

Tricyclic Polyprenylated Acylphloroglucinols from St John's Wort, *Hypericum perforatum*

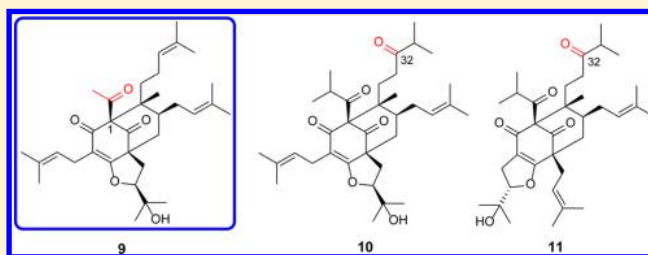
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The new polyprenylated acylphloroglucinol derivatives **1–15** and the known furohyperforin (**16**) were isolated from the stems and leaves of *Hypericum perforatum*. Their structures were determined by analyses of NMR and HRESIMS data. Their absolute configurations were elucidated by a combination of electronic circular dichroism (ECD) and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOCF}_3)_4$ -induced ECD, as well as X-ray diffraction crystallography. The new hyperforatin F (**9**) contains a unique acetyl functionality at C-1 of the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane core. Hyperforatins G (**10**) and H (**11**) are similarly the first examples of naturally occurring [3.3.1]-type polycyclic prenylated acylphloroglucinols possessing a carbonyl functionality at C-32. The compounds were tested for their acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitory activities and cytotoxic activities against a panel of human tumor cell lines. Compounds **3**, **5**, **6**, **8**, and **9** exerted moderate inhibitory activities (IC_{50} 3.98–9.13 μM) against AChE.



The genus *Hypericum* is one of the largest genera of the family Clusiaceae, comprising 484 species throughout the world.¹ The plants of this genus have been historically used as folk medicines in several regions of the world.² The most famous of these plants is *Hypericum perforatum*, also called “St John's wort”, which is distributed throughout Asia, North Africa, North America, and Europe.³ Since the early 1800s, extract of St John's wort (ESJW) has been utilized to attenuate the symptoms of neurological disorders and to heal wounds.^{4,5} In addition to the use of ESJW for alleviating mild to moderate depression, which is mainly ascribed to the inhibitory effects of hyperforin on various neurotransmitter receptors,^{5,6} further pharmacological investigations have indicated that ESJW exerts versatile biological properties, including antibacterial,⁷ antiviral,⁸ anti-inflammatory,⁹ antioxidant,¹⁰ cytotoxic,¹¹ and neuroprotective properties.¹² Plants of *H. perforatum* generate various types of secondary metabolites such as phenolic acids, proanthocyanidins, flavonoids, naphthodianthrone, acylphloroglucinols, xanthenes, and essential oils.⁴ Among them, the prenylated acylphloroglucinols typified by hyperforin have attracted broad interest due to their interesting molecular structures¹³ and intriguing pharmacological effects.¹⁴

During the investigation of structurally interesting and biologically active constituents from the *Hypericum* genus, our group reported the isolation of a variety of new polycyclic prenylated acylphloroglucinols (PPAPs) from *H. sampsonii*, *H. attenuatum*, and *H. ascyron*.¹⁵ Several reports of the

biological activities¹⁶ of secondary metabolites, including 26 PPAPs,^{3,17,18} from *H. perforatum* were published. The present phytochemical study on the stems and leaves of this species resulted in the isolation of 15 new PPAPs, hyperforatin A (**1**), 32-*epi*-hyperforatin A (**2**), hyperforatins B–D (**3–5**), 15-*epi*-hyperforatin D (**6**), hyperforatin E (**7**), 32-*epi*-hyperforatin E (**8**), hyperforatins F–I (**9–12**), 15-*epi*-hyperforatin I (**13**), and hyperforatins J–K (**14–15**), along with the known furohyperforin (**16**).¹⁸ Herein, the isolation and structural determination of **1–15** and their biological activities are discussed.

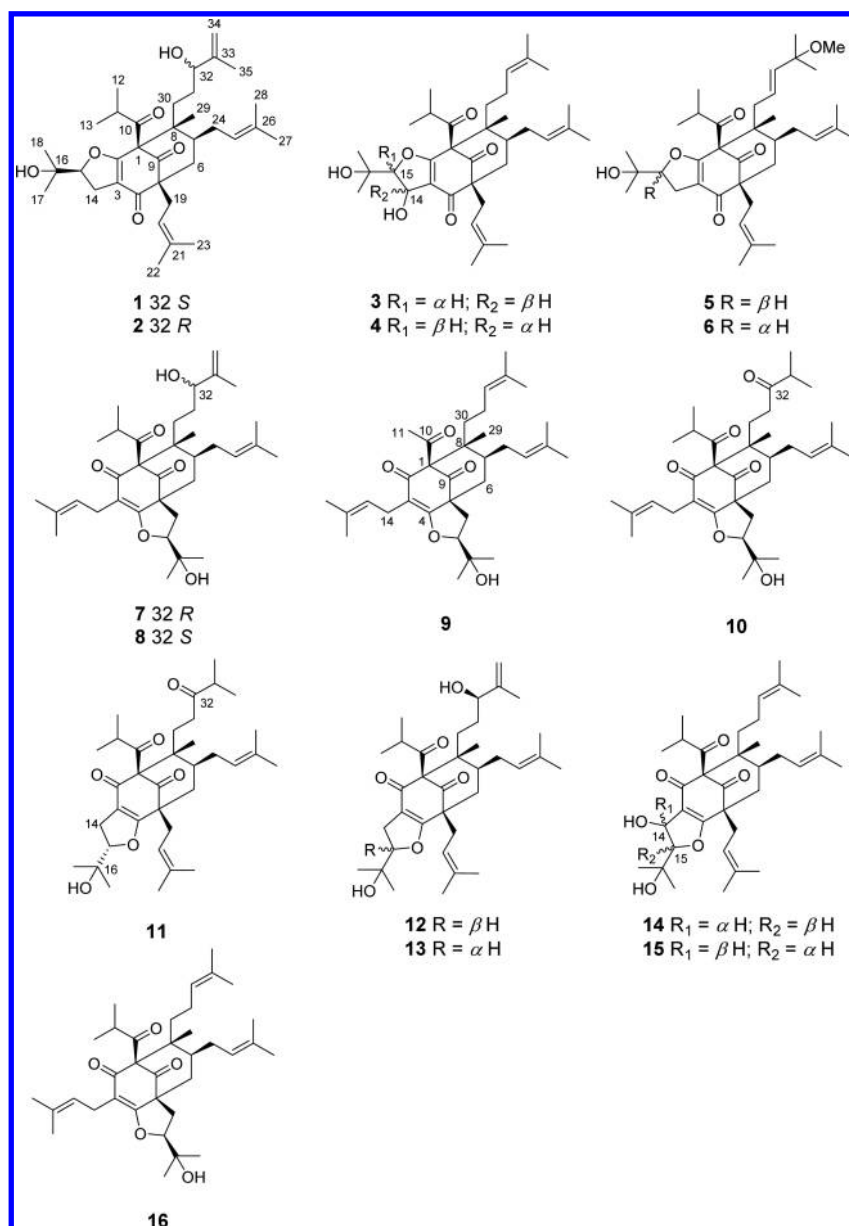
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The molecular formula of hyperforatin A (**1**) was established as $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$ by the ^{13}C NMR data and a protonated HRESIMS molecular ion at m/z 569.3860 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, corresponding to 10 indices of hydrogen deficiency. The absorption bands at 1722 and 3440 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum of **1** suggested the presence of carbonyl and hydroxy groups. The ^1H NMR data (Table 3) exhibited the signals of two olefinic protons (δ_{H} 4.96 and 5.00), an isopropyl group (δ_{H} 1.12, 3H; 1.06, 3H; 2.58, 1H), and eight methyls (δ_{H} 1.12–1.69, s). The ^{13}C NMR data (Table 1) indicated that **1** possesses 35 carbons comprising seven quaternary carbons, three carbonyls, two oxygenated tertiary carbons, and six methine, seven methylene, and 10 methyl

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Chart 1



groups. On the basis of literature comparisons,¹⁹ some of the signals were assigned to an enolized 1,3-diketo group (δ_C 174.2, C-2; 121.7, C-3; 192.7, C-4), two unconjugated carbonyl carbons (δ_C 206.9, C-9; 210.3, C-10), a methylene (δ_C 41.2, C-6), a methine (δ_C 44.2, C-7), and three quaternary carbons at δ_C 75.2 (C-1), 65.0 (C-5), and 48.9 (C-8). The aforementioned characteristic NMR data suggested that **1** is a PPAP derivative possessing a bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane core.²⁰

An inspection of the 2D NMR spectra (including HSQC, HMBC, ^1H - ^1H COSY, and NOESY) of **1** revealed that the structure of **1** is closely related to the furohyperforin isomer **2**,¹⁹ except for the C-8 side chain (C-30–C-35). The C-30 substituent of **1** was defined as a 3-methyl-3-buten-2-ol unit rather than a prenyl group in furohyperforin isomer **2**. This conclusion was evidenced by the ^1H - ^1H COSY interactions of H-30/H-31/H-32 and was supported by the HMBC interactions (Figure 1) from H₂-34 (δ_H 4.86 and 4.78) and Me-35 (δ_H 1.69) to C-32 (δ_C 77.8) and C-33 (δ_C 148.4) and from H-32 (δ_H 3.84) to C-30 (δ_C 35.6) and C-31 (δ_C 31.9).

