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Isolation and Structure of Shimofuridins B ~ G from the Okinawan Marine Tunicate Aplidium multiplicatum

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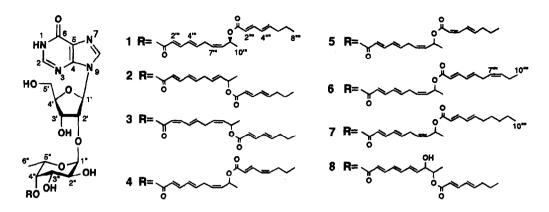
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Abstract: Shimofuridins $B \sim G$ (2 ~ 7), six new nucleoside derivatives with acylfucopyranoside moiety, have been isolated from the Okinawan marine tunicate Aplidium multiplicatum by careful HPLC separation and their structures elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic data.

During our studies on bioactive substances from Okinawan marine organisms,¹ we recently isolated shimofuridin A (1), a nucleoside derivative containing an acylfucopyranoside moiety, from the Okinawan marine tunicate Aplidium multiplicatum Sluiter. This unique nucleoside (1) exhibited cytotoxic and antimicrobial activities and the structure including the absolute stereochemistry of all chiral centers was established by spectral and chemical means.² We further continued investigation on extracts of this tunicate and careful studies on the HPLC separation of closely related analogs resulted in the isolation of six new nucleoside derivatives, shimofuridins B ~ G (2 ~ 7). This paper deals with the isolation and structure elucidation of 2 ~ 7. Shimofuridins B ~ E (2 ~ 5) are stereoisomers of shimofuridin A (1) as to the geometry of the double-bonds in the unsaturated acyl chain moieties, while shimofuridins F (6) and G (7) possess homologous acyl chains with two more carbon units.

The tunicate A. multiplicatum, collected off Okinawan Island, was extracted with MeOH, and the extract was partitioned between EtOAc and water. The EtOAc-soluble material was subjected to silica gel flash column chromatography (MeOH/CHCl₃, 30:70) followed by gel filtration on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/CHCl₃, 1:1). Further separation using a Sep-Pak[®] cartridge (C_{18} , 40% ~ 50% CH₃CN) afforded a fraction containing a mixture of shimofuridin analogs, purification of which was subsequently attempted by HPLC using several types of reversed-phase columns (ODS, Ph, TMS, and NH₂) with various solvent systems. Consequently, separation of this fraction was successfully achieved only when a column of Develosil[®] ODS-HG-5 (Nomura Chemical) was used and eluted with 43% ~ 48% CH₃CN to give shimofuridins B (2, 0.001% wet weight), C (3, 0.003%), D (4, 0.002%), E (5, 0.002%), F (6, 0.0008%), and G (7, 0.0002%), together with the major component, shimofuridin A (1, 0.01%).²

The molecular weights of shimofuridins B ~ E (2 ~ 5) were all revealed to be equal to that of shimofuridin A (1) from the negative FABMS data $[m/z 699 (M-H)^{-}$ for 2 ~ 5] and the IR and UV absorptions of 2 ~ 5 were also almost identical with those of 1. Shimofuridins B ~ E (2 ~ 5) were therefore inferred as isomers of 1, which was supported by the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data; their chemical shifts as well as the coupling



constants were parallel to those of 1 respecting the inosine α -fucopyranoside unit, and differences of NMR data were observed only as to the two acyl chain moieties (Tables 1 ~ 3). Assignments of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data were firmly established on the basis of ¹H-¹H COSY and HSQC³ spectra recorded for each compound (2 ~ 5) as well as comparison with the data of shimofuridin A (1).²

