

# Ormosianines A–P, Structurally Diverse Quinolizidine Alkaloids with AChE Inhibitory Effects from *Ormosia yunnanensis*

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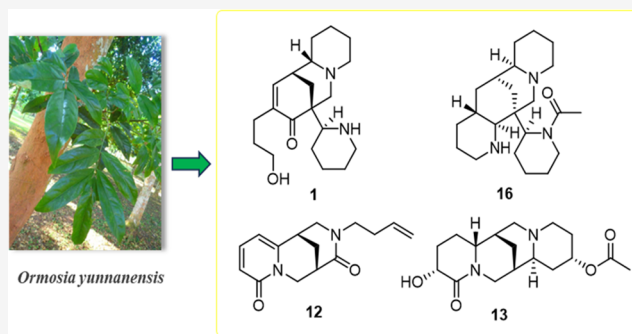


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**ABSTRACT:** Sixteen new quinolizidine alkaloids (QAs), named ormosianines A–P (1–16), and 18 known congeners (17–34) were isolated from the stems and leaves of *Ormosia yunnanensis*. The structures were elucidated based on spectroscopic analyses and electron circular dichroism (ECD) calculations. Structurally, ormosianines A (1) and B (2) are the first examples of cytosine and *Ormosia*-type alkaloids with the cleavage of the piperidine ring. Results of the acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitory assay revealed that the pentacycline *Ormosia*-type QAs, including 1, 16, 24, and 27–29, are good AChE inhibitors. Ormosianine A (1) exhibited more potent AChE inhibitory activity with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 1.55 μM. Molecular docking revealed that 1 might bind to the protein 1DX4, forming two hydrogen bonds with residues SER-238 and HIS-480.



The genus *Ormosia* (Fabaceae family) comprises around 150 species geographically distributed in the humid tropical and subtropical regions of Asia and Australasia.<sup>1</sup> Owing to their nitrogen-fixing properties, approximately 20% of the leguminous plants produce nitrogen-containing secondary metabolites.<sup>2</sup> Quinolizidine alkaloids (QAs) are the characteristic constituents of the *Ormosia* tribe. These alkaloids are biosynthesized from L-lysine<sup>3</sup> and subjected to oxidative cyclization to form the QA skeleton, a chiral bis-piperidine core (3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane),<sup>4</sup> substituted by piperidines, pyrrolidines, N-fused 2-pyridones, or α-allyl groups.<sup>5</sup> Quinolizidine alkaloids are an efficient defense against a wide array of predators, physiologically poisonous to herbivores and insects.<sup>6–8</sup> For insects, acetylcholinesterase (AChE) is essential for life. Inhibition of AChE by carbamate or organophosphorus insecticides can be fatal.<sup>9,10</sup> However, extensive use of the market-available insecticides to control insect pests has led to the occurrence of resistant enzymes or insect resistance.<sup>11</sup> Bitter seeds of leguminous plants are naturally toxic to insects, partially due to the presence of QA alkaloids.<sup>12</sup> In our search for structurally intriguing natural products with insect resistance and antimicrobial properties,<sup>13–16</sup> *Ormosia yunnanensis*, a species previously not investigated, was selected for a chemical study. As a result, 16 previously undescribed QAs, ormosianines A–P (1–16), comprising five distinct types with a varied number of piperidine rings, along with 18 known analogs (17–34), were isolated and identified. Compounds 1, 4, 6, 11–13, 16, 24, and 27–29 effectively reversed antiacetylcholinesterase

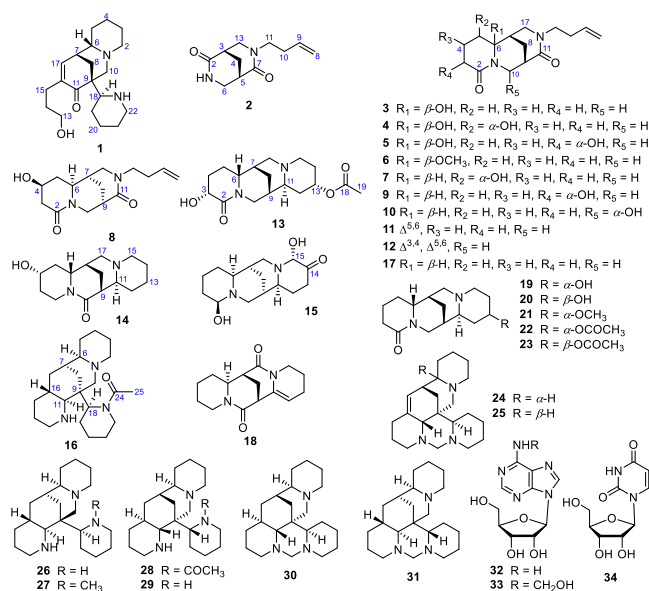
effects with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.55 to 29.6 μM. The underlying interactions between selected bioactive compounds (1, 12, 13, and 16) and AChE (1DX4) were predicted via molecular docking studies. The isolation, structural elucidation, AChE inhibitory effects, and molecular docking of these isolates are described herein.

Ormosianine A (1) was isolated as a white powder. The molecular formula, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, was deduced from its HRESIMS data (*m/z* 333.2537 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated for 333.2537), indicating six degrees of unsaturation. The UV maximum absorptions at λ<sub>max</sub> 222 and 245 nm were assigned to a conjugated carbonyl group, whereas the IR absorptions implied the presence of –OH/–NH (3434 cm<sup>–1</sup>) and carbonyl/olefinic (1637 and 1445 cm<sup>–1</sup>) functionalities. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (Table 1) displayed a signal for one olefinic proton at δ<sub>H</sub> = 6.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-17). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HSQC spectra (Table 1) indicated 20 carbon signals assigned to a carbonyl group (δ<sub>C</sub> 202.9, C-11), one quaternary carbon (δ<sub>C</sub> 49.5, C-9), one double bond (δ<sub>C</sub> 142.8, C-16; 146.1, C-17), three methines (δ<sub>C</sub> 63.6, C-6; 36.2, C-7; 61.1, C-18), and 13 methylenes. The aforementioned data of 1 are

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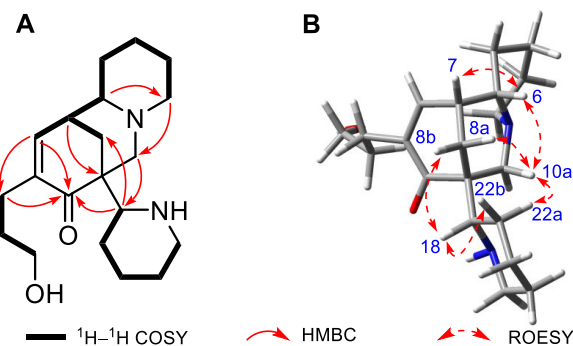
**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  (150 MHz) and  $^1\text{H}$  (600 MHz) NMR Data for **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

no.	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., $J$ in Hz)
2	46.5, $\text{CH}_2$	3.35, m 2.78, m
3	23.5, $\text{CH}_2$	1.95, overlap 1.80, m
4	23.6, $\text{CH}_2$	1.70, brs 1.70, brs
5	24.2, $\text{CH}_2$	1.48, overlap 1.19, m
6	63.6, CH	1.92, m
7	36.2, CH	2.48, brs
8	28.4, $\text{CH}_2$	2.49, m 2.25, dt (13.6, 6.3)
9	49.5, C	
10	62.1, $\text{CH}_2$	2.72, m 2.07, d (10.4)
11	202.9, C	
13	62.2, $\text{CH}_2$	3.67, m
14	31.7, $\text{CH}_2$	1.72, brs 1.61, m
15	33.4, $\text{CH}_2$	2.59, d (12.5) 1.63, m
16	142.8, C	
17	146.1, CH	6.80, d (7.0)
18	61.1, CH	3.28, m
19	24.6, $\text{CH}_2$	1.48, dt (12.9, 2.8) 1.19, m
20	25.0, $\text{CH}_2$	1.45, dt (15.9, 5.6) 1.17, m
21	30.5, $\text{CH}_2$	1.59, m 1.18, m
22	55.9, $\text{CH}_2$	2.65, d (11.4) 1.97, m

similar to those of homopodopetaline (**25**)<sup>17</sup> and 6-epihomopodopetaline (**26**).<sup>18</sup> However, the absence of a nitrogen atom (N-2) and a methylidene-nitrogenous unit in **1** as well as the presence of an extra ketone carbonyl ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  202.9, C-11) and an oxygen-bearing methylene ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  62.2, C-13)

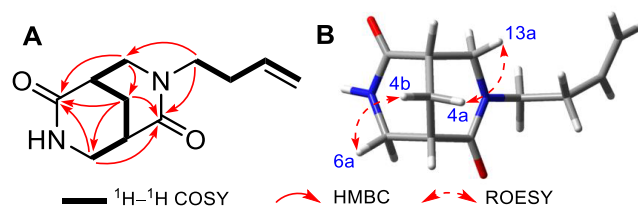
indicated that **1** was an *Ormosia* alkaloid featuring a *seco*-sparteine combined with a piperidine moiety.

