

## SYNTHETIC TRANSFORMATIONS OF SESQUITERPENE LACTONES. 11.\* CONJUGATES BASED ON CAFFEINE AND EUDESMANOLIDES WITH N-CONTAINING LINKERS

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*8-(Aminoalkylamino)caffeine or 8-(piperazinyl)caffeine were formed in high yields by reacting 8-bromo- or 8-chlorocaffeine with linear and cyclic diamines using microwave-assisted organic synthesis. These amines were highly reactive in Michael reactions with sesquiterpene lactones containing active methylene groups. Conjugates with caffeine and eudesmanolide moieties bonded by a N-containing linker were synthesized.*

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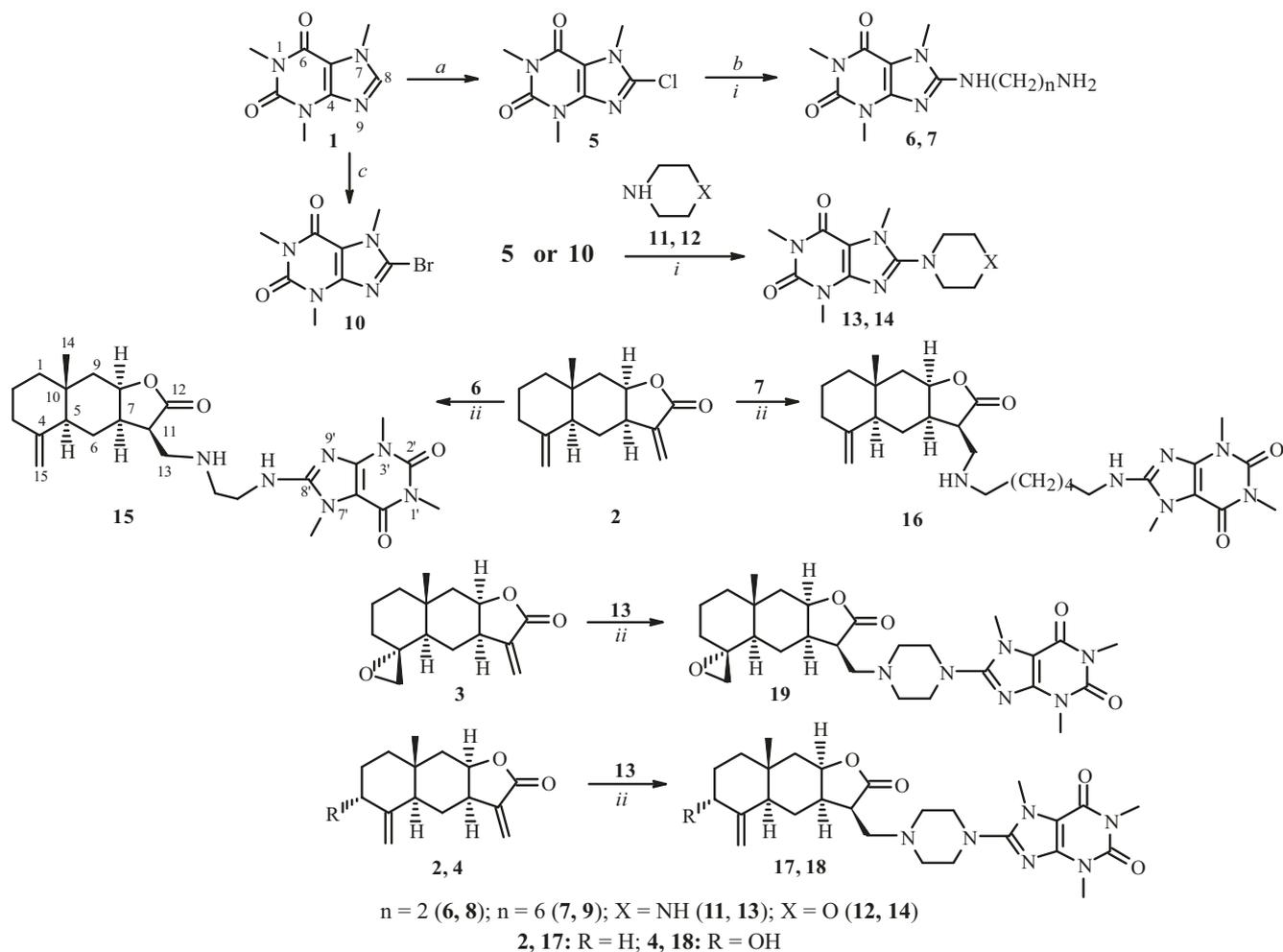
The alkaloid caffeine (**1**) is an available natural methylxanthine and an interesting lead compound for designing new derivatives with valuable biological activity and lower toxicity. It was used as a platform to synthesize agents to treat cancer of the lungs, liver, and breast and compounds enhancing stomach secretions and reducing the risk of developing gallstone disease [2]. Research on caffeine derivatives showed that compounds with various substituents in the C-8 position were antagonists of adenosine receptors [3, 4] and acetylcholine esterase [5, 6] and monoamine oxidase inhibitors [7]. 8-(2-Phenethyl)-1,3,7-trimethylxanthine and 8-(phenoxyethyl)-1,3,7-trimethylxanthine were found to exhibit affinity for A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub> adenosine receptors [8], confirming the hypothesis that modification of the caffeine C-8 substituent structure could lead to agents with increased affinity and selectivity for A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2A</sub>, A<sub>2B</sub>, or A<sub>3</sub> adenosine receptors. 8-Aminocaffeine and 8-alkylmercaptocaffeine derivatives belong to this pharmacologically promising subclass [9].

