

## Notes

New Furanoterpenoids from the Sponge *Spongia officinalis*

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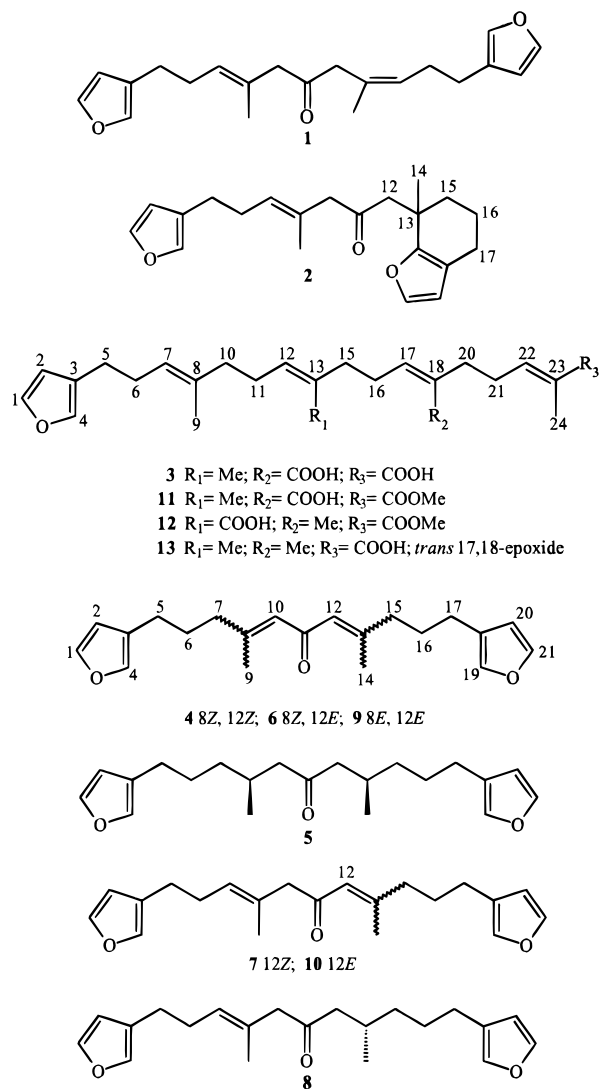
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The sponge *Spongia officinalis* from La Caleta, Cádiz, Spain, contains the new C-21 furanoterpenes furospongins-5 (**1**) and cyclofurospongins-2 (**2**) and the new furanosesterterpene demethylfurospongins-4 (**3**), in addition to the known terpenoids **4**–**11**. The structures of compounds **1**–**3** were elucidated by interpretation of spectral data and chemical interconversions. Furospongins-5 (**1**) was weakly cytotoxic against the P-388 cell line ( $ED_{50} = 5 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

It is well known that sponges of the order Dictyoceratida are the source of a group of terpenoids characterized by possessing 21 carbon atoms and two terminal furan rings. These C-21 furanoterpenoids have been isolated from several genera of the Spongiidae and Thorectidae families<sup>1–12</sup> and, occasionally, from nudibranchs that prey on them.<sup>13</sup> Dictyoceratidae sponges of these two families and some of their predators have given rise, in addition, to linear furanosesterterpenes containing a single ring, an otherwise uncommon group of terpenoids.<sup>2,14–17</sup>

As a part of our research project aimed at the discovery of new bioactive compounds from marine organisms of the southern coast of Spain, we obtained a specimen of the sponge *Spongia officinalis* Linné (Spongiidae) collected in the infralittoral zone of La Caleta, Cádiz, Spain. *S. officinalis* had been extensively studied, affording furanosesterterpenes and C-21 furanoterpenes among its constituents.<sup>1–3,10,12</sup> Our specimen contained two new C-21 furanoterpenes (**1**, **2**), and a new linear furanosesterterpene (**3**), together with the known C-21 furanoterpenes **4**–**10**, and the furanosesterterpene **11**.

