Yunnandaphninines F and G, New C₃₀ Alkaloids from *Daphniphyllum* yunnanense

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Eight C_{30} Daphniphyllum alkaloids, including two new ones, yunnandaphninines F and G (1 and 2, resp.), were isolated from the leaves and stems of Daphniphyllum yunnanense. Their structures were elucidated on the basis of the spectroscopic data.

Introduction. – *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids are a family of structurally diversified alkaloids with polycyclic ring systems elaborated by trees of the genus *Daphniphyllum* [1-5]. These compounds have attracted great interest as challenging targets for total synthesis and biosynthetic research [1].

In our search for structurally unique and biogenetically interesting *Daphniphyllum* alkaloids, we reported more than 30 new fused-heterocyclic ones from various species, some of which possess unprecedented ring systems [2]. As further investigation on the leaves and stems of *D. yunnanense*, two new C_{30} alkaloids, yunnandaphninines F and G (1 and 2, resp.), were obtained, together with six known C_{30} alkaloids: yunnandaphninine H (3) [6], daphnilongeridine (4) [7], daphmacropodine (5) [8], daphmacrine (6) [9], daphnilongeranin D (7) [10], and codaphniphylline (8) [6]. Here, we describe the isolation and structural elucidation of the new compounds 1 and 2.

Result and Discussion. – ESI-MS Data of yunnandaphninine F (1) showed the pseudomolecular ion at m/z 486 ($[M + H]^+$), and the molecular formula $C_{30}H_{47}NO_4$ was established by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 486.3580). The IR spectrum implied the presence of OH (3459 cm⁻¹) and C=O (1748 cm⁻¹) functions. The ¹³C-NMR (*Table 1*) data of 1 displayed 30 signals, including one lactone CO-group, five sp³ quaternary C-atoms, eight sp³ CH groups, eleven sp³ CH₂ groups, and five Me groups. Among them, one CH group (δ (C) 64.8) and one quaternary C-atom (δ (C) 71.9) were ascribed to those bearing an N-atom, one CH group (δ (C) 68.2) and one Quaternary C-atom (δ (C) 80.2) bore an O-and an N-atom.

The ¹H, ¹H-COSY, HMQC, and TOCSY of **1** revealed connectivities of five partial structures (*Fig.* $1, a^1$)): A (C(1) to C(4), C(2) to C(18), and C(18) to C(19) and C(20)),

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Table 1. ¹³C-NMR Data of 1, 2, and 3¹). At 400 MHz, in $CDCl_3$; δ in ppm.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
C(1)	64.8 (<i>d</i>)	64.0(d)	62.9 (<i>d</i>)	C(16)	24.7 (t)	25.3 (t)	25.5 (t)
C(2)	37.8 (d)	38.1(d)	38.0(d)	C(17)	41.4(t)	39.1(t)	41.8 (<i>t</i>)
C(3)	26.8(t)	$25.7(t)^{a}$	22.7(t)	C(18)	30.7(d)	29.7(d)	31.0(d)
C(4)	36.0(t)	35.9 (t)	36.9(t)	C(19)	21.2(q)	21.7(q)	21.6(q)
C(5)	37.9 (s)	37.1(s)	37.2 (s)	C(20)	20.6(q)	20.7(q)	21.1(q)
C(6)	46.9(d)	38.8(d)	38.0(d)	C(21)	25.7(q)	25.3(q)	24.0(q)
C(7)	80.2(d)	45.9 (t)	47.2 (<i>t</i>)	C(22)	56.7(d)	56.4(d)	74.8(d)
C(8)	47.9 (s)	47.6 (s)	48.1 (s)	C(23)	50.9 (s)	50.7 (s)	40.0 (s)
C(9)	50.8(d)	50.7(d)	51.6 (d)	C(24)	18.1(q)	18.7(q)	15.5(q)
C(10)	71.9(s)	77.9(s)	77.2 (s)	C(25)	180.2(s)	178.6(s)	67.0(t)
C(11)	29.2(t)	27.6(t)	26.0(t)	C(26)	68.2(d)	69.0(d)	81.8 (d)
C(12)	17.1(t)	21.1(t)	27.1 (<i>t</i>)	C(27)	25.5(t)	$25.7(t)^{a}$	24.8 (t)
C(13)	31.3 (t)	31.4 (t)	28.5(t)	C(28)	28.1(t)	28.6(t)	33.8 (<i>t</i>)
C(14)	24.4(t)	24.2(t)	29.3(t)	C(29)	86.3 (s)	85.4 (s)	104.9 (s)
C(15)	28.6 (t)	29.3 (t)	29.7 (t)	C(30)	23.8 (q)	24.0 (q)	24.5 (q)
a) Overl	apped.						

