# Limonoids and Tirucallane Derivatives from the Seeds of a Krishna Mangrove, *Xylocarpus* moluccensis

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Six new phragmalins, moluccensins H–M (1–6), two new andirobin-type limonoids, moluccensins N and O (7, 8), and two new tirucallane derivatives, moluccensins P and Q (9, 10), were isolated from seeds of an Indian mangrove, *Xylocarpus moluccensis*, together with the known compound  $3\beta$ ,22*S*-dihydroxytirucalla-7,24-dien-23-one. The structures of these compounds were established on the basis of spectroscopic data. Moluccensins H–L were phragmalins with a C-30 carbonyl group, and moluccensin M was a unique ring-D-opened 16-norphragmalin. Moluccensins H–J possess conjugated  $\Delta^{8,9}$  and  $\Delta^{14,15}$  double bonds, moluccensins K and L contain a  $\Delta^{8,14}$  double bond, and moluccensin M has a characteristic  $C_{15}-C_{30}$  linked five-membered lactone ring. Moluccensins H and I showed moderate insecticidal activity against the fifth instar larvae of *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro) at a concentration of 100 mg/L.

Limonoids, triterpene derivatives from a precursor with a 4,4,8trimethyl-17-furanylsteroid skeleton, have been found only in plants of the order Rutales. They are classified by the type of four—usually highly oxidized—rings (designated as A, B, C, and D) in the intact triterpene. Phragmalins, such as pseudrelones  $A_1$  and  $A_2^{-1}$  isolated from *Pseudocedrela kotschyii* and khayanolides  $A-C^2$  from *Khaya senegalensis*, have characteristic tricyclo[3.3.1<sup>2,10</sup>.1<sup>1,4</sup>]decane or tricyclo[4.2.1<sup>10,30</sup>.1<sup>1,4</sup>]decane ring systems.

The family Meliaceae has proved to produce a variety of antifeedant limonoids, such as azadirachtin<sup>3</sup> from the neem tree, Azadiracha indica, and harrisonin<sup>4</sup> from Harrisonnia abyssinica. Two meliaceous mangroves, Xylocarpus granatum and X. moluccensis, are known for producing antifeedant limonoids, especially phragmalins and mexicanolides. Previous investigations on seeds of these two species yielded an andirobin, two phragmalins, three gedunins, and 14 mexicanolides, including xyloccensins A-K.5-9 Previously we have reported the isolation and identification of eight unique 8,9,30-phragmalin ortho esters and 13 limonoids with a new carbon skeleton from the bark and seeds of a Chinese mangrove, X. granatum.<sup>10–12</sup> To date, 42 mexicanolides and 23 phragmalins, including three 1,8,9-phragmalin ortho esters, eight 8,9,30-phragmalin ortho esters, and 12 polyhydroxylated phragmalins, have been isolated from the wood, seeds, and fruits of X. granatum and X. *moluccensis*.<sup>13</sup> We recently identified seven phragmalins, moluccensis A-G,<sup>14</sup> from seeds of an Indian mangrove, *X. moluccensis*, collected in the mangrove wetlands of Krishna estuary, Andhra

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Pradesh. In the current paper, we present the isolation and characterization of five additional phragmalins (1-5), each with a C-30 carbonyl group, and a unique ring-D-opened 16-norphragmalin (6), from seeds of the same Indian mangrove, *X. moluccensis* (Lam.) M Roem. (Meliaceae), together with two new andirobin-type limonoids (7, 8), two new tirucallane derivatives (9, 10), and the known compound  $3\beta$ ,22*S*-dihydroxytirucalla-7,24-dien-23-one.<sup>15</sup> The structures of these compounds were established on the basis of spectroscopic data or comparison with data in the literature. The new compounds were tested for insecticidal activity against the fifth instar larvae of *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro) at a concentration of 100 mg/L.



## **Results and Discussion**

Compound 1 had the molecular formula  $C_{36}H_{44}O_{11}$ , as established by HR-TOFMS (*m*/*z* 675.2770, calcd for [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 675.2776), indicating 15 degrees of unsaturation. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 1 (Tables 1 and 2) indicated that nine of the 15 elements of unsaturation came from a conjugated ketone group, four carbon–carbon double bonds, and four ester functionalities. Therefore, the molecule

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**Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) Data ( $\delta$ ) for Moluccensins H–L (1–5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (*J* in Hz)

position	1	2	3	4	5
3	5.05 s	5.07 s	5.34 s	5.28 s	5.15 s
5	2.84 m	2.82 m	2.80 m	2.96 br d, 10.0	2.95 d, 9.5
6a	2.51 <sup>a</sup>	2.51 <sup>a</sup>	$2.50^{a}$	2.37 br s	2.35 br s
6b	$2.44^{a}$	$2.44^{a}$	$2.40^{a}$	2.37 d, 10.0	2.35 d, 9.5
9				2.64 br s	2.78 br s
11α	2.38 <sup>a</sup>	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	2.44 m	1.78 m	1.77 m
$11\beta$	2.38 <sup>a</sup>	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	$2.40^{a}$	1.78 m	1.67 m
12α	1.69 br d, 12.4	1.66 br d, 12.4	1.64 m	1.50 m	1.71 m
$12\beta$	1.48 m	1.47 m	1.43 m	1.25 m	1.33 m
15	7.25, s	7.25, s	7.30, s	3.93 d, 16.5	3.91 br s
				3.85 dd, 16.5, 4.0	
17	5.02 s	5.02 s	5.05 s	5.43 s	5.48 s
18	1.03 s	1.03 s	1.03 s	1.20 s	1.20 s
19	1.11 s	1.11 s	1.25 s	1.14 s	1.10 s
21	7.51 br s	7.50 br s	7.51 br s	7.51 br s	7.51 br s
22	6.47 br s	6.46 br s	6.46 br s	6.44 br s	6.45 br s
23	7.44, br s	7.44, br s	7.44, br s	7.42, br s	7.43, br s
28	0.98 s	0.98 s	0.95 s	0.86 s	0.86 s
$29_{pro-S}$	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	2.02 d, 11.0	2.07 d, 11.0	2.24 d, 11.5
$29_{pro-R}$	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	1.81 d, 11.0	1.61 d, 11.0	2.02 d, 11.5
7-OMe	3.70 s	3.69 s	3.70 s	3.66 s	3.65 s
2-OH 3-Acyl	4.69 br s	4.69 br s			4.51 br s
2'	2.46 m	2.28 m	2.51 m	2.32 m	2.07 m
3'	1.12 d, 7.0	1.40 m	1.14 d, 7.0	1.13 d, 7.0	1.38 m
		1.60 m			1.60 m
4'	1.14 d, 7.0	0.86 t, 7.5	1.14 d, 7.0	1.16 d, 7.0	0.88 t, 7.5
5'		1.10 d, 7.0			1.14 d, 7.0
Acyl	1-Acyl	1-Acyl	2-Acyl	2-Acyl	1-Acyl
2″	2.29 m	2.48 m	2.53 m	2.53 m	2.33 m
3″	1.38 m	1.08 d, 7.0	1.55 m	1.53 m	1.41 m
	1.58 m		1.80 m	1.80 m	1.62 m
4‴	0.85 t, 7.5	1.08 d, 7.0	1.00 t, 7.5	1.01 t, 7.5	0.89 t, 7.5
5″	1.06 d, 6.5		1.24 d, 6.5	1.26 d, 6.0	1.11 d, 7.0

