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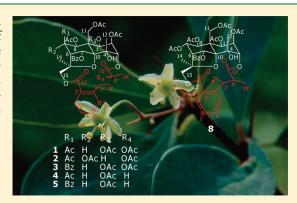
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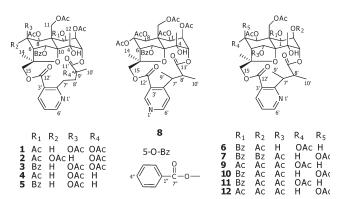
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ABSTRACT: Eight new sesquiterpene alkaloids (1-8) and four known sesquiterpene alkaloids (9-12) have been isolated from the roots of Maytenus mekongensis. Structures were determined using extensive spectroscopic methods. The relative configuration of 7-epi-mekongensine (2) was established by single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis. The alkaloids were evaluated for antiplasmodial activity against Plasmodium falciparum, K1 strain, and for cytotoxicity using a panel of cell lines.



In our search for biologically active compounds from Thai medicinal plants we investigated Maytenus mekongensis Ding Hou (Celastraceae), known in Thailand as "Naam Kaan Chaang". Although Maytenus species have been reported to possess compounds having cytotoxic, antibiotic, antifeedant, and antileukemic activities,5 there have been no reports of biological activity or phytochemical investigations of this plant. Preliminary screening of an extract of M. mekongensis using breast cancer MCF7 and small cell lung NCI-H187 cancer cell lines indicated inhibitory activity. Column chromatography (CC) of the CH₂Cl₂ solubles of the roots yielded 12 sesquiterpene alkaloids (1-12), of which eight were new. The known sesquiterpene alkaloids were identified as mayteine (10),6 euonymine (12),⁷ 7-epi-euonymine (9),⁶ and 7-epi-mayteine (11).⁵

Compound 1 was obtained as an amorphous solid with the molecular formula C₄₅H₅₁NO₂₀ based on HRESIMS. The FTIR spectrum showed absorption bands for OH and ester carbonyl groups. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 had signals of six acetyl groups at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.27, 2.23, 2.12, 2.10, 1.98, and 1.89. The low-field oxymethine proton signals between $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.60 and 5.02 and aromatic protons between $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.18 and 7.45, in conjunction with the ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum, which showed sequential correlations from H-1 to H-3 and from H-5 to H-8 with two oxymethylene group signals at δ_H 5.41 and 3.93 (both d, I = 12.2 Hz, H_2 -15) and at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.20 and 4.55 (both d, J = 13.4 Hz, H₂-11), implied the presence of a dihydro- β -agarofuran moiety commonly found in sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids from Maytenus species.⁶ HMBC



cross-peaks between a singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.01 (H-5) and the aromatic protons (H-2", H-6") at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.18 with the carbonyl signal at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.6 indicated bonding between an O-Bz group and C-5. The singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.74 (H₃-10') and two sets of mutually coupled multiplets of the nonequivalent methylene protons (H₂-7') at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.71 and 3.01 and of H_2 -8' at δ_H 2.65 and 2.17, in addition to the HMBC correlations of H_3 -10'/C-8' (δ_C 37.7), C-9' (δ_C 80.4), and C-11' (δ_C 171.5), indicated the presence of an oxygenated wilfordic acid moiety in 1.9 Connectivities between C(15)-O/C-12' and C(3)-O/C-11' were based on the HMBC cross-peaks of H-15 and H-4' $(\delta_{\rm H}\,8.13)$ /C-12' $(\delta_{\rm C}\,167.4)$ and of H-3 $(\bar{\delta}_{\rm H}\,5.02)$

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Table 1. ¹³C NMR (δ) Data of 1–9 (100 MHz, CDCl₃)^o

