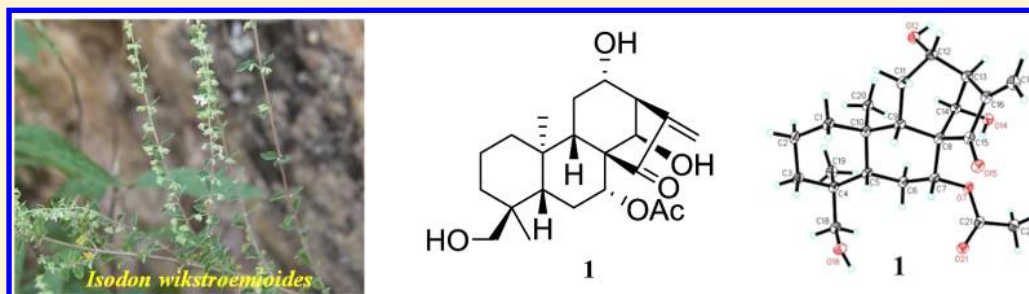


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ABSTRACT: Phytochemical investigation of EtOAc extracts of the aerial parts of *Isodon wikstroemioides* afforded 18 new *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids (wikstroemioidins E–V, 1–18), along with 17 known analogues (19–35). The absolute configurations of 1 and 16 were confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The isolates were screened against five human tumor cell lines; compounds 3, 4, 9, 11–13, 23, 25–28, and 33 exhibited significant cytotoxic activity against all five, with IC₅₀ values ranging from 0.4 to 5.1 μ M. In addition, 17 of the isolates strongly inhibited nitric oxide production in LPS-activated RAW264.7 macrophages.

The *ent*-kaurane diterpenoids are a large group of compounds isolated from the genus *Isodon*, which includes approximately 150 species and is distributed all over the world. These diterpenoids have attracted considerable attention due to their diverse structures and interesting biological properties,^{1–3} and many new *ent*-kauranoids have recently been isolated.⁴ In addition, due to their potent antitumor activity, low toxicity, and compelling structures with several vicinal stereogenic centers, some such as maoecrystal V^{5,6} and maoecrystal Z^{7,8} have been selected as targets for total synthesis.

Isodon wikstroemioides (Hand.–Mazz.) H. Hara (Lamiaceae) is a perennial herb that is primarily distributed in the northwestern regions of Yunnan Province and the western district of the Sichuan Region in the People's Republic of China.⁹ Previous phytochemical investigations of *I. wikstroemioides* plants indigenous to the Deqin Prefecture of Yunnan Province resulted in the isolation of eight 7,20-epoxy-*ent*-kauranoids and one 6,7-*seco*-7,20-olide-*ent*-kauranoid.¹⁰ Because plants from the genus *Isodon* often produce secondary metabolites with different structures and biological activities when grown under different ecological conditions,^{11–14} a study of *I. wikstroemioides* plants collected from the Ranwu Prefecture of Sichuan Province was undertaken in the hopes of identifying further novel bioactive diterpenoids with interesting structures and biological activities. These studies resulted in the isolation of 15 new C-20-nonoxygenated-*ent*-kaurane diterpenoids, wikstroemioidins E–S (1–15), three new C-20-oxygenated-

nonepoxy-*ent*-kaurane diterpenoids, wikstroemioidins T–V (16–18), and 17 known compounds (19–35). All of the isolates other than 10 and 15 were screened against the HL-60, SMMC-7721, A-549, MCF-7, and SW-480 human tumor cell lines to determine their cytotoxic activity. In addition, their ability to inhibit LPS-induced NO production in RAW264.7 macrophages was also tested. Herein, the isolation, structure elucidation, and biological activities of these compounds as well as the results of a preliminary structure–activity relationship study are described.

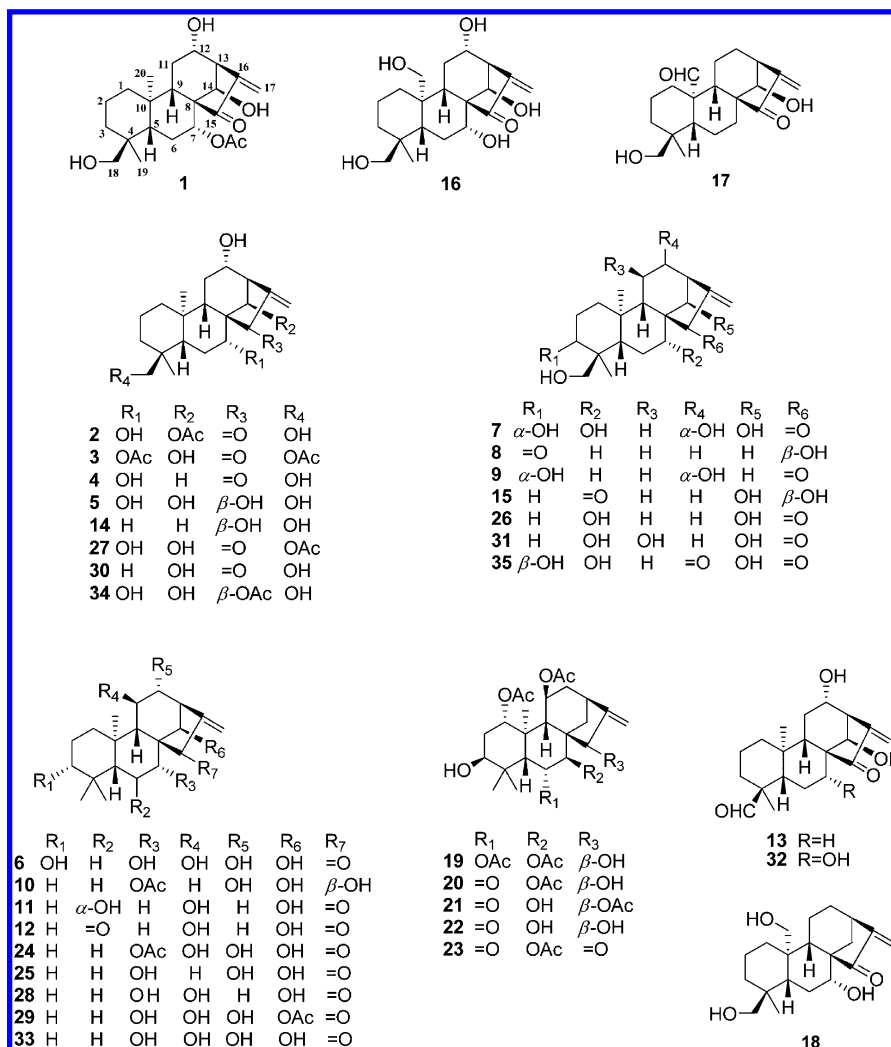
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A 70% aqueous acetone extract of the air-dried and powdered aerial parts of *I. wikstroemioides* (7.5 kg) was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O to afford an EtOAc extract (380 g). The EtOAc extract was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel, MCI CHP-20 gel, and Lichroprep RP-18, after which it was further purified by semipreparative HPLC to afford 18 new *ent*-kauranoids that have been named wikstroemioidins E–V (1–18) and 17 known compounds, namely, nervonin G (19),¹⁵ adenanthins J and K (20 and 21),¹⁶ nervonin E (22),¹⁵ adenanthin (23),¹⁷ isoscoparins E and L (24 and 25),¹⁸ excisanin C (26),¹⁹ albopilosin A (27),²⁰ phyllostachysin F (28),²¹ rabdokunmins A, B, and D (29–

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Chart 1



31),²² macrocalyxin C (32),²³ rabdoloxin B (33),²⁴ albopiloxin B (34),²⁵ and 3β,7α,14β,18-tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene-12,15-dione (35).²⁶ The structures of the known compounds were determined by comparing their spectroscopic data to literature values.

