

Sesquiterpene Lactones from *Scorzonera austriaca*

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Six new sesquiterpene lactones, scorzoaustriacoside (**1**), scorzoaustriacin (**2**), scorzoaustriacin 3-*O*- β -D-glucoside (**3**), 4-*epi*-dihydroestafiatol (**4**), 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin (**5**), and 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin 3-*O*- β -D-glucoside (**6**), along with five known guaianolides, were isolated from an acetone extract of the roots of *Scorzonera austriaca*. The structures of the new compounds were elucidated mainly by interpretation of their 1D and 2D NMR and HRMS data. Several isolates obtained in this investigation were evaluated against a small panel of cancer cell lines.

The genus *Scorzonera* (Asteraceae) comprises more than 170 species distributed from the Mediterranean region to Central Asia. Among them, 23 species have been found in mountain areas at altitudes of 1000–3000 m in mainland China.¹ In Europe and Asia, the roots of certain *Scorzonera* species have been used as officinal plants due to their medicinal value.^{2–5} *Scorzonera austriaca* Willd. has been employed as a Tibetan folk medicine for the treatment of fever, carbuncles, inflammation, and mastitis in the People's Republic of China.⁵ Coumarins,⁶ flavonoids,⁶ and guaiane-type sesquiterpenoids^{7,8} have been previously reported from this plant. We report herein the isolation and structure elucidation of six new sesquiterpenoids, namely, scorzoaustriacoside (**1**), scorzoaustriacin (**2**), scorzoaustriacin 3-*O*- β -D-glucoside (**3**), 4-*epi*-dihydroestafiatol (**4**), 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin (**5**), and 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin sulfate (**6**), along with five known guaianolides, from an acetone extract of the roots of *S. austriaca*. Scorzoaustriacin (**2**) is a guaianolide derivative possessing an unusual aminomethyl- γ -butyrolactone structural unit. Selected isolates obtained in this investigation were evaluated against a small panel of cancer cell lines.

A molecular formula of C₂₁H₃₂O₉ was assigned for compound **1** from the observed HRESIMS data at *m/z* 446.2376 ([M + NH₄]⁺). The ¹³C NMR and DEPT spectra of **1** showed 21 carbon signals including three methyls, three methylenes, 12 methines, and three quaternary carbons. The presence of a β -glucose unit in the molecule of **1** was evident from the chemical shift and coupling constant of the anomeric proton at δ_{H} 4.28 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz) and the chemical shifts of six carbon resonances observed at δ_{C} 100.8 (CH), 73.4 (CH), 76.1 (CH), 69.9 (CH), 75.9 (CH), and 61.0 (CH₂).⁹ Interpretation of the observed 1D ¹H NMR data and 2D ¹H–¹H COSY, HMQC, and HMBC correlations related to the rest of the 15 carbon resonances of compound **1** suggested that this isolate is a sesquiterpene β -glucoside with a gross structure as shown in Figure 1. Both the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) of the aglycone of compound **1** were found to be closely comparable to the published values for (*E,E*)-3 β ,9 β -dihydroxy-6 β H,11 β H-germacra-1(10),4-dien-12,6-lactone.¹⁰ The location of the glucose unit was assigned at C-3 unambiguously on the basis of the observed HMBC correlations from H-3 at δ_{H} 4.41 to C-1'' at δ_{C} 100.8 and from H-1'' at δ_{H} 4.28 to C-3 at δ_{C} 83.7. The relative configuration of **1** was confirmed by analysis of the chemical shifts, coupling constants, and NOE correlations observed for the key ¹H and ¹³C NMR resonances. The relatively upfield chemical shifts of the allylic methyls (C-14, δ_{C} 10.3; C-15, δ_{C} 11.6) suggested that both double bonds in the molecule of **1** are in the *E*-form.¹⁰ The large coupling

