

Marianins A and B, Prenylated Phenylpropanoids from *Mariannaea camptospora*

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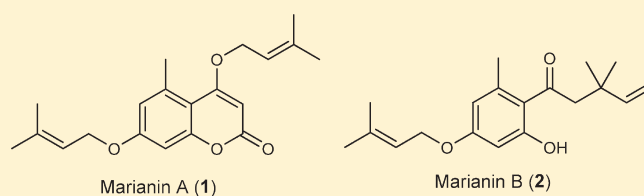
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S Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Marianins A (1) and B (2), two new prenylated phenylpropanoids, were isolated from the culture extract of the fungus *Mariannaea camptospora*. Structures of marianins were elucidated by interpretation of NMR and other spectroscopic data. 1 is a 5-methylcoumarin bearing two prenyloxy groups, while 2 is an orcinol derivative substituted with a 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentenoyl chain. 2 is possibly derived from 1 through a Claisen rearrangement of the prenyl group, followed by lactone hydrolysis and decarboxylation. These compounds showed weak antibacterial activity against *Micrococcus luteus*.



Many of fungal species in the order Hypocreales show pathogenicity to higher organisms such as insects and plants. These pathogenic fungi are currently attracting substantial attention as a source of bioactive small molecules owing to their potential in secondary metabolite production.¹ As an example, members of the genus *Cordyceps* are host-specific entomopathogens, from which numerous structurally unique metabolites have been isolated.^{1b} *Mariannaea* is also described as a pathogen to some insects² and reptiles,³ and it has been recovered from soil or rotten wood, indicating its saprophytic property as well.⁴ Members of this genus show high morphological similarity to the insect-pathogen *Paecilomyces*, and its teleomorph is phylogenetically close to the plant-pathogen *Nectria*.⁵ Six species and one variety are included in the genus *Mariannaea*,⁶ but only one metabolite, mariannaeapyrone, has been reported from this group to date.⁷ In our investigation on chemically unexplored pathogenic fungi, HPLC/UV-based metabolite analysis of a *Mariannaea* strain led to the isolation of two prenylated phenylpropanoids, marianins A (1) and B (2). We herein describe the isolation and structure elucidation of these new compounds.

The producing strain *Mariannaea camptospora* TAMA 118 was isolated from a rotten wood sample collected in Tokyo, Japan. It was cultured in SGCH-X medium, and the whole culture broth was extracted with 1-butanol. The crude extract obtained after solvent removal (2.2 g from 1 L) was subjected to consecutive fractionation using silica gel and C-18 column chromatographies, followed by reversed-phase HPLC, to yield 4.0 and 1.8 mg, respectively, of marianins A (1) and B (2).

Marianin A (1) was obtained as a colorless, amorphous solid that gave an $[M - H]^-$ peak at m/z 327.1602 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{23}O_4$, 327.1602) in the negative ion HR-ESITOFMS, consistent with the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{24}O_4$ (nine degrees of unsaturation). The IR spectrum indicated the presence of a carbonyl functional group (1708 cm^{-1}). NMR data of 1 showed the presence of 20 carbons including four oxygenated sp^2 carbons, five olefinic or aromatic carbons, four quaternary sp^3 carbons, two oxygenated methylenes, and five methyl groups (Table 1). The $^1H-^1H$ COSY spectrum showed two cross-peaks, each connecting methylene protons and a vinyl proton to give two small fragments, $H_2-11/H-12$ and $H_2-17/H-18$. The first fragment was expanded to include a three-carbon fragment C-14/C-13/C-15 on the basis of HMBC correlations from the methyl proton singlets H_3-14 and H_3-15 to one another, to C-13, and to C-12, establishing a prenyl group. Similarly, the second COSY-defined fragment ($H_2-17/H-18$) and a three-carbon fragment C-20/C-19/C-21 were joined by a series of HMBC correlations from H_3-20 and H_3-21 to one another and to C-18 and C-19, to provide another prenyl unit. The aromatic part was constructed starting from the methyl protons H_3-16 , which showed long-range couplings to C-10, C-5, and C-6. The *meta* relationship of C-6 and C-8 was indicated by a small coupling constant ($J = 2.3\text{ Hz}$) between the protons bonding to these carbons. Chemical shifts of C-6, C-8, and C-10 were relatively upfield, suggesting that these carbons were located *ortho* to the oxygenated sp^2 carbons C-7 and C-9. These data, along with