Shimofuridin B (2) possesses 2"'E, 4"'E, 7"'E- and 2""E, 4""E-configurations for the acyl chain

osition	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8.48 s	8.48 s	8.45 s	8.43 s	8.41 s	8.44 s	8.43 s
2 8	8.14 s	8.14 s	8.13 s	8.12 s	8.13 s	8.13 s	8.14 s
1'	6.25 d	6.26 d	6.24 d	6.23 d	6.21 d	6.22 d	6.23 d
2'	4.87 dd	4.88 dd	4.85 dd	4.85 dd	4.85 dd	4.88 dd	4.85 dd
3'	4.50 dd	4.49 dd	4.50 dd	4.50 dd	4.50 dd	4.50 dd	4.50 dd
4'	4.23 t	4.23 t					
5' (a)	3.91 dd	3.90 dd	3.91 dd	3.89 dd	3.90 dd	3.91 dd	3.89 dd
(b)	3.82 dd	3.80 dd	3.80 dd	3.81 dd	3.84 dd	3.80 dd	3.81 dd
1"	5.02 d	5.00 d	5.04 d	5.09 d	5.02 d	5.02 d	4.99 d
2"	3.80 m	3.75 m	3.78 dd	3.80 dd	3.79 dd	3.80 dd	3.80 m
3"	3.98 dd	4.04 dd	3.97 dd	3.97 dd	3.97 dd	3.98 dd	3.98 dd
4"	5.13 t	5.05 t	5.14 t	5.11 t	5.12 t	5.12 brt	5.13 brt
5"	3.70 dq	3.70 dq	3.70 dq	3.68 dq	3.67 dq	3.68 m	3.68 m
6" (3H)	0.66 d	0.64 d	0.68 d	0.65 d	0.64 d	0.66 d	0.66 d
2"'	5.89 d	5.82 d	5.64 d	5.89 d	5.89 d	5.83 d	5.90 d
3*'	7.30 m	7.28 dd	6.68 t	7.30 dd	7.30 dd	7.28 dd	7.26 dd
4"	6.31 m	6.28 dd	7.35 dd	6.31 dd	6.31 dd	6.27 dd	6.30 dd
5"'	6.19 m	6.22 m	6.15 dt	6.17 dt	6.22 m	6.23 m	6.22 т
6"' (2H)	3.10 m	3.10 m	3.10 m	3.11 m	3.12 m	3.10 m	3.10 m
7"'	5.55 m	5.56 m	5.54 m	5.55 m	5.55 m	5.55 m	5.55 m
8"'	5.59 m	5.59 m	5.58 m	5.59 m	5.60 m	5.59 dd	5.58 dd
9"'	5.72 m	5.73 dq	5.71 dq	5.73 dq	5.72 dq	5.72 dq	5.72 dq
10"' (3H)	1.34 d	1.34 d	1.33 d	1.35 d	1.34 d	1.34 d	1.34 d
2**	5.81 d	5.95 d	5.82 d	5.89 d	5.55 d	5.89 d	5.81 d
3""	7.26 m	7.39 dd	7.27 dd	7.64 dd	6.64 t	7.30 dd	7.29 dd
4""	6.27 m	6.34 m	6.27 dd	6.21 m	7.36 dd	6.31 dd	6.26 dd
5""	6.24 m	6.24 m	6.23 m	5.94 m	6.15 m	6.19 m	6.20 m
6"" (2H)	2.20 m	2.21 m	2.21 m	2.32 m	2.20 m	2.97 t	2.21 dt
7**	1.50 m	1.52 m	1.52 m	1.51 m	1.50 m	5.40 dt	1.51 m
8""	0.97 t	0.96 t	0.98 t	0.98 t	0.98 t	5.54 m	1.46 m
9** (2H)						2.11 m	1.66 m
10"" (3H)						1.01 t	1.02 t

Table 1. ¹H NMR Data of Shimofuridins A ~ G (1 ~ 7) in CD₃OD.

