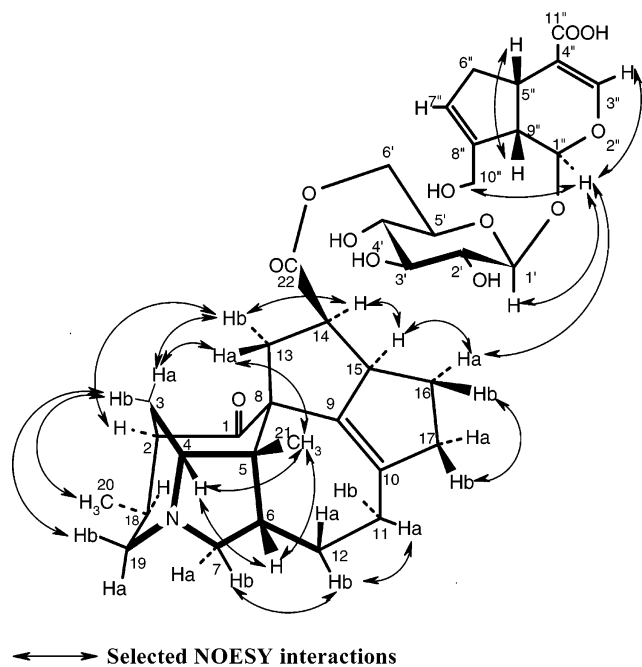
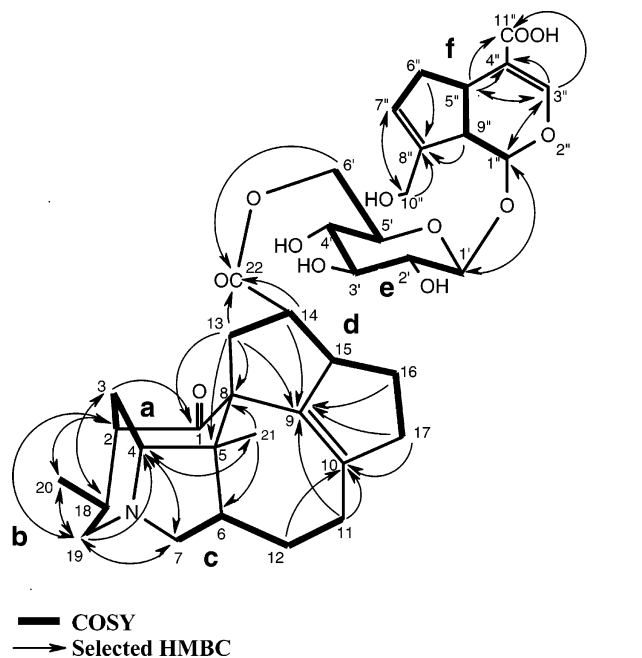


Figure 3. Selected 2D NMR correlations for daphcalycinosidine C (2).

ylation of **4** with diazomethane afforded the corresponding methyl ester (**5**), spectral data of which were identical with those of yuzurimine B.²² Thus, the structures of yuzurimine E and yuzurimic acid B were assigned as **3** and **4**, respectively.

As compounds **1**, **3**, **4**, yuzurimine B, and yuzurimine have a plausible common precursor, such as methyl homocodaphniphyllate, for which the absolute configuration has been determined by X-ray crystallography, the absolute configuration of the new compounds could be related to that of yuzurimine and methyl homocodaphniphyllate.^{22b}

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Optical rotations were measured in MeOH at 28 °C on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded in KBr disks on a Nicolet Impact 400 D spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were