The present article reports the regioselective synthesis of a series of eudesmane-xanthine conjugates using Michael reactions of diamino-substituted caffeine derivatives with eudesmane-type lactones, e.g., isoalantolactone (**2**), 4,15-epoxyisoalantolactone (**3**), and 3-hydroxyisoalantolactone (**4**). The presence of an activated methylene in lactones **2–4** enabled them to undergo Michael reactions. The nucleophiles were the N-nucleophiles 8-(aminoalkylamino)caffeine and 8-(piperazinyl)caffeine.

The 8-aminocaffeine derivatives were prepared by heating 8-chlorocaffeine (**5**) with an excess (5 eq.) of an amine at 175–180°C [7] followed by workup with AcOH. Syntheses of caffeine diamino derivatives **6** and **7** by refluxing with an excess of ethylenediamine (**8**) or hexamethylenediamine (**9**) (5 mmol) and 2-bromocaffeine (**10**) in EtOH were previously reported [10]. In our hands, **6** and **7** were formed by reacting 8-chlorocaffeine (**5**) with diamines **8** and **9** (2 eq.) in 2-methoxyethanol using microwave-assisted organic synthesis (MAOS) (120°C, 3 h). Compounds **6** and **7** were isolated in 80–93% yields after column chromatography (Scheme 1). Their analytical characteristics were analogous to those in the literature [10]. This reaction also occurred readily with cyclic amines. The reaction of 8-halocaffeine **5** or **10** with piperazine (**11**) or morpholine (**12**) under the noted conditions gave 8-(piperazin-1-yl)caffeine **13** or 8-morpholinocaffeine **14** in 86–90% yields. Disubstituted 8,8'-(ethane-1,2-diamino)bis[1,3,7-trimethyl-1H-purine-2,6(3H,7H)-dione] (4% yield) was isolated from the reaction of 8-chlorocaffeine with ethylenediamine (**8**). An analysis of the reactions of morpholine (**12**) with 8-chlorocaffeine (**5**) or 8-bromocaffeine (**10**) found no difference in the course of the reaction depending on the 8-halocaffeine. The conversion of the starting halogens and yields of **14** differed insignificantly.

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*a.* NCS,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 24 h; *b.*  $\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NH}_2$  (**8** or **9**); *c.* NBS  
*i.* 2-methoxyethanol, MAOS,  $120^\circ\text{C}$ , 3 h; *ii.*  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , EtOH,  $55^\circ\text{C}$ , 3 h

Scheme 1

Conjugates **15** and **16** with fragments of the natural compounds isoalantolactone (**2**) and caffeine (**1**) linked by ethylenediamine or hexamethylenediamine were obtained by an aza-Michael reaction of **2** with 8-(2-aminoethylamino)caffeine (**6**) or 8-(6-aminohexylamino)caffeine (**7**) in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in EtOH at  $55^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 h.