I ubit 1.	C Milk (b) Data of 1		(100 MIIIZ, C	DC13)					
position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	72.5	71.7	72.4	73.5	73.5	72.3	73.3	72.3	72.3
2	69.3	69.0	68.8	69.2^{a-i} a	69.8	68.4	69.8	68.4	68.5
3	77.9	77.3	77.6	76.1	76.1	74.3^{a-i} b	75.6	75.4	75.1
4	70.1	70.3	70.1	70.1	70.8	70.5	70.5	70.8	70.5
5	75.0	75.7	75.1	74.9	74.9	76.7 ⁿ	73.8	75.8	74.7
6	50.9	50.1	50.8	51.0	50.9	51.4^{j-m} j	51.4	49.7	49.4
7	68.8	73.1	68.8	69.3^{a-i} a	69.1	73.2	68.9	73.2	73.6
8	71.9	74.8	72.7	71.1	71.8	74.2^{a-i} b	71.3	74.1	73.9
9	52.4	51.8	52.8	52.2	52.6	51.4^{j-m} j	52.5	51.7	51.4
10	93.0	93.1	93.0	93.4	93.6	94.3	94.1	94.1	94.3
11	60.3	60.5	60.6	60.3	60.4	60.4	60.6	60.6	60.6
12	23.1	23.8	23.1	22.8	22.8	24.0	23.2	23.7	23.8
13	84.0	85.5	84.1	84.4	84.6	86.1	84.4	83.9	85.6
14	18.0	19.0	18.0	17.9	17.8	19.6	18.5	19.4	19.4
15	69.9	70.0	70.0	70.5	70.5	70.8	70.0	70.2	69.9
2'	160.6	160.5	161.0	163.6	163.2	165.9	165.4	150.9	168.4
3'	125.7	126.0	125.7	125.0	125.4	125.4	125.0	125.3	125.0
4'	139.3	139.9	139.4	139.4	139.0	138.2	137.8	156.3	137.7
5' 6'	121.5	121.8	121.4	121.5	121.8	121.2	121.1	121.6	121.1
6 7'	151.8	151.8	151.9	152.2	152.9 33.4^{j-m} k	151.7	151.5	152.8	151.5
8'	31.0 37.7	30.8 44.8	30.1 37.5	32.5	33.4 ^{$j-m$} k	36.1 45.3	36.5 44.9	33.2 45.6	36.4 44.8
8 9'	80.4	80.4	80.4	33.3 38.5	38.5	43.3 11.5	11.9	43.6	12.0
10'	22.3	21.8	22.7	18.5	18.6	9.7	9.8	10.0	11.5
11'	171.5	171.3	171.4	175.0	175.0	173.7	173.9	173.5	174.0
12'	167.4	167.0	167.5	166.6	165.8	168.8	168.5	168.0	168.4
1"	129.2	128.9^{j-m} l	129.3	129.3	129.4	129.5	129.5	129.3	100.4
2", 6"	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	129.3	130.0	130.3	
3", 5"	128.9	128.9^{j-m} l	128.5	128.9	128.9	128.4	128.8	128.8	
4''	133.7	133.9	133.5	133.6	133.7	133.2	133.4	133.7	
7''	165.6	165.6	165.6	165.8	164.9	164.4	164.7	165.7	
1-OAc	20.6	20.6		20.5				20.5	20.5
	168.7	168.5		169.4				169.1	169.0
2-OAc	21.0^{a-i} c	20.9	20.9	21.0^{a-i} d	20.9	20.8		21.0	21.0^{a-i} e
	168.3	168.3	168.0	168.7^{a-i} f	168.4	168.0		168.6	168.6
5-OAc							21.6		21.5
							169.9		169.6
7-OAc	20.1	20.8	21.1	$21.1^{a-i}d$	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.9	20.8^{a-i} e
	170.2	170.0	170.0	$170.1^{a-i} f$	170.1^{a-i} f	169.8	169.9	169.7^{j-m} m	169.8
8-OAc	20.5	$20.7^{a-i}h$	19.8^{a-i} i	20.5	20.0	20.1	19.8	20.7	20.7
	168.9	169.7	168.9	169.0	169.0	169.5	168.9	169.7^{j-m} m	169.6
11-OAc	21.4^{a-i} c	$21.3^{a-i}h$	21.5^{a-i} i	21.4	21.5	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.2
	170.1	169.7	170.2	170.2	170.2^{a-i} g	170.0	170.5	170.0	170.0
9'-OAc	20.1	21.2	21.0						
	170.9	171.0	170.9						

 $^{a-i}$ Interchangeable signals. $^{j-m}$ Overlapping signals. n Obscured by solvent signal. o 3: [1-OBz: δ 164.6 (C, C-7'''), 133.8 (CH, C-4'''), 129.7 (CH, C-2''',6'''), 129.1 (C, C-1'''), 128.9 (CH, C-3''',5''')]; 5: [1-OBz: δ 164.9 (C, C-7'''), 133.5 (CH, C-4'''), 129.5 (CH, C-2''',6'''), 129.5 (CH, C-2''',6'''), 129.5 (CH, C-3''',5''')]; 7: [2-OBz: δ 164.7 (C, C-7'''), 133.4 (CH, C-4'''), 129.6 (CH, C-2''',6'''), 129.5 (C, C-1'''), 128.4 (CH, C-3''',5''')].

and $\rm H_2$ -8'/C-11' ($\rm \delta_C$ 171.5), respectively. The long-range HMBC correlation between OCO*CH*₃-9'/C-9' required the presence of an OAc group at C-9'. The signal at $\rm \delta_H$ 5.60, assigned to H-7, was observed as a doublet of doublets with $J_{7,8}=6.6$ and $J_{6,7}=3.8$ Hz, respectively. The NOE difference experiment, which revealed NOE

interactions between H-5/H-6 and H_3 -12 and no NOE effect between H-5/H-7, implied the α -orientation of H-7. On the basis of the spectroscopic data (Experimental Section and Table 1), compound 1 was identified as 2,9'-di-O-acetyl-5-O-benzoyl-5-deacetylwilforidine and was given the name mekongensine.

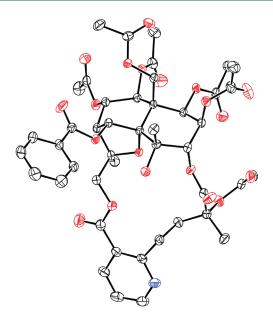


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of 2. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Compound 2 was isolated as a colorless solid with same molecular formula as 1. The FTIR spectrum showed absorption bands for OH and ester groups. The $^1{\rm H}$ and $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR spectra closely resembled those of 1. However, the signal at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.77 (H-7, a doublet of doublets with $J_{7,8}=9.5$ and $J_{6,7}=3.6$ Hz) indicated that 2 differed from 1 in configuration at C-7. The NOE difference spectrum showed interactions between H-5/H-6, H-7, and H₃-12, which provided support for the β -orientation of H-7. Compound 2 was accordingly the 7-epimer of 1 and was given the name 7-epimekongensine. The structure of 2 was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure 1).