B (C(6) to C(7) and C(12), and C(11) to C(12)), *C* (C(13) to C(14), and C(14) to C(22)), *D* (C(9) to C(15), and C(15) to C(17)), and *E* (C(26) to C(28)). HMBC correlations from H-C(7) to C(1) and C(10) indicated that C(1), C(7), and C(10) were connected to each other through an N-atom. Connections between C(4), C(6), and C(21) *via* C(5) were suggested by HMBC cross-peaks of CH₂(4), H–C(6), and Me(21)

to C(5). On the other hand, connections among C(11) and C(17) via C(10) were indicated by HMBC cross-peaks of H-C(11) and H-C(17) to C(10). HMBC cross-peaks of H-C(1) to C(5) and C(8), $CH_2(13)$ to C(1), C(8), and C(9), and Me(21) to C(8) suggested connectivities among units A-D, forming an N-containing hexacyclic skeleton like daphnimacropine [11]. Furthermore, the presence of a 2-hydroxy-1,5-dimethyl-6-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-7-one moiety including unit *E* was deduced from HMBC cross-peaks of Me(24) to C(22), C(23), C(25), and C(26), Me(30) to C(22), C(28), and C(29). Thus, gross structure of **1** was elucidated as shown.



Fig. 1. a) Key ¹H,¹H-COSY and TOCSY (—), and HMBC correlations $(-\rightarrow)$ for 1^1). b) Key ROESY correlations (\leftrightarrow) for 1^1).

The correlations of $H-C(7)/H_a-C(3)$ and H-C(7)/H-C(18) in its ROESY spectrum indicated that H-C(7) had β -orientation (*Fig. 1,b*). In addition, the relative configuration at the remaining stereogenic centers of **1** should be as shown on the basis of the ¹³C-NMR shifts and NOE data.

ESI-MS Data of yunnandaphninine G (2) showed the pseudomolecular ion at m/z 470 ($[M + H]^+$), and the molecular formula C₃₀H₄₇NO₃ was established by HR-ESI-MS (m/z 470.3627). The IR absorption implied the presence of OH (3419 cm⁻¹) and C=O (1764 cm⁻¹) functions. The ¹³C-NMR (*Table 1*) spectra of 2 gave signals including one lactone CO group, five sp³ quaternary C-atoms, seven sp³ CH groups, twelve sp³ CH₂ groups, and five Me groups. Among them, one CH group (δ (C) 64.0), one CH₂ group (δ (C) 45.9), and one quaternary C-atom (δ (C) 77.9) were ascribed to those bearing an N-atom, while one CH group (δ (C) 69.0) and one quaternary C-atom (δ (C) 85.4) were attributed to those bearing an O-atom. Comparison of NMR data of 2 with those of daphmacropodine 5 revealed that the structure of 2 resembled that of the latter [8]. Furthermore, the upfield shift of *ca*. 5 ppm for the oxygenated CH group, and lack of an Ac group implied that structure of 2 should be 26-deacetyl daphmacropodine, which was confirmed by 2D-NMR experiments as shown in *Fig.* 2¹). Furthermore, the relative configuration of 2 was deduced to be same as that of 1 on the basis of ¹³C-NMR shifts and NOE data.



Fig. 2. Key ¹H, ¹H-COSY and TOCSY (—), and HMBC correlations $(-\rightarrow)$ for 2^1)

Yunnandaphninine H (3) has been first reported as synthetic intermediate of codaphniphylline by *Heathcock et al.* [7]. However, no spectral data were published. In this paper, we present the full ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data for 3 (*Tables 2* and *1*).

The cytotoxic activities of all compounds (1-8) against the growth of tumor cell lines (P-388 (mouse lymphocytic leukemia), and A549 (human lung adenocarcinoma)) were evaluated. The results indicated that all alkaloids were inactive against the above cancer cell lines (50% effective dose of clonal inhibition (ED_{50}) > 10 µg/ml).

