Daphnezomines F and G: Novel Alkaloids with 1-Azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane Moiety from Daphniphyllum humile

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Daphniphyllum alkaloids are a group of highly complex polycyclic alkaloids which have attracted great interest from a biogenetic point of view.^{1,2} Heathcock and coworkers have demonstrated a one-pot synthesis of a dialdehyde to a pentacyclic unsaturated amine, which turned out to be an exceptionally efficient way to construct the pentacyclic nucleus of the Daphniphyllum alkaloids, based on the hypothesis of their biosynthesis.³ Recently we have isolated daphnezomines A and B,⁴ which are novel alkaloids with a unique aza-adamantane core, and daphnezomines C, D, and E,⁵ with an *N*-oxide moiety, from the leaves or stems of Daphniphyllum humile, respectively. A further search for biogenetically interesting alkaloids from the same plant resulted in the isolation of daphnezomines F (1) and G (2). Two novel alkaloids obtained from the stems possessed the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring system. In this paper we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of 1 and 2



The stems of D. humile collected in Sapporo were

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Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Data of Daphnezomine F (1) in CDCl₃ at 300 K

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	$\delta_{ m H}$	$\delta_{ m C}$	HMBC (¹ H)
1		173.75	19, 13b
2	1.12 (2H, m)	26.32	3a, 4, 19b, 20
3a	2.35 (1H, m)	30.16	4
3b	1.20 (1H, m)		
4	5.35 (1H, d, 6.4)	74.28	6, 21
5		53.86	6, 13b, 21
6	3.75 (1H, d, 6.4)	43.52	4, 11, 21
7		175.54	6, 12, 19
8		45.48	4, 6, 17, 21
9		140.74	11, 13b, 14, 17
10		136.08	11, 12, 16b, 17
11	2.08 (2H, m)	25.50	6
12a	2.06 (1H, m)	25.15	
12b	2.42 (1H, m)		
13a	2.97 (1H, dd, 9.3, 14.4)	37.16	
13b	2.82 (1H, dd, 2.6, 14.4)		
14	3.11 (1H, dt, 2.6, 9.5)	42.90	13b
15	3.39 (1H, m)	54.52	14, 16a, 17
16a	1.34 (1H, m)	26.91	17
16b	1.88 (1H, dt, 11.9, 7.1)		
17a	2.41 (1H, m)	43.06	16a
17b	2.56 (1H, m)		
18	2.04 (1H, m)	32.51	19, 20
19a	3.96 (1H, dd, 9.9, 13.1)	45.01	2, 20
19b	4.00 (1H, dd, 7.8, 13.1)		
20	0.93 (3H, d, 6.8)	20.92	19a
21	4.44 (2H, s)	67.28	4
22		174.82	13, 14, 23
23	3.66 (3H, s)	51.41	
24		170.45	21, 25
25	2.02 (3H, s)	21.11	
26		169.23	4, 27
27	2.04 (3H, s)	20.96	

extracted with MeOH, which was partitioned between EtOAc and 3% tartaric acid. Water-soluble materials, which were adjusted at pH 9 with sat. Na₂CO₃, were partitioned with CHCl₃. CHCl₃-soluble materials were subjected to a C₁₈ column (CH₃CN/0.1% TFA, $1:4 \rightarrow 1:1$), in which a fraction eluted with CH₃CN/0.1% TFA (1:1) was purified by a silica gel column (Hex/EtOAc, 7:3) followed by C₁₈ HPLC (75% CH₃CN) to afford daphnezomines F (1, 0.0002% yield) and G (2, 0.0001%) as colorless solids. In addition, a known alkaloid, yuzurimine (3, 0.01%) was isolated from the alkaloidal fraction previously obtained from the leaves of *D. humile.*⁶