Compound 3 has the molecular formula $C_{50}H_{53}NO_{20}$, and it showed 1H and ^{13}C NMR signals similar to those of 1 and 2. However, the 1H NMR spectrum of 3 showed only five acetyl groups, and the aromatic proton signals at δ_H 8.20–7.45 indicated the presence of two benzoyl groups. Long-range HMBC correlations of H-1 (δ_H 5.99)/C-7" (δ_C 164.6) and of H-5 (δ_H 6.95)/C-7" (δ_C 165.6) indicated bonding of one O-Bz group at C-1 and the second one at C-5. Compound 3 was thus identified as 1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetylmekongensine.

The HRESIMS of compound 4 indicated a molecular formula of $C_{43}H_{49}NO_{18}$, and the 1H NMR spectrum of 4 showed five acetyl groups and aromatic protons of one benzoyl group. The singlet at ca. δ_H 1.74 was absent and had been replaced by a doublet at δ_H 1.20. The $^1H-^1H$ COSY spectrum indicated correlations of signals at δ_H 1.20 (d, H-10')/ δ_H 2.40 (H-9'); H-9'/H-8' (δ_H 2.00), and H-8'/H-7' (δ_H 3.96, 3.03). The $^1H-^1H$ COSY correlations implied the presence of a wilfordic acid moiety in 4. Connectivities from C(15)-O to C-12'' and C(3)-O to C-11'' were detected from the HMBC cross-peaks of H_2 -15/C-12'' and of H-3/C-11'', respectively. Thus, compound 4 was determined to be 9'-deacetoxymekongensine.

Compound **5**, isolated as a colorless, amorphous solid with the molecular formula $C_{48}H_{51}NO_{18}$, showed sets of 1H and ^{13}C NMR signals similar to those of **4**. The 1H NMR spectrum of **5** showed only four acetyl signals, but had aromatic proton signals characteristic of two benzoyl groups. Long-range HMBC correlations of H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.50)/C-7"" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 164.9) and of H-5 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.03)/C-7" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 164.9) indicated connections of one O-Bz

group to C-1 and the second group to C-5. Complete assignments of ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are shown in the Experimental Section and Table 1. Compound 5 was thus 1-O-benzoyl-1-deacetyl-9'-deacetoxymekongensine.

Compound 6 was isolated as a colorless, amorphous solid with the molecular formula $C_{41}H_{47}NO_{17}$ (HRESIMS). The FTIR spectrum showed absorption bands of OH ($\nu_{\rm max}$ 3400 cm⁻¹) and ester carbonyl ($\nu_{\rm max}$ 1748 cm $^{-1}$) functions. The $^{1}{\rm H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 6 revealed four acetyl groups ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.24, 2.13, 1.92, and 1.36). The ${}^{1}H-{}^{1}H$ COSY spectrum showed sequential correlations from H-1 to H-3 and from H-5 to H-8 of a dihydroagarofuran nucleus, as also observed in 1-5, but the signal assignable to H-5 resonated at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.21 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), which was more shielded than those in 1-5, thus indicating a free OH group at C-5. The presence of an evoninic acid moiety was implied from the ¹H-¹H COSY correlations of signals at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.40 (d, H-9')/4.79 (q, H-7') and at 1.18 (d, H-10')/2.58 (q, H-8') and correlations of pyridyl ring protons H-5'/H-4', H-6', in addition to the ${}^3J^1H-{}^{13}C$ correlations between H-7'/C-3', C-10', and C-11' and between H-4'/ C-2', C-6', and C-12'. Connectivities from the oxygen at C-1 to C-7" (of a benzoyl group), from the oxygen atom at C-3 to C-11', and from the oxygen atom at C-15 to C-12' were detected from the HMBC correlations between H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.84)/C-7" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 164.4) and C-11 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 60.4), as well as H-3 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.77)/C-11' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 173.7), and between H₂-15 (6.07 and 3.66)/C-12' ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 168.8), respectively. Connectivities of each OAc group to a particular oxymethine carbon were also observed from HMBC correlations. Assignments of ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals are shown in the Experimental Section and Table 1, and most of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR shifts are similar to those reported for euojaponine A previously isolated from *Euonymus japonica*. However, the doublet of doublets assignable to H-7 at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.47 showed $J_{7,8}$ values of 9.8 Hz and $J_{6,7}$ of 3.0 Hz, indicating the β -orientation of H-7. The NOE experiment indicated interactions between H-5/H-6, H-7, and H₃-12 and provided further support to the assignment. Compound 6 was thus concluded to be 7-epi-euojaponine A.6b

Compound 7, C₄₈H₅₁NO₁₈, had NMR signals similar to those of 6, but with four acetyl groups ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.29, 2.21, 2.11, and 1.31), and signals revealing the presence of two benzoyl groups. HMBC correlations between H-1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.02)/the higher field carbonyl signal at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 164.7 (C-7") and between H-2 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.60)/ C-7" ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 164.7) indicated that one O-Bz group connected to C-1 and the second group to C-2. The broad singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.04 (H-5) showed a long-range HMBC correlation with a carbonyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 169.9 and implied a C(5)—OAc linkage. Most of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR resonances were similar to those reported for mayteine (10). Compound 7 was thus identified as 2-O-benzoyl-2-deacetylmayteine.

