

neo*-Clerodane Diterpenoids from the Aerial Part of *Scutellaria barbataby **Hanna Lee** and **Sang Hee Shim***

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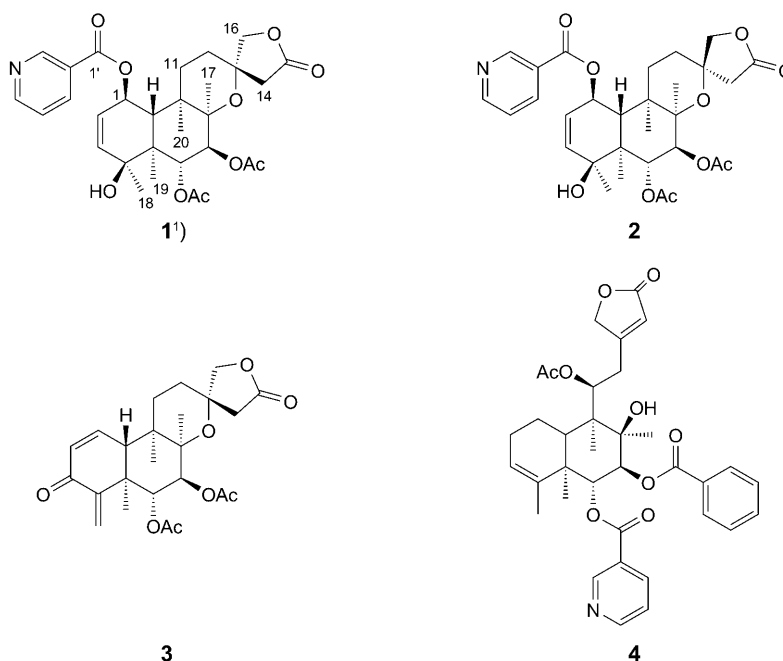
Three new *neo*-clerodane diterpenoids, barbatellarines C–E (**1–3**), were isolated from the CHCl₃-soluble fraction of the aerial part of *Scutellaria barbata*. Their chemical structures were elucidated by detailed analysis of NMR and MS data. Compounds **1** and **2** were C(13) epimers, which was confirmed by an NOE difference experiment and the NOESY spectrum. The relative configuration was determined on the basis of the ¹H-NMR *J*-value and NOE data, while the absolute configuration of the previously isolated analogue, barbatellarine B (**4**), as a representative member of the group, was assigned by CD analysis.

Introduction. – *Scutellaria barbata* D. DON (Labiatae) is a perennial herb with native distribution throughout Korea and Southern China. This herb is known in traditional Korean medicine as Banjiryun and has been used as an anti-inflammatory and antitumor agent [1–3]. Previous investigations of this plant have revealed the presence of over thirty flavonoids, more than ten *neo*-clerodane-type diterpenoids, triterpenoids, and sterol glucosides, some of which have exhibited interesting biological activities [4–12]. In our previous phytochemical studies of *S. barbata*, we reported on the isolation of two *neo*-clerodane diterpenoid alkaloids, barbatellarines A and B, together with known compounds (*neo*-clerodane = (1*S*,2*R*,4*aS*,5*R*,8*aS*)-decahydro-1,2,4*a*,5-tetramethyl-1-[(3*R*)-3-methylpentyl]naphthalene) [13].

As part of our ongoing search for new *neo*-clerodane diterpenoids from the aerial part of *S. barbata* distributed in a Korean market, we have further isolated three new *neo*-clerodane type diterpenoids, named barbatellarines C–E¹⁾ (**1–3**; Fig. 1). In this report, we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of three new compounds based on 1D- and 2D-NMR data.

Results and Discussion. – Barbatellarine C (**1**) was obtained as a white amorphous powder and gave a quasimolecular-ion peak at *m/z* 572.2477 ([*M* + *H*]⁺) in the positive-ion-mode HR-FAB-MS, consistent with the molecular formula C₃₀H₃₇NO₁₀ (thirteen unsaturations). The ¹H-NMR spectrum of **1** (Table) displayed characteristic signals of four Me groups at δ(H) 1.26, 1.21, 1.18, and 1.16 (4*s*), an O-bearing CH₂ group at δ(H) 4.18 and 4.14 (2*d*, *J* = 9.0 Hz each), and an isolated CH₂ group at δ(H) 3.06 and 2.65 (2*d*, *J* = 17.4 Hz each), which indicated that it would be a *neo*-clerodane diterpenoid with a 13-spiro-15,16-γ-lactone moiety. The ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of **1** were especially similar to those of a previously reported compound, barbatellarine A

¹⁾ Arbitrary atom numbering; for systematic names, see *Exper. Part*.

