

Lanostane triterpenoids from the inedible mushroom *Fomitopsis spraguei*

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Abstract

Investigation of the methanolic extract of the inedible mushroom *Fomitopsis spraguei* (Polyporaceae) led to the isolation of five lanostane-type triterpenoids (**1–5**): three new compounds named fomitopsins A–C (**2–4**), and two known compounds, quercinic acid C (**1**) and 3 α -carboxyacetyl-12 β -hydroxyquercinic acid (**5**). Their structures were determined by 2D NMR, MS, IR, UV spectra, and X-ray crystallographic analyses. An X-ray crystal structure analysis of quercinic acid C (**1**) established its stereochemistry as 3*R*,12*R*-dihydroxy-24*R*-methyl-23-oxo-25*S*-lanost-8-en-26-oic acid.

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1. Introduction

Fungal species of the Polyporaceae are known to produce 24-methyl-lanostanes with a carboxyl group at C-26, and some possess a carboxyacetoxy group at C-3 (Adam et al., 1967; Bryce et al., 1967; Cheung et al., 1973; Yokoyama and Natori, 1974; Rösecke and König, 2000). Fomlactones A–C from *Fomes cajanderi* contain a 12,23 epoxy ring together with a 26,23-lactone (He et al., 2003). So far, these compounds have been shown to possess interesting biological activities, such as anti-inflammatory activity (Giner-Larza et al., 2000; Kamo et al., 2003), antimicrobial activity (Keller et al., 1996; Bae and Min, 2000), anti-HIV activity (Li et al., 1993), and DNA polymerase and DNA topoisomerase inhibitory activity (Mizushina et al., 2004). In the course of our investigation of biologically active substances from inedible fungi, we previously reported the isolation of

several lanostane triterpenoids from *Daldinia concentrica* (Quang et al., 2002) and *Tyromyces fissilis* (Quang et al., 2003, 2004). In continuation of this work, we report here the isolation of five lanostane triterpenoids (**1–5**) from *Fomitopsis spraguei* and the revised structure of quercinic acid C (**1**) based on the results of an X-ray crystallographic analysis.

2. Results and discussion

Fresh fruitbodies of *F. spraguei* were cut into small slices and extracted with MeOH. The methanolic extract was concentrated and repeatedly chromatographed on silica gel, a reversed-phase column and finally preparative HPLC to obtain five compounds (**1–5**). In some cases, substances could not be purified by conventional separation methods, and thus methylation by trimethyl-diazomethane was carried out, followed by separation to obtain **7–9** as methyl esters of compounds **3–5**. These procedures were performed after the presence of a

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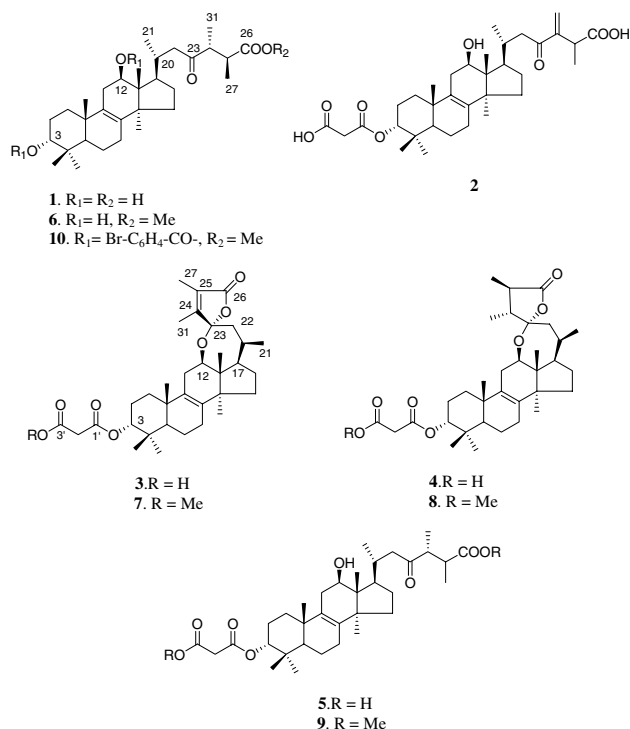