H/H	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	H/H	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1'/2'	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	2'*/3'*	15.4	15.4	11.4	15.3	15.4	15.3	15.4
2'/3'	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5	3'"/4'"		10.1	11.4	10.7	11.9	10.0	10.2
3'/4'	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	4'"/5'"		15.3	15.4	15.7	14.9	15.1	15.8
4'/5'a	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	7"'/8"'	10.7					11.1	11.4
4'/5'Ъ	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	8"'/9"'		7.4	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.7	7.6
5'a/5'b	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.1	12.2	9"'/10"'	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5
1"/2"	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8		2""/3""	15.6	15.4	15.4	15.3	11.4	15.3	15.4
2"/3"	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.3	3""/4""		10.7	10.0	12.4	11.4	10.7	10.2
3"/4"	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.5	4""/5""		14.9	14.9	10.7	15.2	15.4	15.8
4"/5"	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1			6""/7""						6.5	6.9
5"/6"	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	5.9	5.9	7""/8""	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.4	10.5	
								9""/10""						7.5	7.5

Table 2. ¹H-¹H Coupling Constants (J in Hz) of Shimofuridins B ~ G (1 ~ 7) in CD₃OD.^a

^aJ-values for blank positions were not assigned.

moieties, which was revealed by the ¹H-¹H coupling constants ($J_{2",3"} = 15.4$ Hz and $J_{2",3"} = 15.4$ Hz) and the ¹³C chemical shifts for the carbons of allylic positions (C-6" and C-6""). The allylic carbon of the second acyl chain (C-6"") resonated at δ_C 36.0, which agreed well to the ¹³C chemical shift for C-6 (δ_C 35.0) of 2*E*, 4*E*-octadienoic acid.⁴ 4""*E*-Configuration of 2 was thus deduced since allylic carbons of *cis*-olefins are known to be observed at higher resonances (approximately 27 ppm).⁵ The ¹³C NMR chemical shifts for bis-allylic positions between *cis-cis*, *cis-trans*, and *trans-trans* olefins are described to be approximately 25, 30, and 35 ppm, respectively.⁵ The bis-allylic carbon of the first acyl chain of 2 (C-6") resonated at δ_C 36.0, which implied that C-6" was located between two *trans* olefins, thus suggesting 4"*E*, 7"*E*-configurations.

In the ¹H NMR spectrum of shimofuridin C (3), the signals for H-3" and H-4" in the first acyl chain were apparently different from those for 1; H-3" resonated at higher field by 0.62 ppm while H-4" was observed at lower field by 1.04 ppm (Table 1). This phenomenon was ascribable to difference in the geometry of the $\Delta^{2",3"}$ -double bond (2"Z for 3), which was confirmed by the coupling constant ($J_{2",3"} = 11.4$ Hz). Spectral data for rest of the molecule of 3 were quite parallel to those of 1. Particularly, the 7"Z-configuration

position	1	2	3	4	5	position	1	2	3	4	5
2	148.3		146.5		- <u>.</u>	1"	164.1		167.3		
4	150.0	149.9	147.1			2"'	120.2	120.2	116.6	120.3	128.9
5	126.1					3"	147.3	146.7	146.2		144.6
6	158.7					4"	130.5	130.1	129.6		128.8
8	139.6	140.5	140.8			5**	141.2	144.0	143.5		142.0
1'	88.0	87.7	87.8	88.5	87.0	6"'	32.1	36.0	32.0	32.2	31.2
2'	82.5	82.0	82.3	82.5	82.5	7**	132.5	132.4	132.2		131.5
3'	71.5	71.4	71.2	71.5	70.4	8"'	130.0	129.8	128.5	129.7	127.3
4'	88.4	88.4	88.2	88.4	87.0	9"'	67.9	67.9	67.7		
5'	63.0	61.7	62.8	63.0		10"'	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.1
1"	101.6	109.0	101.3	101.6		1""	164.5		168.0		
2"	70.0	70.9	69.9	71.3	69.0	2**	120.4	120.2	120.0	122.5	125.5
3"	69.5	67.7	69.2	71.0	68.4	3*"	146.8	146.7	145.7		
4"	74.9	74.4	74.4	75.8	73.9	4""	129.9	129.7	129.6		128.8
5*	67.3	66.2	67.1	68.0	66.4	5""	141.1	139.9	142.8		142.2
6"	16.5	16.1	1 6.1	17.4	15.2	6""	36.1	36.0	35.8	32.0	29.7
						7**	21.1	21.0	22.8	23.6	22.0
						8**	14.2	14.0	13.8	16.2	13.0

Table 3. ¹³C NMR Data of Shimofuridins A ~ E (1 ~ 5) in CD₃OD.^a

^aChemical shifts for blank positions were not assigned.

was ascertained by the NOESY correlations between H2-6" and H-9".

