



Isolation, structure, and bioactivities of abiesadines A–Y, 25 new diterpenes from *Abies georgei* Orr

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ABSTRACT

Twenty-five new (abiesadines A–Y, **1–25**) and 29 known (**26–54**) diterpenes were isolated from the aerial parts of *Abies georgei*. Abiesadine A (**1**) is a novel 8,14-*seco*-abietane, while abiesadine B (**2**) is a novel 9,10-*seco*-abietane. The structures of the new compounds were established on the basis of spectroscopic data analysis. Manool (**52**) showed the strongest effect against LPS-induced NO production in RAW264.7 macrophages with the IC₅₀ value of 11.0 µg/mL. In another anti-inflammatory assay against TNFα-triggered NF-κB activity, (12R,13R)-8,12-epoxy-14-labden-13-ol (**54**) exhibited the strongest effect (IC₅₀ = 8.7 µg/mL). For antitumor assays, pomiferin A (**26**) and 8,11,13-abietatriene-7α,18-diol (**29**) both showed the most significant activity against LOVO cells (IC₅₀ = 9.2 µg/mL). While 7-oxocallitric acid (**46**) exhibited significant cytotoxicity against QGY-7703 tumor cells (IC₅₀ = 10.2 µg/mL).

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1. Introduction

Abies georgei Orr occurs exclusively in China.¹ Its ethanol extracts showed strong antitumor and anti-inflammatory effects.² In a previous study, a novel biflavanol and 22 norditerpenes were reported.^{3,4} To continue to explore the chemical constituents of *A. georgei* with novel structures and potent bioactivities, an intensive investigation was carried out, which resulted to the isolation of 25 new (**1–25**) and 29 known (**26–54**) diterpenes. In this study, we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of new diterpenes from *A. georgei* as well as their inhibitory activity against LPS-induced NO production in RAW264.7 macrophages.

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Identification and structure determination

The CHCl₃ and EtOAc-soluble extracts of the aerial parts of *A. georgei* were subjected to column chromatography on silica gel, ODS, and Sephadex LH-20, as well as preparative TLC to yield 25

new (**1–25**) and 29 known diterpenes (**26–54**) (Fig. 1), among which 46 compounds were abietanes (**1–23**, **26–48**) and the other 8 were labdanes (**24**, **25**, **49–54**).

The molecular formula of compound **1** was assigned as C₂₀H₃₀O₄ by its HRESIMS at *m/z* 357.2046 [M+Na]⁺, indicating six degrees of unsaturation. Absorption of carbonyl (1738 cm^{−1}) and olefinic bond (1684 cm^{−1}) were observed in its IR spectrum. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra showed 20 carbon signals, including two quaternary and two tertiary methyls [δ_H 0.81 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.15 (3H, s, Me-19), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Me-16), 1.19 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Me-17); δ_C 15.3 (q, C-20), 18.0 (q, C-19), 20.5 (q, C-16), 20.6 (q, C-17)], five methines including one aldehyde group [δ_H 9.19 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, H-14); δ_C 197.6 (d)] and one olefinic bond [δ_H 6.35 (1H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-12); δ_C 157.6 (d, C-12)], six methylenes, and five quaternary carbons with one ketone, one carbonyl, and one olefinic signals. In the ¹H–¹H COSY spectrum of **1**, correlations of H₂-1/H₂-2/H₂-3, H-5/H₂-6/H₂-7, H-9/H₂-11/H-12, and H₃-16,17/H-15 established four fragments (Fig. 2). In addition, the HMBC correlations originated from four methyls suggested the presence of an abietane structure (Fig. 2). However, according to the unsaturation degrees, compound **1** should only contain two rings. Based on the HMBC correlations of H₂-7 to C-9 (δ_C 65.4 d), the structure of **1** was deduced as a 8,14-*seco*-abietane. This was further confirmed by the HMBC correlations of H-12 to δ_C 197.6 (d) at C-14. In the

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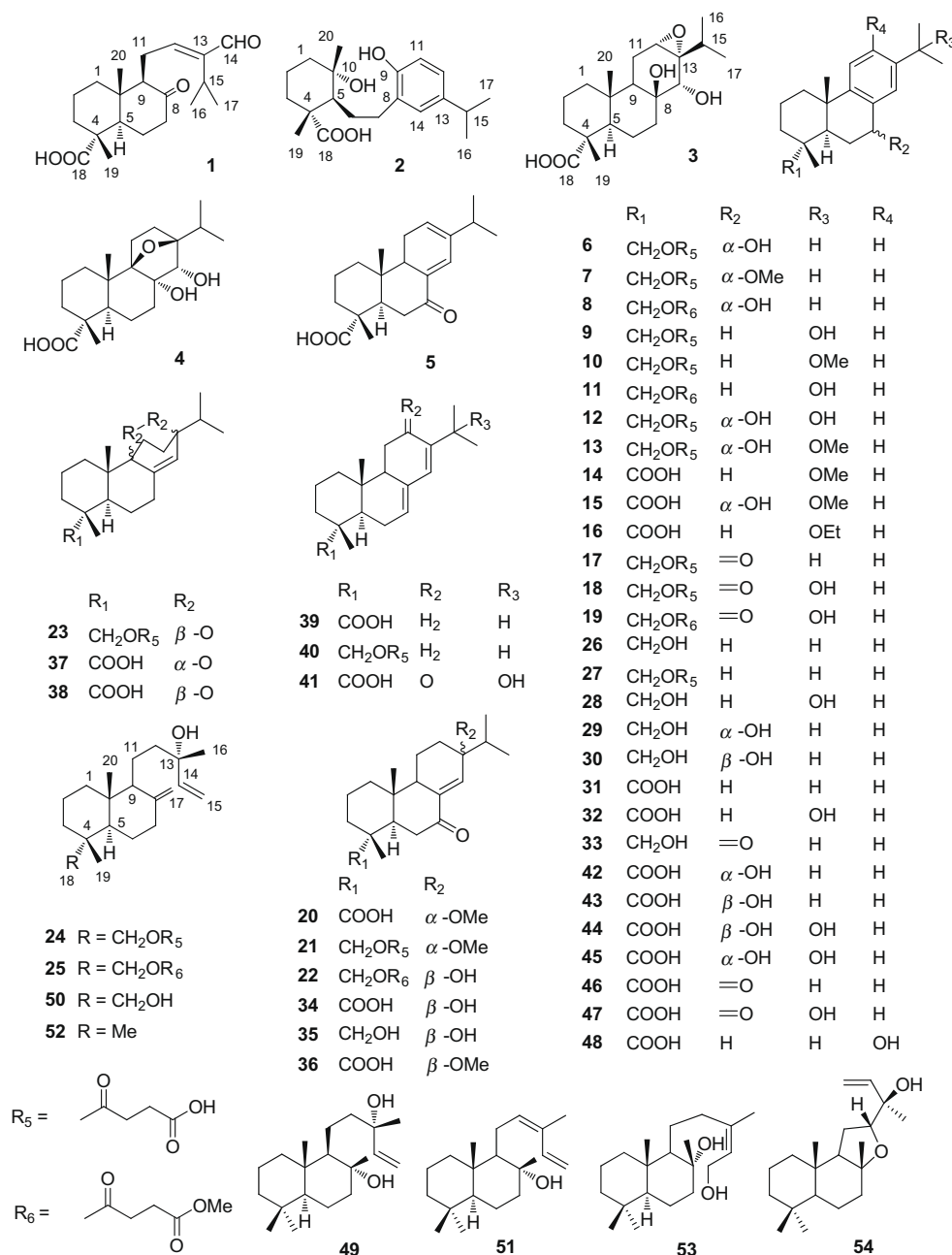


Figure 1. Chemical structures for compounds 1–54.

NOESY spectrum, H₃-20 was correlated to H₃-19/H₂-11, and H-12 to H-14 (Fig. 3). This indicated H-19, 20, and 11 were co-facial, and Δ¹² an *E*-configuration. On the basis of the above evidences, compound 1 was then identified as (12*E*)-8,14-*oxo*-8,14-*secoabieta*-12-en-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine A.

Compound 2 was found to possess the molecular formula, C₂₀H₃₀O₄, as evidenced by its negative HRESIMS at *m/z* 333.2096 [M–H][–]. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra showed 20 carbon signals, including two quaternary methyls, one isopropyl, one ABX benzene ring, and one carboxyl. These signals are characteristic of an abieta-8,11,13-trien-18/19-oic acid. In the HMBC spectrum, H₃-20 was only correlated to δ_C 41.3 (t, C-1), 52.9 (d, C-5), and 80.1 (s, C-10) (Fig. 2). This indicated that a hydroxy group should be located at C-10 position. In addition, the downfield shift of the quaternary carbon at δ_C 153.2 also suggests a hydroxy group at the aromatic moiety. Therefore, compound 2 should be a 9,10-*seco*-9,10-dihydro-

oxyabieta. By detailed analysis for its 2D NMR and the tandem MS spectra (Fig. S13), compound 2 was thus concluded to be 9,10-dihydroxy-9,10-*secoabieta*-8,11,13-trien-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine B.

Compound 3 was obtained as an amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was established as C₂₀H₃₂O₅ on the basis of its negative HRESIMS at *m/z* 351.2176 [M–H][–], indicating five degrees of unsaturation. The IR spectrum showed absorption bands characteristic of carboxyl groups (a broad band from 2500 to 3485, 1703 cm^{–1}). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data of 3 (Tables 1 and 2) indicated 20 carbon signals including two singlet and two doublet methyls [δ_H 0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, Me-16), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, Me-17), 0.95 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.09 (3H, s, Me-19); δ_C 15.4 (q, Me-20), 16.6 (q, Me-19), 16.9 (q, Me-16), 17.3 (q, Me-17)], six methylenes, three aliphatic sp³ methines, two oxygenated sp³ methines [δ_H 3.10 (1H, s, H-14), 3.28 (1H, t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, H-12); δ_C

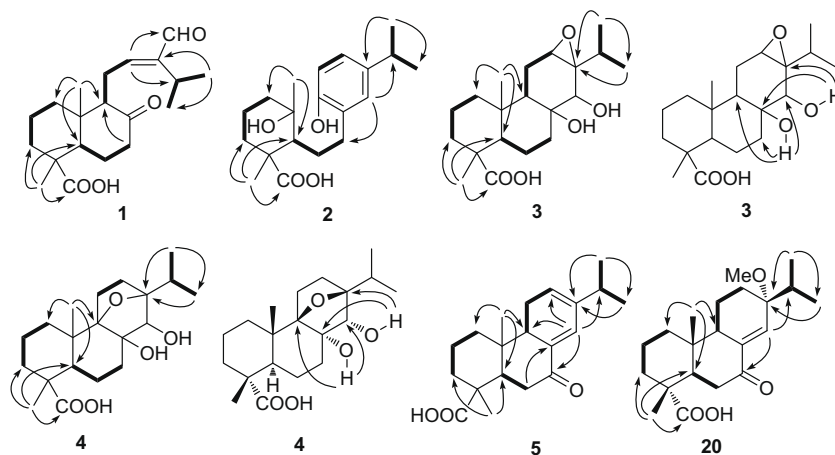


Figure 2. Key ^1H - ^1H COSY (bold) and HMBC (arrow, $\text{H} \rightarrow \text{C}$) correlations for compounds **1–5**, and **20**.

