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Calyciphyllines N–P, Alkaloids from Daphniphyllum calycinum

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Three new *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids, calyciphyllines N–P (1-3), were isolated from the leaves and stems of *Daphniphyllum calycinum*. The structures and relative stereochemistry of 1-3 were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic data.

Trees of the genus *Daphniphyllum* (Daphniphyllaceae) are known to elaborate a structurally diverse group of alkaloids with unique polycyclic fused ring systems.^{1–6} These *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids have been attractive targets for biogenetic and synthetic studies.⁷ Recently, some novel alkaloids with unusual skeletons such as calyciphyllines $C-M^{2a-e}$ have been isolated from *Daphniphyllum calycinum* in our laboratory. Further investigation of extracts of this plant resulted in the isolation of three new alkaloids, calyciphyllines N-P (1–3). In this paper, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of 1–3.



The leaves and stems of *D. calycinum* were extracted with MeOH, respectively, and each MeOH extract was partitioned between EtOAc and 3% tartaric acid. Water-soluble materials, which were adjusted to pH 10 with saturated Na₂CO₃, were extracted with CHCl₃ to give crude alkaloidal fractions. The crude alkaloidal materials prepared from the leaves were subjected to passage over an amino silica gel column (hexane/EtOAc and then CHCl₃/MeOH), followed by separation over a silica gel column (CHCl₃/MeOH), to give calyciphyllines N (1, 0.00031% yield) and O (2, 0.00010%). The crude alkaloidal materials prepared from the stems were separated by the same procedure as described above to yield calyciphylline P (3, 0.00002%).

Calyciphylline N (1) showed a pseudomolecular ion peak at m/z370 [M + H]⁺ in the ESIMS, and the molecular formula, C₂₃H₃₁NO₃, was established by HRESIMS (m/z 370.2375, [M + H]⁺, Δ -0.7 mmu). IR absorptions at 3420 and 1733 cm⁻¹ suggested the presence of hydroxyl groups and ester carbonyl functionalities, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1) and the HMQC spectra of 1 revealed 23 carbon signals due to one ester carbonyl, three sp² quaternary carbons, three sp³ quaternary carbons, five sp³ methines, eight sp³ methylenes, one methoxy, and two

Figure 1. Selected 2D NMR correlations for calyciphylline N (1).



Figure 2. Selected NOESY correlations and relative stereochemistry of calyciphylline N (1) (hydrogen atoms of methyl groups are omitted).

methyls. These data suggested that the structure of **1** is similar to that of daphmanidin A.⁸ The ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}^{1}\text{H}$ COSY and TOCSY spectra of **1** revealed four partial structures, **a** (C-3 to C-4), **b** (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-11 to C-12), **c** (C-13 to C-17), and **d** (C-18 to C-19 and C-20), which were connected to each other on the basis of HMBC correlations as shown in Figure 1. The NOESY correlations, as shown in Figure 2, indicated the relative configuration of **1** and the conformation of the bicyclo[2.2.2]octane moiety

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Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Data of Calyciphyllines N (1) and O (2) in CDCl₃

calyciphylline N (1)				calyciphylline O (2)			
position	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$		position	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$	
1		185.7	s	1	2.97 (1H, brs)	48.2	d
2		57.0	s	2	0.91 (1H, m)	42.9	d
3a	2.06 (1H, m)	23.3 ^a	t	3	1.49 (2H, m)	20.5	t
3b	1.20 (1H, m)			4a	1.58 (1H, m)	37.8	t
4a	1.41 (1H, m)	34.6	t	4b	1.29 (1H, m)		
4b	1.27 (1H, m)			5		36.0	s
5		39.4	s	6	1.81 (1H, d, 4.6 Hz)	57.2	d
6	1.56 (1H, m)	51.8	d	7	3.03 (1H, d, 4.6 Hz)	56.9	d
7	4.00 (1H, d, 5.9 Hz)	67.8 ^b	d	8		35.8	s
8		52.6	S	9	1.67 (1H, m)	52.5	d
9		141.2	s	10		50.4	s
10		132.2	s	11a	2.04 (1H, dd, 14.6, 7.2 Hz)	51.5	t
11	2.12 (2H, m)	25.2	t	11b	1.58 (1H, m)		
12a	2.12 (1H, m)	22.8^{a}	t	12	4.20 (1H, d, 6.9 Hz)	71.4	d
12b	1.88 (1H, m)			13a	1.65 (1H, m)	27.8	t
13a	2.53 (1H, dd, 13.6, 5.0 Hz)	38.8	t	13b	1.58 (1H, m)		
13b	2.31 (1H, dd, 13.6, 9.4 Hz)			14a	2.37 (1H, m)	29.5	t
14	3.13 (1H, m)	42.2	d	14b	2.20 (1H, m)		
15	3.54 (1H, m)	54.3	d	15a	1.70 (1H, m)	30.0	t
16a	1.81 (1H, m)	27.3	t	15b	1.26 (1H, m)		
16b	1.16 (1H, m)			16a	1.75 (1H, m)	26.6	t
17a	2.48 (1H, m)	42.7	t	16b	1.40 (1H, m)		
17b	2.27 (1H, dd, 14.6, 8.6 Hz)			17a	1.75 (1H, m)	37.8	t
18	2.01(1H, m)	37.0	d	17b	1.58 (1H, m)		
19a	3.93 (1H, dd, 15.6, 6.8 Hz)	67.6^{b}	t	18	1.52 (1H, m)	28.7	d
19b	3.42 (1H, dd, 15.6, 1.4 Hz)			19	$0.91 (3H, d, 6.3 Hz)^c$	21.0	q
20	0.97 (3H, d, 6.9 Hz)	16.6	q	20	0.91 (3H, d, 6.9 Hz) ^c	21.0	q
21	1.04 (3H, s)	21.4	q	21	0.82 (3H, s)	21.0	q
22		176.2	s	22		174.8	s
23	3.66 (3H, s)	51.0	q	23	3.64 (3H, s)	51.6	q