The planar structure of **1** was established by analysis of its 2D NMR spectra (Figure 1). The presence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -



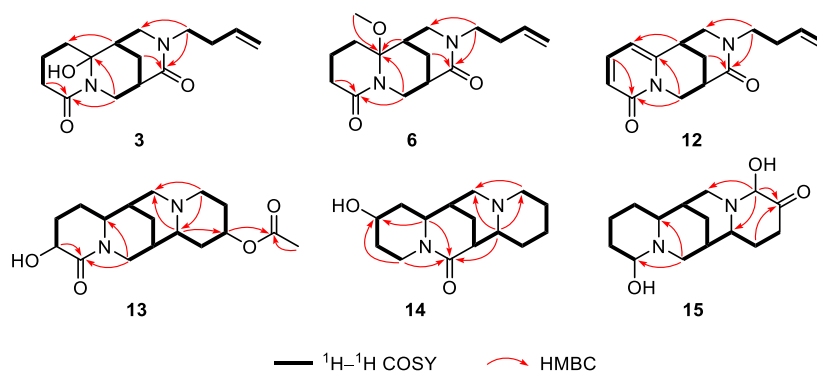
**Figure 1.** Key (A)  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC, and (B) ROESY correlations of **1**.

unsaturated ketone at C-9 was confirmed by the key HMBC corrections from H-17 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.80) to C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  202.9)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  63.6) and from H-18 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.28) to C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  202.9)/C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  49.5). Likewise, a combination with the consecutive  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY (Figure 1A) correlations of H<sub>2</sub>-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.67)/H<sub>2</sub>-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.72, 1.61)/H<sub>2</sub>-15 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.59, 1.63), the observed correlations from H-17 to C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  63.6) and C-15 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.4), and correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-14 to C-13 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  62.2)/C-16 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  142.8) in the HMBC spectrum (Figure 1A) indicated that an *n*-propyl alcohol fragment was located at C-16. Inspection of its HMBC and COSY spectra further indicated that compound **1** shared the same planar structure as that of homopodopetaline. The ROESY correlations (Figure 1B) of H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.92)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.47), H-6/H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.72), and H-10a/H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.49)/H-22a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.66) indicated that these hydrogens were  $\beta$ -oriented. In contrast, the ROESY correlations between H-18 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.28)/H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.25) and H-18/H-22b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.97) indicated these hydrogens to be  $\alpha$ -oriented. With the aid of an electronic circular dichroism (ECD) calculation (Figure 4), the absolute configuration of compound **1** was assigned as (6*S*,7*R*,9*R*,18*S*).



**Figure 2.** Key (A)  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC, and (B) ROESY correlations of **2**.

Ormosianine B (**2**) was obtained as a colorless oil. Its molecular formula ( $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ) was defined by analysis of the HRESIMS peak at  $m/z$  209.1282 [ $M + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 209.1285). The IR spectrum of **2** exhibited the presence of NH ( $3434\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), carbonyl ( $1639\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and olefinic ( $1496\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) functionalities. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2) displayed signals for one terminal olefin at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.74 (1H, dt,  $J = 17.2, 7.0$  Hz, H-9), 5.05 (1H, dq,  $J = 17.1, 1.6$  Hz, H-8a), and 5.01 (1H, dt,  $J = 10.2, 1.1$  Hz, H-8b). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2) displayed 11 carbon signals assigned to two carboxyl groups [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.4 (C-2) and 169.7 (C-7)], one



**Figure 3.** Key  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY and HMBC correlations of compounds **3**, **6**, and **12**–**15**.

double bond [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  117.1 (C-8) and 134.8 (C-9)], five methylene groups [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  25.3 (C-4), 46.7 (C-6), 31.5 (C-10), 45.9 (C-11), and 51.8 (C-13)], and two methines [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  36.2 (C-3) and 36.7 (C-5)]. The above NMR data suggested that compound **2** was structurally similar to tetrahydro-11-oxorhombifoline (**17**),<sup>19</sup> except for the absence of three methylenes and one methine. These data suggested that **2** possessed an elimination of the A-ring of tetrahydro-11-oxo-methicoline. In the HMBC spectrum (Figure 2A), diagnostic correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.12) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.4)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  46.7)/C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.7)/C-13 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  51.8) disclosed the presence of the diazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,6-dione skeleton. Along with the consecutive  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlations (Figure 2A) of H<sub>2</sub>-8 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.05, 5.01)/H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.74)/H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.31, 2.29)/H<sub>2</sub>-11 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.42), the key HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-11 to C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.7)/C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  134.8)/C-13 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  51.8) indicated the occurrence of a butadiene fragment placed at N-12. The ROESY cross-peaks (Figure 2B) of H-4a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.12)/H-13a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.54) and H-4b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.12)/H-6a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.54) indicated that two piperidones share a methylene bridge with  $\beta$ -orientation.<sup>19</sup> The absolute configuration of **2**, (3*S*,5*S*), was established by similar profiles of the experimental and calculated ECD spectra (Figure 4).

Ormosianine C (**3**) was isolated as a colorless oil. Its molecular formula of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was determined by the ion peak at  $m/z$  279.1699 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 297.1703) in the HRESIMS. Analysis of the NMR spectra (Table 3) indicated that compound **3** is an analogue of tetrahydro-11-oxorhombifoline (**17**),<sup>19</sup> bearing an additional hydroxyl group. The HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.11) to C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  16.1)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  84.3) and from H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.45, 3.09) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.1)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  84.3) implied that the hydroxyl group was placed at the C-6. ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.85)/H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.45) and H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.84)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.11)/H-13a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.99) indicated that these hydrogens are cofacial, and they were assigned randomly as  $\beta$ -oriented, while the ROESY cross-peaks of H-13b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.70)/H-10b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.09) indicated the  $\alpha$ -orientation of these hydrogens. The absolute configuration of **3** was finally elucidated as (6*S*,7*S*,9*S*) by the ECD calculation method (Figure 4).