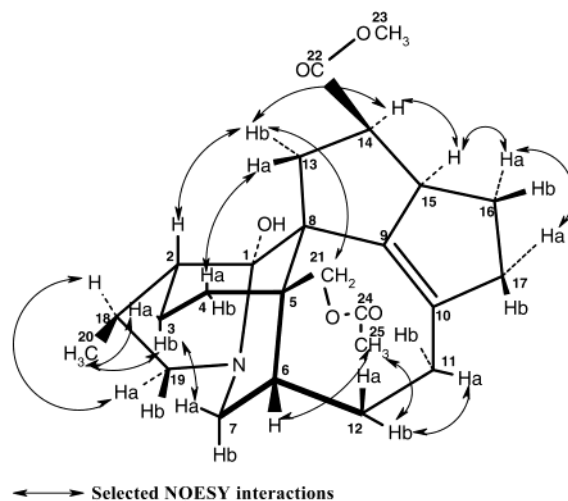
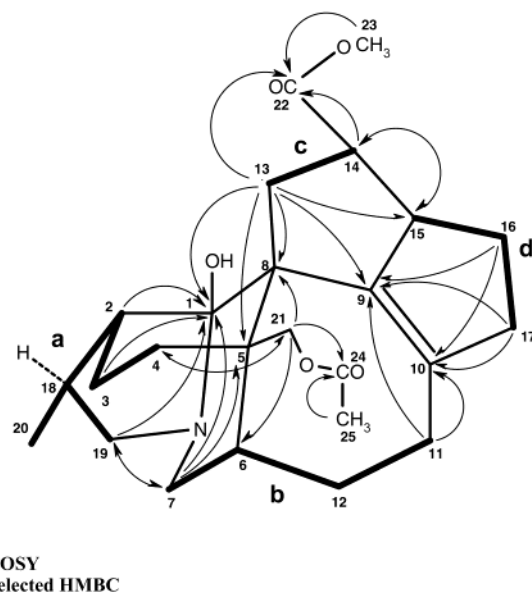


Figure 4. Selected 2D NMR correlations for yuzurimine E (3).

obtained either on a ZAB₂-SEQ (VG analytical) for the FABMS or on an API Q-STAR (Applied Biosystem) for the ESI-TOFMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 300 spectrometer (¹³C: 75.47 MHz) and ¹H NMR spectra on an Avance 400 Bruker (¹H: 400.13 MHz) with internal reference (¹H: CHD₂OD at δ_H 3.31, CHCl₃ at δ_H 7.27, pyridine at δ_H 7.19, DMSO at δ_H 2.49; ¹³C: CD₃OD at δ_C 49.0, CDCl₃ at δ_C 77.0, Pyr-*d*₅ at δ_C 123.5, and DMSO-*d*₆ at δ_C 39.5).

Plant Material. The seeds of *D. calycinum* Benth. (Daphniphyllaceae) were harvested in North Vietnam in October 1999. A voucher specimen has been deposited in the herbarium (VN 579) of CNSNT, Hanoi.

Extraction and Isolation. The seeds of *D. calycinum* (1.2 kg) were ground, defatted with cyclohexane, and extracted at room temperature with MeOH for 3 days, and the extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield 80 g of crude methanolic extract. The extract was chromatographed on a RP2 silica gel column eluted with a H₂O/MeOH (1:0 to 0:1) gradient and afforded 20 fractions (F1–F20). The less polar fraction F20 (50 mg) was purified by TLC on SiO₂ gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 90:10) to yield **1** (1.5 mg). Fractions F7–F12 were combined (4 g) and further separated on a RP2 silica gel column eluting with a H₂O/MeOH (1:0 to 0:1) gradient followed by Sephadex LH20 CC (MeOH) to yield **2** (5 mg). Fractions F16–F19 were combined (5 g) and purified on silica gel CC using a CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:0 to 0:1) gradient to give **3** (5 mg).

Then, fractions F4–F6 (0.9 g) were chromatographed on a RP2 silica gel column eluted with a H₂O/MeOH (1:0 to 0:1) gradient to yield compound **4** (15 mg).

