Drychampones A−C: Three Meroterpenoids from Dryopteris championii

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[AB](#page-4-0)STRACT: [Three novel](#page-4-0) sesquiterpenoid-based meroterpenoids, drychampones A−C (1−3, respectively), were isolated from Dryopteris championii. Compounds 1 and 3 possessed a novel carbon skeleton which was constructed by an 11/6/6 ring system coupled with a pyronone moiety, and 1−3 were three racemates. Their structures and absolute configurations were elucidated by NMR, MS, and computational methods. The hypothetical biosynthetic pathways of these meroterpenoids and their antibacterial activities were also discussed.

The Dryopteris genus is one of the largest fern of the Dryopteridaceae, which consists of 230 species and widely distributes throughout the world.^{1,2} Dryopteris championii is mainly distributed throughout China, and some places of Japan and Korea.³ As a traditional Chine[se m](#page-5-0)edicine, D. championii is used for the treatment of cold, asthma, hemafecia, dysmenorrhea, ancy[lo](#page-5-0)stomiasis, etc.⁴ Previous phytochemical investigations on the plants of Dryopteris genus had led to the isolation of phloroglucinols, terpen[oi](#page-5-0)ds, and flavonoids.5−⁷ Additionally, some alkanes and saturated fatty acids were identified from the volatile constituents in the roots and leaves of [D. c](#page-5-0)hampionii by GC-MS,⁸ and seven phloroglucinols and three other compounds were isolated from the extract of this plant.⁴ The phlorog[lu](#page-5-0)cinols were considered to be the main components of the Dryopteris genus plants and they were proved to poss[es](#page-5-0)s the antibacterial, antitumor, and antiviral activities. $9-11$

To discover structurally novel and biologically interesting compounds, the present study was undertak[en to](#page-5-0) investigate the chemical constituents of D. championii. As a result, three novel sesquiterpenoid-based meroterpenoids, drychampones A−C (1−3, respectively), along with three known compounds (Figure 1), aspidin BB (4) ,⁴ desaspidin BB (5) ,¹² and desaspidin PB (6) ,¹³ were isolated from the ethanol extract of the aerial part of D. cham[pio](#page-5-0)nii. Compounds 4−[6](#page-5-0) were methylene-bridged [p](#page-5-0)hloroglucinol derivatives constructed by a filicinic acid ring and an aromatic phloroglucinol ring, 12 and filicinic acid ring and an aromatic phloroglucinol ring, 12 they have been previously reported from Dryopteris,^{4,13,14} including 4 from D. championii. Compounds 1 and 3 fea[tur](#page-5-0)ed a new carbon skeleton with the incorporation of a sesqui[terpe](#page-5-0)noid moiety to an unusual phloroglucinol derivative via a hetero-Diels−Alder cycloaddition to form the unexpected 11/

Figure 1. Chemical structures of 1−6.

6/6 ring system, and compounds 1−3 were three racemates. In this article, we would like to report the isolation, structural elucidation, antibacterial activity, and plausible biogenetic pathway of these isolates.

Compound 1 was obtained as yellow powder. The HR-ESI-MS of 1 showed the quasi-molecular ion peak at m/z 579.3319 $[M+H]^+$ (calcd for $C_{35}H_{47}O_7$ m/z 579.3316), consistent with the molecular formula $C_{35}H_{46}O_7$ with 13 degrees of unsaturation. The $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1 revealed the presence of the signals due to three hydroxyls $[\delta_{H} 16.26, 10.25,$ and 9.95 (each 1H, s)]; four olefinic protons $[\delta_{H}$ 5.92 (1H, s),

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Table 1. NMR Data of $1-3^a$

^aMeasured at 500 (¹H) and 125 (¹³C) MHz in CDCl₃. δ in parts per million, J in hertz. Overlapped signals are reported without designating multiplicity.

