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2D NMR Assignments of an *ent*-Pimarane Diterpenoid from *Euphorbia yinshanica*

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Abstract: One known *ent*-pimarane type diterpenoid, 3 α , 19-dihydroxyl-*ent*-pimara-9(11), 15-diene, has been isolated from the roots of *Euphorbia yinshanica* for the first time. Its structure has been confirmed by 2D spectral methods (¹H-¹H COSY, HMBC, HMQC, ROESY), and its NMR signals have been first completely assigned.

Key words: Euphorbiaceae, *Euphorbia yinshanica*, *ent*-pimarane diterpenoid, 2D NMR

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Introduction

Euphorbia yinshanica S. Q (euphorbiaceae) belonging to the family of Euphorbiaceae is distributed in Tianjun, Xunhua, Minhe of Qinghai province^[1]. It is a traditional Tibetan medicine for curing furuncle, exanthema and cutaneous anthrax which is similar as *Euphorbia kansuensis* Proch^[2]. The chemical constituents of the plant have never been reported previously. In order to find out its anti-tumor constituents, we have in-

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investigated its ethyl acetate extract fraction, from which we have isolated one known *ent*-pimarane diterpene 1 (3α , 19-dihydroxy-*ent*-pimara-9(11), 15-diene) for the first time. Its ^1H NMR data had been assigned previously^[3], however, other NMR data were not reported in literatures. In this work, we further elucidated the structure by 2D spectra (^1H - ^1H COSY, HMQC, HMBC, ROESY) and completely assigned the NMR signals.

1 Experimental

1.1 Apparatus

^1H -NMR, ^1H - ^1H COSY, HMBC, HMQC (500.03 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (125.75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectra were performed on a Bruker DRX-500, and ROESY experiment (600.13 MHz) was on AV-600 with CDCl_3 as solvent and TMS as internal standard. Spectral width of the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were 7 002.80 Hz and 23 584.91 Hz. Spectral width sampled of ^1H - ^1H COSY, HMBC, HMQC were $4\,006.41 \times 4\,000.20$, $4\,006.41 \times 25\,141.42$ and $4\,006.41 \times 20\,120.72$ Hz, as well as sampling data matrices were $1\,024 \times 1\,024$, $1\,024 \times 512$ and $1\,024 \times 1\,024$, respectively. Spectral width and sampling data matrix of ROESY were $7\,211.54 \times 7\,201.59$ Hz and $1\,024 \times 1\,024$, respectively.

EIMS and EIMS were carried out on API QSTAR Pulsar I and VG Autospec-3000 mass spectrometers, respectively. Silica gel (100~200 and 200~300 mesh), silica gel H (Qingdao Marine Chemical Ltd., China), RP-18 silica gel ($40\ \mu\text{m} \sim 60\ \mu\text{m}$, Amersham Biosciences, Sweden) and Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Biosciences, Sweden) were used for column chromatography (CC). MeOH-CHCl_3 (1 : 1) was used for Sephadex LH-20.

1.2 Plant material

Euphorbia yinshanica S. Q was collected in Xunhua, Qinghai, 2008, and identified by prof. LIU Shang-wu (the northwest institute of plateau biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences), and a voucher specimen was deposited at the northwest institute of plateau biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

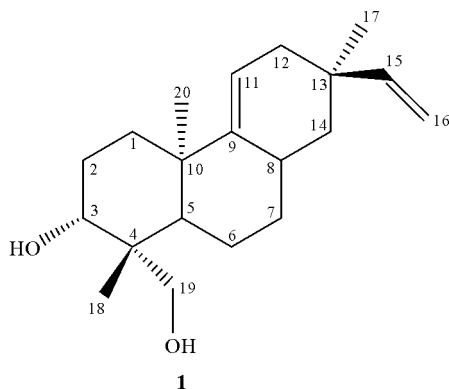
1.3 Extraction and isolation

The air-dried roots of *E. yinshanica* (8 kg) were extracted with 85% EtOH (25 L) at room temperature for 4 times each 5 days and the extract was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was suspended in water and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extract (60 g) was silica gel column chromatography (Si-gel CC) eluting with Chloroform (CHCl_3), CHCl_3 -acetone (40 : 1 to 1 : 1) and Methanol (MeOH). Eighteen fractions were obtained according to the difference in composition monitored by TLC (GF254), fraction 7 (1.1 g) was subjected to silica gel CC and eluted with CHCl_3 -acetone (10 : 1), fraction 7B was on the reverse-Si-gel (RP-18) CC eluting with $\text{MeOH-H}_2\text{O}$ (50%~100%) to divide into four subfractions. The subfraction 7B-C eluted with 85% MeOH continued to be on Si-gel CC eluted with CHCl_3 -acetone (25 : 1), then

Sephadex LH-20 eluted with $\text{CHCl}_3 : \text{MeOH}(1 : 1)$ afforded compound **1** (15 mg).