On the basis of HREIMS ([M]⁺ 392.2183, calcd 392.2199) and ¹³C NMR data, wikstroemioidin E (1) has the molecular formula C₂₂H₃₂O₆, indicating seven indices of hydrogen deficiency. Its IR absorption bands at 3466, 1719, and 1646 cm^{−1} indicate the presence of hydroxy, carbonyl, and alkenyl groups. Its ¹H NMR data (Table 1) show characteristic resonances of two methyl groups and an acetyl group, while its ¹³C NMR and DEPT data (Table 2) feature 22 carbon resonances including two methyl groups, an olefinic group, an acetoxy group, and six methylene (one oxygenated), six methine (three oxygenated), and four quaternary carbons (one carbonyl). Protons were assigned to related carbon resonances via the ¹H NMR and HSQC spectroscopic data. On the basis of its NMR data and the structures of the diterpenoids previously isolated from *I. wikstroemioides*, compound 1 was tentatively assigned as an *ent*-kauranoid. The ¹H–¹H COSY data (Figure 1) of 1 exhibit H₂-1/H₂-2/H₂-3, H-5/H₂-6/H-7, and H-9/H₂-11/H-12/H-13/H-14 correlations. Similarly, its HMBC data (Figure 1) indicate that H-5 (δ_H 1.75) correlates with C-3, C-6, C-9, C-18, C-19, and C-20, while H-13 (δ_H 3.62)

correlates with C-8, C-11, C-14, C-15, and C-17. These results indicated that 1 is a C-20-nonoxygenated-*ent*-kauranoid. The presence of an acetoxy group at C-7 and three hydroxy groups at C-12, C-14, and C-18 is supported by the HMBC correlations of H-7 (δ_H 6.07) with C-6, C-8, C-14, C-15, and an acetyl carbonyl, of H-12 (δ_H 4.35) with C-9 and C-14, and of H₂-18 (δ_H 3.60 and 3.39) with C-4, C-5, and C-19.

The relative configuration of 1 was determined by analyzing its ROESY data (Figure 1). The β-orientations of H-7 and H-12 are indicated by their associations with H-5β and H-9β, respectively, while the association between H-14 and H₃-20α indicates the α-orientation of H-14. Similarly, the association between H₂-18 and H-6β demonstrates the β-orientation of the C-18 hydroxymethyl group.

A single crystal of 1 was obtained from MeOH and analyzed by X-ray crystallography. The final refinement of the Cu Kα data resulted in a Flack parameter of 0.0(2)²⁸ and a Hooft parameter of 0.10(10) for 1487 Bijvoet pairs, enabling the absolute configuration of 1 to be assigned unambiguously as (4S, 5S, 7R, 8S, 9S, 10R, 12S, 13R, 14R) (Figure 2). The structure of compound 1 was thus defined as 12α,14β,18-trihydroxy-7α-acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Wikstroemioidin F (2) has the same molecular formula as 1 and yields similar NMR data (Tables 1 and 2). The ¹H–¹H COSY correlations of H-5/H₂-6/H-7 and H-9/H₂-11/H-12/H-

Table 1. ¹H NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioidins E–J (1–6) (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

position	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^b	4 ^a	5 ^b	6 ^b
1a	1.65, overlap	1.68, overlap	1.63, m	1.75, overlap	1.89, overlap	2.04, m
1b	0.63, m	0.67, m	0.61, m	0.68, m	0.93, overlap	1.25, m
2a	1.66, overlap	1.68, overlap	1.33, m	1.72, overlap	1.75, overlap	1.93, m
2b	1.40, overlap	1.41, m	0.82, m	1.42, overlap	1.44, m	1.80, m
3a	1.65, overlap	1.78, overlap	1.39, m	1.80, overlap	1.78, overlap	3.37, d (11.2)
3b	1.40, overlap	1.36, m	1.25, m	1.40, overlap	1.38, m	
5	1.75, overlap	1.79, overlap	1.57, overlap	1.81, overlap	1.92, overlap	1.13, d (12.0)
6a	2.37, dd (11.4, 4.1)	2.50, br q	2.02, overlap	2.34, dd (11.4, 4.5)	2.49, m	2.33, dd (12.0, 4.0)
6b	1.85, overlap	2.27, br d (11.5)	1.79, overlap	1.87, overlap	2.19, br q	2.20, br q
7	6.07, dd, (11.4, 4.1)	4.92, dd (11.5, 3.7)	5.86, dd (11.7, 4.0)	4.81, dd (11.4, 4.5)	4.67, br d (11.4)	5.02, overlap
9	1.65, overlap	1.75, overlap	1.69, s	1.62, overlap	2.40, s	2.11, br s
11a	1.88, overlap	1.95, overlap	1.89, overlap	1.94, m	2.42, overlap	4.44, s
11b	1.68, overlap	1.70, overlap	1.72, m	1.77, overlap	1.96, overlap	
12	4.35, br s	4.40, br s	4.35, br s	4.23, br s	4.43, br s	4.75, s
13	3.62, br s	3.49, d (3.5)	3.62, d (2.9)	3.33, overlap	3.34, overlap	3.78, br s
14a	5.77, s	7.05, s	5.71, br s	3.01, d (11.8)	5.72, s	5.97, s
14b				2.56, dd (11.8, 4.5)		
15					6.07, s	
17a	6.25, s	6.22, s	6.25, s	6.05, s	5.68, s	6.40, s
17b	5.38, s	5.39, s	5.38, s	5.20, s	5.30, s	5.51, s
18a	3.60, d (10.2)	3.65, d (10.5)	4.03, d (11.0)	3.68, d (10.5)	3.69, d (10.5)	1.18, s
18b	3.39, d (10.2)	3.30, d (10.5)	3.66, d (11.0)	3.34, overlap	3.32, overlap	
19	0.86, s	0.90, s	0.74, s	0.88, s	0.91, s	1.07, s
20	1.62, s	1.96, s	1.56, s	1.70, s	1.78, s	1.68, s
AcO-7	1.87, s		1.84, s			
AcO-14		2.01, s				
AcO-18			2.14, s			

^aRecorded at 400 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^bRecorded at 500 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅.Table 2. ¹³C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioidins E–J (1–6) (δ in ppm)

position	1 ^a	2 ^b	3 ^b	4 ^a	5 ^b	6 ^a
1	39.3, CH ₂	39.0, CH ₂	39.2, CH ₂	39.4, CH ₂	40.6, CH ₂	38.1, CH ₂
2	18.2, CH ₂	18.4, CH ₂	18.0, CH ₂	18.2, CH ₂	18.6, CH ₂	28.0, CH ₂
3	35.6, CH ₂	35.6, CH ₂	35.8, CH ₂	35.8, CH ₂	35.9, CH ₂	77.7, CH
4	38.9, C	38.0, C	36.6, C	38.5, C	38.0, C	39.4, C
5	47.0, CH	46.9, CH	47.2, CH	45.8, CH	46.6, CH	52.5, CH
6	25.6, CH ₂	28.7, CH ₂	25.3, CH ₂	29.2, CH ₂	30.8, CH ₂	29.9, CH ₂
7	76.2, CH	72.9, CH	76.0, CH	70.7, CH	76.0, CH	75.0, CH
8	62.2, C	63.0, C	62.1, C	58.8, C	54.7, C	59.9, C
9	57.1, CH	58.5, CH	57.1, CH	54.9, CH	50.3, CH	67.4, CH
10	38.1, C	39.2, C	39.1, C	38.0, C	38.3, C	38.8, C
11	26.5, CH ₂	26.4, CH ₂	26.6, CH ₂	27.1, CH ₂	26.3, CH ₂	71.2, CH
12	72.6, CH	73.2, CH	72.8, CH	71.4, CH	74.3, CH	79.2, CH
13	55.5, CH	53.5, CH	55.5, CH	46.8, CH	59.0, CH	54.7, CH
14	70.1, CH	72.4, CH	69.9, CH	22.2, CH ₂	73.0, CH	71.7, CH
15	207.3, C	208.0, C	207.0, C	210.9, C	74.2, CH	208.2, C
16	146.9, C	146.3, C	146.8, C	148.7, C	157.3, C	147.7, C
17	117.6, CH ₂	116.7, CH ₂	117.7, CH ₂	114.4, CH ₂	107.4, CH ₂	115.9, CH ₂
18	71.4, CH ₂	71.3, CH ₂	72.8, CH ₂	71.3, CH ₂	71.5, CH ₂	28.7, CH ₃
19	17.8, CH ₃	18.1, CH ₃	17.5, CH ₃	18.0, CH ₃	18.2, CH ₃	16.4, CH ₃
20	17.0, CH ₃	16.8, CH ₃	16.9, CH ₃	16.9, CH ₃	17.4, CH ₃	17.5, CH ₃
AcO-7	21.1, 169.2		21.0, 169.4			
AcO-14		21.9, 171.3				
AcO-18			20.7, 171.0			

^aRecorded at 100 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^bRecorded at 125 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅.

