

## ent-Kaurane Diterpenoids from *Isodon pharicus*

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Phytochemical investigation of the aerial parts of *Isodon pharicus* led to the isolation of 13 new *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids, compounds **1–13**, together with 12 known analogues (**14–25**). The structures of the new compounds were determined by means of extensive spectroscopic techniques including interpretation of 1D and 2D NMR spectra. Selected compounds were evaluated for their cytotoxicity against NB4, A549, PC-3, MCF-7, and SH-SY5Y cell lines.

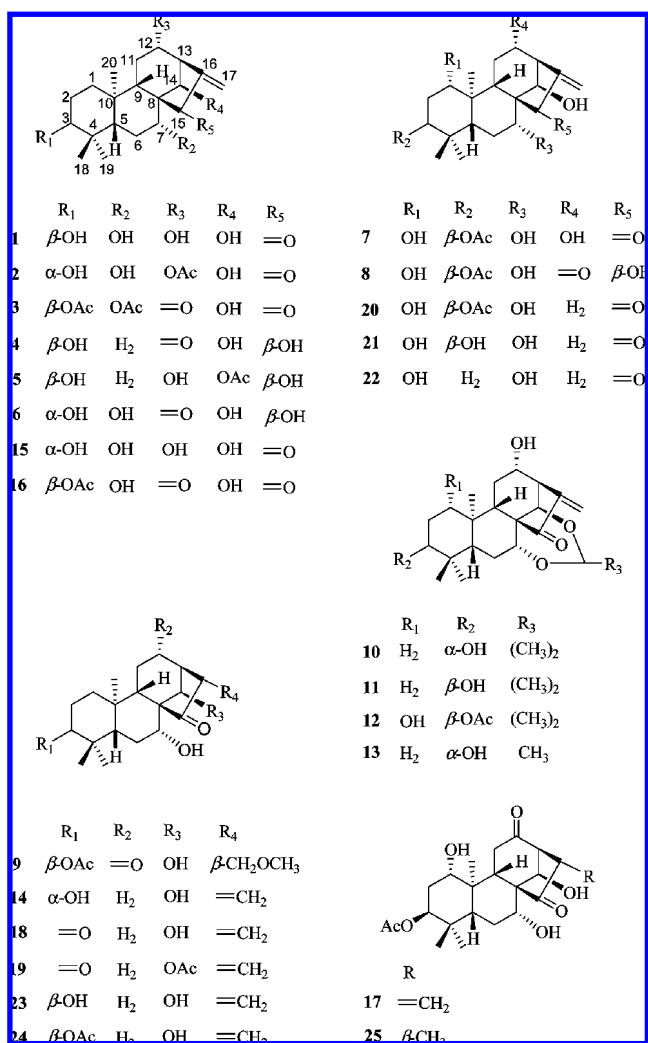
Over the past 30 years, a large number of *ent*-kauranoids, with a wide range of bioactivities and low cytotoxicities, have been isolated from the genus *Isodon* (Lamiaceae) by our group.<sup>1,2</sup> Moreover, the secondary metabolites of this genus have been proven to exhibit characteristics of biodiversity attributed to their different ecological environments.<sup>3–8</sup> *Isodon pharicus* (Prain) Hara, mainly distributed in the northwest of Sichuan Province and the southern district of the Tibetan Region, People's Republic of China, has been used for deinsectization and treatment of inflammation of the eyes.<sup>9</sup> Previous studies on this plant resulted in the isolation of nine *ent*-kauranoids, including a dimeric *ent*-kauranoid.<sup>10–13</sup> In the course of searching for more biologically active *ent*-kauranoids, we have investigated the aerial parts of *I. pharicus*, collected in Lhasa, Tibet Autonomous Region. As a result, 13 new *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids, compounds **1–13**, together with 12 known analogues (**14–25**), were obtained. We describe herein the isolation and structure elucidation of these new compounds and the cytotoxicity evaluation of selected compounds.

### Results and Discussion

The 70% aqueous acetone extract of the air-dried and powdered aerial parts of *I. pharicus* was partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O to afford an EtOAc extract (273 g), which was subjected to silica gel column chromatography using a CHCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO mixture as eluent. Further purification by repeated normal-phase column chromatography and semipreparative HPLC yielded 13 new *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids, compounds **1–13**, along with 12 known constituents, namely, pseuratas A–C (**14–16**),<sup>14</sup> pseurata F (**17**),<sup>15</sup> glaucocalyxins A and B (**18** and **19**),<sup>16</sup> isodomedin (**20**),<sup>17</sup> minherin G (**21**),<sup>18</sup> kamebanin (**22**),<sup>19</sup> wangzaozin A (**23**),<sup>20</sup> leukamenin E (**24**),<sup>21</sup> and dihydropseurata F (**25**).<sup>15</sup> The structures of the known compounds were determined by comparing spectroscopic data with literature values.

3-Epipseurata B (**1**), a white amorphous powder, showed a pseudomolecular ion at *m/z* 373 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> in the positive ESIMS. IR absorptions at 3421, 1716, and 1643 cm<sup>-1</sup> implied the presence of hydroxy, carbonyl, and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone functions. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum showed 20 resonances (Table 3), in agreement with HRESIMS data (*m/z* 373.1993, calcd 373.1990), suggesting a molecular formula of C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub> for **1**. The HSQC spectrum resolved

Chart 1



the 20 carbon signals as three methyl, five methylene (including one sp<sup>2</sup> methylene), seven methine (of which four were oxygenated), and five quaternary carbons (including one sp<sup>2</sup> carbon and one carbonyl), which was consistent with a skeleton of an *ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.<sup>21</sup> Four oxymethine protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.38 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.0, 6.1 Hz), 4.33 (1H, m), 4.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.4, 3.3 Hz), and 5.19 (1H, s), observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Table 1), were

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**Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Data of Compounds **1–5** ( $\delta$  in ppm, *J* in Hz)