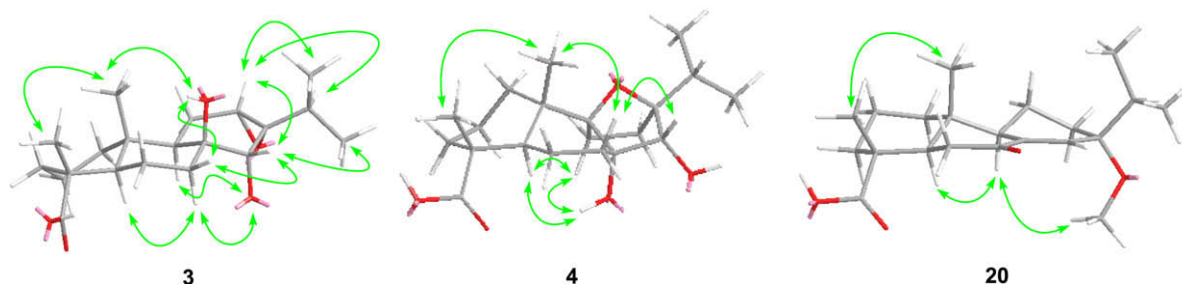


Figure 3. Selected NOESY correlations for compounds **3**, **4**, and **20**.

71.2 (d, C-14), 62.6 (d, C-12)], two aliphatic and two oxygenated sp^3 quaternary carbons (δ_{C} 71.8 s, 65.2 s), and one carbonyl carbon (δ_{C} 181.5 s). In the ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum, four fragments were obtained according to the spin systems of H_2 -1/ H_2 -2/ H_2 -3, H -5/ H_2 -6/ H_2 -7, H -9/ H_2 -11/ H -12, and H_3 -16,17/ H -15. This information, along with the HMBC correlations traced from four methyls (Me-16,17,19,20) suggested the presence of an abietane skeleton (Fig. 2). Taking into consideration the unsaturation degrees, compound **3** should contain another ring obtained by dehydration of two hydroxyls. To further verify this assumption, the deuterium solvent of CDCl_3 was changed to $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ for another HMBC experiment. Fortunately, the correlations were observed for the proton at 8-OH (δ_{H} 3.69, 1H, s) to C-7 (δ_{C} 34.1 t), C-9 (δ_{C} 41.5 d), C-14 (δ_{C} 71.5 d), and for the proton at 14-OH (δ_{H} 3.71, 1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz) to C-13 (δ_{C} 63.7 s) and C-8 (δ_{C} 71.0 s) (Fig. 2), which confirmed unambiguously the existence of a three-membered epoxy ring in **3**.

The relative stereochemistry of **3** was established by the NOESY experiment. Based on the NOESY correlations from 8-OH to Me-20/Me-19, to H-7 β /H-14/H-12/Me-16/Me-17, to H-15/H-12/Me-16/Me-17, and from 14-OH to H-9/H-7 α /H-5 (Fig. 3), the hydroxyls at C-8/12/13/14 were considered as $\beta/\alpha/\alpha/\alpha$ -orientation, respectively. Therefore, compound **3** was elucidated as 8 β ,14 α -dihydroxy-12,13 α -epoxy-abieta-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine C.

Compound **4** exhibited the same molecular formula as **3** based on the negative HRESIMS at m/z 351.2172 [$\text{M}-\text{H}$] $^-$. Furthermore, it showed ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra similar to those of **3**. However, close comparison of the ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data of **4** and **3** revealed significant differences: four oxygenated sp^3 carbons including two quaternary and two tertiary signals (δ_{C} 71.0 s, 63.7 s, 71.2 d, and 62.6 d) in **3** were changed to three quaternary and one ter-

tiary ones (δ_{C} 93.8 s, 88.6 s, 76.0 s, and 76.9 d) in **4**. This indicated that the epoxy three-membered ring of **3** might be altered to an epoxy five-membered ring in **4** through an ether bond between C-9 and C-13. This assumption was supported by the correlation of H_2 -11 to H_2 -12 in the ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum, and the correlation of H_3 -20 to C-9 (δ_{C} 93.8 s) in the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 2). Furthermore, in its HMBC experiment at $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, the correlations were observed for the proton at 8-OH (δ_{H} 3.98, 1H, s) to C-7 (δ_{C} 30.7 t), C-9 (δ_{C} 91.9 d), C-14 (δ_{C} 73.5 d), and for the proton at 14-OH (δ_{H} 5.32, 1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz) to C-8 (δ_{C} 74.2 s) and C-13 (δ_{C} 86.5 s) (Fig. 2). This established unequivocally the existence of an epoxy five-membered ring in **4**. Based on the NOESY correlations of H_3 -19/ H_3 -20/ H -7 β /H-14 and 8-OH/H-5/H-11 α (Fig. 3), compound **4** was thus elucidated as 8 α ,14 α -dihydroxy-9,13 β -epoxy-abieta-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine D.

Compound **5** had the molecular formula $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3$, established from the positive HRESIMS at m/z 339.1950 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$, indicating seven unsaturation degrees. The IR spectrum suggested hydroxyls (3433 cm^{-1}), carbonyls (1726 , 1672 cm^{-1}) and olefinic bonds (1629 , 1596 cm^{-1}) in the structure. Its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data showed 20 carbon signals, including two quaternary methyls, one isopropyl, and one carbonyl moiety, which are characteristic for an abieta-18-oic acid moiety analogous to those presented in **1–4**. According to the ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum and the HMBC correlations originating from four methyls and two olefinic protons, the planar structure of **5** was elucidated as shown in Figure 2. In the NOESY spectrum, correlations of H_3 -20 to H_3 -19 and H_2 -11 were found. Accordingly, the relative structure of compound **5** was defined as 7-oxoabieta-8(14),12-dien-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine E.

Compound **6** gave a molecular formula $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$, as established from its positive HRESIMS at m/z 425.2293 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$. The ^1H and

Table 1¹H NMR spectroscopic data for compounds **1–25** (J in Hz within parentheses)