**Table 2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) Data ( $\delta$ ) for Moluccensins H–L (1–5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

position	1	2	3	4	5
1	90.9 gC	90.8 qC	86.7 gC	88.5 gC	90.4 gC
2	79.2 qC	79.1 qC	88.8 qC	91.1 qC	80.1 gC
3	87.3 ĈH	87.2 ĈH	82.2 ĈH	83.9 ĈH	89.1 ĈH
4	45.1 qC	45.1 qC	46.4 qC	45.3 qC	43.6 qC
5	44.2 CH	44.3 ĈH	43.4 CH	37.6 CH <sub>2</sub>	39.2 ĈH
6	33.2 CH <sub>2</sub>	33.2 CH <sub>2</sub>	33.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	34.0 CH <sub>2</sub>	34.0 CH
7	173.0 qC	173.0 qC	173.1 qC	173.6 qC	173.3 qC
8	122.0 qC	122.0 qC	122.9 qC	130.7 qC	130.6 qC
9	152.3 qC	152.4 qC	152.3 qC	40.3 CH	44.7 CH
10	48.6 qĈ	48.6 qĈ	49.9 qĈ	48.6 qC	47.8 qC
11	25.1 CH <sub>2</sub>	25.1 CH <sub>2</sub>	25.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	18.9 CH <sub>2</sub>	19.9 CH <sub>2</sub>
12	30.2 CH <sub>2</sub>	30.1 CH <sub>2</sub>	29.8 CH <sub>2</sub>	29.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	30.5 CH <sub>2</sub>
13	36.5 qC	36.5 qC	36.7 qC	38.8 qC	39.1 qC
14	167.0 qC	167.3 qC	167.0 qC	145.6 qC	146.3 qC
15	115.9 qC	115.8 qC	116.2 qC	35.0 CH <sub>2</sub>	36.3 CH <sub>2</sub>
16	165.5 qC	165.5 qC	165.7 qC	168.6 qC	168.7 qC
17	80.3 CH	80.3 CH	80.3 CH	79.8 CH	79.9 CH
18	15.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	15.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.0 CH <sub>3</sub>	17.8 CH <sub>3</sub>	18.9 CH <sub>3</sub>
19	16.2 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.2 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.6 CH <sub>3</sub>	18.0 CH <sub>3</sub>	18.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
20	120.1 qC	120.1 qC	120.1 qC	120.3 qC	120.2 qC
21	141.3 CH	141.3 CH	141.3 CH	141.8 CH	141.7 CH
22	110.1 CH	110.1 CH	110.1 CH	109.8 CH	109.7 CH
23	143.1 CH	143.1 CH	143.1 CH	143.2 CH	143.3 CH
28	16.4 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.4 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.5 CH <sub>3</sub>	14.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	14.6 CH <sub>3</sub>
29	41.5 CH <sub>2</sub>	41.5 CH <sub>2</sub>	41.6 CH <sub>2</sub>	40.9 CH <sub>2</sub>	41.7 CH <sub>2</sub>
30	193.1 qC	193.1 qC	186.8 qC	193.1 qC	198.1 qC
7-OMe	52.1 CH <sub>3</sub>	52.1 CH <sub>3</sub>	52.1 CH <sub>3</sub>	52.0 CH <sub>3</sub>	52.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
3-Acyl-1'	175.0 qC	174.0 qC	174.5 qC	175.7 qC	175.7 qC
2'	34.2 CH	41.3 CH	34.2 CH	34.2 CH	41.3 CH
3'	18.8 CH <sub>3</sub>	26.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	18.9 CH <sub>3</sub>	18.2 CH <sub>3</sub>	25.8 CH <sub>2</sub>
4'	19.1 CH <sub>3</sub>	11.6 CH <sub>3</sub>	18.9 CH <sub>3</sub>	19.9 CH <sub>3</sub>	11.2 CH <sub>3</sub>
5'		16.7 CH <sub>3</sub>			17.6 CH <sub>3</sub>
Acyl	1-Acyl	1-Acyl	2-Acyl	2-Acyl	1-Acyl
1‴	175.3 qC	175.6 qC	178.0 qC	179.1 qC	176.2 qC
2″	41.3 CH	34.2 CH	41.4 CH	41.5 CH	41.0 CH
3″	26.5 CH <sub>2</sub>	18.9 CH <sub>3</sub>	26.7 CH <sub>2</sub>	26.7 CH <sub>2</sub>	26.6 CH <sub>2</sub>
4″	11.6 CH <sub>3</sub>	19.0 CH <sub>3</sub>	11.6 CH <sub>3</sub>	11.6 CH <sub>3</sub>	11.6 CH <sub>3</sub>
5″	16.7 CH <sub>3</sub>		16.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	16.7 CH <sub>3</sub>

 $^a$  Overlapped signals assigned by  $^1\mathrm{H-1H}$  COSY, HSQC, and HMBC spectra without designating multiplicity.

was hexacyclic. DEPT experiments revealed that **1** had eight methyl (a methoxy, a primary methyl, three secondary methyls, and three tertiary methyls of the phragmalin nucleus), five methylene, nine methine (four olefinic), and 14 quaternary carbons (five carbonyls).