Compound 8 showed an $[M+H]^+$ ion at m/z 868.3049 corresponding to the molecular formula $C_{43}H_{49}NO_{18}$. The 1H NMR spectrum indicated five acetyl groups and one benzoyl group. The $^1H-^1H$ COSY spectrum indicated the connectivity between protons of the dihydroagrarofuran moiety and also connectivity between H-8'/H-10' and H-7' and between H-7'/H-9'. Signals of the pyridyl nucleus appeared, however, as a singlet at δ_H 8.95 and two doublets at δ_H 8.69 and 7.37, both with J=5.2 Hz, which are different from those found in the evoninic acid nucleus as observed in 6 and 7,6 thus indicating compound 8 to possess an isomeric evoninic acid moiety. The HMBC spectrum showed 3J correlations between H_2 -15 and H-2'/C-12' and between H-5'/C-7', thus requiring the pyridyl ring to be 3,4-disubstituted. HMBC correlations between

H-5, H-2", and H-6"/a higher field carbonyl carbon ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.7, C-7") indicated connection of C-5 to an O-benzoyl group. Complete $^{\rm 1}$ H and $^{\rm 13}$ C NMR assignments are provided in the Experimental Section and Table 1. Compound 8 was thus assigned to be 7-epi-5-O-benzoyl-5-deacetylperitassine A. $^{\rm 10,11}$

7-epi-Euonymine (9) has the molecular formula $C_{38}H_{47}NO_{18}$ and ^{1}H and ^{13}C NMR spectra very similar to euonymine (12)⁶ previously reported and also obtained in this study. The doublet of doublets at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.49 of H-7 showing $J_{7,8}$ = 9.7 Hz indicated a β -oriented H-7. This compound was reported previously as a transformation product of evonine; however no detailed NMR data were given; we therefore included these data in the Experimental Section and Table 1.

The isolated alkaloids were evaluated for their cytotoxic, antiplasmodial, and antituberculous activity. Compounds (1–5) having wilfordic acid moieties, either with or without a 9′-OAc group, exhibited comparable antiplasmodial activities, with IC $_{50}$ values of 3.1×10^{-3} , 3.9×10^{-3} , 3.5×10^{-3} , 3.1×10^{-3} , and 2.5×10^{-3} mM, respectively, while compounds (10–12) with evoninic acid moieties showed no inhibitory activity. Only compounds 1 and 4 showed very weak cytotoxic activity against the human oral epidermal carcinoma (KB) cell line, with IC $_{50}$ values of 28.2 and 46.7 μ g/mL, respectively, and no inhibitory activity was observed with human breast adenocarcinoma (MCF7) and human small cell lung (NCI-H187) cell lines. Compound 1 showed no antimycobacterial activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Ra at 200 μ g/mL.

■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were measured using an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO DIP 1020 polarimeter. IR spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 1760x FT-IR spectrophotometer. $^1{\rm H}$ and $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are referenced to the residual solvent signals (CDCl3: $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.24 and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 77.0 ppm). HRESIMS was recorded on a Bruker Daltonics microTOF mass spectrometer. HPLC separation was performed using a Merck LiChrospher 100 RP-18 (5 $\mu{\rm m}$, 250 \times 4.0 mm) column, with a TSP SpectraSYSTEM P2000 pump and a TSP SpectraSYSTEM UV2000 detector.

Plant Material. The roots of *Maytenus mekongensis*, known in Thailand as "Naam Kaan Chaang", were collected from Don Muu, Kampeae Subdistrict, Trakarnpoepon District, Ubonratchatani Province, Thailand, in June 2004. The plant was identified by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wongsatit Chuakul of the Department of Pharmaceutical Botany, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. A voucher specimen (SSMMe/2004) is maintained at the Department of Chemistry, Ramkhamhaeng University.

Extraction and Isolation. The dried roots (7.5 kg) were extracted successively with hexanes, CH₂Cl₂, and MeOH using Soxhlet extraction to obtain hexanes (51 g), CH₂Cl₂ (54 g), and MeOH (606 g) extracts, respectively. The CH₂Cl₂ extract (54 g) was subjected to column chromatography using a gradient of hexanes—CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂—MeOH to obtain seven major fractions. Fraction 2 (7.4 g) was separated by CC [silica gel (Merck), hexanes—CH₂Cl₂ (5:95) to CH₂Cl₂—MeOH (50:50)] to give nine fractions (2.1–2.9). CC (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂—MeOH, 99.5:0.5 to 50:50) of fraction 2.4 (3.6 g) gave fractions 2.4.1–2.4.4. Fraction 2.4.1 (418 mg) was chromatographed [Sephadex LH 20, hexanes—CH₂Cl₂, 50:50] to give three fractions, 2.4.1.1–2.4.1.3. Fraction 2.4.1.2 (258 mg) was separated by CC [silica gel, CH₂Cl₂—MeOH (100:0 to 80:20) then C₁₈, MeOH—H₂O (70:30 to 100:0)] and gave 6 (4.0 g) and 7 (10.4 mg).

