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# Terpenoids from Bovista sp. 96042

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Abstract—The novel cytotoxic hexacyclic illudane—illudalane bis-sesquiterpene bovistol (1a) was obtained from the basidiomycete *Bovista* sp. 96042, together with several new sesquiterpenes. 1a is formed in the fungus by a heteroatom Diels–Alder dimerisation of psathyrellon B (2). © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

### 1. Introduction

During an ongoing screening of fungal extracts for new metabolites possessing antimicrobial and cytotoxic activities, extracts of the basidiomycete *Bovista* sp. 96042 yielded several cytotoxic terpenoids. Besides the known illudane psathyrellon B (illudin C<sub>3</sub>) (2)<sup>1</sup> and protoilludane armillol (6)<sup>2</sup> and the new secoprotoilludane (7a and 7b), illudane (8) and drimane (9) sesquiterpenes, the novel hexacyclic metabolite bovistol (1a) was obtained. 1a can formally be regarded as a triterpene, but appears to be formed from 2 by a heteroatom Diels–Alder dimerisation.

# 2. Results and discussion

The metabolites were isolated by activity-guided fractionation, and characterised by NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. The molecular weight of bovistol (1a) was suggested to be 496 by LC–MS, and this was confirmed by EIMS which also determined the elemental composition to  $C_{30}H_{40}O_6$ . The structure of **1a** (see Fig. 1) was determined by 2D NMR experiments (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **1a** are presented in Table 1), and especially the HMBC correlations (summarised in Fig. 2) between protons and quaternary carbons were important.  $14-H_2$  and  $15-H_3$  gave HMBC correlations to C-1, C-10 and C-11, 1-H<sub>2</sub> correlated with C-2, C-3 and C-9, 12-H\_3 to C-2, C-3 and C-6, 4-H\_2 and 5-H<sub>2</sub> with C-3, C-6 and C-7, 13-H<sub>2</sub> to C-6, C-7 and C-8, while 10-H<sub>2</sub> correlated with C-2, C-8 and C-9, establishing the carbon framework of the illudane part of 1a. The illudalane part was suggested by the HMBC correlations between 14'-H<sub>2</sub> and 15'-H<sub>3</sub> and C-1', C-10' and C-11', those between 1'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-2', C-3' and C-9', between 12'-H<sub>3</sub> and C-2', C-3' and C-6', 4'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-6', 5'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-3', C-6' and C-7', 13'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-6', C-7 and C-8', and between 10'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-2', C-8' and C-9'. The C-13/C-13' link is clearly shown by the HMBC correlations between  $13-H_2$  and C-7' as well as between 13'-H<sub>2</sub> and C-7, and by the COSY correlations between 13-H<sub>2</sub> and 13'-H<sub>2</sub>. The presence and positions of



**Figure 1.** (a) R=H; (b) R=Ac.

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**Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz) NMR data ( $\delta$ ; multiplicity; *J* (Hz)) for **1a** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD with the solvent signals (3.31 and 49.15 ppm) as reference

No.	$\delta_{ m H}$ ; mult.; J	$\delta_{\rm C}$ ; mult.
1/1′	2.64; d; 15.0/2.81; d; 15.4 2.25; d; 15.0/2.52; d; 15.4	39.8; t/43.7; t
2/2'	, . , , . , . ,	136.6; s/142.2; s
3/3'		131.2; s/125.0; s
4/4′	1.35; ddd; 4.2, 6.1, 9.8/3.50; m 0.53; ddd; 4.3, 6.8, 9.8/3.50; m	8.1; t/62.2; t
5/5′	1.02; ddd; 4.2, 6.8, 11.2/2.79; t; 8.3 0.73; ddd; 4.3, 6.1, 11.2/2.79; t; 8.3	8.4; t/33.5; t
6/6′		33.8; s/133.8; s
7/7′		82.6; s/119.7; s
8/8′		208.0; s/150.4; s
9/9′		81.2; s/128.2; s
10/10′	1.87; d; 14.5/2.72; d; 16.1 1.57; d; 14.5/2.58; d; 16.1	46.1; t/40.6; t
11/11′		42.0; s/45.4; s
12/12'	1.50; s (3H)/2.12; s (3H)	14.8; q/15.6; q
13/13′	3.15; ddd; 2.2, 5.4, 13.5/2.74; m 1.79; ddd; 5.3, 13, 13/2.62; m	30.3; t/22.2; t
14/14′	3.49; s (2H)/3.39; s (2H)	72.2; t/71.1; t
15/15′	0.97; s (3H)/1.19; s (3H)	27.0; q/25.4; q