13/H-14, along with the HMBC correlations of H₂-6, H-7, H₂-18, H-19, and H₃-20 with C-5 (δ_C 46.9) and of H₃-20 (δ_H 1.96) with C-1, C-5, C-9, and C-10 suggest that **2** is also a C-20-

nonoxygenated-*ent*-kauranoid. Further analysis of its 2D NMR data and comparison with those of **1** indicate that the two compounds are C-7 and C-14 regioisomers. The presence of

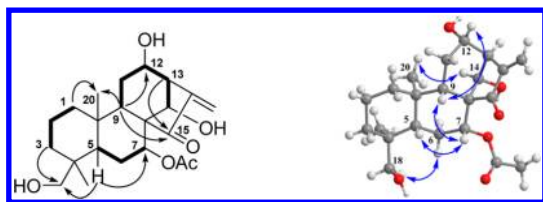


Figure 1. ^1H - ^1H COSY (bold), selected HMBC (arrow), and key ROESY correlations of **1**.

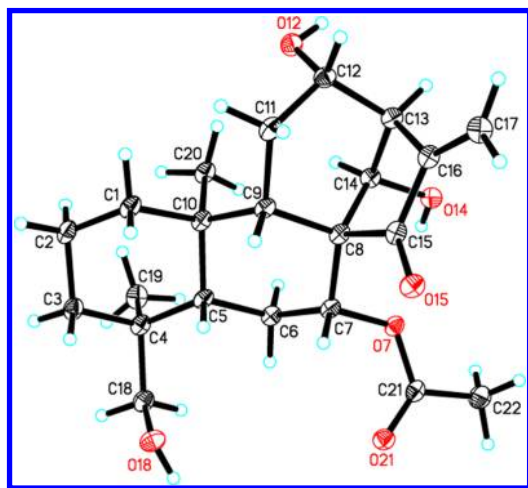


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of compound **1**.

three hydroxy groups at C-7, C-12, and C-18 of **2** is confirmed by the observation of HMBC correlations from H-7 (δ_{H} 4.92) to C-5, C-6, C-8, and C-15, from H-12 (δ_{H} 4.40) to C-9, C-13, and C-14, and from H₂-18 (δ_{H} 3.65 and 3.30) to C-3, C-5, and C-19. The acetoxy group is assumed to be located at C-14, causing deshielding of H-14 from δ_{H} 5.77 in **1** to δ_{H} 7.05 in **2**. This assumption was confirmed by the HMBC correlations of H-14 with C-9, C-13, C-15, C-16, and an acetyl carbonyl. The ROESY spectrum of **2** indicates that the relative configurations of the stereogenic centers in **2** are identical to those of **1**. Compound **2** was thus identified as 7 α ,12 α ,18-trihydroxy-14 β -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Wikstroemioidin G (**3**) was isolated as a white, amorphous powder, and its molecular formula was established to be $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_7$ by HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. Comparisons of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of **3** with those of **1** (Tables 1 and 2) indicate that both compounds have identical skeletons and substitution patterns, differing only in that **3** has an acetoxy group at C-18 rather than the hydroxy group in **1**. This conclusion is verified by the HMBC correlations of H₂-18 (δ_{H} 4.03 and 3.66) with C-3, C-5, C-19, and an acetyl carbonyl. The ROESY spectrum of **3** indicates that the relative configurations of its stereogenic carbons are identical to those of **1**. Compound **3** was thus identified as 12 α ,14 β -dihydroxy-7 α ,18-diacetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The molecular formula of wikstroemioidin H (**4**) was determined to be $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4$ by HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. A comparison of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data for compounds **4** and **2** indicates that they have identical A- and B-rings but different C-rings. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **4** suggests that the C-14 oxymethine carbon of **2** is reduced to a methylene group in **4**, causing shielding of C-13 from δ_{C} 53.5 in **2** to δ_{C} 46.8 in **4**. The HMBC correlations of H₂-14 (δ_{H} 3.01 and 2.56) with C-7, C-9, C-15, and C-16

confirm this assumption. The correlations observed in the ROESY spectrum of **4** indicate that the orientations of the substituents at C-7 and C-12 in **4** are the same as in **2**. Therefore, the structure of compound **4** was defined as 7 α ,12 α ,18-trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The molecular formula of wikstroemioidin I (**5**) was determined to be $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_5$ by HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data, indicating five indices of hydrogen deficiency. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra (Tables 1 and 2) of **5** are similar to those of the known compound rabdokunmin C.²² The only significant difference between the spectra of the two compounds is that the C-15 carbonyl resonance in rabdokunmin C is replaced by an oxymethine resonance (δ_{C} 74.2) in **5**. Such an assignment is confirmed by the HMBC correlations of H-15 (δ_{H} 6.07) with C-7, C-9, and C-16. Moreover, whereas the chemical shift of C-9 of rabdokunmin C occurs at δ_{C} 57.3, it is shielded to δ_{C} 50.3 in **5**. This is presumably due to a γ -steric compression effect between HO-15 β and H-9 β , which suggests that H-15 is α -oriented. The structure of compound **5** was thus assigned as 7 α ,12 α ,14 β ,15 β ,18-pentahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Wikstroemioidin J (**6**) was obtained as a white, amorphous powder whose molecular formula was determined to be $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_6$ by HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of **6** are similar to those of known compound **28**²¹ except that the C-3 and C-12 methylene resonances in **28** are replaced by oxymethine resonances in **6**. The HMBC correlations (Figure 3) of H₃-18 (δ_{H} 1.18) and H₃-19 (δ_{H}

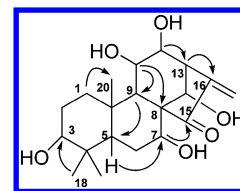


Figure 3. Selected HMBC (arrow) correlations of compound **6**.

1.07) with C-3 (δ_{C} 77.7) and of H-12 (δ_{H} 4.75) with C-9 and C-13 confirm this conclusion. The ROESY correlations (Figure 3) from H-3 to H-1 β and H-5 β and from H-12 to H-9 β in **6** indicate that the C-3 and C-12 hydroxy groups in **6** are α -oriented. Therefore, the structure of compound **6** was assigned as 3 α ,7 α ,11 β ,12 α ,14 β -pentahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Wikstroemioidin K (**7**), colorless needles from MeOH, has a molecular formula of $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_6$ based on HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. Its 1D and 2D NMR data indicate that **7** is an *ent*-kauranoid. Carbon-3, C-7, C-12, C-14, and C-18 all carry hydroxy groups based on the HMBC correlations of H₂-18 (δ_{H} 4.20 and 3.71) with C-3 (δ_{C} 72.8), C-4, C-5, and C-19, of H-7 and H-14 with C-8 (δ_{C} 61.6), and of H-12 (δ_{H} 4.37) with C-9, C-11, and C-14. A ROESY experiment revealed that H-3, H-7, and H-12 in **7** are β -oriented, while H-14 is α -oriented based on the correlations of H-3/H-1 β , H-7/H-9 β , and H-14/H-6 α and H₃-20 α . Therefore, the structure of **7** was defined as 3 α ,7 α ,12 α ,14 β ,18-pentahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Wikstroemioidin L (**8**) was identified as 15 β ,18-dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-3-one by comparing its spectroscopic data to those of the known compound *ent*-3-oxo-16-karene-15 β ,18-diol.²⁷ Both compounds have similar NMR data, differing only with respect to the configuration of C-15. The resonance corresponding to C-9 in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **8** is shielded (Δ 8.8 ppm) relative to the equivalent resonance of the reference compound due to a γ -steric compression effect