H	<b>1</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>b,d</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>b,d</sup>	<b>4</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>a,c</sup>
1 $\alpha$	1.34 (1H, overlap)	1.52 (1H, overlap)	1.04 (1H, m)	1.40 (2H, m)	1.41 (2H, m)
1 $\beta$	1.29 (1H, m)	0.72 (1H, dt, 12.8, 4.4)	1.28 (1H, br d, 13.7)		
2 $\alpha$	1.98 (1H, m)	1.72 (2H, overlap)	1.58 (1H, m)	1.52 (1H, m)	1.53 (1H, overlap)
2 $\beta$	1.53 (1H, overlap)		1.75 (1H, overlap)	1.91 (1H, m)	1.76 (1H, m)
3 $\alpha$	3.38 (1H, dd, 6.1, 3.0)		4.76 (1H, s)	3.33 (1H, br s)	3.31 (1H, dd, 7.2, 2.7)
3 $\beta$		3.36 (1H, dd, 10.8, 5.1)			
5 $\beta$	1.52 (1H, overlap)	0.97 (1H, br d, 11.9)	1.76 (1H, overlap)	1.47 (1H, br s)	1.33 (1H, overlap)
6 $\alpha$	1.72 (1H, m)	2.04 (1H, m)	1.73 (1H, overlap)	1.41 (1H, m)	1.45 (1H, overlap)
6 $\beta$	1.89 (1H, m)	2.27 (1H, m)	2.17 (1H, m)	1.49 (1H, m)	1.33 (1H, overlap)
7 $\alpha$				2.27 (1H, br d, 12.4)	1.62 (1H, m)
7 $\beta$	4.33 (1H, m)	4.86 (1H, dd, 11.9, 3.7)	5.97 (1H, dd, 10.5, 3.5)	1.50 (1H, m)	1.49 (1H, overlap)
9 $\beta$	1.38 (1H, d, 9.9)	1.49 (1H, overlap)	1.75 (1H, overlap)	2.06 (1H, br s)	1.90 (1H, d, 10.0)
11 $\alpha$	1.68 (1H, d, 16.7)	1.66 (2H, overlap)	2.47–2.55 (2H, m)	2.03 (1H, m)	1.49 (1H, overlap)
11 $\beta$	1.53 (1H, overlap)			2.63 (1H, dd, 16.5, 10.4)	1.96 (1H, m)
12 $\beta$	4.03 (1H, dd, 3.3, 1.4)	5.18 (1H, br s)			3.91 (1H, m)
13 $\alpha$	2.60 (1H, m)	3.52 (1H, d, 2.8)	4.14 (1H, s)	3.17 (1H, br s)	2.61 (1H, d, 4.4)
14 $\alpha$	5.19 (1H, s)	5.46 (1H, br s)	5.41 (1H, s)	4.41 (1H, s)	5.83 (1H, s)
15 $\alpha$				4.40 (1H, s)	4.09 (1H, m)
17a	5.99 (1H, s)	6.34 (1H, s)	6.25 (1H, s)	5.19 (1H, d, 2.5)	5.13 (1H, t, 1.4)
17b	5.36 (1H, s)	5.49 (1H, s)	5.51 (1H, s)	5.01 (1H, s)	4.96 (1H, s)
18	0.98 (3H, s)	1.17 (3H, s)	0.87 (3H, s)	0.94 (3H, s)	0.91 (3H, s)
19	0.90 (3H, s)	1.06 (3H, s)	0.70 (3H, s)	0.79 (3H, s)	0.82 (3H, s)
20	1.35 (3H, s)	1.23 (3H, s)	0.84 (3H, s)	0.79 (3H, s)	1.35 (3H, s)
OAc		2.12 (3H, s)	2.03 (3H, s)		1.97 (3H, s)
			1.93 (3H, s)		

<sup>a</sup> Recorded in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO. <sup>b</sup> Recorded in C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N. <sup>c</sup> Recorded at 400 MHz. <sup>d</sup> Recorded at 500 MHz.

**Table 2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR Data of Compounds **6–9** ( $\delta$  in ppm, *J* in Hz)

H	<b>6</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	<b>7</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>8</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	<b>9</b> <sup>b,c</sup>
1 $\alpha$	1.67 (1H, m)			1.25 (1H, br d, 12.9)
1 $\beta$	0.92 (1H, m)	3.51 (1H, dd, 11.9, 4.2)	3.63 (1H, dd, 11.2, 4.4)	1.00 (1H, m)
2 $\alpha$	1.59 (2H, m)	1.61 (1H, m)	1.73 (1H, m)	1.56 (1H, m)
2 $\beta$		1.96 (1H, m)	1.97 (1H, m)	1.72 (1H, m)
3 $\alpha$		4.63 (1H, t, 2.7)	4.65 (1H, d, 2.6)	4.77 (1H, br s)
3 $\beta$	3.16 (1H, m)			
5 $\beta$	0.93 (1H, dd, 12.4, 1.6)	1.34 (1H, d, 11.4)	1.40 (1H, d, 12.1)	1.62 (1H, d, 12.1)
6 $\alpha$	1.72 (1H, q, 17.6)	1.80 (2H, m)	1.79 (1H, q, 12.1)	1.89 (1H, q, 12.1)
6 $\beta$	2.03 (1H, overlap)		1.88 (1H, m)	2.11 (1H, m)
7 $\alpha$				
7 $\beta$	3.93 (1H, m)	4.18 (1H, dd, 11.4, 4.4)	3.91 (1H, dd, 11.7, 3.9)	4.82 (1H, br d, 11.8)
9 $\beta$	1.86 (1H, br d, 10.2)	1.62 (1H, d, 9.4)	2.23 (1H, d, 9.9)	1.72 (1H, d, 10.8)
11 $\alpha$	2.00 (1H, overlap)	3.11 (1H, d, 16.7)	3.69 (1H, d, 16.7)	2.46 (1H, d, 17.9)
11 $\beta$	2.67 (1H, dd, 16.6, 10.2)	1.44 (1H, m)	2.66 (1H, dd, 16.7, 9.9)	2.76 (1H, dd, 17.9, 10.8)
12 $\beta$		3.91 (1H, t, 4.4)		
13 $\alpha$	3.11 (1H, s)	3.02 (1H, d, 2.9)	3.10 (1H, s)	3.65 (1H, d, 6.4)
14 $\alpha$	4.75 (1H, s)	5.17 (1H, s)	4.78 (1H, s)	5.47 (1H, s)
15 $\alpha$	5.31 (1H, d, 5.5)		5.35 (1H, s)	
16 $\alpha$				3.77 (1H, m)
17a	5.28 (1H, d, 2.6)	5.94 (1H, s)	5.26 (1H, d, 1.7)	3.90 (1H, m)
17b	5.08 (1H, s)	5.33 (1H, s)	5.06 (1H, s)	3.74 (1H, dd, 9.8, 4.7)
18	1.00 (3H, s)	0.85 (3H, s)	0.87 (1H, s)	0.85 (3H, s)
19	0.78 (3H, s)	0.93 (3H, s)	0.94 (3H, s)	0.76 (3H, s)
20	0.83 (3H, s)	1.39 (3H, s)	0.96 (3H, s)	0.86 (3H, s)
OAc		2.00 (3H, s)	2.02 (3H, s)	2.05 (3H, s)
OMe				3.14 (3H, s)

