



ALKALOIDS FROM *DACTYLICAPNOS TORULOSA**

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Abstract—Phytochemical investigation of *Dactylicapnos torulosa* yielded two known compounds, (–)-*cis*-*N*-methylstylopiumchloride and hydrastinine chloride; and five new alkaloids, dactyline, 8-hydroxydihydrosanguinarine and dactylidine, as well as dactylicapnosine and dactylicapnosinine with novel C–N–O–C moieties. All structures were elucidated by spectroscopical methods. The structure of dactylicapnosine was also determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.

INTRODUCTION

From the Chinese medicinal plant *Dactylicapnos torulosa* (Hook f. et Thomas) Hutchins, alkaloids belonging to the berberine, benzo[*c*]phenanthridine, phthalideisoquinoline, procumbine and *seco*-phthalideisoquinoline types have been previously isolated [1,2]. During the present investigation five new alkaloids, named dactylicapnosine (1), dactylicapnosinine (2), dactyline (3), 8-hydroxydihydrosanguinarine (4) and dactylidine (5) were isolated, together with the two known alkaloids, (–)-*cis*-*N*-methylstylopium chloride (6) and hydrastinine chloride (7). Their structures were elucidated mainly by spectroscopy. The structure of dactylicapnosine (1) was also established by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The ¹³CNMR data were assigned by evaluation of C,H-COSY, C,H-COLOC, DEPT and NOE-difference experiments.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Dactylicapnosine (1), obtained as orange plates, shows a strong green fluorescence in solution; UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm log(ϵ): 381 (4.60), 300 (4.59); $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH/KOH}}$ nm log(ϵ): 293 (4.49). On the basis of an ion at m/z 795 [$M + 1$]⁺ in the FAB mass spectrum of 1 a M_r of 794 was inferred, whereas in its HR-EI mass spectrum a fragment with m/z 397.1146 appears as the highest mass ion, corresponding to C₂₁H₁₉NO₇. From the NMR spectra (C,H-COSY, DEPT and C,H-COLOC, as well as NOE-differences

described in Fig. 1) a substructure of *seco*-phthalideisoquinoline is derived (see structure 1 in Fig. 1 without ring A–E). The disappearance of the UV absorption at 381 nm upon addition of KOH provides evidence for this moiety. Furthermore, from the NMR spectra, the presence of the following moieties were deduced: one phenyl ring with two protons in *para*-positions and a methylenedioxy group (ring A), another phenyl ring with two neighbouring protons and two methoxy groups *ortho* to each other (ring B), and a –CH(1)–CH(2)–CH(3)–moiety. In NOE-difference experiments, a positive NOE was observed between 1-H and one of the two protons on ring A (H-7), and between H-3 and H-4. Thus, the moiety –CH(1)–CH(2)–CH(3)– forms a five-membered ring (ring C) attached to ring A. The protons of an *N*-methyl group at δ 3.0 give rise to a cross-signal in C,H-COLOC with carbon C-2 at δ 80.8; thus, this nitrogen atom should be located at C-2. Apart from the moieties discussed above, there is a carbonyl group at δ 164.4 and a quaternary carbon at δ 108.2. Because of the chemical shift of C-5' (δ 118.9), the carbonyl group should be directly attached to C-5'. Because the carbon C- α appears at δ 108.2 and lacks a sp² partner carbon atom, this carbon should be considered as aliphatic and attached to two oxygen atoms. Furthermore, because of the chemical shift, it is not likely that C-6' (at δ 136.8) bears an oxygen atom. It is not possible for C-3 to be connected directly with the oxygen atom, otherwise ring D would be an oxazolidine; the chemical shift of C- α would be at a lower field than observed and there would also be a NOE effect between N-Me and H-1', as expected with the help of molecular models. Consequently, the carbon C- α should be located between

*Part 2 in the series Alkaloids from *Dactylicapnos torulosa*. For Part 1 see ref. [2].