Experimental Part

General. TLC: On silica-gel plates; visualization by *Dragendorff* reagent. Column chromatography (CC): Silica gel H (10–40 µm; *Qingdao Marine Chemical Ltd. Co.*), amino silica gel (90–140 µm, *Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd.*), *Sephadex LH-20* (40–70 µm, *Pharmacia*), and *Lichroprep RP-18* gel (40–63 µm, *Merck*). The MPLC instrument includes a *Büchi Pump Module C-605*, and a *Büchi Pump Manager C-615*. Optical rotations: *JASCO DIP-370* digital polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Bio-Rad FTS-135* spectrometer, KBr pellets, in cm⁻¹. NMR spectra: *Bruker AM-400* instrument (400/100 MHz) and *Bruker DRX-500* instrument (500/125 MHz); δ in ppm rel. to TMS as internal standard, *J* in Hz. ESI-MS: *Finnigan MAT 90* instrument; in *m/z*. HR-ESI-MS: and *API Qstar Pulsar LC/TOF* instrument.

Plant Material. The leaves and twigs of *Daphniphyllum yunnanense* were collected in Xishuangbanna of Yunnan Province, P. R. China, in April 2005. The material was identified by Prof. *Shun-Cheng Zhang*, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and a specimen (KIB 05050217) was deposited at the State Key Laboratory of Phytochemistry and Plant Resources in West China, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Extraction and Isolation. Air-dried and powdered leaves and twigs of *D. yunnanense* (7.0 kg) were extracted with 95% EtOH, and the extract was partitioned between AcOEt and 0.001N HCl. The aq. layer was then alkalinized to pH 10 with 2N NaOH followed by exhaustive extraction with CHCl₃. CHCl₃-soluble materials were roughly separated by CC (amino silica gel (450g, 90–140 μ m); CHCl₃/MeOH 1:0 to 0:1) to afford *Fr. A – E. Fr. B* was separated by CC (*RP-18*; MeOH/0.1% TFA, 1:9 to 8:2) to afford *Fr. 1 – 8*, of which *Fr. 5* was subjected by CC (*Sephadex LH-20*; CHCl₃/MeOH 1:1; and silica gel; CHCl₃/MeOH 50:1 to 10:1) to give **6** (15 mg), **7** (9 mg), and **8** (8 mg). Similarly, *Fr. C* was separated by CC (*Sephadex LH-20*; MeOH; and silica gel; CHCl₃/MeOH 30:1 to 8:1) to yield **2** (20 mg), **3** (3 mg), and **5** (7 mg). Then, *Fr. D* was separated by CC (*Sephadex LH-20*; MeOH; and silica gel; CHCl₃/MeOH 15:1 to 5:1) to yield **1** (5 mg).