<sup>a</sup> Recorded in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO. <sup>b</sup> Recorded in C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N. <sup>c</sup> Recorded at 400 MHz. <sup>d</sup> Recorded at 500 MHz.

located at C-3, C-7, C-12, and C-14, respectively, which was proven by the HMBC correlations from H-3 to C-5, C-18, and C-19, from H-7 to C-5, C-8, C-14, and C-15, from H-12 to C-9 and C-14, and from H-14 to C-7, C-8, C-15, and C-16. The <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations of H-1/H-2/H-3, H-5/H-6/H-7, and H-9/H-11/H-12/H-13/H-14 established the spin systems of –CH<sub>2</sub>(C-1)–CH<sub>2</sub>(C-2)–CH(C-3)–, –CH(C-5)–CH<sub>2</sub>(C-6)–CH(C-7)–, and –CH(C-9)–CH<sub>2</sub>(C-11)–CH(C-12)–CH(C-13)–CH(C-14)–, respectively, as shown in Figure 1. These features indicated the gross structure of **1** as 3,7,12,14-tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The relative configuration of **1** was judged from the ROESY correlations of H-3 with Me-19, of H-7 with H-9 $\beta$ , of H-12 with H-17b, and of H-14 with H-6 $\alpha$  and Me-20, which suggested the substituents at C-3, C-7, C-12, and C-14 were  $\beta$ -,  $\alpha$ -,  $\alpha$ -, and

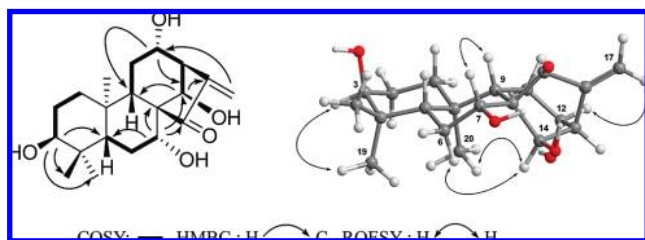
$\beta$ -oriented, respectively. Compared with **15**, the upfield signals at  $\delta_C$  33.1 (C-1) and  $\delta_C$  46.3 (C-5), caused by the  $\gamma$ -steric compression effect between HO-3 $\beta$  and H-1 $\beta$  and H-5 $\beta$ , along with the small coupling constant of H-3, confirmed that H-3 in **1** was  $\alpha$ -oriented. The 3D structure of **1** obtained using a molecular modeling program with MM2 force-field calculations for energy minimization was in good agreement with the observed ROESY correlations, as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, compound **1** was elucidated as 3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ ,14 $\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 12-*O*-acetylpsurata B (**2**) were similar to those of **15**, and the only difference was that an acetoxy group at C-12 in **2** replaced a hydroxy group at the same position in the latter compound, which was proven by the correlations of H-12 ( $\delta_H$  5.18) with C-9, C-13, C-14, and OAc in the HMBC

**Table 3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Data of Compounds **1–9** ( $\delta$  in ppm)

carbon	<b>1</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>b,d</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>b,d</sup>	<b>4</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>6</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	<b>7</b> <sup>a,c</sup>	<b>8</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	<b>9</b> <sup>b,c</sup>
1	33.1 t	38.2 t	32.9 t	33.6 t	33.7 t	39.0 t	76.4 d	76.7 d	32.7 t
2	26.1 t	28.0 t	22.9 t	26.1 t	25.8 t	27.9 t	34.0 t	37.6 t	22.8 t
3	75.2 d	77.7 d	76.9 d	75.3 d	75.6 d	78.1 d	78.8 d	78.6 d	77.2 d
4	39.0 s	38.7 s	36.9 s	39.4 s	38.1 s	39.4 s	37.1 s	37.2 s	36.8 s
5	46.3 d	55.1 d	47.9 d	48.6 d	48.5 d	53.0 d	46.7 d	46.8 d	47.7 d
6	30.4 t	30.0 t	24.9 t	19.4 t	20.1 t	29.8 t	28.9 t	29.7 t	29.0 t
7	75.3 d	74.4 d	75.2 d	29.5 t	31.1 t	75.4 d	75.0 d	75.2 d	74.3 d
8	61.5 s	60.9 s	62.3 s	52.1 s	51.0 s	55.0 s	61.9 s	55.9 s	61.3 s
9	57.2 d	55.1 d	50.0 d	46.5 d	50.4 d	46.6 d	58.5 d	47.8 d	51.3 d
10	38.0 s	39.3 s	40.1 s	38.1 s	38.2 s	39.5 s	44.3 s	45.0 s	39.4 s
11	26.3 t	23.5 t	36.0 t	36.7 t	26.3 t	36.4 t	28.9 t	34.2 t	36.8 t
12	72.7 d	74.6 d	206.5 s	209.8 s	75.1 d	209.2 s	73.3 d	210.3 s	209.4 s
13	55.1 d	51.2 d	64.3 d	67.2 d	54.8 d	67.5 d	55.3 d	67.7 d	60.0 d
14	71.1 d	71.2 d	72.4 d	73.3 d	75.1 d	75.4 d	71.5 d	75.6 d	73.1 d
15	208.4 s	207.7 s	203.4 s	79.3 d	80.0 d	73.5 d	209.2 s	73.3 d	215.6 s
16	147.6 s	146.1 s	144.3 s	154.2 s	154.6 s	154.3 s	147.9 s	154.7 s	52.3 d
17	117.1 t	119.0 t	119.8 t	109.3 t	107.2 t	110.4 t	116.9 t	109.9 t	68.8 t
18	29.1 q	28.8 q	27.8 q	28.9 q	29.4 q	28.6 q	28.1 q	28.0 q	27.8 q
19	22.4 q	16.5 q	21.6 q	22.3 q	22.5 q	16.2 q	21.9 q	22.0 q	21.6 q
20	16.3 q	16.1 q	16.1 q	16.7 q	16.1 q	17.2 q	13.0 q	13.8 q	16.3 q
OAc		170.0 s	170.3 s		170.5 s		170.9 s	170.5 s	170.3 s
		21.3 q	21.1 q		20.9 q		21.0 q	21.1 q	21.0 q
OMe			21.0 q						59.0 q

<sup>a</sup> Recorded in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ . <sup>b</sup> Recorded in  $\text{C}_5\text{D}_5\text{N}$ . <sup>c</sup> Recorded at 100 MHz. <sup>d</sup> Recorded at 125 MHz.