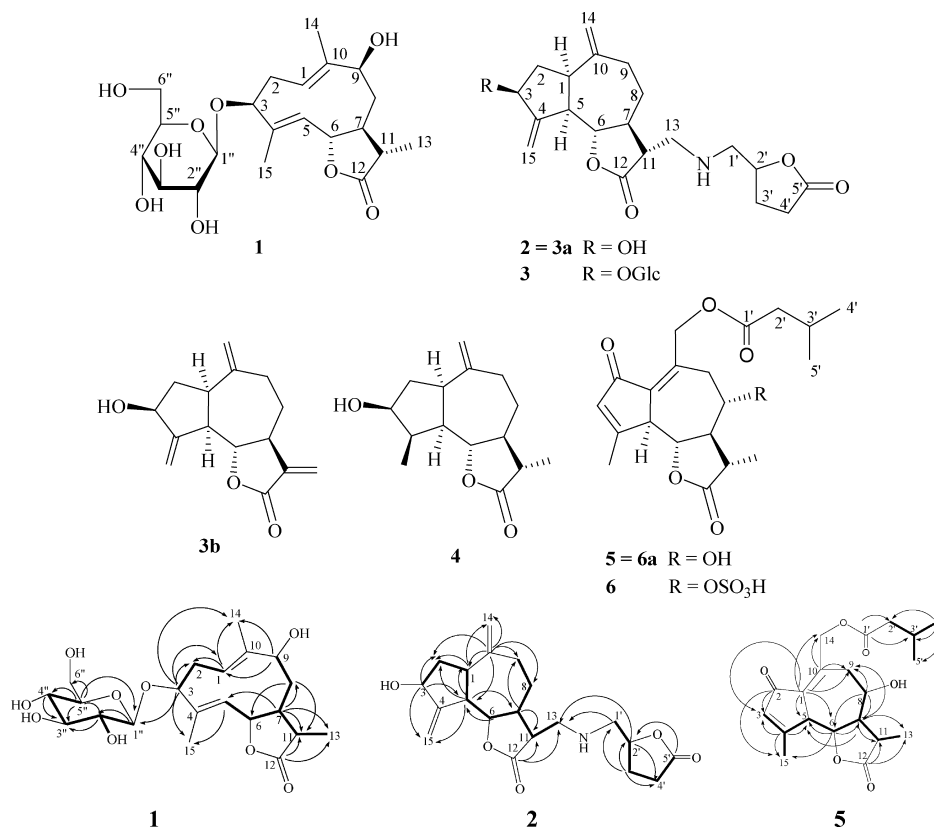
constants for H-5 (4.77, brd, *J* = 10.2 Hz) and H-6 (4.88, dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.7 Hz) suggested a *trans*-lactone junction.¹⁰ The resonance of C-15 was observed in a relatively upfield position at δ_{C} 11.6 and indicated that the glucopyranoxy functionality at C-3 is in the β -orientation.¹⁰ The chemical shift and coupling constant of H-9 (4.00, brd, *J* = 8.4 Hz) suggested that OH-9 is β -oriented in the molecule of **1**. In NOE experiments, irradiation of H-11 led to an enhancement of H-6 (+6.58%), while irradiation of H-9 led to an enhancement of H-7 (+5.86%). These data were used to determine an α -orientation for H-7 and H-9 and a β -orientation for H-6 and H-11. In order to determine the absolute configuration of the β -glucose unit, compound **1** was first hydrolyzed and then derivatized by a method described previously.¹¹ GC analysis of its trimethylsilyl D-cysteine derivative revealed the presence of D-glucose. Therefore, compound **1** was elucidated as (*E,E*)-3 β -*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-9 β -hydroxy-6 β ,7 α ,11 β H-germacra-1(10),4-dien-12,6-olide and named scorzoaustriacoside. To our knowledge, compound **1** is the first germacrane-type sesquiterpene lactone to have been isolated from the genus *Scorzonera*.²

Compound **2** was assigned a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₇O₅N from the sodiated molecular ion observed at *m/z* 384.1785 in its HRESIMS, requiring eight degrees of unsaturation. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2) as well as the observed ¹H–¹H COSY, HMQC, and HMBC correlations (Figure 1) suggested that compound **2** is a guaiane-type sesquiterpene derivative structurally related to 11 β ,13-dihydrozaluzanin.¹² In addition to the resonances assigned to the skeleton of the sesquiterpene, the ¹³C and DEPT NMR data indicated the presence of one more carbonyl carbon at δ_{C} 173.6 (C-5'), one more oxygenated methine carbon at δ_{C} 70.8 (C-2'), and three methylenes at δ_{C} 54.6 (C-1'), 28.8 (C-4'), and 23.5 (C-3') in the molecule of **2**. Further interpretation of the observed ¹H (Table 1) and 2D NMR data (Figure 1) related to these carbon resonances was used to determine the presence of an aminomethyl- γ -butyrolactone moiety.¹³ By considering of the chemical shifts of both C-13 (δ_{C} 53.3) and C-1' (δ_{C} 54.6) and the elemental composition determined from the HRMS, it could be concluded that the aminomethyl- γ -butyrolactone moiety and the sesquiterpene unit are connected between C-13 and C-1' through a nitrogen atom. This was confirmed by an HMBC correlation observed from H-13a at δ_{H} 3.40 to C-1' and C-12 at δ_{C} 178.9. The relative configuration of **2** was determined by the key NOE correlations observed. The relative configurations of H-3 and CH₂-13 were assigned by the strong NOESY correlations from H-6 to H-3 and H-1 and from CH₂-13 to H-1, H-15, and H-7, respectively. This was confirmed by a 1D NOE experiment, in which irradiation of H-3 led to the enhancements of H-5 (+0.78%) and H-7 (+2.02%). Consequently, compound **2** was elucidated as 1 α H,5 α H,6 β H,7 α H,11 β H-3 β -hydroxy-11 α -[(tetrahydro-5-oxo-fu-