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Table 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data for Marianin A (**1**) in CDCl_3

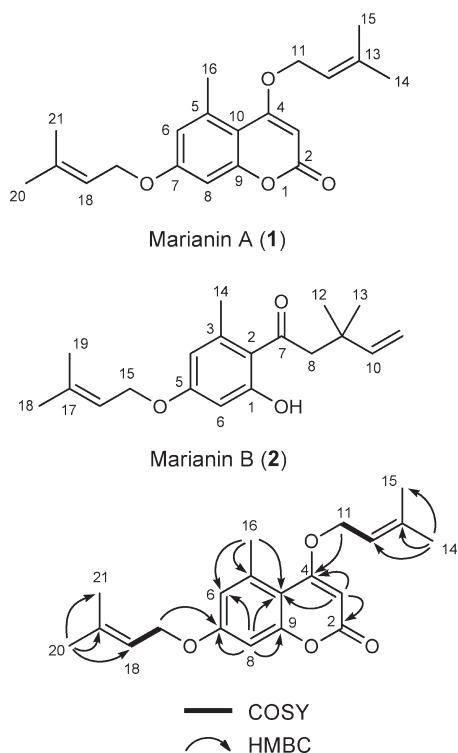
| position | δ_{C} , mult. ^a | δ_{H} (J in Hz) ^b | HMBC ^{b,c} |
|----------|--|--|---------------------|
| 2 | 163.4, qC | | |
| 3 | 88.0, CH | 5.51, s | 2, 4, 5, 10 |
| 4 | 168.9, qC | | |
| 5 | 138.5, qC | | |
| 6 | 116.2, CH | 6.61, d (2.3) | 7, 8, 10, 16 |
| 7 | 161.1, qC | | |
| 8 | 99.4, CH | 6.66, d (2.3) | 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 |
| 9 | 156.7, qC | | |
| 10 | 108.0, qC | | |
| 11 | 66.1, CH_2 | 4.61, d (6.7) | 4, 12, 13 |
| 12 | 117.5, CH | 5.50, m | |
| 13 | 140.0, qC | | |
| 14 | 25.75 ^d , CH_3 | 1.82, s | 12, 13, 15 |
| 15 | 18.29 ^c , CH_3 | 1.76, s | 12, 13, 14 |
| 16 | 23.6, CH_3 | 2.60, s | 5, 6, 10 |
| 17 | 65.1, CH_2 | 4.57, d (6.8) | 7, 18, 19 |
| 18 | 118.8, CH | 5.46, m | |
| 19 | 139.1, qC | | |
| 20 | 25.83 ^d , CH_3 | 1.80, s | 18, 19, 21 |
| 21 | 18.34 ^c , CH_3 | 1.76, s | 18, 19, 20 |

^a Recorded at 100 MHz. ^b Recorded at 500 MHz. ^c HMBC correlations are from proton to the indicated carbon. ^{d,e} Interchangeable.

Table 2. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Data for Marianin B (**2**) in CDCl_3