**Figure 1.** Key HMBC and ROESY correlations of **1**.

experiment. The presence of the fragment for  $-\text{CH}_2(\text{C}-1)-\text{CH}_2(\text{C}-2)-\text{CH}(\text{C}-3)-$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{C}-5)-\text{CH}_2(\text{C}-6)-\text{CH}(\text{C}-7)-$ , and  $-\text{CH}(\text{C}-9)-\text{CH}_2(\text{C}-11)-\text{CH}(\text{C}-12)-\text{CH}(\text{C}-13)-\text{CH}(\text{C}-14)-$  were confirmed by the correlations of H-1/H-2/H-3, H-5/H-6/H-7, and H-9/H-11/H-12/H-13/H-14 observed in the  $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum. The relative configuration of **2** was assigned on the basis of the ROESY correlations of H-3 with H-1 $\beta$  and H-5 $\beta$ , H-7 with H-5 $\beta$  and H-9 $\beta$ , H-12 with H-17b, and H-14 with H-6 $\alpha$  and H<sub>3</sub>-20. Thus, **2** was elucidated as 3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,14 $\beta$ -trihydroxy-12 $\alpha$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

7-*O*-Acetylpsurata C (**3**) exhibited a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_7$  as determined by the positive HRESIMS ( $m/z$  455.2067 ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , calcd 455.2045). Comparison of the NMR data of **3** with those of **16** revealed that the only difference was that a hydroxy group at C-7 in **16** is acetylated in **3**. The HMBC correlations of H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.97) with OAc ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.7) confirmed this conclusion. Moreover, the correlations observed in the ROESY spectrum of **3** indicated that the orientations of the substituents in **3** are the same as those of **16**. Thus, compound **3** was characterized as 14 $\beta$ -hydroxy-3 $\beta$ ,7 $\alpha$ -diacetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-12,15-dione.

The molecular formula of compound **4** was analyzed as  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$  from its HRESIMS and NMR data. The absorptions of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone moiety were not observed in its UV and IR spectra. Analysis of its 2D NMR spectra and comparison with **3** showed the absence of a substituent at C-7 and the disappearance of two *O*-acetyl groups in **4**, which was supported by H<sub>2</sub>-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.27, br d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz,  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.50, m) correlations with C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  48.6), C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  46.5), and C-14 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  73.3), and H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.27), H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.06), H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.41), and H<sub>2</sub>-17 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.19, 5.01) all correlated with C-15 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  79.3) in the HMBC experiment. In addition, in the

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, the upfield shift for C-9 from  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  50.0 in **3** to  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  46.5 in **4**, caused by the  $\gamma$ -steric compression effect between HO-15 $\beta$  and H-9 $\beta$ , along with the upfield shift for C-8 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  52.1) in **4**, assigned the H-15 in **4** to be  $\alpha$ -oriented. Observation of the correlations of H-3 with H<sub>3</sub>-19, H-14 with H-6 $\alpha$  and H<sub>3</sub>-20, and H-15 with H-7 $\alpha$  and H-13 $\alpha$  in its ROESY experiment allowed H-3, H-14, and H-15 to be assigned as  $\alpha$ -oriented. Subsequently, compound **4** was elucidated as 3 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ ,15 $\beta$ -trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-12-one.

Compound **5**, a white amorphous powder, was found to possess the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$  from the HRESIMS pseudomolecular ion  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  at  $m/z$  401.2287 (calcd for 401.2303). Comparison of the NMR data of **5** with those of **4** indicated that a carbonyl group at C-12 in **4** is reduced to a hydroxy group in **5** and the hydroxy group at C-14 in **4** is replaced by an *O*-acetyl group in **5**, which was verified by the HMBC correlations of H-12 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.91) with C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  50.4) and C-14 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  75.1) and H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.83) with C-12 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  75.1) and OAc ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  170.5), as well as the significant upfield shift for C-13 ( $\Delta$  12.4 ppm) and C-11 ( $\Delta$  10.4 ppm), compared with those of **4**. In addition, the HO-12 $\alpha$ , AcO-14 $\beta$ , and HO-15 $\beta$  were assigned by the correlations of H-12 with H-17b, H-14 with H-13 $\alpha$  and H<sub>3</sub>-20, and H-15 with H-7 $\alpha$  observed in the ROESY experiment. Meanwhile, the upfield shifts at C-8 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  51.0) and C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  50.4) confirmed the  $\alpha$ -orientation of H-15. Thus, **5** was determined as 3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$ ,15 $\beta$ -trihydroxy-14 $\beta$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Compound **6** was assigned the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$  by the positive HRESIMS. Its NMR data were similar to those of **4** except for the ring-A and -B regions. A hydroxy group at C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.93, m,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  75.4) in **6** substituted the C-7 methylene group in **4**. The H-3 $\beta$  was deduced from the abnormal upfield shift of C-19 ( $\Delta$  6.1 ppm) and the relative downfield shifts of C-1 ( $\Delta$  5.4 ppm) and C-5 ( $\Delta$  4.4 ppm) because of the absence of  $\gamma$ -steric compression effect between HO-3 $\beta$  and H-1 $\beta$  and H-5 $\beta$  in **6**. This was confirmed by the ROESY correlations of H-3 with H-1 $\beta$  and H-5 $\beta$ , and of H-7 with H-5 $\beta$  and H-9 $\beta$ . Consequently, the structure of **6** was elucidated as 3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,14 $\beta$ ,15 $\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-12-one.