Fig. 1. Compounds **1–4**, isolated from *S. barbata*

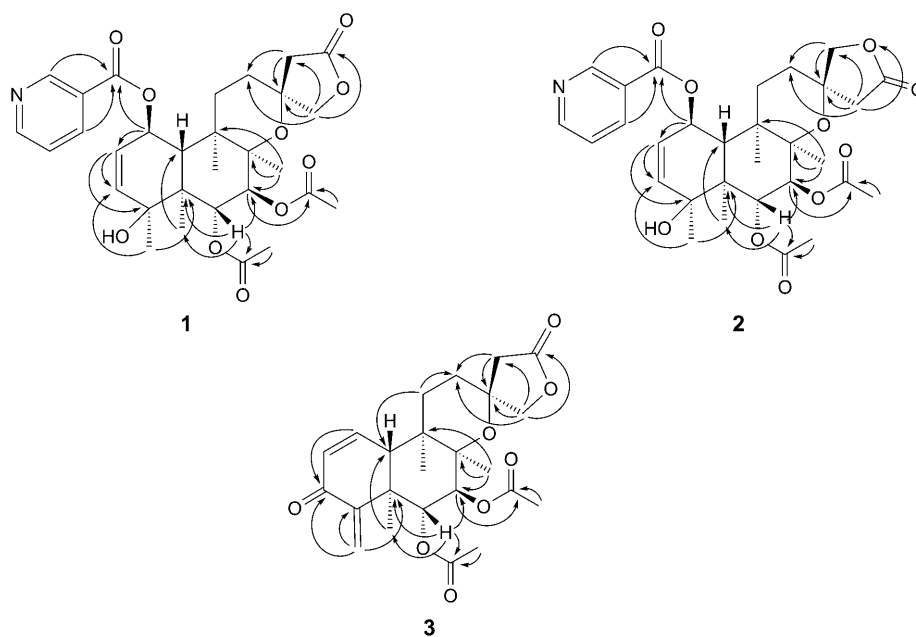
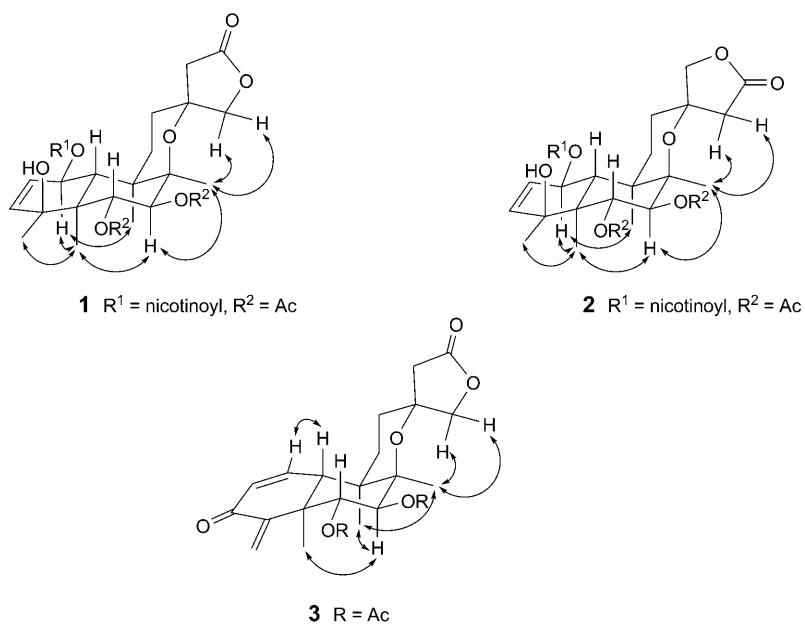
[13], and differed in the existence of a nicotinic acid ester group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 9.20 (s), 8.85 ($d, J = 5.0$ Hz), 8.33 ($d, J = 7.8$ Hz), and 7.56 ($d, J = 7.8$ Hz) in **1**, instead of a Bz group in barbatellarine A. Through detailed examination of ^1H , ^1H -COSY, HMQC, and HMBC data, all of the NMR data for a partial structure C(10)–C(1)–C(2)–C(3) were assigned. A HMBC cross-peak of H–C(1) ($\delta(\text{H})$ 5.92) (br. $d, J = 10$ Hz) with a nicotinic acid ester C-atom ($\delta(\text{C})$ 163.9) indicated attachment of the nicotinic acid ester group at C(1), as shown in Fig. 2. In addition, HMBs of two vicinally coupled H-atoms at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.92 ($d, J = 10$ Hz, H–C(6)) and 5.28 ($d, J = 10$ Hz, H–C(7)) with two Ac C=O groups at $\delta(\text{C})$ 171.6 and 170.7, respectively, indicated attachment of two Ac groups to C(6) and C(7). The relative configuration of **1** was established by the NOESY data, as well as coupling constants. Strong NOESY correlations H–C(1)/Me(19) and H–C(1)/Me(20) indicated that the nicotinic acid ester group at C(1) was on the face opposite to the Me groups, as shown in Fig. 3. The coupling constant (10.8 Hz) between H–C(6) and H–C(7) indicated that both of the H-atoms were in axial positions. A strong NOESY correlation H–C(7)/Me(17) indicated that the Ac group at C(7) was on the face opposite to the Me groups, and, thus, Ac–C(6) was presumed to be on the same face as the Me groups. In addition, a strong NOESY correlation $\text{CH}_2(16)/\text{Me}(17)$ indicated that $\text{CH}_2(16)$ was on the same face as the Me groups. On the basis of the above data, the structure of barbatellarine C (**1**) was elucidated as (3*S*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-decahydro-7'-hydroxy-10'-(nicotinoyloxy)-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethylspiro[furan-3(2*H*),3'-[3*H*]naphtho[2,1-*b*]pyran]-5(4*H*)-one¹).

