

Lindenane Disesquiterpenoids with Anti-HIV-1 Activity from *Chloranthus japonicus*

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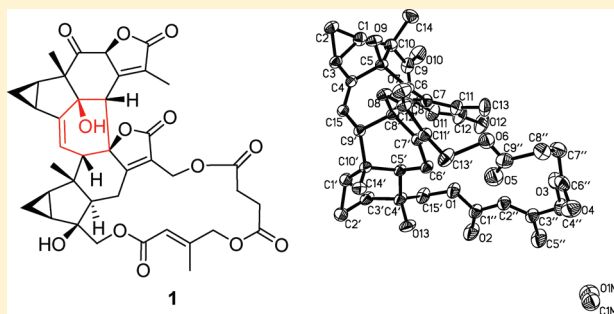
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ABSTRACT: Five new lindenane disesquiterpenoids, chlorajaponilides A–E (1–5), together with 11 known analogues were isolated from whole plants of *Chloranthus japonicus*. The structure and absolute configuration of **1** was confirmed by X-ray crystallography. Compounds **1** and **2** represent the first examples of lindenane disesquiterpenoids with a C-5 hydroxy group and a C-4–C-15 double bond. Compounds **8**, **9**, **11**, and **12** showed anti-HIV-1 replication activities in both wild-type HIV-1 and two NNRTIs-resistant strains. Shizukaol B (**8**) exhibited the best activity against HIV_{wb}, HIV_{RT-K103N}, and HIV_{RT-K103N} with EC₅₀ values of 0.22, 0.47, and 0.50 μM, respectively. Compounds **8**, **9**, **11**, and **12** had significant cytotoxicities against C8166 cells with CC₅₀ values of 0.020, 0.089, 0.047, and 0.022, respectively, and exhibited inhibitory activities against HIV-1 with EC₅₀ values of 0.0014, 0.016, 0.0043, and 0.0033 μM, respectively.



Chloranthus japonicus Sieb. (Chloranthaceae, “yin-xian-cao” in Chinese) is a perennial herb mainly distributed in the eastern region of Asia, such as mainland China, Korea, and Japan. It has long been applied for the treatment of traumatic injuries, rheumatic arthralgia, fractures, pulmonary tuberculosis, and neurasthenia in traditional Chinese medicine.¹ Previous chemical investigations resulted in the isolation of a variety of sesquiterpenoids including eudesmane-,^{2,3,7–9} lindenane-,^{2–6,9} germacrane-,^{3–5} and acorane-,³ as well as lindenane-type sesquiterpenoid dimers and trimers.^{7,10–15} The eudesmane-type sesquiterpenoid CJ-01 showed significant inhibitory activity against chitin synthase 2 of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*,⁸ while the disesquiterpenoids shizukaol B (**8**), shizukaol F (**11**), and cycloshizukaol A (**13**) exhibited inhibition of the expression of cell adhesion molecules.¹⁶ As part of our ongoing efforts to discover more new sesquiterpenoids and disesquiterpenoids from *Chloranthus* species,^{17,18} the ethyl acetate-soluble extract of this plant was investigated, resulting in the isolation of five new lindenane disesquiterpenoids, named chlorajaponilides A–E (**1–5**), together with 11 known analogues, yinxiancaol (**6**),⁷ shizukaols A–D (**7–10**),^{10,11} shizukaol F (**11**),¹² shizukaol H (**12**),¹² cycloshizukaol A (**13**),¹³ chlorahololide B (**14**),¹⁹ chloramultilide C (**15**),²⁰ and spicachlorantin B (**16**).²¹ Compounds **1**

