

# Structurally Diverse Diterpenoids from *Isodon scoparius* and Their Bioactivity

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**Supporting Information** 



**ABSTRACT:** Fourteen new diterpenoids (1-14) based on four skeletal types and two known analogues (15 and 16) were isolated from the aerial parts of *Isodon scoparius*. Compound 2 is the first *ent*-kaurane diterpenoid featuring a 1,11-ether bridge, and the structures of these new compounds were established mainly by NMR and MS methods. The absolute configurations of 1 and 5 and the relative configuration of 3 were determined using single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The absolute configuration of 14 was determined by comparison of the experimental and calculated electronic circular dichroism spectra. Compounds 1, 4, and 15 were active against five human tumor cell lines (HL-60, SMMC-7721, A-549, MCF-7, and SW-480), and they also inhibited NO production in LPS-stimulated RAW264.7 cells, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.0, 3.1, and 1.8  $\mu$ M, respectively.

T he genus *Isodon*, with about 150 species, is distributed throughout the world mainly in tropical and subtropical Asia.<sup>1</sup> Hitherto, over 1200 new diterpenoids, which include some compounds featuring fascinating skeletons and/or displaying a broad spectrum of biological activity, have been discovered from *Isodon* plants.<sup>2,3</sup> Especially, eriocalyxin B, an *ent*-kaurane diterpenoid isolated from *I. eriocalyx* var. *laxiflora*, has attracted the attention of biologists and has been regarded as a promising anticancer agent;<sup>4</sup> maoecrystal V, featuring an unprecedented and highly congested pentacyclic framework with adjacent vicinal quaternary stereocenters, has attracted extensive interest among the organic chemistry community.<sup>5</sup>

*I. scoparius* (C. Y. Wu et H. W. Li) H. Hara, a dwarf shrub, is distributed exclusively in the northwest district of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, and has been used as an antipyretic agent by local inhabitants.<sup>6</sup> Previous phytochemical investigations of this species at an altitude of about 2100 m in Shangrila County of Yunnan Province led to the discovery of six novel diterpenoids, which were structurally quite different from those isolated from other *Isodon* species.<sup>7–11</sup> Motivated by

this finding and considering that the secondary metabolites of Isodon plants are greatly influenced by the ecological environment,<sup>2</sup> we investigated the chemical constituents of *I. scoparius* distributed at an altitude of about 3450 m in the Yulong snow mountain of Lijiang County, Yunnan Province. As a result, 14 new compounds including two ent-kauranoids featuring an oxygen bridge (2 and 3), nine C-13-oxygenated ent-kauranes (1, 4-11), a dimeric ent-kaurane (12), an ent-atisane (13), and a podocarpane (14), as well as the known rosthornins B and C (15 and 16),<sup>12</sup> were obtained. This report describes the isolation and structure identification of compounds 1-16, the in vitro cytotoxicity against HL-60, SMMC-7721, A-549, MCF-7, and SW-480 human tumor cell lines, and the inhibitory activity against nitric oxide (NO) production in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated RAW264.7 cells of selected compounds.

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#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compound 1 had the molecular formula C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, as deduced by the sodium adduct (+)-HRESIMS ion at m/z 399.2150 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 399.2142) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data. The IR spectrum displayed bands for hydroxy (3436 cm<sup>-1</sup>), carbonyl (1720 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and olefinic (1633 cm<sup>-1</sup>) functionalities. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR data (Table 1) showed resonances for four methyl groups at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.82, 1.14, 1.03, and 0.83, two oxygenated methines at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.50 (br d, J = 3.9 Hz) and 3.58 (t, J = 2.5 Hz), and two olefinic protons at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.23 (d, J = 1.3 Hz) and 5.72 (d, J = 1.3 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT (Table 2) data exhibited 22 carbon resonances corresponding to four methyls, seven methylenes (one olefinic), four methines (two oxygenated), four quaternary carbons (one olefinic), an oxygenated tertiary carbon, and two carbonyl carbons. The aforementioned spectroscopic data of 1 revealed that its structural features were similar to those of the ent-kaurane diterpenoid isodopharicin A,<sup>13</sup> differing only in the orientation of HO-3 ( $\beta$ -orientation in 1 and  $\alpha$ -orientation in isodopharicin A). This was verified by the shielding of C-5 ( $\Delta \delta_{\rm C}$  –5.6) in 1 compared with that of isodopharicin A, which is caused by the  $\gamma$ -steric compression effect between HO-3 $\beta$  and H-5 $\beta$ .<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, the acetoxy group at C-11 was assigned to be  $\beta$ -oriented based on the ROESY correlation of H-11/Me-20 $\alpha$ . However, since C-13 is an oxygenated tertiary carbon, it was difficult to determine the orientation of HO-13 only by analysis of the NMR data. To solve this issue and to determine the absolute configuration of 1, a single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis using Cu K $\alpha$ radiation was carried out. The Flack parameter [0.07(7)]permitted assignment of its (3S, 5S, 8R, 9S, 10R, 11S, 13R) absolute configuration (Figure 2).<sup>15</sup> Thus, the structure of 1, 3epi-isodopharicin A, was defined as  $11\beta$ -acetoxy- $3\beta$ , $13\alpha$ dihydroxy-ent-kaur-16-en-15-one. Only five C-20 deoxy-entkauranoids bearing a C-13 hydroxy group have been obtained from Isodon plants previously.<sup>2,3,14</sup>

Compound **2** had the molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{30}O_{3}$ , as deduced by the sodium adduct (+)-HRESIMS ion at m/z341.2084 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 341.2087) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, indicating six indices of hydrogen deficiency. The NMR (Tables 1 and 2) and HRESIMS data indicated that **2** was an *ent*-kaurane diterpenoid and structurally related to the known compound *ent*-15 $\alpha$ ,18-dihydroxykaur-16-ene.<sup>16</sup> The differences between these two structures were the replacement of two methylenes ( $\delta_C$  39.9, 18.0) in *ent*-15 $\alpha$ ,18-dihydroxykaur-16-ene by two methines ( $\delta_C$  88.7, 74.6) in **2** and the presence of one more oxygen atom in **2**, suggesting an ether linkage between C-1 and C-11 of **2**. This was supported by (i) <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations of H-1/H<sub>2</sub>-2/H<sub>2</sub>-3 and H-9/H-11/H<sub>2</sub>-12/H-13/ H<sub>2</sub>-14 (Figure 3); (ii) HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H-3b ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.58), H-9 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.28), and Me-20 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.22) to C-1 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 88.7) and from H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.62) to C-9 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  51.0) and C-10 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 42.7); (iii) deshielding of C-2 ( $\Delta \delta_{\rm C}$  5.7 ppm) and C-9 ( $\Delta \delta_{\rm C}$  4.6 ppm) in **2** compared with those of *ent*-15 $\alpha$ ,18-dihydroxykaur-16-ene; and (iv) the requirement for one index of hydrogen deficiency. Thus, **2** was determined to be a C-20 deoxy-*ent*kauranoid featuring a unique ether linkage spanning C-1 and C-11.