The degree of conversion of **2** was monitored by TLC. Conjugates **15** and **16** were isolated by column chromatography over silica gel in 65 and 44% yields, respectively (Scheme 1). The reaction of **2** with aliphatic primary and secondary amines (e.g., with morpholine [11]) is known to occur in alcohols at reduced temperature without a catalyst. The temperature had to be increased and an excess of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  had to be used for complete conversion of **2** with amines **6** and **7**.

The reaction of methylenelactones **2-4** with 8-(piperazinyl)caffeine (**13**) in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  formed conjugates **17-19**, which were isolated in 44–60% yields. It can be seen that the yields of aza-Michael reaction products of eudesmane methylenelactones **2-4** were practically independent of the methylenelactone structure.

The structures of the synthesized compounds were elucidated using physicochemical methods, i.e., IR, UV, PMR, and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy [including two-dimensional (2D) NOESY, COSY, and COXH experiments] and high-resolution mass spectrometry (see Experimental). PMR spectra of **15-19** showed resonances of protons in the products on C-11 (in the range 2.9–3.2 ppm as a doublet of triplets for **15** and **16** or a doublet of doublets of doublets for **17-19**) and C-13 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$  groups as a doublet of doublets at  $\delta$  2.75–3.09 ppm with geminal SSCC  $J = 11.7\text{--}13.2$  Hz and vicinal SSCC  $J = 4.1\text{--}7.7$  Hz and a doublet of doublets in the range 2.57–3.04 with the given geminal constant and vicinal constant  $J = 5.8\text{--}10.5$  Hz). The stereochemistry of the new asymmetric center (11*R*) in **15-19** was established using the NOE-effect (cross-peaks) between H(5)-H(7)-H(8)-H(11), which indicated they were *cis*-positioned (Fig. 1).

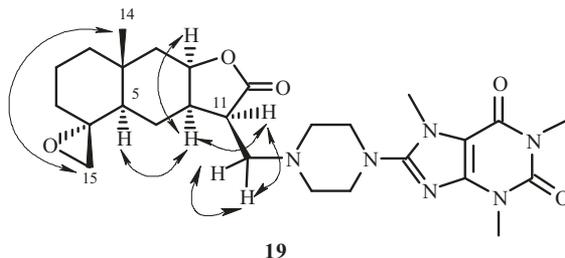


Fig. 1. Structurally significant NOE correlations for **19**.

Cross-peaks between H(14)-H(15) confirmed the structure of the oxirane fragment and the *R*-configuration of C(4). The resonances and multiplicities of the other protons of the starting lactone and the caffeine derivatives remained the same and corresponded to the proposed structures.

High-resolution mass spectra contained strong peaks for the molecular ion, caffeine diamine, and the corresponding sesquiterpene lactone and confirmed the empirical formula of the amination products.

## EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) were taken from KBr pellets on a Vector-22 Fourier spectrometer. UV absorption spectra [ $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm (log  $\epsilon$ )] were obtained on an HP 8453 UV-Vis spectrometer in EtOH solution. PMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  for **6** and **7**) with TMS internal standard on Bruker AV-400 [400.13 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 100.78 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ )] and AV-600 [600.30 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 150.96 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ )] (**16** and **19**) spectrometers. The structures of the synthesized compounds were elucidated by analyzing PMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra and using 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  correlation spectroscopy (COSY, COXH, NOESY, mixing time 1 s, delay between pulses 2 s). PMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were described using atomic numbering of the backbone and substituents given for the structures of **1** and **15**.

Mass spectra were recorded and molecular masses and elemental compositions were determined using a DFS high-resolution mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) (vaporizer temperature 190–270°C, electrospray ionization source).

Melting points were measured on a Mettler Toledo FP900 apparatus. Specific rotation  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$  was measured on a PolAAR3005 polarimeter and were expressed in deg·mL/g·dm. Concentrations were given in g per 100 mL of solution. The spectral analytical studies were performed at the Khimiya Common Use Center of the SB, RAS.