2 Results and discussion

A combination of column chromatography on silica gel, sephadex LH-20 and RP-18 silica gel of the ether extract of *E. yinshanica* gave one known *ent*-pimarane type diterpenoid.



The compound **1** was obtained as white powder, with the molecular formula calculated as $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$, determined by EIMS at m/z 304 $[\text{M}]^+$ and ESIMS at m/z 303 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$. There were three rings deduced from five calculated unsaturated degrees.

The ^{13}C NMR and DEPT spectra exhibited 20 carbon signals, including three methyls, eight methylenes (one hydroxymethyl), five methines (one oxygenated), and four quaternary carbons. The ^1H NMR signals at δ 0.97 (3H, s), 1.24 (3H, s) and 1.03 (3H, s), as well as those at δ 4.88 (1H, dd, $J=10.5, 1.2$ Hz) and 4.94 (1H, dd, $J=17.5, 1.2$ Hz), were characteristic of a *ent*-pimarane type diterpenoid and were assigned to the methyl groups at C-17, C-18 and C-20 and to the methylene group at C-16, respectively. The ^{13}C NMR spectral data, exhibiting signals for three methyl groups at δ 22.4, 26.0 and 22.0; a methine carbon at δ 150.1; and a methylene at δ 109.1, also provided evidence for **1** being a *ent*-pimarane type diterpenoid. The data of ^1H NMR were in accordance to those of compound 3α , 19-dihydroxy-*ent*-pimara-9(11), 15-diene which has been reported in limited elucidation methods including ^1H NMR and MS by Jakupovica J^[3].

In order to confirm the structure and give the complete NMR assignments, $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY, HMQC, HMBC and ROESY spectra of compound **1** had been performed in CDCl_3 . The $^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY of **1** confirmed the presence of four partial structures, (1) -CH(OH)-CH₂-CH₂-, (2) -CH-CH₂-CH₂-, (3) -CH-CH₂- and (4) -CH-CH₂-. The connectivity of each partial structure was clarified by the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).