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**Figure 1.** Key COSY (bold) and HMBC (C → H) correlations for **1**, **2**, and **5**.**Table 1.** ¹H NMR Spectroscopic Data for **1–4** [δ_{H} , mult. (*J* in Hz)]^a

position	1 ^b	2 ^b	2 ^c	3 ^b	4 ^d
1	5.05 brdd (9.0, 6.9)	2.72 brdd (10.0, 6.8)	2.75 dd (10.2, 8.7)	2.85 dd (10.0, 8.0)	2.63 ddd (12.9, 3.6, 3.3)
2a	2.36 brdd (8.4, 8.1)	2.14 ddd (13.6, 7.6, 6.0)	2.16 ddd (12.9, 8.4, 6.0)	2.28 ddd (14.0, 8.0, 7.6)	1.99 ddd (12.3, 9.3, 6.9)
2b	2.36 brdd (8.4, 8.1)	1.44 ddd (13.2, 7.8, 7.2)	1.50 ddd (12.3, 8.1, 7.8)	1.79 ddd (14.1, 6.3, 6.0)	1.92–1.90 m
3	4.41 dd (8.7, 7.2)	4.38 dd (7.6, 8.0)	4.33 t (8.1)	4.55 dd (6.4, 7.2)	4.23 ddd (6.9, 6.0, 4.4)
4					2.36 t (6.9)
5	4.77 brd (10.2)	2.77 dd (10.0, 9.2)	2.75 dd (10.2, 8.7)	2.77 dd (10.0, 8.0)	2.71 brd (10.5)
6	4.88 dd (9.6, 8.7)	4.11 t (9.2)	3.98 dd (9.9, 9.0)	4.23 dd (10.0, 9.6)	4.11 dd (10.8, 9.9)
7	1.82–1.93 m	2.11 brd (7.6)	2.36 brdd (12.9, 10.5)	2.21 brdd (12.8, 11.6)	2.30 ddd (12.9, 7.8, 6.9)
8 α	1.82–1.93 m	1.87 brd (9.6)	2.06 dd (11.7, 4.0)	1.93–1.97 m	2.08 ddd (13.2, 4.2, 3.6)
8 β	1.75 brd (12.3)	1.23 dd (13.8, 8.4)	1.26 brd (8.1)	1.31 dd (12.0, 10.0)	1.31 td (12.9, 4.2)
9 β	4.00 brd (8.4)	2.22–2.31 m	2.36 brdd (12.9, 10.5)	2.36–2.39 m	1.99 ddd (12.3, 9.3, 6.9)
9 α		1.76 ddd (10.1, 7.6, 4.8)	1.90 ddd (12.3, 9.3, 6.6)	2.02–2.05 m	1.81 ddd (12.3, 8.5, 4.5)
10					
11	2.47 dq (10.8, 6.9)	2.88 td (11.2, 4.0)	2.58 ddd (8.7, 6.0, 5.0)	2.95 ddd (11.1, 8.7, 6.0)	2.22 ddd (10.5, 7.2, 3.3)
12					
13a	1.12 d (7.2)	3.40 dd (12.4, 11.2)	3.03 dd (11.1, 6.6)	3.56 dd (12.4, 6.0)	1.22 d (7.2)
13b		3.27 dd (12.4, 4.0)	2.83 dd (13.8, 9.0)	3.30 d (6.0)	
14a	1.40 s	4.77 s	4.84 s	4.85 brs	5.01 s
14b		4.70 s			4.96 s
15a	1.64 s	5.04 s	5.11 s	5.25 brs	0.95 d (6.9)
15b		5.02 s	5.04 s	5.20 brs	
1'a		3.65 brt (7.6)	3.70–3.60 m	3.66 brd (3.7)	
1'b		3.08 brdd (13.2, 7.6)	3.01 dd (6.6, 4.5)	3.10 brd (6.9)	
2'		3.85 dd (7.2, 3.9)	3.31 dd (4.5, 5.1)	3.92 dd (10.8, 6.9)	
3'a		1.95–2.00 m	2.00 brd (6.6)	2.35–2.39 m	
3'b		1.81 brdd (9.3, 3.6)	1.82–1.89 m	1.88 dd (8.8, 6.0)	
4'a		2.22–2.31 m	1.92, brdd (12.3, 6.6)	2.28–2.36 m	
4'b		1.95–2.00 m	1.70, brdd (8.7, 7.8)	2.02–2.05 m	
Glc-1''	4.28 d (7.5)			4.47 d (8.0)	
Glc-2''	3.20 dd (9.0, 7.5)			3.15 dd (9.2, 8.0)	
Glc-3''	3.30 brd (7.8)			3.35 dd (9.2, 7.2)	
Glc-4''	3.30 brd (7.8)			3.22 dd (9.6, 9.2)	
Glc-5''	3.37 dd (8.7, 8.1)			3.35 dd (9.2, 7.2)	
Glc-6''a	3.80 brd (12.3)			3.92 dd (12.8, 10.0)	
Glc-6''b	3.59 dd (12.0, 3.9)			3.47 dd (12.8, 11.2)	