The reactions of **5** with **8** or **9** were performed in an Anton Paar Monowave 300 microwave reactor.

The course of reactions and purity of products were monitored using TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH (9:1) or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ -EtOAc (3:1) eluent, and detection by  $\text{I}_2$  vapor or UV radiation. Reaction products were isolated by column chromatography over silica gel (Acros, 0.035–0.240 mm) with elution by  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH (100:0→75:25).

Solvents (2-methoxyethanol, EtOH,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) were purified by standard methods and distilled under Ar immediately before use in reactions. The reagents caffeine, *N*-bromosuccinimide, *N*-chlorosuccinimide, morpholine, piperazine, ethylenediamine, and hexamethylenediamine were purchased (Alfa Aesar).

Isoalantolactone (**2**) [mp 104–106°C (petroleum ether),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +173^\circ$  ( $c$  5.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )] that was obtained via extraction from *Inula helenium* L. followed by purification of the morpholine adduct using the literature method [11] was used in the work. 4,15-Epoxyisoalantolactone (**3**) was prepared via epoxidation of **2** by the literature method [12]; 3-hydroxyisoalantolactone (**4**), via oxidation of **2** by selenium dioxide by the literature method [13]; 8-chlorocaffeine (**5**) and 8-bromocaffeine (**10**), by reacting **1** with *N*-chlorosuccinimide or *N*-bromosuccinimide by a modified literature method [14]. The characteristics of **5** [15] and **10** [14] agreed with those in the literature.

**Synthesis of 8-Amino-substituted Caffeine Derivatives. General Method.** 8-Chlorocaffeine (**5**, 0.44 mmol, 100 mg) and the appropriate amine [ethylenediamine (**8**), hexamethylenediamine (**9**), piperazine (**11**), or morpholine (**12**)] (1.76 mmol) were dissolved in methoxyethanol (3.5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 3 h in a microwave reactor at 120°C and cooled. The resulting precipitate of disubstitution product (0.5–4% yield) was filtered off and rinsed with EtOH ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The mother liquor was evaporated. The residue was worked up with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The organic fractions were combined, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and evaporated. Compounds **6**, **7**, **13**, and **14** were purified by column chromatography over silica gel ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH eluent, 100:0→70:30).

**8-(2-Aminoethyleneamino)caffeine [8-(2-Aminoethylamino)-1,3,7-trimethyl-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione] (6).**

Yield 93%, white powder, mp 167–170°C. IR spectrum (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3309 (N-H), 2947, 1697 (C=O), 1649 (C=O), 1608, 1574, 1549, 1489, 1446, 1387, 1217, 1028, 754. UV spectrum (EtOH,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 213 (4.57), 293 (4.44).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 3.76 (2H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 7.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.70 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.51 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.35 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.27 (2H, dd,  $J = 5.5, 7.1$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.75 (2H, br.s,  $\text{NH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\delta$ , ppm): 153.8 (C-6), 153.8 (C-8), 151.5 (C-2), 148.4 (C-4), 103.0 (C-5), 42.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 40.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.4 (NMe), 29.3 (NMe), 27.3 (NMe). Mass spectrum ( $m/z$ ,  $I_{\text{OTH}}$ , %): 252 (47), 223 (17), 222 (100), 209 (18), 195 (9), 165 (10), 82 (13), 67 (18), 42 (12), 36 (14); found  $m/z$  252.1331  $[\text{M}]^+$ ; calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2$ , 252.1329  $[\text{M}]^+$ .

The reaction of **5** with ethylenediamine (**8**) also afforded the disubstitution product 8,8'-(ethane-1,2-diamino)bis[1,3,7-trimethyl-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione] (4% yield), mp 370°C (dec.). Found, %: C 49.30; H 6.05; N 30.60.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_4$ . Calcd, %: C 48.64; H 5.44; N 31.51.