The relative configuration was assigned based on the NOESY data (Figure 1) and by comparison of the ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of **1** with a structurally related PPAP derivative, garcinielliptone L (Table S1, Supporting Information).²¹ The NOESY cross-peaks of H-6 β (δ_H 1.41) with H-19, of Me-29 with H-6 β , and of H-24 with Me-29 show that the C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 relative configurations of **1** are consistent with those of furohyperforin isomer **2**.¹⁹ The α -oriented H-15 in **1** was affirmed through the NOESY interactions of H-11 with Me-17 and Me-18.

32-*epi*-Hyperforatin A (**2**) had the same molecular formula as **1** according to its HRESIMS spectrum (m/z 569.3851 [$M + H$]⁺). A comparison of the NMR data of **2** and **1** suggested that both compounds share the same 2D structure and relative configurations except for C-32. To confirm the absolute configurations of **1** and **2**, a suitable crystal of **2** was obtained. The subsequent crystallographic analysis (Figure 2) by Cu $K\alpha$ radiation [CCDC 1532233, Flack parameter, $-0.03(6)$]²² permitted the unambiguous assignment of the absolute

Table 1. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) Data for 1–8 in Methanol- d_4 (δ in ppm)

| no. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 75.2 | 75.1 | 75.4 | 76.6 | 75.9 | 75.0 | 84.5 | 84.5 |
| 2 | 174.2 | 174.1 | 175.4 | 176.9 | 174.2 | 173.9 | 194.6 | 194.7 |
| 3 | 121.7 | 121.8 | 124.3 | 124.1 | 121.4 | 121.7 | 117.6 | 117.6 |
| 4 | 192.7 | 192.7 | 192.4 | 192.6 | 192.9 | 192.7 | 176.0 | 176.0 |
| 5 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.4 | 65.0 | 64.7 | 65.1 | 61.0 | 61.0 |
| 6 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 39.1 | 39.1 |
| 7 | 44.2 | 43.5 | 42.7 | 45.6 | 45.7 | 44.2 | 43.4 | 44.4 |
| 8 | 48.9 | 48.8 | 49.8 | 48.4 | 49.1 | 49.4 | 49.3 | 49.2 |
| 9 | 206.9 | 207.0 | 206.9 | 207.2 | 207.1 | 206.9 | 205.9 | 205.8 |
| 10 | 210.3 | 210.3 | 210.3 | 210.3 | 210.2 | 210.0 | 211.5 | 211.5 |
| 11 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 41.9 | 42.0 | 42.1 | 43.0 | 43.0 |
| 12 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.7 | 21.14 | 21.2 | 21.64 | 21.9 | 21.8 |
| 13 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 21.12 | 21.1 | 21.57 | 20.8 | 20.8 |
| 14 | 27.1 | 27.2 | 70.9 | 70.3 | 27.2 | 27.2 | 23.0 | 23.0 |
| 15 | 95.7 | 95.6 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 95.1 | 95.7 | 122.7 | 122.6 |
| 16 | 71.4 | 71.5 | 71.2 | 71.5 | 71.7 | 71.5 | 133.2 | 133.2 |
| 17 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.2 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.1 | 26.1 |
| 18 | 26.22 | 26.2 | 26.0 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 26.1 | 18.05 | 18.06 |
| 19 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.2 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.8 | 30.8 |
| 20 | 120.9 | 120.9 | 121.1 | 121.0 | 120.9 | 120.9 | 92.1 | 92.1 |
| 21 | 134.8 | 134.9 | 134.7 | 134.8 | 134.9 | 134.9 | 71.3 | 71.3 |
| 22 | 26.15 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 26.23 | 25.9 | 26.2 | 26.2 |
| 23 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.21 | 25.5 | 25.5 |
| 24 | 29.0 | 28.9 | 29.2 | 28.9 | 29.1 | 29.0 | 28.1 | 28.0 |
| 25 | 123.6 | 123.5 | 123.6 | 123.8 | 123.7 | 123.7 | 123.5 | 123.5 |
| 26 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 134.2 | 134.2 | 134.4 | 134.4 | 134.5 | 134.5 |
| 27 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.95 | 25.8 | 25.92 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 25.9 |
| 28 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 18.17 | 18.14 | 18.12 |
| 29 | 14.6 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 14.5 | 15.5 | 14.6 |
| 30 | 35.6 | 34.9 | 39.3 | 39.6 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 33.8 | 34.1 |
| 31 | 31.9 | 31.1 | 25.5 | 26.8 | 130.1 | 128.9 | 31.8 | 32.5 |
| 32 | 77.8 | 77.6 | 125.6 | 125.8 | 137.7 | 138.4 | 77.7 | 77.8 |
| 33 | 148.4 | 148.4 | 132.4 | 132.2 | 76.6 | 76.5 | 148.7 | 148.8 |
| 34 | 112.0 | 112.0 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 26.15 | 26.7 | 111.6 | 111.5 |
| 35 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 25.90 | 26.3 | 17.7 | 17.6 |
| OMe | | | | | 50.7 | 50.7 | | |

configuration of **2** as (1*S*,5*R*,7*S*,8*R*,15*S*,32*R*). The different resonances in the vicinity of C-32 in **1** and **2** suggested a different C-32 absolute configuration. This was confirmed by opposite Cotton effects at 350 nm²³ (Figure S1, [Supporting Information](#)) of the in situ [Rh₂(OCOCF₃)₄] complex-induced electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectra. Therefore, the structure of compound **2** is defined as the C-32 epimer of **1**.

Hyperforatins B (**3**) and C (**4**) share a molecular formula of C₃₅H₅₂O₆ based on their HRESIMS spectra. The similarities in the NMR spectra of **3** and **4** implied that the 2D structures of **3** and **4** are identical. Comparison of the NMR spectra of **3** and **4** with furohyperforin isomer **2** revealed that they are 14-hydroxy derivatives of furohyperforin isomer **2**.¹⁹ This was confirmed via the deshielded chemical shifts of C-14 (δ_{C} 70.9 in **3**; δ_{C} 70.3 in **4**) and the HMBC interactions of H-14 with C-2, C-4, and C-16. Moreover, compounds **3** and **4** had molecular masses 16 amu more than furohyperforin isomer **2** according to the HRESIMS data. The relative configurations of **3** and **4** at C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 were established to be the same as those of furohyperforin isomer **2**¹⁹ via the NOESY interactions of H-6 β (δ_{H} 1.43 in both **3** and **4**) with H-19 and of Me-29 with H-24 and H-6 β . Subsequently, H-14 and H-15 of compound **3** were concluded to be β - and α -oriented, respectively, according to

the NOESY correlations from both H-11 (δ_{H} 2.61) and H-14 (δ_{H} 5.37) to Me-17 and Me-18. In contrast, the NOESY interactions of H-15 (δ_{H} 4.34) with Me-13 and of H-14 (δ_{H} 5.36) with Me-17 and Me-18 suggested that the orientations of H-14 and H-15 in **4** were the opposite of those in **3**.