The ¹H NMR spectrum of shimofuridin D (4) was indistinguishable from that of 1 except for the signals due to H-3"" and H-5"" in the second acyl chain; H-3"" was shifted to lower field by 0.38 ppm whereas H-5"" to higher field by 0.30 ppm (Table 1), suggesting that differences between 4 and 1 were found only in the geometry of olefins contained in the second acyl chain. The $\Delta^{2",3"}$ -double bond was obviously *E* from the coupling constant ($J_{2",3"} = 15.3$ Hz), while the 4""*Z*-configuration was suggested from the NOESY cross-peak observed between H-3"" and H₂-6"" and the $J_{4",5"}$ -value (10.7 Hz) revealed by homo-spin decoupling experiment irradiating at H₂-6"".

Shimofuridin E (5) showed characteristic ¹H NMR signals due to H-3^{""} (δ_{H} 6.64) and H-4^{""} (δ_{H} 7.36) in the second acyl chain, which were much different from those for 1 (δ_{H} 7.26 and 6.27, respectively) but closely corresponded to those for H-3^{""} (δ_{H} 6.68) and H-4^{""} (δ_{H} 7.35) in the first acyl chain of shimofuridin C (3). This observation suggested 2^{""}Z, 4^{""}E-configurations in the second acyl chain for 5, which was further verified by the coupling constants ($J_{2^{""},3^{""}} = 11.4$ Hz and $J_{4^{""},5^{""}} = 15.2$ Hz). The first acyl chain of 5 possesses the same olefin geometries as that of 1, deduced from the following observations for 5 ($J_{2^{"'},3^{""}} = 15.4$ Hz, $J_{4^{"'},5^{""}} = 14.9$ Hz; $\delta_{C-6^{"'}}$ 31.2; NOESY correlation for $H_2-6^{"'}/H-9^{"'}$).

The molecular formula of shimofuridin F (6) was revealed as $C_{36}H_{46}O_{12}N_4$ by HRFABMS [m/z 832.3949 (M+diethanolamine+H)⁺ for $C_{40}H_{58}O_{14}N_5$, Δ -3.2 mmu], which contains two carbons and two hydrogen atoms more than that of shimofuridin A (1). The UV, IR, and ¹H NMR data of 6 were almost similar to those of 1 and suggested that the inosine α -fucopyranoside unit was also contained in 6. From the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum, structural differences were found only in the second acyl chain moiety, which proved to be a 2*E*, 4*E*, 7*Z*-decatrienoyl group. The configurations of double bonds were revealed by the ¹H-¹H coupling constants (J_{2} ^{**,3^{**}} = 15.3 Hz, J_{4} ^{**,5^{**}} = 15.4 Hz, and J_{7} ^{**,8^{**}} = 10.5 Hz).

Shimofuridin G (7) was shown to have the largest molecular weight (728) with a composition of $C_{36}H_{48}O_{12}N_4$ as established by HRFABMS [*m/z* 727.3216 (M-H)⁻ for $C_{36}H_{47}O_{12}N_4$, Δ +2.5 mmu], which corresponds to that having two more hydrogen atoms than shimofuridin F (6). The ¹H NMR data of 7 aided with the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed that 7 possesses a 2*E*, 4*E*-decadienoyl group as the second acyl chain, olefin geometries of which were also determined by the ¹H-¹H coupling constants ($J_{2^{**},3^{**}} = 15.4$ Hz and $J_{4^{**},5^{**}} = 15.8$ Hz).⁶