Daphnezomine F (1) showed the pseudomolecular ion at m/z 502 (M + H)⁺ in the FABMS and the molecular formula, C₂₇H₃₅NO₈, was established by HRFABMS [m/z 502.2450, $(M + H)^+$, $\Delta + 0.9$ mmu]. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are presented in Table 1. The ¹³C NMR spectrum revealed a total of 27 carbon signals including nine quaternary carbons (sp² \times 7 and sp³ \times 2), 5 sp³ methines, 9 methylenes, and 4 methyls including one methoxycarbonyl and two acetoxy groups which also were indicated by IR absorption due to the ester carbonyl (1740 cm⁻¹). Since 6 out of 11 unsaturations were accounted for, 1 was inferred to possess five rings. The presence and connection of four partial structures a (C-13 to C-17), b (C-6, C-12, and C-11), c (C-21 and 21-OAc), and d (C-4, C-3, C-2, C-18, C-19, C-20, and 4-OAc) were demonstrated by

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detailed analyses of 2D NMR data ($^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY, HO-HAHA, HMQC, and HMBC) of **1** as follows.



For partial structure **a**, connectivities from C-13 to C-17 were clearly revealed by the COSY and HOHAHA spectra. The methoxycarbonyl group at C-14 was elucidated by HMBC correlations for H₂-13/C-22, H-14/C-22, and H₃-23/C-22. HMBC cross-peaks for H₂-13/C-8, H-13b/C-9, H-14/C-9, H₂-17/C-9, and H₂-17/C-10 indicated that partial structure **a** together with three quaternary carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 45.48 (C-8), 140.74 (C-9), and 136.08 (C-10) formed a bicyclo[3.3.0]octane ring system.

In partial structure **b** revealed by the COSY spectra, C-11 was connected to C-10 from HMBC correlations for H-11/C-10 and H-12/C-10. The connectivity from C-6 to C-8 through a quaternary carbon at C-5 was implied by long-rang correlations for H-6/C-5 and H-13b/C-5. The unit **c** consisting of an acetoxy methylene group was shown by HMBC cross-peaks for H₂-21/C-24 and H₃-25/ C-24.

Partial structure d was revealed by the COSY, HO-HAHA, and HMBC correlations as follows. The acetoxy group at C-4 was inferred by HMBC correlations for H-4/ C-26 and H₃-27/C-26. The connections between C-4 and C-5 and between C-5 and C-21 were deduced from HMBC correlations of H-6/C-4, H₂-21/C-4, H-4/C-21, and H-4/C-8. On the other hand, the C-19 methylene ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 45.01; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.96 and 4.00) was attached to a nitrogen atom (1-N) to form the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring system, since HMBC correlations of H_2 -19 to two imide carbonyl carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 173.75 (C-1) and 175.54 (C-7) were observed. The position of the imide carbonyl groups at C-1 and C-77 was revealed by HMBC correlations for H-13b/C-1, H-6/C-7, and H₂-12/C-7. This glutarimide functionality⁷ was also supported by the IR (1670 cm⁻¹) and UV (260 nm) spectral data.⁸ Thus, the gross structure of daphnezomine F was assigned as 1.

The relative stereostructure of **1** was elucidated by NOESY cross-peaks as depicted in the computer-gener-



Figure 1. NOESY correlations (arrows) for daphnezomine F (1) and relative configurations.

ated 3D drawing as shown in Figure 1.⁹ NOESY correlations of H-14/H-15, H_a-13/H-14, H-15/H_a-16, and H-15/ H_a-17 indicated that both H-14 and H-15 were α -oriented. The stereochemistry of C-4 was deduced from NOESY correlations of H-4/H_b-13 and H-4/H-21. The NOEs of H_b-3/H_a-13, H_b-3/H-18, and H_a-2/H_a-19 argued well for the β -orientation of H-18 together with a stable conformation of the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring, which was consistent with the calculated lowest energy conformation as shown in Figure 1.⁹ The relative configuration at C-4, the ring junction at C-5 and C-6, and that at C-5 and C-8 were based on NOESY correlations of H₃-27/ H-6, H-4/H₂-21, H_a-2/H-6, and H₂-21/H_b-11. Thus, the relative stereostructure of daphnezomine F (1) was assigned as shown in Figure 1.