Table 3. ¹H NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioidins K–P (7–12) (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

position	7 ^b	8 ^b	9 ^a	10 ^b	11 ^b	12 ^b
1a	1.69, overlap	1.95, overlap	1.78, overlap	1.79, m	1.87, m	1.88, m
1b	0.82, m	1.57, overlap	0.89, m	0.75, overlap	1.06, overlap	1.25, overlap
2a	1.94, m	2.66, m	2.00, m	1.57, m	1.70, m	1.52, m
2b	1.84, overlap	2.55, m	1.87, m	1.28, m	1.32, m	1.32, m
3a	4.14, overlap		4.19, overlap	1.26, m	1.28, m	1.19, m
3b				1.00, m	1.09, overlap	0.97, m
5	1.84, overlap	2.46, dd (12.2, 1.8)	1.70, overlap	1.10, br d (12.2)	1.00, s	2.41, s
6a	2.49, dd (12.2, 3.6)	1.55, overlap	1.78, overlap	2.09, m	4.73, br s	
6b	2.18, br q	1.44, overlap	1.50, m	1.86, m		
7a	5.09, overlap	2.04, overlap	2.43, m	5.66, d (4.1)	2.78, dd (14.4, 2.5)	3.27, dd (16.5, 13.7)
7b		1.36, m	1.44, m		2.22, dd (14.4, 2.5)	
9	1.66, overlap	1.99, s	1.56, d (9.6)	2.24, d (9.6)	2.16, s	2.61, s
11a	1.84, overlap	2.07, overlap	1.92, overlap	2.36, m	4.33, br s	4.31, d (4.2)
11b	1.72, overlap	1.48, m	1.75, overlap	1.92, overlap		
12a	4.37, br s	1.61, m	4.19, overlap	4.40, br s	2.41, br s	2.43, m
12b		1.55, overlap				2.26, m
13	3.63, br s	2.71, br s	3.24, t (3.9)	3.34, d (3.9)	3.33, br s	3.33, br s
14a	5.91, s	1.95, overlap	3.17, d (11.8)	5.34, d (6.2)	5.36, s	4.75, s
14b		1.07, overlap	1.30, dd (11.8, 4.7)			
15		4.08, br s		5.50, s		
17a	6.31, s	5.48, s	6.11, s	5.64, s	6.23, s	6.29, s
17b	5.39, s	5.12, s	5.27, s	5.29, s	5.36, s	5.44, s
18a	4.20, overlap	3.96, d (10.3)	4.22, overlap	0.80, s	0.97, s	1.00, s
18b	3.71, d (10.4)	3.64, d (10.3)	3.72, d (10.4)			
19	1.07, s	1.08, s	1.06, s	0.78, s	1.44, s	1.35, s
20	1.73, s	1.04, s	1.65, s	1.61, s	1.63, s	1.02, s
AcO-7				1.98, s		

^aRecorded at 600 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^bRecorded at 500 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅.Table 4. ¹³C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioidins K–P (7–12) (δ in ppm)

position	7 ^b	8 ^b	9 ^c	10 ^c	11 ^a	12 ^a
1	38.2, CH ₂	38.2, CH ₂	38.6, CH ₂	40.8, CH ₂	42.1, CH ₂	39.4, CH ₂
2	27.6, CH ₂	36.6, CH ₂	27.8, CH ₂	19.2, CH ₂	19.1, CH ₂	18.6, CH ₂
3	72.8, CH	217.2, C	73.4, CH	42.2, CH ₂	43.7, CH ₂	42.3, CH ₂
4	42.9, C	52.7, C	43.4, C	33.7, C	34.3, C	32.5, C
5	45.5, CH	46.9, CH	47.7, CH	53.6, CH	56.4, CH	64.9, CH
6	29.7, CH ₂	21.6, CH ₂	19.0, CH ₂	26.9, CH ₂	66.0, CH	212.6, C
7	74.7, CH	38.3, CH ₂	34.2, CH ₂	78.4, CH	35.4, CH ₂	42.9, CH ₂
8	61.6, C	46.1, C	52.7, C	55.5, C	55.8, C	61.7, C
9	57.1, CH	45.4, CH	55.3, CH	50.8, CH	66.8, CH	65.8, CH
10	38.6, C	38.1, C	38.9, C	38.8, C	39.1, C	45.5, C
11	26.8, CH ₂	18.7, CH ₂	27.7, CH ₂	26.5, CH ₂	65.1, CH	64.5, CH
12	72.5, CH	33.7, CH ₂	71.1, CH	74.5, CH	41.8, CH ₂	41.4, CH ₂
13	55.8, CH	40.7, CH	47.2, CH	58.5, CH	46.6, CH	46.1, CH
14	71.3, CH	36.6, CH ₂	30.9, CH ₂	74.1, CH	74.8, CH	72.9, CH
15	209.1, C	82.1, CH	211.5, C	71.8, CH	209.8, C	205.8, C
16	147.9, C	159.5, C	148.7, C	156.9, C	149.6, C	149.1, C
17	116.8, CH ₂	104.5, CH ₂	115.3, CH ₂	108.1, CH ₂	112.6, CH ₂	114.7, CH ₂
18	67.4, CH ₂	68.5, CH ₂	67.9, CH ₂	33.8, CH ₃	34.0, CH ₃	32.6, CH ₃
19	13.0, CH ₃	17.9, CH ₃	13.3, CH ₃	22.1, CH ₃	23.8, CH ₃	22.0, CH ₃
20	17.1, CH ₃	17.7, CH ₃	17.1, CH ₃	17.1, CH ₃	19.6, CH ₃	19.1, CH ₃
AcO-7				21.7, 170.6		

^aRecorded at 100 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^bRecorded at 125 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^cRecorded at 150 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅.

between HO-15β and H-9β. This implies that H-15 is α-oriented in **8**. A ROESY correlation between H-15 and H-13α confirms that the C-15 hydroxy group of **8** is β-oriented. The structure of compound **8** was thus assigned as 15β,18-dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-3-one.

The HREIMS, ¹³C NMR (Table 4), and DEPT data for wikstroemioidin **M** (**9**) indicated a molecular formula of C₂₀H₃₀O₄. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of **9** are similar to those of **7** (Tables 3 and 4) except that the C-7 and C-14 oxymethine resonances in **7** are replaced by methylene resonances in **9**.

This is consistent with the observed HMBC correlations of H₂-7 (δ_{H} 2.43 and 1.44) with C-5, C-6, C-8, and C-14 (δ_{C} 30.9) and of H₂-14 (δ_{H} 3.17 and 1.30) with C-8, C-9, C-12, C-13, and C-15. Further analysis of its 2D NMR data facilitated definition of the structure of **9** as 3 α ,12 α ,18-trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The molecular formula of wikstroemioidin N (**10**) was determined to be C₂₂H₃₄O₅ by HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data. Its NMR spectra indicate that it is an *ent*-kaurane diterpenoid with an acetoxy group, an olefinic quaternary carbon, an olefinic methylene carbon, seven methine carbons (four of which are oxygenated), and five methylene, three quaternary, and three methyl carbons. The HMBC correlations of H-5 and H-6 with C-7 (δ_{C} 78.4) and of H-7 (δ_{H} 5.66) with the acetyl carbonyl show that the acetoxy group is located at C-7. In addition, the HMBC correlations of H-12 (δ_{H} 4.40) with C-9 and C-14, of H-14 (δ_{H} 5.34) with C-9 and C-13, and of H-15 (δ_{H} 5.50) with C-14 and C-16 indicate that C-12, C-14, and C-15 are substituted with a hydroxy group. The relative configuration of **10** was established by a ROESY experiment and by analyzing its proton coupling constants. The ROESY spectrum shows that H-7 correlates with H-5 β and H-9 β , while H-15 correlates with H-13 α , indicating that the C-7 acetoxy group is α -oriented and the C-15 hydroxy group is β -oriented. The structure of compound **10** was thus defined as 12 α ,14 β ,15 β -trihydroxy-7 α -acetoxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Wikstroemioidin O (**11**) was obtained as a white, amorphous powder with a molecular formula of C₂₀H₃₀O₄ based on HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data. Its spectroscopic data indicate that its structure is similar to that of known compound **28**²¹ but for the location of the hydroxy group at C-6 in **11**. This assignment was verified by the ¹H–¹H COSY correlations between H-5, H-6, and H₂-7 as well as the HMBC correlations from H-6 (δ_{H} 4.73) to C-4, C-5, and C-8. The relative configurations of HO-6 α , HO-11 β , and HO-14 β were determined from the ROESY correlations of H-6 with H₃-18 β , of H-11 with H-1 α and H₃-20 α , and of H-14 with H₃-20 α . Therefore, the structure of compound **11** was assigned as 6 α ,11 β ,14 β -trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

The HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data for wikstroemioidin P (**12**) indicated a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₈O₄. A comparison of the NMR data for **12** and **11** (Tables 3 and 4) revealed that they only differ in that **12** has a carbonyl instead of an oxymethine group at C-6. This is demonstrated by the presence of HMBC correlations from H₂-7 and H-5 to C-6 (δ_{C} 212.6) in the spectra of **12**. The C-6 carbonyl group of compound **12** causes deshielding of H-5 in its ¹H NMR spectrum relative to the corresponding resonance in the spectrum of **11** (from δ_{H} 1.00 to δ_{H} 2.41) and also causes shielding of the resonance of H₃-20, from δ_{H} 1.63 to δ_{H} 1.02. In addition, correlations observed in the ROESY spectrum indicate that the orientations of the substituents in **12** are the same as in **11**. The structure of compound **12** was thus defined as 11 β ,14 β -dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene-6,15-dione.

The HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data for wikstroemioidin Q (**13**) indicated a molecular formula of C₂₀H₂₈O₄. The NMR data of **13** closely resemble those for the known compound **30**.²² However, the resonance for the C-18 hydroxymethyl group in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **30** is replaced by a formyl carbonyl resonance in the spectrum of **13**. The formyl proton (δ_{H} 9.26) exhibits HMBC correlations with C-3, C-4, and C-19, confirming its location at C-18. The ROESY correlations of H-12/H-9 β and H-14/H₃-20 α indicate that HO-12 is α -oriented

while HO-14 is β -oriented. Therefore, the structure of **13** was assigned as 12 α ,14 β -dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-18-al-15-one.

The molecular formula of wikstroemioidin R (**14**) was determined to be C₂₀H₃₂O₃ by HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data. Its NMR data indicated that C-12, C-15, and C-18 are all substituted with hydroxy groups. The configuration of HO-12 α was determined by analyzing proton coupling constants, while that of HO-15 β was deduced from the shielded C-9 (Δ 7.0 ppm) resonance in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **14** relative to the equivalent resonance in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **9**. This shift was attributed to a γ -steric compression effect between HO-15 β and H-9 β . Compound **14** was thus identified as 12 α ,15 β ,18-trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Wikstroemioidin S (**15**) was obtained as a white, amorphous powder with a molecular formula of C₂₀H₃₀O₄ based on HREIMS and ¹³C NMR data. Its NMR spectra indicate that it is an *ent*-kauranoid with three oxygenated carbons and a carbonyl group. The HMBC correlations of H-5, H-6, and H-15 with C-7 (δ_{C} 211.1), of H-14 (δ_{H} 4.91) with C-13, C-15, and C-16, of H-15 (δ_{H} 6.33) with C-7, C-8, C-9, and C-16, and of H₂-18 (δ_{H} 3.53 and 3.27) with C-3, C-5, and C-19 indicate that the carbonyl group is located at C-7 and that C-14, C-15, and C-18 are all substituted with hydroxy groups. In addition, its ROESY data suggest that H-14 and C-18 are α - and β -oriented, respectively, based on the correlation of H-14 with H₃-20 α and H₂-18 with H-5 β . Therefore, the structure of compound **15** was assigned as 14 β ,15 β ,18-trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-7-one.

Wikstroemioidin T (**16**), colorless needles from MeOH, has a molecular formula of C₂₀H₃₀O₆ by HREIMS ($[M]^+$ 366.2068, calcd 366.2042) and ¹³C NMR data, indicating six indices of hydrogen deficiency. Analysis of its 1D and 2D NMR data suggests that it is an *ent*-kauranoid with an exocyclic double bond, a carbonyl carbon, six methine carbons (of which three are oxygenated), seven methylene carbons (two of which are oxygenated), three quaternary carbons, and a methyl carbon. Carbon-7, C-12, C-14, C-18, and C-20 are all substituted with hydroxy groups, as demonstrated by the HMBC correlations from H-7 (δ_{H} 5.16) to C-8, C-14 (δ_{C} 71.8), and C-15, from H-12 (δ_{H} 4.35) to C-9, C-11, and C-14, and from H₂-20 (δ_{H} 4.63 and 4.41) to C-1, C-9, and C-10 (Figure 4). The relative

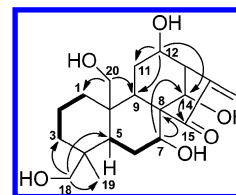


Figure 4. ¹H–¹H COSY (bold) and selected HMBC (arrow) correlations of **16**.

configuration of **16** was determined via its ROESY data (Figure 4): the NOEs of H-7/H-5 β and of H-12/H-9 β indicate that H-7 and H-12 are both β -oriented, while the NOEs of H-14/H-6 α suggest that H-14 is α -oriented. A single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis using the anomalous scattering of Cu K α radiation yielded a Flack parameter of 0.1(3) and a Hooft parameter of 0.11(7) for 1133 Bijvoet pairs, confirming the absolute configuration of **16** as (4*S*, 5*R*, 7*R*, 8*S*, 9*S*, 10*S*, 12*S*, 13*R*, 14*R*) (Figure 5). Therefore, the structure of compound **16** was defined as 7 α ,12 α ,14 β ,18,20-pentahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

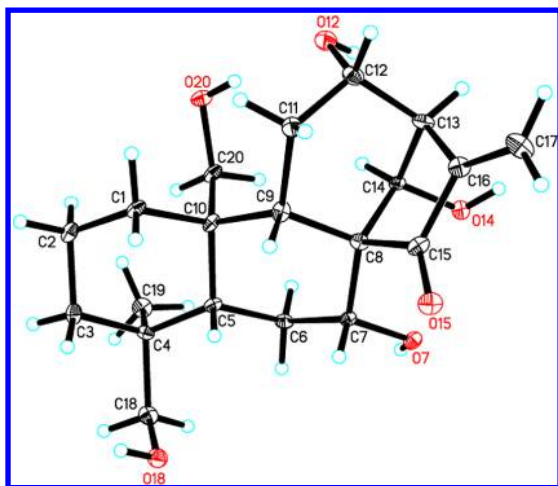


Figure 5. ORTEP drawing of compound 16.

Wikstroemioidin U (17) was shown to have the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{28}O_4$ by HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. Its NMR data indicate that its structure is similar to that of 26,¹⁹ but the C-7 oxymethine group and C-20 methyl group of 26 are replaced by a methylene and a formyl group, respectively, in 17. These replacements are verified by the HMBC correlations of H_2-7 (δ_H 2.67 and 2.15) with C-9 and C-14 and of H-20 (δ_H 10.66) with C-1 and C-10. A ROESY experiment confirmed that 17 has the same configuration as 26. The structure of compound 17 was thus defined as 14 β ,18-dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-20-al-15-one.

Wikstroemioidin V (18) was assigned the molecular formula $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$ based on its HREIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. Its spectroscopic data indicate that its structure resembles that of 16 (Tables 5 and 6) save that the C-12 and C-14 oxymethine groups of 16 are replaced with methylene groups in 18. This causes shielding of C-13 from δ_C 55.9 in 16 to δ_C 38.7 in 18. This conclusion was supported by the HMBC correlations of H_2-12 (δ_H 2.82 and 1.61) with C-13 and C-16 and of H_2-14 (δ_H 2.70) with C-8, C-9, C-13, C-15, and C-16. The relative configuration of 18 was identical to that of 16 based on the observed ROESY correlations. Therefore, the structure of compound 18 was assigned as 7 α ,18,20-trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Compounds 1–35 are the main small-molecule components of the ethyl acetate extracts of *I. wikstroemioides* plants collected from the Ranwu Prefecture of Sichuan Province. All of these are either C-20-nonoxygenated-*ent*-kauranoids or C-20-oxygenated-nonepoxy-*ent*-kauranoids, both of which have different structures from the 7,20-epoxy-*ent*-kauranoids that were previously isolated from plants of this species growing in the Deqin Prefecture of Yunnan.¹⁰ This finding confirms that the structures of the secondary metabolites produced by plants from the genus *Isodon* depend on the ecological conditions under which the plant is grown.