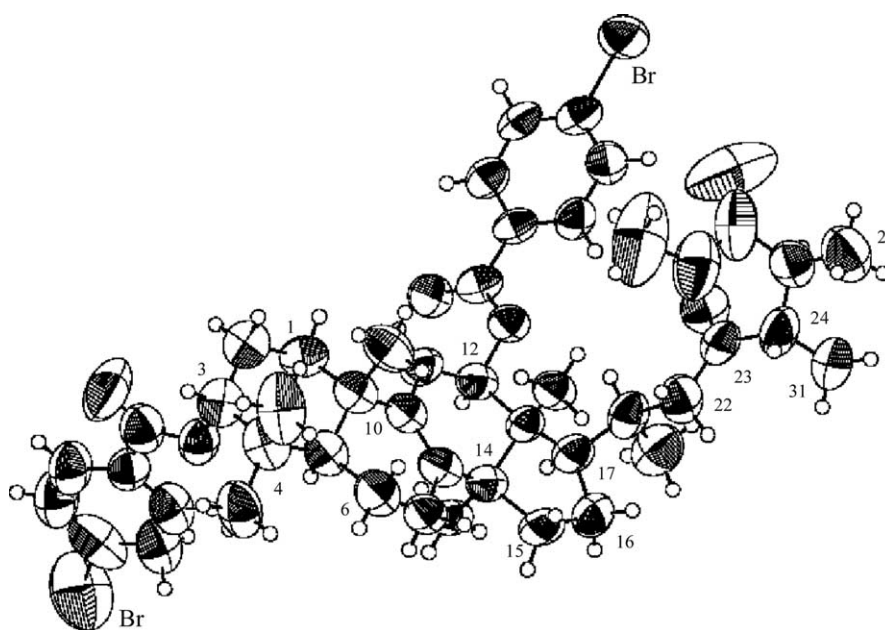
Fig. 1. Structures of 1–10.

carboxylic group was confirmed by IR and the absence of a carbomethoxyl group was confirmed by NMR spectra.

The spectral data of compound **1** were identical to those of a previously reported lanostane, quercinic acid C (3 β ,12 β -dihydroxy-24-methyl-23-oxolanost-8-en-26-

oic acid) from *Daedalea quercina* (Rösecke and König, 2000). However, the stereochemistry of the hydroxyl group at C-3 should be α -configuration (axial) since H-3 (equatorial) appears as a broad singlet and C-3 appears at 74.6 (Rösecke and König, 2000). To confirm the stereochemistry of quercinic acid C it was converted to its methyl ester (**6**), which was treated with *p*-bromobenzoyl chloride in pyridine to yield the dibenzoate **10** as white crystals. An X-ray crystallographic analysis of **10** (Fig. 2) revealed the structure and stereochemistry of quercinic acid C (**1**) as 3 R , 12 R -dihydroxy-24 R -methyl-23-oxo-25 S lanost-8-en-26-oic acid, as shown in Fig. 1.

Fomitopsin A (**2**) was obtained as an oil. Its molecular formula was established as $C_{34}H_{50}O_8$ by HRFABMS. The IR spectrum showed the presence of a carboxylic group ($2500\text{--}3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$, 1728 cm^{-1}). Its 1H NMR spectrum (CD_3OD) showed the signals of two *exo*-methylenes, two secondary methyl groups and five tertiary methyl groups. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum showed a conjugated ketone, a carboxylic group, two olefinic carbons and two oxygenated carbons. The *exo*-methylene group was deduced to be located at C-24 based on long-range correlation between H-31 and C-23, C-24 and C-25 in the HMBC spectrum. The signals observed in the 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were closely related to those of compound **1**, indicating that **2** also has a lanostane structure, except for the presence of the *exo*-methylene in place of a methyl group at C-24. Another difference is the unit at C-3. The signals of this side chain at C-3 were not observed in CD_3OD . However, the fragments in EIMS provided some evidence for the presence of a carboxyacetyloxy partial structure at C-3, since

Fig. 2. ORTEP drawing of **10**.

fragments were observed at m/z 542 (M-CO₂) and 525 (M-HAc-1). When CDCl₃ was used as a solvent, this compound and its methyl ester decomposed. Since we did not have enough compound **2** for further measurements, we could not observe the full NMR data of the carboxyacetyloxy group at C-3. Thus, fomitopsin A (**2**) was determined to be 3-carboxyacetyloxy-24-exomethylene-12 β -hydroxy-23-oxo-lanost-8-en-26-oic acid.

Fomitopsin B–C (**3–4**) and **5** could not be isolated in a pure state and were methylated to yield two new compounds **7**, **8** and a known lanostane triterpenoid **9** (Yokoyama and Natori, 1974). No methoxyl groups were present in the NMR spectra of the unmethylated material. In addition, ¹³C NMR spectral data of **9** were reported for the first time in Table 2.