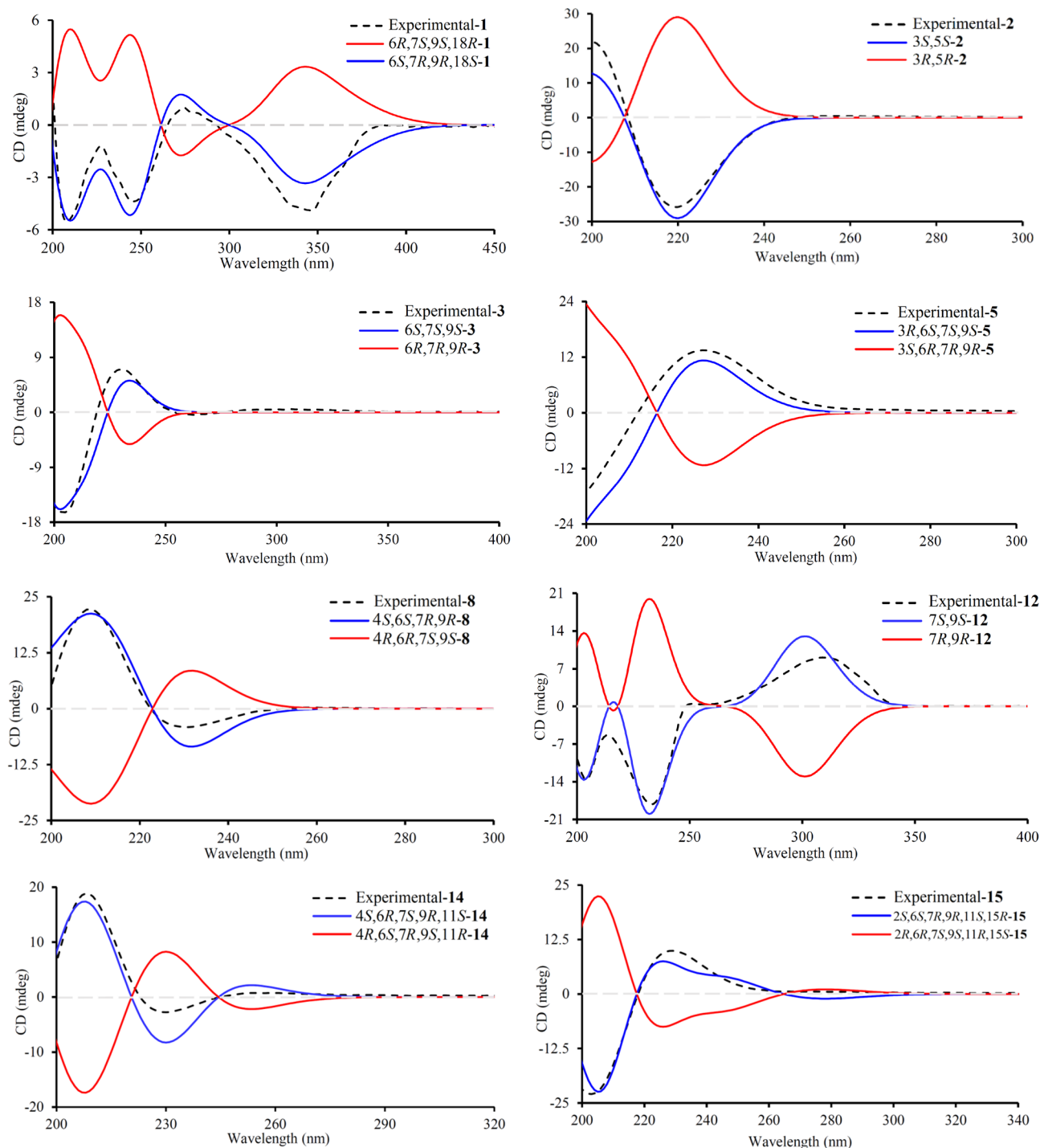
Ormosianine D (**4**) presented the molecular formula C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> based on its HRESIMS data ( $m/z$  293.1507 [ $\text{M} - \text{H}$ ]<sup>−</sup>, calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 293.1507). The NMR data (Table 3) indicated that compound **4** had the same parent skeleton as that of **3**, except for the presence of one more hydroxyl group at C-5. This was substantiated by key HMBC correlations (Figure S1, Supporting Information) from H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.32) to C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  66.6)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  84.8), as well as

correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.11, 2.93) to C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  84.8) and C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.6), suggesting that two hydroxyl groups were substituted at C-5 and C-6 in **4**, respectively. Additionally, the discernible correlations of H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.11)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.32), H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.77)/H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.43), H-8b/H-7, H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.25)/H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.89), and H-8a/H-10a observed in the ROESY spectrum (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of **4** indicated that H-5, H-7, H-8, and H-9 were  $\beta$ -oriented. The absolute configuration of **4** was assigned as (5*S*,6*R*,7*S*,9*S*), on the basis of the calculated ECD analysis (Figure S3, Supporting Information).

Ormosianine E (**5**) presented the same molecular formula of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ( $m/z$  293.1506 [ $\text{M} - \text{H}$ ]<sup>−</sup>) as that of **4**. Its NMR spectra (Table 3) closely resembled those of **4**, indicating that compounds **5** and **4** are isomeric. HMBC correlations (Figure S1, Supporting Information) from H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.42, 3.12) to C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  85.3)/C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.7) suggested that one hydroxyl group was located at the oxygenated quaternary carbon C-6. The proton spin system of H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.96)/H<sub>2</sub>-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.06, 1.87)/H<sub>2</sub>-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.50, 2.29) in the  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Figure S1, Supporting Information) and diagnostic correlations from H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.37) to C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  30.9) and H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.96) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.7) in the HMBC indicated that the remaining hydroxyl group was attached to C-3. The relative configuration of **5** was established as being similar to that of **3** via key ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information). The  $\beta$ -orientation for H-3 was supported by the ROESY correlations of H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.96)/H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.42) and H-10a/H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.63). The absolute configuration of **5**, (3*R*,6*S*,7*S*,9*S*), was elucidated via an ECD calculation (Figure 4).

Ormosianine F (**6**) had a molecular formula of C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> based on its HRESIMS ( $m/z$  293.1863 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup>) data. The NMR data (Table 3) of **6** were almost the same as those of **3**, except for the observation of an additional methoxy group ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.36,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  48.5). The HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from OCH<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.36) to C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  88.3) and from H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.60, 2.88) to C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  88.3)/C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.6) confirmed that the methoxy was located at C-6. Conversely, the ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of OCH<sub>3</sub>-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.36)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.14), H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.81)/H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.60), and OCH<sub>3</sub>-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.36)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.14) suggested the  $\beta$ -orientations for H-7, H-9, and OCH<sub>3</sub>-6. The experimental ECD of compound **6** with one positive Cotton effect at 306 nm and two negative Cotton effects at 205 and 234 nm was in good agreement with that of calculated **3**. Accordingly, the absolute configuration of **6** was defined as (6*S*,7*S*,9*S*).

Ormosianine G (**7**) shared the same molecular formula of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as **3** based on the HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  277.1556 [ $\text{M} - \text{H}$ ]<sup>−</sup> (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 277.1558). Its NMR



**Figure 4.** Experimental and calculated ECD spectra of 1–3, 5, 8, 12, 14, and 15.

spectroscopic spectra (Table 3) were similar to those of 3, except for the presence of an oxygenated methine at  $\delta_C$  66.7 in 7, instead of an oxygenated quaternary carbon at C-6 ( $\delta_C$  84.3) in the latter, indicating that the hydroxyl group was placed at the piperidine moiety. The placement of the hydroxyl group was proposed at C-5 based on the observed HMBC correlations (Figure S1, Supporting Information) from H-6 ( $\delta_H$  3.50) to C-5 ( $\delta_C$  66.7) and from H-5 ( $\delta_H$  4.32) to C-7 ( $\delta_C$  30.6), as well as by observing the proton spin system H-6 ( $\delta_H$  3.50)/H-5 ( $\delta_H$  4.32)/H<sub>2</sub>-4 ( $\delta_H$  2.14, 1.87) in the <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (Figure S1, Supporting Information). The

relative configuration of 7 was assigned as being the same as that of 3 based on ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of H-6/H-5, H-6/H-7 ( $\delta_H$  2.47), H-8b ( $\delta_H$  1.95)/H-7, and H-8b/H-9 ( $\delta_H$  2.64). The absolute configuration of 7 was established as (5S,6S,7S,9S) by ECD calculation (Figure S1, Supporting Information).

