

New Terpenoids from a *Cacospongia* sp. from the Philippines

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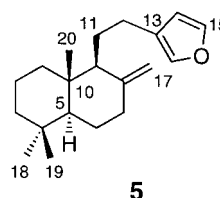
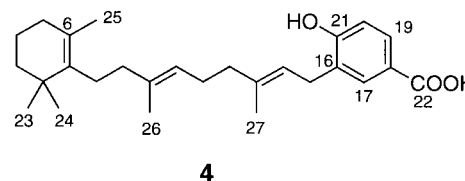
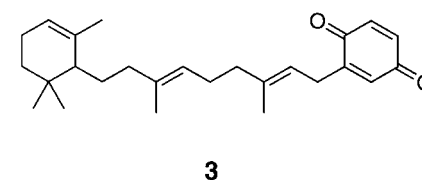
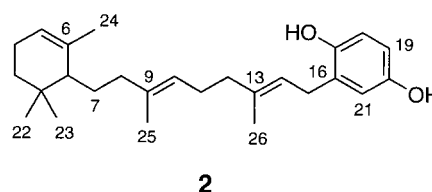
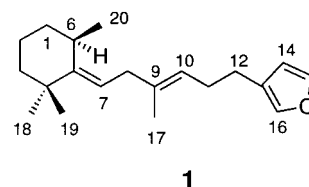
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Abstract—Four new terpenoids, cacospongins A (**1**), B (**2**), C (**3**) and D (**4**), have been isolated from the Philippine sponge *Cacospongia* sp. Also isolated were 15,16-epoxy-8(17),13(16),14-labdatriene (**5**), ambliofuran (**6**) and luffariellolide (**7**). The structures of compounds **1–7** were determined by means of spectroscopic evidence. © 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

Introduction

The marine sponge genus *Cacospongia* (order Dictyoceratida, family Thorectidae) is an important source of polycyclic sesterterpenoids, many of which have been reported to possess antitumoral and/or antipredatory activities. However, members of this genus collected from different locations appear to produce chemically distinct terpenoids. For example, Mediterranean *Cacospongia* species collected from the Bay of Naples and the Bay of Taranto provided mostly tetracyclic scalarane type sesterterpenoids and related pyrroloterpenes.^{1–3} Linear C₂₁ difuran terpenoids have been reported from *C. scalaris* collected at Cap de Nice⁴ while the same species collected from the northern Adriatic yielded 23,24-bishomoscalaranes.⁵ A Caribbean sponge, *Cacospongia* cf. *linteiformis*, yielded a series of unprecedented bi-, tetra- and pentacyclic sesterterpenes,^{6,7} while Australian collections have been reported to yield a number of brominated meroterpenoids.^{8,9} Geographical variations in the chemistry of *Cacospongia* metabolites prompted us to study a specimen of *Cacospongia* collected from the Philippines. The hexane and CHCl₃ extracts of this specimen yielded seven compounds representing diterpene (**1**, **5**, **6**), mixed biogenesis (**2**, **3**, **4**) and sesterterpene (**7**) classes. The current study deals with the isolation, structure elucidation and taxonomic importance of compounds **1–7**.

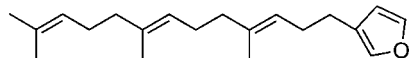
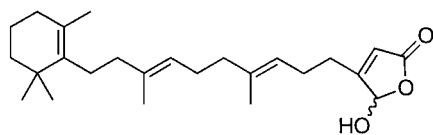


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Table 1. ^1H NMR spectral data of cacospongins A–D (**1–4**), (500 MHz, CDCl_3) (Chemical shifts (δ) are in ppm. Coupling constants (J) in Hz are given in parentheses)