The NMR data of 1 (Tables 1 and 2) and its 2D NMR studies ( ${}^{1}\text{H}-{}^{1}\text{H}$  COSY, HSQC, and HMBC) (Figure S1) indicated the presence of a methoxycarbonyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.70 s,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  52.1 CH<sub>3</sub>, 173.0 qC), an isobutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.46 m, 1.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz); 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.8 CH<sub>3</sub>, 19.1 CH<sub>3</sub>, 34.2 CH, 175.0 qC], a 2-methylbutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.06 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.38, m, 1.58, m, 2.29, m;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  11.6 CH<sub>3</sub>, 16.7 CH<sub>3</sub>, 26.5 CH<sub>2</sub>, 41.3 CH, 175.3 qC], and a  $\beta$ -furanyl ring ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.47 br s, 7.44 br s, 7.51 br s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  110.1 CH, 120.1 qC, 141.3 CH, 143.1 CH). An  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated  $\delta$ -lactone ring D, characterized by the following NMR data [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.02 s, 7.25 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  80.3 CH, 36.5 qC, 167.0 qC, 115.9 CH, 165.5 qC] (Tables 1 and 2), was confirmed by HMBC correlations between H-15/C-14, H-15/C-16, H-17/C-13, H-17/C-14, and H-17/C-16 (Figure S1). The above NMR data and the 2D NMR studies suggested that **1** was a phragmalin.

Protons of a tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.03 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  15.7), showing HMBC correlations to C-12, C-13, C-14, and C-17 (Figure S1), were assigned to H<sub>3</sub>-18. Protons of the second tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.11 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  16.2), exhibiting HMBC correlations to C-1, C-5, C-9, and C-10, were identified as H<sub>3</sub>-19, and those of the third tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.98 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  16.4), showing HMBC correlations to C-3, C-4, and C-5 (Figure S1), were assigned to H<sub>3</sub>-28. Protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.39<sup>a</sup> and 2.39<sup>a</sup>] of a methylene group ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  41.5), exhibiting HMBC correlations to C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 (Figure S1), were identified as H<sub>2</sub>-29. An OH group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.69 br s) located at C-2 was confirmed by its strong HMBC correlations to C-2, C-3, and C-30. Moreover, a  $\Delta^{8,9}$  double bond was established by HMBC correlations between H-15/C-8, H<sub>3</sub>-19/C-9, and H<sub>2</sub>-11/C-9, and a C-30 ketone function was suggested by those between H-15/C-30, 2-OH/C-30, H-3/C-30, and H-29/C-30 (Figure S1). Connections of the five fragments CH<sub>2</sub>-11-CH<sub>2</sub>-12, CH-5-CH<sub>2</sub>-6, CH-22-CH-23, CH<sub>3</sub>-3'-CH-2'-CH<sub>3</sub>-4', and CH<sub>3</sub>-4''-CH<sub>2</sub>-3''-CH-2''-CH<sub>3</sub>-5'' were confirmed by the corresponding five homonuclear proton-proton spin systems observed in the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of **1** (Figure S1). The strong HMBC correlation from H-3 (5.05, s) to C-1' (175.0 qC) of an isobutyryl group disclosed its location at C-3. The 2-methylbutyryl group, however, was suggested to be attached to C-1 by its downshifted chemical shift ( $\delta_C$  90.9), being lower than 90 ppm.<sup>14</sup>

The relative configuration of 1 was established on the basis of the NOESY interactions. The significant NOE interaction (Figure S2) from H-3 to  $H_{pro-R}$ -29 helped to establish this 3 $\alpha$ -H and the corresponding  $3\beta$ -isobutyryl group. NOE interactions between H-5/ H-11 $\beta$  and H-5/H-17 established the  $\beta$ -orientation of H-5 and H-17. Similarly, those between  $H_3$ -18/H-11 $\alpha$  and  $H_3$ -18/H-15 indicated the  $\alpha$ -orientation of H<sub>3</sub>-18. Thus, the relative configuration of the phragmnalin nucleus of 1, named moluccensin H, was established as shown in Figure S2. On the basis of the result that the literature specific rotation of (R)-2-methylbutyric acid is negative  $(-14.3)^{16}$ and that of (S)-2-methylbutyric acid is positive (+19.3, 18.9),<sup>17,18</sup> the absolute configuration at C-2 in the 2-methylbutyryl group of 1 could be determined according to the specific rotation of its acid, which was obtained as a 1:1 mixture with isobutanoic acid from the alkaline hydrolysis of 1. Since isobutanoic acid is optically inactive, the absolute configuration at C-2 in methylbutyric acid

was suggested to be *S* from the  $\alpha_D$  value ( $[\alpha]^{25}_D + 10$  (*c* 0.06, Me<sub>2</sub>CO)) of this mixture.

Moluccensin I (2), a white, amorphous powder, had the same molecular formula as that of moluccensin H (1). The NMR data of 2, indicating the presence of isobutyryl and 2-methylbutyryl groups, were similar to those of 1. However, those of the isobutyryl and 2-methylbutyryl groups were slightly different. A strong HMBC correlation from H-3 (5.07, s) to C-1' (174.0 qC) of the 2-methylbutyryl group placed it at C-3, whereas the isobutyryl group was attached to C-1, as suggested by its downshifted chemical shift ( $\delta_C$  90.8).<sup>14</sup> Thus, the structure of moluccensin I was established as shown in **2**.