Ormosianines H–J (8–10) presented the same molecular formula of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as deduced from their HRESIMS ion peaks at  $m/z$  301.1526 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 277.1559 [M – H]<sup>–</sup>, and 279.1705 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, respectively. The NMR spectra (Table 4) of 8–10 closely resembled those of 7, differing in the locations



**Table 2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz) and  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) NMR Data for **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ 

no.	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., $J$ in Hz)
2	172.4, C	
3	36.2, CH	2.84, dt (19.7, 1.6)
4	25.3, $\text{CH}_2$	2.12, t (3.2)
5	36.7, CH	2.82, dd (4.8, 3.1)
6	46.7, $\text{CH}_2$	3.54, m 3.50, m
7	169.7, C	
8	117.1, $\text{CH}_2$	5.05, dq (17.1, 1.6) 5.01, dt (10.2, 1.1)
9	134.8, CH	5.74, dt (17.2, 7.0)
10	31.5, $\text{CH}_2$	2.31, dd (8.3, 2.7) 2.29, dd (7.1, 1.3)
11	45.9, $\text{CH}_2$	3.42, td (7.2, 1.8)
13	51.8, $\text{CH}_2$	3.54, m 3.48, m

of the hydroxy groups. The hydroxyl groups were placed at C-4 (**8**), C-3 (**9**), and C-10 (**10**) by observing diagnostic HMBC correlations (Figure S5A and Figure S1, Supporting Information) from H-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.11) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  168.5)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  61.8), from H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.91) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.7), and from H-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.06) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.5)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.2)/C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  168.8), respectively. In compound **8**, the ROESY correlations (Figure S5B) of H-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.11)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.46) and H-6/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.28)/H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.28) suggested the  $\alpha$ -orientation of H-4. The correlations of H-7 to H-17b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.92) and H-10b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.64), as well as of H-6 to H-5b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.76) and H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.35), established the methylene bridge (H-8) with  $\alpha$ -orientation. For compound **9**, in the ROESY spectrum (Figure S2, Supporting Information), correlations of H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.91)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.48), H-6/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.98), and H-6/H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.16) suggested that these protons were located at the cofacial side and with  $\beta$ -orientation. Likewise, the  $\beta$ -orientations of H-6, H-7, H-9, and H-10 in **10** were evidenced via ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.87)/H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.43), H-6/H-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.06), H-10/H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.86), and H-7/H-9. Thanks to the ECD calculations (Figure 4 and Figure S3, Supporting Information), the absolute configurations of **8**–**10** were assigned as (4*S*,6*S*,7*R*,9*R*), (3*R*,6*R*,7*S*,9*S*), and (6*R*,7*S*,9*S*,10*S*), respectively.

Ormosianine K (**11**) had a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  as defined by the HRESIMS molecular ion at  $m/z$  261.1594 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 261.1598). Inspection of the NMR data (Table 4) revealed that **11** presented an additional C-5/C-6 double bond in tetrahydro-11-oxorhombifoline (**17**).<sup>19</sup> This hypothesis was confirmed by the HMBC correlations (Figure S1, Supporting Information) from H-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.45) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  170.1)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  140.8) and from H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.08) to C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.4)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  140.8) as well as the  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlations (Figure S1, Supporting Information) of H<sub>2</sub>-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.47, 2.40)/H<sub>2</sub>-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.28, 2.15) and H<sub>2</sub>-4/H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.08). The absolute configuration of **11** was established as (7*S*,9*S*) by comparison of its experimental ECD (Figure S1, Supporting Information) with the calculated analysis.

Ormosianine L (**12**) was obtained as a colorless oil. Its HRESIMS data displayed an ion peak at  $m/z$  259.1440 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 259.1441), suggesting a molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , with seven degrees of unsaturation.

Analyses of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data (Table 4) revealed that compound **12** was structurally related to **11**, differing in that **12** presented an additional endocyclic double bond [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  118.3 (d, C-3),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.49 (1H, d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, H-3);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  138.8 (d, C-4),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.29 (1H, dd,  $J = 9.1, 6.9$  Hz, H-4)]. This assumption was supported by key HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H<sub>2</sub>-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.53, 3.72) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  163.1)/C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  148.6) and from H-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.29) to C-2, as well as  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY cross-peaks (Figure 3) of H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.08)/H-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.29)/H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.49). The absolute configuration of **12** (7*S*,9*S*) was established by ECD calculations (Figure 4).

Ormosianine M (**13**) was isolated as a colorless oil and found to possess the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , as defined by the HRESIMS molecular ion at  $m/z$  323.1969 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , 323.1965). Examination of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (Table 5) indicated that compound **13** is an analogue of sparteine (tetracyclic type), bearing the characteristic signals as two nitrated methine signals [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  61.4 (C-6),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.30 (H-6);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  57.8 (C-11),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.10 (H-11)] and two common methines shared by a bis-quinolizidine unit [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  32.2 (C-7),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.97 (H-7);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.7 (C-9),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.54 (H-9)]. The above NMR data suggested **13** was a derivative of 13-epihydroxylupanine acetate (**23**)<sup>20</sup> bearing an extra hydroxyl group at C-3. This hypothesis was confirmed by observation of HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.30) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  173.6) and from H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.98) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  173.6), as well as by the presence of a proton spin system including H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.98)/H<sub>2</sub>-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.16, 1.62)/H<sub>2</sub>-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.76, 1.61)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.30) in the  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (Figure 3). The ROESY cross-peaks (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of H-3 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.98)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.30)/Ha-8 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.09) indicated the  $\alpha$ -orientation for OH-3. The absolute configuration of **13** was elucidated as 3*R*,6*R*,7*S*,9*S*,11*S*,13*S* by ECD calculations (Figure S3, Supporting Information).

Ormosianine N (**14**) was obtained as a colorless oil. Its molecular formula was assigned as  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  by the HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  265.1911 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 265.1911). The NMR data (Table 5) suggested that **14** shared the same scaffold as that of **13** with the absence of a C-4 side chain. The presence of a hydroxyl group at C-4 and a carbonyl group at C-10 was evident from the key HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.33)/H<sub>2</sub>-2 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.81, 2.45) to C-10 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.5)/C-4 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  69.3). Both H-4 and H-6 were  $\beta$ -oriented, as deduced from the ROESY cross-peaks (Chart S2, Supporting Information) of H-4 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.79)/H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.91) and H-4/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.33). The absolute configuration of **14** was assigned as (4*S*,6*R*,7*S*,9*R*,11*S*) by ECD calculations (Figure 4).

Ormosianine O (**15**) presented the molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  with 16 mass units more than that of **14** by an HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  281.1859 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 281.1860). Analyses of the NMR data (Table 5) revealed that **14** and **15** shared the same skeleton (sparteine) type. The HMBC correlations (Figure 3) from H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.84) to C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  69.6)/C-10 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  54.9) and from H<sub>2</sub>-15 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.77, 2.70) to C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  63.0)/C-14 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  171.0)/C-17 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.6) indicated that one carbonyl and two hydroxyl groups were placed at C-14, C-2, and C-15, respectively. The ROESY correlations (Figure S2, Supporting Information) of H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.25)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.84), H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.65)/H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.81), H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.65)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.84), H-2 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.57)/H-17a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.03), and H-9 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.81)/H-11 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.04) revealed that these hydrogens were  $\alpha$ -oriented. In contrast, the ROESY correlations of H-15b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$

Table 3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz) and  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) NMR Data for 3–7