Fraction 2.4.2 (475 mg) was further purified [Sephadex LH 20 (Sigma), CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 50:50] to give fractions 2.4.2.1-2.4.2.3. Fraction 2.4.2.2 (208 mg) was chromatographed on Sephadex LH 20 (MeOH), then subjected to HPLC (C₁₈, CH₃CN-H₂O, 63:27) to yield 5 (2.4 mg) and 3 (19.9 mg). Fraction 2.4.3 (821.8 mg) was purified on Sephadex LH 20 (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH, 10:90) and gave three subfractions (2.4.3.1-2.4.3.3). Subfraction 2.4.3.2 (635 mg) was fractionated (Sephadex LH 20, CH2Cl2-MeOH, 10:90) and yielded two subfractions (2.4.3.2.1, 2.4.3.2.2). Subfraction 2.4.3.2.1 was subjected to HPLC (C₁₈, CH₃CN-H₂O, 66:34), giving 5 (12.7 mg) and 7 (1.2 mg). Subfraction 2.4.3.2.2 provided 10 (221 mg). Subfraction 2.4.4 (2.0 g) was purified by CC (silica gel, hexanes-EtOAc, 75:25 to 40:60) to give subfractions 2.4.4.1-2.4.4.5. Subfraction 2.4.4.3 (454 mg) yielded 11 (20.2 mg) and 9 (5.3 mg). Purification of fraction 2.4.4.3.2 (112.3 mg) using CC (C_{18} , MeOH $-H_2O$, 70:30 to 90:10) gave additional 11 (5.4 mg). Fraction 2.4.4.4 (103 mg), using CC (C₁₈, MeOH-H₂O, 65:35 to 100:0), gave 9 (4.4 mg). Subfraction 2.4.4.5 (516.9 mg) was further purified (Sephadex LH 20, MeOH) and gave subfractions 2.4.4.5.1-2.4.4.5.2. Subfraction 2.4.4.5.1 (C₁₈, MeOH-H₂O, 50:50 to 100:0) gave 12 (4.8 mg) and 10 (188 mg). Subfraction 2.4.4.5.2 (109 mg), by HPLC (C₁₈, CH₃CN-H₂O, 56:44), gave 2 (6.8 mg) and 8 (3.9 mg). Subfraction 2.5 (686 mg) [CC on Sephadex LH 20, CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (50:50) followed by RP-CC on C₁₈, MeOH-H₂O (55:45 to 100:0)] gave subfractions 2.5.2.1-2.5.2.5. Fraction 2.5.2.2 contained 12 (18.0 mg), and fraction 2.5.2.4 (142.2 mg) gave 4 (21.3 mg), 1 (44.6 mg), and 2 (17.4 mg) after purification by HPLC (CH₃CN-H₂O, 50:50).

Mekongensine (1): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 171-173 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{26}$ +11.8 (c 0.65, CHCl₃); FT-IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3542, 2945, 1748, 1585, 1568, 1451, 1434, 1372, 1254, 1237, 1183, 1133, 1098, 1050, 1025, 1007, 932, 899, 763, 714, 623, 590 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.67 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.8, H-6'), 8.18 (2H, dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, H-2'',6''), 8.13 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.8, H-4'), 7.56 (1H, tt, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, H-4''), 7.45 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, H-3'',5''), 7.26 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8, H-5'), 7.01 (1H, brs, H-5), 5.60 (1H, dd, J = 6.6, 3.8, H-7), 5.59 (1H, d, J = 3.8Hz, H-1), 5.41 (1H, d, J = 12.2 Hz, H-15a), 5.39 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, H-8), 5.20 (1H, d, J = 13.4 Hz, H-11a), 5.19 (1H, dd, J = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, H-2), 5.02(1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz, H-3), 4.55 (1H, d, J = 13.4 Hz, H-11b), 4.15 (1H, d, J-1)J = 1.0 Hz, 4-OH), 3.93 (1H, d, J = 12.2 Hz, H-15b), 3.71 (1H, ddd, J = 14.3, 12.5, 4.2 Hz, H-7'a), 3.01 (1H, ddd, J = 14.3, 12.5, 4.2 Hz, H-7'b), 2.65 (1H, ddd, J = 13.9, 12.5, 4.3 Hz, H-8'a), 2.53 (1H, d, J = 3.8Hz, H-6), 2.27 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.23 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 2.17 (1H, m, H-8'b), 2.12 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 2.10, (3H, s, 9'-OAc), 1.98 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 1.89 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 1.74 (3H, s, H-10'), 1.63 (3H, s, H-14), 1.57 (3H, d, I = 0.6 Hz, H-12); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 948.2902 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₅H₅₁NO₂₀Na, 948.2902).