HRFABMS data [m/z 486.2477, (M + H)⁺, Δ -1.5 mmu] of daphnezomine G (2) established the molecular formula, $C_{27}H_{35}NO_7$, which was smaller than that of **1** by one oxygen. The UV absorption at 255 nm was similar to that of 1 with glutarimide functionality. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **2** at 300 K and even at 330 K in $CDCl_3$ or benzene- d_6 gave broad signals for a part of the molecule, which might be due to conformational exchange. The broadening observed for the ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** was overcome by measuring the NMR spectra at low temperature (Figure 2).¹⁰ The low-temperature ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are shown in Table 2.¹¹ The ¹³C NMR spectrum at 250 K gave sharp signals including 9 quaternary carbons (sp² \times 7 and sp³ \times 2), 5 methines (sp³ \times 4 and sp² \times 1), 9 methylenes, and 4 methyls, suggesting that 2 had the same fused cyclic backbone skeleton as that of 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **2** at low temperature were analogous to those of **1** at 300 K except for the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane moiety. In

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⁽¹⁰⁾ Broad signals of H-2b, H-3a, H-4, H-19, and H-21 located at or near the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring at 300 K were changed to fairly sharp ones at 250 K.

⁽¹¹⁾ The methylene signals of C-19 in 1 resonated at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.96 and 4.00, whereas H₂-19 in 2 resonated at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.34 and 4.26; this difference may be due to the presence of the carbonyl group at C-7.



Figure 2. ${}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of daphnezomine G (2) at different low temperatures.

Table 2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Data of Daphnezomine G (2) in CDCl₃ at 250 K

	$\delta_{ m H}$	δ_{C}	HMBC (¹ H)
1		172.81	7, 13, 19a
2a	1.09 (1H, m)	24.56	4, 19b, 20
2b	1.78 (1H, m)		
3a	1.59 (1H, d, 17.2)	29.76	4
3b	2.45 (1H, m)		
4	5.26 (1H, d, 6.5)	70.21	21a
5		57.85	21b
6		125.05	4, 7, 12, 21b
7	5.91 (1H, s)	129.93	12
8		46.27	4, 7
9		141.36	
10		134.39	12
11	2.41 (2H, m)	32.28	17a
12	2.52 (2H, m)	26.47	7
13a	2.40 (1H, m)	33.25	
13b	2.74 (1H, dd, 6.6, 13.3)		
14	3.32 (1H, m)	43.51	13b
15	3.28 (1H, m)	50.25	14, 17
16a	1.13 (1H, m)	28.10	
16b	1.87 (1H, m)		
17a	2.26 (1H, m)	41.31	
17b	2.42 (1H, m)		
18	2.20 (1H, m)	31.68	
19a	2.34 (1H, m)	51.45	
19b	4.26 (1H, dd, 7.1, 12.9)		
20	0.85 (3H, d, 6.3)	20.80	
21a	4.16 (1H, d, 11.4)	62.73	
21b	4.62 (1H, d, 11.4)		
22		175.49	13b, 14, 23
23	3.62 (3H, s)	51.61	
24		171.28	21, 25
25	2.08 (3H, s)	21.30	
26		170.41	4, 27
27	2.01 (3H, s)	21.22	

the 13 C NMR spectrum of **2** signals due to the 3-substituted olefin at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 125.05 (s) and 129.93 (d) appeared instead of those due to one (δ 175.54) of the imide carbonyl carbons and one sp³ methine (δ 43.52) in **1**. The structure of **2** was elucidated by 2D NMR (¹H–¹H COSY, HOHAHA, HMQC, and HMBC) data at 250 K. HMBC correlations for H-4/C-6, H-7/C-6, H-12/C-6, H-21b/C-6, and H-12/C-7 indicated the position of the olefin at C-6. The presence of the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring encompassing a carbonyl at C-1, an acetoxy at C-4, and a methyl at C-18 was revealed by HMBC correlations for



Figure 3. NOESY correlations (arrows) for daphnezomine G (2) at 250 K and relative configurations.