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Table 1. NMR data of alkaloid 1 (CDCl₃)

C-atom	δ_C	$\delta_H^{*,\dagger}$	In C,H-COLOC correlate with	C-atom	δ_C	$\delta_H^{*,\dagger}$	In C,H-COLOC correlate with
1	63.0	5.20, s		7''	146.8		H-5''
2	80.8	3.95, d	2-NCH ₃	8''	110.3	7.70, s	
3	63.0	4.57, d		8''a	125.1		H-5''
3a	131.9		H-1, H-4	9''	143.0		
4	104.4	6.10, s		10''	134.1		H-1''
5	148.5			11''	114.4	7.10, m	
6	149.4		5,6-OCH ₂ O	12''	119.9	7.10, m	
7	106.2	6.80, s		13''	152.9		13''-OCH ₃
7a	134.1		H-1	14''	148.2		14''-OCH ₃
1'	117.3	7.27, d		15''	115.1		
2'	118.9	7.32, d		α	108.2		
3'	154.4		3'-OCH ₃ , H-1'	2-NMe	44.7	3.00, s	
4'	148.0		4'-OCH ₃ , H-2'	5,6-OCH ₂ O	101.6	5.95, s	
5'	118.9			3'-OMe	56.9	3.92, s	
6'	136.8		H-2'	4'-OMe	62.4	4.10, s	
1''	101.2	6.40, s		5'-COO-	164.4 \ddagger		
3''	61.9	2.90, m		2''-Me	44.7	2.73, s	
4''	31.7	2.95, m		6'',7''-OCH ₂ O	101.3	5.90, s	
4''a	132.5		H-8''	13''-OMe	56.9	3.92, s	
5''	109.9	6.70, s		14''-OMe	62.6	4.10, s	
6''	147.5		H-5, H-8	15''-COO-	164.6 \ddagger		

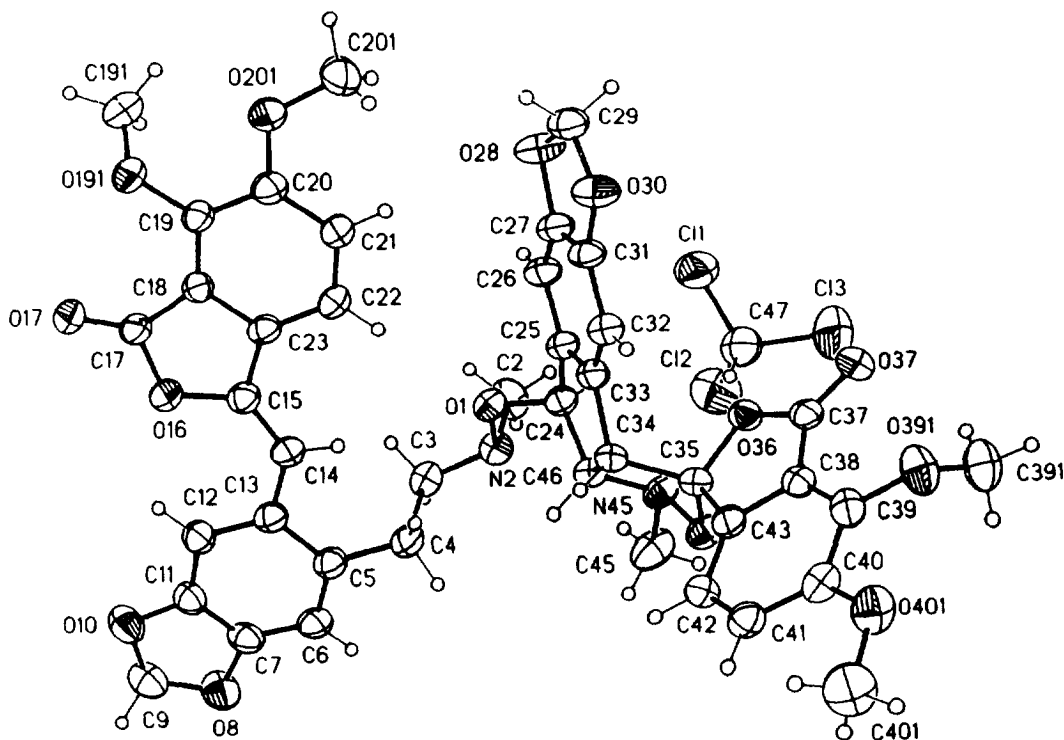
*Signals of corresponding H-atoms in ¹H NMR deduced from C,H-COSY. $\dagger J_{H2,H3} = 7$ Hz, $J_{H1',H2'} = 8$ Hz. \ddagger Assignments interchangeable.

Fig. 2. Structure of alkaloid 1 deduced from X-diffractometry.

