

## ENT-BEYERENE AND ENT-ATISENE DITERPENES FROM *VIGUIERA INSIGNIS*

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**Abstract**—The new diterpenes, *ent-beyer-15-ene-12 $\alpha$ ,19*-diol and *ent-atise-13-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\alpha$* -diol, were isolated as minor constituents from the aerial part of *Viguiera insignis*. The structures were established by biomimetic transformation, spectroscopic means and comparison with closely related compounds.

### INTRODUCTION

In a previous communication [1], we reported the diterpenoids 1–6 as the major constituents of *Viguiera insignis* Miranda. In continuation of our studies on the constituents of *Viguiera* genus [2–6], we now report the isolation and structure determination of two additional new diterpenes which occur as minor constituents of this species.

The structures of the new diterpenoids, *ent-beyer-15-ene-12 $\alpha$ ,19*-diol (8) and *ent-atise-13-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\alpha$* -diol (12), were established by a biomimetic transformation, spectroscopic means and comparison with closely related compounds.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Exhaustive chromatography of the chloroform extract of *V. insignis* afforded, in addition to 1–7, two minor isomeric new diols 8 and 12. The first diol 8, had molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$  and its IR spectrum showed hydroxyl ( $3380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and olefin ( $730\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) absorptions. The  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum (Table 1) exhibited typical signals of an *ent-beyer-15-ene* derivative: an AB system ( $\delta$  5.68, 5.52,  $J = 5.7\text{ Hz}$ ) of a disubstituted double bond of a cyclopentene which disappeared in the dihydroderivative 9 and three methyl groups [ $\delta$  1.05 (13Me), 0.97 (4Me) and 0.66 (10Me)]. A second AB system centred at  $\delta$  3.72, 3.41 (2H,  $J = 11.5\text{ Hz}$ ), which shifted downfield on acylation in 10 and 11, indicated that a primary alcohol was located at C-19 [7]. Treatment of 8 with TAI *in situ* [8] afforded a bis-trichloro-acetyl carbamate 11, therefore showing that the compound was a diol. The second hydroxyl group was secondary and axially oriented, because its geminal proton appeared at  $\delta$  3.62 (1H,  $m$ ,  $W_{1/2} = 7\text{ Hz}$ ) in the  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of 8 and shifted to  $\delta$  4.94 (1H,  $m$ ,  $W_{1/2} = 7\text{ Hz}$ ) in 11. Upon addition of  $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3$  to a solution of

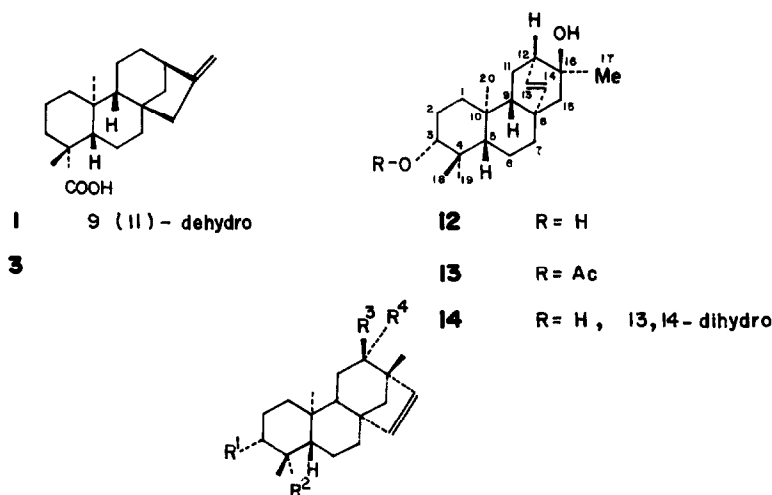
8, the signal of the methyl at C-13 showed a significant downfield shift only concordant with a 12 $\beta$ -ol (Table 1). An identical behaviour has been previously found for 6 [1]. Therefore, the structure of this diterpene was established as *ent-beyer-15-ene-12 $\alpha$ ,19*-diol (8).