Position	1	2	3	4
1	1.42–1.56 m	5.24 (br t, 6.8)	5.26 br s	1.88 (t, 6.8)
2	1.83 (dt, 3.4/12.8) 1.95 m	1.92 m	1.94 m	1.53 m
3	1.32 (dt, 3.4/12.8) 1.45 m	1.88 m	1.89 m	1.39 m
5		1.38 m	1.40 m	
6	1.56 m			
7	5.38 br s	1.08 m	1.06 m	1.99 m
8	1.94 m	1.96 m	2.03 m	1.99 m
10	5.13 (t, 6.8)	5.07 m	5.07 (t, 6.8)	5.09 (br t, 6.8)
11	2.21 (q, 7.7)	2.06 m	2.08 m	2.10 m
12	2.47 (t, 7.7)	2.04 m	2.10 m	2.09 m
14	6.25 br s	5.29 (br t, 6.8)	5.14 (t, 6.8)	5.33 br s
15	7.32 br s	3.28 (d, 6.8)	3.12 (d, 7.7)	3.38 (d, 7.7)
16	7.19 br s			
17	1.56 s			7.87 br s
18	1.01 s	6.66 (d, 8.5)	6.74 (br d, 10.3)	
19	1.60 s	6.55 (dd, 8.5/3.4)	6.68 (dd, 10.3/2.6)	7.84 (dd, 8.5/2.5)
20	0.93 (d, 6.8)			6.83 (d, 7.7)
21		6.58 (d, 3.4)	6.51 br s	
22		0.84 s	0.84 s	
23		0.89 s	0.90 s	0.97 s
24		1.65 s	1.65 s	0.97 s
25		1.57 s	1.58 s	1.56 s
26		1.72 s	1.61 s	1.62 s
27				1.78 s

**6****7**

Results and Discussion

The organism *Cacospongia* sp. was extracted with MeOH and MeOH: CHCl_3 (9:1) mixtures. The combined extracts were filtered, dried, and subjected to a solvent partitioning scheme.¹⁰ Purification of the hexane extract was carried out by a combination of flash chromatography (FC), preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) and C-18 HPLC to afford compounds **1**, **2**, **5** and **6**. Separation of the CHCl_3 -soluble material by silica FC and C-18 HPLC led to the isolation of compounds **2**, **3**, **4** and **7**.

Compound **1** was obtained as a colorless oil. HREIMS data of **1** was in accordance with the molecular formula $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$ (m/z 286.2315 $[\text{M}]^+$). The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **1** (Table 2) revealed twenty carbons eight of which were sp^2 hybridized (δ 111.1, d; 122.6, d; 123.1, d; 125.0, s; 137.1, s; 139.5, s; 138.8, d; 142.5, d) indicating the presence of six degrees of unsaturation. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** (Table 1) contained signals characteristic of a β -substituted furan (δ 6.25, br s; 7.19, br s; 7.32, br s) and two exocyclic double bonds (δ 5.13, t, $J=6.8$ Hz; 5.38, br s), plus one secondary

and three tertiary methyl groups (δ 0.93, d, $J=6.8$ Hz; 1.01, s; 1.56, s; 1.60, s). NMR data coupled with the MS data suggested that **1** contained an additional carbocyclic ring. An HMQC experiment established the one-bond proton–carbon connectivities and a gradient HMBC experiment provided long range proton and carbon correlations. Detailed inspection of the ^1H NMR and DQF-COSY spectra of **1** indicated the presence of three spin systems. The

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR spectral data of compounds **1–5** (δ in ppm, 125 MHz, CDCl_3)