No.	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^c	3 ^d	4 ^a	4 ^d	5 ^a
1	1.79 m; 1.40 m	1.94 m; 1.81 m	1.54 m; 0.85 m	1.54 m; 0.79 (dt, 13.2, 3.6)	1.50 m	1.45 m	1.79 (dd, 13.5, 4.0)
2	1.60 m	1.80 m; 1.68 m	1.46 m; 1.39 m	1.40 m; 1.05 m	1.49 m	1.42 m	1.56 m
3	1.84 m; 1.58 m	1.74 m; 1.56 m	1.63 (dt, 13.8, 4.2); 1.46 m	1.58 m; 1.43 m	1.75 m; 1.58 m	1.62 m; 1.47 m	2.40 (dd, 14.7, 5.1); 1.62 m
5	2.48 m	2.53 (dd, 12.0, 2.4)	1.55 m	1.52 m	2.33 m	2.20 (t, 9.0)	2.10 (dd, 14.1, 3.5)
6	1.83 m; 1.75 m	1.53 m	1.55 m; 1.03 m	1.51 m; 0.95 m	1.52 m	1.35 m	2.26 (d, 14.7); 2.48 m
7	2.48 m; 2.30 m	2.84 m; 2.68 (dd, 13.2, 5.4)	1.98 m; 1.27 (br d, 13.8)	1.90 (dt, 13.2, 4.8); 1.32 (br d, 13.2)	1.69 m; 1.52 m	1.50 m; 1.41 m	
9	2.50 m		1.04 m	1.08 m			2.48 m
11	2.69 m; 2.34 m	6.79 (d, 8.4)	1.86 (dd, 15.0, 6.0); 1.81 (dd, 15.0, 2.4)	1.80 (dt, 13.2, 1.8); 1.69 (dd, 13.2, 4.2)	2.09 m; 1.57 m	1.96 (dt, 10.2, 3.0); 1.42 m	2.02 m
12	6.35 (t, 7.0)	6.94 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	3.28 (t, 1.8)	3.14 br s	1.91 m; 1.18 m	1.81 m; 1.10 m	6.12 m
14	9.19 (d, 1.8)	6.91 (d, 1.8)	3.10 s	3.06 (d, 9.6)	3.15 (d, 1.8)	3.03 (d, 6.0)	6.83 s
15	2.94 (dt, 7.5, 1.5)	2.84 (sept, 7.2)	1.49 m	1.48 m	1.88 m	1.82 m	2.83 (sept, 6.9)
16	1.17 (d, 7.0)	1.22 (d, 7.2)	0.91 (d, 6.9)	0.91 (d, 7.2)	0.96 (d, 6.8)	0.86 (d, 6.6)	1.01 (d, 6.9)
17	1.19 (d, 7.0)	1.22 (d, 7.2)	0.86 (d, 6.9)	0.85 (d, 7.2)	0.94 (d, 6.8)	0.88 (d, 6.6)	1.04 (d, 6.9)
19	1.15 s	1.11 s	1.09 s	1.09 s	1.27 s	1.14 s	1.24 s
20	0.81 s	1.01 s	0.95 s	0.97 s	1.10 s	0.99 s	0.89 s
1'				3.69 s		3.98 s	
2'				3.71 (d, 9.6)		5.32 (d, 6.0)	
No.	6 ^a	7 ^a	8 ^e	9 ^e	10 ^a	11 ^f	12 ^a
1	1.44 m	2.29 m	2.32 (dt, 12.0, 2.7); 1.32 (dt, 13.2, 3.6)	2.29 m; 1.30 m	2.33 (d, 12.6); 1.36 m	2.30 (dt, 13.2, 2.4); 1.39 (dd, 13.2, 3.6)	2.34 (dt, 12.9, 3.3); 1.38 (dt, 13.2, 3.9)
2	1.83 m; 1.67 m	1.80 m; 1.63 m	1.84 (br d, 13.8); 1.68 m	1.62 m	1.67 m	1.76 m	1.83 (d, 13.8); 1.69 (dt, 14.4, 3.4)
3	1.49 m	1.45 m	1.48 m	1.44 m	2.86 m	1.43 (dd, 10.2, 3.6)	1.52 m
5	2.09 m	1.61 m	2.02 (dt, 12.6, 1.2)	1.59	1.62 (dd, 12.0, 2.4)	1.62 (dd, 12.0, 2.4)	2.08 m
6	1.92 m; 1.85 m	2.27 m; 1.61 m	1.97 (dt, 13.5, 4.2); 1.84 (br d, 13.5)	1.79 m	1.79 m	1.67 m	2.08 (dd, 12.3, 1.2); 1.88 m
7	4.72 (dd, 4.2, 1.8)	4.46 (dd, 4.8, 2.0)	4.72 (dd, 3.6, 1.8)	2.80 m	1.28 m	2.92 (dd, 11.1, 6.6); 2.85 (dd, 11.1, 6.6)	4.75 (dd, 3.9, 1.8)
11	7.19 (d, 8.4)	7.16 (d, 8.4)	7.20 (d, 8.1)	7.18 br s	7.22 (d, 8.4)	7.23 br s	7.25 (d, 8.7)
12	7.08 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	7.05 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	7.09 (dd, 8.1, 1.8)	7.18 br s	7.12 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	7.22 br s	7.35 (dd, 8.4,2.4)
14	7.16 (d, 1.8)	7.23 (d, 1.8)	7.16 (d, 1.8)	7.11 s	7.02 (d, 1.8)	7.16 br s	7.41 (d, 2.1)
15	2.84 m	2.82 m	2.84 (sept, 7.2)				
16	1.21 (d, 7.2)	1.21 s	1.22 (d, 7.2)	1.48 s	1.47 s	1.56 s	1.50 s
17	1.21 (d, 7.2)	1.20 s	1.22 (d, 7.2)	1.48 s	1.47 s	1.56 s	1.50 s
18	3.99 (d, 10.8); 3.72 (d, 10.8)	4.11 (d, 11.1); 3.66 (d, 11.1)	4.02 (d, 10.8); 3.72 (d, 10.8)	4.01 (d, 9.6); 3.72 (d, 9.6)	4.02 (d, 10.8); 3.73 (d, 10.8)	3.99 (d, 10.8); 3.75 (d, 10.8)	4.01 (d, 11.1); 3.73 (d, 10.8)
19	0.97 s	0.98 s	0.96 s	0.95 s	0.96 s	0.94 s	0.97 s
20	1.16 s	1.26 s	1.16 s	1.20 s	1.22 s	1.22 s	1.17 s
2'	2.56 m	2.58 m	2.60 m	2.56 m	2.58 m	2.61 br s	2.58 m
3'	2.45 m	2.55 m	2.61 m	2.57 m	2.58 m	2.61 br s	2.59 m
OMe		3.47 s	3.59 s		3.02 s	3.62 s	
No.	13 ^a	14 ^a	15 ^a	16 ^a	17 ^a	18 ^a	
1	2.35 (dt, 12.6, 3.3); 1.39 (dt, 12.6, 3.3)	2.33 (d, 12.2); 1.44 m	2.33 (br d, 12.6); 1.47 m	2.33 (d, 12.6)	2.41 m; 1.49 m	2.41 (d, 12.9); 1.55 (dt, 12.9, 3.0)	
2	1.87 m; 1.68 m	1.82 m; 1.68 m	1.80 m; 1.71 m	1.67 m; 1.57 m	1.85 m; 1.72 m	1.90 m; 1.75 m	
3	1.53 m	1.81 m; 1.59 m	1.88 (dd, 13.2, 3.3); 1.67 m	1.80 m; 1.59 m	1.48 m	1.49 m	
5	2.09 (dd, 12.3, 1.2)	2.19 (dd, 12.2, 2.4)	2.49 (dd, 12.9, 2.1)	2.19 (dd, 12.6, 2.1)	2.17 (dd, 13.8, 4.2)	2.18 (dd, 14.1, 3.9)	
6	1.99 (dt, 13.5, 4.2); 1.87 (br d, 13.5)	1.84 m; 1.57 m	2.11 (dt, 13.2, 4.8); 1.65 m	1.85 m; 1.56 m	2.64 m	2.74 (dt, 18.0, 13.8); 2.64 (18.0, 4.2)	
7	4.75 (dd, 3.3, 1.5)	2.86 m	4.72 (dd, 4.2, 1.2)	2.87 m			
11	7.28 br s	7.21 (d, 8.4)	7.23 (d, 8.4)	7.21 (d, 8.4)	7.39 (d, 8.4)	7.43 (d, 8.4)	
12	7.28 br s	7.11 (dd, 8.4, 2.4)	7.24 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	7.12 (dd, 8.4, 2.1)	7.47 (dd, 8.4, 2.1)	7.72 (dd, 8.4, 1.8)	
14	7.33 br s	7.01 (d, 2.4)	7.33 (d, 1.8)	7.01 (d, 2.1)	7.79 (d, 2.1)	8.05 (d, 1.8)	
15					2.91 (sept, 7.2)		
16	1.50 s	1.46 s	1.49 s	1.46 s	1.24 (d, 7.2)	1.52 s	
17	1.50 s	1.46 s	1.49 s	1.46 s	1.24 (d, 7.2)	1.52 s	
18	4.01 (d, 11.1); 3.73 (d, 11.1)				3.91 (d, 11.4); 3.74 (d, 11.4)	3.93 (d, 11.4); 3.75 (d, 11.4)	

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Table 1 (continued)

No.	13 ^a	14 ^a	15 ^a	16 ^a	17 ^a	18 ^a
19	0.98 s	1.24 s	1.25 s	1.24 s	1.05 s	1.06 s
20	1.18 s	1.20 s	1.15 s	1.20 s	1.27 s	1.28 s
1'				3.19 (quart, 6.9)		
2'	2.58 m			1.10 (t, 6.9)	2.44 m	2.54 m
3'	2.58 m				2.43 m	2.52 m
OMe	3.04 s	3.02 s	3.04 s			

No.	19 ^b	20 ^a	21 ^a	22 ^b	23 ^a	24 ^b	25 ^b
1	2.36 (dt, 13.2, 3.0); 1.54 (dd, 13.2, 3.0)	1.80 m; 1.22 m	1.80 (d, 13.5); 1.18 m	1.82 m; 1.11 m	1.57 m	1.77 (br d, 13.2) 1.03 (dt, 13.2, 4.8)	1.77 (d, 12.2) 1.01(dt, 12.2, 4.2)
2	1.77 m	1.59 m	1.53-1.61 m	1.59 m; 1.12 m	1.51 m; 1.02 m	1.54 m	1.53 m
3	1.47 m	1.76 m	1.44 m	1.42 m; 1.39 m	1.42 m	1.35 m	1.34 m
5	2.18 (dd, 12.0, 6.0)	2.40 m	1.88 (dd, 13.5, 5.7)	1.80 m	1.54 m	1.34 m	1.33 m
6	2.65 m	2.36 m	2.54 (dd, 13.5, 5.4); 2.40 (d, 13.5)	2.50 (dd, 18.6, 5.4); 2.32 (dd, 18.6, 13.8)	2.23 m; 1.52 m	1.57 m; 1.34 m	1.56 m; 1.34 m
7					1.92 m; 1.46 m	2.35 (d, 13.2); 1.95 m	2.35 (d, 11.4); 1.93 m
9		2.22 m	2.08 (t, 6.9)	2.03 m		1.63 (d, 10.2)	1.58 m
11	3.37 (d, 8.4)	1.83 m; 1.48 m	1.69 m; 1.73 m	1.76 m; 1.48 m	1.55 m	1.34 m	1.35 m
12	7.73 (dd, 8.4, 2.1)	1.79 m	1.71 m; 1.48 m	1.73 m	2.72 m; 2.38 m	1.72 (dd, 13.2, 4.2); 1.27 m	1.72 (dd, 12.2, 4.2); 1.25 m
14	8.06 (d, 2.1)	6.69 (d, 3.0)	6.72 m	6.75 (t, 2.1)	6.15 (t, 2.1)	5.91 (dd, 17.6, 10.8)	5.90 (dd, 17.4, 10.8)
15		1.84 m	2.08 (t, 6.9)	1.79 m	1.79 (sept, 6.9)	5.19 (d, 17.6); 5.04 (d, 10.8)	5.19 (dd, 17.4, 1.2); 5.04 (dd, 10.8, 1.2)
16	1.58 s	0.92 (d, 6.6)	0.89 (d, 6.9)	0.97 (d, 7.2)	0.94 (d, 6.9)	1.27 s	1.26 s
17	1.59 s	0.90 (d, 6.6)	0.79 (d, 6.9)	0.87 (d, 7.2)	0.96 (d, 6.9)	4.82 s; 4.52 s	4.81 s; 4.52 s
18	3.87 (d, 10.8); 3.77 (d, 10.8)		3.87 (d, 11.1); 3.65 (d, 11.1)	3.82 (d, 11.4); 3.68 (d, 11.4)	3.88 (d, 10.8); 3.62 (d, 10.8)	3.90 (d, 11.1); 3.65 (d, 11.1)	3.87 (d, 10.8); 3.66 (d, 10.8)
19	1.02 s	1.20 s	0.95 s	0.94 s	0.99 s	0.81 s	0.81 s
20	1.26 s	0.87 s	0.89 s	0.87 s	1.11 s	0.71 s	0.70 s
2'	2.59 br s		2.59 m	2.63 m	2.56 m	2.64 m	2.64 m
3'	2.59 br s		2.56 m	2.65 m	2.47 m	2.64 m	2.64 m
OMe	3.60 s	3.10 s	3.18 s	3.67 s			3.69 s

^a Measured at 300 MHz in CD₃OD.^b Measured at 600 MHz in CDCl₃.^c Measured at 600 MHz in CDCl₃ + CD₃OD.^d Measured at 600 MHz in DMSO-*d*₆.^e Measured at 600 MHz in CD₃OD.^f Measured at 300 MHz in CDCl₃.