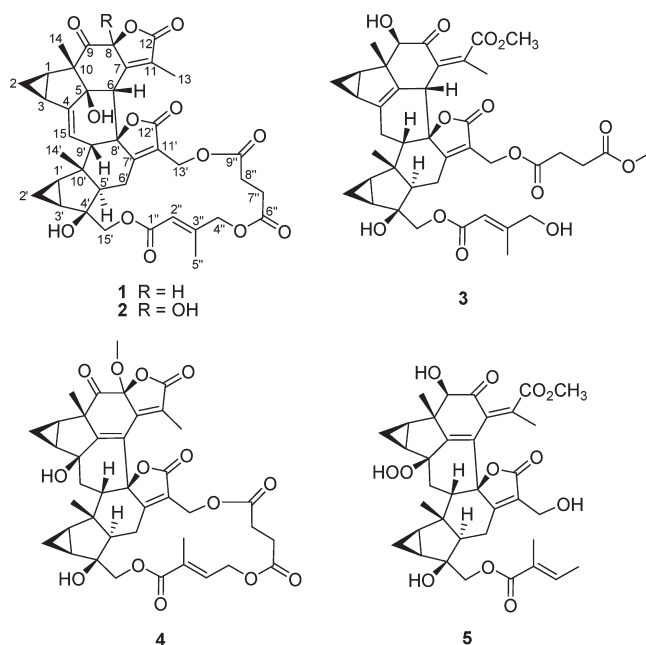
and **2** represent the first examples of lindenane disesquiterpenoids with a C-5 hydroxy group and a C-4–C-15 double bond. Compound **5** is a rare lindenane disesquiterpenoid containing a hydroperoxy group at C-4. Herein, we report the isolation and structure determination of the new compounds and their anti-HIV-1 activities.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chlorajaponilide A (**1**) was obtained as colorless prism-like crystals (CHCl₃–MeOH). The molecular formula C₃₉H₄₀O₁₃ was established by HR-ESIM displaying a quasi-molecular ion peak at *m/z* 739.2368 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd 739.2366) and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2), requiring 20 degrees of unsaturation. The IR absorptions revealed the presence of hydroxy (3477 cm⁻¹), carbonyl (1763 cm⁻¹), and olefinic (1664 cm⁻¹) functionalities. In accord with the molecular formula, 39 carbon resonances consisting of six carbonyl, four double-bond, four methyl, eight methylene (three oxygenated), eight methine (one oxygenated), and five quaternary carbons (three oxygenated) were resolved in the ¹³C NMR and categorized by DEPT experiments (Table 2).

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The ^1H NMR spectrum (Table 1) showed four methyl protons at δ_{H} 0.83 (s), 1.17 (s), 1.69 (s), and 2.07 (s) and two trisubstituted olefinic protons at δ_{H} 5.77 (d) and 6.15 (d). The ^1H – ^1H COSY spectrum showed two sets of proton spin systems of a

1,2-disubstituted cyclopropane ring (δ_{H} 0.63, 1.34, 1.60, and 2.08; δ_{H} 0.68, 1.27, 1.60, and 1.80). The above data together with the two characteristic high-field methylene resonances at δ_{H} 0.63 (H-2 β) and 0.68 (H-2' β) for two cyclopropane rings revealed that **1** should be a lindenane disesquiterpenoid similar to chlorahololide B (**14**).¹⁹ A major difference between the two molecules was the appearance of an additional trisubstituted double bond in compound **1**. The ^1H – ^1H COSY correlation from H-15 (δ_{H} 6.15) to H-9' (δ_{H} 2.49) and the HMBC correlations of H-15 (δ_{H} 6.15) with C-3 (δ_{C} 21.3), C-4 (δ_{C} 144.9), C-5 (δ_{C} 73.5), C-6 (δ_{C} 51.1), C-8' (δ_{C} 90.0), C-9' (δ_{C} 52.8), and C-10' (δ_{C} 44.9) confirmed the trisubstituted double bond between C-4 (δ_{C} 144.9) and C-15 (δ_{C} 117.7) and the location of a hydroxy group at C-5 instead of C-4. A second major difference was the chemical shift of C-8. In comparison with the corresponding resonance (δ_{C} 94.0) in chlorahololide B (**14**),¹⁹ C-8 in compound **1** shifted upfield to δ_{C} 81.9, which was indicative of an oxymethine, not a hemiacetal carbon. C-8 was connected to C-12 via an oxygen atom to form a five-membered α,β -unsaturated lactone ring fused at C-7 and C-8 by the key HMBC correlations of H-8 (δ_{H} 5.45) with C-6 (δ_{C} 51.1) and C-12 (δ_{C} 171.7) and of the allylic methyl proton resonance (δ_{H} 1.69) with C-6 (δ_{C} 51.1), C-7 (δ_{C} 149.0), C-8 (δ_{C} 81.9), C-11 (δ_{C} 127.4), and C-12 (δ_{C} 171.7). The ^1H – ^1H COSY and key HMBC correlations shown in Figure 1 confirmed the planar structure of **1**.