Hyperforatin D (**5**) was isolated as a colorless oil. The molecular formula was established as C₃₆H₅₄O₆ via the ^{13}C NMR and HRESIMS data. The NMR data of **5** resembled those of **1**, except that the C-30 side chain was a (1*E*)-3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-buten-1-yl moiety in **5** rather than the 3-methyl-3-buten-2-ol group in **1**. This conclusion was supported by the ^1H – ^1H COSY interactions of H-30/H-31/H-32 and the HMBC cross-peaks of Me-34 and Me-35 with C-32 and C-33 and the interactions of methoxy protons (δ_{H} 3.16) with C-33. Additionally, the large $^3J_{31,32}$ value of 16.0 Hz suggested that the $\Delta^{31(32)}$ double bond was *E*-configured. The relative configurations of the stereogenic centers at C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 in **5** were consistent with those of **1** based on the NOESY data (Figure S4, [Supporting Information](#)). The β -oriented H-15 in **5** was verified by the NOESY correlations of H-15 with H-11, Me-12, and Me-13.

15-*epi*-Hyperforatin D (**6**) was isolated as optically active colorless crystals with a molecular formula of C₃₆H₅₄O₆, as

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) Data for 9–15 in Methanol- d_4 (δ in ppm)

| no. | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 83.8 | 84.1 | 84.4 | 84.8 | 84.9 | 85.3 | 85.3 |
| 2 | 195.1 | 194.8 | 189.4 | 189.4 | 189.3 | 189.2 | 189.3 |
| 3 | 117.8 | 117.7 | 119.7 | 119.6 | 120.0 | 122.9 | 123.1 |
| 4 | 176.5 | 176.1 | 180.0 | 179.8 | 179.9 | 181.4 | 180.9 |
| 5 | 61.1 | 61.0 | 56.3 | 56.3 | 55.9 | 56.2 | 56.1 |
| 6 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.2 | 39.3 | 39.6 |
| 7 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 43.8 | 43.7 | 42.7 |
| 8 | 49.2 | 49.0 | 49.1 | 49.3 | 48.9 | 49.4 | 49.6 |
| 9 | 205.3 | 205.6 | 207.4 | 207.6 | 207.5 | 207.4 | 207.5 |
| 10 | 203.4 | 211.6 | 211.6 | 211.4 | 211.4 | 211.4 | 211.3 |
| 11 | 30.5 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 43.3 | 43.3 | 43.3 | 43.4 |
| 12 | | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.9 |
| 13 | | 20.8 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 21.0 |
| 14 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 27.6 | 71.0 | 71.2 |
| 15 | 122.6 | 122.7 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 95.1 | 102.2 | 102.4 |
| 16 | 133.4 | 133.4 | 72.2 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 71.4 | 71.5 |
| 17 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 25.5 | 25.3 | 25.8 |
| 18 | 18.1 | 18.09 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 24.6 | 24.6 | 24.8 |
| 19 | 30.5 | 30.7 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 29.9 | 29.7 | 29.9 |
| 20 | 92.3 | 92.2 | 119.6 | 119.7 | 120.6 | 119.7 | 120.7 |
| 21 | 71.2 | 71.3 | 136.0 | 135.9 | 135.4 | 135.9 | 135.3 |
| 22 | 26.3 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 26.1 |
| 23 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.23 | 18.2 | 18.1 |
| 24 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 28.2 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 28.7 |
| 25 | 123.4 | 123.3 | 123.5 | 123.8 | 123.6 | 123.6 | 123.6 |
| 26 | 134.6 | 134.7 | 134.5 | 134.4 | 134.6 | 134.3 | 134.3 |
| 27 | 25.9 | 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.9 |
| 28 | 18.0 | 18.06 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 18.15 | 18.0 | 18.2 |
| 29 | 15.1 | 15.6 | 14.9 | 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.5 | 14.7 |
| 30 | 37.5 | 31.3 | 31.7 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 37.8 | 37.7 |
| 31 | 25.5 | 37.9 | 37.9 | 31.9 | 32.0 | 25.85 | 25.7 |
| 32 | 125.8 | 217.5 | 217.5 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 125.8 | 125.9 |
| 33 | 132.0 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 148.5 | 148.6 | 132.0 | 131.9 |
| 34 | 26.1 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 25.9 | 26.0 |
| 35 | 17.9 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 17.2 | 17.3 | 17.8 | 17.9 |

established by the HRESIMS and ^{13}C NMR data. Analysis of the NMR data of 5 and 6 (Tables 1, 3, and 4) implied that both compounds possess the same 2D structures. The only difference between the structures of 5 and 6 was the orientation of H-15. The NOESY interactions (Figure 4) from H-11 to Me-17 and Me-18 indicated that H-15 in 6 was α -oriented rather than the β -oriented in 5. A suitable crystal of 6 was obtained, and subsequent X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 3) was performed using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation [CCDC 1523041, Flack parameter, 0.03(5)],²² which permitted definition of the absolute configuration of 6 as (1*S*,5*R*,7*S*,8*R*,15*S*). Consequently, the absolute configurations of compounds 1–5 were confirmed by comparing their experimental ECD spectra with that of compound 6 (Figure 5).

The molecular formula of hyperforatin E (7), $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$, was determined by HRESIMS ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 569.3857). The NMR data of 7 indicated the presence of a 2,2,3,3,5-pentastituted tetrahydrofuran ring (δ_{C} 176.0, 61.0, 30.8, and 92.1), a hydroxyisopropyl group (δ_{C} 71.3, C-21; 26.2, Me-22; 25.5, Me-23), and a terminal double bond (δ_{C} 148.7, C-33; 111.6, C-34), which suggested that compound 7 is also an analogue of 1. Inspection of the 2D NMR data of 7 showed that the difference between 7 and 1 involved the substitution

pattern of the tetrahydrofuran ring. The ^1H – ^1H COSY interaction of H-19/H-20 and the HMBC cross-peaks (Figure 4) from H-19 (δ_{H} 2.62 and 1.86) to C-6, C-9, and C-21 suggested the incorporation of the tetrahydrofuran ring across C-4 and C-5 of the bicyclic ring system in 7. Subsequently, the NOESY interactions (Figure 4) of Me-29 with H-6 β (δ_{H} 1.39) and H-24 and of H-6 β with H-19 suggested that the relative configuration of compound 7 resembled those of furohyperforin (16).¹⁸ In addition, H-20 of 7 was defined as α -oriented by the NOESY interaction (Figure 4) of H-20 (δ_{H} 4.66) with H-6 α (δ_{H} 2.10). The 32*R* configuration of 7 was confirmed by the Cotton effect (Figure S2, Supporting Information) in the in situ $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOCF}_3)_4]$ complex-induced ECD²³ spectrum. Finally, the absolute configuration of 7 was unequivocally confirmed by X-ray crystallography²² (Figure 6, CCDC 1523036) and ECD calculations (Figure S140, Supporting Information) and by comparing the experimental ECD curves of 7 (Figure 5) and 16.¹⁸

32-*epi*-Hyperforatin E (8) and hyperforatin E (7) were separated by using chiral HPLC over a CHIRALPAK IC column. Comparisons of the HRESIMS, IR, UV, and NMR data of 8 and 7 suggested that both compounds possess the same 2D structure. The only difference between 8 and 7 was the orientation of H-32, as evidenced by the different carbon chemical shifts of C-30 (δ_{C} 34.1 in 8; δ_{C} 33.8 in 7) and C-31 (δ_{C} 32.5 in 8; δ_{C} 31.8 in 7). Additionally, compound 8 showed a positive E band in the in situ $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOCF}_3)_4]$ complex-induced ECD spectrum (Figure S2, Supporting Information), suggesting a 32*S* configuration in compound 8.

Hyperforatin F (9) has the molecular formula $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_5$, as indicated by its HRESIMS spectrum ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ m/z 525.3547). Analysis of the NMR data of 9 indicated that the structure of 9 resembled that of furohyperforin (16),¹⁸ except for the substituent at C-1. The 2-methyl-1-propanoyl moiety at C-1 of 16 was replaced by an acetyl moiety in 9. This conclusion was supported not only by the HMBC interactions from Me-11 (δ 1.78) to C-10 and C-1 but also by the 28 amu lower molecular mass of 9 compared to 16. Consequently, the NOESY cross-peaks of Me-29 with H-6 β (δ 1.69), Me-11, and H-24 and of H-6 β with H-19 suggested that 9 and 16 shared the same relative configurations.

