

SESQUITERPENE ESTERS FROM *MAYTENUS DISTICHA*

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Abstract—Four new sesquiterpenes, 9 β -benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β -diacetoxy-15-hydroxy-dihydro- β -agarofuran, 9 β -benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β , 15-triacetoxy-8 α -hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran, 9 β -benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β ,8 α ,15-tetracetoxydihydro- β -agarofuran and 1 α , 9 β -dibenzoyloxy-6 β ,8 β -diacetoxy-4 β -hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran were isolated from *Maytenus disticha*. Their structures were determined by spectroscopic studies, chemical correlations and selective hydrolysis. The absolute configuration of the last compound mentioned above was determined by CD.

INTRODUCTION

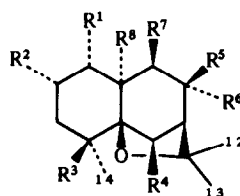
Pursuing our study of Celastraceae used in folk medicine [1–6], we have examined an American species collected in Chile. *Maytenus disticha* Hook [7] was chosen because the *Artemia salina* test [8] for bioactivity showed an $LC_{50} > 650$. This paper deals with the isolation and structure elucidation of the secondary metabolites obtained from the methanol extract of the aerial part of the plant.

RESULTS

Repeated chromatography of the methanol extract of the aerial part of *M. disticha* on silica gel gave six compounds two of which, 5 and 6, proved to be identical to substances with established absolute configurations previously isolated from *M. chubutensis* Speg [9]. Compound 1 was isolated as a crystalline substance. mp 115–118°, $C_{26}H_{34}O_8$. Its IR spectrum had absorption bands for a hydroxy group, esters and an aromatic ring. The mass spectrum showed fragments suggestive of the presence of a benzoate at m/z 105 and acetates at $[M - 42]^+$ and $[M - 60]^+$. The 1H NMR spectrum confirmed the presence of the benzoate and acetate groups as five aromatic protons were observed between δ 7.30 and 8.10 and methyls for two acetates appeared at δ 2.21 and 1.56 as singlets together with the geminal protons for these groups as a doublet centred at δ 5.74 ($J = 7.5$ Hz), and a broad singlet at δ 5.87 and a double doublet at δ 5.58 ($J_1 = 12.5$, $J_2 = 5.0$ Hz), respectively. Two protons of a hydroxymethylene group were seen as doublets of an AB system with signals centred at δ 4.01 and 4.23 ($J = 11.7$ Hz). From the above it can be assumed that 1 is a polyesterified sesquiterpene of the type usually found in the Celastraceae.

COSY experiments and the study of the coupling constants identified the ester-bearing positions as 1 α ,6 β and 9 β with a hydroxy group on C-15. The position of the

benzoate group on C-9 was determined by studying the chemical shifts of its geminal proton (an acetate methyl shift to δ 1.56 is only compatible with there being an acetate on C-1 and a benzoate on C-9 or *vice versa* in this sort of substance [10]). This was confirmed by selective hydrolysis [11] of 1 with 0.1 M $NaHCO_3$ which yielded the monobenzoate 8 as the major product. The 1H NMR spectrum of 8 showed a geminal proton as a doublet centred at δ 6.03 ($J = 6.8$ Hz). When 1 was acetylated with acetic anhydride in pyridine at room temperature, 7 was



	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	R ⁷	R ⁸
1	OAc	H	H	OAc	H	H	OBz	CH ₂ OH
2	OAc	H	H	OAc	H	OH	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
3	OAc	H	H	OAc	H	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
4	OBz	H	OH	OAc	OAc	H	OBz	Me
5	OAc	OAc	H	OAc	H	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OH
6	OAc	OAc	H	OAc	H	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
7	OAc	H	H	OAc	H	H	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
8	OH	H	H	OH	H	H	OBz	CH ₂ OH
9	OAc	H	H	OAc	H	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OH
10	OAc	H	H	OH	H	OAc	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
11	OH	H	H	OAc	H	OH	OBz	CH ₂ OH
12	OH	H	H	OH	H	OH	OBz	CH ₂ OAc
13	OBz	H	OH	OH	OAc	H	OBz	Me
14	OBz	H	OH	OH	OH	H	OBz	Me
15	OH	H	OH	OH	H	OH	OH	CH ₂ OH
16	OH	H	OH	OH	OH	H	OH	Me