The specimen of *S. officinalis* (62.2 g dry wt) was collected by hand and immediately frozen. The less polar material of an  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  extract was chromatographed on Si gel. Final purification of selected fractions using HPLC allowed isolation of the following compounds in order of increasing polarity: isomer 1 of furospongins-2 (**4**, 0.003% dry wt), cyclofurospongins-2 (**2**, 0.005% dry wt), tetrahydrofurospongins-2 (**5**, 0.016% dry wt), isomer 2 of furospongins-2 (**6**, 0.015% dry wt), isofurospongins-2 (**7**, 0.015% dry wt), dihydrofurospongins-2 (**8**, 0.018% dry wt), furospongins-5 (**1**, 0.003% dry wt), isomer 3 of furospongins-2 (**9**, 0.040% dry wt), furospongins-2 (**10**, 0.029% dry wt), furospongins-4 (**11**, 0.003% dry wt), and demethylfurospongins-4 (**3**, 0.048% dry wt). Compounds **4**,<sup>18</sup> **5**,<sup>3</sup> **6**,<sup>18</sup> **7**,<sup>3</sup> **8**,<sup>3,6</sup> **9**,<sup>18</sup> **10**,<sup>3,6</sup> and **11**<sup>2</sup> were identified by comparison of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, UV, IR, and MS spectroscopic data with those reported in the literature. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of compounds **5**, **7**, and **11**



had not been previously reported and are listed in Table 1. It is worth noting that significant differences were observed between the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data of compounds **4**, **6**, and **9** (Table 1) with respect to those previously reported.<sup>18</sup>

Furospongins-5 (**1**) was isolated as a colorless oil. The molecular formula, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, was obtained from the

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**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Data of Compounds **1**–**11**<sup>a</sup>

C no.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
1	142.7	142.6	142.5	142.6	142.6	142.6	142.6	142.7	142.8	142.6	142.5
2	111.0	111.0	111.1	111.0	110.9	111.0	111.0 <sup>c</sup>	110.9	110.8	111.0	111.1
3	124.6	124.7	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	124.7 <sup>d</sup>	124.6	124.5	124.7	125.0
4	138.9	138.9	138.8	138.9	138.7	138.9 <sup>c</sup>	138.9	138.8 <sup>c</sup>	138.9	138.9 <sup>c</sup>	138.8
5	24.7	24.7	25.0	24.9	24.8	24.9	24.7	24.7 <sup>d</sup>	24.3	24.7	25.0
6	28.9 <sup>c</sup>	28.5	28.4	28.5	27.4	28.5	28.5	28.5	27.8	28.5	28.4 <sup>c</sup>
7	129.0	128.8	123.8	33.2	36.5	33.3	128.7	128.9	40.7	128.6	123.8
8	129.7	129.8	135.7	157.5	28.9	157.9 <sup>d</sup>	130.4	129.7	157.5	130.4	135.7
9	16.4	16.4	16.0 <sup>c</sup>	25.3	19.8	25.4	16.5	16.5	19.1	19.2	16.1 <sup>d</sup>
10	53.1	55.1	39.6	126.7	50.8	126.6	55.4	54.5	125.9	55.4	39.6
11	206.8	208.5	26.6	190.7	210.7	191.2	198.8	209.4	191.6	199.4	26.6
12	45.4	50.5	125.0	126.7	50.8	125.9	123.1	49.0	125.9	122.5	125.1
13	129.2	35.0	134.0	157.5	28.9	157.3 <sup>d</sup>	159.5	28.8	157.5	158.7	134.0
14	24.1	26.0	15.8 <sup>c</sup>	25.3	19.8	19.1	25.5	19.8	19.1	16.5	15.8 <sup>d</sup>
15	128.2	36.1	38.9	33.2	36.5	40.7	33.6	36.4	40.7	40.6	39.0
16	28.5 <sup>c</sup>	20.3	28.0	28.5	27.4	27.9	28.5	27.4	27.8	27.7	28.2 <sup>c</sup>
17	24.9	22.4	144.5	24.9	24.8	24.3	25.0	24.8 <sup>d</sup>	24.3	24.2	146.1 <sup>e</sup>
18	124.6	116.5	131.3 <sup>d</sup>	125.0	125.0	124.5	124.6 <sup>d</sup>	125.0	124.5	124.4	129.8 <sup>f</sup>
19	138.9	155.1	174.1 <sup>e</sup>	138.9	138.7	138.8 <sup>c</sup>	138.9	138.7 <sup>c</sup>	138.9	138.8 <sup>c</sup>	171.0 <sup>g</sup>
20	111.0	110.4	33.2	111.0	110.9	110.8	110.9 <sup>c</sup>	110.9	110.8	110.8	33.5
21	142.7	140.3	30.5	142.6	142.6	142.8	142.6	142.7	142.8	142.9	28.5 <sup>c</sup>
22			143.6								141.1 <sup>e</sup>
23			128.1 <sup>d</sup>								128.2 <sup>f</sup>
24			11.7								12.4
25			173.5 <sup>e</sup>								168.6 <sup>g</sup>
OMe											51.7