| position | δ_{C} , mult. ^a | δ_{H} (J in Hz) ^b | HMBC ^{b,c} |
|----------|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 | 165.2, qC | | |
| 2 | 117.1, qC | | |
| 3 | 140.4, qC | | |
| 4 | 112.3, CH | 6.27, d (2.5) | 2, 5, 6, 14 |
| 5 | 163.1, qC | | |
| 6 | 99.7, CH | 6.30, d (2.5) | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 7 | 206.2, qC | | |
| 8 | 54.5, CH_2 | 2.93, s | 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 |
| 9 | 37.7, qC | | |
| 10 | 147.3, CH | 5.94, dd (17.5, 10.7) | 9, 12, 13 |
| 11 | 110.5, CH_2 | 4.91, dd (10.7, 0.8) | 9, 10 |
| | | 4.95, dd (17.5, 0.8) | |
| 12 | 27.4, CH_3 | 1.15, s | 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 |
| 13 | 27.4, CH_3 | 1.15, s | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| 14 | 25.3, CH_3 | 2.53, s | 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 |
| 15 | 64.9, CH_2 | 4.50, d (6.5) | 5, 16, 17 |
| 16 | 118.8, CH | 5.46, m | |
| 17 | 139.0, qC | | |
| 18 | 25.8, CH_3 | 1.80, s | 19, 16, 17 |
| 19 | 18.2, CH_3 | 1.74, s | 18, 16, 17 |
| 1-OH | | 12.6, s | 1, 2, 5, 6 |

^a Recorded at 100 MHz. ^b Recorded at 500 MHz. ^c HMBC correlations are from proton to the indicated carbon.

Figure 1. COSY and key HMBC correlations for **1**.

HMBC correlations from H-6 and H-8 to one another, to C-7, and to C-10, and from H-8 to C-9, established the benzenoid substructure. To this unit was connected a three-carbon fragment C-2/C-3/C-4 on the basis of HMBC correlations from H-3 to

C-2, C-4, and C-10 and a four-bond correlation from H-8 to C-4. HMBC correlations from H₂-11 to C-4 and from H₂-17 to C-7 linked the prenyl groups to these carbons through ether linkages. The remaining three degrees of unsaturation were assigned to the C-2 carbonyl functionality, the C-3–C-4 double bond, and a lactone ring connected between C-2 and C-9, to complete the structure of **1** (Figure 1).

Marianin B (**2**) was obtained as a colorless, amorphous solid that analyzed for the molecular formula $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$ on the basis of an $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ peak at m/z 301.1803 observed in the HR-ESITOFMS. The IR spectrum showed absorption bands for hydroxyl (3261 cm^{-1}) and carbonyl (1609 cm^{-1}) functionalities. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR analysis of **2** revealed the presence of 19 carbons including one carbonyl, two oxygenated sp^2 carbons, one sp^2 methylene, four olefinic or aromatic carbons, three quaternary sp^2 carbons, two sp^3 methylenes (one is oxygenated), one quaternary sp^3 carbon, and five methyl groups (Table 2). **2** also possessed a prenyl group, as confirmed by a COSY correlation between H₂-15 and H-16 and HMBC correlations from H₃-18 and H₃-19 to one another, to C-16, and to C-17. Typical coupling patterns for a vinyl group were recognized in the ^1H NMR spectrum of **2**. Specifically, deshielded protons at δ 4.91 and 4.95 bonding to a single carbon at δ 110.5 were mutually coupled with a small geminal coupling constant ($J = 0.8\text{ Hz}$), and these protons (H₂-11) had COSY correlations to a vinyl proton, H-10. This proton showed correlations to C-9, C-12, and C-13, and two equivalent singlet methyl protons, H₃-12 and H₃-13, in turn, showed a series of HMBC correlations to C-9, C-10, and methylene carbon C-8. Furthermore, H₂-8 was correlated to carbonyl carbon C-7 and quaternary sp^2 carbon C-2. These correlation data established a 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentenoyl chain connecting to the aromatic core. The 1,2,3,5-tetrasubstituted benzene was elucidated by HMBC correlations from an

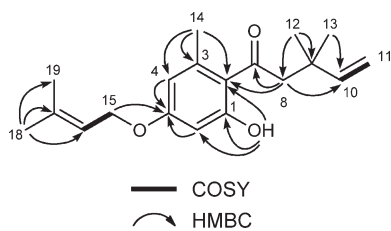


Figure 2. COSY and key HMBC correlations for **2**.

exchangeable proton at δ 12.6 to C-1, C-2, and C-6, from methyl protons H₃-14 to C-2, C-3, and C-4, and from aromatic protons H-4 and H-6 to C-5. Strong hydrogen bonding of the phenolic proton to the C-7 carbonyl was suggested by the IR absorption band at 1609 cm⁻¹, which was significantly low as a wavenumber for keto carbonyls.⁸ The prenyloxy group was attached to C-5 by an HMBC correlation from H₂-15 to C-5, to complete the structure of **2** (Figure 2).