The molecular formula of compound **3** was determined to be the same as that of **1**, and the NMR data of **3** were similar to those of **1**. Isobutyryl and 2-methylbutyryl groups were present, and the location of the isobutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H} 2.51$  m, 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.9 CH<sub>3</sub>, 18.9 CH<sub>3</sub>, 34.2 CH, 174.5 qC] (Tables 1 and 2) at C-3 in  $\beta$ -orientation was again deduced by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, HMBC, and NOE correlations. The 2-methylbutyryl group, however, was present at C-2 by the downfield shift of C-2 ( $\delta_{\rm C} 88.8$ ) and the upfield shift of C-1 ( $\delta_{\rm C} 86.7$ ). The relative configuration of **3** was the same as that of **1** on the basis of NOE interactions. Therefore, the structure of moluccensin J (**3**) was identified as 2-*O*-2*S*-methylbutyryl-1-de-2-methylbutyrylmoluccensin H.

Compound 4 had the molecular formula C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>11</sub>, as established by HR-TOFMS, two mass units more than 3. The NMR data of 4 were similar to those of **3**, except for the lack of  $\Delta^{8,9}$  and  $\Delta^{14,15}$ double bonds. However, a  $\Delta^{8,14}$  double bond was established by HMBC correlations between H2-15/C-8, H2-15/C-14, H-9/C-8, and H-9/C-14 (Figure S3). The existence of this double bond was corroborated by strong homoallylic coupling between H<sub>2</sub>-15 and H-9 observed in the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum. The significant NOE interaction observed in 4 (Figure S4) from H-3 to H<sub>pro-R</sub>-29 helped to establish the  $3\alpha$ -H and the corresponding  $3\beta$ -isobutyryl group. Moreover, NOE interactions between H-5/H-15 $\beta$ , H-5/H-17, and H-17/H-12 $\beta$  established the  $\beta$ -orientation of H-5 and H-17. Similarly, those between H-9/H<sub>3</sub>-18, H-9/H<sub>3</sub>-19, H-15 $\alpha$ /H<sub>3</sub>-18, and H-11α/H<sub>3</sub>-18 indicated their mutual cis relationship and the  $\alpha$ -orientation. On the basis of the above results, the relative configuration of 4, named moluccensin K, was established as shown in Figure S4.

Compound 5 had the molecular formula  $C_{37}H_{48}O_{11}$ , as established by HR-TOFMS, larger than 4 by a CH<sub>2</sub> unit. The NMR data of 5 were similar to those of 4, except for the presence of one more 2S-methylbutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.14 (d, J = 7.0Hz), 1.38, m, 1.60, m, 2.07, m;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  11.2 CH<sub>3</sub>, 17.6 CH<sub>3</sub>, 25.8 CH<sub>2</sub>, 41.3 CH, 175.7 qC] (Tables 1 and 2) and the absence of an isobutyryl group ( $3\beta$ -isobutyryl group in 4). The second 2-methylbutyryl group in 5 was corroborated by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations between H<sub>3</sub>-4'/H<sub>2</sub>-3', H<sub>2</sub>-3'/H-2', and H-2'/H<sub>3</sub>-5' and HMBC crosspeaks between H<sub>3</sub>-4'/C-3', H<sub>3</sub>-4'/C-2', H<sub>3</sub>-5'/C-2', H<sub>3</sub>-5'/C-1', and H-2'/C-1'. The HMBC cross-peak from H-3 (5.15, s) of 5 to the carbonyl carbon of the 2S-methylbutyryl group placed this group at C-3. Moreover, the significant NOE interaction observed in 5 from H-3 to  $H_{pro-R}$ -29 helped to establish the 3 $\alpha$ -H and the corresponding  $3\beta$ -2S-methylbutyryl group. Therefore, moluccensin L (5) was identified as 3-O-2S-methylbutyryl-3-deisobutyryloxymoluccensin K.

Moluccensin M (6) had the molecular formula  $C_{35}H_{46}O_{11}$  (HR-TOFMS), with 13 degrees of unsaturation. From its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data (Table 3), it was clear that seven of the 13 elements came from three carbon–carbon double bonds and four ester functions. Therefore, the molecule was hexacyclic. DEPT experiments revealed that 6 had eight methyl (a methoxy, a primary methyl, three secondary methyls, and three tertiary methyls of the

Table 3. <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz) NMR Data for Moluccensin M (6)<sup>*a*</sup>

	$\delta_{ m H} J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H} J$ (Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
position	acetone- $d_6$	acetone- $d_6$	CDCl <sub>3</sub>	$CDCl_3$
1		00.6 aC		00.3 cC
1		90.0 qC		90.3 qC
2	5 12 -	78.0 qC	5.06 -	78.7 qC
5	5.15 8	64.0 CП 44.7 - C	5.00 8	64.9 CП 44.7 -C
4	0.5.4h	44.7 qC	<b>a</b> 10h	44.7 qC
2	2.54	36.0 CH	2.48	36.1 CH
6	2.43 d, 12.0	33.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	2.28 d, 10.0	34.0 CH <sub>2</sub>
_	2.55		2.30 br s	
7		173.4 qC		172.8 qC
8		162.2 qC		160.8 qC
9	2.73 m	40.2 CH	2.57	40.2 CH
10		51.2 qC		51.7 qC
11α	1.94 m	19.6 CH <sub>2</sub>	1.85 m	19.8 CH <sub>2</sub>
$11\beta$	1.76 m		1.65 m	
12α	1.68 m	34.7 CH <sub>2</sub>	1.72 m	34.7 CH <sub>2</sub>
$12\beta$	1.35 m		1.28 m	
13		39.3 aC		39.5 aC
14		133.0 gC		134.0 aC
15		175.6 gC		175.3 oC
17	5.09 s	72.3 CH	5.05 s	72.5 CH
18	1 25 s	17.1 CH	1 32 s	17.6 CH
19	1.25 3	17.1 CH <sub>3</sub>	1.52.5	17.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
20	1.10 5	125.8 aC	1.11 5	125.1 aC
20	7 53 br s	125.0 qC	7.48 br s	1410 CH
21	6.52  hr s	140.2 CH	6.48  hr o	100.0 CH
22	0.55 DI S	142.6 CH	0.40 DI S	109.9 CH
23	7.52 DI S	142.0 CH	7.41 DF S	142.9 CH
28	0.80 s	14.0 CH <sub>3</sub>	0.80 s	15.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
$29_{pro-R}$	2.48 d, 11.6	38.4 CH <sub>2</sub>	2.50 d, 11.6	38.7 CH <sub>2</sub>
29 <sub>pro-S</sub>	2.66 d, 11.6		2.57 d, 12.4	044 677
30	5.13 s	83.7 CH	5.04 s	84.1 CH
7-OMe	3.60 s	51.3 CH <sub>3</sub>	3.64 s	52.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
2-OH			3.49 br s	
17-OH			4.15 br s	
3-Acyl				
1'		176.1 qC		177.0 qC
2'	2.57 m	39.9 CH	$2.48^{b}$	40.1 CH
3'	1.35 m	25.7 CH <sub>2</sub>	1.32 m	25.5 CH <sub>2</sub>
	1.61 m		1.74 m	
4'	0.89 t, 7.4	10.7 CH <sub>3</sub>	0.94 t, 7.4	11.4 CH <sub>3</sub>
5'	1.10 d. 6.8	17.4 CH <sub>3</sub>	1.14 d. 7.2	18.0 CH <sub>3</sub>
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1″		175.4 aC		176.3 gC
2."	2.68 m	34.5 CH	2.55 <sup>b</sup>	34.9 CH
3″	1.18 d. 6.8	18.9 CH	1.21 d. 7.2	19.1 CH
4‴	1 14 d 6 8	18.3 CH	1 21 d 7 2	19.1 CH
-	1.1 <del>4</del> u, 0.0	10.5 CH3	1.21 u, 7.2	17.1 CH3