12-Deoxyisodomedin (**7**) was isolated as a white powder, whose molecular formula was established as  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_7$  by HRESIMS and NMR data. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **7** indicated the similarity to those of **17**, and the only difference observed was the

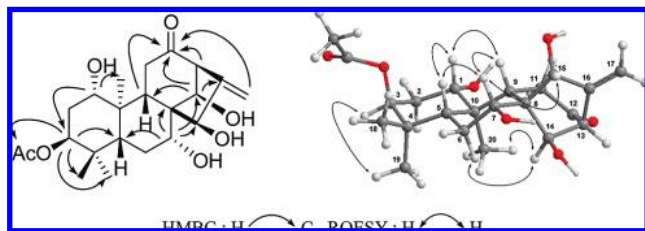


Figure 2. Key HMBC and ROESY correlations of **8**.

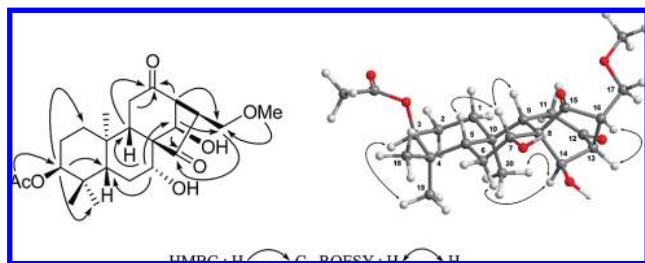


Figure 3. Key HMBC and ROESY correlations of **9**.

presence of a hydroxy with  $\alpha$ -orientation at C-12 in **7** instead of a keto group at the same position in **17**. The correlations of H-12 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.91) with C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  58.5) and C-14 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  71.5) observed in the HMBC and H-12/H-17b observed in the ROESY spectrum of **7** confirmed this conclusion. Accordingly, **7** was characterized as  $1\alpha,7\alpha,12\alpha,14\beta$ -tetrahydroxy- $3\beta$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Dihydropseurata F (**8**), obtained as a white powder, has a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_7$  from its HRESIMS. The IR spectrum revealed absorption bands at 3418 (OH) and 1717 (CO). Comparison of the spectroscopic data of **8** with those of **17** suggested that a carbonyl group at C-15 in **17** was reduced to a hydroxy group in **8**, which was proven by the HMBC correlations from H-15 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.35) to C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  75.2), C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  47.8), and C-17 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  109.9). The upfield signals at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.9 (C-8) and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  47.8 (C-9) indicated the presence of H-15 $\alpha$ . This was proven by the ROESY spectrum of **8**, as shown in Figure 2. Consequently, compound **8** was assigned as  $1\alpha,7\alpha,14\beta,15\beta$ -tetrahydroxy- $3\beta$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-12-one.

17-Methoxydihydropseurata C (**9**) was assigned the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_7$  by the positive HRESIMS. The NMR data of **9** were similar to those of **16** except for the ring-D region. The exomethylene group in **16** was replaced by a methine proton [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.77 (m, H-16);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  52.3 (C-16)] and a methoxymethyl group [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.14 (s, OMe), 3.90 (m, H-17a), and 3.74 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 4.7$  Hz, H-17b);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  59.0 (OMe) and 68.8 (C-17)] in **9**, which was confirmed by the COSY correlations of H-13/H-16/H<sub>2</sub>-17. The  $\beta$ -orientation of the methoxymethyl group was established by the ROESY correlations of H-16/H-13 $\alpha$  (Figure 3). Therefore, the structure of **9** was represented as  $16(R)-7\alpha,14\beta$ -dihydroxy-17-methoxy- $3\beta$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-12,15-dione.

Pseurata B acetonide (**10**) exhibited a quasimolecular ion peak at  $m/z$  413.2321 [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> in its HRESIMS, corresponding to  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$ , with seven degrees of unsaturation. Comparison of the NMR data of **10** with those of pseurata B (**15**) revealed that the two compounds resembled each other, and the only difference was that **10** has one more degree of unsaturation when taken in conjunction with the three more carbon signals including a quaternary carbon [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  97.5 (C-1')] and two methyls at [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  31.3 (C-2');  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  25.4 (C-3')]; this indicated that **10** could be an acetonide of **15**. The above conclusion was proven by HMBC correlations of H-7/C-1', H-14/C-1', and H-3' and H-2'/C-1'. Thus, compound **10** was identified as  $3\alpha,7\alpha,12\alpha,14\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one 7,14-acetonide.

The molecular formulas of compounds **11**–**13** were determined as  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_7$ , and  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5$ , respectively, according to

Table 4. Cytotoxicity Data for Selected Isolates from *I. pharicus* in Selected Human Cell Lines<sup>a</sup>

compd	NB4	A549	SH-SY5Y	PC-3	MCF-7
<b>2</b>	8.32	>10	8.12	>10	>10
<b>9</b>	8.74	>10	>10	7.42	>10
<b>10</b>	3.56	6.02	>10	>10	>10
<b>14</b>	7.69	2.92	>10	>10	9.05
<b>16</b>	2.08	7.62	>10	>10	>10
<b>18</b>	2.90	5.39	>10	>10	8.73
<b>19</b>	7.86	6.22	>10	>10	>10
<b>20</b>	7.29	>10	>10	>10	>10
<b>23</b>	9.02	9.29	>10	>10	5.80
<b>24</b>	4.00	>10	>10	>10	>10
paclitaxel	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
etoposide	1.3	1.7	1.7	13.6	7.6

<sup>a</sup> Results are expressed as IC<sub>50</sub> values in  $\mu\text{M}$ . Cell lines: NB4 acute promyelocytic leukemia; A549 lung cancer; PC-3 prostate cancer; MCF-7 breast cancer; SH-SY5Y human neuroblastoma. Compounds **1**, **3**, **5**, **7**, **8**, **15**, **17**, and **21** were inactive for all cell lines (IC<sub>50</sub> > 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

their HRESIMS. Examination of their NMR data as well as a detailed comparison of their 1D, 2D NMR spectra with those of compounds **1**, **7**, and **15**, respectively, suggested that **11** and **12** were the acetonides of **1** and **7**, respectively, and **13** was an acetal of **15**. Therefore, compounds **11**–**13** were elucidated as  $3\beta,7\alpha,12\alpha,14\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-16-*ent*-kaur-15-one 7,14-acetonide,  $1\alpha,7\alpha,12\alpha,14\beta$ -tetrahydroxy- $3\beta$ -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one 7,14-acetonide, and  $3\alpha,7\alpha,12\alpha,14\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one 7,14-acetal, respectively. Compounds **10**–**12** could be artifacts of **15**, **1**, and **7**, respectively, since acetone was used in the course of extraction and isolation. Similarly, compound **13** was most likely generated from condensation of **15** with acetaldehyde, which is produced by the oxidation of ethanol in chloroform.