7-epi-Mekongensine (2): colorless, rhombic crystals from MeOH—H₂O; mp 280-282 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ +7.2 (c 0.4850, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3540, 2946, 1755, 1732, 1601, 1586, 1569, 1451, 1434, 1371, 1250, 1224, 1180, 1135, 1094, 1053, 955, 905, 827, 761, 714, 625, 592, 463 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3, 400 \text{ MHz}) \delta_H 8.71 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 \text{ Hz}, H-6'), 8.20 (2H, dd, J =$ 7.7, 1.4 Hz, H-2'',6''), 8.13 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, H-4'), 7.57 (1H, t, J = 7.7Hz, H-4''), 7.45 (2H, t, J = 7.7 Hz, H-3'',5''), 7.28 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-5'), 6.69 (1H, brs, H-5), 5.77 (1H, dd, J=9.5, 3.6 Hz, H-7), 5.68 (1H, d, J = 9.5 Hz, H-8), 5.62 (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.46 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, H-15a), 5.17 (1H, dd, I = 3.5, 2.6 Hz, H-2), 5.00 (1H, d, I = 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.82 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11a), 4.60 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11b), 4.24 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11b), 4.24d, J = 1.0 Hz, 4-OH), 3.89 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, H-15b), 3.61 (1H, dt, J = 13.3, 4.4 Hz, H-7'a), 3.02 (1H, dt, J = 13.3, 4.4 Hz, H-7'b), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-6), 2.61 (1H, dt, J = 13.7, 4.4 Hz, H-8'a), 2.36 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.19 (1H, m, H-8'b), 2.15 (3H, s, 9'-OAc), 2.11 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 1.99 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 1.97 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.86 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 1.75 (3H, s, H-10'), 1.67 (3H, s, H-14), 1.60 (3H, s, H-12); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1;

HRESIMS m/z 948.2885 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for $C_{45}H_{51}NO_{20}Na$, 948.2902).

1-O-Benzoyl-1-deacetylmekongensine (3): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 166–168 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{30}$ +22.3 (c 0.49, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3543, 2926, 2854, 1747, 1732, 1602, 1585, 1451, 1434, 1372, 1315, 1247, 1179, 1132, 1107, 1057, 1025, 933, 897, 761, 712, 626, 594 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.71 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, H-6'), 8.20 (2H, dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, H-2'', 6''), 8.15 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, H-4'),7.87 (2H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, H-2''',6'''), 7.56 (1H, m, H-4'''), 7.56 (1H, m, H-4"), 7.45 (2H, t, J = 7.7 Hz, H-3",5"), 7.40 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz, H-3''',5'''), 7.27 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 4.8 Hz, H-5'), 6.95 (1H, s, H-5), 5.99 (1H, d, J = 3.7 Hz, H-1), 5.64 (1H, dd, J = 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 5.48 (1H, d, J = 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 5J = 5.8 Hz, H-8), 5.43 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11a), 5.40 (1H, d, J = 11.9Hz, H-15a), 5.31 (1H, dd, J = 3.7, 2.6 Hz, H-2), 5.11 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11b), 4.16 (1H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, 4-OH), 3.97 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15b), 3.74 (1H, dt, J = 14.7, 4.1 Hz, H-7'a),3.04 (1H, dt, J = 14.7, 4.1 Hz, H-7'b), 2.72 (1H, dt, J = 14.0, 4.1 Hz, H-8'a), 2.58 (1H, d, J = 3.8 Hz, H-6), 2.25 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.20 (1H, m, H-8'b), 2.19 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 2.16 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 2.12 (3H, s, 9'-OAc), 1.76 (3H, s, H-10'), 1.70 (3H, s, H-14), 1.62 (3H, s, H-12), 1.34 (3H, s, 8-OAc); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z1010.3015 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd for $C_{50}H_{53}NO_{20}Na$, 1010.3059).

9'-Deacetoxymekongensine (4): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 134–136 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ –7.1 (c 0.30, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3568, 230, 1748, 1723, 1585, 1568, 1451, 1371, 1254, 1231, 1160, 1096, 1071, 1047, 1007, 1007, 903, 767, 715, 620, 596, 462 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.30 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, H-4'), 8.25 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, H-6'), 8.25 (2H, dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, H-2",6"), 7.57 (1H, tt, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, H-4"), 7.46 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, H-3",5"), 7.30 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-5'), 6.98 (1H, s, H-5), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15a), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 5.55 (1H, dd, J = 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 5.39 (1H, d, J = 5.8Hz, H-8), 5.26 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11a), 5.17 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 2.6 Hz, H-2), 5.14 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, 4-OH), 4.98 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.52(1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11b), 3.96 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 9.7, 6.2 Hz, H-7'a),3.67 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15b), 3.03 (1H, m, H-7b), 2.52 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15b), 3.03 (1H, m, H-7b), 3.033.8 Hz, H-6), 2.40 (1H, m, H-9'), 2.27 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.24 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 2.12 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 2.00 (2H, m, H-8'), 1.99 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.86 (3H, s, H-14), 1.86 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 1.56 (3H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H-12), 1.20 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H-10'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 890.2856 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd for $C_{43}H_{49}NO_{18}$ Na, 890.2847).