The second new diterpene (12,  $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$ ) showed hydroxyl ( $3600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and olefin ( $860\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) absorptions in the IR spectrum. Prolonged treatment of 12 with acetic anhydride–pyridine gave only a monoacetyl derivative 13, whose IR spectrum still showed hydroxyl absorptions, indicating the presence of a tertiary hydroxyl group. The  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of 12 (Table 1) revealed four quaternary methyl groups. The singlets at  $\delta$  1.00 and 0.77 which shifted to 0.87 and 0.84 in the monoacetyl derivative 13 are indicative of a 4,4'-*gem*-dimethyl group adjacent to 3-equatorial hydroxyl (geminal proton  $\delta$  3.20 *dd*,  $J = 10$ , 5.4 Hz) and acetoxy (geminal proton  $\delta$  4.45 *dd*,  $J = 10$ , 5.4 Hz) groups, respectively [9]. In addition, the  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of 12 displayed an ABX pattern ( $\delta$  5.77, *d*, 1H,  $J = 8\text{ Hz}$ , 6.06, *dd*, 1H,  $J = 7$ , 8 Hz, 2.25 *m*, 1H,  $W_{1/2} = 12\text{ Hz}$ ) characteristic of a bicyclo [2.2.2] octene system of the *ent-atise-13-ene* skeleton [10]. The tertiary hydroxyl group was located at C-13, since the quaternary methyl geminal to this group resonated at  $\delta$  1.13.

Furthermore, the chemical shift of the C-10 ( $\delta$  0.60) and C-13 ( $\delta$  1.13) methyl groups in 12 indicated that they were shielded by the double bond and therefore *endo* to the olefinic linkage as depicted in 12 [10]. Catalytic hydrogenation of 12 gave 14 and this resulted in a significant downfield shift of the signals for the C-10 ( $\delta$  0.95,  $\Delta\delta = 0.35$ ) and C-13 ( $\delta$  1.28,  $\Delta\delta = 0.15$ ) methyl groups as expected. Finally, proof of the structure and stereochemistry of 12 was obtained by chemical correlation with *ent-beyer-15-ene-3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$* -diol (6).

The biomimetic transformation of an *ent-beyer-15-ene* to an *ent-atise-13-ene* derivative has been previously reported under reductive [11] and acid conditions [12]. In this case, treatment of 6, a compound also occurring in *V. insignis* and whose structure was confirmed by crystallographic methods [1], with aqueous methanolic hydro-

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	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	
<b>2</b>	H	COOH	H	H	
<b>4</b>	OH	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	
<b>5</b>	OH	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	H	H	
<b>6</b>	OH	Me	OH	H	
<b>7</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	H	H	
<b>8</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	OH	H	
<b>9</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	OH	H	15,16 dihydro
<b>10</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OAc	OH	H	
<b>11</b>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OTAC	OTAC	H	
<b>15</b>	OAc	Me	OH	H	
<b>16</b>	OAc	Me	= O		

TAC = CONHCOCCl<sub>3</sub>

chloric acid gave a complex mixture from which *ent*-atis-13-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\alpha$ -diol (**12**) was identified in *ca* 12% yield. Better preparative results were obtained when the 3-monoacetyl *ent*-beyer-15-ene derivative **15** previously obtained [1], was treated with Jones reagent to afford the *ent*-beyer-15-en-12-keto compound **16** and the *ent*-atis-13-ene derivative **13** identical in all respects with the acetylation product of *ent*-atis-13-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\alpha$ -diol (**12**), isolated from the natural source.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Mps are uncorr. Aerial parts (1.5 kg) of *V. insignis*, collected on October 2, 1981 *ca* 19 km SSE Izúcar de Matamoros, Puebla, Hwy 190, (voucher deposited in the National Herbarium, Instituto de Biología de la UNAM), were extracted and fractionated as previously described [1]. Part of the non-polar fraction was treated with CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> and chromatographed on silica gel impregnated with AgNO<sub>3</sub>, affording 1–3 as methyl esters. In addition, **4** was isolated from these fractions and monogynol **7**, mp 119–120° (lit [13] 119–120°, lit [14] 118–120°), not previously reported from this specimen, was isolated (0.035% of the

dry wt) and characterized by standard methods and comparison with an authentic sample.