The relative configuration of **2** was established by a ROESY experiment (Figure 3). The ROESY correlations of H-9/H-5/H<sub>2</sub>-18 indicated their cofacial arrangement, and they were assigned  $\beta$ -orientations in accordance with the structural features of the *ent*-kauranoids previously obtained from *Isodon* plants.<sup>2,14</sup> ROESY correlations of H-11/H-1/H-9 $\beta$  disclosed the  $\alpha$ -orientation of the 1,11-epoxy group. The HO-15 was assigned to be  $\beta$ -oriented by the ROESY correlation of H-15/H-14 $\beta$  ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.08).<sup>17</sup> Thus, the structure of compound **2**, scopariusol A, was defined as  $1\alpha$ ,11 $\alpha$ -epoxy-15 $\beta$ ,18-dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Compound 3 displayed a sodium adduct ion at m/z $327.2291 [M + Na]^+$  (calcd 327.2295) in the HRESIMS, in accordance with a molecular formula of  $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$ . Its NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) displayed signals typical for an entkauranoid, except for the presence of a deshielded oxygenated tertiary carbon ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  85.3), indicating that 3 was a modified *ent*kaurane diterpenoid. Analysis of the NMR and HRESIMS data established the linkage of C-11 and C-16 via an oxygen atom: (i) the HSQC and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations indicated a  $C(9)H-C(11)H-C(12)H_2-C(13)H-C(14)H_2$  fragment; (ii) the HMBC correlations from H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.40) to C-13 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  46.1) and C-16 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  85.3) and from H<sub>2</sub>-15 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.56 and 1.26) and Me-17 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.36) to C-16, along with the indices of hydrogen deficiency of 3, disclosed the presence of a 11,16-oxygen bridge. The HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-18 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.61, 3.28) to C-3 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 35.8), C-5 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  49.4), and C-19 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.5) in conjuction with the ROESY correlations of H-18a/H-5 $\beta$  and Me-19/Me-20 showed the location of an OH group at C-18. The  $\beta$ -orientation of the 11,16-epoxy group of 3 was deduced by the coupling pattern of H-9 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.61), which displayed a broad singlet in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.<sup>14</sup> The relative configuration was confirmed by the single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (Figure 4). Hence, the structure of compound 3, scopariusol B, was established as  $11\beta$ ,  $16\beta$ -epoxy-18-hydroxy-ent-kaurane.

Compound 4 had the molecular formula  $C_{22}H_{32}O_6$  based on the HRESIMS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, indicating that it had one more oxygen atom than 1. The NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) resembled those of 1, except for the deshielding of a methine ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  74.7 to  $\delta_{\rm C}$  80.0) and the presence of an additional methine  $(\delta_{\rm C}$  69.8) in 4 instead of the methylene  $(\delta_{\rm C}$  33.6) in 1. In the HMBC spectrum, H-7 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.62) correlated to C-9 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  59.6), C-14 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  37.3), and C-15 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  207.7), demonstrating that C-7 constituted the additional oxymethine group, which was supported by the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlations of H-5/H<sub>2</sub>-6/H-7. Similarly, the deshielded oxymethine was ascribed to C-1 on the basis of  ${}^{1}\text{H}-{}^{1}\text{H}$  COSY correlations of H-1/H<sub>2</sub>-2/H<sub>2</sub>-3, along with the HMBC correlations from H-9 (  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.99) and Me-20 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.38) to C-1. ROESY correlations of H-5 $\beta$ /H-1/H- $9\beta$  and H-7/H- $5\beta$  established the  $\alpha$ -orientation of the hydroxy groups at C-1 and C-7. Thus, the structure of compound 4, scopariusol C, was defined as  $11\beta$ -acetoxy- $1\alpha$ , $7\alpha$ , $13\alpha$ -trihydroxy-ent-kaur-16-en-15-one.

Table 1. <sup>1</sup> H I	NMR Spectroscopic D	ata for Compounds 1–7 (	(d in ppm, J in Hz)				
position	$\mathbf{I}^{a,c}$	$2^{a,b}$	$3^{a,b}$	$4^{a,b}$	$S^{a,b}$	6 <sup>a,b</sup>	$a^{ab}$
la	1.89, m	3.30, dd (11.5, 4.5)	1.64, br t (2.5)	3.66, m	1.96, overlap	1.97, td (13.0, 3.6)	2.02, m
1b	1.72, overlap		0.97, m		1.78, m	1.08, dt (13.0, 5.2)	1.30, m
2a	1.93, m	2.00, m	1.40, overlap	1.91, m	1.96, overlap	1.80, m	1.85, m
2b	1.72, overlap	1.76, m		1.72, m	1.73, m		
3a	3.58, t (2.5)	1.83, m	1.80, dt (12.5, 4.5)	1.30, m	3.58, br s	3.37, dd (10.7, 5.6)	3.41, br d (10.7)
3b		1.58, m	1.40, overlap	1.21, dt (14.1, 4.0)			
5	1.79, overlap	1.72, dd (6.5, 3.0)	1.49, dd (12.0, 2.0)	0.97, dd (12.3, 1.8)	1.75, dd (12.3, 2.3)	0.84, dd (12.1, 2.5)	0.94, dd (12.1, 2.0)
6a	1.55, m	1.69, m	1.58, m	2.04, m	1.52, overlap	1.59, br d (12.1)	1.62, br d (12.1)
6b	1.28, m		1.22, m	1.78, t (12.3)	1.32, m	1.34, m	1.38, m
7a	2.34, dt (11.4, 3.4)	2.16, m	1.54, overlap	4.62, dd (12.3, 4.2)	2.08, dt (13.1, 4.3)	2.02, dd (13.3, 3.9)	2.06, dd (13.1, 3.9)
7b	1.47, td (11.4, 3.5)	1.51, ddd (14.0, 5.0, 1.5)	1.31, m		1.46, td (13.1, 3.1)	1.47, td (13.3, 3.1)	1.53, br t (13.1)
6	1.71, br s	2.28, d (9.0)	1.61, br s	1.99, br s	1.91, br s	1.72, br s	1.94, br s
11	5.50, br d (3.9)	4.62, q (9.0)	4.40, br t (3.5)	7.13, dd (4.8, 1.6)	5.51, overlap	5.44, dd (5.0, 2.2)	4.39, t (5.2)
12a	2.56, dd (12.0, 3.9)	2.27, m	1.96, br d (11.0)	2.76, dd (14.4, 5.0)	2.36, br d (5.1)	2.30, br d (5.0)	2.50, br d (13.5)
12b	2.43, br d (12.0)	1.92, m	1.89, m	2.57, br d (14.4)			2.43, dd (13.5, 5.2)
13		2.74, br s	2.11, br t (3.5)				
14a	2.75, d (9.0)	2.15, d (12.0)	1.90, dd (11.0, 3.5)	3.04, dd (11.3, 3.1)	2.33, d (11.4)	2.30, d (11.5)	2.39, d (11.5)
14b	1.79, overlap	1.08, dd (12.0, 5.0)	1.13, m	2.62, d (11.3)	1.52, overlap	1.53, d (11.5)	1.55, dd (11.5, 2.6)
15a		4.06, br d (7.0)	1.56, d (11.0)		4.19, td (10.5, 2.8)	4.24, br d (10.2)	4.27, td (10.1, 2.6)
15b			1.26, d (11.0)				
17a	6.23, d (1.3)	5.54, br s	1.36, s	6.19, d (1.7)	5.59, dd (2.8, 1.3)	5.62, dd (3.0, 1.4)	5.69, dd (2.8, 1.6)
17b	5.72, d (1.3)	5.18, br s		5.68, d (1.7)	5.51, overlap	5.54, dd (2.3, 1.4)	5.56, t (1.6)
18a	1.14, s	3.47, br d (10.0)	3.61, d (10.5)	0.78, s	1.15, s	1.17, s	1.17, s
18b		3.36, br d (10.0)	3.28, d (10.5)				
19	0.83, s	1.01, s	0.85, s	0.78, s	0.83, s	0.97, s	1.01, s
20	1.03, s	1.22, s	1.05, s	1.38, s	0.98, s	0.94, s	1.02, s
AcO-11	1.82, s			1.93, s	1.93, s	2.06, s	
<sup>a</sup> Recorded in p	vyridine-d <sub>5</sub> . <sup>b</sup> Recorded at 5	500 MHz. <sup>c</sup> Recorded at 400 N	AHz.				