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Table 1 ^1H NMR data of compounds 1–4 and 7–14

	H-1	H-6	H-7	H-8	H-9	H-15	OAc-1	OAc-6	OAc-8	OAc-15
1	5.58 <i>dd</i> (12.5, 5.9)	5.87 <i>br s</i>			5.74 <i>d</i> (7.5)	4.01–4.23 <i>d_{AB}</i> (11.7)	1.56 <i>s</i>	2.21 <i>s</i>		
2	5.59 <i>dd</i> (11.8, 4.2)	6.40 <i>br s</i>	2.32 <i>d</i> (2.2)	4.25 <i>d</i> (2.2)	5.30 <i>s</i>	4.54–4.72 <i>d_{AB}</i> (12.3)	1.49 <i>s</i>	2.25 <i>s</i>		2.10 <i>s</i>
3	5.51 <i>dd</i> (11.8, 4.2)	6.28 <i>br s</i>	2.31 <i>d</i> (3.0)	5.21 <i>d</i> (3.0)	5.45 <i>s</i>	4.56 <i>br s</i>	1.47 <i>s</i>	2.19 <i>s</i>	2.09 <i>s</i>	2.25 <i>s</i>
4	5.56 <i>dd</i> (12, 4.0)	5.57 <i>br s</i>	2.43 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.67 <i>dd</i> (6.3, 3.3)	5.40 <i>d</i> (6.3)			2.15 <i>s</i>	1.85 <i>s</i>	
7	5.60 <i>dd</i> (12.5, 5.0)	5.93 <i>br s</i>			5.38 <i>d</i> (7.5)	4.43–4.67 <i>d_{AB}</i> (11.7)				
8	4.76 <i>dd</i> (12.5, 5.0)	5.33 <i>br s</i>			6.03 <i>d</i> (6.8)	4.47 <i>d</i> (11.6)	1.49 <i>s</i>	2.25 <i>s</i>		2.10 <i>s</i>
9	5.65 <i>dd</i> (12.0, 5.0)	6.06 <i>s</i>	2.48 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.31 <i>d</i> (13.3)	5.83 <i>s</i>	3.85–4.48 <i>d_{AB}</i> (12.0)	1.56 <i>s</i>	2.19 <i>s</i>	2.08 <i>s</i>	
10	5.53 <i>dd</i> (12.0, 5.0)	4.97 <i>d</i> (2.5)	2.30 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.32 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.51 <i>s</i>	4.50–4.78 <i>d_{AB}</i> (12.0)	1.56 <i>s</i>		2.15 <i>s</i>	2.18 <i>s</i>
11	4.68 <i>dd</i> (11.0, 4.5)	5.86 <i>br s</i>	2.41 <i>d</i> (3.3)	4.43 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.80 <i>s</i>	3.96–4.51 <i>d_{AB}</i> (11.6)		2.08 <i>s</i>		
12	4.62 <i>m*</i>	4.46 <i>d</i> (2.5)	2.40 <i>d</i> (3.0)	4.10 <i>d</i> (3.3)	5.96 <i>s</i>	4.59–5.06 <i>d_{AB}</i> (11.6)				2.09 <i>s</i>
13	5.65 <i>dd</i> (12.0, 4.0)	5.52 <i>d</i> (5.0)	2.47 <i>d</i> (3.0)	5.51 <i>dd</i> (6.3, 3.0)	5.36 <i>d</i> (6.3)				1.86 <i>s</i>	
14	5.60 <i>dd</i> (12.5, 4.8)	4.40 <i>d</i> (5.0)	2.52 <i>d</i> (3.0)	4.42 <i>m*</i>	5.29 <i>d</i> (6.4)					

*Overlapping signals

obtained and its ^1H NMR spectrum showed the protons on C-15 at δ 4.43 and 4.67 while in **1** they appeared at δ 4.01 and 4.23 (Table 1). The basic polyhydroxy skeleton of **1** corresponds to 15-hydroxycycloribicol [10].