Shimofuridins B ~ G (2 ~ 7) are new nucleoside analogs isolated from marine origins, and their structures are related closely to one another and the isolation procedure required careful operations to avoid air-oxidation or photoisomerization.⁷ Shimofuridin A (1) proved to be stable for several days in MeOH solution under room light. Formation of the isomers 2 ~ 5 was not detected by HPLC examination. We therefore concluded that 2 ~ 5 are not necessarily artificially produced compounds during isolation processes, while shimofuridins F (6) and G (7) are definitely natural products. Shimofuridin A (1), however, suffered from considerable decomposition under irradiation with 400 W high-pressure mercury lamp in MeOH solution. HPLC analysis showed formation of compounds 2 ~ 5, with the ratio of 1 ~ 5 after 5 min to be 1:0.03:0.16:0.23:0.07. After 20-h irradiation, all of compounds 1 ~ 5 disappeared to yield a complex mixture, from which a peak due to an allyl alcohol (8) was detected by HPLC analysis. Compound 8 was isolated previously during HPLC separation of shimofuridins, in spite of taking care of air, and characterized as an air-oxidized product.

Experimental Section⁸

Collection, Extraction, and Isolation. The tunicate Aplidium multiplicatum Sluiter was collected off Seragaki Beach, Okinawa Island in May 1992 and kept frozen until used. The tunicate (1.0 kg wet weight) was extracted with MeOH (1.5 L x 2). The MeOH extract (52.8 g) was partitioned between EtOAc (500 mL x 3) and 1M NaCl (500 mL). A portion (1.2 g) of the EtOAc-soluble material (2.4 g) was subjected to silica gel flash column chromatography (45 x 3.0 cm) with stepwise elution of MeOH in CHCl₃ (10-100%). The fraction (78.9 mg) eluting with 30% MeOH in CHCl₃ was separated by gel filtration on a Sephadex LH-20 column (Pharmacia, 2.0 x 100 cm) with 50% MeOH in CHCl₃ to give a fraction (54.6 mg; 125 ~ 160 mL), which was then passed through a Sep-Pak C₁₈ cartridge (Waters, 10 x10 mm). The fraction (10.1 mg) eluting with 40% CH₃CN was finally purified by reversed-phase HPLC (Develosil ODS-HG-5, 10 x 250 mm; 43% CH₃CN; flow rate, 2.5 mL/min) to give shimofuridins B (2, t_R 74.0 min, 0.6 mg, 0.001% wet weight), C (3, t_R 58.4 min, 1.3 mg, 0.003%), D (4, t_R 52.8 min, 0.9 mg, 0.002%), E (5, t_R 55.6 min, 0.8 mg, 0.002%), and A (1, t_R 64.8 min, 6.1 mg, 0.01%) together with the allyl alcohol (8, t_R 15.2 min, 0.5 mg, 0.001%). Separation of the fraction (10.7 mg) of the Sep-Pak cartridge eluting with 50% CH₃CN by reversed-phase HPLC (Develosil ODS-HG-5 10 x 250 mm; 48% CH₃CN; flow rate, 2.5 mL/min) to give shimofuridins F (6, t_R 40.0 min, 0.4 mg, 0.0008%) and G (6, t_R 66.8 min, 0.15 mg, 0.0002%).

Shimofuridin B (2). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -167° (c, 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 370 (ϵ 340) and 261 nm (48000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3440, 2950, 1700, 1640, 1620, 1390, 1150, 1050, and 1010 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Tables 1-3); FABMS (negative, diethanolamine matrix) *m/z* 699 (M-H)⁻, 559 (M - octadienoyloxy group)⁻, 413 (inosine α -fucopyranoside - H)⁻, 267 (inosine - H)⁻, and 135 (hypoxanthine - H)⁻.

Shimofuridin C (3). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -110° (*c*, 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 263 nm (ε 32000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3400, 2910, 2840, 1700, 1630, 1260, 1170, 1130, 1080, and 1040 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Tables 1-3); FABMS (negative, diethanolamine matrix) *m/z* 699 (M-H)⁻, 559, 413, 267, and 135. HRFABMS *m/z* 699.2858 (M-H; calcd for C₃₄H₄₃O₁₂N₄, 699.2877).