Table 1. ^1H NMR Data of Chlorajaponilides A–E (1–5) (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

position	1 ^{a,b}	2 ^{c,d}	3 ^{b,c}	4 ^{b,c}	5 ^{a,b}
1	1.34 m	1.52 m	2.06 m	2.15 m	2.00 m
2 α	1.60 m	2.04 m	0.99 m	1.28 m	1.23 m
2 β	0.63 m	0.78 m	0.28 m	1.02 m	0.95 m
3	2.08 m	2.24 m	1.84 m	1.78 m	1.85 m
6	3.04 s	3.69 s	3.92 d		
8	5.45 s				
9			3.97 s		3.75 s
13	1.69 s	2.00 s	1.88 s	1.81 s	1.78 s
14	1.17 s	1.55 s	0.99 s	1.15 s	1.02 s
15 α	6.15 d (4.0)	6.30 d (3.0)	2.78 m	2.67 m	3.07 dd (14.3, 7.1)
15 β			2.60 m	1.79 m	1.60 m
1'	1.80 m	2.13 m	1.59 m	1.59 m	1.58 m
2' α	1.27 m	1.58 m	0.71 m	1.31 m	1.18 m
2' β	0.68 m	0.74 m	1.32 m	0.65 m	0.60 dt (8.9, 5.6)
3'	1.60 m	2.00 m	1.41 m	1.47 m	1.60 m
5'	1.51 dd (13.4, 5.6)	3.36 m	1.86 m	2.28 dd (12.4, 6.8)	1.60 m
6' α	2.92 dd (20.2, 13.5)	3.05 d (5.1)	2.71 m	3.01 dd (18.1, 12.5)	2.89 dd (17.3, 13.2)
6' β	2.44 m	3.02 d (5.1)	2.50 dd (18.5, 6.0)	2.41 dd (18.1, 6.6)	2.25 dd (17.3, 6.6)
9'	2.49 d (3.1)	2.54 d (3.2)	1.84 m	2.60 dd (10.2, 6.8)	2.59 dd (10.1, 7.3)
13'a	5.14 d (12.4)	5.37 d (12.3)	4.99 d (13.5)	5.38 d (12.0)	4.42 d (13.6)
13'b	4.54 d (12.4)	4.92 d (12.3)	4.78 d (13.5)	4.50 d (12.0)	4.36 d (13.6)
14'	0.83 s	1.02 s	0.86 s	0.95 s	0.98 s
15'a	4.67 d (12.0)	5.15 d (10.9)	4.30 d (12.0)	4.73 d (11.7)	4.15 d (11.4)
15'b	3.38 d (12.0)	4.41 d (10.9)	3.68 d (12.0)	3.80 d (11.7)	3.93 d (11.4)
2''	5.77 d (1.1)	6.23 s	5.97 d (1.5)		
3''				6.62 m	6.84 m
4''a	4.66 s (2H)	4.83 d (16.4)	4.16 s (2H)	4.67 d (6.2, 2H)	1.84 s
4''b		4.61 d (16.4)			
5''	2.07 s	2.08 s	2.12 s	1.89 s	1.85 s
7''a	2.68 m (2H)	2.90 m	2.66 m (2H)	2.71 m	
7''b		2.81 m		2.51 m	
8''a	2.43 m (2H)	2.64 m	2.75 m (2H)	2.67 m	
8''b		2.00 m		2.49 m	
8-OMe				3.46 s	
12-COMe			3.72 s		3.78 s
6''-COMe			3.66 s		

^a Recorded at 400 MHz. ^b Measured in CDCl_3 . ^c Recorded at 500 MHz. ^d Measured in pyridine- d_5 .