¹³C NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of **29**, with the only difference being the presence of an additional succinic acid [δ_{H} 2.45 (2H, m, H-3'), 2.56 (2H, m, H-2'); δ_{C} 175.5 (s, C-1'), 31.7 (t, C-2'), 33.0 (t, C-3'), 180.0 (s, C-4')]. Compared to **29**, C-18 was shifted downfield by 1.5, which supposed the connection of succinic acid to C-18 carbon. The assumption was confirmed by the HMBC correlations of H₂-18 (3.99, 3.72 each for 1H) to the carbonyl group (δ_{C} 175.5) at C-1' of the succinic acid. Thus, compound **6** was determined as 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α -hydroxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine F.

Compound **7** presented a molecular formula of C₂₅H₃₆O₅ by negative HRESIMS at m/z 415.2571 [M-H]⁻. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra consisted of signals similar to those of **29** except for an additional methoxyl [δ_{H} 3.47 (3H, s); δ_{C} 55.9 (q)]. The downfield shift of C-7 in **7** from δ_{C} 68.7 to 80.4 when compared to **29** suggested the attachment of a methoxy group to the C-7 carbon, which was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of the methoxyl (δ_{H} 3.47) to C-7 at δ_{C} 80.4. Consequently, compound **7** was assigned as 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α -methoxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine G.

Compound **8** shared the same molecular formula C₂₅H₃₆O₅ as **7**. In addition, they shared almost the same IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data. However, a close inspection of their ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data revealed significant differences: the oxygenated methine at C-7 and the carbonyl group in **8** were shifted upfield

by 11.8 and 4.4, respectively. This indicated that the methoxy unit should be located at C-4' carbon of the succinic acid in **8** instead of C-7 position of **7**, which was supported by the HMBC correlation of the methoxyl (δ_{H} 3.59) to the carboxyl (δ_{C} 174.8) of the succinic acid moiety. Thus, compound **8** was characterized as methyl 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α -hydroxyl-18-succinate, and named abiesadine H.

Compound **9** possessed a molecular formula C₂₄H₃₄O₆ from its HRESIMS at m/z 425.2312 [M+Na]⁺, and exhibited ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra very similar to those of **28** except for an additional succinic acid [δ_{H} 2.56 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.57 (2H, m, H-3'); δ_{C} 174.2 (s, C-1'), 30.4 (t, C-2'), 30.3 (t, C-3'), 174.3 (s, C-4')]. Close inspection of the ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data of **9** exhibited the difference from those of **28**: the oxygenated methylene at C-18 position in **9** was shifted downfield by 1.7, which suggested the connection of the succinic acid moiety to C-18 carbon. Further evidence was found in the HMBC correlation of H₂-14 (4.01, 3.72 each for 1H) to C-1' at δ_{C} 174.3. Thus, compound **9** was identified to be 8,11,13-abietatriene-15-hydroxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine I.

Compound **10** showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 439.2459 [M+Na]⁺ in its positive HRESIMS, corresponding to the molecular formula of C₂₅H₃₆O₅. Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data were very similar to those of **9**, except for the presence of an additional methoxy group [δ_{H} 3.02 (3H, s); δ_{C} 50.8 (q)] at C-15. In the HMBC

Table 2

¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for compounds **1–25**, **28**, **29**, **32**, **35**, **36**, **38**, and **49**

No.	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^c	3 ^d	4 ^a	4 ^d	5 ^a	6 ^a	7 ^a	8 ^e	9 ^e	10 ^a	11 ^f	12 ^a	13 ^a	14 ^a	15 ^a
1	39.9 t	41.3 t	38.5 t	38.7 t	39.3 t	37.8 t	39.1 t	39.4 t	39.6 t	39.4 t	39.6 t	39.6 t	38.2 t	37.8 t	39.2 t	39.5 t	38.5 t
2	19.3 t	18.0 t	17.3 t	17.2 t	19.4 t	18.1 t	19.1 t	19.9 t	19.4 t	19.6 t	19.5 t	19.6 t	18.9 t	18.1 t	19.6 t	19.9 t	19.2 t
3	38.6 t	37.0 t	36.4 t	36.3 t	38.7 t	36.9 t	38.6 t	36.8 t	36.5 t	36.7 t	36.7 t	36.6 t	35.5 t	35.2 t	36.7 t	38.2 t	37.2 t
4	49.3 s	48.8 s	46.8 s	46.3 s	47.7 s	45.7 s	47.4 s	37.4 s	37.9 s	37.5 s	37.9 s	38.0 s	36.8 s	36.0 s	37.5 s	48.2 s	47.7 s
5	49.9 d	52.9 d	49.2 d	48.9 d	39.7 d	37.9 d	45.0 d	40.2 d	43.8 d	40.1 d	45.9 d	45.8 d	44.2 d	38.6 d	40.1 d	46.7 d	40.4 d
6	27.0 t	25.6 t	19.9 t	20.0 t	20.1 t	18.8 t	38.4 t	29.9 t	25.7 t	30.1 t	20.1 t	20.1 t	18.5 t	28.4 t	29.8 t	22.8 t	31.8 t
7	43.0 t	34.7 t	34.4 t	34.1 t	32.0 t	30.7 t	202.0 s	68.7 d	80.4 d	68.6 d	31.4 t	31.4 t	30.3 t	67.3 d	68.7 d	31.4 t	68.1 d
8	213.3 s	135.4 s	71.8 s	71.0 s	76.0 s	74.2 s	135.1 s	136.9 s	136.2 s	136.9 s	139.0 s	135.8 s	134.7 s	135.1 s	136.9 s	136.0 s	136.6 s
9	65.4 d	153.2 s	41.5 d	41.5 d	93.8 s	91.9 s	50.1 d	148.4 s	148.8 s	148.4 s	148.9 s	149.6 s	148.1 s	147.5 s	149.6 s	149.9 s	148.9 s
10	43.1 s	80.1 s	35.5 s	35.3 s	38.3 s	36.5 s	35.7 s	38.9 s	39.0 s	38.9 s	38.5 s	38.7 s	37.4 s	37.4 s	39.0 s	38.3 s	38.1 s
11	23.1 t	123.5 d	20.6 t	20.7 t	27.5 t	26.0 t	27.4 t	125.0 d	125.3 d	125.3 d	125.0 d	125.4 d	124.3 d	123.6 d	125.4 d	125.3 d	124.7 d
12	157.6 d	124.5 d	62.6 d	59.9 d	25.4 t	23.9 t	134.6 d	127.2 d	126.7 d	127.2 d	123.1 d	124.3 d	121.9 d	124.1 d	126.7 d	124.3 d	126.3 d
13	148.6 s	143.6 s	65.2 s	63.7 s	88.6 s	86.5 s	142.6 s	147.2 s	147.2 s	147.3 s	147.4 s	143.4 s	145.9 s	146.6 s	144.0 s	143.3 s	143.5 s
14	197.6 d	127.5 d	71.2 d	71.5 d	76.9 d	75.3 d	143.4 d	129.4 d	126.8 d	129.3 d	125.9 d	127.3 d	124.9 d	126.1 d	129.0 d	127.4 d	128.5 d
15	27.6 d	33.4 d	34.0 d	33.8 d	34.0 d	32.2 d	27.4 d	34.9 d	35.0 d	34.9 d	72.7 s	78.1 s	72.2 s	71.3 s	78.1 s	78.1 s	77.8 s
16	20.5 q	24.2 q	16.9 q	17.7 q	17.8 q	17.4 q	21.9 q	24.5 q	24.4 q	24.4 q	31.9 q	28.2 q	31.6 q	30.3 q	28.2 q	28.2 q	28.0 q
17	20.6 q	24.2 q	17.3 q	17.7 q	18.0 q	17.6 q	22.3 q	24.5 q	24.4 q	24.4 q	31.9 q	28.2 q	31.6 q	30.3 q	28.2 q	28.3 q	28.1 q
18	185.4 s	182.8 s	181.5 s	179.8 s	182.3 s	179.4 s	183.8 s	73.8 t	72.9 t	73.7 t	73.6 t	72.7 t	72.3 t	73.7 t	184.8 s	181.9 s	
19	18.0 q	16.1 q	16.6 q	17.0 q	18.5 q	17.9 q	17.7 q	17.9 q	17.9 q	17.8 q	17.9 q	17.8 q	17.4 q	16.3 q	17.7 q	17.6 q	16.9 q
20	15.3 q	20.7 q	15.4 q	15.7 q	18.0 q	17.4 q	14.7 q	24.9 q	25.9 q	24.9 q	25.7 q	25.7 q	25.3 q	23.3 q	24.8 q	25.5 q	24.5 q
1'								175.5 s	175.0 s	174.2 s	174.2 s	174.2 s	172.3 s	172.9 s	174.4 s		
2'								31.7 t	31.4 t	29.7 t	30.4 t	29.8 t	28.9 t	28.7 t	29.8 t		
3'								33.0 t	31.5 t	29.9 t	30.3 t	30.1 t	29.2 t	28.4 t	30.2 t		
4'								180.0 s	179.2 s	174.8 s	174.3 s	176.0 s	172.7 s	174.8 s	180.3 s		
OMe								55.9 q	52.2 q			50.8 q	51.7 q		50.8 q	50.8 q	50.9 d
No.	16 ^a	17 ^a	18 ^a	19 ^b	20 ^a	21 ^a	22 ^b	23 ^a	24 ^b	25 ^b	28 ^a	29 ^a	32 ^a	35 ^a	36 ^a	38 ^a	49 ^a
1	39.5 t	38.6 t	38.6 t	37.3 t	39.0 t	39.2 t	38.3 t	35.2 t	38.5 t	38.5 t	39.8 t	39.5 t	39.6 t	37.9 t	39.4 t	35.0 t	41.1 t
2	19.9 t	19.1 t	19.1 t	18.0 t	19.1 t	18.9 t	17.8 t	18.5 t	18.5 t	18.5 t	19.8 t	19.7 t	20.1 t	19.0 t	19.2 t	18.9 t	20.5 t
3	38.3 t	36.4 t	36.4 t	35.2 t	38.5 t	36.7 t	35.6 t	37.2 t	36.0 t	36.0 t	36.2 t	36.2 t	38.5 t	36.4 t	38.6 t	38.8 t	43.2 t
4	49.3 s	37.8 s	37.8 s	37.6 s	47.9 s	37.8 s	36.7 s	38.6 s	37.0 s	37.0 s	38.9 s	38.5 s	48.5 s	38.7 s	48.0 s	48.2 s	34.2 s
5	46.7 d	45.0 d	44.9 d	43.2 d	46.2 d	45.1 d	43.8 d	40.5 d	49.3 d	49.5 d	44.9 d	40.0 d	22.9 t	43.7 d	46.1 d	41.8 d	57.5 d
6	22.8 t	37.0 t	37.0 t	35.9 t	39.5 t	38.2 t	37.2 t	24.5 t	24.3 t	24.3 t	19.9 t	29.7 t	46.9 d	39.8 t	40.1 t	21.7 t	21.5 t
7	31.4 t	201.4 s	201.2 s	198.7 s	201.8 s	201.7 s	199.8 s	28.9 t	37.9 t	38.0 t	31.2 t	68.7 d	31.5 t	202.8 s	202.2 s	29.1 t	45.0 t
8	136.0 s	131.6 s	131.4 s	130.4 s	142.0 s	142.3 s	138.5 s	145.6 s	148.1 s	148.0 s	135.7 s	137.1 s	135.8 s	139.6 s	142.7 s	145.8 s	75.2 s
9	149.8 s	155.3 s	155.7 s	154.1 s	52.4 d	52.4 d	51.5 d	83.6 s	57.2 d	57.3 d	149.2 s	148.5 s	149.4 s	53.1 d	50.5 d	83.7 s	62.9 d
10	38.1 s	38.9 s	38.9 s	36.7 s	36.8 s	37.1 s	35.8 s	40.1 s	39.7 s	39.7 s	38.4 s	38.8 s	38.1 s	36.8 s	36.8 s	39.8 s	40.5 s
11	125.2 d	125.2 d	125.0 d	123.7 d	22.0 t	19.6 t	18.4 t	20.0 t	17.7 t	17.7 t	125.0 d	127.1 d	125.9 d	19.5 t	19.6 t	24.6 t	19.5 t
12	124.2 d	134.2 d	132.2 d	130.5 d	26.8 t	27.8 t	29.5 t	26.4 t	41.1 t	41.4 t	123.0 d	125.2 d	124.9 d	30.6 t	27.9 t	26.4 t	46.4 t
13	144.1 s	148.1 s	149.1 s	147.2 s	78.9 s	77.0 s	71.8 s	81.2 s	73.8 s	73.4 s	147.3 s	147.2 s	147.3 s	72.6 s	77.1 s	81.1 s	74.6 s
14	127.2 d	125.6 d	124.1 d	123.1 d	142.0 d	139.9 d	139.7 d	127.5 d	145.3 d	145.3 d	125.9 d	129.2 d	123.0 d	141.7 d	139.9 d	127.5 d	146.5 d
15	77.8 s	34.8 d	72.6 s	72.2 s	37.8 d	34.1 d	37.8 d	33.5 d	111.5 t	111.5 t	72.8 s	34.9 d	72.8 s	39.1 d	34.2 d	33.4 d	111.9 t
16	28.7 q	24.2 q	31.7 q	31.6 q	17.2 q	16.3 q	16.2 q	17.5 q	27.3 q	27.7 q	31.9 q	24.4 q	31.9 q	16.6 q	17.2 q	17.5 q	28.2 q
17	28.8 q	24.2 q	31.7 q	31.6 q	17.8 q	17.7 q	17.4 q	17.6 q	106.8 t	106.8 t	31.9 q	24.5 q	31.9 q	17.7 q	17.8 q	17.6 q	24.0 q
18	185.0 s	72.9 t	72.9 t	71.8 t	183.9 s	72.9 t	72.0 t	73.3 t	73.1 t	73.2 t	71.9 t	72.3 t	183.8 s	71.1 t	184.5 s	183.1 s	21.9 q
19	17.6 q	17.6 q	17.5 q	17.2 q	17.4 q	17.4 q	17.1 q	18.9 q	17.5 q	17.4 q	18.0 q	17.7 q	18.0 q	17.6 q	16.3 q	18.0 q	33.9 d
20	25.5 q	24.1 q	24.1 q	23.8 q	14.5 q	14.7 q	14.5 q	18.6 q	14.8 q	14.8 q	25.8 q	24.9 q	25.6 q	15.1 q	14.6 q	19.0 q	16.0 q
1'	59.1 t	174.8 s	174.2 s	172.1 s		174.0 s	172.1 s	175.0 s	172.5 s	172.5 s							
2'	16.1 q	31.6 t	30.1 t	28.8 t		30.2 t	28.9 t	31.7 t	29.4 t	29.0 t							
3'		31.0 t	30.2 t	29.1 t		29.8 t	29.2 t	32.8 t	29.5 t	29.3 t							
4'		179.0 s	176.1 s	172.6 s		175.9 s	172.7 s	179.4 s	176.7 s	172.6 s							
OMe				51.7 q	50.6 q	50.5 q	51.8 q			51.7 q					53.1 q		