5.13 (1H, d, $J = 16.2$ Hz), 5.09 (1H, m), and 4.98 (1H, d, $J =$ 8.6 Hz)]; six methyls $[\delta_{H}$ 1.60, 1.11, 1.03 (each 3H, s), 0.96 (6H, overlapped), and 0.93 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz)]. The ¹³C and DEPT NMR spectra of 1 displayed thirty-five signals, including six methyls, ten methylenes, five methines, and 14 quaternary carbons. Detailed analysis of the ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ NMR data of 1 (Table 1) showed that 1 possessed the same pyronone ring as that of phloropyron BB.¹² The signals assignable to one hexasubstituted benzene ring (δ_c 161.0, 160.9, 156.8, 105.0, 104.9, and 103.2), two p[hen](#page-5-0)olic hydroxyls (δ _H 16.26, 10.25), together with one carbonyl (δ_C 206.8) and one propyl (δ_C 46.1, 19.0, and 14.2) revealed that an aromatic phloroglucinol ring replaced the 3-butyrylfilicinic acid moiety in phloropyron BB to construct a new dimerous acylphloroglucinol (1a) in 1. The remaining resonances assignable to four methyls, four methylenes, four methines (including three olefinic carbons),

and three quaternary carbons (including an olefinic and an oxygenated carbons) were in good agreement with the humulene moiety of guajadial $B₁₅$ indicating that the presence of the same partial structure (1b) in 1. In the HMBC spectrum (Figure 2), the observed correlat[ion](#page-5-0)s between H-7′ and C-5, C-

Figure 2. Key $^1\mathrm{H}-^1\mathrm{H}$ COSY and HMBC correlations of 1 and 2.

Figure 3. Key NOESY correlations of 1 and 2.

Figure 4. Calculated and experimental CD spectra of (\pm) -1 and (\pm) -2.

6, C-1′, C-2′, and C-6′ suggested that 1a and 1b were linked through the C-7′−C-6 bond. Moreover, the oxygenated quaternary carbon C-7 (δ _C 83.0) and the obvious downfield chemical shift of C-6' (δ _C 156.1) revealed that 1a and 1b were connected via a pyran ring. So the planar structure of 1 was finally established as depicted and named drychampone A (Figure 1).

The relative stereochemistry of 1 was established by analysis [of its NO](#page-0-0)ESY data (Figure 3) and coupling constants of protons. In the NOESY spectrum of 1, the cross-peaks between H-7′ β and H₃-13 as well as no correlation between H-6 and H₃-13 implied that H-6 and H_3 -13 had different orientations. Similarly, the cross-peaks between H_3 -12 and H-1b supported the E-geometry of the C-2/C-3 olefin. And the E-geometry of C-9/C-10 olefin was consistent with the coupling constant observed $(J_{9-10} = 16.2 \text{ Hz})$.

Although there were two chiral centers (C-6 and C-7) in 1, the optical activity and Cotton effect of 1 were too weak to be detected, indicating that 1 might be a racemate. And it was further confirmed by chiral HPLC analysis, in which two distinct chromatographic peaks appeared with a ratio of 1:1 (see the Supporting Information). Subsequently, a pair of enantiomers $[(+)-1]$ and $(-)-1]$ were successfully separated by a chiral [HPLC column, and the](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b01720/suppl_file/jo6b01720_si_001.pdf) measured specific rotation values were +25.3 and −25.6, respectively. To determine the absolute configurations of $(+)$ -1 and $(-)$ -1, a comparison between the experimental and calculated CD spectra using the time-dependent DFT method of each enantiomer was performed (Figure 4). The measured CD spectrum of $(-)$ -1 showed negative Cotton effect at 295 nm ($\Delta \epsilon$ –1.6), positive one at 207.2 nm ($\Delta \epsilon$ + 4.5), which were consistent with the calculated CD spectrum for 6R, 7S isomer. Whereas, the CD spectrum of $(+)$ -1 displayed reverse Cotton effects at the same wavelengths, which corresponded to 6S, 7R isomer. Based on

the above evidence, the absolute configurations of $(-)$ -1 and (+)-1 were established, respectively.