1-O-Benzoyl-1-deacetyl-9'-deacetoxymekongensine (5): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 152–154 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ +3.4 (c 0.30, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3467, 3068, 2935, 1747, 1723,1602, 1585, 1567, 1451, 1371, 1314, 1255, 1224, 1158, 1097, 1048, 1025, 1009, 932, 893, 768, 713, 688, 604, 566, 491 cm $^{-1}$; 1 H NMR (CDCl $_{3}$, 400 MHz) δ_{H} 8.30 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, H-4'), 8.25 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, H-6'), 8.25 (2H, dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, H-2",6"), 7.57 (1H, tt, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, H-4"), 7.46 (2H, t, J = 7.4Hz, H-3'',5''), 7.30 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-5'), 6.98 (1H, s, H-5), 5.76(1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15a), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 5.55 (1H, dd,J = 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 5.39 (1H, d, <math>J = 5.8 Hz, H-8), 5.26 (1H, d, <math>J = 13.2Hz, H-11a), 5.17 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 2.6 Hz, H-2), 5.14 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, 4-OH), 4.98 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.52 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11b), 3.96 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 9.7, 6.2 Hz, H-7'a), 3.67 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz, H-15b), 3.03 (1H, m, H-7b), 2.52 (1H, d, J = 3.8 Hz, H-6), 2.40 (1H, m, H-9'), 2.27 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.24 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 2.12 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 2.00 (2H, m, H-8'), 1.99 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.86 (3H, s, H-14), 1.86 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 1.56 (3H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H-12), 1.20 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H-10'); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z found 952.3005 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd for $C_{48}H_{51}NO_{18}Na$, 952.3004).

7-epi-Euojaponine A (**6**): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 147–148 °C; [α] $_{\rm D}^{32}$ +25.7 (c 0.20, CHCl $_{\rm 3}$); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3400, 2929, 1748, 1715, 1602, 1584, 1566, 1452, 1433, 1369, 1314, 1269, 1218, 1168, 1107, 1063, 1036, 962, 917, 857, 755, 712, 603, 594, 564 cm $^{-1}$; ¹H NMR (CDCl $_{\rm 3}$, 400 MHz)

 $δ_{\rm H}$ 8.69 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, H-6′), 8.13 (1H, dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, H-4′), 7.76 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, H-2″,6″), 7.50 (1H, brt, J = 7.7 Hz, H-4″), 7.37 (2H, brt, J = 7.7 Hz, H-3″,5″), 7.27 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-5′), 6.12 (1H, d, J = 2.9 Hz, 5-OH), 6.07 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, H-15a), 5.84, (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz, H-8), 5.71 (1H, brs, 4-OH), 5.47 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 3.0 Hz, H-7), 5.37 (1H, t, J = 3.1 Hz, H-2), 5.21 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-5), 5.02 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11a), 4.79 (1H, q, J = 6.7 Hz, H-7′), 4.77 (1H, dJ = 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H-11b), 3.66 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, H-15b), 2.58 (1H, q, J = 7.2 Hz, H-8′), 2.54 (1H, brd, J = 2.9 Hz, H-6), 2.24 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.13 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 1.92 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 1.88 (3H, s, H-12), 1.74 (3H, s, H-14), 1.40 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-9′), 1.36 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.18 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, H-10′); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 848.2736 [M + Na] + (calcd for C₄₁H₄₇NO₁₇Na, 848.2742).

2-O-Benzoyl-2-deacetylmayteine (7): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 180–182 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{28}$ +14.2 (c 0.52, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3494, 2975, 1746, 1723,1602, 1584, 1566, 1451, 1433, 1370, 1314, 1274, 1246, 1175, 1107, 1059, 1024, 937, 883, 802, 784, 711, 603 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3, 400 \text{ MHz}) \delta_H 8.69 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 1.8 \text{ Hz}, H-6'), 8.09 (2H, m,$ H-2'',6''), 8.07 (1H, m, H-4'), 7.71 (2H, dd, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, H-2''',6'''), 7.50 (2H, brt, J = 7.8 Hz, H-3",5"), 7.61 (1H, brt, J = 7.4 Hz, H-4"), 7.46 (1H, brt, J = 7.3 Hz, H-4'''), 7.28 (2H, m, H-3''',5'''), 7.27 (1H, t, J = 4.9)Hz, H-5'), 7.04 (1H, brs, H-5), 6.02 (1H, d, J = 4.2 Hz, H-1), 5.98 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz, H-15a), 5.63 (1H, d, J = 13.4 Hz, H-11a), 5.60 (1H, dd, J = 13.4 Hz4.2, 2.4 Hz, H-2), 5.53 (1H, dd, J = 5.9, 4.1 Hz, H-7), 5.45 (1H, d, J = 5.9)Hz, H-8), 4.93 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, H-3), 4.67 (1H, q, J = 7.0 Hz, H-7'), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, H-11b), 4.56 (1H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 4-OH), 3.71 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz, H-15b), 2.64 (1H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, H-8'), 2.37 (1H, d, J-1)*J* = 4.1 Hz, H-6), 2.29 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.21 (3H, s, 5-OAc), 2.11 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 1.73 (3H, s, H-14), 1.66 (3H, s, H-12), 1.39 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-9'), 1.31 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.22 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, H-10'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 930.3193 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{48}H_{52}NO_{18}$, 930.3184).