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Table 2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds 1–7 ( $\delta$  in ppm)<sup>*a*</sup>

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	33.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	88.7, CH	41.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	80.0, CH	33.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.8, CH <sub>2</sub>
2	26.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	23.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	26.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.2, CH <sub>2</sub>
3	74.7, CH	36.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	74.7, CH	77.7, CH	77.9, CH
4	38.1, C	38.1, C	37.9, C	33.3, C	38.1, C	39.4, C	39.7, C
5	48.6, CH	46.7, CH	49.4, CH	51.3, CH	48.7, CH	54.8, CH	55.1, CH
6	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	22.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	20.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	29.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	19.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	20.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	20.2, CH <sub>2</sub>
7	33.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	69.8, CH	38.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.5, CH <sub>2</sub>
8	53.6, C	46.1, C	45.1, C	60.5, C	45.5, C	45.3, C	45.3, C
9	59.4, CH	51.0, CH	59.6, CH	59.6, CH	52.5, CH	52.3, CH	55.6, CH
10	39.1, C	42.7, C	36.8, C	44.4, C	38.1, C	37.9, C	37.7, C
11	69.7, CH	74.6, CH	76.8, CH	73.3, CH	70.8, CH	70.8, CH	66.8, CH
12	46.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	40.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	50.7, CH <sub>2</sub>
13	75.0, C	39.2, CH	46.1, CH	75.5, C	75.8, C	75.8, C	76.3, C
14	45.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	37.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	45.1, CH <sub>2</sub>
15	207.5, C	81.0, CH	57.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	207.7, C	81.8, CH	81.7, CH	81.6, CH
16	154.4, C	157.1, C	85.3, C	155.5, C	161.0, C	160.9, C	161.8, C
17	112.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	107.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	23.6, CH <sub>3</sub>	111.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.6, CH <sub>2</sub>
18	29.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	71.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	71.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	33.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	29.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	28.9, CH <sub>3</sub>	28.9, CH <sub>3</sub>
19	22.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	20.0, CH <sub>3</sub>	18.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	21.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	22.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	16.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	16.4, CH <sub>3</sub>
20	17.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	16.9, CH <sub>3</sub>	19.2, CH <sub>3</sub>	14.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	17.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	17.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	17.7, CH <sub>3</sub>
AcO-11	169.1, 21.2			169.9, 21.5	169.0, 21.5	169.3, 21.6	
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<sup>*a*</sup>Recorded in pyridine- $d_5$  at 125 MHz.



Figure 1.  ${}^{1}H{-}^{1}H$  COSY (bold) and selected HMBC (arrow) correlations of 1.



Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of compound 1.

Compound 5 possessed the molecular formula  $C_{22}H_{34}O_5$ , indicating that it had one less index of hydrogen deficiency than 1. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) showed similarities to those of 1, but a signal of an oxygenated methine ( $\delta_C$  81.8) was observed instead of the carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_C$ 207.5) in 1. In the HMBC spectrum, H-15 ( $\delta_H$  4.19) correlated to C-7 ( $\delta_C$  38.8), C-9 ( $\delta_C$  52.5), and C-17 ( $\delta_C$  105.4), demonstrating the location of a hydroxy group at C-15 in 5 rather than the carbonyl group in 1. The  $\beta$ -orientation of HO-15 was determined by the ROESY correlation of H-15/H-14 $\beta$ ( $\delta_H$  1.52). Similar ROESY correlations observed for 5 and 1 showed the identity of their relative configurations. To determine the absolute configuration, a single-crystal diffraction analysis of **5** was performed. The final refinement on Cu K $\alpha$  data resulted in a Flack parameter of 0.03(4), allowing unambiguous assignment of the absolute configuration of **5** as (3*S*, 5*S*, 8*R*, 9*S*, 10*R*, 11*S*, 13*R*, 15*S*) (Figure 5).<sup>15</sup> Thus, the structure of **5**, scopariusol D, was established as 11 $\beta$ -acetoxy-3 $\beta$ ,13 $\alpha$ ,15 $\beta$ -trihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Compound 6 shared a molecular formula of  $C_{22}H_{34}O_5$  with 5. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds 6 and 5 were similar, except for differences in the chemical shifts of C-1 ( $\Delta\delta_C$  5.1), C-3 ( $\Delta\delta_C$  3.0), C-5 ( $\Delta\delta_C$  6.1), and C-19 ( $\Delta\delta_C$  -6.0) compared with those of 5. In combination with the 2D NMR spectra, compound 6 possessed the same 2D structure as that of 5, only differing in the orientation of the C-3 hydroxy group. The ROESY correlation of H-3/H-5 $\beta$  confirmed the  $\alpha$ -orientation of HO-3 in 6. Thus, compound 6 was structurally characterized as 3-*epi*-scopariusol D.

Compound 7 had the molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{32}O_4$ . The similarities of its NMR data with those of **6** revealed that these compounds were structural analogues and that the only difference was the presence of a hydroxy group at C-11 in 7, which replaced the acetoxy group in **6**. This was corroborated by the shielding of C-11 ( $\Delta\delta_{\rm C}$  -4.0) in 7 compared with that of **6**, as well as the HMBC correlations from H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.39) to C-8 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  45.3), C-10 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  37.7), and C-13 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  76.3). Similar ROESY correlations showed that the relative configuration of 7 was the same as that of **6**. Accordingly, the structure of compound 7, scopariusol E, was defined as  $3\alpha,11\beta,13\alpha,15\beta$ -tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Scopariusol F (8) had the molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{32}O_4$  based on the sodium adduct (+)-HRESIMS ion at m/z 359.2199 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 359.2193). The NMR data (Tables 3 and 4) resembled those of 7, differing in that signals for an oxymethylene ( $\delta_C$  71.5) and a methylene ( $\delta_C$  35.9) were observed in 8 instead of the oxygenated methine ( $\delta_C$  77.9) and methyl ( $\delta_C$  28.9) in 7. HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-3 ( $\delta_H$  1.82



Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (bold), selected HMBC (arrow), and key ROESY (double arrow) correlations of 2.



Figure 4. ORTEP drawing of compound 3.