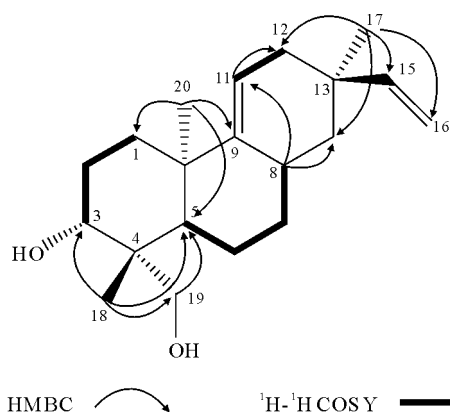


Fig. 1 Selected HMBC and ^1H - ^1H COSY correlations of compound **1**

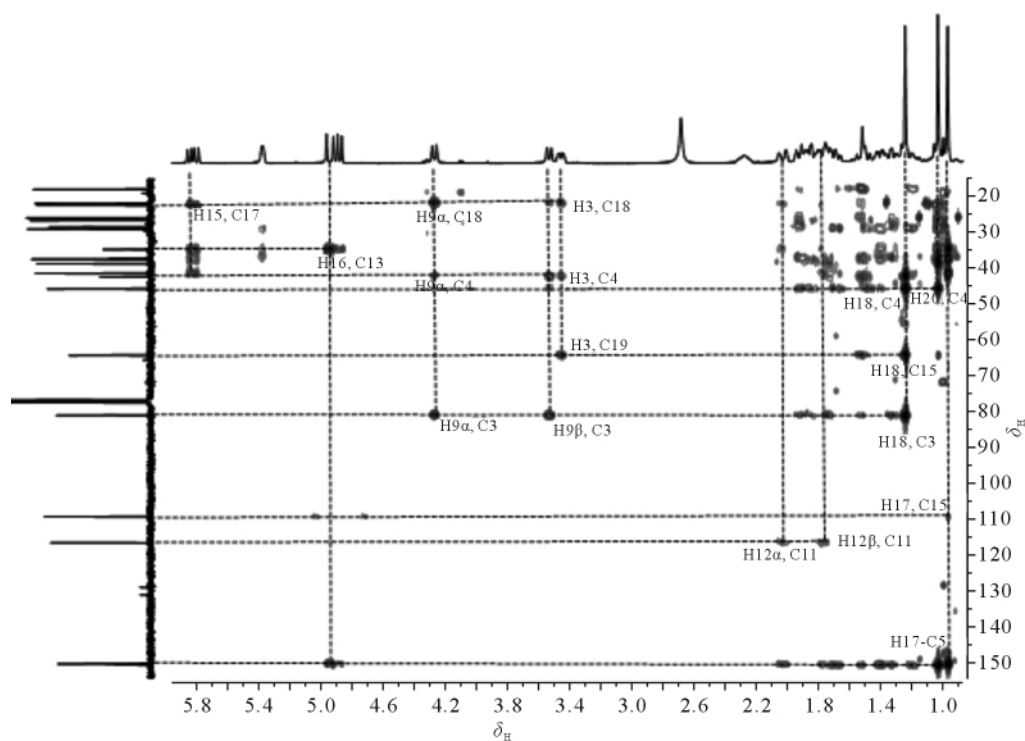


Fig. 2 HMBC spectrum of compound **1**

The relative stereochemistry of the compound was finally determined by ROESY spectrum (Fig. 3). The relative configuration of H-5 and H-20 were assumed to be β and α according to the data of *ent*-pimara type diterpenoids^[4]. ROESY correlations observed between H-5 with H-3, H-7 β and H-18, H-20 with H-19 α , H-1 α , H-11, and H-8, H-17 with H-12 α and H-8, suggested that the relative configurations of H-3, H-17, H-18 should be β , β and α , respectively. Accordingly, the structure of **1** was determined to be 3 α , 19-dihydroxy-*ent*-pimara-9(11), 15-diene. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR data (Table 1) were completely assigned by the above 2D experiments.