Table. NMR Data of Barbatellarines C–E (**1–3**)^a. δ in ppm, J in Hz

	1		2		3	
	δ (H)	δ (C)	δ (H)	δ (C)	δ (H)	δ (C)
H–C(1)	5.92 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	72.4	5.92 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	72.4	6.76 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 9.6$)	146.6
H–C(2)	5.65 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 10.2$)	127.2	5.65 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 10.2$)	127.2	6.29 (<i>d</i> , $J = 9.6$)	131.2
H–C(3) or C(3)	5.57 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.2$)	135.6	5.57 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.2$)	135.6		189.3
C(4)		72.8		72.8		151.5
C(5)		47.3		47.3		48.1
H–C(6)	5.92 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	70.9	5.92 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	70.9	5.71 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	71.9
H–C(7)	5.28 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	73.2	5.28 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	73.2	5.32 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	73.7
C(8)		80.7		80.8		80.4
C(9)		38.4		38.3		37.7
H–C(10)	3.37 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	36.8	3.34 (<i>d</i> , $J = 10.0$)	36.8	3.25 (br. <i>s</i>)	43.0
CH ₂ (11)	1.89–1.87, 1.63–1.58 (2 <i>m</i>)	29.4	1.89–1.87, 1.63–1.58 (2 <i>m</i>)	29.3	1.81–1.76 ^b , 1.73–1.67 (2 <i>m</i>)	28.4
CH ₂ (12)	2.31–2.28, 1.77–1.74 (2 <i>m</i>)	28.8	2.31–2.28, 1.66–1.63 (2 <i>m</i>)	29.1	1.88–1.85, 1.81–1.76 (2 <i>m</i>) ^b	27.4
C(13)		79.6		76.1		76.5
CH ₂ (14)	3.06, 2.65 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 17.4$)	43.9	2.76, 2.50 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 16.8$)	42.5	3.10, 2.49 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 17.0$)	44.1
C(15)		173.8		174.9		173.8
CH ₂ (16)	4.18, 4.14 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 9.0$)	76.7	4.40, 4.26 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 9.0$)	76.6	4.25, 4.17 (2 <i>d</i> , $J = 9.0$)	76.1
Me(17)	1.18 (<i>s</i>)	19.7	1.24 (<i>s</i>)	19.8	1.20 (<i>s</i>)	19.6
Me(18) or CH ₂ (18)	1.21 (<i>s</i>)	25.5	1.21 (<i>s</i>)	25.5	5.77, 5.20 (2 <i>s</i>)	115.7
Me(19)	1.26 (<i>s</i>)	13.5	1.26 (<i>s</i>)	13.5	1.33 (<i>s</i>)	16.5
Me(20)	1.16 (<i>s</i>)	21.6	1.16 (<i>s</i>)	21.4	1.07 (<i>s</i>)	21.5
C(1')		163.9		163.9		
C(2')		126.6		126.6		
H–C(3')	9.20 (br. <i>s</i>)	149.5	9.19 (br. <i>s</i>)	149.4		
H–C(5')	8.85 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 5.4$)	152.4	8.85 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 5.0$)	152.4		
H–C(6')	7.56 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 5.4, 7.8$)	124.3	7.56 (<i>dd</i> , $J = 5.0, 7.8$)	124.3		
H–C(7')	8.33 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 7.8$)	138.3	8.34 (br. <i>d</i> , $J = 7.8$)	138.4		
AcO–C(6)	2.05 (<i>s</i>)	171.6, 21.6	2.05 (<i>s</i>)	171.7, 21.6	2.00 (<i>s</i>)	170.1, 20.9
AcO–C(7)	2.12 (<i>s</i>)	170.7, 20.8	2.11 (<i>s</i>)	170.7, 20.8	2.12 (<i>s</i>)	170.8, 20.8

