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Taxuspines U, V, and W, New Taxane and Related Diterpenoids from the Japanese Yew Taxus cuspidata

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Abstract: Three new taxane and related diterpenoids, taxuspines U, V, and W $(1 \sim 3)$, have been isolated from stems of the Japanese yew Taxus cuspidata Sieb. et Zucc. and the structures elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic data. Taxuspine U (1) is a very rare bicyclic taxane related diterpenoid from yew trees of genus Taxus, while taxuspine W (3) is a rare taxoid having a $2(3\rightarrow 20)$ -abeotaxane skeleton. Copyright © 1996 Elsevier Science Ltd

Many taxane-type diterpenoids have been found in yew trees of various *Taxus* species and some of them exhibit interesting biological activities. ^{1,2} In our continuing search for bioactive natural products, we previously isolated some new taxoids, taxuspines $A \sim H$ and $J \sim T$, from the Japanese yew *Taxus cuspidata* Sieb. et Zucc. ^{3~8} Further investigation on extracts of stems of this yew led to isolation of three new taxane and related diterpenoids, taxuspines U, V, and W (1 ~ 3). In this paper we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of $1 \sim 3$.

The methanolic extract of stems of T. cuspidata collected at Sapporo was partitioned between toluene

Table 1.	¹ H and	¹³ C NMR Data of	Taxuspine	U (1) in CDCl ₃
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position 1		[a	J(Hz)	13Ca		H coupled with Cb	
1	1.78	dd	7.8, 4.2	48.0	<u>d</u>	H-16, H-17	
2	4.68	dd	10.2, 4.2	66.7	d	H-14a	
2 3 4 5	5.59	d	10.2	127.5	d	H-1	
4				135.4	s	H-6b	
5	5.54	brs		71.0	d	H-3, H-20a, H-20b	
6(a)	2.43	ddd	15.7, 8.4, 3.0	36.3	t	,	
6(b)	2.06	m	,,			•	
7	4.40	d	7.7	63.7	d	H-19	
8				128.8	s	H-6a, H-19	
9				139.9	s	H-7, H-10, H-19	
10	6.83	s		68.3	ď	,,,	
11	*			136.5	s	H-10, H-13, H-16, H-17, H-18	
12				136.0	s	H-10, H-13, H-14a, H-18	
13	5.42	d	10.1	69.8	ď	H-1	
14(a)	2.56	ddd	16.4, 10.1, 8.4	25.1	t	H-2	
14(b)	2.11	m	10.4, 10.1, 0.4	23.1		11 2	
15	2.11	***		36.2	s	H-16, H-17	
16	1.10	s		32.5	q	H-17	
17	1.23	S		29.7	q	H-16	
18	2.02	S		15.9	q	H-10	
19	1.52	S		11.3	q	H-7	
20(a)	4.31	d	12.3	58.8	ų t	H-3	
20(b)	3.78	d	12.3	30.0	ι	11-3	
5-AcO	2.21	S	14.3	20.8			
J-ACO	2.21	3			q	H-5	
0.400	2.21			169.8	S	п-3	
9-AcO	2.21	S		21.5	q		
10.450	1.00			169.8	S		
10-AcO	1.98	S		20.4	q	11.10	
12 4 0	2.12			169.4	S	H-10	
13-AcO	2.12	S		21.5	q	TT 12	
				170.2	S	H-13	

a) δ in ppm b) HMBC correlations

and water, and the water layer was extracted with chloroform. The toluene and chloroform soluble portions were subjected to a silica gel column followed by reversed-phase and silica gel column chromatographies, and centrifuged partition chromatography (CPC) to afford taxuspines U (1, 0.000017%), V (2, 0.00092%), and W (3, 0.00027%).