Carbon	1	2	3	4	5
1	27.4 t	119.8 d	119.8 d	32.8 t	39.0 t
2	35.6 t	23.1 t	23.1 t	19.6 t	24.1 t
3	34.6 t	32.6 t	32.5 t	39.9 t	42.1 t
4	39.5 s	32.7 s	32.8 s	35.0 s	33.6 s
5	139.5 s	48.9 d	49.0 d	137.2 s	55.5 d
6	37.6 d	136.9 s	136.8 s	127.0 s	24.4 t
7	122.6 d	31.6 t	31.7 t	27.9 t	38.3 t
8	23.9 t	40.5 t	40.6 t	40.3 t	148.6 s
9	137.1 s	136.4 s	136.5 s	136.6 s	56.1 d
10	123.1 d	123.6 d	123.6 d	123.1 d	39.6 s
11	28.4 t	26.4 t	26.5 t	26.4 t	19.4 t
12	25.0 t	39.7 t	39.7 t	39.7 t	23.6 t
13	125.0 s	138.7 s	140.2 s	138.9 s	125.6 s
14	111.1 d	121.3 d	117.6 d	121.0 d	111.0 d
15	142.5 d	29.8 t	27.4 t	29.5 t	142.6 d
16	138.8 d	128.2 s	148.5 s	126.9 s	138.7 d
17	16.1 q	148.3 s	187.6 s	132.4 d	106.2 t
18	26.4 q	116.6 d	136.3 d	121.6 s	33.6 q
19	19.5 q	113.7 d	136.7 d	130.3 d	21.7 q
20	15.9 q	149.3 s	187.9 s	115.6 d	14.5 q
21		116.6 d	132.3 d	159.6 s	
22		27.5 q	27.6 q	171.4 s	
23		27.4 q	27.4 q	28.7 q	
24		23.5 q	23.5 q	28.7 q	
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26		16.2 q	16.2 q	16.1 q	
27				16.3 q	

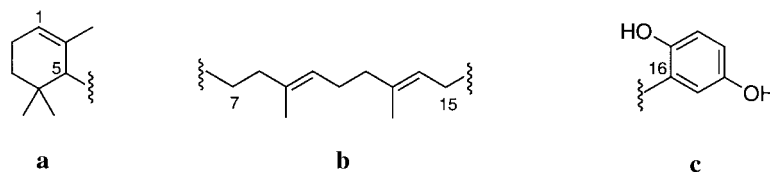


Figure 1. Substructures developed for compound 2.

secondary methyl group (H₃-20) coupled to a methine proton (H-6; δ 1.56, m) which in turn coupled to methylene signals assigned as H₂-1. Additional homonuclear couplings between H₂-1, H₂-2 and H₂-3 completed the first spin system. The second spin system could be traced from the coupling of the olefinic proton (H-7, δ 5.38) to H₂-8 (δ 1.94 m) and H-6. The latter coupling also established that H-6 was in an allylic position relative to the double bond between C-5 (δ 139.5) and C-7 (δ 122.6). Further proof for this assumption was provided by correlations observed in the HMBC spectrum (H-1/C-5, H-1/C-6, H-7/C-5, H-7/C-8, H₃-20/C-1 and H₃-20/C-6). Similar cross peaks from both H₃-18 and H₃-19 to C-3 (δ 34.6), C-4 (δ 39.5), C-5, C-6 (δ 37.6) and C-7 ascertained the structure of **1** from C-1 through C-8. $\Delta^{5,7}$ was assigned *E* geometry based on an NOE observed between H-7 and H₃-19 (δ 1.60). The last proton network was assigned on the basis of COSY couplings from an sp² proton resonating at δ 5.13 (H-10) to H₂-11 (δ 2.21, q, $J=7.7$ Hz), and from H₂-11 to H₂-12 (δ 2.47, t, $J=7.7$ Hz). HMBC correlations between the latter protons and the furan carbons (C-13 to C-16) clearly showed the attachment of the furan at C-12. Additional ¹H–¹³C long range correlations from H-8 to C-9 (δ 137.1) and C-10 (δ 123.1), as well as from H₃-17 (δ 1.56) to C-8 (δ 23.9) and C-9 justified the position of the vinylic methyl function (CH₃-17) and thus, the linkage of the isoprene chain at C-7/C-12. Configuration of $\Delta^{9,10}$ was also assigned to be *E* on the basis of the chemical shift of the latter methyl group (δ 16.1). These data generated the planar structure of **1**. Relative stereochemistry of the unique chiral center at C-6 was established by a combination of HYPERCHEM molecular modeling¹¹ and 2D NOESY studies. Compound **1** was modeled using both molecular mechanics geometry optimization (MM+) and PM3 semi-empirical geometry optimization. Steepest Descent and Polak–Ribiere methods were chosen to drive minimization. An NOE correlation was observed between H₃-18 (δ 1.01) and H-6 (δ 1.56) indicating their diaxial relationship. HYPERCHEM also showed H₃-18 and H-6 to be 2.77 Å apart, appropriate for a prominent nuclear Overhauser coupling. When the conformation of H₃-18 was changed to equatorial, these protons were 4.28 Å apart. Molecular modeling also indicated that the olefinic proton H-7 was too far from H₃-20 (4.2 Å) or H-6 (4.12 Å) to show any dipolar coupling. However, H-7 had a strong NOE correlation with H₃-19 with an interatomic distance of 2.42 Å. All this evidence implied that H-6 was axial and α -oriented. We propose the trivial name of cacospongion A for compound **1**.