^a) Data were recorded in CDCl₃ at 600 (¹H, COSY, HMQC, HMBC) and 150 MHz (¹³C). ^b) Overlapped.

Barbatellarine D (**2**), which was obtained as a white amorphous powder, was almost identical to compound **1**, showing a pseudomolecular-ion peak at m/z 572.2477 ($[M + H]^+$) in the positive-ion-mode HR-FAB-MS and similar ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra, except for the 13-spiro-15,16- γ -lactone moiety. The most remarkable difference from the spectra of compound **1** was a considerable upfield shift of C(13) in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum from δ (C) 79.6 in **1** to 76.1 in **2**. Additionally, the δ (H) of CH₂(14) were

Fig. 2. Key HMBCs ($H \rightarrow C$) of compounds **1–3**Fig. 3. Key NOESY correlations ($H \leftrightarrow H$) of compounds **1–3**

upfield shifted from $\delta(\text{H})$ 3.06 and 2.65 ($2d$, $J = 17.4$ Hz each) in **1** to 2.76 and 2.50 ($2d$, $J = 17.0$ Hz each) in **2**, whereas those of $\text{CH}_2(16)$ showed a downfield shift from $\delta(\text{H})$ 4.18 and 4.14 ($2d$, $J = 9.0$ Hz each) in **1** to 4.40 and 4.26 ($2d$, $J = 9.0$ Hz each) in **2**. Most likely, the chemical-shift differences for only a few resonances was due to a change in the relative configuration of the two compounds, which was confirmed by analysis of NOE difference data, as well as the NOESY spectrum. Irradiation of $\text{CH}_2(14)$ at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.76 and 2.50 resulted in NOE enhancement of the signal corresponding to Me(17) at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.24 (s), indicating that $\text{CH}_2(14)$ was in the α -orientation. In addition, NOESY correlation between Me(17) and $\text{CH}_2(14)$ was observed in the NOESY plot (Fig. 3), which suggested that **2** was a C(13) epimer of **1**. Therefore, the structure of **2** was determined to be (3*R*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-decahydro-7'-hydroxy-10'-(nicotinoyloxy)-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethylspiro[furan-3(2*H*),3'-[3*H*]naphtho[2,1-*b*]pyran]-5(4*H*)-one¹).