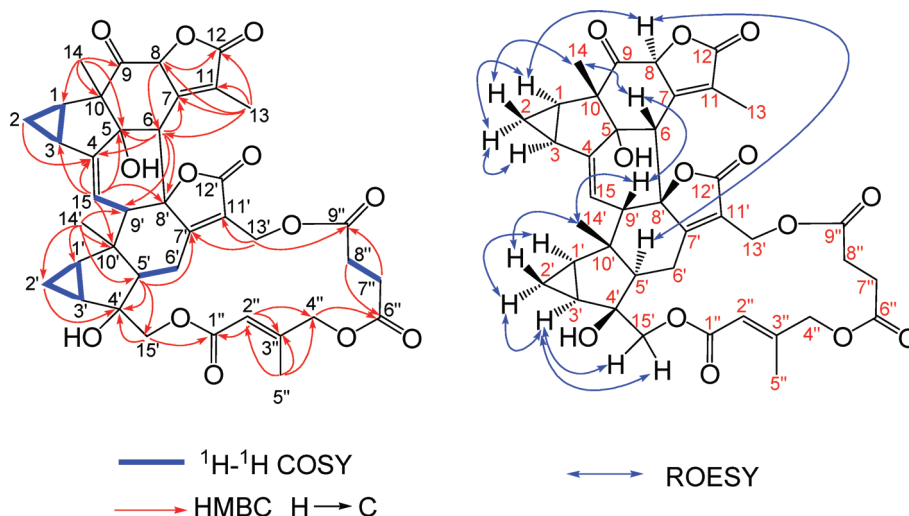


Figure 1. Selected 2D NMR correlations of chlorajaponilide A (**1**).

The relative configuration of **1** was assigned by the ROESY correlations shown in Figure 1. The ROESY correlations of H-1/H-3, H-1/H-2 α , H-2 α /H-3, H-1'/H-3', H-1'/H-2' α , H-2'/ α /H-3', H-1'/H-5', and H-3'/H-5' indicated they were cofacial and were arbitrarily assigned as α -oriented. As a consequence, the ROESY cross-peaks of H-2 β /Me-14, H-6/Me-14, H-2' β /Me-14', H-9'/Me-14', and H-6/H-9' revealed that they were β -oriented. H-8 was fixed as α -oriented, based on the ROESY correlations of H-8 with H-5'. The ROESY correlations of H₂-15'/H-3' and H₂-15'/H-5' suggested that OH-4' was β -oriented. Recrystallization of **1** from CHCl₃–MeOH (1:5) afforded single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis. Consequently, we applied single-crystal X-ray diffraction with Cu K α radiation to determine the final structure and absolute configuration as shown in Figure 2. On the basis of all the information above, the structure of **1** was elucidated as depicted.

Chlorajaponilide B (**2**) was obtained as a colorless, amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as C₃₉H₄₀O₁₄ by positive-mode HR-ESIMS at 755.2309 [M + Na]⁺ and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2), which exceeds that of compound **1** by an oxygen atom. Comparison of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra indicated that **2** differed from **1** by the presence of a hemiacetal (δ_C 101.3) instead of an oxymethine (δ_C 81.9) moiety at C-8 in the latter. The HMBC correlations of the C-13 methyl protons with C-6, C-7, C-8, C-11, and C-12 and of H-6 with C-8 indicated the location of the hemiacetal group at C-8 (Figure 1). ROESY correlations suggested the same relative configuration as **1**. Consequently, the structure of **2** was established as shown.

Chlorajaponilide C (**3**), obtained as a yellow, amorphous powder, showed a molecular formula of C₄₁H₄₈O₁₄ by the positive-ion HR-ESIMS (m/z 787.2941 [M + Na]⁺) and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2). The NMR data of **3** (Tables 1 and 2) were similar to those of shizukaol O.²² The only difference was the presence of one carbomethoxy resonance at δ_H 3.66 in the ¹H NMR spectrum and at δ_C 173.1 and 52.0 in the ¹³C NMR spectrum. The correlation of the methoxy protons (δ_H 3.66) with the carboxylic carbon (δ_C 173.1) in the HMBC spectrum established the esterification position at C-6'.

Chlorajaponilide D (**4**) was obtained as a white, amorphous powder. The HR-ESIMS displayed a quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 769.2459 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd 769.2472), consistent with the

molecular formula C₄₀H₄₂O₁₄. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) revealed that this compound closely resembled spicachlorantin A¹⁹ except for the presence of an OCH₃ group. The OCH₃ was inferred to be located at C-8 from the shift of C-8 ($\Delta\delta_C$ + 2.2) in **4** relative to spicachlorantin A, which was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of the methoxy protons at δ_H 3.46 with the dioxygenated quaternary carbon at δ_C 96.2 (C-8). Accordingly, the structure of **4** was determined as shown.

Chlorajaponilide E (**5**) had a molecular formula of C₃₆H₄₂O₁₂ based on HR-ESIMS (m/z 689.2577 [M + Na]⁺) and ¹³C NMR data (Table 2). The NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) demonstrated that **5** was similar to spicachlorantin E,²³ and the significant difference was the absence of an acetyl group in **5**. In the HMBC spectrum, the correlations of H₂-15' (δ_H 3.93 and 4.15) with C-1'' (δ_C 168.1) unambiguously placed the angelic acid residue at C-15'. The ROESY experiment indicated that **5** had the same relative configuration as spicachlorantin E. Thus, chlorajaponilide E (**5**) was identified as 13'-de-O-acetylspicachlorantin E.