7-epi-5-O-Benzoyl-5-deacetylperitassine A (8) (refs 10, 11): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 146–148 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{32}$ –17.5 (c 0.20, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3493, 2926, 2854, 1748, 1723, 1587, 1553, 1452, 1370, 1250, 1225, 1182, 1119, 1056, 971, 910, 828, 789, 715, 600 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 8.95 (1H, s, H-2'), 8.69 (1H, d, J = 5.2 Hz, H-6'), 8.29 (2H, dd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, H-2",6"), 7.57 (1H, tt, J = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, H-4"), 7.47 (2H, brt, J = 7.6 Hz, H-3",5"), 7.37 (1H, d, J = 5.2 Hz, H-5"), 6.75 (1H, brs, H-5), 6.05 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz, H-15a), 5.72 (1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz,H-8), 5.69 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 2.9 Hz, H-7), 5.59 (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.27 (1H, t, J = 3.1 Hz, H-2), 5.02 (1H, d, J = 1.3 Hz, 4-OH), 4.76 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11a), 4.73 (1H, d, J = 2.9 Hz, H-3), 4.73 (1H, m, H-7'), 4.71 (1H, d, J = 13.3 Hz, H-11b), 3.58 (1H, d, J = 11.6 Hz, H-15b), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz, H-6), 2.49 (1H, q, J = 7.2 Hz, H-8'), 2.36 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.13 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 2.01 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 1.98 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.83 (3H, s, 1-OAc), 1.75 (3H, s, H-14), 1.57 (3H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H-12), 1.39 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, H-9'), 1.10 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, H-10'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 868.3049 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₄₃H₅₀NO₁₈, 868.3028).

7-epi-Euonymine (**9**): colorless, amorphous solid; mp 158–160 °C; [α]₃³¹ – 18.6 (*c* 0.27, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3487, 2930, 1755, 1584, 1566, 1433, 1370, 1316, 1251, 1228, 1169, 1119, 1092. 1060, 1039, 967, 943, 903, 827, 784, 753, 718, 633, 602 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ_{H} 8.67 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 1.8 Hz, H-6′), 8.04 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, H-4′), 7.25 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-5′), 6.62 (1H, s, H-5), 5.94 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H-15a), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 9.7 Hz, H-8), 5.54 (1H, d, J = 3.7 Hz, H-1), 5.49 (1H, dd, J = 9.7, 3.4 Hz, H-7), 5.23 (1H, t, J = 3.1 Hz, H-2), 4.75 (1H, d, J = 13.4 Hz, H-11a), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz, H-3), 4.63 (1H, q, J = 6.8 Hz, H-7′), 4.61 (1H, d, J = 13.4 Hz, H-11b), 4.49 (1H, d, J = 1.3 Hz, 4-OH), 3.64 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H-15b), 2.57 (1H, q, J = 6.6 Hz, H-8′), 2.45 (1H, d, J = 3.1 Hz, H-6), 2.29 (3H, s, 11-OAc), 2.19 (3H, s, 5-OAc), 2.12 (3H, s, 2-OAc), 2.00 (3H, s, 7-OAc), 1.96 (3H, s, 8-OAc), 1.81 (3H, s,

1-OAc), 1.70 (3H, s, H-14), 1.55 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, H-12), 1.38 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-9′), 1.19 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, H-10′); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Table 1; HRESIMS m/z 828.2685 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for C₃₈H₄₇NO₁₈Na, 828.2691).

X-ray crystal data of 2: $C_{45}H_{51}NO_{20}$, MW=925.89, monoclinic, $P2_1$, a=10.3372(3) Å, b=16.3424(3) Å, c=13.1251(4) Å, $\beta=93.298(1)^\circ$, V=2213.6(1) Å, $D_x=1.389$ g/cm³, Z=2, F(000)=976. A total of 22 699 reflections, 15 631 of which unique reflections (11 705 observed, $|F_o|>4\sigma|$ $F_o|$), were measured at 150 K from a 0.20 × 0.10 × 0.10 mm³ colorless crystal using graphite-monochromated Mo Kα radiation ($\lambda=0.71073$ Å) on a Bruker-Nonius kappa CCD diffractometer. The crystal structure was solved by the direct method using SIR-97, 12 and then all atoms except hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by a full-matrix least-squares methods on F^2 using SHELXL-97 13 to give a final R-factor of 0.0604 ($R_w=0.1584$ for all data). Crystallographic data of compound 2 have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under the reference number CCDC 816693. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, UK (e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Bioassays. The cytotoxic activity assay was performed using the colorimetric method of Skehan and co-workers.¹⁴ The human oral epidermal carcinoma (KB), human breast adenocarcinoma (MCF7), and human small cell lung (NCI-H187) cell lines were used. Antiplasmodial activity was evaluated against *Plasmodium falciparum* (K1 multidrug-resistant strain) according to a standard protocol.¹⁵

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 1−8 (Figures S1−S16), COSY and HMBC correlations of compounds 1 and 6, and cif files of the X-ray data. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs. acs.org.

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