Due to the limited amount of material available, compounds **4**, **6**, **11**, **12**, **13**, **22**, and **25** were not tested for cytotoxicity. The other diterpenoids were evaluated for cytotoxic activities against the NB4 (acute promyelocytic leukemia), A549 (lung cancer), PC-3 (prostate cancer), MCF-7 (breast cancer), and SH-SY5Y (neuroblastoma) human cell lines, using the sulforhodamine B (SRB) method, as reported previously,<sup>21</sup> with paclitaxel and etoposide as the positive controls. As may be seen from Table 4, none of these compounds was broadly cytotoxic for all cell lines represented. The moderate cytotoxic compounds for one or more cell lines were **10**, **14**, **16**, **18**, and **24**.

## Experimental Section

**General Experimental Procedures.** Optical rotations were measured using a Perkin-Elmer model 241 polarimeter. UV spectra were carried out on a Shimadzu UV-2401A spectrophotometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS-135 spectrometer with KBr pellets. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DRX-400 and a DRX-500 instrument with TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on a VG Auto Spec-3000 spectrometer or on a Finnigan MAT 90 instrument. Semipreparative HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1100 liquid chromatograph with a Zorbax SB-C<sub>18</sub>, 9.4 mm  $\times$  25 cm, column. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc., Qingdao, People's Republic of China), Lichroprep RP-18 gel (40–63  $\mu\text{m}$ , Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), and MCI gel CHP 20P (75–150  $\mu\text{m}$ , Mitsubishi Chemical Corp., Tokyo, Japan). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> on glass plates (Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc.) using various solvent systems.

**Plant Material.** The aerial parts of *I. pharicus* were collected in the Lhasa area, Tibet Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China, in October 2005. Voucher specimens (KIB 20051006) were deposited at the State Key Laboratory of Phytochemistry and Plant Resources in West China, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and were identified by Prof. Xi-Wen Li.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The milled aerial parts of *I. pharicus* (7.0 kg) were extracted with 70% aqueous acetone (3  $\times$  40 L) at room temperature overnight. The extract was partitioned between EtOAc and

H<sub>2</sub>O. The EtOAc extract (380 g) was chromatographed on MCI gel CHP 20P (90% CH<sub>3</sub>OH–H<sub>2</sub>O, then 100% CH<sub>3</sub>OH). The 90% CH<sub>3</sub>OH fraction (273 g) was chromatographed over silica gel (200–300 mesh, 1.5 kg), eluted in a step gradient manner with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (1:0 to 0:1), to afford fractions A–F. Fraction A (9 g) was submitted to repeated chromatography over silica gel (petroleum ether–acetone, from 99:1 to 1:1) to give fractions A1–A4. Fraction A2 was purified by repeated chromatography over silica gel (petroleum ether–acetone, from 99:1 to 2:1) and RP-18 column (30% → 60% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield compounds **3** (7 mg, 0.00010%) and **19** (6 mg, 0.00009%). Compounds **9** (12 mg, 0.00017%), **10** (5 mg, 0.00007%), and **24** (4 mg, 0.00006%) were purified from fraction A3 by RP-18 column (30% → 60% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) and semipreparative HPLC (42% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O). Fraction A4 gave compounds **11** (2 mg, 0.00003%), **12** (2 mg, 0.00003%), and **13** (3 mg, 0.00004%) by RP-18 column (30% → 60% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) followed by semipreparative HPLC (40% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O). Fraction B (24 g) was submitted to repeated chromatography over silica gel (petroleum ether–acetone, from 40:1 to 0:1) to obtain fractions B1–B4. Compound **16** (350 mg, 0.005%) was crystallized from fraction B2. Compound **2** (227 mg, 0.00324%) was crystallized from fraction B4. Separation of fraction C by silica gel column chromatography, eluted with petroleum ether–acetone (9:1 → 1:1), yielded mixture fractions C1–C5. Compounds **5** (4 mg, 0.00006%) and **20** (125 mg, 0.00179%) were obtained by semipreparative HPLC (45% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) from C2. Fraction C3 afforded compounds **14** (12 mg, 0.00017%) and **18** (3 mg, 0.00004%) by RP-18 column chromatography (30% → 60% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) and semipreparative HPLC (40% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O). Compound **4** (1 mg, 0.00001%) was purified by fraction C4. Compound **22** (2 mg, 0.00003%) was obtained by RP-18 column chromatography (37% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) from fraction C5. Fraction D (20 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluted with petroleum ether–acetone (4:1 → 1:1), to yield fractions E1–E5. Compound **21** (5 mg, 0.00007%) was separated from fraction E1 by recrystallization from MeOH. Fraction E2 was purified using RP-18 column chromatography (30% → 60% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford compounds **7** (12 mg, 0.00017%) and **15** (38 mg, 0.00054%). Semipreparative HPLC (35% MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O) was applied to give compound **8** (9 mg, 0.00013%) from fraction E3. Compound **17** (2.4 g, 0.03429%) was crystallized from fraction E4.

**3-Epipseurata B (1):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.5}$  –37.9 (c 0.29, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 231.0 (3.44) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3421, 2963, 2915, 1750, 1716, 1699, 1643, 1455, 1391, 1372, 1257, 1227, 1108, 1079, 1069, 1032, 1012, 989, 958, 671 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 400 MHz], see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 100 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  373 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>  $m/z$  373.1993 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 373.1990).

**12-O-Acetylpsaurata B (2):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.2}$  –15.3 (c 0.20, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 229.4 (3.52) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3354, 2934, 1739, 1650, 1441, 1372, 1235, 1098, 1034, 993 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 500 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 125 MHz), see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  415 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>  $m/z$  415.2104 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 415.2096).