The molecular formula of hyperforatin G (10), $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$, with a molecular mass of 16 amu higher than furohyperforin (16),¹⁸ was evidenced by its ^{13}C NMR and HRESIMS data. Comparing the NMR data of 10 and 16 showed the presence of an additional carbonyl carbon at δ_{C} 217.5 in 10 and the absence of the $\Delta^{32(33)}$ double bond in 16. These results and the HMBC cross-peaks of H-30 and Me-35 with C-32 (δ_{C} 217.5) suggested the presence of a carbonyl group at C-32 of 10. Analysis of the NOESY data of 10 established that the configurations of all stereogenic centers of 10 resembled those of 16¹⁸ (Figure S4, Supporting Information). Furthermore, a comparison of the experimental ECD curves of 8, 9, and 10 (Figure 5) with that of 7 was used to define the absolute configurations of these compounds.

Hyperforatin H (11) possesses the molecular formula $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$, as established by the ^{13}C NMR and HRESIMS data. Comparing the NMR data of 11 (Tables 2 and 5) and furohyperforin isomer 1¹⁹ suggested that the structure of 11 was similar to that of furhyperforin isomer 1, except for the substitution pattern at C-32. This observation was supported by the ^1H – ^1H COSY cross-peak of H-30/H-31 and the HMBC interactions (Figure 4) of H-31, Me-34, and Me-35 with C-32.

Table 3. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) Data for Compounds 1–5 (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

| no. | 1 ^a | 2 ^a | 3 ^a | 4 ^a | 5 ^a |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 6a | 1.79 dd (12.8, 4.2) | 1.78 dd (12.5, 4.0) | 1.84 dd (13.6, 4.4) | 1.73 overlap | 1.78 dd (13.6, 4.2) |
| 6b | 1.41 t (12.8) | 1.41 t (12.5) | 1.43 t (13.6) | 1.43 t (13.5) | 1.39 t (13.6) |
| 7 | 1.70 ^b | 1.70 ^b | 2.04 overlap | 1.73 overlap | 1.73 m |
| 11 | 2.58 sept (6.5) | 2.56 sept (6.5) | 2.61 sept (6.5) | 2.56 sept (6.5) | 2.41 sept (6.5) |
| 12 | 1.12 d (6.5) | 1.13 d (6.5) | 1.06 d (6.5) | 1.07 d (6.5) | 1.12 d (6.5) |
| 13 | 1.06 d (6.5) | 1.07 d (6.5) | 1.13 d (6.5) | 1.12 d (6.5) | 1.08 d (6.5) |
| 14a | 2.96 dd | 2.95 dd | 5.37 d (4.9) | 5.36 d (4.0) | 3.05 dd (14.8, 9.2) |
| 14b | (15.3, 10.5) | (15.3, 10.5) | | | 2.90 dd (14.8, 10.4) |
| 15 | 4.88 ^b | 4.86 ^b | 4.39 d (4.9) | 4.34 d (4.0) | 4.83 dd (10.4, 9.2) |
| 17 | 1.32 s | 1.32 s | 1.32 s | 1.31 s | 1.31 s |
| 18 | 1.24 s | 1.24 s | 1.30 s | 1.28 s | 1.24 s |
| 19a | 2.40 dd (14.9, 7.2) | 2.40 dd (14.4, 7.1) | 2.40 dd (15.0, 7.1) | 2.44 dd (14.5, 7.7) | 2.39 ^b |
| 19b | | | | 2.38 dd (14.5, 7.0) | |
| 20 | 4.96 t (7.2) | 4.98 ^b | 4.98 t (7.1) | 5.08 ^b | 4.99 t (7.1) |
| 22 | 1.61 s | 1.61 s | 1.61 s | 1.63 s | 1.62 s |
| 23 | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.67 s |
| 24a | 2.09 dd (12.9, 4.6) | 2.08 m | 2.09 ^b | 2.12 m | 2.28 dd (12.4, 5.2) |
| 24b | 1.74 ^b | 1.72 ^b | 1.77 ^b | 1.72 overlap | 1.66 overlap |
| 25 | 5.00 m | 5.01 ^b | 5.05 m | 4.95 t (7.3) | 4.97 m |
| 27 | 1.69 s | 1.68 s | 1.67 s | 1.65 s | 1.66 s |
| 28 | 1.58 s | 1.58 s | 1.58 s | 1.55 s | 1.56 s |
| 29 | 1.12 s | 1.11 s | 1.14 s | 1.09 s | 1.09 s |
| 30a | 1.73 ^b | 1.64 overlap | 1.72 m | 1.91 dd (13.2, 4.7) | 2.74 ddd (14.9, 6.2, 1.8) |
| 30b | 1.52 ^b | | 1.61 ^b | 1.50 m | 2.39 overlap |
| 31a | 1.60 m | 1.59 overlap | 2.05 overlap | 2.20 m | 5.76 ddd (16.0, 8.7, 6.2) |
| 31b | 1.53 ^b | | 1.96 m | 1.96 m | |
| 32 | 3.84 t (6.1) | 3.89 t (5.9) | 5.02 ^b | 5.06 ^b | 5.44 br d (16.0) |
| 34a | 4.86 br s | 4.88 br s | 1.67 s | 1.64 s | 1.25 s |
| 34b | 4.78 br s | 4.80 br s | | | |
| 35 | 1.69 s | 1.68 s | 1.60 s | 1.60 s | 1.26 s |
| OMe | | | | | 3.16 s |

^aRecorded in methanol- d_4 . ^bSignal partially obscured.

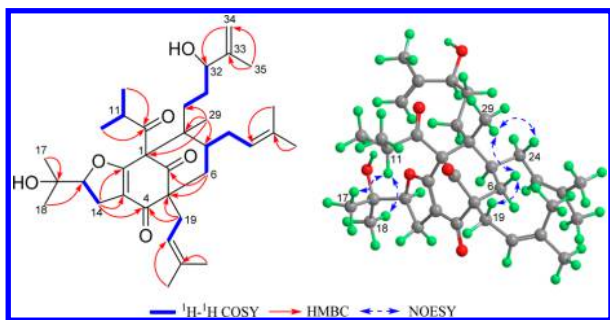


Figure 1. Key 2D NMR correlations of 1.

The relative configurations at C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 of **11** were the same as those of furohyperforin isomer 1, as determined by the NOESY interactions of Me-29 with H-6 β (δ 1.51) and H-24 and of H-6 β with H-19 (Figure 4). Subsequently, the H-15 β orientation was deduced from the NOESY interactions from Me-17 and Me-18 to H-6 α and from Me-17 and Me-18 to H-25. The absolute configuration of **11** was defined as (1*R*,5*R*,7*S*,8*R*,15*S*) by comparison of the calculated and experimental ECD spectra (Figure 7). Compounds **10** and **11** are the first examples of natural [3.3.1]-type PPAPs with carbonyl functionality at C-32.

Both hyperforatin I (**12**) and 15-*epi*-hyperforatin I (**13**) possess the same molecular formula of $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$ based on their HRESIMS data. The analyses of their 1D NMR data (Tables 2

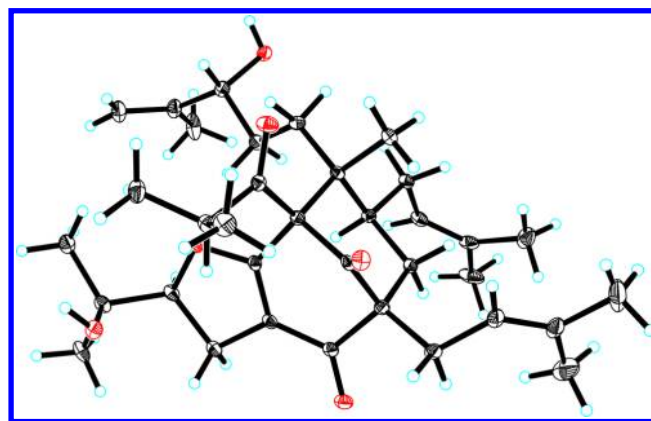


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of compound 2.

and 5) showed that both compounds contain a dihydrofuran moiety, a hydroxyisopropyl group, and a terminal double bond. Interpretation of their 2D NMR data indicated that the structures of **12** and **13** resembled that of compound 7, except for the substitution pattern of the dihydrofuran moiety. The HMBC cross-peaks of H-14 with C-3 and C-4 and the ^1H - ^1H COSY interaction of H-14/H-15 demonstrated that the dihydrofuran moieties of compounds **12** and **13** were incorporated into the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane core at C-3 and C-4 rather than at C-4 and C-5 as in compound 7. The relative configurations at C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 of **12** and **13** resemble