Taxuspine U (1) was shown to have the molecular formula, C₂₈H₄₀O₁₁, by HREIMS [m/z 492.2357 (M-AcOH)⁺, Δ -0.2 mmu] and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1). IR absorptions at 3400 and 1730 cm⁻¹ implied that 1 possessed hydroxy and ester groups. Analyses of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 1) and HMQC spectrum of 1 provided four acetyls, five oxymethines, one oxymethylene, one trisubstituted olefin, two tetrasubstituted olefins, and four methyl groups. Since seven out of nine unsaturations were thus accounted for, 1 was inferred to contain two rings. Detailed analysis of the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum revealed connectivities of C-1 to C-3, C-5 to C-7, and C-13 to C-1. In the HMBC spectrum cross-peaks of H-13 to C-11 and C-12, H₃-16 and H₃-17 to C-1, C-11, and C-15, and H₃-18 to C-11 and C-12 indicated the presence of a cyclohexene moiety (ring A), Me-18 at C-12, and Me-16 and Me-17 at C-15. HMBC cross-peaks of H-3 to C-5, H-6b to C-4, H-7 to C-9 and C-19, H-10 to C-9 and C-11, and H₃-19 to C-8

diastereomer	H-7/H-10 (Å)	distance ^a H-7/H ₃ -18 (Å)	H-5/H-20b (Å)
1a (5S* 7S*)	2.42	2.98	2.23
1b (5S* 7R*)	3.61	3.70	2.43
1c (5R* 7S*)	2.45	2.66	3.61
1d $(5R* 7R*)$	3.70	3.97	3.42

Table 2. Molecular Mechanics Calculations for Diastereomers 1a-d

suggested the presence of a cyclododecadiene moiety (ring B) and Me-19 at C-8. The presence of a hydroxymethyl (C-20) at C-4 was deduced from the NMR data (δ_H 3.78 and 4.31, H-20; δ_C 58.8, C-20) and the HMBC cross-peaks of H-3 to C-20 and H₂-20 to C-5. The NMR data (δ_H 4.68 and δ_C 66.7, C-2; δ_{H} 4.40 and δ_{C} 63.7, C-7) revealed that two hydroxy groups were attached at C-2 and C-7. NOESY cross-peaks of H-7/H-10 and H-2/H-20a implied that both geometries of the double bonds at C-3 and C-8 were E-configuration. Three acetyl carbonyl carbons (δ_C 169.4, 169.8, and 170.2) showed HMBC correlations from H-10, H-5, and H-13, respectively, indicating that three acetoxy groups were attached at C-10, C-5, and C-13. The olefin carbon resonance at C-9 (δ_C 139.9) implied that the remaining acetoxy group was attached at C-9.9,10 Thus the structure of taxuspine U was assigned to be 1. NOESY correlations of H-1/H-14a, H-1/H₃-17, H-13/H-14a, and H-13/H₃-17 indicated boat conformation of ring A (Fig. 1), while those of H-1/H-2 and H-2/H-16 implied that a hydroxy group at C-2 was α -oriented. The α-orientation of H-10 was deduced from a NOESY correlation of H-10/H₃-18. The relative stereochemistries at C-5 and C-7 were investigated by combination of the NOESY data and molecular mechanics calculations, in which four diastereomers (1a, 5S*7S*; 1b, 5S*7R*; 1c, 5R*7S*; 1d, 5R*7R*) were considered, and systematic conformational searching 11 for each diastereomer was carried out by using Macromodel program¹². The calculation of the distances between H-7/H-10, H-7/H₃-18, and H-5/H-20b of conformational isomers within 3 kcal/mol molecular energy for each stereoisomer ($1a \sim 1d$) was summarized in Table 2. The distances of H-7/H-10, H-7/H₃-18, and H-5/H-20b for 1a were within 3.0 Å, while those of 1b ~ 1d were over 3.0 Å. These results suggested that relative stereochemistry of

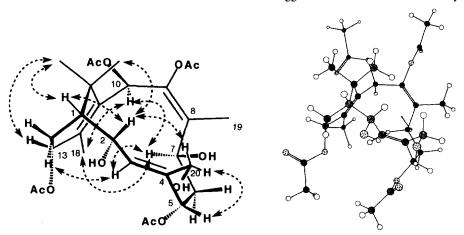


Figure 1. Three-dimensional Structures (left: NOESY correlations; right: MM2 calculation) of Taxuspine U (1)

a) Distances for the lowest energy conformers.

ring B in taxuspine U (1) was 2R*, 5S*, 7S*, and 10R*.