Table 2. NMR data of alkaloid **2** (CDCl₃)

C-atom	δ_C	δ_H	J_{HH}	In C,H-COLOC correlate with
1	31.3	2.95, <i>d</i> 3.04, <i>dd</i> 3.84, "t"	15 7 Hz, 15 Hz 7 Hz	
2	74.3	4.48, <i>d</i>	7 Hz	
3	65.1			
3a	129.8			H-1, H-7
4	105.3	6.20, <i>s</i>		
5	147.4			H-7
6	148.2			H-4
7	105.2	6.64, <i>s</i>		
7a	134.8			H-1, H-4
1'	117.3	7.25, <i>m</i>		
2'	119.0	7.25, <i>m</i>		
3'	154.2			3'-OCH ₃
4'	148.2			4'-OCH ₃
5'	118.9			H-1'
6'	138.0			
α	108.6			H-1'
2-NMe	44.3	2.90, <i>s</i>		
5,6-OCH ₂ O-	101.2	5.88, <i>d</i> 5.90, <i>d</i>	1 Hz	
3'-OMe	53.9	3.94, <i>s</i>		
4'-OMe	62.6	4.14, <i>s</i>		
5'-COO-	164.7			

moieties were recognized from ¹H, ¹³C NMR, HMQC and HMBC experiments (Fig. 3): one phenyl ring with two neighbouring protons at δ 7.19 (*d*, 1H, H-6') and δ 7.25 (*d*, 1H, H-5') with an *ortho*-coupling constant of 8 Hz, and the two methoxy groups discussed above (ring D), and another phenyl ring with two protons in a *para*-position with chemical shifts of δ 6.41 (*s*, 1H, H-8) and δ 6.68 (*s*, 1H, H-5) and the methylenedioxy group (ring A). The -CH₂-CH₂- and the -CH₂- moieties were located on ring A due to two cross-signals [δ 3.00 (H-4)— δ 110.3 (C-5) and δ 3.22, (H-1)— δ 112.9 (C-8)] in the HMBC. In the same experiment, one of the protons at C-1 (H-1_a, δ 3.22) and the aromatic protons at δ 7.25 (*d*, 1H, H-5') on ring D correlate with C-1' (δ 143.3), and proton H-1_b (δ 3.37) correlates with C-2 (δ 88.6). Therefore, the quaternary carbon C-2 stands between C-1 and ring D. In the HR-EI mass spectrum, the prominent fragment at *m/z* 58.0680 (C₃H₈N) has a relative intensity of 43%. One of the two neighbouring methylene carbons -CH₂-CH₂- appears at δ 71.3. From these data, the structure of ring B is derived. With respect to its chemical shift (δ 124.5), C-2' is very likely to be attached to the carbonyl group. Accordingly, the substitution in ring C was assigned. After addition of 1% AgNO₃ to a solution of **3** in water, a white precipitate was observed, which was soluble in ammonia (25%). This precipitate turned to yellow on addition of 1% KBr. Thus, the anion in **3** should be chloride.

The molecular formula C₂₀H₁₅NO₅ of 8-hydroxydihydrosanguinarine (**4**) was deduced from the peak at *m/z* 335.0920 in its HR-EI mass spectrum. The UV ab-

sorptions of **4** resemble closely those of some known 7,8-dihydrosanguinarine alkaloids [7]. Comparing the ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** with that of 8-methoxydihydrosanguinarine [8, 9], the lack of one methoxy group is noticed in **4**, whereas an additional signal at δ 4.25 (*br s*, D₂O exchangeable) for an hydroxy group is confirmed by a broad absorption at 3450 cm⁻¹ in its IR spectrum; thus, **4** has the structure of a pseudobase. There are many reports on pseudobases [10]. An investigation of sanguinarine in EtOH-H₂O showed that **4** is one form of sanguinarine existing in solution [11]. Some of the benzo[*c*]phenanthridines reported with substituents at C-8 may be artefacts [7, 11]. However, the sanguinarine pseudomethanolate isolated from *Fumaria* [8], *Hunnemannia* [12] and *Hypocoum* [13], displays a significant optical rotation, so that it can be considered as a genuine natural product [7]. Alkaloid **4** with an optical rotation of $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -9^\circ$ (MeOH, *c*0.4) is probably an unequal mixture of enantiomers, which may have undergone racemization during extraction and isolation.