The fomitopsin B methyl ester (**7**) was obtained as white crystals, and HRFABMS revealed the molecular formula of C₃₅H₅₀O₇. The signals observed in NMR spectra resembled those of **1** and **2**, suggesting that **7** also has a lanostane skeleton. In addition, the presence of an unsaturated lactone group was supported by signals at 179.6 and 1766 cm⁻¹ in the ¹³C NMR and IR spectra, respectively, and by the HMBC correlations between C-26 and Me-27 and Me-31, the olefinics C-24 and C-25 and two vinyl methyls H-27 and H-31. Furthermore, an HMBC correlation between H-3 and C-1' established the presence of a carboxyacetyl group at C-3. The relative stereochemistry of **7** was deduced from the NOESY spectrum, in which H-3 was equatorial, whereas H-12 was axial based on NOE correlation from H-3 to H-29, and H-12 to H-17 and H-30. The structure and stereochemistry of fomitopsin B methyl ester (**7**) was established by an X-ray crystallographic analysis (Fig. 3) as 12 β ,23-epoxy-3 α -carbomethoxyacetyloxy-24-methyl-lanost-8,24-dien-26,23-olide.

Fomitopsin C methyl ester (**8**) had spectral data similar to those of **7** except for the presence of two hydrogen atoms at C-24 (δ_H 2.12) and C-25 (δ_H 2.38). The stereochemistry of the two methyl groups at C-27 and C-31 were established to be β and α , respectively, based on the NOESY correlations between H-24 and H-22 and Me-27, H-25 and Me-31 and between Me-18 and Me-21. Thus, fomitopsin C methyl ester is 12 β ,23-epoxy-3 α -carbomethoxyacetyloxy-24 α -methyl-lanost-8-en-26,23-olide (**8**).

3. Experimental

3.1. General

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity 600 (600 MHz for ¹H NMR and 150 MHz for ¹³C NMR) using CDCl₃, CD₃OD, and C₅D₅N as solvents. Mass spectra including high-resolution FAB mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS AX-500 spectrometer. IR spectra were measured on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometer. UV spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu UV-1650PC in MeOH solution. Specific optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 polarimeter with CHCl₃ as a solvent. X-ray reflection data were measured on a DIP Image diffractometer using Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). Preparative medium-pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) was performed with a Work-21 pump (Lab-Quatec Co., Ltd, Japan) and a Lobar column (Merck). HPLC was performed on a Shimadzu liquid chromatograph LC-10AS with RID-10A and SPD-10A detectors using a Waters 5C 18-AR-II or 5 SL-II column. TLC was performed on silica gel plates (Kieselgel 60 F254, Merck) and reversed-phase C₁₈ silica gel plates (Merck).

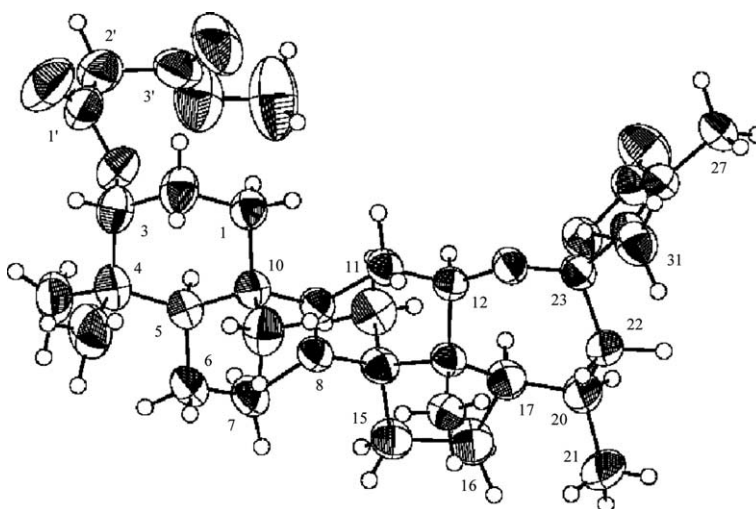


Fig. 3. ORTEP drawing of **7**.

3.2. Material

Fruitbodies of *F. spraguei* were collected at Okayama Forest Park, Okayama Prefecture, Japan in August 2001 and identified by Kazuyuki Takase (The Kansai Fungus Association). A voucher specimen (No. H01081) has been deposited at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokushima Bunri University.