^a Assignments were made using ¹H–¹H COSY, HMBC, and NOE experiments. ^b Recorded at 400 MHz in D₂O. ^c Recorded at 300 MHz in DMSO-*d*₆. ^d Recorded at 300 MHz in CDCl₃.

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR Spectroscopic Data (75 MHz) for **1–4** (δ_{C} , mult.)

position	1 ^a	2 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^a	4 ^c
1	126.5 CH	42.7 CH	42.8 CH	43.6 CH	41.5 CH
2	31.7 CH ₂	37.3 CH ₂	38.8 CH ₂	36.5 CH ₂	39.6 CH ₂
3	83.7 CH	72.5 CH	72.2 CH	81.1 CH	74.0 CH
4	140.5 qC	152.8 qC	155.1 qC	149.7 qC	40.5 CH
5	126.5 CH	46.1 CH	48.9 CH	49.0 CH	47.4 CH
6	81.9 CH	85.8 CH	84.4 CH	85.3 CH	83.3 CH
7	50.1 CH	48.1 CH	45.2 CH	46.5 CH	51.7 CH
8	35.4 CH ₂	31.1 CH ₂	32.3 CH ₂	31.0 CH ₂	33.0 CH ₂
9	79.1 CH	35.1 CH ₂	37.2 CH ₂	34.4 CH ₂	34.9 CH ₂
10	139.4 qC	149.6 qC	150.5 qC	149.5 qC	148.5 qC
11	41.9 CH	42.4 CH	45.6 CH	43.0 CH	42.4 CH
12	182.8 qC	178.9 qC	177.9 qC	178.9 qC	179.1 qC
13	12.2 CH ₃	53.3 CH ₂	53.8 CH ₂	54.6 CH ₂	13.5 CH ₃
14	10.3 CH ₃	113.0 CH ₂	113.0 CH ₂	113.6 CH ₂	112.1 CH ₂
15	11.6 CH ₃	109.5 CH ₂	107.8 CH ₂	113.6 CH ₂	8.3 CH ₃
1'		54.6 CH ₂	52.1 CH ₂	53.3 CH ₂	
2'		70.8 CH	67.5 CH	70.9 CH	
3'		23.5 CH ₂	24.2 CH ₂	23.5 CH ₂	
4'		28.8 CH ₂	29.3 CH ₂	28.9 CH ₂	
5'		173.6 qC	174.3 qC	173.7 qC	
Glc-1''	100.8 CH			101.5 CH	
Glc-2''	73.4 CH			73.4 CH	
Glc-3''	76.1 CH			76.0 CH	
Glc-4''	69.9 CH			69.9 CH	
Glc-5''	75.9 CH			76.0 CH	
Glc-6''	61.0 CH ₂			61.0 CH ₂	

^a Measured in D₂O. ^b Measured in DMSO-*d*₆. ^c Measured in CDCl₃.

ran-2-yl)methylamino]methylguaia-4(15),10(14)-dien-12,6-olide and named scorzoaustriacin.

A molecular formula of C₂₆H₃₇O₁₀N was assigned for compound **3** from the protonated molecular ion observed at *m/z* 524.2499 in the HRESIMS. Comparison of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **3** with those of **2** (Tables 1 and 2) suggested that **3** is a β-glucoside of **2**. The glucose was suggested to be located at C-3, since the resonance for this carbon in **3** was downfield shifted significantly (δ_{C} 81.1) compared to that observed in **2** (δ_{C} 72.5).¹⁴ This was confirmed by HMBC correlations observed from H-1'' to C-3 and from H-3 to C-1''. The glucose was determined to be in the D-form by the same method as described for compound **1**. Compounds **3a** and **3b** were obtained from **3** via acid hydrolysis and were identified as compound **2** and zaluzanin C¹² by ¹H NMR data. Therefore, compound **3** was assigned as scorzoaustriacin 3-*O*-β-D-glucoside. The unusual aminomethyl-γ-butyrolactone moiety may be synthesized biogenetically from naturally occurring 4-hydroxymethyl-γ-butyrolactone,^{15,16} possibly formed via the naturally abundant glutamic acid as a precursor.^{13,16,17} Zaluzanin C reacted with an aminomethyl-γ-butyrolactone to give **2** through 1,4-nucleophilic addition of primary amines under acid catalysis.