<sup>a</sup> Assignments were aided by APT experiments. <sup>b</sup> Assignments were aided by a HETCOR experiment. <sup>c–g</sup> Values with the same superscript in the same column may be interchanged. Italic values indicate rectifications of previous data.<sup>18</sup>

high-resolution mass measurement. In general, the NMR data of **1** resembled those reported<sup>3,6</sup> for furospogin-2 (**10**). The IR spectrum contained a non-conjugated carbonyl band at 1718  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , while the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum (Table 1) showed the carbonyl signal at  $\delta$  206.8 (s). The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta$  142.7 (d), 138.9 (d), 124.6 (s), and 111.0 (d) were assigned to  $\beta$ -substituted furan carbons, and the signals at  $\delta$  129.7 (s), 129.2 (s), 129.0 (d), and 128.2 (d) indicated the presence of two trisubstituted olefinic bonds. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta$  3.10 (2H, br s) and 3.04 (2H, br s) were assigned to the  $\alpha, \alpha'$  methylene groups of a  $\beta, \gamma\text{-}\beta', \gamma'$ -diunsaturated ketone moiety. Because the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR contained the vinylic methyl signals at  $\delta$  24.1 (q) and 16.4 (q), the stereochemistry of the double bonds was defined as *Z* and *E*, respectively,<sup>19</sup> and therefore structure **1** was proposed for furospogin-5.

A series of NOE difference spectroscopy experiments provided confirmation of the proposed structural assignments. Irradiation of the H-7 signal at  $\delta$  5.28 caused enhancement on the H-10 methylene proton signal at  $\delta$  3.04, whereas irradiation of the H-15 vinylic proton signal at  $\delta$  5.40 enhanced the H-14 methyl proton signal at  $\delta$  1.69, allowing unambiguous assignment of the H-7, H-9, H-10, H-12, H-14, and H-15 proton signals, and providing confirmation of the stereochemistry of the double bonds.

Cyclofurospogin-2 (**2**) was isolated as an optically active oil. The molecular formula,  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$ , indicated that **2** was an isomer of furospogin-5 (**1**). The IR,  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra clearly indicated that compound **2** possessed an (*E*)-furylmethylpentenyl side chain linked to a central ketone as its isomer **1**.

In addition the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (Table 1) signals at  $\delta$  155.1 (s), 140.3 (d), 116.5 (s), and 110.4 (d) together with the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta$  7.22 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz) and 6.16 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz) indicated the presence of an  $\alpha, \beta$ -disubstituted furan ring. This ring, along with the fragment mentioned above, accounted for eight of the

nine degrees of unsaturation of the molecule. A singlet at  $\delta$  1.32 (3H, s) in the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum and the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signal at  $\delta$  26.0 (q) were assigned to a methyl on a quaternary carbon of a cyclohexene ring fused to the disubstituted furan ring,<sup>9,20,21</sup> accounting for the remaining unsaturation of the molecule. The  $\text{sp}^3$  carbon signals of the six-membered ring appeared at  $\delta$  36.1 (t), 35.0 (s), 22.4 (t), and 20.3 (t), indicating the presence of three methylene groups. Finally, the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta$  2.69 (1H, d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz) and 2.65 (1H, d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz) were assigned to the protons of an isolated methylene that linked the ketone to the methyltetrahydrobenzofuran moiety. These spectral features were in agreement with the proposed structure for cyclofurospogin-2 (**2**).