three primary alcohol functions in **1a** was demonstrated by HMBC correlations observed with the triacetate 1b, as  $4'-H_2$ , 14-H<sub>2</sub> and 14'-H<sub>2</sub> correlate to the carbonyl carbons of the three acetyl groups. Assuming that 1a is formed from 2 (vide infra), a compound with known absolute configuration, the configuration of C-7 and C-9 of 1a relative to that of C-11 needed to be determined. Only 13-Hb (1.79 ppm) gives a NOESY correlation to 5-Hb (0.73 ppm) while 13-Ha (3.15 ppm) is strongly deshielded, and this is only in agreement with the suggested structure with 9-OH and C-13 on the same side of the 6-membered ring. This is confirmed by weak NOESY correlations between 13-Ha and 1-Ha (2.64 ppm), which together with the NOESY correlation between 14-H<sub>2</sub> and 1-Ha as well as between 4-Ha (1.35 ppm) and  $10'-H_2$  positions C-14 on the same side of the ring.

In order to investigate whether cycloaddition adducts of 2 can be formed spontaneously, psathyrellon B (2) was dissolved in MeOH and the solution was kept at room temperature. A new product was slowly formed, the half-life of 2 in MeOH is several weeks, and after isolation and characterisation it could be shown to be the illudane illudalane bis-sesquiterpene 3. The differences between 1a and 3 are that the cyclopropane ring has been opened by water in **1a** and MeOH in **3**, which is logical, and that the tertiary alcohol function has shifted from C-3 to C-9 in **1a** but not in **3**. This makes **3** fold differently, and a NOESY correlation between 15-H<sub>3</sub> and 10'-Hb (2.52 ppm) could be observed with **3**.

The cyclisation of two units of psathyrellon B (2) appears to be a heteroatom Diels-Alder reaction in which the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ unsaturated ketone of one reacts as a heteroatom diene with the exocyclic double bond of the other. The corresponding products of, for example, acrolein and  $\alpha$ -alkylidencyclohexanones have been reported, and although heteroatom Diels-Alder dimerisations are sluggish and require severe conditions in general the reaction with *o*-quinone methides is facilitated by the aromatisation of the product.<sup>3</sup> The dimerisation of 2 should benefit from the same advantage, if the cycloaddition is accompanied by the opening of the cyclopropane ring and elimination of 3'-OH. The fact that 1a is the major metabolite, after 10 days of fermentation approximately 10 times more **1a** is obtained compared to the monomer 2, while the purely chemical cycloaddition leading to 3 is much slower, suggests that the reaction is catalysed in vivo and that **1a** is a true natural product. Catalysis of the cycloaddition could be performed by either, for example, a heteroatom Diel-Alderase, or by a factor that isomerises 2 to a *o*-quinone methide illudalane that is presumably more reactive as a heteroatom diene. In addition, no spontaneous isomerisation of the allylic alcohol moiety, from a conjugated 4-hydroxy-2-cyclohexenone to an unconjugated 2-hydroxy-3-cyclohexenone, is observed with 3, further supporting the suggestion that enzymes are involved in the formation of 1a. Another example of a fungal metabolite that could be formed via a cycloaddition dimerisation of a sesquiterpene containing an  $\alpha,\beta$ -exomethylene cyclohexanone moiety is officinalic acid (4) (see Fig. 3), isolated from *Fomes officinalis*.<sup>4</sup> The carbon skeleton of **4** is unique and unlikely to be derived from squalene, and it is improbable that 4 is a triterpene. However, the hypothetical drimane precursor 5 has never been reported.