^a Assignments are interchangeable. ^b Assignments are interchangeable. ^c Assignments are interchangeable.

(C-1 to C-8). Thus, calyciphylline N (1) was assigned as the 21deacetoxy derivative of daphmanidin A.

The molecular formula of calyciphylline O (2) was determined as $C_{23}H_{37}NO_3$ by HRESIMS [*m*/*z* 376.2848, (M + H)⁺, Δ -0.4 mmu]. The IR spectrum (3359 and 1736 cm⁻¹) suggested the presence of a hydroxyl group and an ester carbonyl functionality, respectively. Inspection of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1) suggested that 2 consists of one ester carbonyl, three sp^3 quaternary carbons, seven sp³ methines, eight sp³ methylenes, one methoxy, and three methyls. Comparison of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of calyciphylline O(2) with those of methyl homosecodaphniphyllate⁹ indicated that calyciphylline O (2) is a hydroxylated analogue of methyl homosecodaphniphyllate. The ¹H-¹H COSY and TOCSY spectra of 2 disclosed four partial structures, a (C-2 to C-4, C-2 to C-18, and C-18 to C-19 and C-20), b (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-11 to C-12), c (C-15 to C-9 and C-17), and d (C-13 to C-14). The connectivities of these partial structures, $\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{d}$, were revealed on the basis of HMBC correlations as shown in Figure 3. The NOESY correlations shown in Figure 4 indicated that calyciphylline O (2) possesses the same relative stereochemistry as that of methyl homosecodaphniphyllate and an α -orientation of the hydroxy group at C-12. Thus, calyciphylline O (2) was assigned as 12-hydroxymethyl homosecodaphniphyllate.

The molecular formula of calyciphylline P (**3**) was established as $C_{30}H_{49}NO_4$ by HRESIMS [m/z 488.3717, (M + H)⁺, Δ -2.3 mmu]. The IR band at 3170 cm⁻¹ suggested the presence of hydroxyl group absorption. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2) and the HMQC spectra demonstrated that **3** consists of five sp³ quaternary carbons, eight sp³ methines, 12 sp³ methylenes, and five methyls. The chemical shifts of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2) implied that **3** is a congener of daphnimacropine.¹⁰ The¹H-¹H COSY and TOCSY spectra of **3** revealed the presence of five structural units, **a** (C-1 to C-4, C-2 to C-18, and C-18 to C-19 and C-20), **b** (C-6 to C-7 and C-12, and C-11 to C-12), **c** (C-15 to C-9 and C-17), **d** (C-14 to C-13 and C-22), and **e** (C-26 to C-28). Inspection of the HMBC spectrum of **3** disclosed the connectivities



Figure 3. Selected 2D NMR correlations for calyciphylline O (2).

of five partial structures, $\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{e}$, as shown in Figure 5. NOESY correlations as shown in Figure 6 verified that the relative stereochemistry of the daphnane skeleton moiety (C-1 through C-21) and the 2,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane moiety (C-23-C-30) of calyciphylline O (3) were the same as those of daphnimacropine. Thus, calyciphylline P (3) was assigned as dihydrodaphnimacropine.

Calyciphyllines N–P (1–3) did not show cytotoxicity against P388 murine leukemia, L1210 murine leukemia, and KB human epidermoid carcinoma cells (IC₅₀ > 5 μ g/mL).

Experimental Section

General Methods. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO P-1030 polarimeter. IR and UV spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-230 spectrometer and a Shimadzu UV-1600PC spectrophotometer, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX-600 and JEOL ECA-500 NMR spectrometers. The 7.26 and 77.0 ppm resonances of residual CDCl₃ were used as internal references



Figure 4. Selected NOESY correlations and relative stereochemistry of calyciphylline O (2) (hydrogen atoms of methyl groups are omitted).