Table 4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) Data for Compounds 6–10 (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

| no. | 6 ^a | 7 ^a | 8 ^a | 9 ^a | 10 ^a |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 6a | 1.79 dd (13.4, 3.9) | 2.10 overlap | 2.10 m | 2.12 dd (12.8, 3.4) | 2.15 br d (8.7) |
| 6b | 1.39 t (13.4) | 1.65 overlap | 1.65 overlap | 1.69 overlap | 1.68 overlap |
| 7 | 1.70 overlap | 1.66 overlap | 1.65 overlap | 1.75 overlap | 1.66 overlap |
| 11 | 2.55 sept (6.5) | 1.99 sept (6.5) | 2.00 sept (6.5) | 1.78 s | 2.01 overlap |
| 12 | 1.13 d (6.5) | 0.97 d (6.5) | 0.96 d (6.5) | | 0.97 d (6.5) |
| 13 | 1.08 d (6.5) | 1.05 d (6.5) | 1.04 d (6.5) | | 1.05 d (6.5) |
| 14a | 2.98 dd (15.5, 10.4) | 3.10 dd (14.0, 7.9) | 3.11 dd (14.0, 7.8) | 3.10 dd (14.0, 7.6) | 3.13 dd (14.0, 7.6) |
| 14b | | 3.00 dd (14.0, 7.0) | 3.01 dd (14.0, 7.0) | 3.03 dd (14.0, 7.4) | 3.02 dd (14.0, 7.2) |
| 15 | 4.96 ^b | 5.15 t (7.5) | 5.16 t (7.4) | 5.18 t (7.4) | 5.19 t (7.3) |
| 17 | 1.33 s | 1.65 s | 1.65 s | 1.65 s | 1.67 s |
| 18 | 1.25 s | 1.71 s | 1.72 s | 1.72 s | 1.73 s |
| 19a | 2.40 dd (14.5, 8.0) | 2.62 dd (13.0, 10.8) | 2.63 dd (13.0, 10.8) | 2.63 dd (13.0, 10.8) | 2.65 dd (13.0, 10.8) |
| 19b | | 1.86 dd (13.0, 5.7) | 1.86 dd (13.0, 5.6) | 1.89 dd (13.0, 5.7) | 1.89 dd (13.0, 5.6) |
| 20 | 4.97 ^b | 4.66 dd (10.8, 5.7) | 4.66 dd (10.8, 5.6) | 4.70 dd (10.8, 5.7) | 4.69 dd (10.8, 5.6) |
| 22 | 1.61 s | 1.34 s | 1.34 s | 1.35 s | 1.35 s |
| 23 | 1.67 s | 1.21 s | 1.21 s | 1.21 s | 1.21 s |
| 24a | 2.22 m | 2.11 overlap | 2.19 dd (14.1, 5.9) | 2.12 overlap | 2.08 dd (14.2, 6.0) |
| 24b | 1.70 overlap | 1.77 m | 1.77 m | 1.80 m | 1.78 m |
| 25 | 4.95 ^b | 5.01 t (7.1) | 5.02 t (7.1) | 5.04 t (7.2) | 5.02 t (7.2) |
| 27 | 1.67 s | 1.70 s | 1.70 s | 1.65 s | 1.70 s |
| 28 | 1.57 s | 1.60 s | 1.61 s | 1.60 s | 1.59 s |
| 29 | 1.13 s | 1.04 s | 1.04 s | 1.03 s | 1.05 s |
| 30a | 2.49 m | 1.90 m | 1.84 ^b | 1.78 overlap | 2.00 overlap |
| 30b | | 1.59 ^b | 1.61 overlap | 1.59 overlap | |
| 31a | 5.70 dt (15.7, 7.4) | 1.57 ^b | 1.67 ^b | 1.96 m | 2.55 m |
| 31b | | | 1.53 m | | |
| 32 | 5.42 br d (15.7) | 3.88 t (6.1) | 3.85 t (6.2) | 5.00 t (7.1) | |
| 33 | | | | | 2.64 ^b |
| 34a | 1.24 s | 4.90 br s | 4.89 br s | 1.67 s | 1.07 d (6.9) |
| 34b | | 4.79 br s | 4.79 br s | | |
| 35 | 1.26 s | 1.71 s | 1.73 s | 1.60 s | 1.08 d (6.9) |
| OMe | 3.16 s | | | | |

^aRecorded in methanol- d_4 . ^bSignal partially obscured.

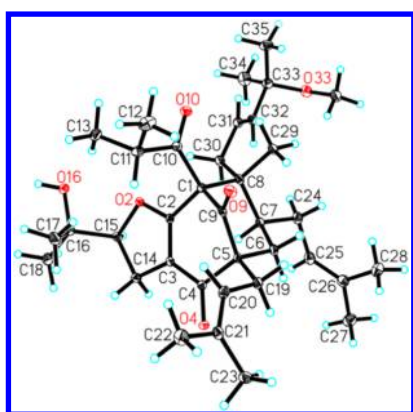


Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of compound 6.

those of compound 7 based on their NOESY data (Figure S4, Supporting Information). The 32*R* configurations of **12** and **13** were confirmed by negative Cotton effects in the in situ $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOFCF}_3)_4]$ complex-induced ECD spectra (Figure S3, Supporting Information).²³ Subsequently, the only difference between **12** and **13** was the orientation of H-15. Its β orientation was established by the NOESY interactions from Me-17 and Me-18 to H-25. The H-15 α orientation in **13** was deduced by the NOESY correlations from Me-17 and Me-18 to H-20. The C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 absolute configurations of **12**

and **13** were defined as the same as those of **11** by comparison of their experimental ECD spectra with that of **11** (Figure 7).

The molecular formula for hyperforatins J (**14**) and K (**15**) was defined as $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6$ by ^{13}C NMR and HRESIMS data. Analyses of their 1D NMR data demonstrated that the 2D structures of **14** and **15** resembled that of furohyperforin isomer 1,¹⁹ except for the presence of a C-14 hydroxy functionality in **14** and **15**. This assignment was confirmed by the ^1H – ^1H COSY interaction of H-14/H-15 and the HMBC cross-peaks of H-14 with C-2 and C-4. The relative configurations of C-1, C-5, C-7, and C-8 were defined from the analyses of their NOESY data (Figure S4, Supporting Information). Moreover, the H-15 β orientation of **14** was established by the NOESY cross-peaks from H-6 α (δ_{H} 1.98) to Me-17 and Me-18. The H-14 α orientation of **14** was confirmed by the NOESY interactions of H-14 (δ_{H} 5.21) with Me-17 and Me-18. For **15**, the NOESY correlations from Me-18 to H-20 (δ_{H} 5.16) and from H-14 (δ_{H} 5.27) to Me-17 and Me-18 showed that the orientations of H-14 and H-15 were β and α , respectively. Therefore, the structures of **14** and **15** are defined as the 14-hydroxy derivatives of furohyperforin isomer 1.¹⁹ In addition, the absolute configurations of **14** and **15** were confirmed by comparison with the experimental ECD spectra of **11** (Figure 7).

The definition of the absolute configuration of PPAPs is a challenge because of the multiple stereogenic centers in the

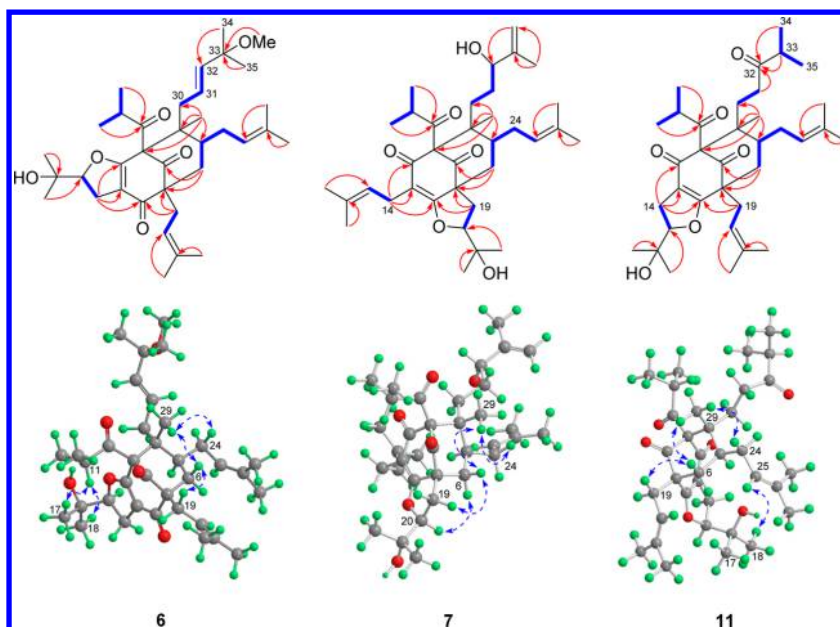


Figure 4. Key 2D NMR correlations of 6, 7, and 11.