^a Measured at 75 MHz in CD₃OD.^b Measured at 150 MHz in CDCl₃.^c Measured at 150 MHz in CDCl₃ + CD₃OD.^d Measured at 150 MHz in DMSO-*d*₆.^e Measured at 150 MHz in CD₃OD.^f Measured at 75 MHz in CDCl₃.

spectrum, the long-range correlation of 15-OMe to C-15 (δ_C 78.1) was found. Therefore, compound **10** was concluded to be 8,11,13-abietatriene-15-methoxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine J.

Compound **11** had the same molecular formula as **10**. In addition, the two compounds shared almost the same IR, ¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data. However, close inspection of their ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data revealed significant differences: the oxygenated methine at C-15 and the carbonyl group at C-4' in **11** were shifted upfield by 5.9 and 3.7, respectively. This indicated that the methoxy group should locate at C-4' carbon of the succinic acid in **11** instead of C-15 position in **10**. Accordingly, compound **11** was

then elucidated as methyl 8,11,13-abietatriene-15-hydroxyl-18-succinate, and named abiesadine K.

Compound **12** was assigned the molecular formula C₂₄H₃₄O₆, by negative HRESIMS at *m/z* 417.2278 [M–H][–]. Its NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of **6**, except for the presence of a hydroxy group at C-15 position. By detailed analysis of the 2D NMR spectroscopic data, compound **12** was determined as 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α ,15-dihydroxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine L.

The molecular formula of compound **13**, C₂₅H₃₆O₆, was established from the negative HRESIMS at *m/z* 431.2435 [M–H][–]. Its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data were very similar to those of

12, except for an additional methoxy group as indicated by a ^1H NMR resonance at δ_{H} 3.04 (3H, s) and the corresponding ^{13}C NMR resonance at δ_{C} 50.8 (q). The methoxy substituent was deduced to be connected to position C-15 on the basis of the HMBC correlation from 15-OMe to C-15 (δ_{C} 78.1) carbon. Accordingly, **13** was elucidated as 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α -hydroxy-15-methoxy-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine M.

Compound **14** had the molecular formula $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$ as established from its negative HRESIMS (m/z 329.2116 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$). Its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were very similar to those of **32**, except for an additional methoxy group [δ_{H} 3.02 (3H, s); δ_{C} 50.8 (q)]. The C-15 downfield shift from δ_{C} 72.8 to 78.1 when compared with **32** indicated the attachment of the methoxy substituent to the C-15 carbon. Therefore, **14** was determined as 8,11,13-abietatriene-15-methoxy-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine N.

Compound **15** exhibited a $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ ion peak at m/z 345.2064 in the positive HRESIMS, corresponding to the molecular formula, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data of **15** were very similar to those of **14** except for an additional hydroxy substituent at C-7. This was confirmed by the correlations of H-5/H-6a, H-6a/H-6b, and H-6b/H-7 in the $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY experiment, and H-7 to C-14 in the HMBC spectrum. According to the small coupling constant of H-7 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.2$ Hz), 7-OH was determined as α -oriented.³ Therefore, compound **15** was assigned as 8,11,13-abietatriene-7 α -hydroxy-15-methoxy-18-oic acid, named abiesadine O.

Compound **16** was assigned the molecular formula $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_3$ from its positive HRESIMS (m/z 367.2304 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$). The ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of **32** except that the hydroxy moiety at C-15 in **32** was replaced by an ethoxy group [δ_{H} 3.19 (2H, quart, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.10 (3H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz); δ_{C} 59.1 (t), 16.1 (q)] in **16**. According to the HMBC correlations of H₂-1' at δ_{H} 3.19 to the C-15 at δ_{C} 77.8, compound **16** was then determined to be 8,11,13-abietatriene-15-ethoxy-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine P. It may be an artifact during the isolation procedures since 80% EtOH was used as solvent for extraction.

Compound **17** exhibited a $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ ion peak at m/z 399.2128 in the negative HRESIMS, corresponding to the molecular formula $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5$. Comparison of its ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data with those of **33** revealed many similarities except for an additional succinic acid [δ_{H} 2.44 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.43 (2H, m, H-3'); δ_{C} 174.8 (s, C-1'), 31.6 (t, C-2'), 31.0 (t, C-3'), 178.2 (s, C-4')]. Observation of the correlation from H₂-18 at δ_{H} 3.91 and 3.74 (each for 1H, d, $J = 11.4$ Hz) to C-1' at δ_{C} 174.8 permitted the succinic acid moiety to be placed at C-18 carbon. Thus compound **17** was deduced as 7-oxo-8,11,13-abietatriene-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine Q.

Compound **18** was assigned the molecular formula $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6$, by negative HRESIMS at m/z 415.2133 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were similar to those of **17** in addition to a hydroxy group at C-15 carbon. By detailed analysis of its HSQC, $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY, HMBC, and NOESY spectra, compound **18** was consequently determined to be 7-oxo-8,11,13-abietatriene-15-hydroxy-18-succinic acid, named abiesadine R.

Compound **19** had a molecular formula of $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_6$ as suggested by its positive HRESIMS at m/z 453.2286 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$. Close comparison of the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **19** and that of **18** showed a general similarity except that a hydroxy group in **18** was replaced by a methoxy moiety [δ_{H} 3.60 (3H, s); δ_{C} 51.7 (q)]. Since the methoxy group at δ_{H} 3.60 was correlated to δ_{C} 172.6 in the HMBC spectrum, the methoxyl was attached to C-4' position of the succinic acid. On the basis of the above evidence, compound **19** was assigned as methyl 7-oxo-8,11,13-abietatriene-15-hydroxy-18-succinate, and named abiesadine S.