Coumarins are the phenylalanine-derived secondary metabolites widely distributed in plants and are also produced by some fungi and bacteria.⁹ These aromatic lactones are often modified by prenylation,¹⁰ but those bearing more than two prenyloxy groups are very rare. Except for **1**, only two plant-derived coumarins are known to be *O*-prenylated at two sites.¹¹ **2** features an unprecedented 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentenoyl chain attaching to the prenylated orcinol. This unique metabolite could be derived from **1** as illustrated in Figure 3. Migration of the 4-*O*-prenyl group to C-3 can occur by Claisen rearrangement (Figure 3, path A). Involvement of this type of rearrangement has been shown in the biogenesis of plant phenylpropanoids,^{12,13} while the direct introduction of the dimethylallyl group at C-3 is also possible by reverse-prenylation (Figure 3, path B).¹⁴ The C-2 carbonyl carbon is likely removed by lactone hydrolysis, followed by decarboxylation, as an analogous sequence of reactions has been demonstrated to proceed during alkaline hydrolysis of a plant coumarin.¹⁵

Marianins A (**1**) and B (**2**) showed weak antimicrobial activity against *Micrococcus luteus* with an MIC value of 15 and 30 μ g/mL, respectively, while both compounds had no activity against *Escherichia coli* or *Candida albicans* at 30 μ g/mL. Marianins lacked significant activity in a cancer cell cytotoxicity assay. Marianin A (**1**) was slightly active against HeLa and MCF7 cells with IC₅₀ values of 34 and 39 μ M, respectively, and marianin B (**2**) was inactive against these cell lines (IC₅₀ >100 μ M).

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. UV spectra were recorded on a Hitachi U-3210 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 or a Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer and referenced to the signals of tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. HR-ESI-TOFMS were recorded on a Bruker microTOF focus spectrometer. Silica gel 60 (Kanto Chemical Co., Inc., 63-210 mesh) and silica gel 60-C18 (Nacalai Tesque, 250–350 mesh) were used for silica gel and ODS column chromatographies, respectively. HPLC separation was performed using a Capcell Pak C18 MGII S5 (Shiseido Co., Ltd., 20 × 150 mm) with a photodiode array detector.

Microorganism. Strain TAMA 118 was isolated from a rotten wood sample collected at Tamagawa University, Machida, Tokyo, by direct isolation under microscope. The strain was identified as *Mariannaea camptospora* Samson on the basis of morphological and cultural

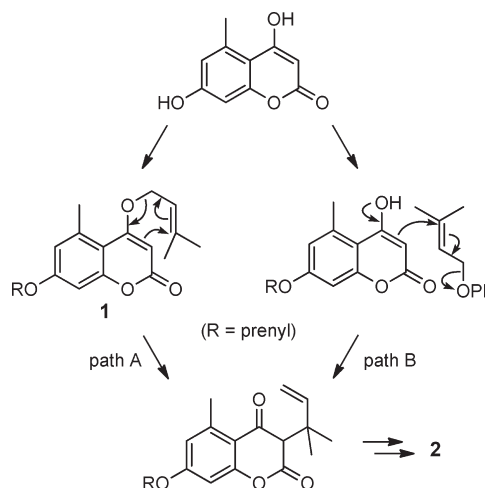


Figure 3. Proposed biogenesis of **2**.

characteristics and 99% similarity of internal transcribed spacer (ITS) sequence (562 nucleotides; GenBank accession number AB587666) to *M. camptospora* NBRC 33106 (accession number AB112029) and 94% similarity to *M. camptospora* CBS 209.73 (accession number AY624202).