The disesquiterpenoids (**1**–**16**) except compound **5**, which was obtained in a limited amount, were tested for bioactivity against HIV-1 replication. The assay was performed by using a pseudotyping system with EFV (efavirenz) as a positive control. Compounds **8**, **9**, **11**, and **12** showed inhibitory effects on HIV-1 replication with an EC₅₀ range 0.11–4.05 μ M for wild-type HIV-1 and two non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor resistant HIV-1 strains (HIV_{RT-K103N} and HIV_{RT-Y181C}), as shown in Table 3. Among these compounds, shizukaol B (**8**) displayed the best activity against HIV_{wt}, HIV_{RT-K103N}, and HIV_{RT-K103N} with EC₅₀ values of 0.22, 0.47, and 0.50 μ M, respectively. Since some lindenane disesquiterpenoids were reported having cytotoxicity^{24,25} and the therapeutic index (TI) is an important measurement for the anti-HIV activity, compounds **8**, **9**, **11**, and **12** were tested for cytotoxicities against C8166 cells (CC₅₀), and anti-HIV-1 activities were evaluated by the inhibition assay for the cytopathic effects of HIV-1 (EC₅₀), using AZT as a positive control. The results are summarized in Table 4. Although the four compounds showed inhibitory activities against HIV-1 with EC₅₀ values of 0.0014, 0.016, 0.0043, and 0.0033 μ M, respectively, they exhibited significant cytotoxicity to C8166 cells and a low therapeutic index.

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR Data of Chlorajaponilides A–E (1–5) (δ in ppm)

position	1 ^{a,b}	2 ^{c,d}	3 ^{b,c}	4 ^{b,c}	5 ^{a,b}
1	28.0, CH	30.0, CH	25.7, CH	24.7, CH	26.0, CH
2	11.1, CH ₂	12.9, CH ₂	15.8, CH ₂	10.0, CH ₂	8.2, CH ₂
3	21.3, CH	23.1, CH	24.7, CH	30.5, CH	27.6, CH
4	144.9, C	143.7, C	142.2, C	77.2, C	90.4, C
5	73.5, C	74.6, C	131.7, C	161.5, C	158.6, C
6	51.1, CH	52.7, CH	40.8, CH	121.1, C	126.9, C
7	149.0, C	151.3, C	131.5, C	148.4, C	142.7, C
8	81.9, CH	101.3, C	199.8, C	96.2, C	198.8, C
9	201.9, C	205.5, C	80.1, CH	197.4, C	77.8, CH
10	61.1, C	60.6, C	51.1, C	56.5, C	50.1, C
11	127.4, C	133.1, C	147.3, C	128.5, C	129.0, C
12	171.7, C	171.8, C	171.0, C	170.3, C	170.2, C
13	10.2, CH ₃	10.6, CH ₃	20.4, CH ₃	11.6, CH ₃	21.1, CH ₃
14	15.3, CH ₃	17.9, CH ₃	15.2, CH ₃	23.3, CH ₃	15.3, CH ₃
15	117.7, CH	118.2, CH	25.4, CH ₂	39.8, CH ₂	36.6, CH ₂
1'	25.4, CH	26.2, CH	25.3, CH	26.7, CH	27.2, CH
2'	10.9, CH ₂	11.7, CH ₂	11.6, CH ₂	10.1, CH ₂	10.3, CH ₂
3'	26.7, CH	29.3, CH	27.8, CH	29.2, CH	29.1, CH
4'	76.5, C	77.1, C	77.2, C	77.4, C	77.5, C
5'	59.7, CH	56.8, CH	60.9, CH	55.2, CH	54.6, CH
6'	25.9, CH ₂	26.2, CH ₂	23.4, CH ₂	23.9, CH ₂	21.7, CH ₂
7'	175.3, C	176.8, C	171.3, C	173.5, C	166.4, C
8'	90.0, C	91.3, C	93.3, C	85.7, C	87.5, C
9'	52.8, CH	54.1, CH	55.7, CH	51.7, CH	52.3, CH
10'	44.9, C	45.7, C	44.8, C	45.1, C	45.1, C
11'	124.2, C	124.3, C	123.4, C	123.0, C	128.4, C
12'	172.7, C	172.9, C	172.1, C	171.2, C	173.0, C
13'	54.7, CH ₂	55.6, CH ₂	55.7, CH ₂	53.3, CH ₂	54.8, CH ₂
14'	25.0, CH ₃	25.8, CH ₃	26.5, CH ₃	123.0, C	24.2, CH ₃
15'	72.7, CH ₂	72.9, CH ₂	71.8, CH ₂	73.6, CH ₂	70.4, CH ₂
1''	165.9, C	166.1, C	166.6, C	167.4, C	168.1, C
2''	113.4, CH	114.6, CH	112.5, CH	130.4, C	128.0, C
3''	153.5, C	152.6, C	159.5, C	135.7, CH	138.8, CH
4''	66.7, CH ₂	66.8, CH ₂	67.2, CH ₂	61.1, CH ₂	14.6, CH ₃
5''	15.6, CH ₃	15.7, CH ₃	15.7, CH ₃	12.8, CH ₃	12.1, CH ₃
6''	171.6, C	171.2, C	173.1, C	172.0, C	
7''	28.7, CH ₂	29.3, CH ₂	28.6, CH ₂	28.8, CH ₂	
8''	28.9, CH ₂	29.6, CH ₂	28.7, CH ₂	28.9, CH ₂	
9''	169.9, C	170.1, C	172.0, C	171.9, C	
8-OMe				54.5, CH ₃	
12-COMe			52.7, CH ₃		52.8, CH ₃
6''-COMe			52.0, CH ₃		