The UV absorption maxima of dactylidine (**5**) at 360 (sh), 320, 251 and 204 nm, along with the general appearance of the UV spectrum, is similar to that of dihydrosanguinarine [14]. In the ¹H NMR, two methylenedioxy groups are detected at δ 6.16 (*s*, 2H) and δ 6.08 (*s*, 2H). Four protons are present in the ¹H NMR spectrum as two AB systems: two of them at δ 8.12 (*d*, H-4) and 8.21 (*d*, H-5) with a common coupling constant of 6 Hz, and another AB system at δ 7.30 (*d*) and δ 6.88 (*d*) (*J* = 8 Hz), which could be assigned to H-8 and H-9 because of their shielding induced by the methylenedioxy group. Further-

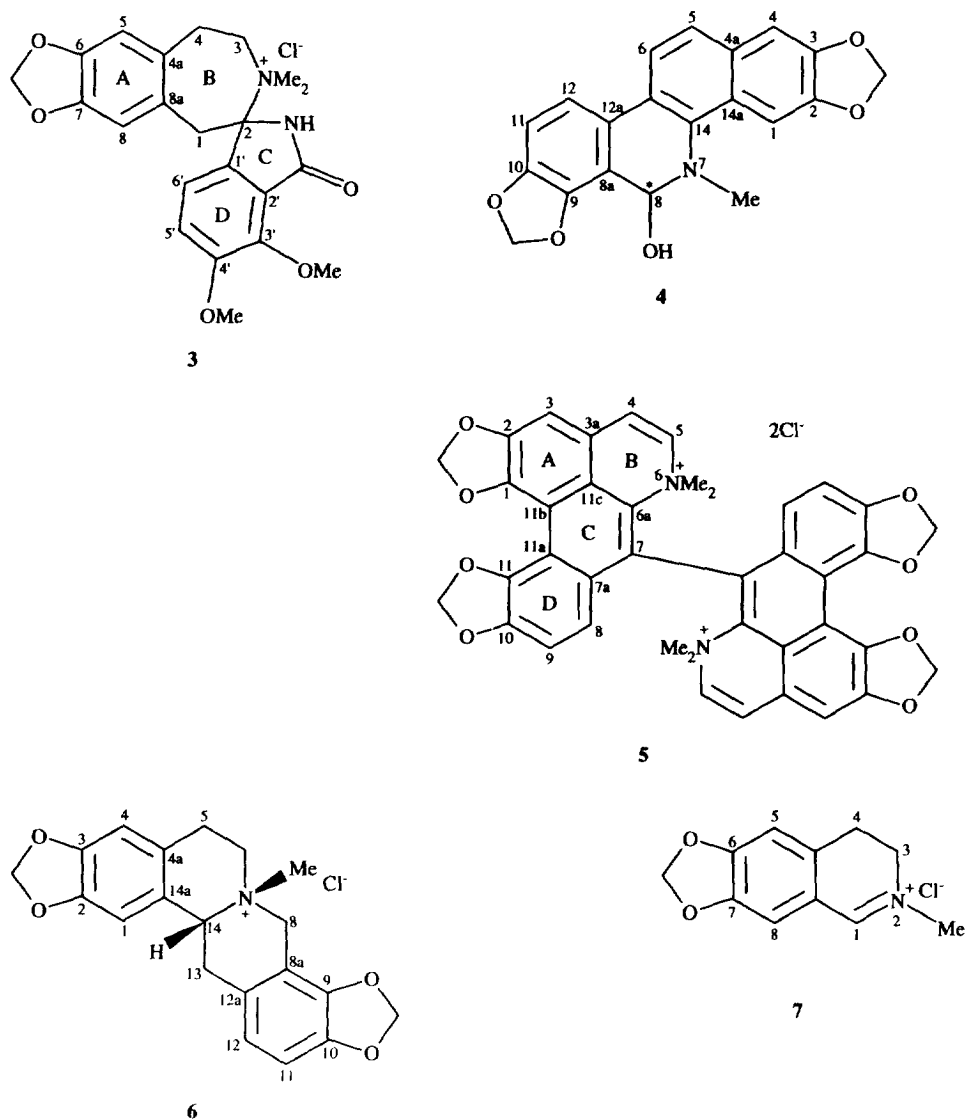


Fig. 3. Structures of alkaloids 3–7.

more, two *N*-methyl groups were observed at δ 3.15 (s, 3H) and δ 4.13 (s, 3H) in the ^1H NMR spectrum, with corresponding ^{13}C signals at δ 30.8 and 46.6. Thus, compound **5** is a quaternary salt. No signal for H-7 is observed in the ^1H NMR; the peak at m/z 333.1001 (92%) in the HR-EI mass spectrum corresponds to the formula $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$. Thus, alkaloid **5** was recognized to be an aporphine dimer with a 7,7'-linkage between the two cationic moieties (Fig. 3). The anion Cl^- in **5** was identified as described for **3**.