3.3. Extraction and isolation

Fresh fruitbodies of *F. spraguei* (115.9 g) were extracted with MeOH. The methanolic extract was concentrated to obtain a residue (17.3 g), that was chromatographed on a SiO₂ column using MeOH–CHCl₃ (1–4% MeOH) as a solvent system to give 31 fractions. Fraction 11 (470 mg) was repeatedly applied to a reversed-phase column with CH₃CN–H₂O (4:1) to give **2** (9.7 mg) and two more sub-fractions 11-5 (20 mg) and 11-6 (229 mg). Sub-fraction 11-5 was purified by MPLC with a SiO₂ column and CHCl₃–MeOH (15:1) to give **1** (5.5 mg). One hundred mg of sub-fraction 11-6 was methylated by (CH₃)₃SiCHN₂ (3 ml)

and MeOH (3 ml), and then separated by SiO₂ column chromatography with EtOAc–hexane (1:1) to give **6** (59 mg) as a methyl ester of **1**. Fraction 15 (1402 mg) was purified by a reversed-phase column with CH₃CN–H₂O (6:4) to obtain 18 sub-fractions. Methylation of 50 mg of sub-fraction 15-4 (298 mg) by (CH₃)₃SiCHN₂ (1.5 ml) and MeOH (1.5 ml) and purification by SiO₂ column chromatography with hexane–EtOAc (6:4) gave **7** (16.6 mg) as white crystals in EtOAc. Fifty mg of sub-fraction 15-6 (204 mg) was treated the same as sub-fraction 15-4 to give **8** (2.9 mg) and **9** (18.1 mg).

3.3.1. Fomitopsin A (**2**)

$[\alpha]_D^{20} + 5.5^\circ$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃). HRFABMS: m/z 609.3434 $[M + Na]^+$, C₃₄H₅₀O₈Na, requires 609.3403. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2500–3400, 1728, 1462, 1376, 1262, 1157, 1024. ¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) (Tables 1 and 2).

3.3.2. Quercinic acid C methyl ester (**6**)

HREIMS: m/z 516.3819 $[M]^+$, C₃₂H₅₂O₅, requires 516.3815. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3513, 1713, 1456, 1373, 1204, 755. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 4.11 (1H, t, $J = 7.7$

Table 1
¹H NMR spectral data of **2** (CD₃OD), **7** and **8** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

Position	2	7	8
1	1.51 <i>m</i>	1.38 <i>m</i>	1.48 <i>m</i>
2	1.54 <i>m</i>	1.48 <i>m</i>	1.68 <i>m</i>
	1.90 <i>m</i>	1.69 <i>m</i>	1.95 <i>m</i>
3	4.67 <i>brs</i>	1.87 <i>m</i>	4.67 <i>t</i> (2.2)
5	1.54 <i>brd</i> (3.6)	4.70 <i>t</i> (2.8)	1.42 <i>m</i>
6	1.54 <i>m</i>	1.49 <i>m</i>	1.50 <i>m</i>
	1.65 <i>m</i>	1.63 <i>m</i>	1.52 <i>m</i>
7	2.05 <i>brs</i>	2.02 <i>m</i>	1.65 <i>m</i>
11	1.82 <i>m</i>	2.08 <i>m</i>	2.08 <i>m</i>
	2.54 <i>m</i>	1.76 <i>m</i>	1.84 <i>m</i>
12	4.06 <i>t</i> (7.7)	2.37 <i>m</i>	2.38 <i>m</i>
15	1.23 <i>dd</i> (7.4, 16.2)	4.37 <i>t</i> (8.2)	4.35 <i>t</i> (8.2)
	1.76 <i>m</i>	1.27 <i>m</i>	1.30 <i>m</i>
16	1.71 <i>m</i>	1.76 <i>m</i>	1.78 <i>m</i>
	1.94 <i>m</i>	1.68 <i>m</i>	1.74 <i>m</i>
17	1.96 <i>m</i>	1.82 <i>m</i>	1.86 <i>m</i>
18	0.77 <i>s</i>	2.77 <i>dd</i> (9.3, 18.4)	2.66 <i>dd</i> (9.1, 18.4)
19	1.06 <i>s</i>	0.81 <i>s</i>	0.82 <i>s</i>
20	2.41 <i>m</i>	1.01 <i>s</i>	1.06 <i>s</i>
21	0.97 <i>d</i> (6.9)	2.38 <i>m</i>	2.20 <i>m</i>
22	2.91 <i>dd</i> (3.0, 15.4)	0.97 <i>d</i> (7.4)	1.02 <i>d</i> (7.4)
	2.54 <i>m</i>	1.85 <i>m</i>	1.77 <i>m</i>
24		2.02 <i>m</i>	2.08 <i>m</i>
25	3.58 <i>dd</i> (7.1, 14.6)		2.12 <i>m</i>
27	1.29 <i>d</i> (7.1)		2.38 <i>m</i>
28	0.91 <i>s</i>	1.77 <i>d</i> (1.1)	1.22 <i>d</i> (7.1)
29	0.96 <i>s</i>	0.87 <i>s</i>	0.89 <i>s</i>
30	0.96 <i>s</i>	0.92 <i>s</i>	0.96 <i>s</i>
31	6.29 <i>s</i>	0.99 <i>s</i>	0.99 <i>s</i>
	5.94 <i>s</i>	1.97 <i>d</i> (1.1)	1.12 <i>d</i> (6.9)
2'		3.39 <i>s</i>	3.43 <i>s</i>
3'-OMe		3.71 <i>s</i>	3.70 <i>s</i>