In addition to **2**, several other sesquiterpenes (shown in Fig. 4) were obtained in this investigation. All but the protoilludane armillol (**6**) are new compounds. Their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic techniques (spectroscopic data are presented in Section 3), while the known compounds were identified by comparison of spectroscopic data previously reported.





Figure 3.



Figure 4. (a) R=H; (b) R=OH.

The biological activities of psathyrellon B (2) have been described previously.<sup>1a</sup> Of the new compounds only **1a** exhibited very weak antibacterial<sup>5</sup> (MIC Micrococcus luteus 100  $\mu$ M) and antifungal (MIC Mucor miehei 100  $\mu$ M) activities. The cytotoxic activities<sup>6</sup> were more pronounced, with IC<sub>50</sub> for HeLa S3 cells (epitheloid carcinoma, cervix, human, ATCC CRC-1651) ranging from 20 to 40  $\mu$ M for all new compounds.

#### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1. General

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) were recorded at room temperature with a Bruker DRX500 spectrometer with an inverse multinuclear 5 mm probe-head equipped with a shielded gradient coil. The spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, and the solvent signals (7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively) were used as reference. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm, and the coupling constants (J) in Hz. COSY, HMQC and HMBC experiments were recorded with gradient enhancements using sine shaped gradient pulses. For the 2D heteronuclear correlation spectroscopy the refocusing delays were optimised for  ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ =145 Hz and  ${}^{n}J_{CH}$ =10 Hz. The raw data were transformed and the spectra were evaluated with the standard Bruker XWIN-NMR software (rev. 010101). HREIMS spectra (direct inlet, 70 eV) were recorded with a JEOL SX102 spectrometer, and LC-MS data were obtained with a HP 1100 with APCI in negative mode. IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker IFS 48 spectrometer. The metabolites were purified by flash chromatography (silica gel Merck 60, 0.063-0.02 mm; column: 700×30 mm, elution with cyclohexane-ethyl acetate mixtures), and by preparative HPLC (Jasco model PU-980 with diode array detector; column Macherey and Nagel, Düren, Germany, 250×21.2 mm containing Nucleosil C18 (7 µm), elution with water-methanol mixtures; flow rate: 5 ml/min). TLC analyses were made on Silica Gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (Merck) plates and visualised with anisaldehyde/sulfuric acid and heating. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined with a Reichert microscope.

# 3.2. Producing organism

Mycelial cultures of Bovista sp. 96042 were derived from tissue plugs of a young fruiting body. The saprophytic soilinhabiting species showed all characteristics of the genus, the species however, could not be identified. Voucher specimen and mycelial cultures are deposited in the culture collection of the LB Biotechnologie, University of Kaiserslautern. For maintenance on agar slants and submerged cultures the fungus was grown on YMG medium (g/l): yeast extract 4, malt extract 10, glucose 4, and agar 1.5% for solid media. The pH was adjusted to 5.5. Fermentations were carried out in 2.51 of YMG medium in 51-Erlenmeyer flasks on a rotary shaker (120 rpm) or in 201 of YMG medium in a Biostat U20 fermentation apparatus (Braun, Melsungen, Germany) at 24°C with an aeration rate of 31 air/min and agitation (120 rpm). Pieces from cultures on agar plates (for 2.51 cultures) or wellgrown submerged cultures (250 ml) were used as inoculum. The fermentations were harvested when the glucose was completely used up (approximately 10 days). The mycelia were separated from the culture broth by filtration, and the culture filtrate was extracted with EtOAc. The extract was subjected to chromatography (vide supra). Isolated yields from 201 medium: bovistol (1a) 120 mg, psathyrellon B (2) 12 mg, armillol (6) 70 mg, 7a 11 mg, 7b 16 mg, 8 11 mg, and 9 14 mg.