EXPERIMENTAL

General. Mp: uncorr. IR: KBr discs. NMR: 400 MHz (^1H) and 100 MHz (^{13}C), TMS as int. standard. EI-MS: 70 eV. CC: silica gel (Merck, Kieselgel 60, 70–230 mesh). Identification of anion Cl^- in **3**, **5** and **6**: 1% AgNO_3 and **3**: 1% KBr (aq.), NH_4OH (25%).

Plant material and extraction. See ref. [2].

Isolation. A portion (18 g) of the total alkaloidal fr. was chromatographed (CC, 300 g) with CHCl_3 –MeOH mixts of increasing polarity (20:1, 11, 10:1, 11, 5:1, 11 and MeOH, 2 l). Frs were collected every 500 ml to yield frs 1–6. Fr. 1 (0.04 g) was chromatographed on a column (5 g) with CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc (20:1) to give **4** (0.01 g). After recrystallization of α -hydrastrine in CHCl_3 from fr. 2 (**7** g), the mother liquid was chromatographed repeatedly on columns using CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc (10:1) to yield **1** (0.04 g) and **2** (0.02 g). Compound **3** (0.015 g) was isolated from fr. 5 (0.04 g) by CC (7 g) eluted with CHCl_3 –MeOH (4:1). Fr. 6 (0.07 g) was submitted to CC (50 g) using CHCl_3 –MeOH– H_2O (10:10:1) to give **5** (0.02 g) and **6** (0.01 g).

X-ray crystallography of dactylicapnosine (1). All X-ray data were collected on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer at room temp. with $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation

($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$). The structure was solved by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically as F^2 (SHELXL-93). H-atoms were located by difference electron density determination and refined by using a riding model. An empirical absorption correction on the basis of ψ -Scans was applied.

Dactylicapnosine (1). Yellow plates (from CHCl_3 in an atmosphere satd with MeOH), mp $135\text{--}136^\circ$. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 0^\circ$ (MeOH; c 0.3). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm log(ϵ): 300 (4.59), 381 (4.60); UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH/KOH}}$ nm log(ϵ): 273 (4.28), 343 (4.32); IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 2960, 2900, 2840, 2780, 1780 (C=O), 1660, 1610, 1500, 1480, 1430, 1360, 1350, 1275, 1240, 1190, 1170, 1150, 1080, 1040, 1015, 1000, 965, 940 ($-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$), 870, 760, 730, 720, 690. FAB-MS (positive, *m*-nitrobenzylalcohol as matrix): m/z 795 $[\text{M} + 1]^+$, 396, 351; HR-EIMS (rel. int.): m/z (rel. int.): 398.1219 ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_7$, 13), 397.1146 ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$, 16), 383.1384 ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_6$, 9), 381.1205 ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6$, 4), 352.0955 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_6$, 29), 351.0881 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_6$, 44), 340.0963 ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_6$, 31), 208 (25), 193 (40), 190 (30), 189 (50), 188 (100), 160 (40). NMR data in Table 1.

Dactylicapnosinine (2). Needles (CHCl_3 -EtOAc, 2:1), mp $184.5\text{--}186^\circ$. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 0^\circ$ (MeOH; c 0.1). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 299 (4.22), 240sh (4.38); UV $\lambda_{\text{min}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 263 (3.40). IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3000, 2900, 2820, 1765 (C=O), 1600, 1495, 1475, 1420, 1350, 1310, 1300, 1270, 1260, 1240, 1215, 1200, 1180, 1140, 1100, 1060, 1040, 1000, 950, 930, 910, 890, 860, 840, 810, 800, 780, 740, 720, 710, 670, 650. HR-EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 397.1166 $[\text{M}]^+$ (46) (cal. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_7$: 397.1171), 352.0915 ($[\text{M}]^+ - \text{CH}_3\text{NO}$, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_6$, 26), 351.0868 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_6$, 66), 189 (40), 188 (100), 160 (60). NMR data in Table 2.