Table 2
¹³C NMR spectral data of **2**, **9** (CD₃OD) and **7**, **8** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz)

Position	2	7	8	9
1	32.1	30.9	32.1	32.0
2	26.4	23.1	24.1	24.1
3	80.4	79.5	80.9	80.9
4	37.9	36.8	38.0	37.9
5	46.6	45.3	46.7	46.7
6	19.1	17.8	18.9	19.0
7	26.8	25.6	26.8	26.8
8	135.1	133.8	135.2	135.2
9	137.2	135.0	136.6	137.3
10	37.9	36.8	37.9	37.9
11	34.6	29.4	30.6	34.6
12	73.4	77.1	77.1	73.5
13	53.5	52.8	53.8	53.4
14	50.4	49.6	50.6	50.3
15	32.2	31.8	32.8	32.2
16	24.1	23.6	24.6	26.3
17	51.9	43.0	44.6	51.3
18	10.8	11.8	12.0	10.8
19	19.4	18.9	19.4	19.4
20	32.7	28.7	29.5	30.8
21	22.4	19.7	19.9	22.7
22	44.9	42.7	41.6	48.6
23	203.8	107.4	111.7	216.2
24	150.3	161.5	52.1	49.6
25	41.8	120.9	43.1	42.5
26	178.0	173.3	179.6	178.1
27	16.6	8.3	13.9	15.0
28	28.2	27.6	28.2	28.2
29	22.3	21.7	22.1	22.1
30	24.6	24.7	24.9	24.5
31	126.0	10.9	12.9	14.2
1'		166.0	167.7	167.7
2'		41.8	42.3	
3'		167.2	169.0	169.0
3'-OMe		52.3	52.9	52.8
26-OMe				52.2

Hz, H-12), 3.64 (3H, *s*, 26-COMe), 3.44 (1H, *t*, *J* = 2.5 Hz, H-3), 1.15 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H-27), 1.07 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H-31), 1.00 (3H, *s*, H-19), 0.98 (3H, *d*, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H-21), 0.97 (3H, *s*, H-28), 0.91 (3H, *s*, H-30), 0.87 (3H, *s*, H-29), 0.72 (3H, *s*, H-18). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 213.7 (C-23), 176.5 (C-26), 135.8 (C-9), 133.5 (C-8), 75.9 (C-3), 72.8 (C-12), 52.5 (C-13), 51.8 (26-COMe), 49.9 (C-17), 49.1 (C-14), 48.3 (C-24), 47.8 (C-22), 44.1 (C-5), 40.8 (C-25), 37.5 (C-4), 36.7 (C-10), 33.6 (C-11), 31.1 (C-15), 30.2 (C-1, C-20), 28.0 (C-28), 26.1 (C-2), 25.7 (C-7), 25.6 (C-16), 24.0 (C-30), 22.3 (C-21), 22.1 (C-29), 18.9 (C-19), 18.0 (C-6), 14.4 (C-27), 13.6 (C-31), 9.7 (C-18).

3.3.3. Fomitopsin B methyl ester (**7**)

White crystals (Et₂O). M.p. 220–225 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 4.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃). HRFABMS: *m/z* 583.3656 [M + H]⁺, C₃₅H₅₁O₇, requires 583.3635. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 1766, 1438, 1376, 1320, 1259, 1155, 1061, 965. ¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) (Tables 1 and 2).