Previous studies on the structure–activity relationships of diterpenoids isolated from the genus *Isodon* indicated that the *exo*-methylene cyclopentanone D-ring system contributes significantly to their antitumor and anti-inflammatory activities.²⁹ Most of the isolates obtained from *I. wikstroemioides* in this work had D-rings containing the *exo*-methylene cyclo-

Table 5. 1H NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioidins Q–V (13–18) (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

position	13 ^a	14 ^b	15 ^c	16 ^b	17 ^a	18 ^a
1a	1.64, m	1.94, overlap	1.82, m	2.68, m	2.64, overlap	2.51, m
1b	0.64, m	0.93, overlap	0.86, m	0.55, m	0.60, m	0.63, m
2a	1.52, m	1.69, overlap	1.61, m	1.82, overlap	1.86, overlap	1.82, m
2b	1.31, m	1.43, overlap	1.42, m	1.50, m	1.49, overlap	1.48, m
3a	1.27, m	1.81, overlap	1.74, m	1.87, overlap	1.85, overlap	1.86, m
3b	1.03, overlap	1.41, overlap	1.39, m	1.40, m	1.32, m	1.42, m
5	1.52, overlap	1.68, overlap	2.11, overlap	1.97, d (12.5)	2.07, overlap	1.97, overlap
6a	1.54, overlap	1.76, m	2.78, br q	2.37, overlap	2.03, overlap	2.27, m
6b	1.04, overlap	1.53, m	2.74, overlap	2.08, br q	2.01, overlap	1.97, overlap
7a	2.51, m	2.25, m		5.16, dd (11.4, 4.4)	2.67, overlap	4.84, dd (10.8, 4.4)
7b	2.12, m	1.49, m			2.15, m	
9	1.75, overlap	2.14, d (9.4)	2.63, d (8.1)	1.73, s	1.90, overlap	1.67, d (8.6)
11a	1.83, m	2.29, m	2.07, m	2.40, overlap	1.45, overlap	2.19, dd (14.3, 5.8)
11b	1.77, m	1.91, m	1.67, m	1.77, overlap	1.43, overlap	1.56, m
12a	4.40, br s	4.21, overlap	2.03, m	4.35, br s	1.81, overlap	2.82, m
12b			1.80, m		1.55, m	1.61, m
13	3.61, d (3.4)	2.98, br s	3.10, br s	3.69, d (3.1)	3.23, br s	3.10, d (2.8)
14a	5.42, s	2.89, d (11.7)	4.91, s	6.08, s	4.41, s	2.70, m
14b		1.04, dd (11.7, 4.4)				
15		4.19, overlap	6.33, br s			
17a	6.25, s	5.50, s	5.69, s	6.31, s	6.23, s	6.04, s
17b	5.34, s	5.14, s	5.29, s	5.39, s	5.29, s	5.18, s
18a	9.26, s	3.66, d (10.4)	3.53, d (10.6)	3.63, d (10.5)	3.68, d (10.6)	3.67, d (10.5)
18b		3.35, d (10.4)	3.27, d (10.6)	3.28, d (10.5)	3.33, d (10.6)	3.33, d (10.5)
19	0.98, s	0.90, s	0.82, s	0.91, s	0.72, s	0.93, s
20a	1.49, s	1.70, s	1.27, s	4.63, d (12.4)	10.66, s	4.45, d (11.5)
20b				4.41, d (12.4)		4.36, d (11.5)

^aRecorded at 500 MHz in pyridine- d_5 . ^bRecorded at 400 MHz in pyridine- d_5 . ^cRecorded at 600 MHz in pyridine- d_5 .

Table 6. ^{13}C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Wikstroemioids Q–V (13–18) (δ in ppm)

position	13 ^a	14 ^a	15 ^c	16 ^a	17 ^b	18 ^b
1	38.7, CH ₂	40.5, CH ₂	40.9, CH ₂	34.5, CH ₂	34.2, CH ₂	34.8, CH ₂
2	17.3, CH ₂	18.5, CH ₂	18.8, CH ₂	18.3, CH ₂	19.2, CH ₂	18.5, CH ₂
3	32.2, CH ₂	36.1, CH ₂	36.2, CH ₂	35.5, CH ₂	35.6, CH ₂	35.8, CH ₂
4	50.0, C	38.2, C	38.9, C	37.8, C	38.7, C	37.8, C
5	47.5, CH	48.6, CH	48.5, CH	46.6, CH	48.7, CH	46.4, CH
6	21.6, CH ₂	20.3, CH ₂	38.7, CH ₂	29.3, CH ₂	17.8, CH ₂	29.1, CH ₂
7	25.7, CH ₂	39.0, CH ₂	211.1, C	74.8, CH	26.2, CH ₂	71.0, CH
8	59.3, C	46.0, C	67.1, C	61.7, C	58.8, C	59.0, C
9	56.7, CH	48.3, CH	51.1, CH	53.9, CH	54.6, CH	53.5, CH
10	37.8, C	37.9, C	39.6, C	44.0, C	54.2, C	43.2, C
11	26.9, CH ₂	26.7, CH ₂	18.1, CH ₂	25.3, CH ₂	18.3, CH ₂	19.5, CH ₂
12	73.3, CH	72.3, CH	34.5, CH ₂	73.5, CH	30.4, CH ₂	32.7, CH ₂
13	55.6, CH	48.9, CH	50.2, CH	55.9, CH	47.2, CH	38.7, CH
14	68.4, CH	30.9, CH ₂	76.8, CH	71.8, CH	75.5, CH	29.4, CH ₂
15	210.6, C	83.0, CH	73.1, CH	208.8, C	208.7, C	210.5, C
16	147.3, C	157.4, C	159.0, C	147.3, C	149.2, C	151.7, C
17	116.6, CH ₂	105.2, CH ₂	107.4, CH ₂	117.1, CH ₂	116.0, CH ₂	112.5, CH ₂
18	206.4, CH	71.6, CH ₂	71.0, CH ₂	71.2, CH ₂	70.4, CH ₂	71.5, CH ₂
19	14.0, CH ₃	18.1, CH ₃	17.8, CH ₃	19.4, CH ₃	17.1, CH ₃	18.9, CH ₃
20	16.6, CH ₃	17.1, CH ₃	18.0, CH ₃	61.2, CH ₂	207.7, CH	60.7, CH ₂

^aRecorded at 100 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^bRecorded at 125 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅. ^cRecorded at 150 MHz in pyridine-*d*₅.

pentanone motif. Therefore, all of the isolates except **10** and **15** (which could not be tested due to sample limitations) were evaluated for their cytotoxicity against the HL-60 (acute leukemia), SMMC-7721 (hepatic cancer), A-549 (lung cancer), MCF-7 (breast cancer), and SW-480 (colon cancer) human tumor cell lines using the MTS method,³⁰ with cisplatin and paclitaxel as positive controls. Compounds **3**, **4**, **9**, **11–13**, **23**, **25–28**, and **33** exhibited significant cytotoxic activity, with IC₅₀ values ranging from 0.4 to 5.1 μM for all five cell lines, while compounds **1**, **2**, **18**, **24**, **29**, **30**, and **32** showed moderate cytotoxic potency (Table 7). These results suggested that the α,β -unsaturated carbonyl function is a structural requirement for cytotoxicity in these compounds.³¹ It is worth mentioning that compound **25**, whose absolute configuration was determined in an X-ray diffraction experiment using Cu K α radiation, as shown in Figure 6, which has three OH groups on its B- and C-rings, exhibited significant inhibitory activity against all of the tested cancer cell lines, with IC₅₀ values ranging from 0.4 to 1.2 μM . Compounds **3** and **27** have an OAc group at C-18 and also exhibited significant inhibitory activities against all of the tested cancer cell lines. Compounds **1** and **2**, which are major chemical constituents of *I. wikstroemioides* and have an OH group at C-18, exhibited lower activity against the five cancer cell lines and selective antiproliferative activity against the SW-480 cancer cell line, with IC₅₀ values of 6.9 and 8.6 μM , respectively.

Inflammation is a complicated physiological phenomenon that occurs in response to injury, infection, and stress. Cytokines are released by activated macrophages and are known to be important in pro-inflammatory responses, partly because they stimulate nitric oxide production. Nitric oxide (NO) is a product of inflammation that is synthesized by inducible NO synthase (iNOS) isoforms and plays a central role in immune and inflammatory responses to diverse pathogens.³² Because inflammation is closely related to cancer, and cytotoxic diterpenoid isolates from the genus *Isodon* often exhibit inhibitory activity against NO production,^{4b} the 21 isolates obtained in this study were tested for their capacity to

Table 7. Cytotoxic Activities of Diterpenoids from *I. wikstroemioides* against Tumor Cell Lines^a

compound	HL-60	SMMC-7721	A-549	MCF-7	SW-480
1	>10	>10	>10	>10	6.9
2	>10	>10	>10	>10	8.6
3	2.9	3.5	2.7	1.6	0.9
4	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.9	1.4
9	4.1	4.1	3.7	4.8	2.7
11	4.8	5.1	5.1	3.7	2.3
12	3.1	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.0
13	3.2	1.4	0.9	1.7	1.0
18	>10	7.1	>10	7.3	4.0
23	3.6	4.0	3.3	2.8	2.0
24	8.8	5.8	>10	>10	4.7
25	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.6
26	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.3
27	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.7	0.9
28	3.3	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.1
29	8.8	5.8	>10	>10	4.7
30	8.8	4.0	>10	>10	4.0
32	3.7	4.0	>10	3.7	2.1
33	2.9	3.4	4.4	3.0	2.4
DDP ^b	1.7	4.5	7.6	15.7	15.0
paclitaxel ^b	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008

^aResults are expressed as IC₅₀ values in μM . Cell lines: HL-60, acute leukemia; SMMC-7721, hepatic cancer; A-549, lung cancer; MCF-7, breast cancer; SW-480, colon cancer. Compounds **5–8**, **14**, **16**, **17**, **19–22**, **31**, **34**, and **35** were inactive (IC₅₀ > 10 μM) for all cell lines.