The natural products **2** and **3** were shown to be related, as the acetylation of **2** with acetic anhydride in pyridine gave a product identical to **3** with one more acetate group than **7**. This acetate group was sited at 8α by means of double resonance experiments showing the coupling of the geminal proton with H-7 and α stereochemistry determined from the 3 Hz coupling constants H-7/H-8 and non-coupling of H-8/H-9 [12]. These data were confirmed by the hydrolysis of **3** with 0.1 M NaHCO_3 which afforded five products: **2**, **9**–**12**. The free hydroxyl was observed at C-8 in **2**, the acetate on C-15 disappeared in **9**, that on C-6 disappeared in **10**, those at C-1, C-8 and C-15 were not seen in **11** and those at C-1, C-6 and C-8 were missing in **12** (Table 1). All the spectral data of **2**, **3** and **9**–**12** agree with the structures proposed as shown in the Experimental. The basic polyhydroxy skeleton of **2** and **3** is that of 15-hydroxycyclapanol (**15**) [13].

The natural product **4** is a crystalline solid, mp 205–210°, $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_{10}$, with a mass fragmentation pattern indicative of the presence of acetate and benzoate groups. The IR spectrum showed signals for a hydroxy group and given that compound **4** does not acetylate under usual conditions, the molecule possesses a tertiary hydroxyl. Double resonance experiments and analysis of the coupling constant values showed substitutions at C-1 α , C-4 β , C-6 β , C-8 β and C-9 β [14] but did not place the esters. Hydrolysis of **4** with 0.1 M NaHCO_2 gave **13** and **14**, the latter being a fundamental dibenzoate for the determination of the positions of the substituents which were located at C-1 α and C-9 β (Table 1). All the spectral data are in agreement with the structures proposed (Experimental). The determination of the absolute stereochemistry of **4** by applying the dibenzoate chirality rule [15], an extension of the exciton chirality method [16] confirmed these assignments. The CD spectrum of the dibenzoate **4** showed intense split Cotton effects of the exciton coupling type, a positive first Cotton effect at 237 nm ($\epsilon + 21.1$) and a negative second Cotton effect at 222 nm ($\epsilon - 10.9$). The basic polyhydroxy skeleton of **4** is that of 4 β -hydroxycyclapanol (**16**) [13].

EXPERIMENTAL

Voucher specimens of the plant, gathered in January 1987 in the IX Region in Bio-Bio province (Chile), are lodged with the department of Botany, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Chile.

Fresh aerial part and pulverized leaves of *M. disticha* (3 kg) were extracted with cold MeOH. Filtration and solvent evapn *in vacuo* gave a reddish-brown extract (320 g). The residue was partitioned between H_2O –EtOH–hexane–EtOAc (5:2:5:2). The upper phase (10.5 g) was subjected to flash CC and the residue of the lower phase was extracted with EtOAc and then subjected to flash CC (47 g) on silica gel. The fraction obtained from the two columns was subjected to repeated chromatography on silica gel using mixtures of *n*-hexane–EtOAc as solvent.

9 β -Benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β -diacetox-15-hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran (1). Crystalline solid; mp 119–122°; molecular formula, $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_8$ (found, $[\text{M}]^+$, 474.2209; requires, 474.2165); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} - 4.0^\circ$ (EtOH, c 0.20), IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm^{-1} : 3660 w, 3560 w, 2980 m, 2900 s, 2820 w, 1720 vs, 1590 w, 1350 s, 1260 s; UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$ nm: 229, 273, 280; ^1H NMR: δ 1.02 (3H, d , $J = 7.0$ Hz, Me-14),

1.39 (3H, s , Me-12), 1.44 (3H, s , Me-13), 1.56 (3H, s , OAc-1), 2.21 (3H, s , OAc-6), 4.01–4.23 (2H, d_{AB} , $J = 11.7$ Hz, H-15), 5.58 (1H, dd , $J = 12.5, 5.9$ Hz, H-1), 5.74 (1H, d , $J = 7.5$ Hz, H-9), 5.87 (1H, br s , H-6), 7.50 (3H, m , OBz), 8.00 (2H, m , OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 474 $[\text{M}]^+$ (2), 456 (4), 432 (10), 414 (2), 410 (2), 368 (2), 352 (5), 310 (3), 264 (4), 249 (12), 248 (58), 233 (7), 204 (22), 203 (44), 189 (13), 174 (14), 105 (100), 83 (20).