Compound **20** gave the same molecular formula $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4$ as **36** from its negative HRESIMS at m/z 347.2220 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$. Furthermore, the two compounds exhibited very similar ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spec-

tra. According to HMQC, $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY, and HMBC NMR spectroscopic data, the planar structure was established the same as that of **36**. In the NOESY spectrum, the correlations were found of 13-OMe at δ_{H} 3.10 to H-9 at δ_{H} 2.22, and H-9 to H-5 at δ_{H} 2.40. Furthermore, another correlation of Me-19 to Me-20 was also found. Based on the above evidences, compound **20** was determined to be 13 α -methoxy-7-oxo-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid, and named abiesadine T.

The molecular formula of compound **21**, $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_6$, was deduced by its positive HRESIMS at m/z 457.2509 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$. Its IR, ^1H , and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were very similar to those of **20** except that a succinic acid moiety [δ_{H} 2.56 (2H, m, H-3'), 2.59 (2H, m, H-2'); δ_{C} 174.0 (s, C-1'), 30.2 (t, C-2'), 29.8 (t, C-3'), 175.9 (s, C-4')] was located at C-18 in **21**, instead of a carboxyl group in **20**. Therefore, **21** was concluded to be 7-oxo-13 α -methoxy-8,11,13-abietatriene-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine U.

Compound **22** gave its molecular formula $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_6$ as deduced by the HRESIMS (m/z 457.2565 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$). The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were closely similar to those of **35** except for an additional methoxy group [δ_{H} 3.67 (3H, s); δ_{C} 51.8 (q)] and a succinic acid moiety [δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.65 (2H, m, H-3'); δ_{C} 172.1 (s, C-1'), 28.9 (t, C-2'), 29.2 (t, C-3'), 172.7 (s, C-4')]. In the HMBC, correlations were found for H₂-18 to C-1' at δ_{C} 172.1, and for the methoxyl to C-4' at δ_{C} 172.7. As such, compound **22** was determined to be methyl 7-oxo-13 β -hydroxy-8,11,13-abietatriene-18-succinate, and named abiesadine V.

Compound **23** was established its molecular formula, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_6$, as deduced by its positive HRESIMS at m/z 443.2431 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$. Its ^1H , and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data were very similar to those of **38** except that a succinic acid moiety [δ_{H} 2.56 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.47 (2H, m, H-3'); δ_{C} 175.0 (s, C-1'), 31.7 (t, C-2'), 32.8 (t, C-3'), 179.4 (s, C-4')] was located at C-18 in **23**, instead of a carboxyl group in **38**. Therefore, **23** was concluded to be 9,13 β -epidioxy-8(14)-abieten-18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine W.

Compound **24** gave the molecular formula $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_5$, as evidence by its negative HRESIMS at m/z 405.2625 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were very close to those of **50** except for an additional succinic acid group [δ_{H} 2.64 (4H, m, H-2',3'); δ_{C} 172.5 (s, C-1'), 29.4 (t, C-2'), 29.5 (t, C-3'), 176.7 (s, C-4')]. By detailed analysis of its 2D NMR spectroscopic data including HSQC, $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY, HMBC, and NOESY, compound **24** was consequently concluded to be torreferyl 18-succinic acid, and named abiesadine X.

Compound **25** was assigned the molecular formula $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_5$, by the positive HRESIMS at m/z 443.2743 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were very similar to those of **24** except for an additional methoxy group [δ_{H} 3.69 (3H, s); δ_{C} 51.7 (q)]. The C-4' upfield shift by 4.1 when compared with **24** established the attachment of

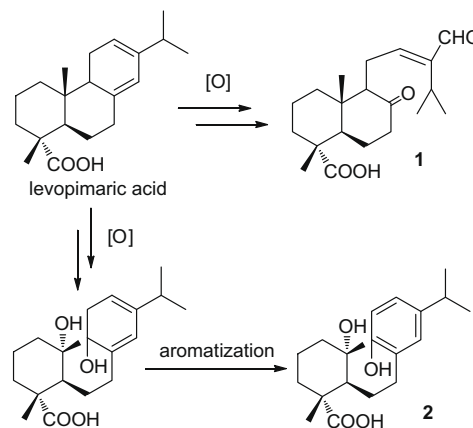


Figure 4. Proposed biosynthetic pathways of abiesadines A and B (**1** and **2**).

Table 3Anti-inflammatory activities of compounds **1–54** isolated from *Abies georgei*

Compounds	IC ₅₀ (μg/mL)	
	NO ^a	NF-κB ^b
Abiesadine H (8)	83.4	>100.0
Abiesadine K (11)	52.1	>100.0
Abiesadine P (16)	94.1	>100.0
Abiesadine S (19)	49.0	>100.0
Abiesadine V (22)	56.8	>100.0
Abiesadine Y (25)	48.5	22.4
Dehydroabietic acid (31)	42.7	>100.0
15-Hydroxydehydroabietic acid (32)	76.4	>100.0
13β-Methoxy-7-oxo-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (36)	61.6	>100.0
15-Hydroxy-7-oxo-8,11,13-abietatrien-18-oic acid (47)	44.0	>100.0
12-Hydroxydehydroabietic acid (48)	63.0	>100.0
Manool (52)	11.0	>100.0
(8R,12S,13S)-8,12-Epoxy-13-hydroxylabd-14-ene (54)	21.6	8.7
Others ^c	>100.0	>100.0
Aminoguanidine ^d	3.3	—
Tripterygium glycosides ^d	—	1.0

^a Effect on NO production induced by LPS in RAW264.7 macrophages.^b Effect on NF-κB activities triggered by TNFα in pNF-κB-luc-293 cells.^c Other compounds, including **1–7**, **9**, **10**, **12–15**, **17**, **18**, **20**, **21**, **23**, **24**, **26–30**, **33–35**, **37–46**, **49**, **50**, **51**, and **53**.^d Positive control.

the methoxy substituent to the C-4' carbon of the succinic acid moiety. This was further confirmed by the HMBC correlation of the methoxyl at δ_H 3.69 to C-4' at δ_C 172.6. Therefore, compound **25** was elucidated as methyl torreiferol 18-succinate, and named abiesadine Y.

Abiesadines A and B are two novel *sec*-abietanes. They might have the same precursor, levopimaric acid. The most plausible biosynthesis pathway for these two compounds are the oxidation at C-8 and C-14 of levopimaric acid to form **1**,⁵ while the cleavage at C-9 and C-10 of levopimaric acid followed by aromatization to give **2** (Fig. 4).^{6,7}

By comparison of the NMR and MS data with the published data, 29 known compounds were identified as pomiferin A (**26**),⁸ 18-succinyloxyabieta-8,11,13-triene (**27**),⁹ 8,11,13-abietatriene-15,18-diol (**28**),¹⁰ 8,11,13-abietatriene-7α,18-diol (**29**),¹¹ 7β,18-dihydroxydehydroabietanol (**30**),¹² dehydroabietic acid (**31**), 15-hydroxydehydroabietic acid (**32**),¹³ 7-oxodehydroabietinol (**33**),¹⁴ 13β-hydroxy-7-oxo-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (**34**),¹⁵ 13β,18-dihydroxy-8(14)-abieten-7-one (**35**),¹⁵ 13β-methoxy-7-oxo-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (**36**),¹⁵ 9,13α-epidioxy-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (**37**),¹⁶ 9,13β-epidioxy-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (**38**),¹⁶ abieta-7,13-diene-18-oic acid (**39**),^{17,18} abietinol-18-succinic acid (**40**),¹⁹ 15-hydroxy-12-oxo-7,13-abietadien-18-oic acid (**41**),¹³ 7α-hydroxydehydroabietic acid (**42**),¹³ 7β-hydroxydehydroabietic acid (**43**),²⁰ 7β,15-dihydroxydehydroabietic acid (**44**),²¹ 7α,15-dihydroxy-8,11,13-abietatrien-18-oic acid (**45**),²² 7-oxocallitric acid (**46**),²³ 15-hydroxy-7-oxo-8,11,13-abietatrien-18-oic acid (**47**),²⁴ 12-hydroxydehydroabietic acid (**48**),²⁵ 13-*epi*-sclareol (**49**),²⁶ torreiferol (**50**), (8α,12Z)-12,14-labdadien-8-ol (**51**),²⁷ manool (**52**),^{28,29} labd-13(Z)-ene-8α,15-diol (**53**),³⁰ and (12R,13R)-8,12-epoxy-14-labden-13-ol (**54**).³¹

2.2. Bioactivity assays

In our previous study on the biological activities of *A. georgei* extracts, the CHCl₃ fraction showed a strong antiproliferative effect on four tumor cells, especially for LOVO and QGY-7703, while the EtOAc fraction exhibited potent anti-inflammatory effects.² Therefore, it was important to investigate the antitumor effects for the isolates from the CHCl₃ extract as well as the anti-inflammatory effects for those from the EtOAc extract. In this study, all 54 isolates

Table 4Antiproliferation activities of compounds **1–54** isolated from *Abies georgei* against LOVO and QGY-7703 human tumor cell lines (values are IC₅₀, μg/mL)

Compounds	LOVO	QGY-7703
Abiesadine Y (25)	10.6	>25.0
Pomiferin A (26)	9.2	>25.0
8,11,13-Abietatriene-7α,18-diol (29)	9.2	>25.0
7-Oxocallitric acid (46)	>25.0	10.2
13- <i>epi</i> -Sclareol (49)	13.0	>25.0
Torreiferol (50)	24.3	>25.0
(8α,12Z)-12,14-Labdadien-8-ol (51)	20.3	25.0
(8R,12S,13S)-8,12-Epoxy-13-hydroxylabd-14-ene (54)	23.1	15.7
Others ^a	>25.0	>25.0
Doxorubicin ^b	0.55	0.42

^a Other compounds, including **1–24**, **27**, **28**, **30–45**, **47**, **48**, **52**, and **53**.^b Positive control.

were tested for bioactivities in order to facilitate elucidating the structure and affect relationships (SARs) of these compounds. In the inhibitory activities against LPS-induced NO production in RAW264.7 macrophages, 13 compounds exhibited moderate effects with IC₅₀ value lower than 100 μg/mL. Interestingly, abietanes bearing an 18-succinate are all positive. For those without this moiety, both 18-carbonyl group and a benzoic moiety of the C-ring are necessary. Three labdanes exhibited positive activities, however, they all displayed cytotoxicity (data not shown). In another anti-inflammatory assay against TNFα-triggered NF-κB activity in pNF-κB-luc-293 cells, **25** and **54** demonstrated the strongest activity with IC₅₀ values of 22.4 and 8.7 μg/mL, respectively (Table 3).