Cacospongion B (**2**) was assigned the molecular formula C₂₆H₃₈O₂ (m/z 382.2871, $\Delta=0.1$ mmu) by HREIMS. The IR spectrum contained absorption bands at ν_{\max} 3348 (OH), 1652 and 1606 (C=C) cm⁻¹. The UV spectrum

showed absorptions typical of an aromatic moiety (λ_{\max} 217, 290 nm). Indeed, examination of the ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** (Table 1) revealed the presence of a trisubstituted aromatic ring (δ 6.66, d, H-18; δ 6.55, dd, H-19; δ 6.58, d, H-21) and three trisubstituted double bonds (δ 5.24, t, H-1; δ 5.07, m, H-10; δ 5.29, t, H-14), accounting for seven of the eight degrees of unsaturation. Therefore, **2** had an additional ring. From these data combined with results of HMQC, HMBC and DQF-COSY experiments, it was possible to develop three substructures (**a–c**, Fig. 1) for **2**. The *Z* geometry of the double bond at C-1/C-6 and the *E* geometry of $\Delta^{9,10}$ and $\Delta^{13,14}$ in substructures **a** and **b** were deduced from the chemical shifts of the vinyl methyl resonances (δ 23.5, C-24; δ 16.1, C-25; δ 16.2, C-26). Substructures **a** and **b** were connected on the basis of ¹H–¹H homonuclear couplings between H-5 (δ 1.38) and H₂-7 (δ 1.08), plus ¹H–¹³C long range couplings from H-7 to δ 48.9 (C-5), δ 119.8 (C-1) and δ 23.5 (C-24). The attachment of substructure **b** to **c** at C-15 was established by HMBC correlations from δ 128.2 (C-16), δ 148.3 (C-17) and δ 116.6 (C-21) to δ 3.28 (H₂-15). Comparison of the planar structure (**2**) with jaspaginol¹² showed these two compounds to be positional isomers $\Delta^{1,6}$ in **2**, and $\Delta^{5,6}$ in jaspaginol. The relative stereochemistry at C-5 could not be established by NOESY or molecular modeling studies as the spatial distance between H-5 and H₃-22/H₃-23 is nearly identical (Å 2.67 and 2.82, respectively) and the double bond at C-1 deforms the conformation of the monocarbocyclic ring.

Cacospongion C (**3**) was isolated as a vivid yellow oil with a molecular weight of m/z 380.2703 (HREIMS, C₂₆H₃₆O₂, $\Delta=0.0012$ amu), two mass units less than **2**. The ¹H spectrum of **3** was basically the same as that of **2**, except for slight differences in the aromatic region (Table 1). Close examination of the ¹³C signals in this region (δ 187.6, 187.9, 132.3, 136.3, 136.7 and 148.5) indicated the presence of a terminal *para*-monosubstituted benzoquinone function in **3** instead of the *p*-hydroquinone found in **2**. This assumption was further supported by a gradient HMBC experiment which contained couplings from H₂-15 (δ 3.12) to C-16 (δ 148.5), C-17 (δ 187.6), C-20 (δ 187.9) and C-21 (δ 132.3); from H-18 (δ 6.74) to C-16, C-17 and C-20; and from H-19 (δ 6.68) to C-21. H-18 and H-19 could easily be assigned on the basis of homonuclear coupling ($J=10.3$ Hz) observed in the DQF-COSY spectrum, although they did not show any HMBC correlation to one another. It is possible that cacospongion C (**3**) was an artifact resulting from oxidation of cacospongion B (**2**) during the isolation procedure.