**8-(6-Aminohexamethyleneamino)caffeine [8-(6-Aminohexylamino)-1,3,7-trimethyl-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione] (7).**

Yield 80%, white powder, mp 153–156°C. IR spectrum (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3369 (N-H), 2935, 1703 (C=O), 1661 (C=O), 1614, 1580, 1545, 1479, 1460, 1431, 1221, 1036, 750. UV spectrum (EtOH,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 217 (4.56), 297 (4.49).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 3.81 (2H, dd,  $J = 7.1, 7.8$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ ), 3.54 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.43 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.34 (2H, dd,  $J = 7.1, 7.8$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.27 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 2.65 (2H, dd,  $J = 7.1, 8.6$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.56 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.45 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.30–1.32 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.17 (2H, t,  $J = 7.1, 8.3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\delta$ , ppm): 154.1 (C-6), 153.8 (C-8), 151.6 (C-2), 148.9 (C-4), 102.8 (C-5), 42.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 40.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 30.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.2 ( $2 \times \text{NCH}_3$ ), 27.3 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 26.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ). Mass spectrum ( $m/z$ ,  $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 308 (100), 278 (16), 236 (21), 223 (11), 222 (65), 209 (40), 165 (7), 82 (13), 67 (9), 42 (7); found  $m/z$  308.1958  $[\text{M}]^+$ ; calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2$ , 308.1955  $[\text{M}]^+$ .

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-(piperazin-1-yl)-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (13).**

Yield 90%, white powder, mp 173.7°C. IR spectrum ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3317 (NH), 1695 (C=O), 1657 (C=O), 1610, 1516, 910, 746 (C=C, C=N). UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 206 (4.20), 223 (4.26), 293 (4.19).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 5.10 (m, NH), 3.72 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.50 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.36 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.20–3.22 (4H, m,  $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 2.99–3.01 (4H, m,  $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 156.5 (C-6), 154.9 (C-8), 151.7 (C-2), 147.4 (C-4), 105.2 (C-5), 50.8 ( $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 45.5 ( $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 32.4 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 29.5 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 27.6 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ). Mass spectrum ( $m/z$ ,  $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 278 (100), 236 (28), 223 (26), 222 (100), 209 (48), 207 (12), 67 (20), 57 (20), 56 (20), 42 (13); found  $m/z$  278.1485  $[\text{M}]^+$ ; calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2$ , 278.1486  $[\text{M}]^+$ .

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-morpholino-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (14).**

Yield 86%, white powder, mp 152.0–154.9°C. IR spectrum ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1701 (C=O), 1653 (C=O), 1612, 1514, 1445, 912, 748 (C=C, C=N). UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 206 (4.18), 222 (4.29), 291 (4.19).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 3.82 (4H, dd,  $J = 4.6, 6.2$ ,  $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 3.73 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.50 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.36 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.23 (4H, dd,  $J = 4.6, 6.2$ ,  $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 155.7 (C-6), 154.8 (C-8), 151.5 (C-2), 147.1 (C-4), 105.3 (C-5), 66.1 ( $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 49.8 ( $2 \times \text{CH}_2$ ), 32.2 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 29.4 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 27.5 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ). Mass spectrum ( $m/z$ ,  $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 279 (100), 264 (11), 234 (6), 222 (19), 221 (8), 220 (8), 194 (6), 193 (4), 67 (7), 42 (6); found  $m/z$  279.1320  $[\text{M}]^+$ ; calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$ , 279.1326.

**Synthesis of Conjugates 15–19. General Method.** Caffeine derivative **6**, **7**, or **13** (1 mmol), the appropriate lactone **2**, **3**, or **4** (0.9 mmol), and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (2.0 mmol) were dissolved in EtOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 55°C for 3 h and at room temperature for 12 h. When the reaction was finished, the mixture was evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ –EtOH eluent, 100:0→75:25).