Figure 5. ORTEP drawing of compound 5.

and 1.40), H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.68), and Me-19 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.83) to the oxygenated methylene implied that the OH group connected to C-3 in 7 was attached to C-18 in 8, which was supported by the ROESY correlation of Me-19/Me-20. Thus, the structure of compound 8, scopariusol F, was defined as  $11\beta$ ,  $13\alpha$ ,  $15\beta$ , 18-tetrahydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

Compound 9 had the molecular formula  $C_{22}H_{34}O_5$  according to the HRESIMS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, indicating six indices of hydrogen deficiency. The NMR data (Tables 3 and 4) suggested that 9 was structurally similar to 8, except for the presence of an acetoxy group at C-11 in 9 rather than the hydroxy group in 8. This was confirmed by the HMBC correlation from H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.45) to the acetoxy carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  169.0) and the deshielding of C-11 ( $\Delta\delta_{\rm C}$  +4.0) compared with 8. The ROESY spectrum showed that the relative configuration of 9 was identical to 8. Thus, the structure of 9, 11-O-acetylscopariusol F, was identified as shown.

Compound **10** had the molecular formula  $C_{22}H_{32}O_5$  as deduced by the sodium (+)-HRESIMS ion at m/z 399.2150 [M

+ Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 399.2142), which was two mass units less than that of **9**. Analysis of the NMR data of **10** (Tables 3 and 4) revealed that it was a structural analogue of **9**, except for the presence of a formyl group ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  205.4 and  $\delta_{\rm H}$  9.77) in **10** rather than the oxygenated methylene ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  71.2) in **9**, which caused deshielding of a methyl group (from  $\delta_{\rm C}$  18.1 to 24.1) compared with that of **9**. The C-19 formyl group was assigned via the HMBC cross-peaks from H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.10) and Me-18 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.86) to the corresponding formyl carbon and the ROESY correlation of Me-18/H-5 $\beta$ . Therefore, the structure of **10**, scopariusol G, was defined as 11 $\beta$ -acetoxy-13 $\alpha$ ,15 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-en-19-al.

The molecular formula of 11 was assigned as  $C_{24}H_{36}O_6$ based on HRESIMS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data. The NMR data (Tables 3 and 4) analysis revealed that its structure was closely related to that of 10, and the only distinction was the replacement of the formyl group in 10 by an acetoxy methylene group in 11. This was confirmed by the HMBC cross-peaks from H<sub>2</sub>-19 ( $\delta_H$  4.30, 3.95) to C-3 ( $\delta_C$  36.1) and C-5 ( $\delta_C$  55.9) and an acetoxy carbonyl group ( $\delta_C$  171.0). On the basis of the ROESY and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, 11 was assigned the same relative configuration as 10. Hence, the structure of compound 11, scopariusol H, was defined as  $11\beta$ ,19-diacetoxy- $13\alpha$ , $15\beta$ dihydroxy-*ent*-kaur-16-ene.

The molecular formula of compound 12 was established as  $C_{42}H_{64}O_9$  according to HRESIMS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, indicative of 11 indices of hydrogen deficiency. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data (Table 5) exhibited signals of two diterpenoid units (12a and 12b), implying the presence of a dimer similar to biexcisusin A.<sup>18</sup> The NMR data revealed that unit 12a was structurally related to 1, with differences being the presence of a HO-19 group, a C-16 methine, and a C-17 methylene in 12a rather than the C-19 methyl and the exocyclic  $\Delta^{16,17}$  double bond in 1. The presence of HO-19 was verified by HMBC correlations from H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.00) and Me-18 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.54) to C-19 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  65.5) and by a ROESY correlation of H<sub>2</sub>-19/Me-20. The resonance at  $\delta_{\rm C}$  60.8, which showed HMBC correlations with  $H_2$ -12 ( $\delta_H$  2.51, 2.36) and  $H_2$ -14 ( $\delta_H$  2.70, 1.87), was ascribed to C-16. HMBC correlations from H-11 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.50) and H<sub>2</sub>-14 to an oxygenated tertiary carbon (C-13,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  75.6) confirmed the presence of a HO-13 in 12a, similar to 1. Analysis of the NMR data of 12b implied that its structural features were similar to those of the known compound (16S)- $3\alpha$ -hydroxy-15-oxo-entkaurane,<sup>19</sup> with the differences being at C-1' and C-17' (respectively  $\delta_{\rm C}$  79.6 and 25.0 for 12b and  $\delta_{\rm C}$  37.7 and 10.0 for the latter), indicating the presence of HO-1' and the replacement of the Me-17' by a methylene in 12b. The conclusion was confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-2′ ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.30), H-9′ ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.63), and Me-20′ ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.41) to C-1′ ( $\delta_{\rm C}$ 

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# Table 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds 8–11, 13, and 14 ( $\delta$ in ppm, J in Hz)<sup>a</sup>

position	8	9	10	11	13	14
1a	2.00, td (13.0, 3.4)	1.93, m	1.92, m	1.93, m	1.52, m	2.07, m
1b	1.20, dt (13.0, 3.8)	0.97, overlap	0.89, m	0.88, m	0.96, m	1.38, br d (12.7)
2a	1.72, overlap	1.61, overlap	1.61, overlap	1.62, m	1.64, m	1.57, m
2b	1.47, overlap	1.41, overlap	1.31, m	1.29, m	1.34, m	
3a	1.82, dt (13.2, 4.2)	1.81, m	2.14, m	1.68, td (13.7, 3.6)	2.18, dt (8.2, 2.1)	1.83, dt (12.2, 5.5)
3b	1.40, td (13.2, 3.3)	1.35, td (13.1, 2.7)	2.00, m	0.89, overlap	1.07, dt (8.2, 2.6)	1.53, br d (12.2)
5	1.68, dd (12.1, 2.1)	1.61, overlap	1.10, dd (12.8, 2.3)	0.94, dd (13.9, 1.8)	2.08, dd (8.3, 1.3)	3.06, br d (13.2)
6a	1.72, m	1.70, br d (12.9)	1.78, m	1.53, td (13.9, 3.5)	1.93, td (8.3, 1.6)	2.19, br d (13.2)
6b	1.33, m	1.28, m	1.61, overlap	1.29, m	1.85, dt (8.3, 1.3)	1.70, m
7a	2.17, dt (13.4, 4.0)	2.16, dt (13.5, 4.2)	1.98, m	1.95, dd (13.2, 4.2)	3.94, t (1.6)	4.61, br s
7b	1.47, overlap	1.41, overlap	1.48, td (13.2, 3.2)	1.42, td (13.2, 3.5)		
9	2.05, br s	1.80, br s	1.73, br s	1.72, br s	2.52, dd (7.5, 3.2)	
11a	4.39, br s	5.45, dd (4.8, 2.3)	5.37, dd (5.4, 1.6)	5.40, dd (4.8, 3.0)	1.76, m	2.09, m
11b					1.34, m	1.95, m
12a	2.51, br d (13.4)	2.36, m	2.31, m	2.32, br d (4.8)	2.31, m	2.88, m
12b	2.44, br d (13.4)					2.38, td (15.2, 3.5)
13					1.48, m	
14a	2.42, br d (11.3)	2.32, d (11.4)	2.23, d (11.5)	2.23, d (11.4)	1.67, td (7.8, 2.0)	6.13, s
14b	1.54, br d (11.3)	1.51, br d (11.4)	1.52, dd (11.5, 2.4)	1.49, br d (11.4)	0.96, m	
15a	5.94, d (10.1)	4.18, td (10.4, 2.8)	4.24, td (10.1, 2.6)	4.20, td (10.3, 2.8)	4.32, s	3.68, d (10.5)
15b						3.47, d (10.5)
16						0.97, s
17a	5.68, dd (2.8, 1.5)	5.60, dd (2.8, 1.3)	5.61, dd (2.6, 1.2)	5.60, dd (2.8, 1.2)	5.32, br s	0.89, s
17b	5.54, t (1.5)	5.51, dd (2.8, 1.3)	5.53, dd (2.6, 1.2)	5.52, dd (2.8, 1.2)	5.11, br s	
18a	3.64, d (10.6)	3.63, dd (10.6, 4.1)	0.86, s	0.92, s	1.26, s	
18b	3.31, d (10.6)	3.28, dd (10.6, 4.0)				
19a	0.83, s	0.78, s	9.77, d (1.4)	4.30, d (11.0)	4.05, d (6.7)	
19b				3.95, d (11.0)	3.73, d (6.7)	
20	1.05, s	0.97, s	0.78, s	0.90, s	1.02, s	
HO-9						5.53, s
AcO-11		2.02, s	2.02, s	2.03, s		
AcO-19				2.03, s		
<sup>a</sup> Recorded	in pyridine- $d_5$ at 500 M	/IHz.				