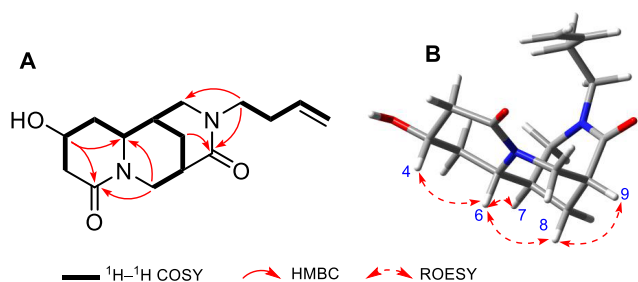
no.	$3^a$		$4^b$		$5^c$		$6^c$		$7^c$	
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)
2	171.1, C		169.6, C		171.7, C		171.6, C		169.8, C	
3	33.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.42, m 2.21, m	30.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.15, overlap 2.13, m	67.3, CH	3.96, dd (11.9, 4.1)	32.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.36, q (6.5)	27.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.61, t (8.0) 2.34, t (8.1)
4	34.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.08, overlap 1.83, d (10.4, 2.4)	24.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.99, qd (11.6, 7.7) 1.64, dq (11.8, 3.1)	23.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.06, m 1.87, dd (12.6, 4.0)	18.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.95, m 1.65, m	30.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.14, dt (13.0, 3.5) 1.87, overlap
5	16.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.07, m 1.72, td (8.8, 6.3)	66.6, CH	3.89, dd (11.3, 4.0)	30.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.50, td (12.2, 5.5) 2.29, m	29.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.05, m 1.95, m	66.7, CH	4.32, td (6.1, 3.1)
6	84.3, C		84.8, C		85.3, C		88.3, C		62.6, CH	3.50, dd (8.0, 2.2)
7	38.0, CH	2.11, m	32.6, CH	2.32, d (14.5)	33.5, CH	2.37, overlap	37.2, CH	2.14, brs	30.6, CH	2.47, brs
8	23.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.85, brs 1.84, td (10.4, 4.6)	23.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.25, m 1.77, m	24.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.37, m 1.86, m	24.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.45, dq (12.7, 3.1) 1.81, dq (12.7, 3.1)	28.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.85, m 1.95, m
9	37.6, CH	2.60, brs	36.8, CH	2.43, brs	37.3, CH	2.63, dq (5.3, 2.7)	37.3, CH	2.59, brs	37.7, CH	2.64, overlap
10	41.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.45, dt (13.2, 2.0) 3.09, m	41.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.11, dt (12.8, 2.2) 2.93, dd (12.9, 3.3)	42.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.42, dt (13.2, 2.3) 3.12, m	41.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.60, dt (13.1, 2.1) 2.88, dd (13.1, 3.2)	46.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.86, dt (13.3, 2.2) 2.72, dd (13.3, 3.3)
11	170.9, C		170.0, C		171.5, C		170.4, C		170.3, C	
12	116.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.03, dq (17.0, 1.6) 4.99, dq (10.2, 1.4)	116.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.04, m 4.97, dd (10.1, 2.0)	117.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.05, dt (17.2, 1.7) 5.04, dq (10.2, 1.3)	116.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.05, dt (17.1, 1.6) 5.00, dd (10.3, 1.6)	116.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.05, dd (16.0, 4.1) 5.00, dd (16.0, 4.1)
13	135.0, CH	5.70, dt (17.0, 6.8)	135.8, CH	5.70, dt (17.0, 6.7)	135.2, CH	5.74, dt (16.9, 6.8)	135.1, CH	5.73, dt (17.1, 6.8)	135.4, CH	5.74, dt (17.0, 6.7)
14	31.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.03, dq (17.0, 1.6) 2.21, m	30.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.15, m 2.15, m	31.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.09, dt (17.2, 1.7) 2.29, m	31.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.05, dt (17.1, 1.6) 2.25, m	31.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.26, m 2.26, m
15	45.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.21, m 3.59, dd (13.6, 6.5)	44.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.15, m 2.15, m	46.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.28, m 3.63, m	45.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.25, m 3.47, d (8.2)	45.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.26, m 2.26, m
17	48.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.10, dt (5.4, 1.4) 3.40, brs	47.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.32, dd (3.4, 5.0) 3.32, dd (3.4, 5.0)	48.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.12, overlap 3.39, m	48.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.27 m 3.44, m	49.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.11, dt (13.1, 1.3)

OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>a</sup>Measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Measured in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

Table 4. <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz) and <sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) NMR Data of 8–12

no.	8 <sup>a</sup>		9 <sup>b</sup>		10 <sup>b</sup>		11 <sup>b</sup>		12 <sup>b</sup>	
	$\delta_C$ type	$\delta_H$ (mult., J in Hz)	$\delta_C$ type	$\delta_H$ (mult., J in Hz)	$\delta_C$ type	$\delta_H$ (mult., J in Hz)	$\delta_C$ type	$\delta_H$ (mult., J in Hz)	$\delta_C$ type	$\delta_H$ (mult., J in Hz)
2	169.5, C		172.7, C		172.7, C		170.1, C		163.1, C	
3	27.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.36, brs	68.0, CH	3.91, dd (12.1, 5.6)	27.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.80, overlap	31.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.47, dd (5.9, 1.2)	118.3, CH	6.49, d (9.1)
4	65.1, CH	1.76, dd (14.0, 7.8)	27.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.30 m	32.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.75, overlap	19.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.40, td (15.0, 1.0)	138.8, CH	7.29, dd (9.1, 6.9)
5	28.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.11, brs	24.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.69, qd (12.2, 4.8)	20.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.29, m	105.0, CH	2.28, overlap	105.7, CH	
6	61.8, CH	2.08, d (6.0)	60.5, CH	1.88, m	55.2, CH	1.92, m	140.8, C	2.15, dd (6.2, 3.0)	148.6, C	
7	29.5, CH	1.76, dd (14.0, 7.8)	32.4, CH	3.48, m	33.2, CH	1.74, overlap	33.4, CH	3.87, m	33.4, CH	3.28, brs
8	29.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.46, overlap	28.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.98, brs	22.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.43, overlap	26.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.40, m	23.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.20, m
9	37.4, CH	2.35, overlap	37.3, CH	2.16, dq (12.0, 4.3)	43.2, CH	2.40, m	36.8, CH	1.93, m	36.4, CH	2.07, dt (13.1, 2.2)
10	45.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.08, d (6.0)	46.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.87, m	73.9, CH	1.87, m	45.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.86, m	48.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.13, overlap
11	169.5, C	4.51, dt (12.9, 2.1)	170.0, C	4.65, dt (13.4, 2.2)	168.8, C	6.06, d (2.7)	169.7, C	4.45, dt (13.3, 2.0)	169.2, C	4.53, d (15.2)
12	116.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.64, dd (12.8, 3.1)	116.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.81 dd (13.6, 3.2)	116.8, CH <sub>2</sub>		116.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.60, m	117.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.72, td (15.2, 5.5)
13	135.8, CH	5.01, dd (17.2, 2.0)	135.1, CH	5.01, m	135.2, CH	5.05, m	135.1, CH	5.01, m	134.6, CH	4.90, m
14	30.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.95, dd (10.2, 2.1)	31.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.01, m	31.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.01, m	31.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.98, m	31.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.75, m
15	44.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.60, dt (17.1, 6.7)	45.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.72, dt (17.1, 6.7)	45.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.74, dt (17.0, 6.8)	45.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.70, dt, J = 17.1, 6.9	45.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.60, dt (17.1, 7.0)
17	48.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	5.01, dd (17.2, 2.0)	46.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.25, m	46.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.29, m	56.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.27, m	56.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.20, m
		2.11, m		2.25, m		2.27, m		2.27, m		2.20, m
		2.11, m		2.25, m		2.29, m		2.27, m		2.20, m
		3.42, overlap		2.25, m		2.27, m		2.27, m		2.20, m
		3.29, m		3.40, d (13.1)		3.42, brs		3.58, m		3.70, td (9.1, 5.5)
		3.92, d (12.9)		3.34, dd (13.1, 6.0)		3.31, dd (13.0, 5.9)		3.20, dt (11.9, 1.7)		3.30, m

<sup>a</sup>Measured in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure 5.** Key (A)  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC, and (B) ROESY correlations of **8**.

2.70)/H-17b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.16) indicated that H-15 was  $\beta$ -oriented. The absolute configuration of **15** was finally elucidated as (2*S*,6*S*,7*R*,9*R*,11*S*,15*R*) based on analyses of its experimental and calculated ECD data (Figure 4).

Ormosanine P (**16**) presented the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  at  $m/z$  360.2975 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ , 360.3009) in the HRESIMS spectrum. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 6) revealed 22 carbon signals corresponding to one amide-carbonyl group [C-24 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  179.8)], one quaternary carbon [C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  39.9)], three methine groups [C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  63.8), C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  66.5), and C-18 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  66.2)], along with 13 methylenes including four nitrogenated methylenes [C-2 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.6), C-10 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.6), C-13 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  46.6), and C-22 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  47.7)]. Detailed interpretation of the NMR data (Table 6) indicated that compound **16** has the same parent skeleton as that of piptanthin (**26**),<sup>21</sup> except for the presence of

an additional acetyl group [CH<sub>3</sub>-25 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.90), C-25 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  22.8); C-24 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  179.8)]. The key HMBC correlations (Figure 6) from H-18 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.67)/CH<sub>3</sub>-25 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.90) to C-24 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  179.8) established that the acetyl group was located at N-23. The ROESY correlations (Figure 6) of H-8a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.66)/H-6 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.40)/H-10b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.59) and H-8b ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.27)/H-11 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.78)/H-18 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.67) revealed that these hydrogens were  $\alpha$ -oriented, whereas the observed ROESY correlations of H-16 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.47)/H-17a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.63)/H-10a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.93) revealed that these hydrogens were  $\beta$ -oriented. The absolute configuration of **16** was established as (6*R*,7*R*,9*R*,11*S*,16*R*,18*S*) by ECD calculations (Figure S3, Supporting Information).