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-(2-[(3*R*,3*aR*,4*aS*,8*aR*,9*aR*)-8*a*-methyl-5-methylene-2-oxododecahydronaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl]methylamino)ethylamino)-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (15).**

Yield 65%, white powder, mp 194°C;  $[\alpha]_{589}^{23} +44^\circ$  ( $c$  0.37,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3431 (NH), 2931, 1763 (C=O), 1697 (C=O), 1653 (C=O), 1622, 1578, 1549, 1489, 1456, 1221, 1165, 910, 720. UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 216 (4.54), 296 (4.45).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 4.67 (1H, d,  $J = 1.5$ , H-15), 4.52 (1H, ddd,  $J = 1.7, 4.2, 5.1$ , H-8), 4.32 (1H, d,  $J = 1.5$ , H-15), 3.65 (2H, t,  $J = 4.6$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.60 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.40 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.30–3.44 (2H, m, NH), 3.26 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.20 (1H, dt,  $J = 6.4, 7.0$ , H-11), 3.07–3.12 (3H, m, H-13,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.04 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.8, 12.1$ , H-13), 2.57 (1H, dtd,  $J = 4.0, 6.0, 6.1, 12.5$ , H-7), 2.24 (1H, d,  $J = 13.6, \text{H-3}$ ), 2.08 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.8, 15.5$ , H-9), 1.89 (1H, ddd,  $J = 5.1, 12.6, 14.5$ , H-3), 1.72 (1H, d,  $J = 12.0, \text{H-5}$ ), 1.43–1.50 (4H, m, H-1, 2, 2, 6), 1.41 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.0, 15.5$ , H-9), 1.15 (1H, ddd,  $J = 4.3, 13.2, 14.3$ , H-1), 1.06 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.6, 12.8$ , H-6), 0.68 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 177.5 (C-12), 153.6 (C-6'), 152.8 (C-8'), 151.3 (C-2'), 148.5 (C-4), 148.0 (C-4'), 106.0 (C-15), 103.0 (C-5'), 78.6 (C-8), 48.3 (C-13), 45.7 (C-11), 44.6 (C-5), 44.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 41.6 (C-1), 40.6 (C-9), 39.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 38.6 (C-7), 36.1 (C-3), 34.2 (C-10), 29.4 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 29.2 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 27.2 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 22.1 (C-2), 20.7 (C-6), 17.2

(CH<sub>3</sub>). Mass spectrum (*m/z*, *I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 484 (6), 252 (57), 232 (46), 223 (32), 222 (100), 209 (40), 190 (60), 93 (34), 91 (32), 79 (32); found *m/z* 484.2790 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 484.2793.

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-(6-((3*R*,3*aR*,4*aS*,8*aR*,9*aR*)-8*a*-methyl-5-methylene-2-oxododecahydronaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl)methylamino)hexylamino)-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (16).** Yield 44%, oily compound, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>589</sub><sup>23</sup> +23° (*c* 1.50 CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3348 (NH), 1751 (C=O), 1709 (C=O), 1661 (C=O), 1614, 1581, 1547, 1481, 1454, 1373, 1221, 1161, 1032, 968, 744. UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 217 (4.60), 297 (4.54). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 4.71 (1H, d, J = 1.3, H-15) 4.61 (1H, s, NH), 4.44 (1H, ddd, J = 1.5, 3.9, 4.7, H-8), 4.39 (1H, d, J = 1.3, H-15), 3.59 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.45 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.39 (2H, dt, J = 6.2, 7.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.95 (1H, dd, J = 7.7, 11.7, H-13), 2.86 (1H, dt, J = 6.7, 7.0, H-11), 2.71 (1H, dd, J = 7.0, 11.7, H-13), 2.56–2.63 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.44 (1H, dtd, J = 4.4, 6.0, 6.3, 12.2, H-7), 2.26 (1H, d, J = 13.6, H-3), 2.14–2.10 (1H, m, NH), 2.09 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 15.4, H-9), 1.92 (1H, ddd, J = 5.4, 12.5, 14.0, H-3), 1.72 (1H, d, J = 12.0, H-5), 1.57–1.62 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.46–1.53 (6H, m, H-1, 2, 2, 6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.41 (1H, dd, J = 4.1, 15.5, H-9), 1.33–1.35 (4H, m, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.16–1.18 (1H, m, H-1), 1.16 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 13.1, H-6), 0.73 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 178.3 (C-12), 153.9 (C-6'), 153.5 (C-8'), 151.6 (C-2'), 149.1 (C-4), 148.6 (C-4'), 106.2 (C-15), 102.8 (C-5'), 78.2 (C-8), 49.7 (C-13), 47.2 (C-11), 46.3 (C-5), 45.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.0 (C-1), 41.2 (C-9), 39.0 (C-7), 36.5 (C-3), 34.6 (C-10), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 29.3 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.4 (C-2), 21.0 (C-6), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Mass spectrum (*m/z*, *I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 541 (13), 540 (86), 309 (14), 308 (100), 278 (15), 236 (19), 232 (13), 222 (57), 209 (32), 190 (18), 41 (12); found *m/z* 540.3416 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 540.3419.