17-Hydroxyhomodaphniphyllin acid (1): C₂₂H₃₅NO₃ (*M* = 361), microcrystals (MeOH), mp 97–99 °C, [α]_D²⁰ –17° (*c* 0.2, MeOH); HRFABMS, *m/z* 362.2638, [M + H]⁺, calc 362.2696; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3302, 2935, 1715, and 1568 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Pyr-*d*₅, Table 1).

Daphcalycinosidine C (2): C₃₈H₄₉NO₁₂ (*M* = 711), colorless amorphous solid, [α]_D²² –15° (*c* 0.6, MeOH); HRFABMS *m/z* 712.3349, [M + H]⁺, calc 712.3334; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3307, 2922, 1735, 1720, 1705, and 1588 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 222 nm (ε 10.000); ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, Table 2).

Yuzurimine E (3): C₂₅H₃₅NO₅ (*M* = 429), colorless amorphous solid, [α]_D²² –33° (*c* 0.3, MeOH); HRFABMS *m/z* 430.2590, [M + H]⁺, calc 430.2594; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3425, 2930, 1734, and 1639 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (CD₃OD, Table 1).

Yuzurimic acid B (4): C₂₂H₃₁NO₃ (*M* = 357), microcrystals (MeOH), mp 253–255 °C, [α]_D²² +11° (*c* 0.3, MeOH); HRFABMS *m/z* 358.2379, [M + H]⁺, calc 358.2383; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3429, 2930, 1720, and 1646 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (CD₃OD, Table 1).

Methylation of Yuzurimic Acid B (4). A solution of **4** (2 mg) in methanol (0.5 mL) was treated with diazomethane at 5 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by TLC (100% MeOH) to give the corresponding methyl derivative (**5**), whose spectral data were identical with those of yuzurimine B. C₂₃H₃₃NO₃ (*M* = 371), microcrystals (MeOH), mp 280–282 °C, [α]_D²² –22° (*c* 0.2, MeOH); HRFABMS *m/z* 372.2531, [M + H]⁺, calc 372.2540; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3435, 2928, 1732, and 1646 cm⁻¹; ¹³C NMR data (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 69.0 (1), 39.2 (2), 23.1 (3), 33.8 (4), 40.1 (5), 39.5 (6), 59.7 (7), 45.5 (8), 145.0 (9), 136.1 (10), 26.2 (11), 29.5 (12), 40.1 (13), 43.9 (14), 55.7 (15), 29.2 (16), 44.1 (17), 38.6 (18), 66.1 (19), 15.2 (20), 67.6 (21), 177.5 (22), 51.6 (23); ¹H NMR data (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 2.89 (m, H-1), 2.30 (m, H-2), 1.66 (m, H-3a), 1.66 (m, H-3b), 2.00 (m, H-4a), 1.63 (m, H-4b), 2.34 (m, H-6), 3.31 (m, H-7a), 3.30 (m, H-7b), 2.34 (m, H-11a), 2.11 (m, H-11b), 2.18 (m, H-12a), 1.50 (m, H-12b), 2.66 (dd 14.9/3.1, H-13a), 2.08 (dd 14.9/9.2, H-13b), 2.94 (ddd 12.4/9.2/3.1, H-14), 3.53 (m, H-15), 1.93 (m, H-16a), 1.63 (m, H-16b), 2.68 (m, H-17a), 2.37 (m, H-17b), 2.45 (m, H-18), 3.50 (m, H-19a), 2.48 (m, H-19b), 1.12 (d 6.9, H-20), 3.99 (d 11.6, H-21a), 3.73 (d 11.6, H-21b), 3.65 (s, H-23).

Hydrolysis of Daphcalycinosidine C (2). A solution of the daphcalycinosidine C (**2**, 4 mg) in 2% KOH (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The residue was dissolved in methanol (0.3 mL) and neutralized with HCl (2 N). After evaporation, the residue was purified by TLC (50 MeOH, 50 CH₂Cl₂) to afford de-*N*-oxide-calyciphyllin A (1.5 mg) and geniposidic acid (1.3 mg).

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