Barbatellarine E (**3**) was obtained as a white amorphous powder, and its molecular formula, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8$, was established by HR-ESI-MS and NMR data. Analysis of the ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR data of **3** (Table) revealed structural similarities to barbatellarines C (**1**) and D (**2**), which facilitated the structure elucidation of this compound. The characteristic resonances for *neo*-clerodane diterpenoids found in **1**, including the 13-spiro-15,16- γ -lactone moiety, were observed. ^1H -, ^{13}C -, and DEPT-NMR data indicated that **3** had three tertiary Me groups at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.20 corresponding to $\delta(\text{C})$ 19.6, at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.33 corresponding to $\delta(\text{C})$ 16.5, and at $\delta(\text{H})$ 1.07 corresponding to $\delta(\text{C})$ 21.5, rather than four as in **1** and **2**. In addition, the spectral data suggested that **3** had an α,β -unsaturated C=O group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 6.76 and 6.29 ($2d$, $J = 9.6$ Hz each), an exocyclic methylene group at $\delta(\text{H})$ 5.77 and 5.20 (2s), and two Ac groups at $\delta(\text{H})$ 2.00 and 2.12 (2s). The HMBs from the exocyclic $\text{CH}_2(18)$ to the C=O group at $\delta(\text{C})$ 189.3 indicated conjugation of this exocyclic methylene group with the α,β -unsaturated C=O group (Fig. 2). The above described groups corresponded to C(1)–C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(18) in the *neo*-clerodane skeleton based on the HMBs H–C(10)/C(1), C(5), and C(9), and Me(19)/C(4), C(5), and C(10). In addition, the HMBs H–C(6)/ester C=O at $\delta(\text{C})$ 170.1 and H–C(7)/ester C=O at $\delta(\text{C})$ 170.8 indicated attachment of two Ac groups to C(6) and C(7), respectively. The relative configuration of **3** was established by the NOESY data. The strong NOESY correlations H–C(7)/Me(19) and Me(20) indicated that Ac–C(7) was on the face opposite to the Me groups, as shown in Fig. 3. In addition, based on the coupling constant (10 Hz) of H–C(6) and H–C(7), Ac–C(6) was presumed to be on the same face as the Me groups, as with compounds **1** and **2**. The strong NOESY correlations $\text{CH}_2(16)$ /Me(17) indicated that $\text{CH}_2(16)$ was in the α -orientation, as in compound **1**. Therefore, the structure of **3** was determined to be (3*S*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aR*,10'*aS*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6',6'*a*,7'*a*,10'*a*,10'*b*-octahydro-4'*a*,6'*a*,10'*b*-trimethyl-7'-methylenespiro[furan-3(2*H*),3'-[3*H*]naphtho[2,1-*b*]pyran]-5,8'(4*H*,6'*H*)-dione.

The absolute configuration of **1**–**3** was established by analogy with that of barbatellarine B (**4**), a *neo*-clerodane which was reported by us in a previous paper [13]. Since **4** has aromatic groups at C(6) and C(7) which could be applied to the exciton chirality rule by means of a circular dichroism (CD) spectrum, we here describe the determination of the absolute configuration of barbatellarine B (**4**). The CD spectrum of **4** was recorded in MeOH, and a clear bisignate Cotton effect was observed

at λ_{\max} 236 nm. On the basis of the exciton chirality rule [14], compound **4** is thus proposed to have (6*R*,7*R*) absolute configuration. The presumption of the presence of the same configuration at C(6) and C(7), suggests that barbatellarines C–E (**1**–**3**) have the absolute configurations shown.

Previous phytochemical investigations of *S. barbata* have led to the discovery of many compounds, especially *neo*-clerodane diterpenoids [4–13]. However, no studies have been reported on the existence of an exocyclic methylene group at C(4) conjugated with an α,β -unsaturated C=O group at C(1)–C(2)–C(3) in the *A* ring of the *neo*-clerodane skeleton.

Experimental Part

General. TLC: normal-phase silica gel 60 *F*₂₅₄ (SiO₂, Merck); visualization by spraying with 20% aq. H₂SO₄ soln., followed by heating. Column chromatography (CC): SiO₂ (70–230 mesh; Merck). Prep. reversed-phase HPLC: Agilent-1200 high-performance liquid chromatograph equipped with a G1322A vacuum degasser, G1311A quaternary pump, G1315D DAD detector, G1328B manual injector, and G1316A thermostatted column compartment connected to a computer with Agilent ChemStation software; Agilent-Eclipse-XDB-C₁₈ column (5 μ m, 9.4 \times 250 mm); *t*_R in min. CD Spectrum: Jasco J-175; λ ($\Delta\epsilon$) in nm. ¹H-, ¹³C-, and 2D-NMR Spectra: Varian-VNS-600 spectrometer; at 600 (¹H) and 150 MHz (¹³C); in CDCl₃; δ in ppm rel. to solvent peak used for referencing, *J* in Hz. HR-ESI-MS: Jeol-JMS-700 mass spectrometer; in *m/z*.