The molecular formula, C₃₀H₄₂O₁₃, of taxuspine V (2) was established by HRFABMS [m/z 716.3522 (M+DEA+H)⁺, Δ +1.8 mmu]. The presence of five acetyls, six oxymethines, one oxymethylene, one tetrasubstituted olefin, and four methyl groups was indicated by analyses of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data and HMQC spectrum of 2. Connectivities of C-13 to C-14, C-2 to C-3, C-5 to C-7, and C-9 to C-10 were deduced from the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum. HMBC correlations of H₃-18 to C-11 and C-12 revealed that Me-18 was attached at C-12, while cross-peaks of H₃-16 and H₃-17 to C-1, C-11, and C-15 indicated that Me-16 and Me-17 were connected to C-15. In the HMBC spectrum of 2 H-14a showed long-range ¹H-¹³C correlations with C-1, C-12, and C-15, indicating the presence of a cyclohexene moiety (ring A). HMBC correlations of H-3 to C-1 and C-8, H-9 to C-8, and H-10 to C-11 revealed the presence of an eight-membered ring (ring B), while the presence of a cyclohexane ring (ring C) was deduced from HMBC correlations of H-5 to C-3 and C-4 and H-6b to C-8. The signals of geminal protons (δ_H 2.25 and 3.63, d, J = 5.4 Hz) and a methylene carbon (δ_C 50.0) indicated that 2 had an epoxide, which was attached at C-4 by NOESY correlations of H-3/H-20a and H-5/H-20b. 1H-13C long-range couplings of H₃-19 to C-7 and C-8 were indicative of the presence of Me-19 at C-8. According to the HMBC correlations, three acetoxy groups were located at C-2, C-9, and C-10, while the remaining acetoxy groups were attached at C-7 and C-13 from comparison of oxymethine proton signals (δ_H 5.61, H-7; δ_H 5.97, H-13) with those of usual taxoids. Two hydroxy groups were attached at C-1 (δ_C 75.5) and C-5 (δ_C 76.3). Thus the structure of taxuspine V was assigned to be 2. Relative stereochemistry of 2 was elucidated on the basis of NOESY data. The NOESY correlation of H-14a/H-20a indicated that the epoxide was βoriented, while the small ${}^{1}H$ - ${}^{1}H$ coupling constant (J = 2.9 Hz) between H-5 and H₂-6 suggested pseudoequatrial orientation of H-5.

Taxuspine W (3) was shown to have the molecular formula, $C_{26}H_{36}O_{9}$, by HRFABMS [m/z 491.2257 (M-H)-, Δ +2.4 mmu]. Analyses of the ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR data and HMQC spectrum of 3 provided three acetyls, one tetrasubstituted olefin, one trisubstituted olefin, five oxymethines, one methine, one ketone, and four methyl groups. In the HMBC spectrum of 3 cross-peaks of H_{3} -16 and H_{3} -17 to C-1, C-11, and C-15 revealed the presence of Me-16 and Me-17 at C-15, while HMBC correlations of H_{3} -18 to C-11, C-12, and C-13 revealed that Me-18 was attached at C-12. Cross-peaks of E-14 to E-15, E-15, E-16 and E-17 to E-19, E-18 to E-19 and E-19 to E-19, while E-19 to E-10 and E-11 in the HMBC spectrum indicated the presence of a ten-membered ring (ring B), while E-19 Long-range correlations of E-19 to E-19 and E-19 was attached at E-19 was attached at E-10 from HMBC correlations. Three acetoxy groups were attached at E-19 was attached at E-13 by comparison of oxymethine proton signals (E-17, E-17, E-18, E-19, E-19, E-19 with those of taxoids involving 6/10/6-membered ring system. Thus the structure of taxuspine W was assigned to be 3. Relative stereochemistry of 3 was elucidated by the NOESY spectrum and E-11 coupling constants, indicating boat conformation for rings A and C.