Compound 2 was obtained as yellow powder and its molecular formula was determined to be $C_{27}H_{38}O_4$ with 9 degrees of unsaturation by the HR-ESI-MS at m/z 427.2845 $[M+H]^+$ (calcd for $C_{27}H_{39}O_4$ *m/z* 427.2843). A careful and detailed comparison of the $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ spectra data of $\textbf{2}$ (Table 1) with those of 1, suggesting that 2 was also a humulene-based meroterpenoid except for the absence of the pyronone un[it and](#page-1-0) [th](#page-1-0)e methylene at C-12′ in 1, and the presence of an extra methyl $[\delta_{H}$ 2.04 (3H, s); Me-12'] in 2. The HMBC correlations between H_3 -12' and C-4', C-5', and C-6' verified that the extra methyl was connected to C-5′ (Figure 2).

In the NOESY spectrum (Figure 3), the cross-peaks between H-7' β and H₃-13, between H-2 and H-4a, as [well as b](#page-1-0)etween H_3 -12 and H-1b, together with the protons coupling constant observed (J_{9-10} < 10 Hz) established the relative configuration of 2. Additionally, the lack of optical activity and Cotton effect revealed that 2 was also a racemate, which was confirmed by chiral HPLC analysis (see the Supporting Information). Furthermore, a pair of enantiomers, $(+)$ -2 and $(-)$ -2, were obtained, and their CD curves [were completely reverse](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b01720/suppl_file/jo6b01720_si_001.pdf)d (Figure 4). Finally, the absolute configurations were established to be 6R, 7S for $(-)$ -2 and 6S, 7R for $(+)$ -2, respectively, by the CD calculation experiment as that of 1.

The molecular formula of 3 was deduced as $C_{33}H_{42}O_7$ by the quasi molecular ion at m/z 551.3003 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{33}H_{43}O_7$ m/z 551.3003) in its HR-ESI-MS. Comparison of the 1D NMR data of 3 with those of 1 showed that their chemical shifts were similar except for the signals of the side chain connected with the carbonyl (δ _C 205.2, C-8[']). It was plausible to deduce that the propyl group attached to C-8′ in 1 was replaced by a methyl $[\delta_H$ 2.72 (3H, s); C-9'], which was subsequently confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H_3 -9' to C-3′ and C-8′. Accordingly, compound 3 was elucidated and

named drychampone C. Similarly, the weak optical activity and Cotton effect (see the Supporting Information) indicated that 3 was a racemic mixture as well. However, 3 could not be separated by the pres[ent chiral conditions.](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b01720/suppl_file/jo6b01720_si_001.pdf)

In our work, three novel humulene-based meroterpenoids, drychampones A−C (1−3, respectively), were obtained from D. championii and possessed the hybrid structures bearing unusual 11/6/6 ring system which consisted of diverse phloroglucinol derivatives and the sesquiterpenoid moiety. The previous literatures $16,17$ had reported some acyl phloroglucinols from Dryopteris genus. Moreover, the key precursors were detected by the an[alysis](#page-5-0) of LC-MS and GC-MS (see the Supporting Information). Thus, the plausible biosynthetic pathways for compounds 1−3 were proposed as shown in [Scheme 1. Compound](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acs.joc.6b01720/suppl_file/jo6b01720_si_001.pdf) 1 was considered to be derived from dimethylphlorobutyrophenone.¹⁶ First, dimethylphlorobutyrophenone was dehydrogenated to generate intermediate A1.¹⁸ Then, $A1$ could couple with [h](#page-5-0)umulene¹⁹ and a isomer of humulene (A3) to yield A2 and 2, respectively, by the heter[o](#page-5-0)Diels-Alder-machanism.¹⁸ Finally, A₂ [was](#page-5-0) coupled with 6propyl-2,3-dihydropyran-2,4-dione¹⁷ to yield 1. Compound 3 was considered to be [or](#page-5-0)iginated from 3',5'-dimethyl-phloroacetophenone, 20 which was r[ed](#page-5-0)uced to yield B1. The intermediate B1 was coupled with humulene and then 6 propyl-2,3-dihy[dro](#page-5-0)pyran-2,4-dione to afford $3.^{18}$

Phloroglucinol derivatives from Dryopteridaceae plants exhibited diverse and potent bioactivities,^{9 $-11,21$ $-11,21$} especially for the noteworthy antibacterial activity. $9,22$ In our experiments, compounds (\pm) -1, (\pm) -2, and 3, alon[g](#page-5-0) [with](#page-5-0) three known phloroglucinols (4−6), antibacteria[l a](#page-5-0)ctivities were tested against the Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis, and Dickeya zeae. Compounds 4−6 showed obvious antibacterial activities with the minimal inhibition concentration (MIC) values ranging from 4 to 16 μ g/mL (Table 2), and compound 4 displayed the activities with the MIC values ranging from 8 to 16 μ g/mL consistent with the data