<sup>*a*</sup> When detected in acetone- $d_6$ , two singlet peaks of H-3 and H-30 are overlapped. But they are completely separated from that of H-17. When detected in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, however, peaks of H-3, H-30, and H-17 are partially separated from each other. <sup>*b*</sup> Overlapped signals assigned by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra without designating multiplicity.

phragmalin nucleus), five methylene, 10 methine (three olefinic), and 12 quaternary carbons (four carbonyls).

The NMR data<sup>19</sup> of **6** (Table 3) and its 2D NMR studies ( ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}{}^{1}\text{H}$  COSY, HSQC, and HMBC) (Figure S5) indicated the presence of a methoxycarbonyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.60 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  51.3 CH<sub>3</sub>, 173.4 qC), an isobutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.68 m, 1.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.14 (d, J = 6.8 Hz);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.9 CH<sub>3</sub>, 18.3 CH<sub>3</sub>, 34.5 CH, 175.4 qC], a 2-methylbutyryl group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz), 1.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.35, m, 1.61, m, 2.57, m;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  10.7 CH<sub>3</sub>, 17.4 CH<sub>3</sub>, 25.7 CH<sub>2</sub>, 39.9 CH, 176.1 qC], and a  $\beta$ -furanyl ring ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.53 br s, 7.52 br s, 7.53 br s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  110.2 CH, 125.8 qC, 140.9 CH, 142.6 CH).

Two protons of a methylene group [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.43 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 2.55<sup>a</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  33.4], showing HMBC correlations to C-5 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  36.0) and C-7 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  173.4), were assignable to H<sub>2</sub>-6, corroborated by their <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY interactions with H-5 (Figure S5). A pair of geminally coupled protons [ $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.48 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 2.66 (d, J =11.6 Hz)] of a methylene ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  38.4), exhibiting HMBC correlations to C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 (Figure S5), were identified as H<sub>2</sub>-29. The proton of an oxygenated methine group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.09 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  72.3), showing HMBC correlations to C-13, C-18, C-20, C-21, and C-22

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(Figure S5), was assigned as H-17, and protons of a tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.25 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  17.1), exhibiting HMBC cross-peaks to C-12, C-13, C-14, and C-17 (Figure S5), were identified as H<sub>3</sub>-18. Moreover, a  $\Delta^{8,14}$  double bond was suggested by HMBC interactions between H<sub>3</sub>-18/C-14, H-9/C-8, and H-9/C-14. The proton of the second oxygenated methine group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.13 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  84.0 in acetone- $d_6$  and  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.06 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  84.9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>), showing HMBC correlations to C-2 and C-4 (Figure S5), was identified as H-3, and that of the third oxygenated one ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.13 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  83.7 in acetone- $d_6$  and  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.04 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  84.1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>), exhibiting HMBC cross-peaks to C-1, C-2, C-8, and C-14, was identified as H-30.

HMBC correlations between H-3/C-30 and H-30/C-3 confirmed the linkage of the fragment  $C_1-C_2-C_{30}$ . Protons of the second tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.16 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  17.4), exhibiting HMBC crosspeaks to C-1, C-5, C-9, and C-10, were identified as H<sub>3</sub>-19, and those of the third tertiary methyl group ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.80 s;  $\delta_{\rm C}$  14.6), showing HMBC correlations to C-3, C-4, and C-5 (Figure S5), were assigned to H<sub>3</sub>-28. Furthermore, the strong HMBC cross-peak from H-3 (5.13 s in acetone- $d_6$  and 5.06 s in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) to C-1' ( $\delta_C$  176.1 in acetone $d_6$  and 177.0 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of the 2-methylbutyryl group disclosed its location at C-3. The isobutyryl group, however, was suggested to be attached to C-1 by its downshifted chemical shift ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  90.6 in acetone- $d_6$  and 90.3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (Table 3), being almost the same as that of moluccensin A,14 whose structure was confirmed by singlecrystal X-ray diffraction. In addition, the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlation between H-17/17-OH observed in CDCl3 disclosed the opening of the ring-D.

Though the HMBC correlation from H-30 to the last carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  175.6, C-15) was not observed due to the small quantity of **6**, a C<sub>15</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> ester linkage, which was suggested by the downshifted chemical shift of C-30 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  83.7)<sup>20</sup> (Table 3), and being in accordance with 13 unsaturation degrees in **6**, was further corroborated by diagnostic fragments at m/z 569.2714 and 509.2554 in the positive HRTOF-MS<sup>2</sup> of **6** that originate from the subsequent loss of a molecule of furan-3-carbaldehyde and methyl formate (Scheme S1). Moreover, acylation of **6** with propionyl chloride in pyridine afforded the 2,17-*O*-dipropionyl derivative of **6**. This result supported the C<sub>15</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> linkage.