Taxuspines U ~ W (1 ~ 3) are new taxane and related diterpenoids from the Japanese yew *Taxus cuspidata* Sieb. et Zucc. Taxuspine U (1) is a very rare bicyclic taxane related diterpenoid from yew trees of genus $Taxus^{9,10}$, while taxuspine W (3) is a rare taxoid having a $2(3\rightarrow 20)$ -abeotaxane skeleton. Pharmacological activities of $1 \sim 3$ are currently investigated.

Experimental Section

General Methods. Optical rotations were determined on a JASCO DIP-370 polarimeter. UV and IR spectra were obtained on JASCO Ubest-35 and JASCO IR report-100 spectrometers, respectively. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL EX-400, Bruker ARX-500 and AMX-600 spectrometers. The 7.26 ppm resonance of residual CHCl₃ and 77.1 ppm of CDCl₃ were used as internal references, respectively. EIMS was obtained on a JEOL DX-303 spectrometer operating at 70 eV. FABMS was measured on an HX-110 spectrometer. Computer modeling was carried out with the Macromodel program (version 5.0) using a Silicon Graphics Personal IRIS workstation.

Collection, Extraction, and Separation. The Japanese yew Taxus cuspidata Sieb. et Zucc. was collected at Sapporo, Hokkaido. The stems (4.6 kg) of the yew was extracted with MeOH (15 L x 4). The MeOH extract was partitioned between toluene (900 mL x 4) and H₂O (900 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (1000 mL x 3). The CHCl₃ soluble portions were evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (5.2 g), which was subjected to a silica gel column (4.5 x 39 cm) eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH [95:5 (600 mL)] to afford a fraction (440 ~ 560 mL). This fraction was applied to a Sephadex LH-20 column (2 x 95 cm) eluted with MeOH/CHCl₃ (1:1) to yield a fraction (330 ~ 450 mL), which was subjected to a silica gel column (2.5 x 35 cm) eluted with CHCl₃/EtOH [49:1 (450 mL) \rightarrow 19:1 (500 mL)] to afford one fraction (800 \sim 950 mL). This fraction was applied to CPC (Sanki Engineering Co. Ltd., Model LLB-M) with CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O/i-PrOH (65:65:40:2). A fraction (descending mode, 100 ~ 140 mL) was purified by reversed-phase HPLC [ASAHIPAK ODP-50, 1.0 x 25 cm, Asahi Chemical Industry Co.Ltd., MeCN/H₂O (60:40), flow rate 0.75 mL/min] to give taxuspine U (1, t_R 24.0 min, 0.8 mg). The stems (11.0 kg) of the same yew was extracted with MeOH (50 L x 5), a part (250 g) of which was partitioned between toluene (800 mL x 4) and H₂O (900 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (800 mL x 4). The CHCl₃ soluble portions were evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (23 g), which was subjected to a silica gel column (4.0 x 36 cm) eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH [98:2 (800 mL) \rightarrow 97:3 (500 mL)] to afford a fraction (660 ~ 810 mL, 1210 mg). The fraction was applied to a Sephadex LH-20 column (3.5 x 97 cm) eluted with MeOH/CHCl₃ (1:1) to give a fraction (340 ~ 370 mL), which was subjected to CPC with n-hexane/EtOAc/MeOH/H₂O (9:4:2:5). A fraction (ascending mode, 70 ~ 170 mL) was subjected to a reversed-phase HPLC [YMC pack AM-323, YMC Co. Ltd., 1.0 x 25 cm, MeOH/H₂O (60:40), flow rate 2.5 mL/min] to afford taxuspine W (3, t_R 18.4 min, 3.0 mg). The toluene soluble portions were evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue (24.6 g), a part (8.0 g) of which was subjected to a silica gel column (4.0 \hat{x} 34 cm) eluted with nhexane/acetone [8:1 (500 mL) \rightarrow 4:1 (500 mL) \rightarrow 2:1 (500 mL)] to afford a fraction (1010 \sim 1340 mL). The fraction was applied to an ODS column (2.5 x 10 cm) eluted with MeCN/H₂O (8:2) to yield one fraction (520 ~ 620 mL), which was subjected to a reversed-phase HPLC (YMC pack AM-323, 1.0 x 25 cm, MeOH/H₂O (80:20), flow rate 2.5 mL/min] to afford one fraction (to 8.8 min), which was purified by the same HPLC [MeCN/H₂O (50:50), flow rate 2.5 mL/min] to give taxuspine V (2, t_R 10.4 min, 3.5 mg).