Table 2. Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of Compounds against Selected Microorganism

	name of the microorganism			
	MIC \pm SD $[\mu$ g/mL $]$ ^a			
compounds	Staphylococcus aureus	Escherichia coli	Bacillus subtilis	Dickeya zeae
$(-) - 1$	>128	>128	>128	>128
$(+) - 1$	>128	>128	>128	>128
$(-) - 2$	>128	>128	>128	>128
$(+) -2$	>128	>128	>128	>128
3	>128	>128	>128	>128
$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	8 ± 1.4	16 ± 1.7	8 ± 1.3	8 ± 0.7
5	8 ± 0.5	4 ± 0.9	16 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.3
6	4 ± 0.7	8 ± 0.5	16 ± 1.3	8 ± 0.7
$CPFX^b$	1 ± 0.1	1 ± 0.3	2 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.4
control.	"Values present mean \pm SD of triplicate experiments.			^b Positive

reported.²² The antibacterial activities of 5 and 6 were reported for the first time. However, the meroterpenoids, (\pm) -1, (\pm) -2, and 3, w[ere](#page-5-0) virtually inactive with the (MIC) values more than 128 μ g/mL. The same trend was observed for the inhibition of the growth of the above four kinds of bacteria, which might be attributed to the sesquiterpenoid structure of humulene.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. Column chromatography (CC) was performed using silica gel (80−100/200−300/300−400 mesh), Sephadex LH-20 and ODS (50 μ m). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using precoated silica gel plates (GF254). Analytical HPLC, preparative HPLC, and chiral HPLC isolation were performed using a solvent delivery system with a DAD detector, and an analytical C₁₈ analytical column (5 μ m, 4.6 \times 250 mm), a preparative C₁₈ column (5 μ m, 20 \times 250 mm), and a chiral column (5 μ m, 10 × 250 mm), respectively. UV spectra were determined by a UV/vis spectrophotometer using MeOH as the solvent. IR spectra were measured using the ATR (attenuated total reflection) method on a FT-IR spectrometer with KBr disks. Optical rotations were recorded on a digital polarimeter. ECD spectra were taken on a spectropolarimeter. NMR spectra were obtained on 500 MHz spectrometer with TMS as an internal standard. The chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. NMR peak assignments are based on ${}^{1}H-{}^{1}H$ COSY, HSQC, and HMBC spectroscopic data. HR-ESI-MS data were performed on an ESI/ TOF mass spectrometer. LC-MS analysis was performed on an analytical HPLC system coupled with a LC/MSD TOF mass spectrometer equipped with an ESI source in positive mode. GC-MS analysis was performed on a GC system coupled with a quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with an EI source.

Plant Material. The aerial part of plant of Dryopteris championii was collected in Haikou City, Hainan Province, China, in February of 2014. The plant was authenticated by Prof. G.-X. Zhou (College of Pharmacy, Jinan University). A voucher specimen (no. 2014021705) was deposited in the Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Natural Products of Jinan University.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried and powdered plant (10.0 kg) was extracted with 95% ethanol for 4 times at room temperature $(4 \times 40 \text{ L})$. The combined extracts were concentrated to afford the crude extract (400.0 g) which was then suspended in water and successively partitioned with petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, and nbutanol. The petroleum ether part (250.0 g) was fractionated by silica gel column chromatography (CC) eluted with petroleum ether containing increasing amount of ethyl acetate [100:0 to 0:100 (v/v)] and then MeOH to give eight fractions (A−H). Fraction B was separated by Sephadex LH-20 [2:1 CHCl₃/CH₃OH, (v/v)] to give compound 4 (151.2 mg). Fraction C (36.0 g) was rechromatographed on silica gel CC to afford four subfractions (C1−C4). Subfraction C2 (2.1 g) were purified by Sephadex LH-20 [1:1 CHCl₃/CH₃OH, (v/v)] to yield compounds 5 (5.6 mg) and 6 (3.7 mg). Fraction D (10.6 g) was chromatographed over an ODS CC using CH3OH/H2O in a gradient $[60:40$ to 100:0, (v/v)] and preparative HPLC $[99:1]$ CH₃OH/H₂O, (v/v)] to yield compounds 1 (4.3 mg) and 3 (8.6) mg). Fraction E was successively separated by ODS [60:40 to 100:0 CH₃OH/H₂O, (v/v)] and preparative HPLC [90:1 CH₃OH/H₂O, (v/v) (v)] to afford 2 (7.5 mg). Finally, two pairs of enantiomers $[(+)$ -1 (1.2) mg), (−)-1 (1.1 mg), (+)-2 (3.1 mg), and (−)-2 (3.1 mg)] were successfully separated by chiral HPLC column using $CH₃CN/$ CH_3COOH [100:0.1, (v/v)] and $CH_3OH/H_2O/CH_3COOH$ [92:8:0.1, (v/v)] as the mobile phase, respectively.