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-(4-((3*R*,3*aR*,4*aS*,8*aR*,9*aR*)-8*a*-methyl-5-methylene-2-oxododecahydronaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl)methyl)piperazin-1-yl)-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (17).** Yield 58%, white powder, mp 144.9°C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>589</sub><sup>23</sup> +53° (*c* 0.24, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1757 (C=O), 1707 (C=O), 1662 (C=O), 1610, 1520, 1448, 1375, 1311, 1281, 1219, 1175, 1157, 1142, 986, 964, 750. UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 202 (4.25), 222 (4.25), 293 (4.15). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 4.75 (1H, d, J = 1.1, H-15), 4.47 (1H, ddd, J = 1.7, 4.0, 4.9, H-8), 4.43 (1H, d, J = 1.1, H-15), 3.71 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.34 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.20–3.28 (4H, m, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.95 (1H, ddd, J = 4.4, 6.1, 10.4, H-11), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 4.4, 13.0, H-13), 2.71–2.73 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.69 (1H, dd, J = 10.4, 13.0, H-13), 2.52–2.57 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (1H, dtd, J = 4.2, 6.0, 6.1, 12.2, H-7), 2.32 (1H, d, J = 12.8, H-3), 2.15 (1H, dd, J = 1.7, 15.5, H-9), 1.97 (1H, ddd, J = 7.0, 12.4, 14.1, H-3), 1.78 (1H, d, J = 12.0, H-5), 1.68 (1H, ddd, J = 2.0, 5.7, 13.2, H-6), 1.50–1.58 (3H, m, H-1, 2, 2), 1.45 (1H, dd, J = 4.2, 15.5, H-9), 1.21 (1H, ddd, J = 6.0, 12.7, 13.4, H-1), 1.14 (1H, dd, J = 12.6, 13.0, H-6), 0.77 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 177.4 (C-12), 156.0 (C-6'), 154.8 (C-8'), 151.6 (C-2'), 149.3 (C-4), 147.2 (C-4'), 106.3 (C-15), 105.3 (C-5'), 78.2 (C-8), 53.0 (C-13), 52.5 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.5 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.4 (C-11), 45.2 (C-5), 42.1 (C-1), 41.4 (C-9), 39.2 (C-7), 36.6 (C-3), 34.7 (C-10), 32.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 29.5 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 22.5 (C-2), 20.8 (C-6), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Mass spectrum (*m/z*, *I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 510 (58), 302 (27), 288 (25), 278 (67), 232 (18), 223 (22), 222 (100), 209 (90), 190 (25), 91 (21), 84 (28); found *m/z* 510.2944 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 510.2949.