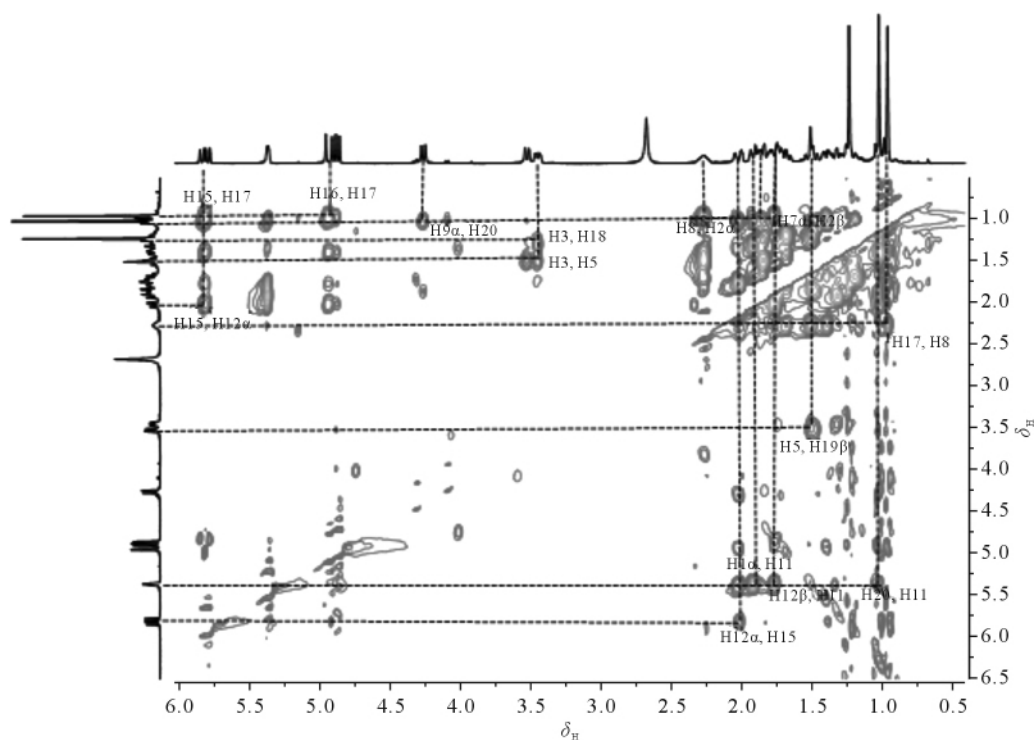


Fig. 3 ROESY spectrum of compound 1

Table 1 1D NMR and 2D NMR data of the compound 1 in CDCl₃

Position	$\delta_{\text{H}}(J \text{ in Hz})$	δ_{C}	$^1\text{H}-^1\text{H COSY}$	HMBC
1 α	1.92(d, $J=3.5 \text{ Hz}$, 1H)	38.8(t)	H1 β , H2 α , H2 β	
1 β	1.33(m, 1H)		H1 α , H2 α , H2 β	C-2, C-3, C-5, C-10, C-20
2 α	1.87(m, 1H)	18.1(t)	H1 α , H2 β , H3	C-1, C-3, C-4
2 β	1.52(brs, 1H)		H1 α , H1 β , H2 α , H3	
3	3.46(dd, $J=11.5, 3.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H)	81.0(d)	H2 α , H2 β	C-4, C-5, C-18, C-19
4		42.4(s)		
5	1.52 ^{overlapped}	45.7(d)	H6 α , H6 β	C-3, C-6, C-10, C-18, C-20
6 α	1.68(m, 1H)	26.7(t)	H6 β , H7 α , H7 β , H5	C-5, C-7, C-8
6 β	1.20(m, 1H)		H6 α , H7 α , H7 β , H5	
7 α	1.86(m, 1H)	28.6(t)	H6 α , H7 β , H8	C-5, C-6, C-8, C-14
7 β	1.75(m, 1H)		H6 α , H6 β , H7 α , H8	
8	2.27(brs, 1H)	29.1(d)	H7 α , H7 β , H14 α , H14 β	C-7, C-9, C-13, C-14
9		150.4(s)		
10		37.3(s)		
11	5.37(t, $J=2.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H)	116.4(d)	H12 α , H12 β	C-8, C-12
12 α	2.03(d, $J=17.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H)	37.6(t)	H11, H12 β	C-9, C-11, C-13, C-17

Continuation of the Table 1

Position	δ_{H} (J in Hz)	δ_{C}	$^1\text{H}-^1\text{H}$ COSY	HMBC
12 β	1.78(m, 1H)		H11, H12 α	
13		34.8(s)		
14 α	1.41(m, 1H)	41.4(t)	H8, H14 β	C-8, C-13, C-17
14 β	1.03 ^{overlapped}		H8, H14 α	
15	5.82(dd, $J=17.5, 10.5$ Hz, 1H)	150.1(d)	H16 α , H16 β	C-13, C-14, C-16
16 α	4.94(dd, $J=17.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H)	109.1(t)	H15, H16 β	C-13, C-15
16 β	4.88(dd, $J=10.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H)		H15, H16 α	
17	0.97(s, 3H)	22.4(q)		C-12, C-13, C-14, C-15
18	1.24(s, 3H)	22.0(q)		C-3, C-4, C-5, C-19
19 α	4.27(d, $J=11.1$ Hz, 1H)	64.2(t)	H19 β	C-3, C-4, C-5, C-18
19 β	3.53(d, $J=11.1$ Hz, 1H)		H19 α	
20	1.03(s, 3H)	26.0(q)		C-1, C-5, C-9, C-10

3 Identification

3 α , 19-dihydroxy-*ent*-pimara-9(11), 15-diene (**1**): C₂₀H₃₂O₂, white powder; ^1H and ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃) spectral data (Table 1). ESIMS m/z 303 [M-H]⁻; EI/MS m/z 304 [M]⁺ (36), 286(44), 271(67), 255(57), 236(28), 213(32), 201(35), 187(54), 159(58), 149(100), 133(71), 119(69), 105(91), 95(73), 91(78), 81(68), 67(54), 55(78).

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阴山大戟中一个对映海松烷型二萜 2D NMR 全归属

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摘 要: 从阴山大戟的根部首次分到一个已知的对映-海松烷型二萜, 3 α , 19-dihydroxy-*ent*-pimara-9, 15-diene, 通过二维波谱方法 (¹H-¹H COSY, HMBC, HMQC, ROESY) 确定了其结构, 并且首次此化合物的 H 谱和 C 谱数据进行了全归属.

关键词: 大戟科; 阴山大戟; 对映-海松烷型二萜; 2D NMR 谱

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