Shimofuridin D (4). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -91° (*c*, 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 358 (ε 340) and 263 nm (30000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3430, 2920, 2830, 1680, 1640, 1260, 1080, and 1040 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Tables 1-3); FABMS (negative, diethanolarnine matrix) *m/z* 699(M-H)⁻, 559, 413, 267, and 135; HRFABMS *m/z* 699.2905 (M-H; calcd for C₃₄H₄₃O₁₂N₄, 699.2877).

Shimofuridin E (5). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -109° (c, 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 338 (ε 630) and 262 nm (42000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3420, 2930, 1690, 1640, 1180, 1080, and 1040 cm⁻¹; ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Tables 1-3); FABMS (negative, diethanolamine matrix) *m/z* 699 (M-H)⁻, 559, 413, 267, and 135; HRFABMS *m/z* 699.2853 (M-H, calcd for C₃₄H₄₃O₁₂N₄, 699.2877).

Shimofuridin F (6). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -59° (c, 0.07, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 353 (e 330) and 263 nm (18000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3410, 2920, 1680, 1630, and 1040 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); FABMS (positive, diethanolamine matrix) m/z 832 (M+DEA+H)⁺, 665, 269; HRFABMS m/z 832.3949 (M+DEA+H; calcd for C₄₀H₅₈O₁₄N₅, 832.3981).

Shimofuridin G (7). Colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -74° (c, 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 327 (ϵ 780) and 262 nm (16000); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3410, 2920, 1730, and 1630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (Tables 1 and

2); FABMS (negative, diethanolamine matrix) m/z 727 (M-H)⁻; HRFABMS m/z 727.3216 (M-H; calcd for C₃₆H₄₇O₁₂N₄, 727.3191).

Compound 8. Colorless amorphous solid; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 386 (ε 320), 296 (10000), and 267 nm (12000); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ_{H} 8.45 (1H, s, H-8), 8.14 (1H, s, H-2), 7.36 (1H, m, H-3""), 7.31 (1H, m, H-3""), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 1.09, 15.2 Hz, H-5""), 6.50 (1H, m, H-4""), 6.47 (1H, m, H-5""), 6.28 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 15.3 Hz, H-4""), 6.24 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, H-1"), 6.22 (1H, m, H-5""), 6.02 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 14.8 Hz, H-7""), 6.01 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, H-2"), 5.87 (1H, d, J = 15.3 Hz, H-2""), 5.15 (1H, t, J = 3.4 Hz, H-4"), 5.04 (1H, d, J = 3.9 Hz, H-1"), 5.00 (1H, m, H-9"), 4.65 (1H, dd, J = 4.5, 6.4 Hz, H-2"), 4.45 (1H, dd, J = 2.7, 4.5 Hz, H-3"), 4.27 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 6.3 Hz, H-8""), 4.23 (1H, br t, H-4'), 3.88 (1H, dd, J = 3.4, 10.4 Hz, H-3"), 3.92 (1H, dd, J = 2.7, 12.3 Hz, H-5"), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 2.7, 12.3 Hz, H-5"), 3.80 (1H, dd, J = 3.9, 10.4 Hz, H-2"), 3.68 (1H, m, H-5"), 2.20 (2H, m, H-6""), 1.52 (2H, dq, J = 7.2, 14.8 Hz, H-7""), 1.26 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-10""), 0.98 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, H-8""), and 0.65 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, H-6"); FABMS (positive, diethanolamine matrix) m/z 699 (M-H₂O+H)⁺ and 680.

Photoisomerization of Shimofuridin A (1). Shimofuridin A (1, 0.1 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (1 mL) and placed under the 400 W high pressure Hg lamp in a quartz cell at ambient temperature. HPLC analysis was carried out using Develosil ODS-HG-5 (10 x 250 mm; eluent, 43% CH₃CN; flow rate, 2.5 mL/min; detection at UV 254 nm).

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- 7. All HPLC operations were carried out using well-degassed solvents under light-blocked conditions.
- 8. General methods are the same as those described in the previous reports.^{1,2}

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