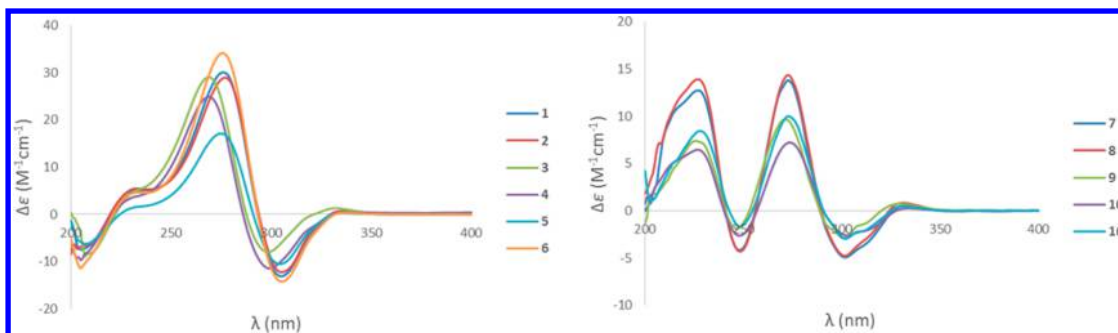


Figure 5. Experimental ECD (in MeOH) spectra of 1–6 (left) and 7–10 (right).

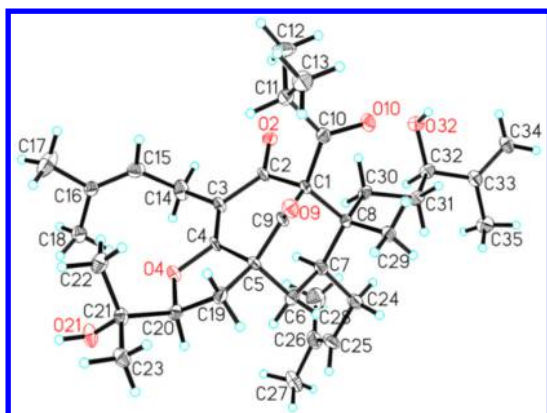


Figure 6. ORTEP drawing of compound 7.

molecules and the difficulty of forming suitable crystals for crystallographic analysis. In this study, however, we implemented several methodologies, including experimental and calculated ECD, $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOCF}_3)_4$ -induced ECD, and X-ray crystallography to successfully determine the absolute configurations of a series of PPAPs from the medicinally important plant *H. perforatum*. Hyperforatin F (9) is the first example of a PPAP containing a unique acetyl functionality at C-1. Although investigations on the biosyntheses of PPAPs have been

previously reported,²⁴ the hypothetical pathway for the generation of 9 (Scheme 1) will provide new insights into PPAP biosynthesis.

Since several PPAPs have been reported to inhibit acetylcholinesterase (AChE),²⁵ all the new compounds, except for 7, were tested for their AChE inhibitory activities (Table 6) using Ellman's method.²⁶ Compounds 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 exhibited moderate AChE inhibitory activities with IC_{50} values of 8.83, 7.17, 3.98, 9.13, and 8.75 μM , respectively. Additionally, the cytotoxic activities of selected PPAPs were tested against a panel of human cancer cell lines, including HL-60, SW-480, A549, SMMC-7721, and MCF-7, and the immortalized noncancerous Beas-2B human bronchial epithelial cell line using the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulphophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium (MTS) method.²⁷ Taxol and cisplatin (DDP) were used as positive controls. Compounds 9 and 12 exerted cytotoxic activities against the SMMC7721 cell line, with IC_{50} values of 10.0 and 9.1 μM , respectively (Table S2, Supporting Information).

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a major threat to the health of the elderly population.²⁸ Unprecedented possibilities for drug development have been provided by advances in basic science and molecular diagnostics.²⁹ One practical strategy to satisfy the urgent need to develop new agents for AD is to delve into bioactive organic substances or lead compounds from plant-derived secondary metabolites.³⁰ In this case, this series of

Table 5. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) Data for Compounds 11–15 (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

| no. | 11 ^a | 12 ^a | 13 ^a | 14 ^a | 15 ^a |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 6a | 2.01 overlap | 1.98 dd (13.5, 4.2) | 1.92 dd (13.6, 4.2) | 1.98 dd (13.2, 3.8) | 1.98 dd (13.1, 4.5) |
| 6b | 1.51 t (12.9) | 1.50 t (13.5) | 1.49 t (13.6) | 1.55 t (13.2) | 1.52 t (13.1) |
| 7 | 1.64 m | 1.67 overlap | 1.69 overlap | 1.65 overlap | 2.01 overlap |
| 11 | 2.12 sept (6.5) | 2.11 sept (6.5) | 2.10 sept (6.5) | 2.23 sept (6.5) | 2.09 sept (6.5) |
| 12 | 1.01 d (6.5) | 1.00 d (6.5) | 1.00 d (6.5) | 1.03 d (6.5) | 1.01 d (6.5) |
| 13 | 1.09 d (6.5) | 1.08 d (6.5) | 1.08 d (6.5) | 1.10 d (6.5) | 1.08 d (6.5) |
| 14a | 2.97 dd (15.1, 10.3) | 2.96 dd (15.1, 10.4) | 3.00 dd (15.0, 10.6) | 5.21 d (3.7) | 5.27 d (3.4) |
| 14b | 2.90 dd (15.1, 8.1) | 2.88 dd (15.1, 8.1) | 2.91 dd (15.0, 7.9) | | |
| 15 | 4.83 dd (10.3, 8.1) | 4.82 dd (10.4, 8.1) | 4.88 overlap | 4.39 d (3.7) | 4.44 d (3.4) |
| 17 | 1.25 s | 1.25 s | 1.23 s | 1.25 s | 1.26 s |
| 18 | 1.23 s | 1.21 s | 1.23 s | 1.22 s | 1.20 s |
| 19a | 2.49 ^b | 2.52 dd (14.8, 6.6) | 2.54 dd (15.3, 6.0) | 2.57 dd (14.7, 7.0) | 2.55 m |
| 19b | | 2.46 dd (14.8, 7.9) | 2.47 dd (15.3, 7.5) | 2.50 dd (14.7, 7.6) | 2.50 m |
| 20 | 5.10 t (7.3) | 5.10 t (7.3) | 5.14 t (6.9) | 5.16 t (7.0) | 5.16 t (6.9) |
| 22 | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.68 s | 1.67 s |
| 23 | 1.70 s | 1.70 s | 1.69 s | 1.70 s | 1.68 s |
| 24a | 2.03 overlap | 2.06 ^b | 2.10 overlap | 2.09 dd (13.5, 5.8) | 2.12 ^b |
| 24b | 1.77 m | 1.78 m | 1.83 m | 1.79 ^b | 1.86 m |
| 25 | 5.01 t (7.2) | 5.01 t (7.2) | 5.03 t (7.2) | 4.99 m | 5.09 t (7.1) |
| 27 | 1.67 s | 1.67 s | 1.70 s | 1.67 s | 1.71 s |
| 28 | 1.57 s | 1.58 s | 1.59 s | 1.56 s | 1.59 s |
| 29 | 1.01 s | 0.98 s | 1.05 s | 1.00 s | 1.00 s |
| 30a | 1.93 m | 1.65 overlap | 1.66 overlap | 1.81 ^b | 1.79 m |
| 30b | | | | 1.49 ^b | 1.62 m |
| 31a | 2.54 m | 1.63 ^b | 1.63 ^b | 2.05 ^b | 2.07 overlap |
| 31b | | 1.47 ^b | 1.48 ^b | 1.91 m | 2.00 overlap |
| 32 | | 3.83 t (6.3) | 3.84 t (5.9) | 5.01 m | 5.02 t (7.1) |
| 33 | 2.64 sept (7.0) | | | | |
| 34a | 1.07 d (7.0) | 4.87 br s | 4.88 br s | 1.66 s | 1.65 s |
| 34b | | 4.79 br s | 4.79 br s | | |
| 35 | 1.07 d (7.0) | 1.70 s | 1.70 s | 1.60 s | 1.60 s |

^aRecorded in methanol- d_4 . ^bSignal partially obscured.