^a Recorded at 100 MHz. ^b Measured in CDCl₃. ^c Recorded at 125 MHz. ^d Measured in pyridine-*d*₅.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. The melting point of compound **1** was measured on an XRC-1 micromelting point apparatus and is uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded on an Horiba SEAP-300 polarimeter. UV spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu UV-2401PC spectrophotometer. IR spectra were measured with a Bio-Rad FTS-135 spectrometer with KBr pellets. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-400, DRX-500, and Avance 600 instruments. Chemical shifts (δ)

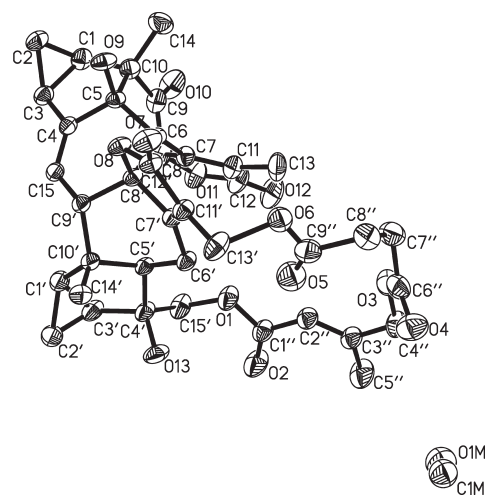


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of chlorajaponilide A (1).

are expressed in ppm with reference to the solvent signals. ESIMS and HRESIMS were performed on an APIQSTAR TOF spectrometer. Semi-preparative HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1100 liquid chromatograph with a Zorbax SB-C₁₈ (9.4 mm × 25 cm) column. Column chromatography (CC) was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc., Qingdao, P. R. China), RP-18 gel (LiChroprep, 40–63 μm , Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), MCI gel CHP20P (75–150 μm , Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Tokyo, Japan), and Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Biosciences, Sweden). Fractions were monitored by TLC, and spots were detected with a UV₂₅₄ lamp and by heating silica gel plates sprayed with 10% H₂SO₄ in EtOH.