	1	2	3
H-C(1)	2.77 $(d, J = 3.5)$	3.35(d, J = 4.0)	2.74–2.79 (<i>m</i>)
H-C(2)	1.15 - 1.21 (m)	1.44 - 1.49 (m)	$1.37 - 1.40 \ (m)$
$H_a - C(3)$	1.31 - 1.35(m)	1.56 - 1.60 (m)	1.52 - 1.57 (m)
$H_b - C(3)$	1.74 - 1.78 (m)	1.98 - 2.03 (m)	1.77 - 1.82 (m)
$H_a - C(4)$	1.30 - 1.35(m)	1.53 - 1.60 (m)	1.38 - 1.42 (m)
$H_b - C(4)$	1.76 - 1.83 (m)	2.00-2.03(m)	1.86 - 1.90 (m)
H-C(6)	1.44 - 1.47 (m)	1.72 - 1.75(m)	1.84 - 1.86 (m)
$H_a - C(7)$		3.40 (br. $d, J = 14.5$)	2.74 - 2.82 (m)
$H_b-C(7)$	4.97 (br. s)	3.59 (dd, J = 5.0, 14.5)	3.22-3.30 (<i>m</i>)
H-C(9)	2.07–2.13 (<i>m</i>)	2.48 (t , $J = 7.0$)	2.12-2.18 (<i>m</i>)
$H_a - C(11)$	1.28 - 1.33 (m)	1.60 - 1.65 (m)	1.56 - 1.59(m)
$H_{b}-C(11)$	2.16-2.24 (<i>m</i>)	2.19–2.26 (<i>m</i>)	1.82 - 1.86 (m)
$H_{a} - C(12)$	1.59 - 1.67 (m)	1.77 - 1.80 (m)	1.55–1.59 (<i>m</i>)
$H_{b}-C(12)$	1.59–1.67 (<i>m</i>)	1.90 - 1.94(m)	1.83 - 1.86 (m)
$H_{a} - C(13)$	0.67 - 0.75(m)	0.90 - 0.94(m)	1.42–1.46 (<i>m</i>)
$H_{b} - C(13)$	1.78 - 1.82 (m)	2.14-2.17 (<i>m</i>)	1.84 - 1.88 (m)
$H_{a} - C(14)$	$1.35 - 1.40 \ (m)$	1.47 - 1.51 (m)	1.24 - 1.27 (m)
$H_{b} - C(14)$	2.25–2.34 (<i>m</i>)	2.42–2.46 (<i>m</i>)	1.81 - 1.85 (m)
$H_{a} - C(15)$	1.24 - 1.28 (m)	1.46 - 1.49 (m)	1.68–1.71 (<i>m</i>)
$H_{b} - C(15)$	1.58 - 1.63 (m)	1.81 - 1.86 (m)	1.83 - 1.86 (m)
$H_a - C(16)$	1.25 - 1.28 (m)	$1.05 - 1.10 \ (m)$	1.21 - 1.26 (m)
$H_{b} - C(16)$	1.61 - 1.65 (m)	1.61 - 1.65 (m)	1.68 - 1.72 (m)
$H_{a} - C(17)$	1.25 - 1.29 (m)	1.84 - 1.90 (m)	1.30 - 1.33 (m)
$H_{b} - C(17)$	1.65 - 1.70 (m)	2.21 - 2.25(m)	1.79–1.83 (<i>m</i>)
H - C(18)	1.44 - 1.49 (m)	1.23 - 1.28 (m)	1.72 - 1.77 (m)
Me(19)	0.90 (d, J = 6.0)	1.06 (d, J = 6.5)	0.91 (d, J = 6.5)
Me(20)	0.79 (d, J = 6.0)	0.95 (d, J = 6.5)	1.03 (d, J = 6.5)
Me(21)	0.89 (s)	1.08 (s)	0.88(s)
H - C(22)	1.51 - 1.55 (m)	1.63 - 1.66 (m)	3.33 (dd, J = 2.0, 9.0)
Me(24)	1.18 (s)	1.34 (s)	1.11 (s)
CH ₂ (25)			3.40 (dd, J = 16.0, 11.0)
H-C(26)	3.56 (d, J = 4.0)	3.80 (d, J = 5.0)	4.16 (d, J = 7.0)
$H_{a} - C(27)$	1.46 - 1.51 (m)	1.47 - 1.52 (m)	1.94 - 1.98 (m)
$H_{b}-C(27)$	1.74–1.78 (<i>m</i>)	1.82 - 1.86 (m)	2.03-2.07 (<i>m</i>)
$H_{a}-C(28)$	1.71 - 1.67 (m)	1.81 - 1.86 (m)	1.73–1.77 (<i>m</i>)
$H_{b}-C(28)$	1.78–1.74 (<i>m</i>)	1.92 - 1.97 (m)	1.95–1.98 (<i>m</i>)
Me(30)	1.32 (s)	1.43 (s)	1.46 (s)

Table 2. ¹*H*-*NMR Data of* **1**, **2**, and **3**¹). At 500 MHz, δ in CDCl₃; in ppm, *J* in Hz.

Yunnandaphninine G (=(1\$,2R,5R)-8-{2-[(3aR,9R,10bS)-Dodecahydro-6a-methyl-9-(1-methylethyl)-10aH-3a,10,6-(azanetriylmethano)benz[e]azulen-10a-yl]ethyl]-2-hydroxy-1,5-dimethyl-6-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-7-one; **2**). White powder. $[\alpha]_{25}^{25} = +16.7$ (c = 0.45, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3419, 2926, 2859, 2870, 1764, 1455, 1384, 1306. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see the *Tables 2* and *1*. ESI-MS: 470. HR-ESI-MS: 470.3627 ($[M + H]^+$, $C_{30}H_{48}NO_3^+$; calc. 470.3634). Yunnandaphninine H (=23-[(1S,4S)-1,4-Dimethyl-2,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-4-yl]daphnan-23-ol; **3**). White powder. $[a]_{D}^{25} = -1.1$ (c = 0.47, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3421, 2936, 2869, 1736 1630, 1455, 1385, 1227. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR: see the *Tables 2* and *1*. ESI-MS: 471. HR-ESI-MS: 472.3790 ($[M + H]^+$, $C_{30}H_{50}NO_{3}^+$; calc. 472.3791).

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