# Table 4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds 8–11, 13, and 14 ( $\delta$ in ppm)<sup>*a*</sup>

position	8	9	10	11	13	14
1	40.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	39.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	40.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	31.6, CH <sub>2</sub>
2	18.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	20.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>
3	35.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	34.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	36.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	36.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	35.9, CH <sub>2</sub>
4	38.2, C	37.9, C	48.4, C	37.3, C	38.6, C	38.2, C
5	49.1, CH	48.4, CH	55.7, CH	55.9, CH	47.6, CH	33.4, CH
6	20.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	19.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	19.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	28.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	30.4, CH <sub>2</sub>
7	39.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	38.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	75.7, CH	72.6, CH
8	45.2, C	45.4, C	45.3, C	45.4, C	39.7, C	160.3, C
9	55.8, CH	52.4, CH	50.9, CH	52.4, CH	40.0, CH	76.0, C
10	37.8, C	38.1, C	38.1, C	37.9, C	37.8, C	43.0, C
11	66.8, CH	70.8, CH	70.7, CH	70.6, CH	27.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	27.9, CH <sub>2</sub>
12	50.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	47.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	36.4, CH	34.7, CH <sub>2</sub>
13	76.4, C	75.8, C	75.6, C	75.7, C	26.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	200.1, C
14	45.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	44.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	27.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	127.6, CH
15	81.7, CH	81.9, CH	81.7, CH	81.7, CH	78.0, CH	71.8, CH <sub>2</sub>
16	161.8, C	161.0, C	160.8, C	160.8, C	155.7, C	18.1, CH <sub>3</sub>
17	105.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	105.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	109.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	18.7, CH <sub>3</sub>
18	71.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	71.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	24.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	27.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	27.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	
19	18.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	18.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	205.4, CH	66.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	64.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	
20	18.2, CH <sub>3</sub>	17.9, CH <sub>3</sub>	16.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	17.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	14.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	
AcO-11		169.0, 21.5	169.1, 21.5	169.0, 21.6		
AcO-19				171.0, 20.8		

<sup>*a*</sup>Recorded in pyridine- $d_5$  at 125 MHz.

## Table 5. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectroscopic Data for Compound 12 ( $\delta$ in ppm)<sup>*a*</sup>

position	${}^{1}\text{H}^{b}$	$^{13}C^{c}$	position	$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	<sup>13</sup> C
1	2.00, overlap	33.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	1′	3.64, t (8.4)	79.6, CH
	1.81, overlap				
2	2.36, m	26.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	2′	2.30, m	39.4, CH <sub>2</sub>
	1.81, overlap				
3	4.36, br s	69.7, CH	3′	3.49, t (8.3)	75.3, CH
4		44.2, C	4′		39.7, C
5	2.00, overlap	49.3, CH	5'	0.81, br d (11.4)	52.9, CH
6	1.81, overlap	19.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	6'	1.72, m	18.7, CH <sub>2</sub>
				1.48, m	
7	2.24, dd (13.4, 4.0)	34.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	7′	2.49, overlap	38.1, CH <sub>2</sub>
	1.59, td (13.4, 3.4)			1.38, overlap	
8		55.0, C	8′		53.7, C
9	1.68, br s	58.9, CH	9′	1.63, d (8.3)	54.0, CH
10		38.8, C	10'		45.6, C
11	5.50, d (6.2)	69.3, CH	11'	3.55, dd (15.5, 6.1)	21.3, CH <sub>2</sub>
				1.54, overlap	
12	2.51, br d (12.4)	40.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	12'	1.72, m	25.7, CH
	2.36, dd (12.4, 6.2)				
13		75.6, C	13'	2.60, m	33.9, CH
14	2.70, d (11.4)	46.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	14'	2.04, overlap	35.3, CH <sub>2</sub>
	1.87, d (11.4)			1.38, overlap	
15		219.3, C	15'		224.2, C
16	2.64, t (6.2)	60.8, CH	16′	2.43, m	54.2, CH
17	2.55, m	25.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	17'	2.33, m	25.0, CH <sub>2</sub>
	1.93, m			2.07, overlap	
18	1.54, s	23.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	18'	1.16, s	28.8, CH <sub>3</sub>
19	3.99, d (10.9)	65.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	19'	1.05, s	16.1, CH <sub>3</sub>
	3.78, d (10.9)				
20	1.08, s	18.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	20'	1.41, s	14.9, CH <sub>3</sub>
AcO-11	2.04, s	169.2, 21.4			
ecorded in pvrid	ine- <i>d</i> <sub>c</sub> . <sup><i>b</i></sup> Recorded at 500 MHz	. <sup>c</sup> Recorded at 125 MH	łz.		



Figure 6. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (bold), selected HMBC (arrow), and key ROESY (double arrow) correlations of 13.

79.6), as well as the HSQC-TOCSY correlation of H-16' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.43) to C-17' ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  25.0). Hence, the 2D structures of the monomeric units **12a** and **12b** were clearly deduced, and their linkage through the C-17–C-17' single bond was established by the HSQC-TOCSY correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-17, H<sub>2</sub>-17' ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.33 and 2.07), and H-16' to C-16, which indicated a C(16)H– C(17)H<sub>2</sub>–C(17')H<sub>2</sub>–C(16')H fragment, along with the HMBC correlations from H-16' to C-17 and C-17'. The ROESY correlations of H-11/Me-20 and H-16/H-14a ( $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.70) indicated that AcO-11 was  $\beta$ -oriented and H-16 was  $\alpha$ oriented. The HO-3 was assigned to be  $\beta$ -oriented due to the shielding of C-5 ( $\Delta\delta_{\rm C}$  –5.5) in **12** compared with that of **6**, which is caused by the  $\gamma$ -steric compression effect between HO-  $3\beta$  and H- $5\beta$  in 12.<sup>14</sup> Similarly, HO-1', HO-3', and H-16' were  $\alpha$ -oriented according to the ROESY correlations of H-3'/H- $5'\beta$ /H-1' and H-16'/H-14'a ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.04). Thus, the structure of 12, scopariusol I, was defined as shown.