Compound **4** was assigned a molecular formula of C₁₅H₂₂O₃ from the HRESIMS (observed *m/z* 273.1463 [M + Na]⁺). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data of **4** (Tables 1 and 2) were very close to those of dihydroestaftiol.¹² The major differences between the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of these two compounds were the chemical shifts of both H-15 and C-15. In comparison with the H-15 (δ_{H} 1.24) and C-15 (δ_{C} 14.1) resonances of dihydroestaftiol,¹² the resonances of H-15 (δ_{H} 0.95) and C-15 (δ_{C} 8.3) were upfield shifted significantly in **4**. This suggested that the difference between compound **4** and dihydroestaftiol is at C-4. A β-orientation of CH₃-15 in **4** was evident from the enhancement of H-15 (+1.99%) by irradiation of H-6 in a 1D NOE experiment. In addition, the specific rotation sign observed for **4** ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -31; *c* 1.44, Me₂CO) is opposite that reported for dihydroestaftiol ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ +25; *c* 0.08, CHCl₃).¹² Consequently, compound **4** was elucidated as 4-*epi*-dihydroestaftiol.

Compound **5** gave a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₆O₆, as deduced from the HRESIMS (observed *m/z* 363.1804 [M + H]⁺), requiring eight degrees of unsaturation. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 3)

were closely comparable to those of desacetylmaticarin.¹⁸ Further interpretation of these data and the correlations observed in the ¹H–¹H COSY, HMQC, and HMBC spectra revealed that compound **5** is a matricarin-type guaianolide possessing an isovaleroxy group (Figure 1).¹⁹ The isovaleroxy functionality was assigned at C-14 on the basis of the observed HMBC correlations from H-14a at δ_{H} 5.53 and H-14b at δ_{H} 5.33 to C-1' at δ_{C} 173.0 and C-1 at δ_{C} 135.8. The hydroxy group at C-8 was assigned with an α-orientation by the NOESY correlations observed from H-8 at δ_{H} 3.74 to H-11 and H-9b and from H-9a at δ_{H} 2.64 to H-5, H-7, and H-13. Consequently, compound **5** was elucidated as 5αH,6βH,7αH,11βH-8α-hydroxy-14-isovaleroxy-1(10),3-dien-2-oxo-guaian-12,6-olide and named 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of compound **6** were very similar to those of **5** (Table 3). The evident differences were the chemical shifts of H-7, H-8, and H-9; and C-7, C-8, and C-9. This information, in combination with the consideration of a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₆O₉S (a SO₃ unit greater than that of **5**), as determined from the HRESIMS (observed *m/z* 443.1379 [M + H]⁺), suggested that compound **6** is the sulfate form of **5**. The EIMS showed very weak fragment ions at *m/z* 362 [M – SO₃]⁺ and 344 [M – H₂SO₄]⁺, which were consistent with the presence of a sulfate functionality in **6**. The IR spectrum also exhibited strong absorption bands for a sulfate group (1259, 1220, and 1116 cm⁻¹).²⁰ Solvolysis of **6** gave compound **5** (**6a**), which confirmed the structure of **6**. Therefore, the structure of this compound was concluded to be 14-isovaleroxyscorzoaustriacin sulfate. Natural sulfates have been found to exist in a wide variety of marine organisms, especially from sponges and echinoderms, such as alkane, meroterpenoid, polyhydroxy, sesterterpenoid, steroid, and triterpenoid sulfates. However, very few natural sulfates have been found in terrestrial plants, especially sulfated sesquiterpenoids.^{21,22}

The known compounds zaluzanin C,¹² glucozaluzanin C,²³ dehydrocostuslactone,²⁴ 11β,13-dihydrozaluzanin,¹² and diacetoxylisopiddiol²⁵ were identified by comparison of their physical and spectroscopic data with those reported in the literature.

