

DUKUNOLIDE D, E AND F: NEW TETRANORTRITERPENOIDS FROM THE SEEDS OF *LANSIUM DOMESTICUM*

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Abstract—Three new tetranortriterpenoids, named dukunolides D, E, and F, were isolated from seeds of *Lansium domesticum*, and the structures established on the basis of spectral analysis and an X-ray diffraction study.

INTRODUCTION

We have previously described the structures of dukunolides A, B, and C (1, 2 and 3, respectively) isolated from seeds of a Meliaceae plant, *Lansium domesticum* [1, 2]. Three more minor constituents, named dukunolides D, E, and F have been isolated. We describe here the structure determination of these new tetranortriterpenoids (4, 5 and 6) on the basis of spectral and X-ray diffraction studies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Dukunolide D (4), $C_{26}H_{28}O_8$, $[\alpha]_D^{14.5} + 175.3^\circ$ (CHCl₃; c 0.57); was isolated in 0.008% yield from dried seeds of *L. domesticum* as colourless crystals (mp 295.5–298). The IR spectrum (3400, 1765, 1720, 1620, 940 cm^{-1}) and UV spectrum (λ_{max} 286 nm) were similar with those of dukunolide A (1) or C (3) suggesting the presence of an $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -unsaturated δ -lactone ring system. When the 1H NMR spectrum of 4 was compared with that of 1, a sharp singlet at δ 3.81 due to H-6 of 1 was missing in the spectrum of 4, and a typical ABX pattern was observed at 2.83 (d , $J = 17.8$ Hz), 2.96 (d , $J = 8.4$ Hz), and 3.33 (dd , $J = 17.8$ and 8.4 Hz) due to H-6, H-6' and H-5, respectively. These data suggested the structure of dukunolide D (4) is 5,6-deoxydukunolide A. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum supported this assignment. Instead of the oxirane carbon

signals at δ 57.9 (d , C-6) and 72.5 (s , C-5) of 1, a triplet at 31.9 (C-6) and a doublet at 48.2 (C-5) were detected.

Dukunolide E (5), $C_{26}H_{28}O_9$, $[\alpha]_D^{13} + 189^\circ$ (CHCl₃; c 0.68), was obtained in 0.004% yield as colourless crystals (mp 270–272°). The IR (3500, 3300, 1770, 1725, 1675, 1620, 1580, 950 cm^{-1}) and UV (λ_{max} 245 nm) spectra of 5 were quite similar with those of dukunolide B (2) suggesting the presence of an 8,9-epoxy and an α,β -unsaturated δ -lactone ring system. In the 1H NMR spectrum of 5, an ABX pattern at 2.73 (dd , $J = 10.1, 3.7$ Hz), 2.74 (dd , $J = 19.3, 3.7$ Hz), and 2.97 (dd , $J = 19.3, 10.1$ Hz) due to H-6 and H-5 were observed instead of a sharp singlet at 3.90 due to the H-6 oxirane proton of 2. Instead of the 5,6-oxirane carbon signal at 58.4 d and 73.2 s of 2, a triplet at 33.3 and a doublet at 49.4 were detected in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 5. Thus the structure of dukunolide E (5) was determined to be 5,6-deoxydukunolide B.

Dukunolide F (6), $[\alpha]_D^{14} + 167^\circ$ (CHCl₃; c 0.73), mp 268–269, was isolated in 0.017% yield, and afforded the same molecular formula $C_{26}H_{28}O_9$ with dukunolide E (5). The spectral patterns (IR, UV, 1H and ^{13}C NMR) were similar with those of 5 and dukunolide B (2), and suggested that the structure of 6 should be a stereoisomer of 5. Finally the single crystal X-ray diffraction study elucidated the structure 6 (Fig. 1). The absolute configuration of this molecule was determined on the basis of the R configuration at C-13 and C-17 of dukunolide C *p*-

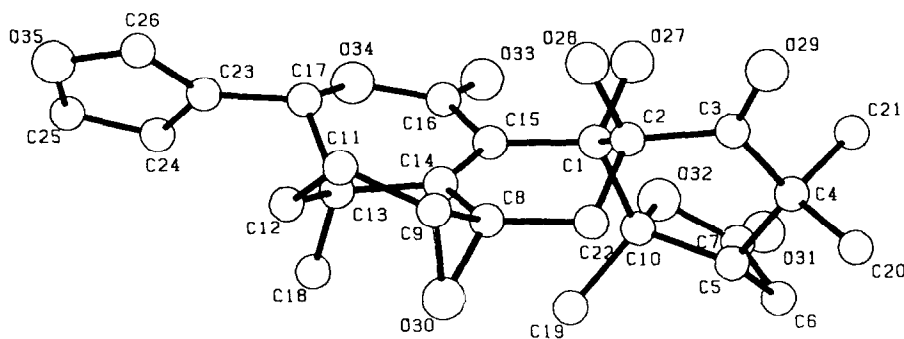


Fig. 1. ORTEP drawing of dukunolide F (6).

least-squares technique to an R value of 0.035 for 2253 reflections with $|\Delta F| < 4\sigma(F_o)$. Atomic coordinates have been deposited at Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. The bond length between C-1 and C-10, 1.587 (4) Å, is significantly longer than the normal value expected for C (sp³)–C(sp³). The corresponding bond lengths of dukunolide A (1) and dukunolide C *p*-bromobenzoate (3b) are 1.533 Å. None of the other bond lengths are unusual. The hydroxy group at C-1 forms intramolecular hydrogen bonds with O-32 [2.574 (3) Å] and O-33 [2.722 (3) Å],

and that at C-2 forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with O-30 [2.929 (3) Å].

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