Drychadial A (1). Yellow powder; mp 102−103 °C; [a]27 D + 25.3 $[(+)-1]$ (c 0.25, CH₃Cl); $[α]27 D -25.6 [(-)-1] (c 0.37, CH_3Cl)$; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 206, 295 nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3426, 2962, 2937, 1637, 1603, 1409, 1369, 1189, 1110 cm[−]¹ ; HR-ESI-MS m/z 579.3319 [M +H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{35}H_{47}O_7$ *m/z* 579.3316); ¹H and ¹³C NMR data in Table 1.

Drychadial B (2). Yellow powder; mp 110−112 °C; [α]27 D + 32.1 [(+)-2] (c 0.30, CH₃Cl), [α]27 D −31.8 [(-)-2] (c 0.34, CH₃Cl); UV [\(MeOH](#page-1-0)) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 204, 295 nm; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3426, 2962, 2934, 1606, 1412, 1369, 1191, 1108 cm⁻¹; HR-ESI-MS m/z 427.2845 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{27}H_{39}O_4$ *m/z* 427.2843); ¹H and ¹³C NMR data in Table 1.

Drychadial C (3). Yellow powder; mp 106−107 °C; [α]27 D + 1.2 (c 0.47, CH₃Cl); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 205, 296 nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} [3427,](#page-1-0) [29](#page-1-0)59, 2934, 1634, 1603, 1409, 1372, 1189, 1108 cm[−]¹ ; HR-ESI-MS m/ z 551.2997 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{33}H_{43}O_7$ m/z 551.3003); ¹H and ¹³C NMR data in Table 1.

Aspidin BB (4).⁴ Needle crystal (CHCl₃); mp 123–124 °C; HR-ESI-MS m/z 461.2178 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{25}H_{33}O_8 m/z$ 461.2170); ¹H NMR (5[0](#page-1-0)0 [MHz,](#page-1-0) CDCl₃) δ 11.50 (1H, s, 4-OH), 10.00 (1H, s, 6′ – OH), 3.73 (3H, s, H-7′), 3.56 (2H, br s, H-7), 3.17 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, H-9′), 3.08 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, H-9), 2.14 (3H, s, H-12′), 1.75 (4H, m, H-10, 10′), 1.51 (3H, s, H-13), 1.45 (3H, s, H-12), 0.99 (6H, m, H-11, 11'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃), 111.1 (C-1), 187.7 (C-2), 108.3 (C-3), 198.8 (C-4), 44.4 (C-5), 172.0 (C-6), 17.3 (C-7), 206.8 $(C-8)$, 43.2 $(C-9)$, 18.4 $(C-10)$, 14.2 $(C-11)$, 24.0 $(C-12)$, 25.4 $(C-13)$, δ 112.6 (C-1′), 163.0 (C-2′), 107.7 (C-3′), 159.8 (C-4′), 109.6 (C-5′),

160.4 (C-6′), 61.7 (C-7′), 207.0 (C-8′), 44.4 (C-9″), 18.2 (C-10′), 14.1 (C-11′), 9.4 (C-12′).