Plant Material. Whole plants of *C. japonicus* were collected in August 2008 from Panshi, Jilin Province, People's Republic of China, and identified by Dr. En-De Liu of Kunming Institute of Botany. A voucher sample (No. HY0003) was deposited at the State Key Laboratory of Phytochemistry and Plant Resources in West China.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried and powdered plant material (10.5 kg) was extracted three times with MeOH (40 L × 3) under reflux. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (800 g), which was subjected to silica gel chromatography eluting with EtOAc to yield 426 g of eluate. The eluate was passed through a column containing MCI gel and eluted with gradient of MeOH–H₂O (3:7 → 5:5 → 7:3 → 1:0). The 70% MeOH fraction (109.4 g, a major fraction containing disesquiterpenoids) was chromatographed over a silica gel column (CHCl₃–MeOH, 100:1 → 80:1 → 60:1 → 40:1) to yield six fractions, A–F. Fraction B was subjected to silica gel CC (CHCl₃–MeOH, 150:1 → 120:1 → 80:1 → 60:1), then purified by semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN–H₂O, 57:43; flow rate, 3 mL/min) to afford **3** (60 mg; *t*_R = 8.550 min). Fraction C (21.1 g) was separated on an RP-18 column eluted with a MeOH–H₂O gradient system (35%, 40%, 45%, 50%, and 55%) to obtain eight fractions, C₁–C₈. Shizukaol F (**11**, 200 mg) and cycloshizukaol A (**13**, 500 mg) crystallized from C₁ and C₂ in MeOH, respectively. Fraction C₃ was subjected to CC over silica gel (CHCl₃–MeOH, 130:1 → 120:1 → 100:1 → 60:1) to afford shizukaol A (**7**, 19 mg) and shizukaol B (**8**, 100 mg). The purification of fraction C₄ yielded spicachlorant B (**16**, 10 mg) via CC on silica gel (CHCl₃–MeOH, 100:1). Chlorahololide B (**14**, 18 mg) was obtained from fraction C₆ by silica gel CC (CHCl₃–MeOH, 120:1 → 100:1 → 80:1 → 60:1). Fraction C₇ was separated by silica gel CC (CHCl₃–MeOH, 100:1 → 80:1 → 60:1), then purified on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) to yield **1** (65 mg), **2** (14 mg), **4** (12 mg), and shizukaol D (**10**, 20 mg). Fraction D (12.7 g) was chromatographed over a silica gel column using CHCl₃–MeOH (150:1 → 100:1 → 80:1 → 60:1) to provide shizukaol H (**12**, 150 mg).

Table 3. Inhibitory Effect of Compounds 8, 9, 11, and 12 on HIV-1 Replication^a

compound	VSVG ^b /HIVwt EC ₅₀ (μM)	VSVG/HIV _{RT-K103N} EC ₅₀ (μM)	VSVG/HIV _{RT-Y181C} EC ₅₀ (μM)
8	0.22	0.47	0.50
9	0.98	1.36	1.00
11	0.11	3.39	4.05
12	0.83	2.35	0.86
EFV	0.0008	0.024	0.002

^aThe percentages in this table indicate the infectivity compared to the same amount solvent as 100%. ^bVSV-G: vesicular stomatitis virus G protein.

The 50% MeOH fraction obtained from the MCI gel column was subjected to an RP-18 column (MeOH–H₂O, 35% → 60%) to give five fractions G–K. Fraction I was subjected to silica gel CC using CHCl₃–MeOH (100:1 → 80:1 → 60:1) to afford chlorajaponilide C (15, 35 mg) and yinxiancaol (6, 28 mg). Shizukaol C (9, 18 mg) and 5 (6 mg; *t*_R = 5.203 min) were obtained from fraction J by silica gel CC eluted with CHCl₃–MeOH (100:1) and purified by semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN–H₂O, 48:52; flow rate, 3 mL/min).

Chlorajaponilide A (1): colorless prisms (CH₃OH–CHCl₃, 5:1, v/v); mp 277–280 °C; [α]_D²⁰ +59.2 (c 0.1, CHCl₃); UV (CHCl₃) λ_{max} (log ε) 241 (4.22) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3477, 2931, 1763, 1664, 1441, 1370, 1325, 1265, 1216, 1138, 1049, 1023 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 400 MHz), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 2; positive ESIMS *m/z* 739 [M + Na]⁺; positive HRESIMS *m/z* 739.2368 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₉H₄₀O₁₃Na, 739.2366).