**7-O-Acetylpsaurata C (3):** amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{18.4}$  +64.9 (c 0.19, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 205.4 (3.28) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3442, 2956, 1726, 1641, 1375, 1248, 1089, 1057, 1034, 981 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 500 MHz), see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 125 MHz), see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  455 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  455.2067 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 455.2045).

**3β,14β,15β-Trihydroxy-ent-kaur-16-en-12-one (4):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.8}$  +73.3 (c 0.42, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 205.4 (3.45) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3429, 2939, 2872, 1698, 1447, 1416, 1389, 1233, 1054, 986, 969, 916, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 400 MHz], see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 100 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  357 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  357.2043 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 357.2041).

**3β,12α,15β-Trihydroxy-14β-acetoxy-ent-kaur-16-ene (5):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.8}$  +27.3 (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 204.6

(3.52) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3433, 2941, 2876, 1717, 1450, 1432, 1376, 1264, 1127, 1090, 1029, 991, 919, 887 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 400 MHz], see Table 2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 100 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  401 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  401.2287 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 401.2303).

**3α,7α,14β,15β-Tetrahydroxy-ent-kaur-16-en-12-one (6):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.2}$  +56.6 (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 204.6(3.44) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3396, 2932, 1713, 1449, 1392, 1369, 1096, 1029, 963, 916, 593, 522 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 500 MHz], see Table 1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 125 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  373 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  373.1977 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 373.1990).

**12-Deoxyisodomedin (7):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{18.9}$  +28.9 (c 0.52, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 202.0 (3.99) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3398, 2959, 2921, 1732, 1717, 1645, 1467, 1430, 1375, 1256, 1082, 1024, 1001 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 400 MHz], see Table 2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 100 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  431 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  431.2058 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 431.2045).

**Dihydropseurata F (8):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.5}$  +74.2 (c 0.46, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 206.0 (3.46) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3418, 2952, 1717, 1466, 1450, 1376, 1260, 1182, 1116, 1088, 1036, 988, 904 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 500 MHz], see Table 2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 125 MHz], see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  431 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  431.2073 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 431.2045).

**17-Methoxydihydropseurata C (9):** amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{18.6}$  +63.5 (c 0.13, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 202.4 (3.30) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3431, 2919, 2851, 1687, 1605, 1502, 1407, 1290, 1262, 1205, 1162, 1019 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 400 MHz), see Table 2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, 100 MHz), see Table 3; positive ESIMS  $m/z$  445 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  445.2200 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 445.2202).

**Pseurata B acetone (10):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.0}$  –49.7 (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 231.0 (3.76) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3439, 2989, 2933, 1732, 1650, 1465, 1374, 1261, 1196, 1157, 1113, 1086, 1018, 975, 869 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 400 MHz]  $\delta$  5.35 (1H, s, H-17a), 4.93 (1H, s, H-17b), 4.59 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz, H-14α), 4.12 (1H, m, H-7β), 4.09 (1H, s, H-12β), 3.15 (1H, m, H-3β), 3.04 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz, H-13α), 2.05–1.98 (2H, m, H<sub>2</sub>-6), 1.97 (1H, overlap, H-2β), 1.67 (1H, overlap, H-1α), 1.61 (2H, overlap, H<sub>2</sub>-11), 1.60 (1H, overlap, H-2α), 1.55 (3H, s, Me-3'), 1.26 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.23 (1H, overlap, H-9β), 1.10 (3H, s, Me-2'), 1.01 (3H, s, Me-18), 0.97 (1H, overlap, H-1β), 0.82 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.78 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 2.3 Hz, H-5β); positive ESIMS  $m/z$  413 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  413.2321 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 413.2303); <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 100 MHz]  $\delta$  206.9 (s, C-15), 146.6 (s, C-16), 116.6 (t, C-17), 97.5 (s, C-1'), 78.2 (d, C-3), 72.2 (d, C-12), 71.6 (d, C-7), 67.2 (d, C-14), 54.8 (s, C-8), 54.7 (d, C-9), 51.8 (d, C-13), 51.8 (d, C-5), 39.3 (s, C-4), 38.3 (s, C-10), 38.2 (t, C-1), 31.3 (q, C-2'), 28.5 (q, C-18), 28.2 (t, C-6), 27.8 (t, C-2), 26.5 (t, C-11), 25.4 (q, C-3'), 16.4 (q, C-20), 15.8 (q, C-19); positive ESIMS  $m/z$  413 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  413.2321 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 413.2303).

**3-Epipseurata B acetone (11):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.0}$  –49.7 (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 231.6 (3.49) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3442, 2989, 2940, 2874, 1733, 1650, 1463, 1376, 1260, 1197, 1157, 1114, 1092, 1039, 1022, 993, 869 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.16 (1H, s, H-17a), 5.56 (1H, s, H-17b), 4.93 (1H, s, H-14α), 4.29 (1H, t, J = 8.9 Hz, H-7β), 4.18 (1H, br s, H-12β), 3.44 (1H, s, H-3α), 3.07 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz, H-13α), 1.97 (2H, m, H<sub>2</sub>-6), 1.89 (1H, m, H-11β), 1.67 (2H, m, H<sub>2</sub>-2), 1.61 (1H, m, H-11α), 1.58 (3H, s, Me-3'), 1.47 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz, H-9β), 1.37 (1H, overlap, H-1α), 1.37 (1H, overlap, H-5β), 1.24 (3H, s, Me-2'), 1.23 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.22 (1H, overlap, H-1β), 0.98 (3H, s, Me-18), 0.90 (3H, s, Me-19); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  206.4 (s, C-15), 144.2 (s, C-16), 118.1 (t, C-17), 97.3 (s, C-1'), 75.5 (d, C-3), 72.1 (d, C-12), 70.7 (d, C-7), 66.3 (d, C-14), 54.4 (s, C-8), 53.1 (d, C-9), 51.0 (d, C-13), 44.5 (d, C-5), 37.4 (s, C-4), 37.3 (s, C-10), 32.0 (t, C-1), 30.7 (q, C-2'), 28.0 (q, C-18), 27.1 (t, C-6), 25.6 (t, C-2), 25.2 (q, C-3'), 24.8 (t, C-11), 21.9 (q, C-19), 15.8 (q, C-20); positive ESIMS  $m/z$  413 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  413.2307 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 413.2303).