The relative configuration of **6** was established on the basis of the NOESY interactions. The significant NOE interaction observed in **6** (Figure S6) from H-3 to  $H_{pro-R}$ -29 helped to establish the 3 $\alpha$ -H and the corresponding 3 $\beta$ -2-methylbutyryl group. Moreover, NOE interactions between H-5/H-17, H-11 $\beta$ /H-17, and H-17/H<sub>3</sub>-5' established the  $\beta$ -orientation of H-5 and H-17. Similarly, those between H-9/H<sub>3</sub>-18, H-9/H<sub>3</sub>-19, H-9/H-30, and H<sub>3</sub>-19/H-30 indicated their mutual *cis* relationship and the  $\alpha$ -orientation. Thus, the relative configuration of the 16-norphragmanlin skeleton in **6** was established as shown in Figure S6. The absolute configuration at C-2' in **6** was assumed to be *S*, the same as that in moluccensins H–L.

Compound 7 had the molecular formula C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub> with 11 degrees of unsaturation. APT experiments and the HSQC spectrum revealed that it contained five tertiary methyl (one a methoxy), six methylene (one olefinic), six methine (one olefinic and three oxygenated), and 10 quaternary carbons (two olefinic and four carbonyls). A  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutenolide group at C-17 was characterized by two broad proton singlets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.35 (H-22) and 6.23/6.17 (H-23) and by resonances at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  133.6/133.5 (C-20), 170.3/170.1 (C-21), 150.2/149.8 (C-22), and 97.5/97.0 (C-23), the same as that in febrifugin A.<sup>21</sup> The appearance of pairs of most proton and carbon resonances in the NMR spectra of 7 suggested the presence of C-23 epimers. The presence of a ketone carbonyl ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  213.3/213.0), two ester carbonyls ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  174.0/173.7 and 169.4/169.1), and a double bond  $(\delta_{\rm C}$  145.3/145.2, 112.0) was also determined from its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data. These groups accounted for seven degrees of unsaturation, and the remaining four degrees of unsaturation required 7 to be tetracyclic. A  $\delta$ -lactone ring, characterized by the NMR data

**Table 4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) Data ( $\delta$ ) for Moluccensins N–Q (7–10) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (*J* in Hz)

position	7	8	9	10
1	3.52, dd	3.53, dd	2.01, dd	2.01, dd
	(6.0, 4.0)	(6.0, 4.0)	(5.5, 3.0)	(5.5, 3.0)
			1.99, dd	1.99, dd
			(5.5, 3.0)	(5.5, 3.0)
2a	2.88, dd	2.91, dd	2.26, m	2.24, m
	(14.5, 6.0)	(14.5, 6.0)		
2b	2.55, dd	2.50, dd	2.77, dt	2.76, dt
	(14.5, 4.0)	(14.5, 4.0)	(14.5, 5.5)	(14.5, 5.5)
5	2.90, d (10.0)	2.82, d (10.0)	1.68, m	1.68, m
6a	2.30, m	2.26, m	2.10, m	2.10, m
6b	2.60, dd	2.63, dd	2.08, m	2.08, m
	(15.5. 11.0)	(16.5. 10.0)		
7			5.32, d (3.0)	5.31, d (3.0)
9	2.23, m <sup>a</sup>	2.22, m <sup>a</sup>	2.30, m <sup>a</sup>	2.29, m <sup>a</sup>
11α	1.60, m	1.67, m	1.60, m	1.60, m
$11\beta$	2.24, m <sup>a</sup>	2.22, m <sup>a</sup>	1.60, m	1.60, m
12α	1.08, m	1.31, m	1.86, m	1.85, m
$12\beta$	2.20, m	2.06, m	1.86, m	1.85, m
15α	2.95, d (19.0)	2.90, d (19.0)	1.58, m	1.60, m
$15\beta$	2.60, d (19.0)	2.62, d (19.0)	1.50, m	1.50, m
16			1.30, m	1.25, m
			1.30, m	1.28, m
17	5.61, s/5.60, s	5.62, s	1.73, t (8.5)	1.73, t (8.5)
18	0.95, s	0.93, s	0.86, s	0.86, s
19	0.92, s	0.95, s	1.02, s	1.02, s
20			2.33, m <sup>a</sup>	2.29, m <sup>a</sup>
21		6.14, br s	1.08, d (7.0)	1.07, d (7.0)
22	7.35, br s	6.24, br s	6.99, dd	6.96, dd
			(15.0, 9.0)	(16.0, 9.0)
23	6.23, br s/6.17,		6.37, d (15.0)	5.79, d (16.0)
	br s			
26			1.39, s	
27			1.39, s	
28	1.07, s	1.01, s	1.05, s	1.05, s
29	1.20, s	1.18, s	1.12, s	1.12, s
30a	5.20, s	5.20, s	1.01, s	1.01, s
30b	4.95, s/4.94, s	4.92, s		
7-OMe	3.74, s/3.73, s	3.73, s		

 $^a$  Overlapped signals assigned by  $^1\mathrm{H}-^1\mathrm{H}$  COSY, HSQC, and HMBC spectra without designating multiplicity.

[δ<sub>H</sub> 5.61/5.60 s, 2.95 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 2.60 (d, J = 19.0 Hz); δ<sub>C</sub> 78.04/77.97 CH, 41.9/41/8 qC, 79.65 qC, 33.79/33.75 CH<sub>2</sub>, 169.4/ 169.1 qC] (Tables 4 and 5), was corroborated by HMBC correlations between H<sub>2</sub>-15/C-14, H<sub>2</sub>-15/C-16, H-17/C-13, H-17/C-14, and H-17/C-16 (Figure S7). This suggested that **7** was an andirobin-type limonoid closely related to methyl angolensate.<sup>22</sup> The oxygen bridge between C-1 and C-14 was confirmed by the HMBC correlation from H-1 to C-14. Moreover, the β-orientation of H-1, suggested to be the same as that of methyl angolensate by its two proton—proton coupling constants (6.0 and 4.0 Hz) with H<sub>2</sub>-2,<sup>22</sup> was corroborated by the NOE interaction between H<sub>3</sub>-19/H-9, H-11α/H<sub>3</sub>-18, H-15α/H<sub>3</sub>-18, H-15β/H-1, and H-12β/H-17 (Figure S8). Therefore, the structure of moluccensin N was identified as **7**.