Dactyline (3). Needles (MeOH); mp 110° (dec.). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 0^\circ$ (MeOH; c 1.0). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 293 (4.19). IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3400 ($-\text{NH}-$), 1690 (C=O), 1490, 1460, 1430, 1375, 1345, 1265, 1060, 1040, 1005, 935 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$). EI-MS 40 eV m/z (rel. int.): 396.1535 ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) (2) (cal. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: 396.1552), 394.1537 ($\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$, 4), 352.1098 ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$, 19), 351.1089 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5$, 94), 336.0858 ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5$, 23), 193.0664 ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{O}$, 10), 192.0667 ($\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3$, 100), 162.0664 ($\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3$, 6), 58.0680 ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{N}$, 43). ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 500 MHz): δ 3.37 (*d*, 1H, H-1, $J_{\text{gem}} = 12$ Hz), 3.22 (*d*, 1H, H-1, $J_{\text{gem}} = 12$ Hz), 3.27 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$), 3.20 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$), 3.37 (*ddd*, 1H, H-4, $J = 13$, 4, 4 Hz), 3.47 (*ddd*, 1H, H-4, $J = 13$, 6, 6 Hz), 3.24 (*ddd*, 1H, H-5, $J = 12$, 6, 6 Hz), 3.0 (*ddd*, 1H, H-5, $J = 12$, 4, 4 Hz), 6.68 (*s*, 1H, H-6), 5.72 and 5.76 (AB, each 1H, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$, $J = 1$ Hz), 6.43 (*s*, 1H, H-9), 3.82 (*s*, 3H, 3'-OMe), 3.85 (*s*, 3H, 4'-OMe), 7.25 (*d*, 1H, H-5', $J = 8$ Hz), 7.20 (*d*, 1H, H-6, $J = 8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 125 MHz): δ 42.7 (C-1), 88.6 (C-2), 57.8 ($N\text{-CH}_3$), 57.9 ($N\text{-CH}_3$), 71.3 (C-4), 27.2 (C-5), 131.1 (C-5a), 110.3 (C-6), 148.3 (C-7), 147.8 (C-8), 102.3 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 112.9 (C-9), 128.4 (C-9a), 143.3 (C-1'), 124.5 (C-2'), 169.2 (C=O), 148.0 (C-3'), 62.3 (3'- OCH_3), 154.8 (C-4'), 57.0 (4'- OCH_3), 119.5 (C-5'), 118.0 (C-6').

8-Hydroxydihydrosanguinarine (4). Yellow powder, mp 170° (dec.). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 9^\circ$ (MeOH; c 0.4). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 350sh (3.45), 325 (3.94), 284 (4.31), 235 (4.28). IR

ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3450 ($-\text{OH}$), 3000-2700, 1650, 1600, 1500, 1460, 1440, 1350, 1340, 1290, 1200, 1040, 940 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$). HR-EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 335.0920 $[\text{M}]^+$ (3) (cal. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_5$: 335.0920), 318 ($[\text{M}]^+ - \text{HO}$) (100). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.13 (*s*, 1H, H-1), 7.71 (*s*, 1H, H-4), 7.49 (*d*, 1H, H-5, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.77 (*d*, 1H, H-6, $J = 9$ Hz), 2.80 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$), 5.40 (*s*, 1H, H-8), 6.94 (*d*, 1H, H-11, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.42 (*d*, 1H, H-12, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.97 (*s*, 1H, $-\text{OH}$), 6.06 and 6.07 (AB, each 1H, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 6.13 (*d*, 2H, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$, $J = 1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 89.7 (C-8), 44.8 ($N\text{-CH}_3$), 105.0 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 105.7 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 104.4 (C-1), 108.5 (C-4), 124.0 (C-5), 127.6 (C-6), 120.2 (C-2), 112.8 (C-11), 151.9, 151.3, 151.0, 149.1 (C-2, C-3, C-9, C-10), 141.9 (C-14), 134.9, 130.6, 129.5, 126.5 (C-4a, C-13, C-14a, C-12a), 116.8 (C-8a).