**12-Deoxyisodomedin acetone (12):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{19.0}$  +51.7 (c 0.06, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 231.2 (3.48) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3440, 2988, 1734, 1650, 1376, 1258, 1197, 1180, 1159, 1115,

1039, 987, 954  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}, 500 \text{ MHz}] \delta$  5.95 (1H, s, H-17a), 5.33 (1H, s, H-17b), 4.95 (1H, s, H-14 $\alpha$ ), 4.65 (1H, br s, H-3 $\alpha$ ), 4.45 (1H, d,  $J = 2.9 \text{ Hz}$ , HO-12 $\alpha$ ), 4.11 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.7, 5.9 \text{ Hz}$ , H-7 $\beta$ ), 4.03 (1H, d,  $J = 3.1 \text{ Hz}$ , H-12 $\beta$ ), 3.55 (1H, m, H-1 $\beta$ ), 3.50 (1H, d,  $J = 6.1 \text{ Hz}$ , HO-1 $\alpha$ ), 3.15 (1H, br d,  $J = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$ , H-11 $\beta$ ), 3.04 (1H, d,  $J = 2.7 \text{ Hz}$ , H-13 $\alpha$ ), 2.09 (1H, m, H-6 $\alpha$ ), 2.02 (3H, s, OAc), 1.96 (1H, m, H-2 $\beta$ ), 1.84 (1H, m, H-6 $\beta$ ), 1.70 (1H, m, H-2 $\alpha$ ), 1.62 (1H, overlap, H-11 $\alpha$ ), 1.62 (1H, overlap, H-9 $\beta$ ), 1.56 (3H, s, Me-3'), 1.37 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.24 (1H, d,  $J = 12.3 \text{ Hz}$ , H-5 $\beta$ ), 1.11 (3H, s, Me-2'), 0.97 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.89 (3H, s, Me-18);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}, 125 \text{ MHz}] \delta$  207.5 (s, C-15), 170.5 (s, OAc), 147.4 (s, C-16), 116.1 (t, C-17), 97.5 (s, C-1'), 79.0 (d, C-3), 76.0 (d, C-1), 72.8 (d, C-12), 71.5 (d, C-7), 67.5 (d, C-14), 55.6 (s, C-8), 55.6 (d, C-9), 52.2 (d, C-13), 46.1 (d, C-5), 43.8 (s, C-10), 37.2 (s, C-4), 34.0 (t, C-2), 31.2 (q, C-2'), 28.3 (t, C-11), 27.9 (q, C-18), 27.7 (t, C-6), 25.5 (q, C-3'), 21.9 (q, C-19), 21.0 (q, OAc), 12.3 (q, C-20); positive ESIMS  $m/z$  471  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  471.2349  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_7$ , 471.2358).

**Pseurata B acetal (13):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20.1} -65.9$  ( $c$  0.22, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 231.4 (3.50) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3439, 2960, 2932, 2872, 1732, 1649, 1406, 1254, 1126, 1096, 1026, 994  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}, 500 \text{ MHz}] \delta$  5.95 (1H, s, H-17a), 5.36 (1H, s, H-17b), 5.11 (1H, q,  $J = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ , H-1'), 4.85 (1H, s, H-14 $\alpha$ ), 4.59 (1H, d,  $J = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ , HO-12 $\alpha$ ), 4.13 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.6, 5.6 \text{ Hz}$ , H-7 $\beta$ ), 4.06 (1H, m, H-12 $\beta$ ), 3.52 (1H, d,  $J = 5.3 \text{ Hz}$ , HO-3 $\alpha$ ), 3.16 (1H, m, H-3 $\beta$ ), 3.07 (1H, d,  $J = 3.7 \text{ Hz}$ , H-13 $\alpha$ ), 2.14 (1H, q,  $J = 12.6 \text{ Hz}$ , H-6 $\alpha$ ), 1.75 (1H, m, H-6 $\beta$ ), 1.65 (1H, m, H-1 $\alpha$ ), 1.59 (2H, m, H<sub>2</sub>-11), 1.57 (2H, m, H<sub>2</sub>-2), 1.28 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.25 (1H, d,  $J = 9.3 \text{ Hz}$ , H-9 $\beta$ ), 1.05 (3H, d,  $J = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ , Me-2'), 1.03 (3H, s, Me-18), 0.86 (1H, overlap, H-5 $\beta$ ), 0.84 (1H, overlap, H-1 $\beta$ ), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-19);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}, 125 \text{ MHz}] \delta$  207.1 (s, C-15), 146.7 (s, C-16), 116.8 (t, C-17), 91.7 (d, C-1'), 78.2 (d, C-3), 73.2 (d, C-12), 73.3 (d, C-14), 72.6 (d, C-7), 55.4 (s, C-8), 55.3 (d, C-9), 52.1 (d, C-13), 51.5 (d, C-5), 39.5 (s, C-4), 38.4 (t, C-1), 38.2 (s, C-10), 28.6 (q, C-18), 27.8 (t, C-2), 26.6 (t, C-11), 23.0 (t, C-6), 21.4 (q, C-2'), 16.2 (q, C-20), 15.9 (q, C-19); positive ESIMS  $m/z$  399  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 775  $[2\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; positive HRESIMS  $m/z$  399.2152  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5$ , 399.2147).

**Cellular Proliferation Assay.** Colorimetric assays were performed to evaluate compound activity. The NB4 acute promyelocytic leukemia cell line, the A549 lung cancer cell line, the PC-3 prostate cancer cell line, the MCF-7 breast cancer cell line, and the SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cell line were treated with various concentrations of compounds (0, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 96-well culture plates for 48 h in 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of media and pulsed with 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of 2-(2-methoxy-4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2,4-disulphophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium (WST-8; Cell Counting Kit-8; Dojindo, Kumamoto, Japan) to each well for 4 h. WST-8 is converted to WST-8-formazan upon bioreduction in the presence of an electron carrier, 1-methoxy-5-methylphenazinium methyl sulfate, which is abundant in viable cells. Absorbance readings at a wavelength of 450 nm were taken on a spectrophotometer (Multiscan MK3, Thermo Labsystems). The concentration resulting in 50% of cell-growth inhibition ( $\text{IC}_{50}$ ) was calculated using the Probit program in

SPSS 7.5 for windows 98 (SPSS Inc., Chicago). Paclitaxel and etoposide were used as positive controls.<sup>22</sup>

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