The structure elucidation of cacospongion D (**4**) progressed rapidly once the molecular formula of C₂₇H₃₈O₃ was established from the HREIMS (m/z 410.2812 [M]⁺, $\Delta=0.9$ mmu), which required nine degrees of unsaturation. ¹H

and ^{13}C NMR data of **4** (Tables 1 and 2) were also very similar to those of **2**. The major differences being the presence of a tetrasubstituted double bond (δ 127.0 s, 137.2 s) and a carboxylic acid group (δ 171.4 s) in **4**. The position of the first functionality at $\Delta^{5,6}$ was substantiated by cross peaks observed in the HMBC spectrum of **4** between H-1/C-5, H-1/C-6, H-1/C-25, H₃-25/C-5 and H-7/C-5. Correlations were also observed from δ 7.87 (H-17), δ 7.84 (H-19), and δ 6.83 (H-20) to the COOH signal at δ 171.4 which led to the placement of the carboxylic acid functionality at C-18. Based on the chemical shift values observed in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **4**, configuration of the olefinic bond in the monocyclic ring as well as in the linear part of the molecule was determined to be the same as in compound **2**.

Compound **5** gave a molecular ion peak in the HREI-mass spectrum at m/z 286.2288 ($[\text{M}]^+$), corresponding to the same molecular formula ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$) as **1**. The ^{13}C NMR of **5** (Table 2) displayed six sp^2 carbons which were attributed to a monosubstituted furan ring and an exocyclic double bond. This required **5** to have two carbocyclic rings. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **5** was very similar to that of **1** except that it contained one pair of coupled olefinic resonances (δ 4.54, d, $J=1.7$ Hz; δ 4.84, d, $J=1.7$ Hz) and only three tertiary methyl singlets (δ 0.67, 0.78, 0.84). These data indicated that one of the methyl groups in **5** was converted to an exocyclic double bond. All other structural assignments substantiated by 2D NMR experiments allowed the planar structure of **5** to be established as 15,16-epoxy-8(17),13(16),14-labdatriene. The relative stereochemical assignments within **5** were established by 1D and 2D NOESY experiments. These analyses showed the axial methyl group H₃-18, H-5, and H-9 to be on the same side of the molecule (α), while the equatorial H₃-19, as well as H₂-11, and H₃-20 to be on the β side. Therefore, **5** was a normal labdane diterpene. A computer-based literature survey showed **5** with antipodal stereochemistry had already been reported from a terrestrial plant, *Blepharispermum zanguebaricum*.¹³ However, the absence of ^{13}C NMR and particularly the optical rotation data for the antipodal compound does not allow us to make a firm conclusion as to whether **5** is a new compound.

Compound **6** was identified as a linear furanoditerpene with the same molecular formula ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}$) as **1** and **5**. On the basis of the 1D and 2D NMR data, the structure of **6** was determined as ambliofuran, which was reported from the marine sponge *Dysidea amblia* by Walker and Faulkner.¹⁴

Compound **7** was obtained as a minor component of the CHCl_3 extract of *Cacospongia* sp. LREI- and LRFABMS indicated **7** to be a sesterterpene comprising a molecular formula of $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3$ (m/z 386 $[\text{M}]^+$ and 387 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$). 1D and 2D NMR data proved **7** to be a known sesterterpenoid, luffariellolide, which has previously been isolated from tropical marine sponges, *Luffariella* sp.¹⁵ and *Fascapsinopsis* sp.¹⁶

All compounds were tested against *Staphylococcus aureus* and methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus*. Two compounds, **2** and **4**, showed 12 mm zones of inhibition against both strains at 5 mg/ml in agar-diffusion assays. All other compounds were

inactive at this concentration. MIC_{50} values were not determined.