In addition, 18 known constituents, named tetrahydro-11-oxorhombifoline (**17**),<sup>19</sup> oxoaphyllidine (**18**),<sup>22</sup> hydroxylupanine (**19**),<sup>23</sup> pseudohydroxylupanine (**20**),<sup>24</sup> 13-methoxylupanine (**21**),<sup>25</sup> oxylupanine acetate (**22**),<sup>26</sup> 13-epihydroxylupanine acetate (**23**),<sup>27</sup> homopodopetaline (**24**),<sup>17</sup> 6-epihomopodopetaline (**25**),<sup>18</sup> piptanthin (**26**),<sup>21</sup> ormosastrine (**27**),<sup>28</sup> *N'*-acetylormosanine (**28**),<sup>29</sup> ormosanine (**29**),<sup>30</sup> homoormosanine (**30**),<sup>31</sup> homopiptanthine (**31**),<sup>21</sup> 9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyladenine (**32**),<sup>32</sup> *N*-(hydroxymethyl)adenosine (**33**),<sup>33</sup> and uridine (**34**),<sup>34</sup> were identified by comparison of their spectroscopic data with literature data.

Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors are a group of drugs that block the normal breakdown of acetylcholine, which are divided as irreversible and reversible.<sup>35</sup> Reversible AChE inhibitors can be used for the treatment of human neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer's disease, such as donepezil, rivastigmine, and galantamine.<sup>36</sup> Also, toxic organo-

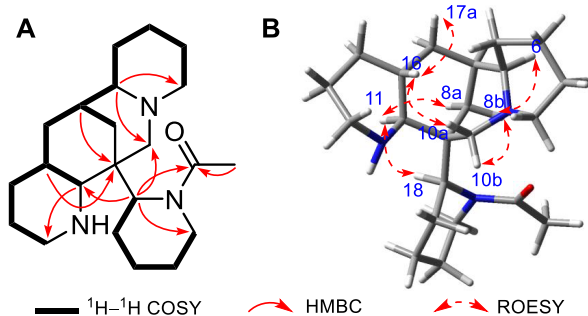
**Table 5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz) and  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) NMR Data for **13**–**15** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

no.	13		14		15	
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)
2	173.6, C		40.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.81, dt (13.4, 2.6) 2.45, td (13.4, 2.6)	69.6, CH	3.57, d (11.9)
3	68.1, CH	3.98, m	34.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.91, m	40.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.74, m
4	27.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.16, m	69.3, CH	1.46, td (13.1, 7.3) 3.79, dt (15.0, 4.2)	35.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.84, m
5	24.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.76, m	37.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.83, m	24.3, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.86, m
6	61.4, CH	3.30, td (10.8, 1.8)	56.9, CH	3.33, brs	68.4, CH	3.84, brs
7	32.2, CH	1.97, m	32.3, CH	1.99, m	33.8, CH	1.65, overlap
8	26.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.09, m	23.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.91, m	27.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.25, dd (10.4, 2.2)
9	33.7, CH	1.54, m	43.9, CH	1.63, m		1.67, overlap
10	47.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	4.25, dt (13.4, 2.3) 2.63, td (13.4, 2.3)	172.5, C	2.35, brs	33.9, CH	1.81, m
11	57.8, CH	2.10, m	58.9, CH	3.05, m	54.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.65, dd (13.2, 5.8)
12	35.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.63, m	22.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.85, m		1.78, overlap
13	68.1, CH	4.98, sept (2.9)	25.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.15, m	63.0, CH	2.04, d (6.4)
14	28.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.77, m	18.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.83, m	34.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.81, m
15	49.4, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.53, m	54.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.46, td (17.4, 2.6) 1.60, m	171.0, C	1.38, td (15.1, 4.6)
17	51.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.86, dd (11.7, 9.3) 2.04, overlap	46.7, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.12, m		3.56, d (11.9)
18	170.6, C			2.73, m	43.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	4.77, d (13.9)
19	21.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	2.02, s		2.66, overlap		2.70, dd (13.2, 2.2)
				3.08, m	55.6, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.03, d (11.9)
				2.57 d (11.6)		2.16, d (11.9)



Table 6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz) and  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz) NMR Data of 16 in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ 

no.	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J in Hz)	no.	$\delta_{\text{C}}$ , type	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J in Hz)
2	55.6, $\text{CH}_2$	2.82, d (12.4) 2.74, brs	14	25.5, $\text{CH}_2$	1.78, m 1.68, brs
3	26.3, $\text{CH}_2$	1.66, m 1.37, dd (14.3, 5.6)	15	32.8, $\text{CH}_2$	1.77, m 1.20, m
4	23.9, $\text{CH}_2$	1.89, brs 1.89, brs	16	35.3, CH	2.47, d (11.9)
5	29.6, $\text{CH}_2$	1.58, m 1.31, d (12.8)	17	38.6, $\text{CH}_2$	1.63, m 1.19, m
6	63.8, CH	2.40, d (11.6)	18	66.2, CH	2.67, m
7	35.7, CH	1.68, m	19	26.3, $\text{CH}_2$	1.88, overlap 1.77, m
8	30.8, $\text{CH}_2$	1.66, m 1.27, d (7.8)	20	25.1, $\text{CH}_2$	1.88, overlap 1.67, brs
9	39.9, C		21	25.9, $\text{CH}_2$	1.45, dt (17.1, 4.0) 3.17, d (12.2)
10	55.6, $\text{CH}_2$	2.93, d (13.0) 2.59, dt (12.5, 2.7)	22	47.7, $\text{CH}_2$	1.37, dd (14.3, 3.6) 2.60, td (12.5, 2.7)
11	66.5, CH	2.78, d (10.8)	24	179.8, C	
13	46.6, $\text{CH}_2$	3.27, dd (12.8, 4.4) 2.88, dd (13.0, 3.2)	25	22.8, $\text{CH}_3$	1.90, s

Figure 6. Key (A)  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY, HMBC, and (B) ROESY correlations of 16.

phosphorus and carbamate insecticides act as AChE inhibitors and can be used as pesticides in agriculture.<sup>37</sup> However, agricultural workers would suffer from the underlying risk of poisoning if they are exposed to high concentrations of these organophosphorus pesticides in the long term. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands people, especially those living in rural areas of developing countries, are poisoned by organophosphorus pesticides every year.<sup>38</sup> Thus, the search for more AChE inhibitors from natural plants is important for the development of low-toxicity, effective insecticides. Based on the fact that QAs are poisonous to insects, alkaloids obtained from *O. yunnanensis* were evaluated for their insect AChE inhibitory effects. As indicated in Table 7 (Figure S2, Supporting Information), 11 compounds (1, 4, 6, 11–13, 16, 24, and 27–29) displayed AChE inhibitory activities with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values ranging from 1.55 to 29.60  $\mu\text{M}$ . Among them, compound 1 displayed the most potent AChE inhibitory activity, with an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of  $1.55 \pm 0.14 \mu\text{M}$ . Taken together, *Ormosia*-type QAs with the pentacycline system, including 1, 16, 24, and 27–29, presented better AChE inhibition effects.

In light of the observed AChE inhibitory activities (Table 7), the most active QA, 1, and three different types of active compounds, including 12, 13, and 16, along with the positive controls (huperzine A (Hup A) and chlorpyrifos (CPF)), were selected to perform molecular docking studies to clarify their potential mechanism of action as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (PDB ID: 1DX4) (Figure 7). The positive controls CPF