^bDDP (cisplatin) and paclitaxel were used as positive controls.

inhibit NO production in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated RAW264.7 cells. Strong inhibitory activity was observed for compounds **3**, **4**, **9**, **11–13**, **18**, **23–30**, **32**, and **33** (Table 8).

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were obtained on an XRC-1 apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured in MeOH with Horiba SEPA-300 and

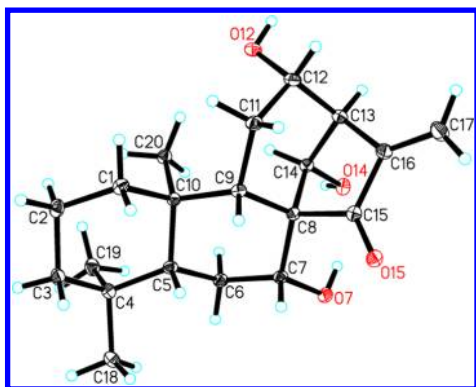


Figure 6. ORTEP drawing of compound 25.

Table 8. Inhibitory Effects of the Diterpenoids from *I. wikstroemioides* on LPS-Activated NO Production in RAW264.7 Cells^a

compound	IC ₅₀ (μM)	compound	IC ₅₀ (μM)
1	16.8	23	3.3
2	16.5	24	7.2
3	5.0	25	0.8
4	3.5	26	1.0
9	4.7	27	1.9
11	2.5	28	1.0
12	1.1	29	7.2
13	1.9	30	4.8
14	23.9	32	2.7
17	9.9	33	1.9
18	2.8	MG-132	0.1

^aEach value represents the mean ± SEM (*n* = 3).

JASCO P-1020 polarimeters. UV spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu UV-2401A spectrophotometer. IR spectra were obtained on a Tenor 27 FT-IR spectrometer using KBr pellets. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-400, DRX-500, and DRX-600 spectrometers using TMS as the internal standard. All chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm relative to the solvent signals. HREIMS was performed on an API QSTAR TOF spectrometer. X-ray crystallographic data were collected on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer equipped with an APEX II CCD using Cu K α radiation. Column chromatography (CC) was performed with silica gel (100–200 mesh and 200–300 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical, Inc., Qingdao, People's Republic of China), Lichroprep RP-18 gel (40–63 μ m, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), and MCI gel (75–150 μ m, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Tokyo, Japan). Thin-layer chromatography was performed on precoated TLC plates (200–250 μ m thickness, silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, Qingdao Marine Chemical, Inc.), and spots were visualized by UV light (254 nm) or by spraying heated silica gel plates with 10% H₂SO₄ in EtOH. Preparative HPLC was performed on a Shimadzu LC-8A preparative liquid chromatograph with a Shimadzu PRC-ODS (K) column. Semipreparative HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1100 liquid chromatograph with a Zorbax SB-C₁₈ (9.4 mm × 25 cm) column.

Plant Material. The aerial parts of *I. wikstroemioides* were collected in the Ranwu District of Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China, in July 2011 and identified by Prof. Xi-Wen Li at the Kunming Institute of Botany. A voucher specimen (KIB 20110939) has been deposited in the Herbarium of the Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Extraction and Isolation. The aerial parts of *I. wikstroemioides* (7.5 kg) were extracted with 70% aqueous acetone (14 L) three times (for three days each time) at room temperature and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to a volume of 5 L and then partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The EtOAc-soluble

portion (380 g) was subjected to silica gel CC (2 kg, 100–200 mesh), eluting with CHCl₃/acetone (1:0–0:1 gradient system). Seven fractions were obtained from the silica gel column and individually decolorized on MCI gel, after which they were eluted with 90:10 MeOH/H₂O to yield fractions A–G.

Fraction C (CHCl₃/acetone, 8:2; 19 g), which was a brown gum, was subjected to RP-18 column chromatography (MeOH/H₂O, 27:73 to 60:40 gradient) to provide three fractions, C1–C3. Fraction C2 (15 g) was separated into five subfractions (C2-1–C2-5) using RP-18 CC (MeOH/H₂O, 25:75 to 40:60 gradient). C2-5 (80 mg) was subjected to semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 32:68) to obtain 11 (4 mg), 13 (5 mg), and 14 (6 mg). C2-4 (12 g) was subjected to RP-18 CC (MeOH/H₂O, 25:75 to 40:60 gradient) and then semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 28:72) to yield 32 (200 mg) and 17 (13 mg). Fraction C3 (2 g) was separated by preparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 34:66) to afford 17 fractions (C3-1–C3-17). C3-14 (65 mg) was submitted to semipreparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 72:28) to yield 8 (30 mg). Compounds 19 (7 mg), 20 (16 mg), 22 (27 mg), 23 (75 mg), and 21 (10 mg) were isolated from fraction C3-17 (210 mg) by semipreparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 60:40). C3-13 (1 g) was subjected to repeated preparative HPLC (MeOH/H₂O, 65:35) to afford 3 (4 mg), 10 (2 mg), 25 (70 mg), 26 (500 mg), and 27 (53 mg). C3-8 (50 mg) was subjected to semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 35:65) to yield 28 (6 mg).

Fraction D (CHCl₃/acetone, 7:3; 50 g) was subjected to silica gel CC (1 kg, 200–300 mesh) and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (80:1) to afford seven fractions (D1–D7). D1 (800 mg) was submitted to preparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 34:66) and then semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 32:68) to yield 12 (12 mg), 15 (1 mg), 29 (8 mg), and 24 (8 mg). D4 (20 g) was applied to a silica gel column (200 g, 200–300 mesh) and eluted with CHCl₃/MeOH (80:1) to afford six fractions (D4-1–D4-6). D4-4 (14 g) was separated by preparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 30:70) to yield 1 (4 g) and 2 (5 g) and then semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 28:72) to yield 33 (8 mg), 34 (24 mg), and 18 (3 mg). In the same way, 5 (3 mg) and 9 (2 mg) were isolated from fraction D4-5, and 4 (20 mg) was isolated from D4-6.

Fraction E (CHCl₃/acetone, 6:4; 3 g) was separated by RP-18 CC (MeOH/H₂O, 13:87 to 40:60 gradient) into fractions E1–E5. Compounds 16 (8 mg), 30 (2 mg), 31 (17 mg), and 35 (4 mg) were isolated from E2 (150 mg) by semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 16:84).

Fraction F (CHCl₃/acetone, 5:5; 12 g) was separated by RP-18 CC (MeOH/H₂O, 13:87 to 40:60 gradient) and then semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN/H₂O, 18:82) to afford 6 (10 mg) and 7 (9 mg).

Wikstroemioidin E (1): colorless needles (MeOH); mp 147–148 °C; [α]_D²⁷ –67 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 233 (3.87), 200 (3.73) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3466, 2928, 1719, 1646, 1264, 1036 cm^{–1}; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS *m/z* 415 [M + Na]⁺ (100); positive-ion HREIMS [M]⁺ *m/z* 392.2183 (calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₆, 392.2199).

Wikstroemioidin F (2): colorless needles (MeOH); mp 135–136 °C; [α]_D²⁵ –50 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 233 (3.78), 201 (3.80) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3427, 2927, 1728, 1648, 1249, 1038 cm^{–1}; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS *m/z* 415 [M + Na]⁺; positive-ion HREIMS [M]⁺ *m/z* 392.2202 (calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₆, 392.2199).

Wikstroemioidin G (3): white, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁶ –53 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 231 (3.75) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3427, 2931, 1728, 1647, 1244, 1038 cm^{–1}; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS *m/z* 457 [M + Na]⁺; positive-ion HREIMS [M]⁺ *m/z* 434.2395 (calcd for C₂₄H₃₄O₇, 434.2305).