X-ray Single-Crystal Structure Determination of 1. Crystal data: C₃₉H₄₀O₁₃·CH₃OH, MW = 716.74 (no solvent of crystallization); monoclinic system, space group P2₁; crystal cell parameters *a* = 9.840(5) Å, *b* = 18.655(7) Å, *c* = 10.168(5) Å, β = 101.518(16)°, *V* = 1828.9(15) Å³, *Z* = 2, *d* = 1.360 g/cm³. A crystal of dimensions 0.07 × 0.14 × 0.21 mm was used for X-ray measurements on a macro-MAX002+ diffractometer with a graphite monochromator (ω–κ scans, 2θ_{max} = 144.84°), using Cu Kα radiation. The total number of independent reflections measured was 6672, of which 6120 were observed ($|F| \geq 2\sigma|F|^2$). The crystal structure of 1 was solved by the direct method with SHELXS-97, expanded by using difference Fourier techniques, and refined by the program and method NOMSDP and full-matrix least-squares calculations. The hydrogen atoms were fixed at their calculated positions. The final indices were *R*₁ = 0.0653, *wR*₂ = 0.1873, *S* = 1.043°. The absolute structure could be determined properly giving a Flack parameter of 0.1(2). Crystallographic data for the structure of 1 have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication CCDC-809528 (available free of charge at <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/deposit> or from the DDCD, 12 Union Rd., Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; fax (+44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Chlorajaponilide B (2): colorless, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +3.0 (c 0.06, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 218 (4.29) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3437, 2928, 1745, 1663, 1637, 1222, 1162, 1039 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR data (pyridine-*d*₅, 500 MHz), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (pyridine-*d*₅, 125 MHz), see Table 2; positive ESIMS *m/z* 755 [M + Na]⁺; positive HRESIMS *m/z* 755.2309 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₉H₄₀O₁₄Na, 755.2315).

Chlorajaponilide C (3): yellow, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ –168.0 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 220 (4.59) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3449, 2927, 1736, 1659, 1603, 1439, 1376, 1280, 1222, 1157, 1085, 990 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz), see Table 2; positive ESIMS *m/z* 787 [M + Na]⁺; positive HRESIMS *m/z* 787.2949 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₁H₄₈O₁₄Na, 787.2941).

Table 4. Anti-HIV-1 Activities of Compounds 8, 9, 11, and 12

compound	cytotoxicity, CC ₅₀ (μM)	anti-HIV-1 activity, EC ₅₀ (μM)	therapy index (TI), CC ₅₀ /EC ₅₀
8	0.020	0.0014	14.39
9	0.089	0.016	5.56
11	0.047	0.0043	10.93
12	0.022	0.0033	6.67
AZT	4.07	0.000004	1017500

Chlorajaponilide D (4): colorless, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ –1.8 (c 0.06, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 219 (4.25) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3468, 2932, 1783, 1441, 1361, 1251, 1152, 1032, 975 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz), see Table 2; positive ESIMS *m/z* 769 [M + Na]⁺; positive HRESIMS *m/z* 769.2459 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₀H₄₂O₁₄Na, 769.2472).

Chlorajaponilide E (5): yellow, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ –152.2 (c 0.08, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 219 (4.45) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3443, 2935, 1738, 1648, 1438, 1382, 1267, 1135, 1081, 976 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 400 MHz), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 2; positive ESIMS *m/z* 689 [M + Na]⁺; positive HRESIMS *m/z* 689.2577 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₆H₄₂O₁₂Na, 689.2573).

Anti-HIV-1 Activity Assay by Pseudotyped Viruses. Vesicular stomatitis virus glycoprotein (VSV-G) plasmid was co-transfected with env-deficient HIV vector (pNL4-3.luc.R-E⁻, pNL4-3.luc.R⁻E⁻_{RT-K103N}, or pNL4-3.luc.R⁻E⁻_{RT-Y181C}) into 293T cells by using a modified Ca₃(PO₄)₂ method.^{26–28} Briefly, plates were washed with PBS, and fresh media was added 16 h after transfection. Supernatant that contains pseudotyped virions (VSVG/HIV-wt, VSVG/HIV-RT-K103N, or VSVG/HIV-RT-Y181C) was harvested and filtered through a 0.45 μm filter 48 h post-transfection. Viral solution was quantified by p24 concentrations, which were detected by ELISA (ZeptoMetrix, Cat.: 0801111) and diluted to 0.2 ng p24/mL, which can be used directly or stored at –80 °C. One day prior to infection, 293T cells were plated on 24-well plates at a density of 6 × 10⁴ cells per well. Compounds were dissolved in DMSO and added into target cells 15 min ahead of infection. Forty-eight hours post-infection, infected cells were lysed in 50 μL of Cell Lysis Reagent (Promega). Luciferase activity of cell lysate was measured by a Sirius luminometer (Berthold Detection System) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Anti-HIV-1 Assay. Cytotoxicity against C8166 cells (CC₅₀) was assessed using the MTT method, and anti-HIV-1 activity was evaluated by the inhibition assay for the cytopathic effects of HIV-1 (EC₅₀).²⁹

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information. 1D and 2D NMR (HSQC, COSY, HMBC, ROESY) spectra for chlorajaponilides A–E (1–5) are available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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