Desaspidin BB (5).¹² Yellow powder; mp 151–153 °C; HR-ESI-MS m/z 447.2014 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{24}H_{31}O_8$ m/z 447.2013); ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ δ 18.55 (1H, s, 4-OH), 13.89 (1H, s, 4′–OH), 11.50 (1H, s, 2′−OH), 8.93 (1H, s, 6-OH), 6.07 (1H, s, H-5′), 3.97 (3H, s, H-7′), 3.52 (2H, br s, H-7), 3.17 (4H, m, H-9, 9′), 1.69 (4H, m, H-10, 10'), 1.48 (6H, s, H-12, 13), 0.99 (6H, m, H-11, 11'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 111.4 (C-1), 187.7 (C-2), 108.2 (C-3), 198.7 (C-4), 44.3 (C-5), 171.3 (C-6), 17.0 (C-7), 207.0 (C-8), 43.2 $(C-9)$, 18.3 $(C-10)$, 14.2 $(C-11)$, 24.8 $(C-12, 13)$, 105.0 $(C-1')$, 160.3 $(C-2')$, 107.3 $(C-3')$, 165.6 $(C-4')$, 92.0 $(C-5')$, 160.9 $(C-6')$, 56.6 $(C-6')$ 7′), 206.8 (C-8′), 46.6 (C-9′), 18.4 (C-10′), 14.1 (C-11′).

Desaspidin PB (6). ¹³ Yellow powder; mp 150−152 °C; HR-ESI-MS m/z 433.1862 [M+H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{23}H_{28}O_8$ m/z 433.1857); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.55 (1H, s, 4-OH), 13.88 (1H, s, 4′–OH), 11.45 (1H, s, 2′−OH), 8.94 (1H, s, 6-OH), 6.07 (1H, s, H-5′), 3.97 $(3H, s, H-7')$, 3.53 (2H, br s, H-7), 3.22 (2H, q, J = 7.3, H-9), 3.14 $(2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, H-9')$, 1.70 $(2H, m, H-10')$, 1.48 $(6H, s, H-12, 13)$, 1.17 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, H-10), 0.99 (3H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, H-11'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 111.4 (C-1), 187.7 (C-2), 108.2 (C-3), 198.1 (C-4), 44.1 (C-5), 171.3 (C-6), 17.0 (C-7), 207.7 (C-8), 35.1 $(C-9)$, 8.6 $(C-10)$, 24.8 $(C-12, 13)$, 105.0 $(C-1')$, 160.3 $(C-2')$, 107.3 (C-3′), 165.6 (C-4′), 92.0 (C-5′), 160.9 (C-6′), 56.6 (C-7′), 207.7 (C-8′), 46.6 (C-9′), 18.2 (C-10′), 14.2 (C-11′).

Antibacterial Assay. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined by 96-well microtiter plate assay method. Four kinds of bacteria, Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis, and Dickeya zeae (provided by Plant Protection Research Institute Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences) were tested. All the glassware and media used were sterilized in an autoclave at 121 °C, 15 psi pressure for 20 min, and experiment was performed under strict aseptic conditions. The active bacterial strain was obtained after inoculated in 100 mL of LB broth in a conical flask and incubated for 24 h at 37 °C and 200 rpm. The 96-well microtiter plate assay method was undertaken to determine the MIC of each compound with double broth dilution method, using standard antibiotic [Ciprofloxacin hydrochloride (CPFX)] as the positive drug. A volume of 5 μ L of test compound solution (dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide) with 195 μ L LB broth was mixed uniformly and filled in relevant wells. Then, serial dilutions were attained with the double broth dilution method. Finally, 10 μL of the bacterial suspension $(1 \times 10^8 \text{ CFU/mL})$ was added to each well except for the negative control. As a result, four kinds of bacterial were treated with the concentration of 128, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, and 2 μ g/mL of tested compound. The plates were prepared and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. Each experiment was performed in triplicate, and the MIC is the lowest concentration without visible growth.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

3 Supporting Information

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Detailed NMR, HR-ESI-MS, UV, and IR spectra of 1−3; [chemical calculation](http://pubs.acs.org) details for (\pm) -1 and (\pm) -2 (PDF)

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