Compound 13 possessed the molecular formula  $C_{20}H_{32}O_3$ according to HRESIMS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT spectra exhibited 20 carbon signals (Table 4) for two methyls, nine methylenes (one oxygenated and one olefinic), five methines (two oxygenated), and four quaternary carbons (one olefinic), indicating a possible *ent*-kaurane-type diterpenoid according to the reported constituents from this species.<sup>2</sup> Interestingly, the <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (Figure 6) exhibited correlations of H-9/H<sub>2</sub>-11/H-12/H<sub>2</sub>-13/H<sub>2</sub>-14, which were not previously observed in ent-kaurane diterpenoids. In the HMBC spectrum (Figure 6), a methine proton ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.31, H-12) correlated to C-9 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  40.0) and C-15 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  78.0), implying that C-16 was connected to C-12. Considering that all the kauranoids isolated from Isodon plants possess an entconfiguration,  $^{2,3,14}$  13 was assumed to be an *ent*-atisane diterpenoid, similar to the known compound alboatisin C, which was previously obtained from I. albopilous.<sup>20</sup> The locations of two hydroxy groups at C-7 and C-19, respectively, were determined by the HMBC correlations from H-7 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.94) to C-5 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  47.6), C-8 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  39.7), and C-14 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  27.2) and from H<sub>2</sub>-3 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.18, 1.07), H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.08), and Me-18 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.26) to C-19 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  64.7). The presence of a  $\beta$ -OH group at C-15 was evident from the HMBC correlations from H-15 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.32) to C-7 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  75.7), C-9 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  40.0), and C-17 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  109.3), along with the ROESY correlation of H-15/H-14 $\beta$  ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  0.96) (Figure 6). In the ROESY spectrum, H-7 correlated to H-15 $\alpha$ , implying the  $\beta$ orientation of HO-7. Thus, the structure of compound 13, scopariusol J, was defined to be  $7\beta$ ,  $15\beta$ , 19-trihydroxy-ent-atis-16-ene. Only five diterpenoids based on an ent-atisane skeleton have been reported from the genus Isodon.<sup>20,21</sup>

Compound 14 had the molecular formula  $C_{17}H_{26}O_4$ , with five indices of hydrogen deficiency. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT spectra displayed 17 carbon resonances (Table 4) corresponding to two methyls, seven methylenes (one oxygenated), three methines (one oxygenated and one olefinic), three quaternary carbons (one olefinic), an oxygenated tertiary carbon, and a carbonyl carbon. Apart from two indices of hydrogen deficiency attributed to carbonyl and olefinic functionalities, compound 14 was assumed to have a tricyclic nucleus. Analysis of the NMR data of 14 implied that it was a podocarpane trinorditerpenoid similar to  $7\alpha$ ,15-dihydroxypodocarp-8(14)en-13-one, with the only difference being the presence of an additional OH group at C-9 in 14.<sup>22</sup> This was evident from the HMBC correlations (Figure 7) from H-5 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.06), H<sub>2</sub>-12 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$ 



Figure 7.  $^{1}\mathrm{H}-^{1}\mathrm{H}$  COSY (bold) and selected HMBC (arrow) correlations of 14.

2.88, 2.38), and H-14 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.13) to C-9 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  76.0). HMBC correlations from H-11b ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.95) and H<sub>2</sub>-12 to a carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  200.1) and from H-14 to C-7 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  72.6) and C-12 ( $\delta_{\rm C}$  34.7) indicated a C-13 conjugated carbonyl group, which was further confirmed by the UV absorption maximum at approximately 226 nm (Figure S81, Supporting Information). The relative configuration was determined by the ROESY spectrum, in which HO-9 ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.53) correlated to H-5 $\alpha$ , implying the  $\alpha$ -orientations of HO-9 and HO-7. The absolute configuration of 14 was determined by comparison of the experimental and calculated electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectra of 14 and *ent*-14 (Figure 8). Overall, the calculated ECD spectrum for 14 showed diagnostic positive and negative Cotton effects at 229 and 359 nm, respectively,

consistent with the experimental spectrum, to establish its (4*R*, *SR*, *7R*, *9S*, *10S*) absolute configuration.<sup>23</sup> Thus, the structure of **14**, scopariusol K, was defined as  $7\alpha$ ,  $9\alpha$ , 15-trihydroxypodocarpa-8(14)-en-13-one. Only four podocarpane diterpenoids have previously been reported from *Isodon* plants.<sup>24</sup>

The two known compounds rosthornins B and C were identified by comparison of the observed and reported NMR and MS data.  $^{12}$ 

On the basis of the cytotoxic activity of ent-kauranoids previously obtained from *Isodon* plants,<sup>2</sup> all isolates except 2, 3, 12, and 13 (due to the sample limitation) were evaluated for their in vitro cytotoxicity against five human cancer cell lines (HL-60, SMMC-7721, A-549, MCF-7, and SW-480) using the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium (MTS) method as previously reported, 25 with cisplatin and paclitaxel as positive controls. Compound 1 showed significant cytotoxic activity against all the tumor cell lines, with respective IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.0, 1.5, 4.4, 2.9, and 0.9  $\mu$ M, better than that of cisplatin (Table 6). Compounds 4 and 15 showed stronger cytotoxicity against four of the five tumor cell lines than cisplatin, and the remaining eight compounds (5-11, 14, and 16) were noncytotoxic in these tested systems (IC<sub>50</sub> > 40  $\mu$ M). Compound 5 differs from 1 in that the C-15 carbonyl group was reduced to a hydroxy group in 5. The result, along with those previously reported, suggested that the  $\alpha$ -exomethylene-cyclopentanone moiety is an important structural requirement for cytotoxicity.<sup>2</sup> Deacetylation at C-19 of 15 resulting in compound 16 led to a dramatic decrease in cytotoxicity.

The excessive production of NO, which is produced by the inducible NO synthase (iNOS) in macrophages and endothelial cells, is responsible for the inflammatory response and implicated in the pathogenesis of several inflammatory diseases.<sup>26</sup> On the basis of the folk use of *I. scoparius*, the active compounds **1**, **4**, and **15** were tested for their ability to inhibit NO production in LPS-stimulated RAW264.7 cells. All the tested compounds showed significant inhibitory effects, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.0, 3.1, and 1.8  $\mu$ M, respectively (Table 7).