**3.2.1. Bovistol (1a).** Bovistol (1a) was obtained as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = -82$  (*c* 0.80, CH<sub>3</sub>OH);  $\nu_{max}$  (liquid film) 3440, 2925, 1730, 1635, 1455, 1380, 1320, 1275, 1140, 1110, 1040, 930, 840 cm<sup>-1</sup>; *m/z* (EI) 496 (10180M<sup>+</sup>), 472 (20), 468 (9), 420 (14), 301 (12), 247 (100), 231 (33), 192 (17), 159 (8%); HRMS (EI) found 496.2837. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 496.2825, error +2.4 ppm. See Table 1 for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data.

3.2.2. Triacetylbovistol (1b). The triacetate 1b was obtained by acetylating bovistol (1a) (10 mg, 0.020 mmol) with acetic acid anhydride (100 mg, 0.98 mmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) at room temperature overnight. After quenching the reaction with MeOH (1 mL) and evaporation of all volatiles, 1b was obtained in quantitative yield as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -56$  (c 0.55, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (liquid film) 3400, 2943, 1745, 1670, 1635, 1465, 1380, 1320, 1240, 1105, 1030, 955, 845 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.28 (1H, d, J=10.7 Hz, 14-Ha), 4.06 (2H, t, J=8.0 Hz, 4'-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (2H, s, 14'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (1H, d, J=10.7 Hz, 14-Hb), 3.04 (1H, m, 13-Ha), 2.86 (2H, t, J=8.0 Hz, 5'-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.86 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 1'-Ha), 2.77 (1H, d, J=16.3 Hz, 10'-Ha), 2.75 (1H, m, 13'-Ha), 2.72 (1H, d, J=16.3 Hz, 10'-Hb), 2.65 (1H, m, 13'-Hb), 2.62 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 1'-Hb), 2.62 (1H, d, J=15.4 Hz, 1-Ha), 2.29 (1H, d, J=15.4 Hz, 1-Hb), 2.13 (3H, s,  $12'-H_3$ ), 2.11 (3H, s, 14'-Ac), 2.09 (3H, s, 14-Ac), 2.05 (3H, s, 4'-Ac), 1.86 (1H, d, J=14.9 Hz, 10-Ha), 1.82 (1H, m, 13-Hb), 1.78 (1H, d, J=14.9 Hz, 10-Hb), 1.50 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (1H, ddd, J=5.0, 5.0, 9.9 Hz, 5-Ha), 1.21 (3H, s, 15'-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 (1H, ddd, J=5.0, 5.0. 9.5 Hz, 4-Ha), 0.78 (1H, ddd, J=5.0, 6.4, 9.5 Hz, 4-Hb), 0.55 (1H, ddd, J=5.0, 6.4. 9.9 Hz, 5-Ha); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 205.4, 171.4, 171.4, 171.0, 148.8, 140.7, 134.1, 132.0, 131.4, 126.9, 124.5, 118.6, 81.0, 80.5, 72.5, 71.6, 63.1, 44.8, 42.8, 42.4, 39.7,

39.4, 39.1, 32.6, 28.6, 28.3, 26.8, 25.0, 21.1, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9, 15.3, 14.7, 8.1, 7.8; m/z HRMS (FAB) found 622.3129.  $C_{36}H_{46}O_9$  requires 622.3142, error -2.1 ppm.