H-7/C-1, H-13/C-1, H-19a/C-1, H-27/C-26, and H-20/C-2. Thus the gross structure of daphnezomine G was assigned as **2**.

The relative stereochemistry of **2** was elucidated from NOESY correlations at 250 K (Figure 3). NOESY crosspeaks due to H-13a/H-14, H-13a/H-15, and H-15/H-16a suggested that these hydrogens were oriented to the same α face of the molecule.¹² The relative configuration at C-14 was verified by the NOESY correlation of H₃-23/H_b-16. The relative configurations at C-4, C-5, and C-8 were revealed by NOESY correlations of H-4/H-13a, H-4/H-13b, and H-21/H-13b. NOESY correlations of H-3b/H-18, H-2a/H-7, H-7/H-19a, and H-7/H-12a, implied the relative configurations at C-4 and C-18 together with the conformation of the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring.

The conformational space for 2 was searched using MMFF force field¹³ implemented in the Macromodel program,⁹ and the results of the low-temperature NMR study described above were considered in terms of these calculations. Each of the lowest energy conformers belonging to four separate clusters are represented as 2a (436.1 kJ/mol), 2b (450.4 kJ/mol), 2c (455.3 kJ/mol), and 2d (476.3 kJ/mol). Conformers 2a and 2b possessed a twist chair conformation in the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane part, while conformers 2c and 2d adopted a twist boat conformation (Figure 4). The populations calculated for these four clusters were 99.7, 0.2, 0.02, and 0.000006%, implying that 2a was abundant. This result was consistent with the NOESY data and proton vicinal coupling constants obtained.¹⁴ Furthermore, the conformational change among these conformers was simulated by molecular dynamics calculation.¹⁶ The results of these

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⁽¹⁴⁾ The calculated distances of H-18/H-3b (2.297 Å) and H-3b/ H-13a (2.751 Å), and the coupling constant of H-4/H-3a (6.2 Hz)¹⁵ for **2a** belonging to the major cluster, were consistent with the NOESY data and the proton coupling (6.4 Hz) observed.

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Figure 4. Four representative stable conformers (2a-d) of daphnezomine G (2) analyzed by Monte Carlo simulation followed by minimization and clustering analysis.

simulations are consistent with the relative stereochemistry of **2** and the shift of the equilibrium to the more stable conformer **2a** in $CDCl_3$ at 250 K inferred on the basis of the NMR data.

Daphnezomines F (1) and G (2) are novel alkaloids containing the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane ring system. The structures of 1 and 2 are similar to that of yuzurimine (3) but they lack the C-1–C-2 bond. A biogenetic pathway for daphnezomines F (1) and G (2) is proposed as shown in Scheme 1. Daphnezomine G (2) might be generated through oxidation of a common imine intermediate **A** (proposed as a precursor of the secodaphniphylline-type skeleton by Heathcock et al.),³ and subsequent cleavage of the C-7–C-10 bond followed by formation of the C-19–N-1 and C-14–C-15 bonds to give daphnezomine G (2). Daphnezomine F (1) may be derived from daphnezomine G (2) through oxidation of the C-7– C-6 bond. On the other hand, yuzurimine (3) might be generated from the intermediate **A** through the secodaphniphylline-type skeleton, although an alternative path through ${f 2}$ is also possible.

Daphnezomines F (1) and G (2) exhibited cytotoxicity against murine lymphoma L1210 cells (IC₅₀, 8.4 and 5.3 μ g/mL, respectively) and human epidermoid carcinoma KB cells (IC₅₀, >10 and 7.3 μ g/mL, respectively) in vitro.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 330 K to 250 K on 600 and 500 MHz spectrometers equipped with an ×32 computer and an Eurotherm temperature control unit. 1D NMR spectra were measured at different temperatures between 330 K to 250 K with 16K data points, which were multiplied by a Gaussian filter and zero-filled to 32K data points before Fourier transformation. 2D NMR spectra were measured at 300K and 250K. NOESY and HOHAHA spectra in the phase sensitive mode were recorded using the TPPI method. HOHAHA spectra were recorded by spin-lock field preceded and followed by 2.5 ms trim pulses. NOESY spectra were measured with mixing times of 400, 600, and 800 ms. Since NOESY spectra gave no indications of spin diffusion at 600 ms, NOE intensities at this mixing time were used in the calculations. Typically 256 FIDs of 2K data points, and 32 scans each, were employed. Chemical shifts were measured using residual CDCl₃ ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.26 and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 77.03) as internal standards. Standard pulse sequences were employed for 2D NMR experiments. HMBC spectra were