Conclusion

Dictyoceratid sponges are well known for producing terpenoids, especially sesqui- and sesterterpenes.¹⁷ Our findings are in accordance with the current taxonomic classification scheme, and support the inclusion of the family Dysideidae within the order Dictyoceratida¹⁸ (rather than Dendroceratida) as ambliofuran occurs in both *Dysidea amblia* (Dysideidae) and the *Cacospongia* studied here. Additionally, luffariellolide had its distribution expanded to a third genus within the Thorectidae, viz. *Cacospongia*, *Fascapsinopsis* and *Luffariella*, thus pointing to some homogeneity within the family. There is considerable variation in the terpenoid content of members of the genus *Cacospongia* with collection site. Sesterterpenoids, linear C₂₁ difuran terpenoids, and brominated meroterpenoids have been previously isolated from this genus. From a Philippine *Cacospongia* sp., we now report furanolabdane and linear furanoditerpenes as well as diterpene-benzenoids which have never been detected in this genus before. The co-occurrence of these compounds along with a sesterterpenoid in the same animal is also interesting. This is the first report of 15,16-epoxy-8(17),13(16),14-labdatriene (**5**) from a marine source. Cacospongin A (**1**) also deserves special attention. Although similar furanosesquiterpenes with the C-5/C-6 exocyclic double bond have been reported from a marine sponge,¹⁹ insertion of an additional isoprene unit to yield a diterpene is unknown. Jaspinquinol, a *Jaspis* sponge metabolite,¹² was the first example of a monocyclic diterpene-benzenoid isolated from nature. This study represents the second report of such mixed biogenesis products (cacospongins B–D, **2–4**) from a marine source.

Experimental

General procedures

Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-370 Digital Polarimeter. UV spectra were recorded in MeOH on a Hewlett–Packard 8452A diode array spectrophotometer. IR spectra were recorded using a Jasco FTIR-420 spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian instrument, operating at 500 MHz for ^1H and 125 MHz for ^{13}C NMR spectra. All NMR spectra were recorded at 26°C using the residual signal of nondeuterated solvents as internal reference. Mass spectra were taken on a Finnigan MAT 95 mass spectrometer. SiO_2 used for FC was Merck Kieselgel 60, particle size 0.040–0.063 mm (Merck 230–400 mesh ASTM). Whatman PK6F Silica 60 Å pre-coated glass plates (layer thickness 1000 μm) were used for RP-TLC. C-18 (J.T. Baker, 40 μm , 275 Å) was utilized for RP-FC. HPLC was performed using a Beckman 168 diode array HPLC system. Molecular modeling studies were performed using HYPERCHEM (Release 4) program.

Animal material

The *Cacospongia* sponge (sample no. PD96-1-27, small

voucher deposited at Departamento de Invertebrados, Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) was collected in the Davao Gulf, Philippines, in November 1996. It was massive with a grey conulose surface and the cream colored interior was densely collagenous with large fibers; the entire sponge turned purplish brown in spirit. Apart from some clear mis-identifications of dubious status, there were six species descriptions to be compared with the Philippine material studied here, none of which seem conspecific. *Cacospongia herdmani* Dendy is a thinly encrusting species from Ceylon and the Arabian Sea. *C. lamellosa* Esper is a thin dark-red plate from Madagascar, Australia, and Japan. *C. mycofijiensis* is known to have variable morphology (massive, lobate, tubular, stalked), a microconulose surface, and dark-brown/black live-color. It is widely distributed in the South and Indo Pacific. The darker color and less conspicuous conules seem to set both species apart. Finding latrunculin-A and/or dendrolasin in the Philippine specimen might have suggested their conspecificity, but this has not been verified. *C. ridleyi* Burton has very similar anatomy but a semi-repent habit with cylindrical lobes and attached foreign bodies. *Cacospongia* sp. from the Mergui Archipelago (Indian Ocean) had a yellowish fawn-color and encrusting habit. *C. symbiotica* Burton from the southern Arabian coast is pale brown to brownish-purple with a much more delicate anatomy; its name stems from associated bivalves which could be diagnostic for the species. We prefer to keep the Philippine sponge at generic rank, until a more comprehensive revision of species, particularly from the Indo-Pacific, assigned to *Cacospongia* is conducted.