Hydrolysis of 1. Compound **1** (9 mg), dissolved in MeOH (2 ml), was treated with a soln of 0.1 M NaHCO_3 (3 ml) heated to 50° and stirred for 4 hr. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and then chromatographed to give compound **8**. Only product: ^1H NMR: δ 0.95 (3H, d , $J = 6.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.41 (3H, s , Me-12), 1.47 (3H, s , Me-13), 4.47 (2H, d , $J = 11.6$ Hz, H-15), 4.76 (1H, dd , $J = 12.5, 5.0$ Hz, H-1), 5.33 (1H, br s , H-6), 6.03 (1H, d , $J = 6.8$ Hz, H-9), 7.52 (3H, m , OBz), 8.12 (2H, m , OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 390 $[\text{M}]^+$ (3), 372 (3), 310 (3), 265 (4), 250 (4), 232 (5), 222 (7), 217 (5), 204 (14), 192 (11), 189 (7), 174 (22), 161 (21), 145 (13), 123 (11), 109 (11), 105 (100).

Acetylation of 1. Treatment of **1** (3 mg) with Ac_2O in pyridine followed by work-up and purification by prep. TLC gave **7** (1.5 mg). ^1H NMR: δ 0.95 (3H, d , $J = 8.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.40 (3H, s , Me-12), 1.44 (3H, s , Me-13), 1.55 (3H, s , OAc-1), 2.09 (3H, s , OAc-15), 2.25 (3H, s , OAc-6), 4.43–4.67 (2H, d_{AB} , $J = 11.7$ Hz, H-15), 5.38 (1H, d , $J = 5$ Hz, H-9), 5.60 (1H, dd , $J = 12.5, 5.0$ Hz, H-1), 5.93 (1H, br s , H-6), 7.50 (3H, m , OBz), 8.10 (2H, m , OBz).

9 β -Benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β ,15-triacetox-8-hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran (2). This compound was obtained as an amorphous solid, mp 186–190°, molecular formula $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{10}$ (found, $[\text{M}]^+$, 532.2267, requires, 532.2226); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} + 25^\circ$ (EtOH, c 0.1); IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm^{-1} : 3630 w, 3540 w, 2980 m, 2900 m, 1720 s, 1710 s, 1435 m, 1350 s, 1260 s, 1220 s; UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$ nm: 228, 274, 282, ^1H NMR: 0.92 (3H, d , $J = 7.5$ Hz, Me-14), 1.41 (3H, s , Me-12), 1.43 (3H, s , Me-13), 1.49 (3H, s , OAc-1), 2.10 (3H, s , OAc-15), 2.25 (3H, s , OAc-6), 2.32 (1H, d , $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-7), 4.25 (1H, d , $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-8), 4.54–4.72 (2H, d_{AB} , $J = 12.3$ Hz, H-15), 5.59 (1H, dd , $J = 11.8, 4.2$ Hz, H-1), 6.40 (1H, br s , H-6), 7.45 (3H, m , OBz), 8.00 (2H, m , OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 532 $[\text{M}]^+$ (1), 490 (5), 430 (2), 410 (14), 368 (5), 353 (5), 308 (3), 293 (4), 280 (3), 265 (3), 248 (4), 123 (5), 107 (6), 105 (100), 85 (10), 83 (30).

Acetylation of 2. Treatment of **2** (2 mg) with Ac_2O in pyridine followed by work-up and purification by prep. TLC gave **3** (1.4 mg), identical to the natural product.

9 β -Benzoyloxy-1 α ,6 β ,8 α ,15-tetracetoxdihydro- β -agarofuran (3). This compound was isolated as a crystalline solid, mp 115–118°; molecular formula $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_{11}$ (found, $[\text{M}]^+$, 574.2397; requires, 574.2413); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} - 5^\circ$ (c 0.08, EtOH), IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm^{-1} : 2990 s, 2940 m, 1730 s, 1720 s, 1710 s, 1585 m, 1435 m, 1350 s, 1260 s, UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$ nm: 230, 273, 280; ^1H NMR: δ 0.97 (3H, d , $J = 7.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.41 (3H, s , Me-13), 1.47 (3H, s , OAc-1), 1.55 (3H, s , Me-12), 2.04 (3H, s , OAc-8), 2.19 (3H, s , OAc-6), 2.25 (3H, s , OAc-15), 2.31 (1H, d , $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-7), 4.56 (2H, br s , H-15), 5.21 (1H, d , $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-8), 5.45 (1H, s , H-9), 5.51 (1H, dd , $J = 11.8, 4.2$ Hz, H-1), 6.28 (1H, br s , H-6), 7.48 (3H, m , OBz), 8.00 (2H, m , OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 574 $[\text{M}]^+$ (1), 532 (21), 472 (2), 453 (2), 410 (2), 350 (2), 309 (4), 290 (10), 249 (5), 248 (4), 232 (5), 220 (5), 203 (5), 190 (5), 184 (5), 161 (7), 106 (20), 105 (100).