Four compounds obtained in this investigation, **2**, **3**, **5**, and **6**, were evaluated for their cytotoxic activity against four human tumor cell lines, namely, K562, K562/ADM, BGC-823, and Hep-G2. Among these compounds, only compound **2** was found to be

Table 3. NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds **5** and **6**^a

position	5 ^b		6 ^c	
	δ_C , mult.	δ_H (J in Hz)	δ_C	δ_H (J in Hz)
1	135.8 qC		136.0	
2	194.4 qC		194.4	
3	135.4 CH	6.20 brs	134.7	6.18 s
4	171.5 qC		172.0	
5	51.5 CH	3.45 d (10.1)	51.0	3.70 d (9.9)
6	80.5 CH	3.70 dd (10.1, 10.0)	80.7	3.89 t (9.9)
7	61.5 CH	2.17 ddd (10.0, 9.6, 1.6)	59.7	2.37 dd (10.5, 10.2)
8	70.0 CH	3.74 ddd (10.0, 3.8, 1.4)	73.9	4.33 dd (10.2, 9.0)
9	41.9 CH ₂	2.64 dd (14.0, 10.0) 2.59 dd (14.0, 3.8)	38.1	3.12–3.18 m 2.54 dd (13.8, 11.4)
10	141.7 qC		142.7	
11	41.2 CH	2.57 dq (9.6,7.0)	40.5	2.76 dq (11.7, 6.9)
12	177.3 qC		177.4	
13	15.5 CH ₃	1.46 d (7.0)	14.9	1.38 d (6.9)
14	62.2 CH ₂	5.53 d (13.6) 5.33 d (13.6)	61.4	5.47 d (13.5) 5.36 d (13.5)
15	20.0 CH ₃	2.33 s	19.1	2.30 s
i-Val-1'	173.0 qC		173.0	
i-Val-2'	43.2 CH ₂	2.25 d (7.0)	42.6	2.33 dd (7.2, 6.6)
i-Val-3'	25.7 CH	2.16 tq (7.0, 6.6)	25.3	2.11 tq (7.2, 6.9)
i-Val-4'	22.4 CH ₃	0.97 d (6.6)	21.8	0.94 d (6.6)
i-Val-5'	22.4 CH ₃	0.97 d (6.6)	21.8	0.94 d (6.6)

^a ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts were assigned by ¹H–¹H COSY, HMBC, NOE, and NOESY data. ^b Recorded in CDCl₃ at 400 and 100 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C NMR, respectively. ^c Recorded in acetone-*d*₆ at 300 and 75 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C NMR, respectively.

marginally active, with an IC₅₀ value of 11.3 μ M, for the K562 human erythroleukemia cell line.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were measured using an uncorrected X-4 Digital Display micromelting point apparatus. Optical rotations were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 341 digital polarimeter in CHCl₃. UV spectra were run in MeOH on a Shimadzu UV-260 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were carried out a Nicolet FTIR-360 or a Bio-Rad FTS165-IR spectrometer. ¹H NMR (1D, ¹H–¹H COSY, NOE) and ¹³C NMR (1D, HMQC, HMBC, NOESY) spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-400 or Varian Mercury-300 NMR spectrometers, and the chemical shifts are given as δ values with TMS as the internal standard. HRESIMS were recorded on a Bruker APEX II47e mass spectrometer. EIMS and FABMS were measured on HP5988a GC-MS and VG-ZAB-MS mass spectrometers at 70 eV, respectively. GLC was carried out on a TRACE DSQ GC-MS instrument. Solvents were distilled prior to use, and spectroscopic grade solvents were employed. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200–300 mesh and Type 60) and TLC on silica gel (GF₂₅₄, 10–40 μ m), with both materials supplied by Qingdao Marine Chemical Co.

Plant Material. The roots of *Scorzonera austriaca* were collected at the North Mountains of Huzhu County, Qinghai Province, People's Republic of China, in August 1999, and identified by Prof. Fu-Jia Zhang, School of Life Science, Lanzhou University. A voucher specimen (Sa19990801) has been deposited at the State Key Laboratory of Applied Organic Chemistry, Lanzhou University.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried roots of *S. austriaca* (3.5 kg) were powdered and first extracted with acetone (4 \times 20 L), then with 95% ethanol (2 \times 20 L). The extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure to yield dried residues. The dried acetone residue (182 g) was chromatographed over a silica gel column, using petroleum ether (60–90 $^{\circ}$ C)–acetone mixtures of increasing polarity, and finally washed with MeOH. The 6:1 petroleum ether–acetone fraction was subjected to further chromatographic separation with petroleum ether–EtOAc, then CHCl₃–acetone, to yield **4** (15 mg). The 1:1 petroleum ether–acetone fraction was subjected to further chromatographic separation with CHCl₃–MeOH, then petroleum ether–acetone and petroleum ether–EtOAc–MeOH, to give **5** (15 mg). The 1:2 petroleum ether–acetone fraction was chromatographed with petroleum ether–acetone, then CHCl₃–MeOH, to give **6** (25 mg). The dried ethanol residue (400 g) was suspended in distilled water and extracted with *n*-butanol (4 \times 500 mL). The water layer was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (300 g), which was subjected to column chromatography