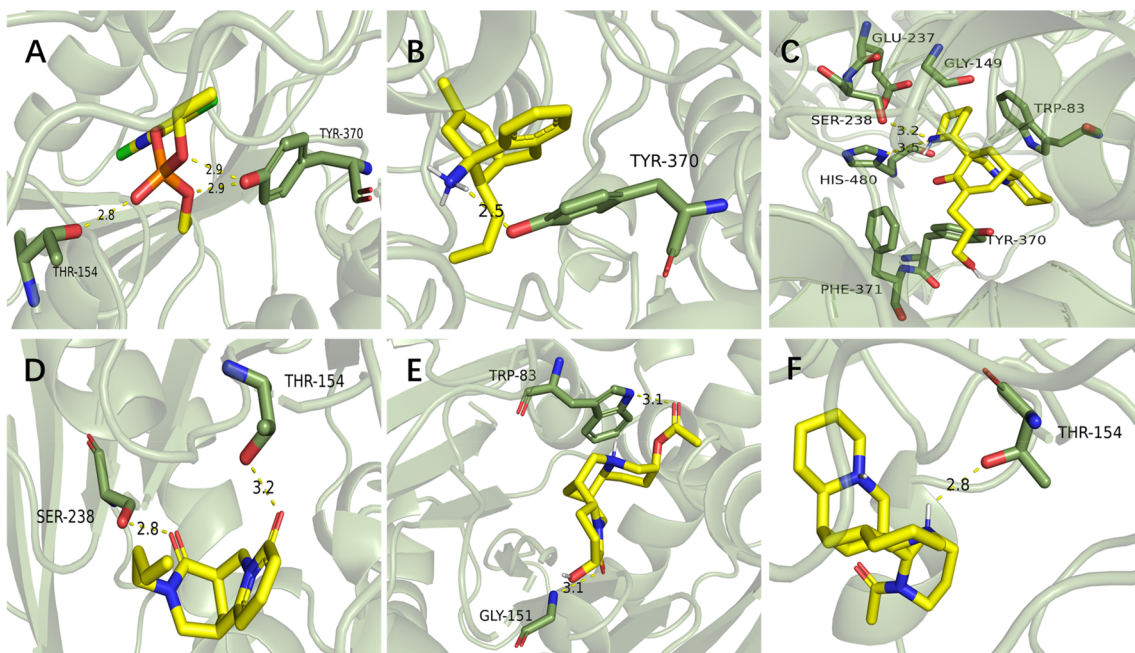
Table 7. Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitory Effects of 1, 4, 6, 11–13, 16, 24, and 27–29

compound	AChE		compound	AChE	
	$\text{IC}_{50} \pm \text{SD}$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) <sup>a</sup>			$\text{IC}_{50} \pm \text{SD}$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	
1	$1.55 \pm 0.14$		24	$5.23 \pm 1.10$	
4	$29.60 \pm 3.17$		27	$16.97 \pm 0.68$	
6	$15.71 \pm 0.96$		28	$8.48 \pm 0.64$	
11	$20.02 \pm 2.32$		29	$5.56 \pm 1.12$	
12	$12.84 \pm 1.04$		huperzine A	$0.12 \pm 0.04$	
13	$9.77 \pm 2.11$		chlorpyrifos	$23.33 \pm 1.43$ (nM)	
16	$5.65 \pm 0.79$				

<sup>a</sup>All experiments were performed in triplicate.

and Hup A could bind to AChE with energies of  $-7.2$  and  $-9.3$  kcal/mol, respectively. The phosphoric acid group of the former formed strong hydrogen bonds with THR-154 and TYR-370 residues of 1DX4 (Figure 7A), whereas the exocyclic amino group of the latter formed only one hydrogen bond with the residue TYR-370 (Figure 7B). Compound 1 could interact with AChE with a binding energy of  $-8.8$  kcal/mol, forming three hydrogen bonds with SER-238 and HIS-480 (Figure 7C). The binding energy of 12 to AChE is  $-9.4$  kcal/mol, and it formed two hydrogen bonds with SER-238 and THR154 (Figure 7D). 13 could form two hydrogen bonds with GLY-151 and TRP-83 residues of AChE (Figure 7E) with the binding energy of  $-7.5$  kcal/mol. For compound 16, a strong hydrogen bond interaction with the THR-154 residue with a binding energy of  $-8.2$  kcal/mol was measured (Figure 7F). Although more negative values are always associated with higher affinity and possible higher inhibition, there appears to be no significant correlation between the stabilization of the complex and the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  inhibition values for the molecular docking studies. The energy data for compounds 1 ( $-8.8$  kcal/mol), 12 ( $-9.4$  kcal/mol), 13 ( $-7.5$  kcal/mol), and 16 ( $-8.2$  kcal/mol) are more negative than the reference (chlorpyrifos,  $-7.2$  kcal/mol), indicating that compounds 1, 12, 13, and 16 are more potent AChE inhibitors than the control.

In summary, investigation of the stems and leaves of *O. yunnanensis* led to the isolation of 16 new quinolizidine alkaloids (ormosianines A–P) and 18 known analogs.



**Figure 7.** Molecular docking simulations of the binding poses of compounds **1**, **12**, **13**, **16**, CPF, and Hup A with 1DX4.

Ormosianine A (**1**), the first example of an *Ormosia*-type alkaloid with the cleaved piperidine ring, exhibited the most potent AChE inhibitory activity with an  $IC_{50}$  value of  $1.55 \mu\text{M}$ . Molecular docking revealed the formation of hydrogen bonds between **1** and SER-238 and HIS-480 in the protein 1DX4. Our results enriched the structural diversity of QAs from the plants of the *Ormosia* genus and presented potent natural AChE inhibitors for further investigation.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Procedures.** Optical rotations were determined on a JASCO DIP-1020 automatic digital polarimeter. UV and ECD spectra were taken on the Shimadzu UV-2401-PC spectrometer, using a MOS 450 detector (Bio-Logic Science Instruments, Seyssinet-Pariset, France). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor-27 FT-IR infrared spectrometer using KBr pellets. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were carried out using Bruker AVANCE III-500 or AV-600 MHz NMR spectrometers with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard, and chemical shifts were given as  $\delta$  (ppm). The residual solvent peaks were given as  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.26,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.1),  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.50,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  39.6), and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.31,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  48.8). HRESIMS data were obtained on an Agilent 1290 UPLC/6540 Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on silica gel (100–200 and 200–300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical Co. Ltd., P.R. China), Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia Fine Chemicals, Uppsala, Sweden), and C18 reversed-phase (Rp 18) silica gel (150–200 mesh, Merck, Germany). Semipreparative HPLC was performed on a Waters 600 binary pump system with a Waters 2489 detector (210 and 230 nm) using a YMC-Pack ODS-A column (250 × 10 mm, S-5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 12 nm, Tokyo, Japan) or an X-Bridge Prep-C<sub>18</sub> HPLC column (10 × 250 mm, 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , Waters, Ireland). The other experimental procedures were carried out as previously described.<sup>39,40</sup>

**Plant Material.** Stems and leaves of *O. yunnanensis* were collected in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, south of Yunnan Province, China. It was identified by Prof. Chun-Fen Xiao (Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, CAS). A voucher specimen (No. Luo20211001) was deposited at the Kunming Institute of Botany, CAS.

**Extraction and Isolation.** Air-dried bark and leaves of *O. yunnanensis* (8.0 kg) was powdered and extracted with MeOH (3 × 20 L). The residue (850 g) was subsequently dissolved with 0.1% (v/v)