Hydrolysis of 3. Compound **3** (57 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (8 ml) and treated with a soln of 0.1M NaHCO_3 (7 ml) while stirring at 50° for 4.5 hr. The reaction mixture was then extracted with EtOAc and purified by prep. TLC. Compounds **9**–**12** were isolated.

Compound 9 ^1H NMR: δ 0.88 (3H, s , Me-14), 1.40 (3H, s , Me-13), 1.54 (3H, s , Me-12), 1.56 (3H, s , OAc-1), 2.08 (3H, s , OAc-8), 2.19 (3H, s , OAc-6), 2.48 (1H, d , $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-7), 3.85–4.48 (2H, d_{AB} , $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-15), 5.31 (1H, d , $J = 13.3$ Hz, H-8), 5.65 (1H,

dd, $J = 12.0$, 5.0 Hz, H-1), 5.83 (1H, *s*, H-9), 6.06 (1H, *s*, H-6), 7.05 (3H, *m*, OBz), 8.00 (2H, *m*, OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 532 [M]⁺ (1), 413 (6), 412 (16), 369 (5), 355 (22), 351 (6), 341 (7), 328 (6), 327 (18), 314 (5), 309 (6), 300 (10), 270 (10), 256 (10), 255 (25), 243 (12), 242 (12), 227 (11), 213 (13), 201 (20), 199 (17), 185 (15), 155 (33), 105 (80), 57 (100).

Compound 10. ¹H NMR δ 1.15 (3H, *d*, $J = 8.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.46 (3H, *s*, Me-13), 1.52 (3H, *s*, Me-12), 1.56 (3H, *s*, OAc-1), 2.15 (3H, *s*, OAc-8), 2.18 (3H, *s*, OAc-15), 2.30 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-7), 4.50–4.78 (2H, *d*_{AB}, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-15), 4.97 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-6), 5.32 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-8), 5.53 (1H, *dd*, $J = 12.0$, 5.0 Hz, H-1), 5.51 (1H, *s*, H-9), 7.50 (3H, *m*, OBz), 8.00 (2H, *m*, OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 532 [M]⁺ (1), 490 (16), 430 (4), 410 (28), 368 (10), 353 (10), 308 (6), 293 (9), 280 (5), 265 (6), 248 (6), 195 (5), 185 (5), 165 (6), 153 (6), 105 (100).

Compound 11. ¹H NMR δ 0.96 (3H, *d*, $J = 8.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.34 (3H, *s*, Me-13), 1.40 (3H, *s*, Me-12), 2.08 (3H, *s*, OAc-6), 2.41 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-7), 3.96–4.51 (2H, *d*_{AB}, $J = 11.6$ Hz, H-15), 4.43 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-8), 4.68 (1H, *dd*, $J = 11.0$, 4.5 Hz, H-1), 5.80 (1H, *s*, H-9), 5.86 (1H, *br s*, H-6), 7.40 (3H, *m*, OBz), 7.88 (2H, *m*, OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 369 [$M - MeCO_2H - H_2O - H^+$]⁺ (8), 368 (14), 286 (14), 271 (17), 270 (41), 257 (12), 256 (13), 255 (31), 241 (11), 236 (14), 227 (13), 190 (38), 185 (24), 173 (13), 147 (17), 135 (22), 129 (24), 123 (24), 105 (34), 55 (100).

Compound 12. ¹H NMR δ 0.85 (3H, *d*, $J = 6.0$ Hz, Me-14), 1.47 (3H, *s*, Me-13), 1.52 (3H, *s*, Me-12), 2.09 (3H, *s*, OAc-15), 2.40 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-7), 4.10 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-8), 4.46 (1H, *d*, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-6), 4.59–5.06 (2H, *d*_{AB}, $J = 11.6$ Hz, H-15), 4.62 (1H, *m*, H-1), 5.96 (1H, *s*, H-9), 7.50 (3H, *m*, OBz), 8.20 (2H, *m*, OBz).