⁽¹⁶⁾ During 100 ps, starting conformer **2a** was converted into **2b** and then **2a** again by way of twist boat conformers such as **2c** and **2d**. On the other hand, the stable conformer of **1** obtained by essentially the same procedure, which corresponds to the conformer **2a**, was not converted into the other conformers during 100 ps simulation at 800 K.

Scheme 1



recorded using a 50 ms delay time for long-range C–H coupling with Z-axis PFG. FABMS was measured by using glycerol as matrix.

Material. The stems and leaves of *Daphniphyllum humile* were collected in Sapporo in 1998. The botanical identification was made by Mr. N. Yoshida, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University. A voucher specimen has been deposited in the herbarium of Hokkaido University.

Isolation. The stems of *Daphniphyllum humile* (7.5 kg) were crushed and extracted with MeOH (10 L) three times. The MeOH extract (477 g) was treated with 3% tartaric acid (pH 2) and then partitioned with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was treated with sat. aq Na₂CO₃ to pH 9 and extracted with CHCl₃ to give a crude alkaloidal fraction (14.5 g). A portion (2 g) was subjected to C₁₈ column chromatography (CH₃CN/0.1% TFA, 1:4 \rightarrow 1:1), in which a fraction eluted with CH₃CN/0.1% TFA (1:1) was purified by a silica gel column (Hex/EtOAc 7:3) followed by C₁₈ HPLC (75% CH₃CN) to afford daphnezomines F (1, 0.002% yield) and G (2, 0.0001% yield) as colorless solids. The CHCl₃ extract (7.6 g) from the leaves of *D. humile* (4.0 kg) was subjected to C₁₈ column chromatography (CH₃CN/0.1% TFA, 3:7) to give yuzurimine (3, 400 mg, 0.01% yield) as a colorless solid. **Daphnezomine F (1):** colorless solid; [α]_D -29° (*c* 0.5,

Daphnezomine F (1): colorless solid; $[\alpha]_D - 29^\circ$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); IR (neat) ν_{max} 2960, 1740, 1670, and 1240 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 215 (ϵ 3700), 260 nm (700); ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1); FABMS *m*/*z* 502 (M + H)⁺; HRFABMS *m*/*z* 502.2450 (M + H; calcd for C₂₇H₃₆NO₈, 502.2441).

Daphnezomine G (2): colorless solid; $[\alpha]_D - 93^\circ$ (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); IR (neat) ν_{max} 2950, 1735, and 1245 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH)

 $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 215 (ϵ 5600), 255 (2000); $^{1}{\rm H}$ and $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR data (Table 2); FABMS m/z 486 (M + H)+; HRFABMS m/z 486.2477 (M + H; calcd for C_{27}H_{36}NO7, 486.2492).

Computational Methods. Conformational searching was carried out using Pseudo Monte Carlo simulation in Macromodel program for **2**. The closure bonds for the 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]-undecane moiety were chosen at C-2–C-3 and C-1–N with the closure limit from 1 to 4 Å, while the other closure bond was chosen at C-11–C-12. Five thousand Monte Carlo steps were performed, yielding 71 unique conformations in the energy region of 0–10 kcal/mol, which could be classified into four clusters. Each conformer was finally minimized by molecular mechanics calculation of MMFF force field.¹³ Conformers belonging to the different cluster possessed approximately identical conformations to each other as to 1-azabicyclo[5.2.2]undecane part. Conformational searching for **1** was performed by the same procedure as **2**, and the lowest energy conformation was depicted in Figure 1.

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