aqueous hydrochloric acid adjusting the pH to 2–3. The filtered solution was subsequently alkalinized to pH 9–10 with 10% (v/v) ammonia and extracted with EtOAc (5 L × 4) to obtain the total alkaloid fraction (40 g). This fraction was separated by silica gel CC eluted with  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  (30:1 → 0:1, v/v) to provide four fractions (Fr. A–Fr. D). Fr. A (1.0 g) was further separated by silica gel CC (petroleum ether/acetone, 9:1 → 0:1, v/v) to obtain compounds **2** (20.0 mg) and **7** (13 mg). Fr. B (12.0 g) was separated by a silica gel CC (petroleum ether/acetone, 5:1 → 0:1, v/v) to yield four subfractions (Fr. B<sub>1</sub>–Fr. B<sub>4</sub>). Fr. B<sub>1</sub> (3.0 g) was purified by an MPLC-Rp-18 column (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 60% → 100%, v/v) to afford compounds **3** (8.0 mg), **6** (29 mg), **11** (17 mg), **14** (4.0 mg), and **24** (40 mg). Similarly, Fr. B<sub>2</sub> (2.0 g) was further separated by an MPLC-Rp-18 column (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 85%) to give compound **9** (70.0 mg). Compounds **5** (16 mg), **8** (5.0 mg), and **17** (2.3 g) were obtained from Fr. B<sub>3</sub> (5.0 g), separated by silica gel CC (petroleum ether/acetone, 5:1 → 0:1, v/v), and further purified by CC on a Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) column. Fr. B<sub>4</sub> (2.0 g) was separated by semipreparative HPLC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 40% → 80%, v/v, 3.0 mL/min) to yield **1** (6.0 mg), **4** (50 mg), **12** (16 mg), **15** (23 mg), **22** (12 mg), and **16** (8.0 mg). Fr. C (12.0 g) was separated by reversed-phase MPLC with a C18 column (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 40% → 100%, v/v) to yield three subfractions (Fr. C<sub>1</sub>–Fr. C<sub>3</sub>). Fr. C<sub>1</sub> (2.0 g) was purified by silica gel CC ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ , 9:1 → 0:1, v/v) to give compounds **23** (3.0 mg) and **25** (1.1 g). Fr. C<sub>2</sub> (2.0 g) was subjected to a separation by CC on a C18 column (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 20% → 100%, v/v), to afford compounds **10** (12 mg), **13** (7.0 mg), **19** (14 mg), **27** (11.0 mg), **29** (10 mg), and **34** (4.0 mg). Fr. C<sub>3</sub> (3.0 g) was separated by CC on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) and further purified by semipreparative HPLC (MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 10% → 60% v/v, 3.0 mL/min) to afford **18** (6.0 mg), **20** (10 mg), **21** (5.0 mg), **24** (7.0 mg), and **30** (25 mg). Fr. D (11.0 g) was subjected to reserved-phase MPLC on a C18 column (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 3:7 → 1:0, v/v), to give three fractions (Fr. D<sub>1</sub> to D<sub>3</sub>). Compounds **19** (3.0 mg), **26** (50 mg), **28** (6.0 mg), **31** (15 mg), and **33** (16 mg) were purified by preparative HPLC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 10% → 50%, v/v) from Fr. D<sub>1</sub> (5.0 g). Fr. D<sub>2</sub> (2.0 g) was chromatographed on silica gel CC ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ , 4:1, v/v) to yield compounds **27** (17 mg) and **32** (40 mg).

*Ormosianine A* (**1**): white powder;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -23.2$  (c 0.12,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 245 (2.35), 222 (2.19), 198 (2.61) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3434, 2932, 1637, 1445, 1382, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 346 (+0.34), 276 (+0.06), 246 (−0.30), 229

(−0.10), 209 (−0.38), 192 (+0.91) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 1; HRESIMS  $m/z$  333.2537  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 333.2573).

**Ormosianine B (2):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$  −76.9 ( $c$  0.13,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 204 (3.97) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3434, 2936, 1639, 1496, 1361  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 219 (−14.78), 200 (+12.37) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 2; HRESIMS  $m/z$  209.1282  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 209.1285).

**Ormosianine C (3):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$  −24.8 ( $c$  0.11,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 204 (4.24) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432, 2936, 1636, 1362, 1174  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 300 (+0.28), 263 (−0.24), 233 (+3.84), 204 (−9.50) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; HRESIMS  $m/z$  297.1688  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 297.1703).

**Ormosianine D (4):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{19}$  −72.6 ( $c$  0.07,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 331 (2.72), 204 (4.19) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3436, 2927, 1635, 1362, 1048  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 348 (+0.25), 304 (−0.06), 252 (+0.42), 213 (−7.54) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; HRESIMS  $m/z$  293.1507  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , 293.1507).

**Ormosianine E (5):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  +42.2 ( $c$  0.08,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 204 (3.95) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3422, 2930, 1635, 1406, 1173, 992  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 259 (+0.48), 228 (+6.79), 195 (−9.94) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; HRESIMS  $m/z$  293.1506  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , 293.1507).

**Ormosianine F (6):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −37.1 ( $c$  0.09,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 314 (2.79), 204 (4.16) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3435, 2929, 1632, 1364, 1049  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 306 (+0.38), 261 (−0.03), 234 (−1.68), 205 (−6.42) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; HRESIMS  $m/z$  293.1863  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 293.1860).

**Ormosianine G (7):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −22.1 ( $c$  0.08,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 205 (4.23) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3425, 2929, 1629, 1446, 1315, 1170  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 232 (+2.25), 205 (−7.78) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; HRESIMS  $m/z$  277.1556  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 277.1558).

**Ormosianine H (8):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  −73.3 ( $c$  0.10,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 202 (2.97) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432, 2934, 1628, 1448, 1169  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 230 (−1.13), 209 (+6.05) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 4; HRESIMS  $m/z$  301.1526  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ , 301.1523).

**Ormosianine I (9):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −45.9 ( $c$  0.10,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 205 (4.13) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3424, 2921, 1632, 1446, 1115  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 232 (+0.88), 205 (−2.65) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 4; HRESIMS  $m/z$  277.1559  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 277.1558).

**Ormosianine J (10):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$  −56.8 ( $c$  0.09,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 205 (4.05) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3435, 2929, 1634, 1446, 1117  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 228 (+7.58), 202 (+2.46) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 4; HRESIMS  $m/z$  279.1705  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 279.1703).

**Ormosianine K (11):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −51.6 ( $c$  0.09,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 307 (2.91), 204 (2.45) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432, 2932, 1633, 1362, 1174  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 312 (+0.29), 263 (−0.26), 240 (+0.79), 204 (−6.33) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 4; HRESIMS  $m/z$  261.1594  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 261.1598).

**Ormosianine L (12):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  +68.4 ( $c$  0.06,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 310 (3.83), 233 (3.82), 202 (4.09) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3433, 2938, 1655, 1545, 1494, 1146  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 307 (+5.67), 233 (−11.45), 216 (−3.89), 204 (−8.58) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 4; HRESIMS  $m/z$  259.1440  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 259.1441).

**Ormosianine M (13):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −52.0 ( $c$  0.11,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 275 (2.67), 205 (4.00) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3432, 2932, 1732, 1639, 1245, 1118  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 230 (−10.02), 209 (+4.42) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 5;

HRESIMS  $m/z$  323.1969  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ , 323.1965).

**Ormosianine N (14):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −80.9 ( $c$  0.14,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 204 (5.00) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3433, 2937, 1632, 1448, 1076  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 255 (+5.78), 231 (−0.89), 209 (+0.25) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data; see Table 5; HRESIMS  $m/z$  265.1911  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ , 265.1911).

**Ormosianine O (15):** colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  −25.2 ( $c$  0.18,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 271 (2.71), 204 (3.86) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3434, 2933, 1640, 1445, 1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 265 (+0.36), 235 (+3.92), 292 (−6.38) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 5; HRESIMS  $m/z$  281.1859  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ , 281.1860).

**Ormosianine P (16):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +47.6 ( $c$  0.11,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ); UV ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\log \epsilon$ ) 202 (2.96) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3430, 2926, 2850, 1576, 1405, 1127  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; ECD ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\Delta\epsilon$ ) 230 (+2.09), 215 (+1.17), 203 (+1.98) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 6; HRESIMS  $m/z$  360.2975  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ , 360.3009).

**ECD Calculation Method.** The quantum chemical ECD calculations were performed by Gaussian 16 as previously reported (see details in the Supporting Information).<sup>41,42</sup>

**AChE Inhibitory Assay.** The acetylcholinesterase inhibitory activity of compounds 1–34 was assessed with a modified spectrophotometric method,<sup>43,44</sup> using chlorpyrifos and huperzine A as the positive controls (see details in the Supporting Information).

**Molecular Docking Investigation.** Molecular docking simulations were achieved employing the software Auto Dock package (<http://autodock.scripps.edu/>, Molecular Graphics Laboratory at the Department of Molecular Biology, The Scripps Research Institute) as previously described.<sup>44–46</sup> The 3D crystal structure of acetylcholinesterase (PDB code: 1DX4, resolution: 0.375 Å) was obtained from the RCSB Protein Data Bank (<https://www.rcsb.org/>). The protein was imported into Pymol2.3.0 to remove the water molecule and the original ligands. A grid of  $60 \times 60 \times 60$  points in the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes was built centered on the coordinates 34.5 ( $x$ ), 65.1 ( $y$ ), and 9.0 ( $z$ ) near the putative ligand binding site. The number of GA exhaustiveness was 10 times. The standard 3D structures of compounds 1, 12, 13, and 16, as well as of positive controls (huperzine A and chlorpyrifos), were constructed based on the above structural elucidations. The resultant complex structures between selected compounds and protein were visualized using the Discovery Studio 4.5 Client.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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The general experimental procedures, ECD calculation method, biological assay, and original MS and NMR spectra of 1–16 (PDF)

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