Plant Material. Aerial parts of *Scutellaria barbata* D. DON (Lamiaceae) were obtained from the Kim Tae Kyun oriental medicine clinic. A voucher specimen (No. YN-BT-002) is deposited with the Natural Products Chemistry Laboratory of the School of Biotechnology, Yeungnam University.

Extraction and Isolation. Aerial parts of *Scutellaria barbata* D. DON (1 kg) were finely cut and extracted in MeOH under refluxing to give 150 g of crude extract. The extract was suspended in H₂O and then partitioned with hexane, CHCl₃, AcOEt, and BuOH. The CHCl₃-soluble extract was separated by CC (SiO₂, gradient MeOH/CH₂Cl₂): *Frs. I–VI. Fr. V* (626.6 mg) was further separated by CC (SiO₂, cyclohexane/acetone 80:20 \rightarrow 50:50): *Frs. V.1–V.13. Fr. V.12* (15.8 mg) was further subjected to semi-prep. reversed-phase HPLC (Agilent Eclipse XDB-C₁₈, flow rate 2 ml/min, 60 \rightarrow 80% MeOH/H₂O for 30 min, UV detection at 254 nm): **1** and **2** (each 2.0 mg, *t*_R 20.1 and 21.2, resp.). *Fr. V.13* (145.5 mg) was also subjected to CC (SiO₂, CHCl₃/acetone 90:10 \rightarrow 50:50): *Frs. V.13.1–V.13.28. Fr. V.13.22* (19.5 mg) was further subjected to semi-prep. reversed-phase HPLC (Agilent Eclipse XDB-C₁₈, flow rate 2 ml/min; 60 \rightarrow 80% MeOH/H₂O for 30 min; UV detection at 254 nm): **3** (3.4 mg, *t*_R 10.2).

Barbatellarine C (= (3*S*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-Bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-decahydro-7'-hydroxy-10'-(nicotinoyloxy)-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethylspiro[furan-3(2H),3'-[3H]naphtho[2,1-b]pyran]-5(4H)-one = Pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid (3*S*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-Bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4',4'*a*,5',5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-dodecahydro-7'-hydroxy-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethyl-5-oxospiro[furan-3(2H),3'-[3H]naphtho[2,1-b]pyran]-10'-yl Ester; **1**): White amorphous powder. [α]_D = +34.1 (*c* = 1.0 \cdot 10^{−3} g/ml, MeOH). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 572.2477 ([*M* + H]⁺, C₃₀H₃₈NO₁₀⁺; calc. 572.2496).

Barbatellarine D (= (3*R*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-Bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-decahydro-7'-hydroxy-10'-(nicotinoyloxy)-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethylspiro[furan-3(2H),3'-[3H]naphtho[2,1-b]pyran]-5(4H)-one = Pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid (3*R*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aS*,7'*S*,10'*R*,10'*aR*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-Bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4',4'*a*,5',5',6',6'*a*,7',10',10'*a*,10'*b*-dodecahydro-7'-hydroxy-4'*a*,6'*a*,7',10'*b*-tetramethyl-5-oxospiro[furan-3(2H),3'-[3H]naphtho[2,1-b]pyran]-10'-yl Ester; **2**): White amorphous powder. [α]_D = −15.7 (*c* = 1.0 \cdot 10^{−3} g/ml, MeOH). ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 572.2477 ([*M* + H]⁺, C₃₀H₃₈NO₁₀⁺; calc. 572.2496).

Barbatellarine E (= (3*S*,4'*aR*,5'*S*,6'*R*,6'*aR*,10'*aS*,10'*bR*)-5',6'-Bis(acetyloxy)-1',2',4'*a*,5',6'*a*,7'*a*,10'*a*,10'*b*-octahydro-4'*a*,6'*a*,10'*b*-trimethyl-7'-methylenespiro[furan-3(2H),3'-[3H]naphtho[2,1-b]pyran]-

5,8'-(4H,6'H)-dione; **3**): White amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_D = +32.7$ ($c = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ g/ml, MeOH). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR: Table. HR-ESI-MS (pos.): 447.2014 ($[M + H]^+$, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_8^+$; calc. 447.2019).
Barbatellarine B (**4**). CD: 221 ($\Delta\epsilon - 0.592$), 236 ($\Delta\epsilon + 0.609$).

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