on a resin (D-3520), with EtOH–H₂O mixtures of increasing polarity used for elution. The 100% H₂O fraction was subject to further chromatographic separation using Me₂CO–MeOH, then CH₂Cl₂–MeOH and EtOAc–MeOH, to yield **1** (20 mg) and **3** (35 mg). The 5% EtOH–H₂O fraction was subjected to chromatographic separation with Me₂CO–MeOH to yield **2** (25 mg).

Compound 1: colorless oil; [α]_D²⁰ +194 (c 0.50, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 210 (3.8) nm; IR ν_{\max} (film) 3355, 1749, 1638, 1076, 1048, 965 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; FABMS *m/z* 428 [M]⁺; HRESIMS *m/z* 446.2376 [M + NH₄]⁺ (calcd for C₂₁H₃₆O₉N, 446.2385).

Compound 2: colorless crystals; mp 180–181 $^{\circ}$ C (MeOH); [α]_D²⁰ –3 (c 0.60, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3401, 3077, 1749, 1645 1452, 1373, 1322, 1201, 977, 910 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 215 (3.0) nm; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; EIMS *m/z* 362 (37), 316 (15), 256 (35), 117 (18), 53 (100); FABMS *m/z* 362 [M + H]⁺, 316, 256, 116; HRESIMS *m/z* 362.1964 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₂₈O₅N, 362.1962), 384.1785 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₂₇O₅NNa, 384.1781).

Compound 3: colorless crystals; mp 148–149 $^{\circ}$ C (MeOH); [α]_D²⁰ –91 (c 0.50, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 213 (3.0) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3519, 3357, 3256, 1751, 1645, 1036, 979, 899 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; HRESIMS *m/z* 524.2499 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₆H₃₈O₁₀N, 524.2490).

Compound 4: colorless gum; [α]_D²⁰ –11 (c 0.33, CHCl₃), UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 215 (2.6) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3400, 1763, 1639, 1066, 1027, 987, 913, 734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; EIMS *m/z* 250 (0.7) [M]⁺, 232 (5) [M – H₂O]⁺, 177 (95), 152 (100); HRESIMS *m/z* 273.1463 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃Na, 273.1461).

Compound 5: colorless gum; [α]_D²⁰ –8 (c 0.38, Me₂CO); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 210 (4.2), 241 (4.6) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3463, 1778, 1734, 1687, 1643, 1615, 1375, 1291, 1188, 1163, 1116, 986 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 3; EIMS *m/z* 362 [M]⁺, 260 (13), 57 (100); HRESIMS *m/z* 363.1804 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₂₈O₆, 363.1802).

Compound 6: colorless crystal; mp 158–159 $^{\circ}$ C (MeOH); [α]_D²⁰ –31 (c 1.44, Me₂CO); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 251 (3.4) nm; IR ν_{\max} (KBr) 3472, 1779, 1727, 1689, 1645, 1616, 1459, 1259, 1220, 1162, 1116, 1065, 1015, 961, 817 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 3; EIMS *m/z* 362 (0.7), 344 (0.7), 278 (39) [M – HSO₃ – C₃H₉O]⁺, 260 (0.7) [M – SO₃ – C₃H₁₀O₂]⁺, 41 (100); HRESIMS *m/z* 443.1379 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₀H₂₇O₉S, 443.1370), [M + Na]⁺ at *m/z* 465.1186.

Acid Hydrolysis of 1. Compound **1** (5 mg) in 5 mL of 2 N CF₃COOH was stirred for 5 h at 95 $^{\circ}$ C. On cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃ three times to afford an aqueous layer and organic layer. The aqueous phase was concentrated under reduced

pressure to give a residue, which was purified on a Sephadex LH-20 column eluted with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (2:1), to afford a sugar fraction. The sugar fraction was dissolved in pyridine (0.5 mL each) and stirred with D-cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride (0.08 M) in pyridine (0.75 mL) before 1-trimethylsilylimidazole (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture, using the same procedures as in a previous report.¹¹ The mixture was partitioned between *n*-hexane and H_2O (0.5 mL each). The *n*-hexane fraction was analyzed by GC-MS using a DB-1701 column (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 μm). The temperatures of the transfer line and source were 280 and 250 °C, respectively. A temperature gradient system was used for the oven, starting at 80 °C for 1 min and increasing up to 280 °C, at a rate of 20 °C/min. D-Glucose (t_{R} 13.74 min) was identified as the sugar moiety of **1** by comparing its retention time with those of authentic samples of D-glucose (t_{R} 13.74 min) and L-glucose (t_{R} 13.65 min), after treatment in the same manner.