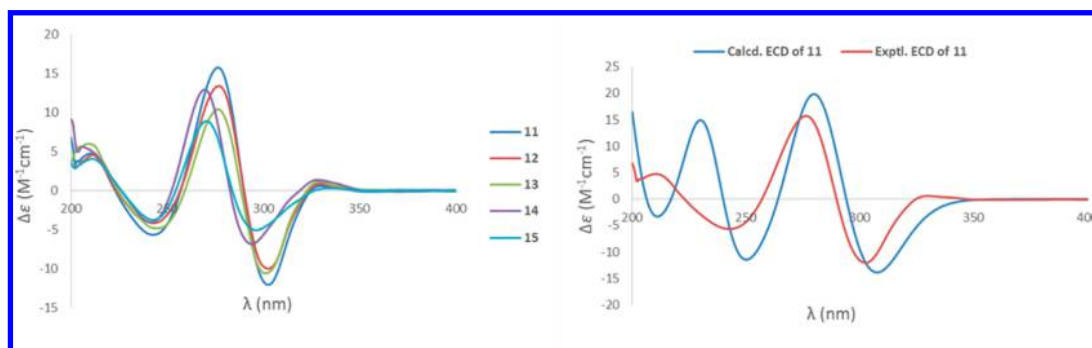


Figure 7. Experimental ECD (in MeOH) spectra of 11–15 (left) and calculated ECD spectra of 11 (right).

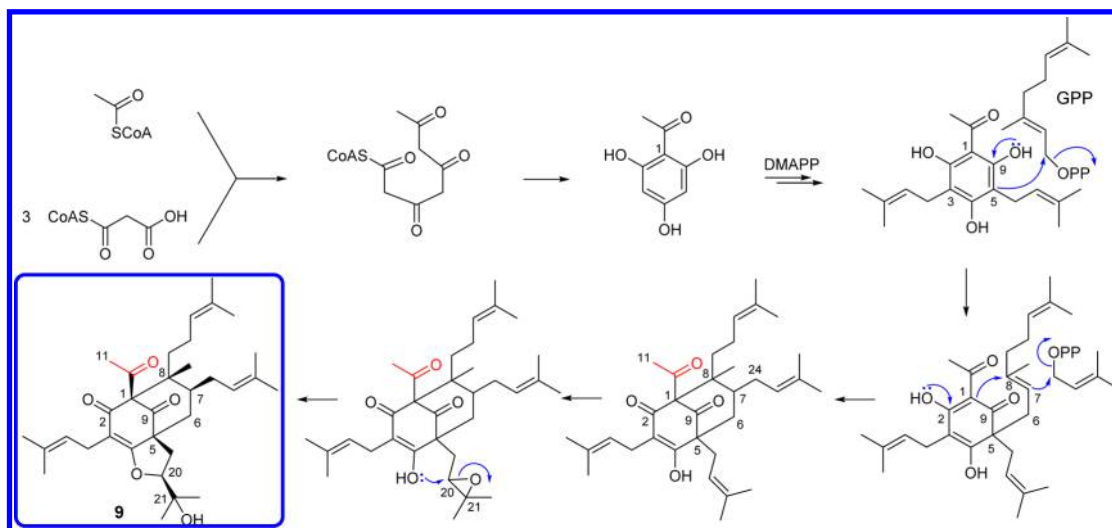
hyperforin analogues isolated from *H. perforatum* exerted AChE inhibitory activities, suggesting that these structurally diverse and bioactive PPAPs may be useful for the development of antineurodegenerative agents for AD.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were obtained using an X-5 microscopic melting point apparatus (Beijing Tech, China), and optical rotations were recorded on a PerkinElmer 341 polarimeter (PerkinElmer Inc., Fremont, CA, USA). UV spectra were obtained in MeOH on a Lambda 35 instrument (PerkinElmer Inc.). ECD spectra were measured on a JASCO-810 spectrometer (JASCO, Tokyo, Japan). IR spectra were measured from a Vertex 70 FT-IR spectrophotometer (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany). The NMR

spectra were measured on a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer, and the chemical shifts were referenced to the signals of residual peaks for methanol- d_4 (δ_{C} 49.0 and δ_{H} 3.31) and CDCl_3 (δ_{C} 77.0 and δ_{H} 7.26). HRESIMS data were obtained with a Bruker MicrOTOF II spectrometer (Bruker, Germany). Semipreparative HPLC was performed on a Dionex HPLC system using a reversed-phase (RP) C_{18} column (10 × 250 mm), an Ultimate SiO_2 column (10 × 250 mm), and a CHIRALPAK IC column (4.6 × 250 mm). Column chromatography (CC) was performed using MCI gel (75–150 μm , Merck, Germany), ODS (50 μm , YMC Co. Ltd., Japan), silica gel (200–300, 100–200, and 80–120 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc., China), and Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia Biotech AB, Uppsala, Sweden).

Scheme 1. Possible Biosynthesis Pathway of Hyperforatin F (9)

Table 6. Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitory Activity with IC₅₀ Values (μM)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | TA ^a |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| IC ₅₀ (μM) | 10.72 | 19.60 | 8.83 | 12.55 | 7.17 | 3.98 | 9.13 | 8.75 | 24.26 | 10.88 | 26.43 | 25.07 | 18.55 | 11.26 | 0.27 |
| SD (μM) | 0.732 | 0.850 | 0.599 | 1.392 | 0.134 | 0.924 | 1.022 | 0.521 | 1.673 | 1.422 | 5.561 | 3.436 | 2.588 | 0.341 | 0.013 |

^aTacrine was used as positive control.

Plant Material. The stems and leaves of *H. perforatum* were collected from the Muyu Town in the Shennongjia District (Hubei Province, People's Republic of China) in August 2014. The plants were identified by Prof. C. G. Zhang of the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST). A voucher specimen (no. HP20140826) was deposited in the Tongji Medical College, HUST.

Extraction and Isolation. The air-dried stems and leaves of *H. perforatum* (105 kg) were soaked in 95% EtOH (3 × 105 L) to afford a residue under vacuum, and the crude extract was sequentially suspended in H₂O and partitioned with CH₂Cl₂. The CH₂Cl₂ fraction (3.8 kg) was separated by silica gel CC (100–200 mesh) using a gradient of petroleum ether–acetone (50:1–0:1) as the eluent to obtain seven fractions (A–G). Fr. C (203.0 g) was loaded onto an MCI gel column (MeOH–H₂O, 90–100%) to remove the pigment and subsequently loaded onto an RP C₁₈ column (MeOH–H₂O, 50–100%) to yield eight subfractions, C1–C8. Fr. C5 (13.1 g) was loaded onto a silica gel column to yield 11 fractions (C5a–C5k) using petroleum ether–acetone (30:1–0:1). Fr. C5d (1.5 g) was loaded onto Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH), followed by RP HPLC, to yield 10 (10.6 mg, *t*_R 26.2 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 60%) and by using chiral HPLC methods (*n*-hexane–EtOH, 95%) to yield 5 (6.4 mg, *t*_R 7.6 min) and 6 (4.5 mg, *t*_R 11.1 min). Fr. C5f (1.6 g) was separated using a process that was similar to the process used for Fr. C5d to yield 7 (3.0 mg, *t*_R 12.2 min, *n*-hexane–EtOH, 98%) and 8 (8.8 mg, *t*_R 14.3 min, *n*-hexane–EtOH, 98%). Compounds 1 (16.6 mg) and 2 (9.8 mg) were both separated from Fr. C5g (1.3 g) by Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) and subsequently subjected to an RP C₁₈ column (MeOH–H₂O, 50–85%) to yield five fractions (C5g1–C5g5) and finally purified from Fr. C5g3 by semipreparative HPLC (CH₃CN–H₂O, 90%, *t*_R 15.8 min, for 1; *n*-hexane–EtOH, 95%, *t*_R 6.8 min for 2). Subsequently, compounds 12 (5.2 mg) and 13 (4.3 mg) were separated from Fr. C5g4 by RP HPLC (MeOH–H₂O, 90%, *t*_R 20.2 min, for 12; CH₃CN–H₂O, 95%, *t*_R 11.5 min, for 13). Fr. C6 (19.23 g) was separated into eight fractions (C6a–C6h) by using a silica gel column with petroleum ether–EtOAc (30:1–0:1). Fr. C6d (2.74 g) was loaded onto an ODS RP-C₁₈ column (MeOH–H₂O, 40–80%) and further purified by RP HPLC to afford 3 (26.3 mg, *t*_R 24.9 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 95%), 4 (25.3 mg, *t*_R 30.1 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 92%), 14 (34.2 mg, *t*_R 34.8 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 90%), and 15 (27.5 mg, *t*_R 32.0 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 92%). Fr. C6c (3.6 g) was separated on an ODS RP-C₁₈ column

(MeOH–H₂O, 60–90%) and RP HPLC to yield 9 (3.5 mg, *t*_R 13.0 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 100%) and 11 (6.5 mg, *t*_R 12.6 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 100%). Known compound 16 (21.4 mg) was obtained from Fr. C6b (4.53 mg) using an ODS RP-C₁₈ column (MeOH–H₂O, 60–100%) and RP HPLC (*t*_R 34.5 min, CH₃CN–H₂O, 90%).