For antiproliferation activities of 54 compounds against LOVO tumor cells, seven compounds exhibited potent effects (Table 4). Among them, **26** and **29** exhibited potent effects (IC₅₀ = 9.2 μg/mL). In another antiproliferation activities of these compounds against QGY-7703 tumor cells, three compounds (**46**, **51**, and **54**) illustrated the bioactivity with IC₅₀ values of 10.2, 25.0, and 15.7 μg/mL, respectively (Table 4).

3. Conclusion

Abies is an important genus of the Pinaceae family. Up to now, ca. 300 chemical constituents were isolated, among which only 26 were diterpenes.³² Surprisingly, a great number of diterpenes (54 in total) were isolated from *A. georgei*. Therefore, the diterpenoid characteristics are of important chemotaxonomic significance for this plant among *Abies* species in China.

In our previous study, the CHCl₃ extract of *A. georgei* showed potent antitumor effects against LOVO and QGY-7703 cells.² This was consistent with the results that most of the bioactive antitumor compounds were isolated from CHCl₃ fraction.

4. Experimental

4.1. General procedures

1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 or Avance 300 NMR spectrometer in CD₃OD, CDCl₃, or DMSO with TMS as internal standard. ESIMS were measured on a Agilent LC/MSD Trap XCT spectrometer (Waters, USA), and HRESIMS on a Q-TOF micro mass spectrometer (Waters, USA). Optical rotations were acquired with Perkin–Elmer 341 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vector-22 spectrometer with KBr pellets. Materials for CC were silica gel (Huiyou Silical Gel Development Co. Ltd, Yantai, PR China), Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech AB, Uppsala, Sweden), and YMC-GEL ODS-A (YMC, MA,

USA). Prep. TLC was conducted with glass precoated Silica Gel GF₂₅₄ (Yantai).

4.2. Plant material

The aerial parts of *A. georgei* Orr were collected from Zhongdian city, Yunnan Province of China in July 2006, and were identified by Prof. Li-Shang Xie in Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A herbarium specimen (No. 2006-07-016) was deposited in School of Pharmacy, Second Military Medical University, PR China.

4.3. Cell lines used

RAW 264.7, LOVO, and QGY-7703 cells were obtained from Shanghai Institute of Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Shanghai, China), and maintained in media recommended by the suppliers supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Gibco, Paisley, UK), and streptomycin (100 mg/mL) in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere at 37 °C.

4.4. Extraction and isolation

The plant material (22 kg) was pulverized and extracted with 80% EtOH under reflux for 3 × 3 h. The extracts were combined to concentrate to a small volume and then partitioned with CHCl₃ (25 L), EtOAc (40 L), and *n*-BuOH (50 L), respectively. The EtOAc extract (282 g) was separated into six fractions (F₁–F₆) by CC over silica gel eluting with gradient CHCl₃–Me₂CO. Fraction F₁ (36.3 g) was subjected to CC over macroporous resin MCI, Sephadex LH-20, and silica gel to give **27** (149.4 mg, 0.053%), **37** (51.6 mg, 0.018%), **38** (34.5 mg, 0.012%), **39** (20.0 mg, 0.007%), **40** (29.9 mg, 0.011%), **51** (18.0 mg, 0.006%), and **52** (4.2 mg, 0.001%). Fraction F₂ was divided into 20 subfractions (F₂₋₁–F₂₋₂₀) by medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) eluting with MeOH–H₂O (5:95–100:0). Compounds **9** (25.8 mg, 0.009%), **23** (17.6 mg, 0.006%), and **35** (5.9 mg, 0.002%) were obtained after CC over LH-20 (CHCl₃–MeOH, 1:1) followed by repeated prep. TLC using CHCl₃–MeOH (20:1) from subfractions F₂₋₁₅, F₂₋₁₂, and F₂₋₅, respectively. From subfraction F₆, **28** (19.3 mg, 0.007%), **34** (101.9 mg, 0.036%), and **41** (60.1 mg, 0.021%) were isolated after CC on LH-20 (CHCl₃–MeOH, 1:1) and prep. TLC using CHCl₃–MeOH (20:1) or petroleum ether–EtOAc (1:1). By the same ways, **17** (29.2 mg, 0.010%), **30** (36.7 mg, 0.013%), and **31** (200.2 mg, 0.071%) were obtained from subfraction F₂₋₇, **33** (16.0 mg, 0.006%) and **36** (125.7 mg, 0.045%) from subfraction F₂₋₉; **1** (2.5 mg, 0.001%), **5** (9.4 mg, 0.003%), **16** (6.6 mg, 0.002%), **32** (26.3 mg, 0.009%), **46** (103.5 mg, 0.037%), and **53** (15.9 mg, 0.006%) from subfraction F₂₋₁₁, and **6** (25.0 mg, 0.009%), **29** (56.7 mg, 0.020%), **42** (25.0 mg, 0.009%) from subfraction F₂₋₁₈, respectively. Fraction F₃ was subjected to CC over ODS [MeOH–H₂O (5:95–100:0)] and LH-20 (CHCl₃–MeOH, 1:1; MeOH), followed by prep. TLC using CHCl₃–MeOH (20:1) and/or petroleum ether–EtOAc (1:1) led to the isolation of **7** (8.7 mg, 0.003%), **10** (6.4 mg, 0.002%), **14** (32.1 mg, 0.011%), **20** (7.1 mg, 0.003%), **21** (16.4 mg, 0.006%), and **47** (143.3 mg, 0.051%). Similarly, **4** (3.7 mg, 0.001%), **13** (7.0 mg, 0.003%), **15** (21.0 mg, 0.007%), **18** (5.7 mg, 0.002%), and **44** (58.7 mg, 0.021%) were isolated from fraction F₄; while **12** (7.9 mg, 0.003%) and **45** (18.7 mg, 0.007%) from fraction F₆. The CHCl₃ extract (906 g) was separated into five fractions (F_{C1}–F_{C5}) by CC over silica gel eluting with gradient petroleum ether–CHCl₃. Compounds **2** (5.6 mg, 0.006%), **26** (4.2 mg, 0.005%), **50** (46.2 mg, 0.051%), and **54** (6.0 mg, 0.007%) were purified from fraction F_{C2} after repeated CC over LH-20 eluting with CHCl₃–MeOH (1:1) and MeOH, followed by prep. TLC using CHCl₃–MeOH (100:1) and/or petroleum ether–EtOAc (4:1). By the similar procedures, **48** (17.4 mg, 0.019%)

and **49** (25.8 mg, 0.028%) were isolated from fraction F_{C3}, and **3** (7.0 mg, 0.008%), **8** (33.3 mg, 0.037%), **9** (77.6 mg, 0.086%), **11** (12.6 mg, 0.014%), **19** (24.6 mg, 0.027%), **22** (5.1 mg, 0.006%), **24** (368.2 mg, 0.406%), **25** (39.4 mg, 0.043%), and **43** (4.5 mg, 0.005%) from fraction F_{C4}. (Percentage yields calculated as weight to weight estimates in *282 g of EtOAc extract and **906 g of CHCl₃ extract.)

Abiesadine A (1): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁵ –14.0 (c 0.05, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3447, 2970, 2945, 1738, 1684, 1383, 1229, 1216, 899 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 357 [M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 333 [M–H][–]; HRESIMS (positive) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 357.2046, calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O₄Na, 357.2042.

Abiesadine B (2): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +8.0 (c 0.30, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3421, 2932, 2869, 1698, 1653, 1559, 1497, 1458, 1384, 1246, 1175, 1097, 1034, 906, 822, 668 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 357 [M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 333 [M–H][–]; HRESIMS (negative) [M–H][–] *m/z* 333.2096, calcd for C₂₀H₂₉O₄, 333.2066.

Abiesadine C (3): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +23.3 (c 0.24, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3485, 2964, 2922, 1703, 1470, 1386, 1258, 1172, 1047, 1022, 991, 930, 902, 826, 654 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 375 [M+Na]⁺, 727 [2M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 351 [M–H][–], 703 [2M–H][–]; HRESIMS (negative) [M–H][–] *m/z* 351.2176, calcd for C₂₀H₃₁O₅, 351.2171.

Abiesadine D (4): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +7.4 (c 0.30, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3443, 2927, 1737, 1653, 1384, 1229, 1217, 1047 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 375 [M+Na]⁺, 727 [2M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 351 [M–H][–], 387 [M+Cl][–], 703 [2M–H][–]; HRESIMS (negative) [M–H][–] *m/z* 351.2172, calcd for C₂₀H₃₂O₅, 351.2171.

Abiesadine E (5): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ –29.9 (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3433, 2961, 2927, 2830, 1726, 1672, 1629, 1596, 1363, 1243, 1043, 774 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 339 [M+Na]⁺, 655 [2M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 315 [M–H][–], 631 [2M–H][–]; HRESIMS (positive) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 339.1950, calcd for C₂₀H₂₈O₃Na, 339.1936.

Abiesadine F (6): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ –1.3 (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3396, 2962, 2926, 2866, 1737, 1724, 1565, 1497, 1396, 1252, 1172, 1025, 956, 825 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 425 [M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 401 [M–H][–], 437 [M+Cl][–]; HRESIMS (positive) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 425.2293, calcd for C₂₄H₃₄O₅Na, 425.2304.

Abiesadine G (7): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +8.9 (c 0.52, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3440, 2958, 2931, 2869, 2822, 1735, 1685, 1585, 1459, 1384, 1254, 1168, 1079, 999, 768 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 439 [M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 415 [M–H][–], 831 [2M–H][–]; HRESIMS (negative) [M–H][–] *m/z* 415.2571, calcd for C₂₅H₃₅O₅, 415.2484.

Abiesadine H (8): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +3.0 (c 0.41, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 2960, 2927, 2853, 1739, 1498, 1382, 1159, 1029, 999, 827 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 439 [M+Na]⁺, 855 [2M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 451 [M+Cl][–]; HRESIMS (positive) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 439.2490, calcd for C₂₅H₃₆O₅Na, 439.2460.