Moluccensin O (8) had a molecular formula the same as that of 7. The NMR data of 8 were similar to those of 7, except for the presence of a different  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutenolide group substituted at C-17. The NMR data of the  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutenolide group in 8, characterized by two broad proton singlets at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.14 (H-21) and 6.24 (H-22) and by resonances at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  163.7 (C-20), 98.1 (C-21), 121.8 (C-22), and 169.4 (C-23), were found to be the same as those of kihadanin A.<sup>23</sup> Thus, the structure of moluccensin O was elucidated as 8.

The molecular formula of compound **9** was established to be  $C_{30}H_{46}O_3$  by HR-ESIMS. APT experiments and the HSQC spectrum revealed signals for eight methyl (one secondary and seven tertiary), seven methylene, seven methine (three olefinic), and eight quater-

Table 5. <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz) NMR Data ( $\delta$ ) for Moluccensins N–Q (7–10) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

position	7	8	9	10
1	77.1, CH	77.0, CH	38.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.5, CH <sub>2</sub>
2	39.6/39.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.9, CH <sub>2</sub>
3	213.3/213.0, qC	213.0, qC	216.8, qC	216.8, qC
4	48.0/47.9, qC	48.0, qĈ	47.9, qĈ	47.9, qĈ
5	43.0/42.9, CH	43.0, CH	51.9, CH	51.9, CH
6	33.0/32.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	32.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.4, CH <sub>2</sub>
7	174.0/173.7, qC	174.0, qC	118.3, CH	118.2, CH
8	145.3/145.2, qC	144.9, qC	145.4, qC	145.5, qC
9	49.6/49.5, CH	49.6, CH	48.4, CH	48.4, CH
10	44.01/43.98, qC	44.0, qC	35.1, qC	35.1, qC
11	23.6/23.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	23.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.2, CH <sub>2</sub>
12	28.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	33.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	33.5, CH <sub>2</sub>
13	41.9/41.8, qC	41.9, qC	44.0, qC	44.0, qC
14	79.65, qC	79.9, qC	51.2, qC	51.1, qC
15	33.79/33.75, CH <sub>2</sub>	33.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.1, CH <sub>2</sub>
16	169.4/169.1, qC	169.0, qC	28.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.1, CH <sub>2</sub>
17	78.04/77.97, CH	80.0, CH	52.4, CH	52.4, CH
18	13.6/13.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	14.2, CH <sub>3</sub>	22.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	22.1, CH <sub>3</sub>
19	21.6, CH <sub>3</sub>	21.7, CH <sub>3</sub>	12.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	12.8, CH <sub>3</sub>
20	133.6/133.5, qC	163.7, qC	40.8, CH	40.3, CH
21	170.3/170.1, qC	98.1, CH	18.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	18.7, CH <sub>3</sub>
22	150.2/149.8, CH	121.8, CH	156.2, CH	157.5, CH
23	97.5/97.0, CH	169.4, qC	120.1, CH	118.3, CH
24			202.8, qC	171.3, qC
25			75.2, qC	
26			26.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	
27			26.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	
28	26.4/26.2, CH <sub>3</sub>	25.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	24.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	24.6, CH <sub>3</sub>
29	21.4/21.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	21.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	21.6, CH <sub>3</sub>	21.6, CH <sub>3</sub>
30	112.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	112.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	27.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	27.4, CH <sub>3</sub>
7-OMe	52.2/52.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	52.3, CH <sub>3</sub>		

nary carbons (one olefinic, one oxygenated, and two carbonyl). These data combined with two olefinic carbons ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  118.3 CH, 145.4 qC) indicated that 9 was a tirucal lane-type triterpene having a  $\Delta^{7,8}$ double bond and a C-3 ketone group. Comparison of its NMR data with those of 23,26-dihydroxytirucalla-7,24-dien-3-one<sup>15</sup> revealed that they had the same tetracyclic core structure. The only difference between them was the different side chain at C-17. The presence of the  $\Delta^{22,23}$  double bond in the side chain of **9** was corroborated by a homonuclear proton-proton spin system H<sub>3</sub>-21-H-20-H-22-H-23 observed in its <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum, and that of the C-24 ketone group was confirmed by HMBC correlations between H-23/C-24, H<sub>3</sub>-26/C-24, and H<sub>3</sub>-27/C-24 (Figure S9). The *E*-geometry of the  $\Delta^{22,23}$  double bond was established by the coupling constants of H-22 and H-23 (15 Hz). The 25-OH, suggested by the chemical shift of C-25 at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  75.2 and the molecular formula of 9, was confirmed by HMBC correlations between H<sub>3</sub>-26/C-25 and H<sub>3</sub>-27/C-25 (Figure S9). Therefore, the structure of moluccensin P was identified as 9.

The molecular formula of compound **10** was established to be  $C_{27}H_{40}O_3$ . The NMR data of **10** were similar to those of **9**, except for the absence of three carbons in the side chain of **9**, viz., C-25, C-26, and C-27. The presence of a terminal C-24 carboxyl group was suggested by its chemical shift at  $\delta_C$  171.3 qC and was supported by the molecular formula of **10**. Connection of the *E*-double bond ( $\Delta^{22,23}$ ) to the carboxyl group in the side chain of **10** was established by HMBC correlations between H-22/C-24 and H-23/C-24. Thus, the structure of moluccensin Q was elucidated as **10**.

The insecticidal activity of compounds 1-5 was tested using a conventional leaf disk method against the fifth instar larvae of *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro). Moluccensins H (1) and I (2) showed moderate insecticidal activity at a concentration of 100 mg/L, whereas other compounds showed no activity. The lethal rates of moluccensin H (1) at exposure times of 72 and 96 h were 20.7% and 27.6%, respectively, while those of moluccensin I (2) were 10.7% and 28.7%, respectively.