Acid Hydrolysis of 3. Compound **3** (10 mg) was first hydrolyzed, then derivatized and analyzed, as described for **1**. D-Glucose was detected by GC analysis (t_{R} 13.74). The organic layer of **3** was dried completely under reduced pressure and chromatographed on a silica gel column, eluted with CH_2Cl_2 -Me₂CO mixtures, to give **3a** (2 mg) and **3b** (2 mg). They were identified as compound **2** (**3a**) and zaluzanin C (**3b**)¹² by ¹H NMR and EIMS, respectively. **3a**: ¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ_{H} 5.44 (1H, s, H-15a), 5.38 (1H, s, H-15b), 4.96 (1H, s, H-14a), 4.93 (1H, s, H-14b), 4.56 (1H, m, H-3), 4.16 (2H, dd, $J = 13.3, 7.2$ Hz, H-1'a, H-2'), 4.03 (1H, t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, H-6), 3.34 (1H, m, H-13a), 3.07 (1H, $J = 13.9, 3.5$ Hz, H-13b), 3.02–2.80 (2H, m, H-11, H-1'b), 2.58–2.42 (3H, m, H-1, H-5, H-4'a), 2.38–2.20 (2H, m, H-2a, H-7), 2.08–2.00 (3H, m, H-9a, H-3'a, H-4'b), 1.99–1.70 (3H, m, H-8a, H-9b, H-3'b), 1.70–1.50 (1H, m, H-2b), 1.40–1.20 (1H, m, H-8b); EIMS m/z 361 (3.8), 229 (100), 215 (32), 159 (40), 43 (52). **3b**: ¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ_{H} 6.22 (1H, d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-13a), 5.49 (1H, d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-13b), 5.47 (1H, s, H-15a), 5.33 (1H, s, H-15b), 5.01 (1H, s, H-14a), 4.95 (1H, s, H-14b), 4.57 (1H, m, H-3), 4.10 (1H, t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, H-6), 2.92 (1H, dd, $J = 9.6, 8.1$ Hz, H-1), 2.86 (2H, brd, $J = 10.5$ Hz, H-5, H-7), 2.50 (1H, brd, $J = 12.9$ Hz, H-9a), 2.33 (1H, dd, $J = 13.5, 6.9$ Hz, H-2a), 2.15–2.05 (1H, m, H-9b), 1.78 (1H, dd, $J = 12.9, 6.9$ Hz, H-2b), 1.69 (1H, m, H-8a), 1.38–1.20 (1H, m, H-8b); EIMS m/z 246 (15), 228 (23), 218 (29), 200 (47), 177 (59), 175 (38), 152 (55), 129 (86), 105 (75), 91(100).

Solvolytic of 6. Compound **6** (10 mg) was dissolved in a mixture of dioxane-pyridine (1:1, 5 mL) and heated at 130 °C under reflux for 3 h. After solvolysis, the solution was neutralized with 5% NaHCO₃ and extracted with EtOAc three times. The organic layer was dried completely under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, with petroleum ether-acetone (5:1), to afford the desulfated derivative **6a** (3 mg), which was elucidated as **5** from its ¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ_{H} 6.20 (1H, s, H-3), 5.55 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, H-14a), 5.31 (1H, d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, H-14b), 3.70 (2H, t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, H-6, H-8), 3.43 (1H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, H-5), 2.62–2.58 (1H, m, H-9a), 2.55 (1H, brd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, H-9), 2.33 (2H, s, H-15, H-2'), 2.25 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, H-11), 2.17 (1H, d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, H-7), 2.13–2.09 (1H, m, H-3'), 1.46 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, H-13), 0.97 (2H, d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, H-4', H-5').

The anion SO_4^{2-} was confirmed by precipitation with BaCl₂. The aqueous layer was concentrated to about 10 mL, and then a solution of 0.1 M BaCl₂ was added. The precipitate was collected by centrifugation, since the white precipitate was not soluble on addition of 2 M HCl solution, which was confirmed to be BaSO₄.

Bioassay. Cytotoxic assays of compounds **2**, **3**, **5**, and **6** against the K562 human erythroleukemia, K562/ADM human erythroleukemia adriamycin-resistant subline, BGC-823 human stomach carcinoma, and Hep-G2 human hepatoma cell lines were carried out using the MTT method, as described previously.²⁶

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Supporting Information Available: 1D and 2D NMR and HRES-IMS spectra of **1–6**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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