Taxuspine U (1): A colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]^{22}_D + 18.0^\circ$ (c 0.07, MeOH); IR (film) v_{max} 3400, 1730, and 1240 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 207 nm (ε 9000); ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Table 1); EIMS m/z (%) 492 (M+-AcOH, 0.26), 474 (0.41), 432 (2.1), 414 (1.0), 390 (0.94), 372 (3.3), 355 (1.6), and 312 (6.3); HREIMS m/z 492.2357 (M-AcOH)+ calcd for $C_{26}H_{36}O_{9}$, 492.2359; HMBC correlations (Table 1); NOESY correlations (CDCl₃, H/H): 1/2, 1/14a, 1/16, 1/17, 2/16, 2/20a, 3/7, 3/14b, 5/6a, 5/6b, 5/20b, 7/10, 7/18, 10/18, 13/14a, 13/17, and 13/18.

Taxuspine V (2): A colorless plate (crystallized from *n*-hexane/acetone); mp 230-232 °C; [α]²⁰_D +56° (c 0.58, CHCl₃); IR (film) v_{max} 3470, 1740, and 1240 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 220 nm (ϵ 6200); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.23 (1H, d, J = 11.0 Hz, H-10), 5.97 (1H, d, J = 11.0 Hz, H-9), 5.97 (1H, m, H-13), 5.61 (1H, m, H-7), 5.50 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz, H-2), 3.63 (1H, d, J = 5.4 Hz, H-20a), 3.41 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz, H-3), 3.02 (1H, t, J = 2.9 Hz, H-5), 2.55 (1H, dd, J = 15.3, 10.3 Hz, H-14a), 2.25 (1H, d, J = 5.4 Hz, H-20b), 2.20 (3H, s, CH₃-18), 2.10 (3H,s, CH₃CO), 2.08 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.06 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.05 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.02 (1H, m, H-6a), 1.99 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 1.93 (1H, dd, J = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, H-14b), 1.81 (1H, ddd, J = 13.8, 4.3, 2.8 Hz, H-6b), 1.60 (3H, s, CH₃-16), 1.20 (3H, s, CH₃-19), and 1.12 (3H, s, CH₃-17); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 169.8 (s, CH₃CO), 169.8 (s, CH₃CO), 169.5 (s, CH₃CO), 169.2 (s, CH₃CO), 140.8 (s, C-12), 136.6 (s, C-11), 76.3 (d, C-5), 75.5 (s, C-1), 75.3 (d, C-9), 71.8 (d, C-2), 71.3 (d, C-10), 71.1 (d, C-13), 68.5 (d, C-7), 60.5 (s, C-4), 50.0 (t, C-20), 47.0 (s, C-8), 42.9 (s, C-15), 39.5 (d, C-3), 38.6 (t, C-14), 32.7 (t, C-6), 28.9 (q, C-17), 21.5 (q, CH₃CO), 21.0 (q, CH₃CO), 21.0 (q, CH₃CO), 20.9 (q, CH₃CO), 20.7 (s, CH₃CO), 20.5 (q, C-16), 16.0 (q, C-18), and 13.2 (q, C-19); FABMS (positive ion, diethanolamine matrix) m/z 716 (M+DEA+H)⁺; HRFABMS m/z 716.3522 (M+DEA+H)⁺, calcd for C₃₄H₅₄NO₁₅, 716.3504; HMBC correlations