**8-(4-((3*R*,3*aR*,4*aR*,6*R*,8*aR*,9*aR*)-6-Hydroxy-8*a*-methyl-5-methylene-2-oxododecahydronaphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl)methyl)piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,7-trimethyl-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (18).** Yield 44%, white powder, mp 100.5–103.2°C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>589</sub><sup>23</sup> +40° (*c* 1.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3446 (OH), 1765 (C=O), 1699 (C=O), 1657 (C=O), 1612, 1520, 1448, 1391, 1375, 1313, 1283, 1221, 1167, 1051, 1038, 987, 966, 910, 750. UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 202 (4.18), 222 (4.25), 292 (4.16). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 4.98 (1H, s, H-15), 4.57 (1H, s, H-15), 4.48 (1H, ddd, J = 1.6, 4.0, 4.9, H-8), 4.31 (1H, t, J = 2.4, H-3), 3.71 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.34 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19–3.28 (4H, m, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.95 (1H, ddd, J = 4.6, 6.1, 10.3, H-11), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 4.3, 13.2, H-13), 2.70–2.72 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.68 (1H, dd, J = 10.5, 13.2, H-13), 2.51–2.56 (3H, m, H-7, 2H - CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36 (1H, d, J = 12.1, H-5), 2.16 (1H, dd, J = 1.4, 15.4, H-9), 1.64–1.82 (4H, m, H-1, 2, 2, 6), 1.52 (1H, dd, J = 4.2, 15.5, H-9), 1.30 (1H, dt, J = 3.2, 12.7, H-1), 1.12 (1H, dd, J = 12.6, 12.8, H-6), 0.76 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 177.4 (C-12), 156.0 (C-6'), 154.8 (C-8'), 151.6 (C-2'), 150.4 (C-4), 147.2 (C-4'), 109.5 (C-15), 105.2 (C-5'), 78.1 (C-8), 73.0 (C-3), 53.0 (C-13), 52.5 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.4 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.2 (C-11), 41.0 (C-9), 40.3 (C-5), 39.2 (C-7), 35.6 (C-1), 34.6 (C-10), 32.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 29.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 29.0 (C-2), 27.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (C-6), 16.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Mass spectrum (*m/z*, *I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 526 (11), 362 (17), 278 (100), 248 (26), 236 (14), 223 (19), 222 (98), 209 (72), 138 (15), 123 (14); found *m/z* 526.2903 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 526.2898.

**1,3,7-Trimethyl-8-[4-((2'*R*,3*R*,3*aR*,4*aR*,8*aR*,9*aR*)-8*a*-methyl-2-oxododecahydro-2*H*-spiro[naphtho[2,3-*b*]furan-5,2'-oxiran]-3-yl)methyl)piperazin-1-yl]-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (19).** Yield 60%, white powder, mp 108.5°C, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>589</sub><sup>23</sup> +9° (*c* 0.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1759 (C=O), 1707 (C=O), 1662 (C=O), 1510, 1448, 1437, 1377, 1313, 1284, 1217, 1194, 1146, 1009, 987, 970, 752. UV spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm) (log  $\epsilon$ ): 204 (4.13), 222 (4.22), 293 (4.12). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm, J/Hz): 4.45 (1H, ddd, J = 1.9, 4.2, 4.6, H-8), 3.70 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.34 (3H, s,

NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19–3.28 (4H, m, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.93 (1H, ddd, J = 4.3, 6.1, 9.6, H-11), 2.75 (1H, dd, J = 4.1, 13.2, H-13), 2.66–2.70 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 1.6, 4.5, H-15), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 9.9, 13.1, H-13), 2.54–2.56 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.53 (1H, d, J = 4.5, H-15), 2.43 (1H, dtd, J = 4.1, 5.7, 6.0, 12.4, H-7), 2.14 (1H, dd, J = 1.6, 15.5, H-9), 1.85 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 10.6, H-3), 1.53–1.69 (5H, m, H-1, 2, 2, 5, 6), 1.44 (1H, dd, J = 4.3, 15.5, H-9), 1.32 (1H, d, J = 12.6, H-3), 1.16 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0, 9.3, 13.2, H-1), 0.92 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.65 (1H, dd, J = 12.4, 12.7, H-6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 177.3 (C-12), 156.0 (C-6'), 154.8 (C-8'), 151.6 (C-2'), 147.2 (C-4'), 105.2 (C-5'), 77.8 (C-8), 58.5 (C-4), 52.8 (C-13), 52.4 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.6 (C-15), 49.3 (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.4 (C-11), 44.3 (C-5), 41.8 (C-1), 41.2 (C-9), 39.3 (C-7), 35.1 (C-3), 34.7 (C-10), 32.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 29.5 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (C-2), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (C-6). Mass spectrum (*m/z*, *I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 526 (88), 422 (19), 318 (30), 304 (21), 290 (29), 278 (83), 248 (8), 233 (34), 223 (18), 222 (76), 209 (100), 91 (6), 84 (4); found *m/z* 526.2899 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 526.2898.

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