1 α ,9 β -Dibenzoyloxy-6 β ,8 β -diacetoxy-4 β -hydroxydihydro- β -agarofuran (4) Isolated as a crystalline solid, mp 205–210°, molecular formula, C₃₃H₃₈O₁₀ (found, [M]⁺, 594.2441; requires 594.2418), [α]_D²⁰ + 74° (c 0.19, EtOH), IR $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ cm⁻¹ 3640 w, 3520 m, 3000 m, 2900 m, 1730 s, 1705 s, 1580 s, 1440 s, 1350 s, 1270 s, UV λ_{max}^{EtOH} nm 226, 270, 278, ¹H NMR δ 1.36 (3H, *s*, Me-13), 1.57 (6H, *s*, Me-12, 15), 1.66 (3H, *s*, Me-14), 1.85 (3H, *s*, OAc-8), 2.15 (3H, *s*, OAc-6), 2.43 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.3$ Hz, H-7), 5.40 (1H, *d*, $J = 6.3$ Hz, H-9), 5.56 (1H, *dd*, $J = 12.0$, 4.0 Hz, H-1), 5.57 (1H, *br s*, H-6), 5.67 (1H, *dd*, $J = 6.3$, 3.3 Hz, H-8), 7.39 (6H, *m*, OBz), 7.80 (4H, *m*, OBz), EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 594 [M]⁺ (1), 579 (2), 552 (1), 534 (10), 475 (6), 457 (18), 335 (5), 248 (8), 215 (6), 202 (12), 148 (11), 105 (100). Prior to measurement of the CD spectra, compound 4 was purified by HPLC (μ Porasil, 10 μ , 0.8 \times 30 cm, C₆H₁₄-EOAc, 3:2, 1.5 ml min⁻¹, 254 nm, room temp., 31 m); UV λ_{max}^{MeCN} nm 230, CD λ_{max}^{MeCN} nm 237 ($\Delta\epsilon = +21.1$) and 222 ($\Delta\epsilon = -10.9$).

Hydrolysis of 4 Compound 4 (10 mg) dissolved in MeOH (4 ml) and treated with a soln of 0.1 M NaHCO₃ (3.5 ml) while stirring and heated at 50° for 5 hr. The reaction mixture was then extracted with EtOAc and purified by prep. TLC, giving 13 and 14.

Compound 13. ¹H NMR δ 1.53 (6H, *s*, Me-13, 15), 1.63 (3H, *s*, Me-12), 1.68 (3H, *s*, Me-14), 1.86 (3H, *s*, OAc-8), 2.47 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-7), 3.20 (1H, *s*, OH-4), 4.52 (1H, *d*, $J = 5.0$ Hz, H-6), 5.36 (1H, *d*, $J = 6.3$ Hz, H-9), 5.51 (1H, *dd*, $J = 6.3$, 3.0 Hz, H-8), 5.65 (1H, *dd*, $J = 12.0$, 4.0 Hz, H-1), 7.40 (6H, *m*, OBz), 7.80 (4H, *m*,

OBz), (200 MHz, D₂O, TMS); δ 4.50 (1H, *s*, OH), EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 537 [$M - Me$]⁺ (3), 519 (4), 415 (16), 370 (3), 293 (6), 248 (6), 205 (11), 202 (12), 105 (100).

Compound 14. ¹H NMR: δ 1.59 (6H, *s*, Me-13, 15), 1.62 (3H, *s*, Me-12), 1.67 (3H, *s*, Me-14), 2.52 (1H, *d*, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-7), 4.40 (1H, *d*, $J = 5.0$ Hz, H-6), 4.42 (1H, *m*, H-8), 5.29 (1H, *d*, $J = 6.4$ Hz, H-9), 5.60 (1H, *dd*, $J = 12.5$, 4.8 Hz, H-1), 7.35 (6H, *m*, OBz), 7.75 (4H, *m*, OBz); EIMS m/z (rel. int.): 239 [$M - 271$]⁺ (4), 199 (10), 185 (6), 171 (6), 165 (4), 155 (6), 152 (10), 149 (7), 138 (13), 135 (17), 129 (23), 123 (15), 121 (27), 109 (22), 98 (33), 55 (100).

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