3.2.3. Compound 3. 3 was obtained as a product of spontaneous dimerisation of psathyrellon B (2) (20 mg, 0.081 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) at room temperature. After 2 weeks the MeOH was evaporated and the residue was purified by chromatography, to give 3 (3 mg, 30%) as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -50$  (c 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (liquid film) 3450, 2925, 1675, 1635, 1455, 1380, 1320, 1265, 1110, 1040, 940, 845 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.52– 3.46 (4H, m 14-H<sub>2</sub> and 14'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.39-3.33 (2H, m, 4'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.33 (3H, s, 4'-OMe), 3.02 (1H, m, 13'-Ha), 2.86 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 1'-Ha), 2.88-2.81 (2H, m, 5'-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.75 (1H, d, J=15.5 Hz, 10'-Ha), 2.71 (1H, d, J=17.9 Hz, 1'-Ha), 2.71 (1H, m, 13'-Hb), 2.56 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 10-Ha), 2.55 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 1'-Hb), 2.52 (1H, d, J=15.5 Hz, 10'-Hb), 2.51 (1H, d, J=17.9 Hz, 1'-Hb), 2.12 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz, 10-Hb), 2.11 (3H, s, 12'-H<sub>3</sub>), 2.05 (1H, ddd, J=2.1, 6.4, 13.4 Hz, 13-Ha), 1.58 (1H, ddd, J=6.4, 12.0, 13.4 Hz, 13-Hb), 1.45 (1H, t, J=5.5 Hz, 14-OH), 1.43 (1H, t, J=5.7 Hz, 14'-OH), 1.12 (3H, s, 15'-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.10 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.02 (1H, ddd, J=5.8, 5.8, 9.8 Hz, 5-Ha), 0.86 (1H, ddd, J=5.8, 6.6, 9.8 Hz, 5-Hb), 0.65 (1H, ddd, J=5.8, 5.8. 9.8 Hz, 4-Ha), 0.61 (1H, ddd, J=5.8, 6.6, 9.8 Hz, 4-Hb);  $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 195.3, 162.8, 147.3, 141.0, 133.2, 132.9, 126.1, 125.5, 118.7, 81.2, 71.5, 71.0, 70.6, 70.3, 58.6, 44.2, 42.7, 42.7, 42.4, 39.8, 39.7, 33.3, 29.3, 24.9, 24.8, 23.2, 22.2, 19.8, 15.4, 7.3, 5.0; *m/z* (EI) 510 (100M<sup>+</sup>), 492 (33), 463 (42), 461 (59), 459 (28), 457 (25), 433 (18), 233 (66), 231 (53%); HRMS (EI) found 510.2975. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 510.2981, error -1.2 ppm.

3.2.4. 5-Desoxyilludosin (7a). 7a was obtained as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +12$  (c 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (liquid film) 3435, 2950, 1670, 1450, 1375, 1295, 1245, 1065, 1030, 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.82 (1H, s 8-H), 4.01 (1H, m, 9-H), 2.79 (1H, dddd, J=1.3, 6.4, 10.1, 18.8 Hz, 5-Ha), 2.59 (1H, m, 5-Hb), 2.34 (1H, ddd, J=6.1, 7.9, 14.0 Hz, 2-H), 2.03 (1H, ddd, J=6.4, 11.2, 11.2 Hz, 4-Ha), 1.79 (1H, m, 10-Ha), 1.78 (1H, m, 4-Hb), 1.59 (1H, m, 1-Ha), 1.58 (3H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.56 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.52 (1H, ddd, J=1.8, 4.1, 13.5 Hz, 10-Hb), 1.23 (1H, dd, J=11.0, 14.0 Hz, 1-Hb), 1.11 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 190.5, 174.2, 131.2, 75.5, 56.9, 51.5, 50.6, 43.6, 36.7, 30.4, 29.4, 28.5, 25.6, 25.6, 9.8; m/z (EI) 236 (12M<sup>+</sup>), 218 (35), 207 (42), 189 (100), 176 (28), 173 (14), 136 (22), 109 (31%); HRMS (EI) found 236.1784. C15H24O2 requires 236.1776, error +3.4 ppm.

**3.2.5. 13-Hydroxy-5-desoxyilludosin** (7b). 7b was obtained as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +23$  (*c* 0.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (liquid film) 3465, 2950, 1675, 1455, 1365, 1305, 1230, 1025, 1010, 895 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.80 (1H, s 8-H), 4.12 (2H, s, 13-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (1H, ddd, *J*=4.5, 6.4, 7.8 Hz, 9-H), 2.87 (1H, ddd, *J*=6.4, 10.1, 18.8 Hz, 5-Ha), 2.70 (1H, ddd, *J*=6.1, 10.4, 18.8 Hz, 5-Hb), 2.31 (1H, ddd, *J*=6.4, 7.9, 14.3 Hz, 2-H), 2.03 (1H, ddd, *J*=6.4, 11.2, 11.2 Hz, 4-Ha), 1.78 (1H, m, 4-Hb), 1.77 (1H, m, 10-Ha), 1.58 (1H, ddd, *J*=1.7, 8.0, 13.0 Hz, 1-Ha), 1.55 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (1H, ddd, *J*=1.7, 4.5, 13.5 Hz, 10-Hb), 1.22