(CDCl₃, H/C): 2/3, 2/8, 2/15, 2/CH₃CO, 3/1, 3/2, 3/4, 3/7, 3/8, 3/19, 5/3, 5/4, 5/7, 6b/4, 6b/5, 6b/7, 6b/8, 7/19, 9/7, 9/8, 9/10, 9/CH₃CO, 10/9, 10/11, 10/12, 10/15, 10/CH₃CO, 14a/1, 14a/2, 14a/12, 14a/13, 14b/15, 16/1, 16/11, 16/15, 16/17, 17/1, 17/11, 17/15, 17/16, 18/11, 18/12, 19/7, and 19/8; NOESY correlations (CDCl₃, H/H): 2/9, 2/16, 2/19, 3/7, 3/14b, 3/20a, 5/6a, 5/6b, 5/20b, 6a/7, 7/10, 7/18, 9/16, 10/18, 13/14a, 13/18, 14a/17, 14b/20a, and 16/17.

Taxuspine W (3): A colorless amorphous solid; $[\alpha]^{30}_{\rm D}$ -94.7° (c 0.32, MeOH); IR (film) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3440, 1730, 1680, and 1240 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) $\lambda_{\rm max}$ 206 nm (ε 7500); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.71 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 1.6 Hz, H-2), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz, H-20), 5.45 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, H-10), 5.35 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H-13), 5.07 (1H, dd, J = 12.0, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 4.49 (1H, brt, J = 7.1 Hz, H-5), 4.20 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, OH-10), 2.70 (1H, d, J = 15.8 Hz, H-3a), 2.70 (1H, m, H-14a), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, OH-5), 2.19 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.09 (2H, m, H-6), 2.04 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.04 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.00 (1H, d, J = 15.8 Hz, H-3b), 1.95 (1H, d, J = 16.6 Hz, H-14b), 1.94 (3H, s, CH₃-18), 1.65 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 1.6 Hz, H-1), 1.31 (3H, s, CH₃-19), 1.21 (3H, s, CH₃-16), and 1.19 (3H, s, CH₃-17); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 213.1 (s, C-9), 170.1 (s, CH₃CO), 170.1 (s, CH₃CO), 170.0 (s, CH₃CO), 138.4 (s, C-4), 135.5 (s, C-11), 134.1 (s, C-12), 125.0 (d, C-20), 77.4 (d, C-10), 70.7 (d, C-2), 70.7 (d, C-7), 69.9 (d, C-13), 68.4 (d, C-5), 52.7 (s, C-8), 47.0 (d, C-1), 37.4 (s, C-15), 35.7 (t, C-3), 35.4 (q, C-17), 26.7 (t, C-14), 24.1 (q, C-16), 21.4 (t, C-6), 21.4 (q, C-19), and 18.4 (q, C-18); EIMS m/z (%) 432 (M+-AcOH, 0.3), 372 (0.7), 312 (0.9), and 43 (100); FABMS (negative ion, glycerol matrix) m/z 491 (M-H)⁻; HRFABMS m/z 491.2257 (M-H)⁻, calcd for C₂₆H₃₅O₉, 491.2233; HMBC correlations (CDCl₃, H/C): 1/2, 1/11, 1/13, 1/14, 1/20, 2/4, 2/14, 2/20, 3a/4, 3a/5, 3a/7, 3a/8, 3a/9, 3b/19, 5-OH/4, 5-OH/5, 6/8, 7/9, 7/19, 10/9, 10/11, 10/12, 10/15, 10-OH/9, 13/11, 13/12, 14a/1, 14a/15, 14b/2, 16/1, 16/15, 16/17, 17/1, 17/15, 17/16, 18/11, 18/12, 18/13, 19/3, 19/7, 19/8, 19/9, 20/3, and 20/5; NOESY correlations (CDCl₃, H/H): 1/2, 1/14a, 1/16, 2/3a, 2/16, 3a/16, 3b/19, 5/5-OH, 5/6, 5-OH/7, 5-OH/18, 5-OH/20, 7/10, 7/18, 10/18, 10/10-OH, 10-OH/16, 13/14a, 13/14b, 13/17, and 14b/20.

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