Fermentation. Strain TAMA 118 grown on a PDA slant was inoculated into 150 mL polypropylene flasks each containing 20 mL of the SGCH-X medium [10 g of sodium glutamate, 30 g of sucrose, 0.5 g of yeast extract (Difco Laboratories), 0.4 g of KCl, 2 g of CaCO₃, 0.015 mg of KH₂PO₄, 0.005 mg of MgSO₄·7H₂O, 2.5 mL of metal solution, and 1 L of ion exchanged water (pH was adjusted to 6.5 before addition of CaCO₃)], supplemented with 0.02 g of XAD1180 resin (Organo Co., Ltd.). Metal solution was prepared as containing 15 mg of FeSO₄·7H₂O, 9 mg of ZnSO₄·7H₂O, 4 mg of MnSO₄·5H₂O, 5.5 mg of CuSO₄·5H₂O, 6 mg of Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O, 2.5 mg of H₃BO₃, and 2 mg of Na₂MoO₄·2H₂O in 100 mL of 1 M H₂SO₄. After sterilization, the inoculated flasks were placed on a rotary shaker (225 rpm) at 25 °C for 21 days.

Extraction and Isolation. At the end of the fermentation period, 20 mL of 1-butanol was added to each flask, and they were allowed to shake on a rotary shaker (225 rpm) for 30 min. The mixture was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 5 min, and the organic layer was separated from the aqueous layer containing the mycelium. Evaporation of the organic solvent gave approximately 2.2 g of extract from 1 L of culture. The crude extract was subjected to silica gel column chromatography with a step gradient of CHCl₃/MeOH (1:0, 20:1, 10:1, 4:1, 2:1, 1:1, and 0:1 v/v). Fraction 4 was further purified by C-18 reversed-phase HPLC with MeCN/0.1% HCO₂H (80:20) to give 4.0 mg of **1**. Fractions 2 and 3 were combined and concentrated to provide semipure **2** (15 mg), which was further purified by C-18 reversed-phase HPLC with MeCN/0.1% HCO₂H (75:25) to give 1.8 mg of **2**.

Marianin A (1): colorless, amorphous solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 208 (4.52), 222 (4.30), 288 (3.91), 308 (4.07), 319 (3.99) nm; IR (ATR) ν_{\max} 2913, 2855, 1708, 1594, 1155 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1; HR-ESI-TOFMS [M – H]⁻ 327.1602 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₅O₄, 327.1602).

Marianin B (2): colorless, amorphous solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 220 (3.85), 275 (3.48) nm; IR (ATR) ν_{\max} 3261, 2924, 2855, 1609, 1159 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 2; HR-ESI-TOFMS [M – H]⁻ 301.1803 (calcd for C₁₉H₂₅O₃, 301.1809).

Biological Assays. Antimicrobial assay was carried out using *Escherichia coli* NIH-JC2, *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC9343, and *Candida albicans* IFO1594 according to the procedures previously described.¹⁶ An MIC value of the standard antibiotic tetracycline hydrochloride

(Sigma-Aldrich Co.) against *M. luteus* was 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$. Cytotoxic assay was carried out using HeLa human cervical cancer cells and MCF7 human breast cancer cells. Cancer cells were suspended in RPMI medium containing 10% FBS (Sigma-Aldrich, Inc.) and 2 mM L-glutamine and seeded into the wells of a 96-well culture plate (1×10^4 cells/ $50 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$). Then, test compounds at various concentrations in DMSO/RPMI medium (0.8:92.2 v/v, $50 \mu\text{L}$) were added to the wells. After incubation for 48 h in a humidified 5% CO_2 incubator at 37°C , MTT (0.25 mg, Sigma-Aldrich, Inc.) in PBS (–) ($50 \mu\text{L}$) was added to each well, and the plates were placed in the incubator at 37°C for 4 h. Medium in the wells was removed by suction, and DMSO ($100 \mu\text{L}$) was added to each well. After 10 min, the absorbance at 570 nm was read by a microplate reader. IC_{50} values of the positive control staurosporin (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) against HeLa and MCF7 cells were 4 pM and 50 nM, respectively.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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

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