(1H, dd, J=10.4, 14.3 Hz, 1-Hb), 1.10 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 191.3, 177.5, 134.1, 75.3, 57.4, 56.5, 51.5, 51.0, 43.4, 36.6, 30.4, 29.5, 28.0, 25.9, 25.5; m/z (EI) 252 (1M<sup>+</sup>), 234 (5M<sup>+</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O), 219 (48), 201 (15), 177 (19), 135 (42), 121 (39), 83 (100%); HRMS on M<sup>+</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O (EI) found 234.1616. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 234.1620, error -1.7 ppm.

3.2.6. Compound 8. 8 was obtained as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -42$  (c 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (liquid film) 3385, 2950, 1640, 1460, 1430, 1385, 1365, 1310, 1085, 1065, 1035, 995, 885 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.98 (1H, d, J=1.9 Hz, 12-Ha), 4.62 (1H, d, J=1.9 Hz, 12-Hb), 4.12 (1H, d, J=10.1 Hz, 8-H), 3.80 (1H, d, J=11.6 Hz, 12-Ha), 3.71 (1H, d, J=11.6 Hz, 12-Hb), 2.67 (1H, m, 9-H), 2.30 (2H, s, 1-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.94 (1H, dd, J=7.5, 11.1 Hz, 10-Ha), 1.38 (1H, dd, J=11.1, 11.9 Hz, 10-Hb), 1.33 (1H, ddd, J=5.4, 5.4, 10.5 Hz, 5-Ha), 1.14 (1H, m, 4-Ha), 1.12 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.10 (1H, m, 5-Hb), 1.08 (3H, s, 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.55 (1H, ddd, J=3.8, 6.7, 9.6 Hz, 4-Hb);  $\delta_{C}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 154.2, 142.1, 129.5, 99.1, 75.8, 58.3, 49.4, 45.6, 44.3, 37.8, 29.8, 28.8, 24.2, 19.2, 11.8; m/z (EI) 234 (7M<sup>+</sup>), 216 (25), 198 (87), 167 (14), 154 (13), 128 (34), 120 (23), 43 (100%); HRMS (EI) found 234.1629. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires 234.1620, error +3.8 ppm.

3.2.7. Drimene-2,11-diol (9). 9 was obtained as a colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -19$  (c 0.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (liquid film) 3335, 2925, 1630, 1460, 1435, 1390, 1365, 1030, 831 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 mHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 5.52 (1H, m, 7-H), 3.89-3.83 (2H, m, 2-H and 11-Ha), 3.75 (1H, dd, J=4.7, 11.1 Hz, 11-Hb), 2.28 (1H, ddd, J=2.8, 3.4, 12.0 Hz, 1-Ha), 2.00 (1H, m, 6-Ha), 1.90 (1H, m, 9-H), 1.83 (1H, m, 6-Hb), 1.76 (3H, s, 12-H<sub>3</sub>), 1.75 (1H, ddd, J=2.8, 3.6, 12.0 Hz, 3-Ha), 1.15 (1H, dd, J=4.5, 12.1 Hz, 5-H), 1.13 (1H, dd, J=12.0, 12.0 Hz, 3-Hb), 1.01 (1H, dd, J=11.5, 12.0 Hz, 1-Hb), 0.91 (6H, s, 13-H<sub>3</sub> and 14-H<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (3H, s, 15-H<sub>3</sub>); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 132.7, 124.0, 65.0, 60.8, 57.2, 51.1, 49.3, 49.2, 38.0, 34.6, 33.3, 23.4, 23.0, 21.8, 15.8; *m/z* (EI) 238 (2M<sup>+</sup>), 220 (95, M<sup>+</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O), 205 (18), 202 (16), 189 (42), 125 (50), 122 (100), 107 (97%); HRMS on  $M^+-H_2O$  (EI) found 220.1825. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O requires 220.1827, error -0.9 ppm.

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