Wikstroemioidin H (4): white, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁴ –108 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 232 (3.74) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3427, 2926, 1717, 1642, 1267, 1019 cm^{–1}; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS *m/z* 357 [M + Na]⁺; positive-ion HREIMS [M]⁺ *m/z* 334.2143 (calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O₄, 334.2144).

Wikstroemioidin I (5): white, amorphous powder; [α]_D²⁵ –36 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 205 (3.79) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3416, 2936, 1459, 1438, 1088, 1018 cm^{–1}; ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see

Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 375 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 352.2258 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{32}O_5$, 352.2250).

Wikstroemioidin J (6): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -62 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 241 (3.74), 200 (3.64) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3396, 2931, 1720, 1649, 1232, 1023 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 389 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 366.2041 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$, 366.2042).

Wikstroemioidin K (7): colorless needles (MeOH); mp 162–163 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -69 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 232 (3.73), 201 (3.67) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3417, 2931, 1726, 1647, 1254, 1041 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 451 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 366.2043 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$, 366.2042).

Wikstroemioidin L (8): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -90 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 253 (2.70), 203 (3.80) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3384, 2934, 1700, 1659, 1278, 1045 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 341 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 318.2198 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_3$, 318.2195).

Wikstroemioidin M (9): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -97 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 232 (3.71) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3427, 2933, 1719, 1641, 1265, 1042 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 357 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 334.2153 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, 334.2144).

Wikstroemioidin N (10): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -20 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 203 (3.80) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3441, 2925, 1630 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 401 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 378.2413 (calcd for $C_{22}H_{34}O_3$, 378.2406).

Wikstroemioidin O (11): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -110 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 236 (3.74) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3441, 2927, 1721, 1649, 1268, 1064 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 357 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 334.2151 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, 334.2144).

Wikstroemioidin P (12): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -128 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 237 (3.76), 195 (3.51) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3431, 2924, 1728, 1692, 1259, 1071 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 355 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 332.1989 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}O_4$, 332.1988).

Wikstroemioidin Q (13): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -94 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 231 (3.78) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3449, 2935, 1715, 1638, 1260, 1059 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 355 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 332.1988 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}O_4$, 332.1988).

Wikstroemioidin R (14): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -36 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 253 (3.16), 203 (3.51) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3427, 2925, 1634, 1046 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 343 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 320.2354 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{32}O_3$, 320.2351).

Wikstroemioidin S (15): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -36 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 204 (4.01) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3440, 2924, 1670, 1632, 1068 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 357 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 334.2133 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, 334.2144).

Wikstroemioidin T (16): colorless needles (MeOH); mp 258–259 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -68 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 231 (3.77), 201 (3.82) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3420, 2936, 1728, 1649, 1093, 1027 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 389 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 366.2068 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$, 366.2042).

Wikstroemioidin U (17): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -85 (c 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 230 (3.71), 211 (3.71) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3433, 2937, 1717, 1644, 1240, 1040 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 355 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 332.1989 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}O_4$, 332.1988).

Wikstroemioidin V (18): white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -175 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 234 (3.91), 199 (3.64) nm; IR

(KBr) ν_{max} 3425, 2926, 1713, 1641, 1270, 1042 cm^{-1} ; 1H and ^{13}C NMR data, see Tables 5 and 6; positive-ion ESIMS m/z 357 $[M + Na]^+$; positive-ion HREIMS $[M]^+$ m/z 334.2136 (calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, 334.2144).

X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis. The intensity data for wikstroemioidin E (1), wikstroemioidin T (16), and isoscoparin L (25) were collected at 100 K on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer equipped with an APEX II CCD using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. Cell refinement and data reduction were performed with Bruker SAINT. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97,³³ expanded using difference Fourier techniques, and refined by the program and full-matrix least-squares calculations. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were fixed at calculated positions. Crystallographic data (excluding structure factor tables) for the reported structures have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC) as supplementary publications no. CCDC 975166 for 1, CCDC 975167 for 16, and CCDC 975168 for 25. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB 1EZ, UK [fax: Int. +44(0) (1223) 336 033]; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

Crystallographic data for wikstroemioidin E (1): $C_{22}H_{32}O_6 \cdot H_2O$, $M_w = 410.49$, orthorhombic, $a = 6.25210(10)$ Å, $b = 16.7938(4)$ Å, $c = 20.7157(5)$ Å, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 2175.08(8)$ Å³, $T = 100(2)$ K, space group $P2_12_12_1$, $Z = 4$, $\mu(Cu K\alpha) = 0.759$ mm⁻¹, 10 178 reflections measured, 3801 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0468$). The final R_1 values were 0.0527 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1372 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_1 values were 0.0536 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1380 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.026. Flack parameter = 0.0(2). The Hooft parameter is 0.10(10) for 1487 Bijvoet pairs.

Crystallographic data for wikstroemioidin T (16): $C_{20}H_{30}O_6$, $M = 366.44$, monoclinic, $a = 6.58330(10)$ Å, $b = 18.2138(3)$ Å, $c = 7.99620(10)$ Å, $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$, $\beta = 111.6750(10)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$, $V = 891.01(2)$ Å³, $T = 100(2)$ K, space group $P2_1$, $Z = 2$, $\mu(Cu K\alpha) = 0.817$ mm⁻¹, 6001 reflections measured, 2708 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0392$). The final R_1 values were 0.0698 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.2039 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_1 values were 0.0706 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.2086 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.097. Flack parameter = 0.1(3). The Hooft parameter is 0.11(7) for 1133 Bijvoet pairs.

Crystallographic data for isoscoparin L (25): $C_{20}H_{30}O_4$, $M = 334.44$, orthorhombic, $a = 6.23380(10)$ Å, $b = 15.2634(3)$ Å, $c = 18.2796(4)$ Å, $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$, $\beta = 90.00^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$, $V = 1739.29(6)$ Å³, $T = 100(2)$ K, space group $P2_12_12_1$, $Z = 4$, $\mu(Cu K\alpha) = 0.698$ mm⁻¹, 12 250 reflections measured, 3018 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0435$). The final R_1 values were 0.0419 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1068 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_1 values were 0.0423 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1074 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.158. Flack parameter = 0.15(18). The Hooft parameter is 0.15(7) for 1250 Bijvoet pairs.

Cytotoxicity Assays. HL-60, SMMC-7721, A-549, MCF-7, and SW-480 human tumor cell lines were used in the cytotoxic assay. These cell lines were obtained from ATCC (Manassas, VA, USA). Cells were cultured in RPMI-1640 or DMEM medium (Hyclone, Logan, UT, USA) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Hyclone) at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere with 5% CO₂. The cytotoxicity assay was evaluated by the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulphophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium (MTS) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) assay.³⁰ Briefly, cells were seeded into each well of a 96-well cell culture plate. After 12 h of incubation at 37 °C, the test compound (40 μ M) was added. After incubating for 48 h, cells were subjected to the MTS assay. Compounds with a growth inhibition rate of 50% were further evaluated at concentrations of 0.064, 0.32, 1.6, 8, and 40 μ M in triplicate, with cisplatin and paclitaxel (Sigma) as positive controls. The IC₅₀ value of each compound was calculated with Reed and Muench's method.³⁴

Nitric Oxide Production in RAW264.7 Macrophages. RAW264.7 cells were seeded in 96-well cell culture plates (2 \times 10⁵ cells/well). The cells were treated with serial dilutions of the compounds with a maximum concentration of 25 μ M, followed by

stimulation with LPS (1 µg/mL) for 18 h. NO production in the supernatant was assessed by Griess reagents. The absorbance at 550 nm was measured with a 2104 Envision multilabel plate reader (Perkin-Elmer Life Sciences, Inc., Boston, Ma, USA). MG-132 was used as a positive control.³⁵ The viability of RAW264.7 cells was evaluated by the MTT assay simultaneously to exclude the interference of the cytotoxicity of the test compounds. The absorbance was read at 595 nm.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

■ Supporting Information

Supplementary data associated with this article (¹H, ¹³C NMR, DEPT, HSQC, HMBC, COSY, NOESY, HREIMS, IR, and UV spectra of compounds **1**, **6**, and **16**; ¹H, ¹³C NMR, DEPT, and HREIMS spectra of compounds **2–5**, **7–15**, **17**, and **18**; X-ray data of compounds **1**, **16**, and **25**) are available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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