Abiesadine I (9): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +13.5 (c 0.35, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3444, 2965, 2928, 2850, 1740, 1713, 1559, 1499, 1471, 1379, 1260, 1219, 1162, 1002 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; ESIMS (positive) *m/z* 425 [M+Na]⁺, 827 [2M+Na]⁺; ESIMS (negative) *m/z* 401 [M–H][–], 437 [M+Cl][–], 803 [2M–H][–], 840 [2M+Cl][–]; HRESIMS (positive) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 425.2312, calcd for C₂₄H₃₄O₆Na, 425.2304.

Abiesadine J (10): Amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁰ +10.5 (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3442, 2979, 2928, 2852, 1744, 1709, 1607, 1497, 1381, 1261, 1169, 1075, 998, 827 cm^{–1}; for ¹H and ¹³C

NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 439 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 415 $[M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 439.2459, calcd for $C_{25}H_{36}O_5Na$, 439.2460.

Abiesadine K (11): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +22.8$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3447, 2970, 2930, 2869, 1738, 1653, 1456, 1366, 1228, 1160, 1001, 896 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 439 $[M+Na]^+$, 853 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 415 $[M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 415.2473, calcd for $C_{25}H_{35}O_5$, 415.2484.

Abiesadine L (12): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +2.0$ (c 0.24, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3431, 2967, 2931, 2869, 1734, 1458, 1384, 1255, 1166, 1046, 859 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 441 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 417 $[M-H]^-$, 453 $[M+Cl]^-$, 835 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 417.2278, calcd for $C_{24}H_{33}O_6$, 417.2277.

Abiesadine M (13): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +4.0$ (c 0.43, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3440, 2932, 2869, 1735, 1497, 1384, 1257, 1169, 1073, 832 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 455 $[M+Na]^+$, 887 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 431 $[M-H]^-$, 467 $[M+Cl]^-$, 863 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 431.2435, calcd for $C_{25}H_{35}O_6$, 431.2434.

Abiesadine N (14): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +16.5$ (c 0.35, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3432, 2976, 2931, 2868, 1697, 1561, 1460, 1384, 1258, 1173, 1075, 828 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 353 $[M+Na]^+$, 683 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 329 $[M-H]^-$, 659 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 329.2116, calcd for $C_{21}H_{29}O_3$, 329.2117.

Abiesadine O (15): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +2.0$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3290, 2976, 2928, 2453, 2059, 1715, 1497, 1441, 1364, 1296, 1222, 1051, 851, 642 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 369 $[M+Na]^+$, 715 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 691 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 345.2064, calcd for $C_{21}H_{29}O_4$, 345.2066.

Abiesadine P (16): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +0.3$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3432, 2976, 2928, 2831, 1630, 1605, 1467, 1364, 1254, 1165, 1106, 1070, 775 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 367 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 343 $[M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 367.2304, calcd for $C_{22}H_{32}O_3Na$, 367.2249.

Abiesadine Q (17): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +0.3$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3447, 2958, 2931, 2870, 1736, 1682, 1383, 1300, 1162, 1058, 835 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 423 $[M+Na]^+$, 823 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 399 $[M-H]^-$, 435 $[M+Cl]^-$, 799 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 399.2128, calcd for $C_{24}H_{31}O_5$, 399.2171.

Abiesadine R (18): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +3.0$ (c 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3439, 2972, 2930, 2853, 1739, 1679, 1606, 1469, 1383, 1258, 1161, 999, 839, 617 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 439 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 415 $[M-H]^-$, 451 $[M+Cl]^-$, 831 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 439.2107, calcd for $C_{24}H_{32}O_6Na$, 439.2097; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 415.2133, calcd for $C_{24}H_{31}O_6$, 415.2121.

Abiesadine S (19): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -3.3$ (c 0.45, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3461, 2972, 2927, 2852, 1742, 1679, 1607, 1492, 1466, 1440, 1411, 1364, 1258, 1158, 1028, 999, 842, 618 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 453 $[M+Na]^+$, 883 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 429 $[M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 453.2286, calcd for $C_{25}H_{34}O_6Na$, 453.2253.

Abiesadine T (20): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -14.0$ (c 0.21, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3446, 2942, 2873, 2826, 1596, 1394, 1355, 1079, 1006 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 471 $[M+Na]^+$, 719 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 347 $[M-H]^-$, 939 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 347.2220, calcd for $C_{21}H_{31}O_4$, 347.2222.

Abiesadine U (21): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -0.1$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3465, 2963, 2928, 2851, 1741, 1711, 1681, 1608, 1467, 1384, 1259, 1159, 1067, 997, 833 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 457 $[M+Na]^+$, 891 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 469 $[M+Cl]^-$, 867 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 457.2509, calcd for $C_{25}H_{38}O_6Na$, 457.2566.

Abiesadine V (22): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +20.8$ (c 0.30, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 2958, 2927, 2851, 1738, 1651, 1617, 1559, 1472, 1368, 1263, 1158, 994 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 435 $[M+H]^+$, 457 $[M+Na]^+$, 891 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 433 $[M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 457.2565, calcd for $C_{25}H_{38}O_6Na$, 457.2566.

Abiesadine W (23): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -0.4$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3433, 2964, 2928, 2779, 1727, 1614, 1586, 1408, 1372, 1258, 1162, 773 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 443 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 419 $[M-H]^-$, 455 $[M+Cl]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 443.2431, calcd for $C_{24}H_{36}O_6Na$, 443.2410.

Abiesadine X (24): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +31.8$ (c 1.15, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3445, 2932, 2853, 1736, 1643, 1442, 1383, 1218, 1166, 996, 919, 892, 828 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 429 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 405 $[M-H]^-$, 441 $[M+Cl]^-$, 811 $[2M-H]^-$; HRESIMS (negative) $[M-H]^-$ m/z 405.2625, calcd for $C_{24}H_{37}O_5$, 405.2641.

Abiesadine Y (25): Amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +17.0$ (c 0.50, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3445, 2969, 2928, 2851, 1741, 1642, 1466, 1440, 1319, 1161, 998, 919, 847 cm^{-1} ; for 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see [Tables 1 and 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 443 $[M+Na]^+$, 863 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 465 $[M+Cl]^-$; HRESIMS (positive) $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 443.2743, calcd for $C_{25}H_{40}O_5Na$, 443.2773.

8,11,13-Abietatriene-15,18-diol (28): Amorphous powder; 1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 7.17 (2H, m, H-11,12), 7.10 (1H, br s, H-14), 3.44 (1H, d, $J=10.2$ Hz, H-18a), 3.09 (1H, d, $J=10.2$ Hz, H-18b), 1.48 (6H, s, Me-16,17), 1.19 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-19); ^{13}C NMR data, see [Table 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 325 $[M+Na]^+$, 627 $[2M+Na]^+$.

8,11,13-Abietatriene-7 α ,18-diol (29): Amorphous powder; 1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 7.19 (1H, d, $J=8.4$ Hz, H-11), 7.17 (1H, d, $J=2.1$ Hz, H-14), 7.08 (1H, dd, $J=8.4$, 2.1 Hz, H-12), 4.72 (1H, dd, $J=3.3$, 1.5 Hz, H-7), 3.40 (1H, d, $J=11.1$ Hz, H-18a), 3.20 (1H, d, $J=11.1$ Hz, H-18b), 2.84 (1H, sep, $J=6.9$ Hz, H-15), 1.22 (6H, d, $J=6.9$ Hz, Me-16,17), 1.14 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.89 (3H, s, Me-19); ^{13}C NMR data, see [Table 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 325 $[M+Na]^+$, 627 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 337 $[M+Cl]^-$.

15-Hydroxydehydroabietic acid (32): Amorphous powder; 1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 7.17 (1H, br s, H-11), 7.17 (1H, br s, H-12), 7.09 (1H, s, H-14), 1.47 (6H, s, Me-16,17), 1.22 (3H, s, Me-20), 1.18 (3H, s, Me-19); ^{13}C NMR data, see [Table 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 339 $[M+Na]^+$, 655 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 315 $[M-H]^-$, 631 $[2M-H]^-$.

13 β ,18-Dihydroxy-8(14)-abieten-7-one (35): Amorphous powder; 1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 6.68 (1H, dd, $J=2.7$, 1.8 Hz, H-14), 3.29 (1H, m, H-18a), 2.97 (1H, d, $J=11.4$ Hz, H-18b), 2.52 (1H, dd, $J=18.6$, 5.1 Hz, H-6a), 2.30 (1H, dd, $J=18.6$, 13.5 Hz, H-6b), 0.94 (3H, d, $J=6.9$ Hz, Me-17), 0.90 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.84 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.83 (3H, d, $J=6.9$ Hz, Me-17); ^{13}C NMR data, see [Table 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 343 $[M+Na]^+$, 663 $[2M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 319 $[M-H]^-$, 355 $[M+Cl]^-$, 639 $[2M-H]^-$.

13 β -Methoxy-7-oxo-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (36): Amorphous powder; 1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 6.69 (1H, br s, H-14), 1.20 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.89 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.88 (3H, d, $J=6.9$ Hz, Me-16), 0.78 (3H, d, $J=7.1$ Hz, Me-17); ^{13}C NMR data, see [Table 2](#); ESIMS (positive) m/z 371 $[M+Na]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 347 $[M-H]^-$.

9,13 β -Epidioxy-8(14)-abieten-18-oic acid (38): Amorphous powder; ^1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 6.15 (1H, t, J = 2.2 Hz, H-14), 1.27 (3H, s, Me-19), 1.08 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, Me-16), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, Me-17); ^{13}C NMR data, see Table 2; ESIMS (positive) m/z 357 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 691 $[2\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 333 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$.

13-*epi*-Sclareol (49): Amorphous powder; ^1H NMR data (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 5.88 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, H-14), 5.18 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 1.6 Hz, H-15a), 5.01 (1H, dd, J = 10.8, 1.6 Hz, H-15b), 1.22 (3H, s, Me-16), 1.10 (3H, s, Me-17), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-18), 0.80 (3H, s, Me-20); ^{13}C NMR data, see Table 2; ESIMS (positive) m/z 331 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 639 $[2\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; ESIMS (negative) m/z 344 $[\text{M}+\text{Cl}]^-$.

4.5. Assays for anti-inflammatory and antitumor activities

These two experiments were carried out according to the previously reported procedures.²

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