Hyperforatin A (1): colorless oil; [α]_D²⁶ +84 (*c* 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 203 (4.10) and 281 (4.04) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 205 (–7.45), 276 (+30.04), 305 (–13.11) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3440, 2973, 2929, 1722, 1643, 1616, 1446, 1383, 1236 cm^{–1}; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 3; HRESIMS *m/z* 569.3860 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₅H₅₃O₆, 569.3842).

32-*epi*-Hyperforatin A (2): colorless crystals; mp 163–165 °C; [α]_D²⁷ +78 (*c* 0.6, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 202 (4.20) and 281 (4.06) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 203 (–7.31), 277 (+28.95), 305 (–12.23) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3445, 2976, 2925, 1725, 1662, 1620, 1454, 1383, 1236 cm^{–1}; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 3; HRESIMS *m/z* 569.3851 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₅H₅₃O₆, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin B (3): colorless oil; [α]_D²⁶ +106 (*c* 0.3, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 202 (4.23) and 273 (3.97) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 207 (–8.84), 269 (+29.05), 299 (–7.95) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3437, 2974, 2929, 1724, 1642, 1616, 1446, 1384, 1226 cm^{–1}; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 3; HRESIMS *m/z* 569.3846 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₅H₅₃O₆, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin C (4): colorless oil; [α]_D²⁷ +12 (*c* 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 203 (4.54) and 272 (4.29) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 205 (–9.69), 269 (+24.88), 299 (–11.44) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3437, 2974, 2929, 1725, 1648, 1616, 1445, 1384, 1234 cm^{–1}; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 3; HRESIMS *m/z* 569.3838 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₅H₅₃O₆, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin D (5): colorless oil; [α]_D²⁶ +12 (*c* 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 202 (4.41) and 280 (4.21) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 207 (–6.24), 275 (+17.08), 304 (–10.51) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3437, 2975, 2930, 1722, 1656, 1621, 1445, 1383, 1243 cm^{–1}; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 3; HRESIMS *m/z* 605.3288 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₆H₅₄O₆Na, 605.3818).

15-*epi*-Hyperforatin D (6): colorless crystals; mp 108–110 °C; [α]_D²⁶ +54 (*c* 0.6, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) = 202 (4.31) and 280 (4.29) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{\max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 205 (–11.40), 276 (+34.12), 305 (–14.21) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3442, 2975, 2929, 1724,

1655, 1620, 1446, 1382, 1238 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 4; HRESIMS m/z 583.3992 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{55}\text{O}_6$, 583.3999).

Hyperforatin E (7): colorless crystals; mp 108–109 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} +66$ (c 0.3, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 203 (4.42) and 273 (4.29) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 227 (+12.73), 248 (−4.16), 273 (+13.80), 302 (−4.92) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3437, 2970, 2926, 1731, 1626, 1449, 1377, 1237, 1212 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 4; HRESIMS m/z 569.3857 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

32-epi-Hyperforatin E (8): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +81$ (c 0.3, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.27) and 273 (4.20) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 227 (+13.92), 248 (−4.30), 273 (+14.36), 302 (−4.76) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3438, 2973, 2927, 1730, 1627, 1451, 1365, 1237, 1212 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 1 and 4; HRESIMS m/z 569.3836 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin F (9): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +52$ (c 0.4, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.20) and 273 (4.01) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 225 (+7.40), 247 (−1.90), 271 (+9.70), 301 (−2.86) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3449, 2971, 2925, 1730, 1622, 1451, 1366, 1237, 1209 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 4; HRESIMS m/z 525.3547 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{49}\text{O}_5$, 525.3580).

Hyperforatin G (10): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{29} +48$ (c 0.6, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.05) and 273 (3.93) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 227 (+6.47), 248 (−2.63), 273 (+7.23), 302 (−2.60) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3441, 2972, 2927, 1731, 1624, 1452, 1366, 1237, 1213 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 4; HRESIMS: m/z 569.3866 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin H (11): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28} +34$ (c 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.10) and 283 (4.00) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 242 (−5.64), 276 (+15.73), 302 (−12.03) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3442, 2972, 2929, 1729, 1623, 1408, 1384, 1236, 1182 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 5; HRESIMS m/z 569.3851 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin I (12): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +23$ (c 0.4, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.12) and 282 (3.93) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 243 (−4.16), 277 (+13.37), 302 (−9.97) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3434, 2972, 2927, 1727, 1614, 1447, 1409, 1382, 1236 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 5; HRESIMS m/z 591.3660 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$, 591.3662).

15-epi-Hyperforatin I (13): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} -28$ (c 0.3, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.20) and 282 (4.03) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 244 (−4.79), 276 (+10.41), 301 (−10.55) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3435, 2960, 2925, 1726, 1617, 1451, 1408, 1382, 1230 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 5; HRESIMS m/z 591.3657 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$, 591.3662).

Hyperforatin J (14): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} +44$ (c 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.49) and 272 (4.30) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 242 (−4.07), 269 (+12.90), 294 (−6.81) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3435, 2972, 2928, 1730, 1621, 1446, 1411, 1383, 1214 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 5; HRESIMS m/z 569.3860 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

Hyperforatin K (15): colorless oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{27} -13$ (c 0.5, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\log \epsilon$) = 202 (4.35) and 273 (3.97) nm; ECD (MeOH) λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) 243 (−3.74), 270 (+8.89), 296 (−5.05) nm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3435, 2973, 2928, 1728, 1620, 1446, 1412, 1384, 1215 cm^{-1} ; 1D NMR data, Tables 2 and 5; HRESIMS m/z 569.3832 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_6$, 569.3842).

X-ray Crystallographic Analysis. Crystals of **2**, **6**, and **7** were acquired from MeOH– H_2O . Intensity data were measured on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer outfitted with an APEX II CCD detector using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at 100 K. Data reduction and cell refinement were conducted with the Bruker SAINT program. The structures were determined by direct methods using SHELXS-97 (for details see the Supporting Information).³¹

Computational Methods. The conformations of compounds **7** and **11** were generated by BALLOON.³² Quantum mechanical geometry optimizations of these conformations were performed using the semiempirical PM3 carried out by Gaussian 09 software,³³ and all the subsequent calculations used the same program. One of any two geometry-optimized conformations was identified as the same and removed when the root-mean-square (RMS) distance was less than 0.5

\AA . Further optimization of the remaining conformations was conducted at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in MeOH with the IEFPCM solvation model, and duplicate conformations that occurred after these optimizations were neglected based on the same RMS distance criteria above. To confirm the stability of the final conformers, the harmonic vibrational frequencies were calculated. The ECD spectrum for each conformer was calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level using the TDDFT methodology with MeOH as the solvent using the IEFPCM solvation model. The ECD spectrum for each conformer was modeled by a Gaussian function using a bandwidth σ of 0.5 eV. A UV correction was applied to each spectrum, and the final spectra were combined according to their Boltzmann weighting population contributions.³⁴

Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitory Activity. The AChE inhibitory activities of the isolates were determined using Ellman's method²⁶ with a slight modification.

Cytotoxicity Assay. The cytotoxic effects of the isolates against HL-60, SW-480, A549, SMMC-7721, and MCF-7 were evaluated with the MTS method.²⁷

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Original HRESIMS, IR, UV, 1D NMR, and 2D NMR data for all new compounds and the ECD spectra of the $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OCOFCF}_3)_4]$ complexes of compounds **1**, **2**, **7**, **8**, **12**, and **13**, (PDF)

X-ray crystallographic data of **2** (CIF)

For **6** (CIF)

For **7** (CIF)

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