In summary, moluccensins H–L are rare phragmalins possessing a C-30 carbonyl group in conjugation with a  $\Delta^{8,14}$  double bond or  $\Delta^{8,9}$ ,  $\Delta^{14,15}$  double bonds, and moluccensin M is a ring-D-opened 16-norphragmalin with an unprecedented carbon skeleton. Moluccensins N–O are andirobin-type limonoids, and moluccensins P-Q are tirucallane derivatives.

#### **Experimental Section**

**General Experimental Procedures.** Optical rotations were recorded on a Polaptronic HNQW5 automatic high-resolution polarimeter (Schmidt & Haensch Co. Ltd.). UV spectra were obtained on a Beckman DU-640 UV spectrophotometer, and MALDITOFMS spectra were measured on a Bruker APEX II spectrometer in positive ion mode. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using a Bruker AV-400 or AV-500 spectrometer with TMS as the internal standard. Preparative HPLC was carried out on ODS columns (250 × 20 mm i.d. and 250 × 10 mm i.d., YMC) with a Waters 2998 photodiode array detector. For CC, silica gel (200–300 mesh) (Qingdao Mar. Chem. Ind. Co. Ltd.) and RP C<sub>18</sub> gel (Cosmosil C18-PREP 140  $\mu$ m, Nacalai Tesque, Kyoto, Japan) were used.

**Plant Material.** The seeds of *X. moluccensis* were collected in October 2007 in the mangrove wetlands of Krishna estuary, Andhra Pradesh, India. The identification of the plant was performed by one of the authors (T.S.). A voucher sample (No. IndianXM-01) is maintained in the Herbarium of the South China Sea Institute of Oceanology.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The dried seeds (7.0 kg) of *X. moluccensis* were extracted three times with 95% EtOH at room temperature. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure, followed by suspension in H<sub>2</sub>O and extraction with EtOAc. The resulting EtOAc extract (320 g) was chromatographed on silica gel and eluted using a CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH system (100:0-5:1) to yield 230 fractions. Fractions 70 to 80 (19.0 g) were combined and further separated using RP C<sub>18</sub> CC (MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O, 50:50-100:0) to afford 60 subfractions. Then subfractions 27 to 37 were combined and further purified by preparative HPLC (YMC-Pack ODS-5-A, 250 × 20 mm i.d. and 250 × 10 mm i.d., MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 50:50 to 55:45) to yield 1 (8.0 mg), **2** (10.0 mg), **3** (4.0 mg), **10** (4.0 mg), and  $3\beta$ ,22*S*-dihydroxytirucalla-7,24-dien-23- one (3.0 mg).

Absolute Configuration of C-2 in the 2-Methylbutyryl Group of Moluccensins H–L (1–5). A portion of 1 (2 mg) was dissolved in EtOH (0.5 mL) and treated with 6% KOH in H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL), with stirring at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1). After extraction with EtOAc (×3), the aqueous layer was acidified with HCl to pH 3.0 and extracted again with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (×3). The organic solubles were combined, subjected to Sephadex LH-20 CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH, 1:1), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to provide a mixture of 1:1 isobutanoic acid and 2-methylbutyric acid (0.6 mg), which were identified on the basis of their mass spectra. Since isobutanoic acid is optically inactive, the absolute configuration at C-2 in 2-methylbutyric acid was suggested as *S* by the  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +10 (*c* 0.06, Me<sub>2</sub>CO) of the above mixture. In the same way, the absolute configuration of C-2 in the 2-methylbutyryl group of moluccensins I–L (**2–5**) was indicated to be *S*.

**Moluccensin H (1):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} + 137.8$  (*c* 0.27, Me<sub>2</sub>CO); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  210.3, 284.4 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 675.2770 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 675.2776], *m*/*z* 691.2573 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>11</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 691.2515].

**Moluccensin I (2):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} + 119.0$  (*c* 0.42, Me<sub>2</sub>CO); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  206.2, 285.6 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 675.2780 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 675.2776], HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 653.2969 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>45</sub>O<sub>11</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 653.2956].

**Moluccensin J (3):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} + 74.5$  (*c* 0.11, Me<sub>2</sub>CO); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  206.1, 282.0 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 675.2785 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 675.2776], *m*/*z* 653.2979 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>45</sub>O<sub>11</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 653.2956].

**Moluccensin K (4):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_D + 30.7$  (*c* 0.14, Me<sub>2</sub>CO); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  206.5, 257.1 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data,

see Tables 1 and 2; HR-TOFMS m/z 677.2943 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 677.2932], m/z 655.3126 [calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>47</sub>O<sub>11</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 655.3113].

**Moluccensin L (5):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  +2.9 (*c* 1.13, Me<sub>2</sub>CO); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  210.9, 253.5 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 691.3101 [calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 691.3089], *m*/*z* 707.2895 [calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>11</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 707.2828].

**Moluccensin M (6):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} + 1.4$  (*c* 0.2, acetone); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  216.8 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Table 3; HR-TOFMS *m*/*z* 665.2925 [calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 665.2932], *m*/*z* 681.2679 [calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>11</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 681.2672].

**Moluccensin N (7):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 16.2$  (*c* 0.05, acetone); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  214.0 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 4 and 5; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 525.2065 [calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 525.2095]; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 541.1804 [calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 541.1834].

**Moluccensin O (8):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 35.0$  (*c* 0.04, acetone); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  214.0 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 4 and 5; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 525.2076 [calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 525.2095]; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 541.1817 [calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup>, 541.1834].

**Moluccensin P (9):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 56.2$  (*c* 0.04, acetone); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  190.0 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 4 and 5; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 489.3149 [calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 489.3141].

**Moluccensin Q (10):** white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$  69.0 (*c* 0.05, acetone); UV (MeCN)  $\lambda_{max}$  192.0 nm; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 4 and 5; HR-ESIMS *m*/*z* 447.2666 [calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup>, 447.2672].

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Supporting Information Available: Figures S1–S9 and Scheme S1; copies of HR-MS (HR-TOFMS or HR-ESIMS), <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds **1–5** and **7–10**; copies of RP-HPLC preparative chromatogram, ESI-MS, HRTOF-MS, HRTOF-MS, 1D and 2D

NMR spectra of **6**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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