3.3.4. Fomitopsin C methyl ester (**8**)

$[\alpha]_D^{20} - 15.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃). HRFABMS: *m/z* 584.3717 [M]⁺, C₃₅H₅₂O₇, requires 584.3713. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 1733, 1456, 1379, 1215, 1156, 1023, 944. ¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) (Tables 1 and 2).

3.3.5. Benzoylation of **6** (**10**)

To a solution of compound **6** (20 mg) in pyridine (2 ml) was added *p*-bromobenzoyl chloride (43.9 mg), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Work-up as usual gave a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane–EtOAc, 4:1) to give **10** (29.2 mg) as white crystals in EtOAc. M.p. 172–180 °C. HRFABMS: *m/z* 903.2423 [M + Na]⁺, C₄₆H₅₈O₇Br₂Na, requires 903.2447. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 1785, 1715, 1590, 1456, 1397, 1273, 1103, 846. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.93, 7.88, 7.61, 7.56 (4H, *d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, dibenzoates), 5.48 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-12), 4.91 (1H, *t*, *J* = 2.5 Hz, H-3), 3.64 (3H, *s*, 26-OMe), 2.79 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 7.1, 9.3 Hz, H-25), 2.73 (1H,

dd, $J = 7.1, 9.3$ Hz, H-24), 2.67 (1H, *brd*, $J = 16.8$ Hz, H-22), 2.35 (1H, *dd*, $J = 10.2, 16.8$ Hz, H-22), 1.15 (3H, *d*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H-27), 1.10 (3H, *s*, H-30), 1.06 (3H, *s*, H-19), 1.01 (3H, *d*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H-31), 0.99 (3H, *s*, H-29), 0.97 (3H, *s*, H-18), 0.94 (3H, *s*, H-28), 0.73 (3H, *d*, $J = 6.3$ Hz, H-21). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 212.9 (C-23), 176.5 (C-26), 165.8 and 165.3 (dibenzoates), 135.1 (C-9), 133.8 (C-8), 131.8, 131.7, 131.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.0, 127.8 (dibenzoates), 78.9 (C-3), 77.7 (C-12), 52.3 (C-13), 51.8 (26-OMe), 49.8 (C-17), 48.4 (C-24), 48.0 (C-14), 47.6 (C-22), 45.8 (C-5), 41.0 (C-25), 37.2 (C-4), 36.8 (C-10), 31.1 (C-1), 31.0 (C-15), 30.3 (C-11), 29.0 (C-20), 27.8 (C-28), 25.6 (C-7), 25.2 (C-16), 24.3 (C-30), 23.3 (C-2), 22.4 (C-21), 21.8 (C-29), 19.0 (C-19), 17.9 (C-6), 14.5 (C-27), 13.5 (C-31), 11.5 (C-18).

3.3.6. Crystal data for 7

Data collection: DIP Image plate. Cell refinement: Scalepack (HKL). Data reduction: maXus (Mackay et al., 1999). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997). Refinement: on F^2 full matrix least-squares. Diffractometer: DIP Image plate. $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_7$, MW 582.778, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 7.7140$ (2) Å, $b = 15.1050$ (5) Å, $c = 27.7570$ (10) Å, $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$, $\beta = 90.00^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$, $V = 3234.2$ (2) Å³, $Z = 4$, Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\gamma = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu = 0.082$ mm⁻¹, 6095 reflections, 380 parameters; only coordinates of H atoms refined, $R = 0.0536$, $R_w = 0.1320$, $S = 1.047$.

3.3.7. Crystal data for 10

Data collection: DIP Image plate. Cell refinement: Scalepack (HKL). Data reduction: maXus (Mackay et al., 1999). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997). Refinement: on F^2 full matrix least-squares. Diffractometer: DIP Image plate. $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{66}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_9$, MW 970.887, hexagonal, $P6_1$, $a = 21.6190$ (12) Å, $b = 21.62$ Å, $c = 17.6060$ (7) Å, $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$, $\beta = 90.00^\circ$, $\gamma = 120.00^\circ$, $V = 7126.3$ (5) Å³, $Z = 6$, Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\gamma = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu = 1.760$ mm⁻¹, 4613 reflections, 516 parameters; only coordinates of H atoms refined, $R = 0.0763$, $R_w = 0.2028$, $S = 1.087$.

Crystallographic data for 7 (Deposition No. CCDC 255163) and 10 (Deposition No. CCDC 256065) have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, by applying to the Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44 0 1223 336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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