Dactylidine (5). Orange powder, mp $> 300^\circ$ (carbonization). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 360sh (4.12), 320 (4.21), 251 (4.69), 204 (4.79); UV $\lambda_{\text{min}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 283 (4.00), 227 (4.49). IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 1660, 1605, 1585, 1500, 1470, 1445, 1360, 1280, 1230, 1180, 1045, 1000, 975, 930, 915. HR-EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 333.1001 $[\text{M}]^+$ (92) (cal. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$: 333.1001), 332.0921 ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$, 100), 318 (5), 317 (7). ^1H NMR (CD_3OD): δ 7.56 (*s*, 1H, H-3), 8.12 (*d*, 1H, H-4, $J = 6$ Hz), 8.21 (*d*, 1H, H-5, $J = 6$ Hz), 6.80 (*s*, 1H, H-8, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.30 (*d*, 1H, H-9, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.16 (*s*, 2H, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 6.08 (*s*, 2H, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 3.15 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$), 4.13 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD): δ 103.8 and 104.4 (C-3, C-8), 108.6 (C-4), 137.1 (C-5), 146.7 (C-6a), 125.6 (C-9), 152.0, 154.0, 158.4, 156.3 (C-1, C-2, C-10, C-11), 140.8, 125.6, 130.4, 132.2, 122.5 (C-3a, C-7a, C-11a, C-11b, C-11c), 46.6 ($2 \times N\text{-Me}$), 104.5 and 105.9 ($-\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$).

(-)-*cis*-N-Methylstylopium chloride (6). Yellow powder; mp 210° (dec.); lit. mp 270° (dec.) [15]. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -125^\circ$ (MeOH; c 0.2); lit. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -120^\circ$ [16]. UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 290 (4.00), 241 (4.4), identical to that of (-)-*cis*-N-methylstylopium iodide [17]. IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 1630, 1485, 1470, 1380, 1275, 1230, 1060, 1040, 990, 940, 890, 850, 810. HR-EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 339.1464 ($[\text{M} + 1]^+$, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$) (3), 337.1295 ($[\text{M} - 1]^+$, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$) (3), 324.1175 ($[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3 + 1]^+$, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$) (19), 323.1164 ($[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3]^+$) (68), 322.1068 ($[\text{M} - \text{CH}_4]^+$, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$) (54), 148 (100). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 6.73 (*s*, 1H, H-1), 6.65 (*s*, 3H, H-4), 3.34 (*dd*, 1H, H-5, $J = 18$, 10 Hz), 3.13 (*dd*, 1H, H-5, $J = 18$, 10 Hz), 3.74 (*m*, 1H, H-6), 4.24 (*dd*, 1H, H-6, $J = 10$, 10 Hz), 5.24 (*d*, 1H, H-8, $J = 16$ Hz), 5.01 (*d*, 1H, H-8, $J = 16$ Hz), 6.73 (*d*, 1H, H-11, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.58 (*d*, 1H, H-12, $J = 8$ Hz), 3.43 (*dd*, 1H, H-13, $J = 18$, 6 Hz), 3.02 (*dd*, 1H, H-13, $J = 18$, 10 Hz), 5.84 (*dd*, 1H, H-14, $J = 10$, 6 Hz), 5.97, 5.96, 5.94, 5.93 (each 1H, $2 \times -\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 3.68 (*s*, 3H, $N\text{-CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD): δ 109.0 (C-1), 147.3 (C-2), 148.6 (C-3), 107.1 (C-4), 121.7 (C-4a), 144.5 (C-9), 146.7 (C-10), 108.9 (C-11), 121.0 (C-12), 121.5 (C-12a), 33.6 (C-13), 65.3 (C-14), 124.8 (C-14a), 102.1 and 101.7 ($2 \times -\text{OCH}_2\text{O}-$), 50.0 ($N\text{-Me}$).

Hydrastinine chloride (7). Orange powder, mp 172° (dec.). UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ log(ϵ): 366 (3.92), 307 (3.84), 251 (4.32), almost the same as that in EtOH [18]. IR ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 2890, 2880, 2860, 1670, 1500, 1390, 1350, 1290, 1260,

1250, 1220, 1170, 1160, 1100, 1030, 920. ^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 300 MHz): δ 8.90 (s, 1H, H-1), 3.75 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 4.00 (t, 2H, H-3), 3.23 (t, 2H, H-4), 7.0 (s, 1H, H-5), 6.20 (s, 2H, -OCH₂O-), 7.25 (s, 1H, H-8). ^{13}C NMR (CD_3OD , 75 MHz): δ 166.1 (C-1), 47.5 (N-CH₃), 50.5 (C-3), 26.4 (C-4), 136.2 (C-4a), 109.8 (C-5), 157.4 (C-6), 149.1 (C-7), 112.6 (C-8), 119.6 (C-8a), 104.6, (-O-CH₂O-).

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