The polar residue (19.5 g) was chromatographed on silica gel and elution with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20:1) gave 245 mg of **8**. Mp 143–144° (from *iso*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O–EtOAc) [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +12.7° (MeOH, *c* 0.110). IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup> 3380, 3040, 2920, 2860, 1442, 1363, 1022, 730; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV, *m/z* (rel. int.) 304 [M]<sup>+</sup> (35.0), 286 (16), 273 (22), 268 (4), 255 (40), 246 (55), 217 (14), 215 (15), 135 (30), 119 (40), 107 (71), 106 (65), 105 (69), 91 (100), 81 (58), 79 (53), 77 (42) [Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MW 304.2400 Found MW (MS) 304.2390].

Subsequent fractions eluted with the same solvent system gave 355 mg of **5**. The fractions eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (10:1) gave *ent*-atis-13-en-3 $\beta$ ,16 $\alpha$ -diol (**12**) (114 mg). Mp 192–193° (from *iso*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O–EtOAc) IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$  cm<sup>-1</sup> 3600, 3015, 2925, 2860, 2840, 1460, 1440, 1365, 1090, 1021, 1010, 860; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV *m/z* (rel. int.) 304 [M]<sup>+</sup> (2), 245 (20), 246 (100), 228 (21), 213 (20), 137 (27), 136 (26), 135 (98), 124 (16), 123 (20), 91 (58), 81 (15), 79 (13), 77 (11) [Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MW 304.2400 Found MW (HRMS) 304.2402]. Fractions eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (4:1) afforded 415 mg of **6**.

Table 1  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compounds 8–14 and 16 (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )\*

	8	8a†	8b†	8c†	9	10	11	12	13	14	16
H-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 20 dd (10, 5 4)	4 45 dd (10, 5 4)	3 20 dd (10, 4 5)	4 45 dd (10, 5 4)
H-12	3 62 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	5 15 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	6 76 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	8 50 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	3 50 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	3 64 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	4 94 m ( $W_{1/2} = 7$ )	2 25 m ( $W_{1/2} = 12$ )	2 25 m ( $W_{1/2} = 12$ )	—	—
H-13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 06 dd (7, 8)	6 06 dd (7, 8)	—	—
H-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 77 d (8)	5 77 d (8)	—	—
H-15	5 68 d (5 7)	6 06 d (5 7)	6 44 d (5 7)	6 82 d (5 7)	—	5 68 d (5 7)	5 80 d (5 7)	—	—	—	5 55 d (5 7)
H-16	5 52 d (5 7)	5 88 d (5 7)	6 26 (5 7)	6 67 d (5 7)	—	5 52 d (5 7)	5 57 d (5 7)	—	—	—	6 02 d (5 7)
H-17	1 05 s	2 15 s	3 19 s	4 20 s	1 00	1 05 s	1 04 s	1 13 s	1 12 s	1 28 s	1 09 s
H-18	0 97 s	1 76 s	2 50 s	3 30 s	0 96	0 95 s	1 04 s	1 00 s	0 87 s	0 99 s	0 87 s
H-19	3 72 d (11 5)	5 95 d (11 5)	7 93 d (11 5)	9 87 d (11 5)	3 38 d (11 5)	4 22 d (11 5)	4 48 d (11 5)	0 77 s	0 84 s	0 79 s	0 87 s
	3 41 d (11 5)	5 63 d (11 5)	7 62 d (11 5)	9 53 d (11 5)	3 73 d (11 5)	3 83 d (11 5)	4 05 d (11 5)				
H-20	0 66 s	1 17	1 65 s	2 15 s	0 89 s	0 68 s	0 70 s	0 60 s	0 62 s	0 95 s	0 77 s
Others						2 04 (Ac)	8 24 (2NH–)		2 03 (AC)		2 04 (Ac)