Extraction and isolation

Frozen sponge material was exhaustively extracted with MeOH and MeOH–CHCl₃ (9:1) mixtures. The combined extracts were dried and partitioned between 10% H₂O in MeOH (100 mL) and hexane (3×100 mL). The concentration of the aqueous MeOH was adjusted to 30% by the addition of water (40 mL) before extraction with CHCl₃. All three phases were concentrated in vacuo and inspected by TLC and ¹H NMR. An aliquot (160 mg) of the hexane extract was fractionated over SiO₂ (FC) using hexane–EtOAc gradients to afford 25 main fractions. Of these, fr. 3 (**5**, 4 mg) and fr. 7 (**6**, 1 mg) were pure compounds. Fr. 2 was further separated by silica PTLC (hexane–EtOAc, 96:4) followed by C-18 HPLC using MeOH–H₂O (98:2) to yield **1** (1.4 mg). The last fraction of interest, fr. 16 was subjected to C-18 FC. Elution with 85% MeOH in H₂O gave compound **2** (8 mg). The CHCl₃-soluble material (600 mg) was also applied to silica FC using hexane–EtOAc gradients. This yielded three pure compounds, **3** (2.8 mg), **2** (120 mg), **4** (20 mg) and impure **7**. Final purification of **7** (2 mg) was achieved by C-18 HPLC using MeOH–H₂O (98:2) mixture as eluent.

Cacospongin A (1). Colorless oil, [α]_D = –14° (*c* 0.16, CHCl₃); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 209 (3.9) nm; IR (film) ν_{\max} 2934, 1664, 1644, 1501, 873 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* 286 [M]⁺ (1), 271 (<1), 243 (1), 204 (1), 189 (1), 123 (100), 109 (61), 81 (53); HREIMS 286.2315 (calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O,

286.2298); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 2.

Cacospongin B (2). Colorless oil, [α]_D = –26° (*c* 0.63, CHCl₃); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 217 (3.2) 290 (3.9) nm; IR (film) ν_{\max} 3348, 2927, 1652, 1606 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* 382 [M]⁺ (47), 367 (3), 246 (30), 190 (12), 178 (30), 163 (35), 137 (73), 123 (100), 95 (40), 81 (67); HREIMS 382.2871 (calcd for C₂₆H₃₈O₂, 382.2872); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 2.

Cacospongin C (3). Yellow oil, [α]_D = –85° (*c* 0.24, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν_{\max} 2929, 1660 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* 380 [M]⁺ (6), 330 (9), 315 (24), 257 (6), 201 (14), 161 (100), 136 (54), 123 (49), 95 (37), 81 (82); HREIMS 380.2703 (calcd for C₂₆H₃₆O₂, 380.2715); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 2.

Cacospongin D (4). Colorless oil, IR (film) ν_{\max} 3300 (br), 2927, 1682, 1602, 1278 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* 410 [M]⁺ (3), 395 (1), 259 (5), 161 (9), 151 (28), 137 (100), 123 (21), 95 (40); HREIMS 410.2812 (calcd for C₂₇H₃₈O₃, 410.2821); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 1; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃), see Table 2.

15,16-epoxy-8(17),13(16),14-labdatriene (5). Colorless oil, [α]_D = –22° (*c* 0.14, CHCl₃); IR, ¹H NMR and LREIMS data are the same as reported;¹³ HREIMS 286.2288 (calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O, 286.2298); ¹³C NMR data as shown in Table 2.

Ambliofuran (6). Colorless oil; EIMS, ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those reported.¹⁴

Luffariellolide (7). Colorless oil; EIMS, ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are identical to those reported.^{15,16}

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