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were obtained on an XRC-1 apparatus and were uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on Horiba SEPA-300 and JASCO P-1020 polarimeters. UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2401A spectrophotometer. Experimental ECD spectra were measured on a Chirascan instrument. IR spectra were obtained on a Tenor 27 FT-IR spectrometer with KBr pellets. HRESIMS data were acquired on an Agilent 6540 QSTAR TOF time-of-flight mass spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-400 and DRX-500 spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as internal standard. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were expressed in ppm relative to the solvent signals. X-ray data were collected on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer using Cu K $\alpha$ radiation. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on silica gel (80-100 mesh and 100-200 mesh; Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc., Qingdao, People's Republic of China), Lichroprep RP-18 gel (40-63 μm, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), MCI gel (75-150 μm, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Tokyo, Japan), and Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden). Semipreparative HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1100 liquid chromatograph with a Zorbax SB-C<sub>18</sub> (Agilent, 9.4 mm × 250 mm) column. TLC was carried out on silica gel 60  $\mathrm{F}_{254}$  on glass plates (Qingdao Marine Chemical, Inc.), and spots were visualized by UV light (254 nm) and sprayed with 10%  $\rm H_2SO_4$  in ethanol, followed by heating.

Plant Material. The aerial parts of *I. scoparius* were collected in August 2014 from the Yulong snow mountain of Lijiang, Yunnan



Figure 8. Experimental ECD of 14 (blue), calculated ECD of 14 (red), and calculated ECD of ent-14 (green).

## Table 6. Cytotoxic Activities of Diterpenoids from *I. scoparius* against Five Human Tumor Cell Lines<sup>*a*</sup>

compound	HL-60	SMMC-7721	A-549	MCF-7	SW-480
1	1.0	1.5	4.4	2.9	0.9
4	7.0	4.7	19.6	11.0	2.5
15	3.2	3.9	13.4	4.8	1.3
$DDP^{b}$	3.0	10.2	16.0	15.3	9.3
paclitaxel <sup>b</sup>	< 0.008	<0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008	< 0.008

<sup>*a*</sup>Results are expressed as IC<sub>50</sub> values in  $\mu$ M. Cell lines: HL-60, acute leukemia; SMMC-7721, hepatie cancer; A-549, lung cancer; MCF-7, breast cancer; SW-480, colon cancer. Compounds **5–11**, **14**, and **16** were inactive (IC<sub>50</sub> > 40  $\mu$ M) for all the cell lines. <sup>*b*</sup>DDP (cisplatin) and paclitaxel were used as positive controls.

Table 7. Inhibitory Effects of Compounds 1, 4, and 15 onLPS-Activated NO Production in RAW264.7 Cells

compound	$IC_{50}$ ( $\mu M$ )
1	1.0
4	3.1
15	1.8
L-NMMA <sup>a</sup>	39.9
<sup>a</sup> N <sup>G</sup> -Methyl-L-arginine acetate salt w	vas used as a positive control.

Province, People's Republic of China, and identified by Prof. Xi-Wen Li at the Kunming Institute of Botany. A voucher specimen (KIB2014081909) has been deposited in the Herbarium of the Kunming Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The air-dried and powdered aerial parts of *I. scoparius* (10.0 kg) were extracted with 70% aqueous acetone (4 × 35 L, 2 days each) at room temperature and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and partitioned by liquid–liquid extraction between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O. The EtOAc extract (310 g) was chromatographed over silica gel (1.5 kg, 80–100 mesh), eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>/acetone (1:0–0:1 gradient system). Seven fractions obtained from the silica gel column were individually decolorized using MCI gel and eluted with 90:10 MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O to yield fractions A–G.

Fraction B (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/acetone, 9:1; 20 g), a brown gum, was subjected to RP-18 silica gel CC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 35:65–100:0 gradient) to provide seven fractions, B1–B7. Fraction B6 (1.8 g) was purified by repeated silica gel CC (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 30:1–1:1) to give eight subfractions (B6-1–B6-8) based on TLC analysis. Fraction B6-3 (16 mg) was subjected to semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 60:40), to afford compound **3** (1.7 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 18.2 min).

Fraction C (41 g) was further fractionated into eight fractions (C1–C8) by RP-18 silica gel CC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 30:70-90:10 gradient).

Fraction C2 (1.1 g) was subjected to silica gel CC (petroleum ether/ acetone, 15:1-1:2 gradient) to provide six subfractions (C2-1-C2-6). Fraction C2-4 was separated by Sephadex LH-20 CC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 1:1), followed by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 45:55), to yield **6** (2.7 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 3.6 min). Fraction C3 (0.9 g) was fractionated by silica gel CC eluted with petroleum ether/acetone (20:1-1:2 gradient) to give six subfractions (C3-1-C3-6). Semipreparative HPLC analysis (MeCN/H2O, 27:73) of C3-3 afforded compounds 4 (3.6 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 9.4 min), 5 (59.0 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 15.6 min), and 1 (80.0 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$ = 20.5 min). Repeated CC on silica gel, eluted with a petroleum ether/ acetone gradient (25:1-1:2), followed by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 35:65), gave compounds 9 (5.5 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 7.1 min), 10 (2.3 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 13.9 min), and 11 (12.0 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 31.5 min) from C4. Compounds 16 (5.2 mg,  $t_R = 3.7 \text{ min}$ ), 13 (1.1 mg,  $t_R = 8.2 \text{ min}$ ), and 15 (40.0 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 10.2 min) were obtained from fraction C7 by silica gel CC (petroleum ether/acetone, 30:1-1:1), followed by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 35:65).

Fraction D (8.7 g) was separated by RP-18 silica gel CC (MeOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O, 25:75–90:10 gradient) to give fractions D1–D6. Fraction D5 was subjected to repeated silica gel CC, eluted with petroleum ether/ acetone (gradient system 7:1–1:2), followed by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 40:60), to afford compound **2** (1.4 mg,  $t_{\rm R}$  = 7.6 min).

Fraction E (15.0 g) was separated by RP-18 silica gel CC (MeOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O, 20:80–90:10 gradient) to afford fractions E1–E9. Fraction E5 was purified by silica gel CC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 70:1–1:1) to yield compound 7 (5.2 mg). Fraction E6 was separated into six subfractions (E6-1–E6-6) using RP-18 CC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 30:70–80:20 gradient). Fraction E6-3 was subjected to semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 35:65) to obtain compound 8 (20.0 mg,  $t_R$  = 4.1 min). Compounds 12 (1.8 mg,  $t_R$  = 8.0 min) and 14 (1.9 mg,  $t_R$  = 9.7 min) were obtained from fraction E8 by Sephadex LH-20 CC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 1:1) and then by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 36:64).

3-epi-Isodopharicin A (1): colorless, rectangular crystals (MeOH); mp 262–264 °C;  $[\alpha]^{19}_{D}$ –135 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 231 (3.8), 197 (3.5) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3436, 2926, 1720, 1633, 1452, 1385, 1267, 1075 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 399.2150 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 399.2142).

Scopariusol A (2): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{\rm D}$  -65 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.7) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3425, 2926, 2870, 1631, 1466, 1384, 1106, 1049, 968, 871 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS  $[M + Na]^+ m/z$  341.2084 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na, 341.2087).

*Scopariusol B* (**3**): colorless, rectangular crystals (MeOH); mp 206–207 °C;  $[\alpha]^{19}_{D}$  –37 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 201 (2.7), 214 (2.5) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3437, 2950, 2929, 2866, 1631, 1450, 1382, 1260, 1175, 1112, 1076, 1056, 1038, 818 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and

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<sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS  $[M + Na]^+ m/z$  327.2291 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na, 327.2295).