\*Coupling constants (Hz) in parentheses

†Addition of (8a) 0.282, (8b) 0.547 and (8c) 0.823 mol  $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3$  per mol substrate

**Derivatives of 8** *Acetylation*  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ –pyridine treatment of 8 (50 mg) for 1 hr at room temperature yielded the derivative 10 (37 mg after crystallization), mp 130–131° (from *iso*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{EtOAc}$ ), IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3600, 2920, 2860, 1725, 1450, 1390, 1370, 1240, 1925,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV  $m/z$  (rel int) 346 [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$  (32), 328 (13), 288 (30), 255 (21), 135 (46), 120 (43), 107 (100), 105 (81), 93 (64), 91 (94), 81 (48), 43 (81) *Hydrogenation* Compound 8 (70 mg) in 8 ml MeOH was hydrogenated using Pd–C (9 mg) to afford 65 mg of 9, mp 184–186° (from *iso*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$ –MeOH) IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3620, 3003, 2925, 2870, 1460, 1370, 1280, 1130, 1075,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV  $m/z$  (rel int) 306 [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$  (6), 276 (13), 275 (56), 258 (27), 257 (100), 186 (13), 175 (24), 123 (33), 95 (37), 81 (31), 79 (52)

**Derivatives of 12** *Acetylation*  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ –pyridine treatment of 12 (40 mg) for 72 hr at room temp yielded the derivative 13 (34 mg), mp 123–124° (from *iso*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{EtOAc}$ ) IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3600, 3000, 2942, 2922, 2860, 1725, 1450, 1395, 1372, 1250, 1120, 1100, 1030, 975,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV  $m/z$  (rel int) 346 [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$  (< 1), 328 (1), 288 (100), 228 (24), 137 (50), 135 (99), 124 (33), 123 (35), 92 (31), 91 (75), 81 (22), 79 (19), 43 (66), 41 (12) *Hydrogenation* A soln of 12 (46.9 mg) in EtOH (7 ml) was hydrogenated with Pd–C (8 mg) to give 39.2 mg of 14, mp 185–186° (from *iso*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{EtOH}$ ) IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3618, 3000, 2940, 2888, 1470, 1450, 1390, 1370, 1095, 1043, 1020, 995,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV  $m/z$  (rel int) 306 [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$  (1), 288 (52), 273 (100), 270 (43), 255 (56), 227 (22), 159 (21), 121 (40), 112 (42), 110 (48), 91 (52), 81 (43), 43 (55)

**Conversion of 6 to 12** To a chilled soln of *ent*-beyer-15-ene-3 $\beta$ ,12 $\alpha$ -diol (6, 80 mg) in absolute MeOH (5 ml), conc HCl was added (0.11 ml). The soln was then stirred at 0–5° for 3 hr, diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The residue obtained was a complex mixture of unidentified products from which 9.6 mg of 12 were separated by silica gel column chromatography, eluted

with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ – $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (20/1)

**Conversion of 15 to 13 and 16** To a soln of 135 mg of 15 in  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (50 ml) at 0–5°, 0.3 ml of Jones reagent was added, the reaction being monitored by TLC. After 15 min, the soln was filtered and usual work-up afforded 96.4 mg residue, which was chromatographed on a silica gel column using *n*-hexane– $\text{EtOAc}$  (20/1) as eluent. The more mobile component was 16 (19.1 mg), mp 108–109° (from *iso*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{EtOAc}$ ) IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  3000, 2980, 2940, 2860, 1729, 1705, 1450, 1390, 1380, 1255, 1090, 1030, 1010, 980,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) see Table 1, EIMS (direct inlet) 75 eV  $m/z$  (rel int) 344 [ $\text{M}$ ] $^+$  (63), 316 (24), 241 (20), 159 (5), 81 (20), 79 (28), 76 (39), 43 (100), 41 (14). The less mobile compound, 32.8 mg, was identical by direct comparison (mmp, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR) with an authentic sample of 13

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