Table 2. 1 H and 13 C NMR Data of Calyciphylline P (3) in CDCl₃.

position	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$	
1	3.44 (1H, m)	65.3	d
2	1.53 (1H, m)	37.4	d
3a	1.93 (1H, m)	28.1	t
3b	1.54 (1H, m)		
4a	1.96 (1H, m)	36.4	t
4b	1.58 (1H, m)		
5		35.0	S
6	1.83 (1H, m)	45.5	d
7	5.69 (1H, s)	80.8	d
8		45.8	S
9	2.38 (1H, m)	51.5	d
10		77.0 ^a	s
11a	2.73 (1H, m)	28.1	t
11b	1.53 (1H, m)		
12a	2.03 (1H, m)	16.3	t
12b	1.80 (1H, m)		
13a	1.93 (1H, m)	28.1	t
13b	1.54 (1H, m)		
14a	1.68 (1H, m)	29.6	t
14b	1.22 (1H, m)		
15a	2.03 (1H, m)	29.0	t
15b	1.42 (1H, m)		
16a	1.93 (1H, m)	28.1	t
16b	1.54 (1H, m)		
17a	2.12 (1H, m)	39.6	t
17b	1.84 (1H, m)		
18	1.68 (1H, m)	29.6	d
19	0.92 (3H, d, 6.6 Hz)	20.5	q
20	1.04 (3H, d, 6.6 Hz)	21.4	q
21	1.01 (3H, s)	26.1	q
22	3.37 (1H, d, 10.8 Hz)	74.2	d
23		38.1	S
24	1.08 (3H, s)	14.9	q
25	3.39 (2H, m)	66.3	t
26	4.10 (1H, d, 6.6 Hz)	81.7	d
27a	1.93 (1H, m)	24.8	t
27b	1.87 (1H, m)		
28a	2.06 (1H, m)	33.3	t
28b	1.78 (1H, m)		
29		104.9	S
30	1.47 (3H, s)	23.7	q

^a Overlapping with signal of residual CDCl₃.



Figure 5. Selected 2D NMR correlations for calyciphylline P (3).



Figure 6. Selected NOESY correlations and partial relative stereochemistry of calyciphylline P (3) (hydrogen atoms of methyl groups are omitted).

for $\,^1\mathrm{H}$ and $\,^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra, respectively. ESI mass spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMS-700TZ mass spectrometer.

Plant Material. The leaves and stems of *Daphniphyllum calycinum* were collected from Yunnan Province of China in 2005 by Dr. Huiping Zhang, Department of Chemistry of Natural Drugs, School of Pharmacy, Fudan University. A voucher specimen was deposited at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University.

Extraction and Isolation. The leaves (1.8 kg) and stems (11.0 kg) of *D. calycinum* were extracted separately with MeOH, and each MeOH extract (347.4 g from the leaves and 418.1 g from the stems) was partitioned between EtOAc and 3% tartaric acid. The water-soluble extracts, adjusted to pH 10 with saturated Na₂CO₃, were extracted with CHCl₃ to give crude alkaloidal fractions (4.3 g from leaves and 13.1 g from stems). The crude alkaloidal fraction prepared from the leaves was subjected to an amino silica gel column (hexane/EtOAc, 1:0 \rightarrow

4:6, and then CHCl₃/MeOH, 1:0 \rightarrow 0:1), followed by a silica gel column (CHCl₃/MeOH, 1:0 \rightarrow 0:1) to give calyciphyllines N (1, 0.00031% yield) and O (2, 0.00010%). A part of the crude alkaloidal fraction prepared from the stems (6.7 g) was separated by the same procedure as described above to yield calyciphylline P (3, 0.00002%).

Calyciphylline N (1): colorless, amorphous solid; $[\alpha]^{18}_{D} - 138.4$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (neat) ν_{max} 3420, 2936, 1733, 1169, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR, see Table 1; HRESIMS *m/z* 370.2375 (M + H; calcd for C₂₃H₃₂NO₃, 370.2382).

Calyciphylline O (2): colorless, amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} - 72.5$ (*c* 0.47, CHCl₃); IR (neat) ν_{max} 3359, 2947, 1736, 1173 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data see Table 1; HRESIMS *m*/*z* 376.2848 (M + H; calcd for C₂₃H₃₈NO₃, 376.2852).

Calyciphylline P (3): colorless, amorphous solid; $[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$ -14.4 (*c* 0.31, CHCl₃); IR (neat) ν_{max} 3170, 2959, 1662, 1200, 1139, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data see Table 2; HRESIMS *m*/*z* 488.3717 (M + H; calcd for C₃₀H₅₀NO₄, 488.3740).

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