Scopariusol C (4): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}_{D} - 119$  (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 232 (3.8), 197 (3.5) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3439, 2934, 1722, 1647, 1385, 1370, 1265, 1082, 1052, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 415.2095 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na, 415.2091).

*Scopariusol D* (*5*): colorless, rectangular crystals (MeOH); mp 216–217 °C;  $[\alpha]^{19}_{D}$  –40 (*c* 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.7) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3542, 3517, 3456, 2929, 2876, 1724, 1642, 1448, 1398, 1368, 1258, 1234, 1086, 1050, 1012, 983 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 401.2304 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na, 401.2298).

3-epi-Scopariusol D (6): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}_D - 42$  (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 204 (3.7); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3435, 2935, 2871, 1738, 1638, 1447, 1373, 1241, 1059 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS  $[M + Na]^+ m/z$  401.2292 (calcd for  $C_{22}H_{34}O_5Na$ , 401.2298).

Scopariusol E (7): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{\rm D}$  -37 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.7) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3425, 2932, 2868, 1705, 1628, 1445, 1385, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 1 and 2; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 359.2204 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 359.2193).

Scopariusol F (8): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{\rm D}$  -50 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.7) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3341, 2932, 2852, 1702, 1630, 1441, 1385, 1112, 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 359.2199 (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 359.2193).

11-O-Acetylscopariusol F (9): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}_{D}$ -74 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.8) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3455, 2930, 1724, 1635, 1383, 1244, 1057 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z401.2300 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 401.2298).

Scopariusol G (10): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{\rm D}$  -55 (c 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 205 (3.7) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3476, 2934, 1736, 1715, 1632, 1382, 1247, 1060, 1021, 971 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 399.2150 (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na, 399.2142).

*Scopariusol H* (11): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{D}$  –54 (*c* 0.2, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 206 (3.8) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3559, 3494, 2932, 1738, 1634, 1446, 1373, 1246, 1056, 974, 897 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 443.2417 (calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na, 443.2404).

*Scopariusol I* (12): white, amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]^{19}{}_{\rm D}$  -71 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  (log  $\varepsilon$ ) 204 (3.5) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3432, 2930, 2866, 1730, 1634, 1451, 1383, 1250, 1077, 1023, 989 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Table 5; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 735.4442 (calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na, 735.4443).

*Scopariusol J* (13): white, amorphous powder; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 203 (3.5); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3424, 2930, 2869, 1630, 1446, 1384, 1250, 1082, 1054, 1028 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 343.2248 (calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}O_3Na$ , 343.2244).

Scopariusol K (14): yellow solid;  $[α]^{19}_D - 21$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  (log ε) 226 (3.7); experimental ECD (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\Delta ε$ ) 229 (+25.70), 341 (-5.02); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3432, 2929, 2870, 1633, 1385, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data, see Tables 3 and 4; positive HRESIMS [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 317.1728 (calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 317.1723).

**X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis.** Crystals of 1, 3, and 5 were obtained in MeOH. Intensity data 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,<sup>27</sup> and refinements were performed using full-matrix least-squares, with anisotropic displacement parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined using a riding model. 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 1528177 for 1, CCDC 1528175 for 3, and CCDC 1528176 for 5. 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 3-epi-isodopharicin A* (1): C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, *M* = 376.47, *a* = 6.5935(2) Å, *b* = 17.1424(4) Å, *c* = 17.2244(4) Å, *α* = 90°, *β* = 90°, *γ* = 90°, *V* = 1946.85(9) Å<sup>3</sup>, *T* = 100(2) K, space group P212121, *Z* = 4,  $\mu$ (Cu K $\alpha$ ) = 0.723 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 10717 reflections measured, 3518 independent reflections ( $R_{int}$  = 0.0521). The final  $R_1$  values were 0.0489 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $wR(F^2)$  values were 0.1267 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $R_1$  values were 0.1269 (all data). The goodness of fit on  $F^2$  was 1.151. Flack parameter = 0.07(7).

Crystallographic data for scopariusol B (3):  $C_{20}H_{32}O_2$ , M = 304.45, a = 10.6027(2) Å, b = 7.43600(10) Å, c = 21.0823(4) Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 96.4580(10)^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , V = 1651.62(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 100(2) K, space group P21, Z = 4,  $\mu$ (Cu K $\alpha$ ) = 0.588 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 12 135 reflections measured, 5172 independent reflections ( $R_{int} = 0.0962$ ). The final  $R_1$  values were 0.1227 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $wR(F^2)$  values were 0.2865 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $R_1$  values were 0.3106 (all data). The goodness of fit on  $F^2$  was 1.227. Flack parameter = -0.2(2).

Crystallographic data for scopariusol D (**5**):  $C_{22}H_{34}O_5$ , M = 378.49, a = 8.1897(2) Å, b = 11.8105(2) Å, c = 20.5092(4) Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , V = 1983.74(7) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 100(2) K, space group P212121, Z = 4,  $\mu$ (Cu K $\alpha$ ) = 0.710 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 12 127 reflections measured, 3605 independent reflections ( $R_{int} = 0.0309$ ). The final  $R_1$  values were 0.0311 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $wR(F^2)$  values were 0.0793 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]. The final  $R_1$  values were 0.0795 (all data). The goodness of fit on  $F^2$  was 1.062. Flack parameter = 0.03(4).

Cytotoxicity Assays. The following human tumor cell lines were used: HL-60 (acute leukemia), SMMC-7721 (hepatic cancer), A-549 (lung cancer), MCF-7 (breast cancer), SW-480 (colon cancer), and HeLa (cervical cancer), which were obtained from ATTC (Manassas, VA, USA). All cells were cultured in RPMI-1640 or DMEM medium (Biological Industries, Kibbutz Beit-Haemek, Israel), which were supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Biological Industries, Kibbutz Beit-Haemek, Israel) at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5%  $\text{CO}_2$ . The cytotoxicity assay was evaluated by the MTS (Promega, Madison, WI, USA) assay.<sup>25</sup> Briefly, cells were seeded into each well of a 96-well cell culture plate. After 12 h of incubation at 37  $^{\circ}$ C, the test compound (40  $\mu$ M) was added. After incubation 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  $\mu$ M in triplicate, with cisplatin and paclitaxel (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) as positive controls. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of each compound was calculated by Reed and Muench's method.<sup>2</sup>

Nitric Oxide Production in RAW264.7 Macrophages. The murine macrophage cell line RAW264.7 was obtained from Cell Bank of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. RAW264.7 cells were seeded in 96-well cell culture plates  $(1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ cells/well})$  and treated with serial dilutions of the compounds with a maximum concentration of 20  $\mu$ M in triplicate, followed by stimulation with 1  $\mu$ g/mL LPS (Sigma) for 18 h. NO production in the supernatant was assessed by adding 100  $\mu$ L of Griess reagent (Reagent A and Reagent B, respectively, Sigma). After 5 min of incubation, the absorbance at 570 nm was measured using a microplate reader (Thermo, Waltham, MA, USA). N<sup>G</sup>-Methyl-L-arginine acetate salt (L-NMMA, Sigma), a well-known nitric oxide synthase inhibitor, was used as a positive control.<sup>29</sup> The viability of RAW264.7 cells was simultaneously evaluated using the MTS assay to exclude the interference of the cytotoxicity of the test compounds.

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