It has been demonstrated that the cyclic furospogins can be obtained from acyclic precursors by acid-catalyzed cyclization.<sup>9</sup> Acid treatment of furospogin-2 (**10**) yielded ( $\pm$ )-cyclofurospogin-2 as expected. Because the natural product isolated from *S. officinalis* is optically active, it seems unlikely that compound **2** arose from an acyclic precursor such as furospogin-2 (**10**) through an acid-catalyzed cyclization during the isolation process.

The major and most polar component isolated from *S. officinalis*, demethylfurospogin-4 (**3**), had the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$ . The IR spectrum contained bands at 3100–2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum contained two singlets (Table 1) at  $\delta$  174.1 and 173.5 assigned to the carbons of two  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated carboxyl groups. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR signals at  $\delta$  142.5 (d), 138.8 (d), 125.0 (s), and 111.1 (d) indicated the presence of a  $\beta$ -substituted furan, and the signals at  $\delta$  144.5 (d), 143.6 (d), 135.7 (s), 134.0 (s), 131.3 (s), 128.1 (s), 125.0 (d), and 123.8 (d) were assigned to four trisubstituted olefinic bonds. The olefinic proton triplets in the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum at  $\delta$  6.93, 6.00, 5.17, and 5.12 indicated that the double bonds were joined to four methylene groups and that, in addition, two of them

were conjugated with the carboxyl groups. Finally, the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  signals at  $\delta$  1.79 (3H, br s) and 1.59 (6H, br s) indicated that the three methyl groups present in the structure of **3** must be vinylic. These spectral features, together with a comparison with the data described for a mixture of the linear sesterterpenes furospingin-3 (**12**) and -4 (**11**),<sup>2</sup> clearly indicated that the dicarboxylic acid **3** was a demethyl derivative of one of these two isomers. Assignment of the olefinic carbon signals C-8 at  $\delta$  135.7 (s) and C-13 at  $\delta$  134.0 (s), made by comparison with the data described by Searle and Molinski<sup>17</sup> for the epoxyfuranosesterterpene carboxylic acid **13**, was consistent with a similar substitution pattern at C-13 in **3** as that of **13**. It was concluded that the second carboxylic group was located at C-18 and that compound **3** was therefore the demethyl derivative of furospingin-4 (**11**).

The new compounds isolated from *Spongia officinalis* were tested against P-388 mouse lymphoma, A-549 human lung carcinoma, HT-29 human colon carcinoma, and MEL-28 human melanoma to detect in vitro cytotoxicity. In general, the new compounds **1–3** exhibited low cytotoxicity with  $\text{ED}_{50}$  values over 10  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  in all cases with the exception of furospingin-5 (**1**), which showed a mild cytotoxicity against the P-388 cell line ( $\text{ED}_{50} = 5 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

## Experimental Section

**General Experimental Procedures.** IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 881 spectrophotometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively, using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent. The resonances of residual  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.26 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.0 were used as internal reference for  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectra, respectively. An asterisk means interchangeable signals. Mass spectra were measured on a VG 12250 or on a Kratos MS 80RFA spectrometer. In HPLC separations LiChrosorb Si-60 was used in normal-phase mode using a differential refractometer. All solvents were distilled from glass prior to use.

**Collection, Extraction, and Isolation Procedures.** The specimen of *S. officinalis* (62.2 g dry wt) was collected by hand in La Caleta, Cádiz, Spain, and immediately frozen. A voucher is deposited at Departamento de Biología Animal, Biología Vegetal y Ecología, Universidad de Cádiz. The material was chopped into small pieces and extracted with  $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  at room temperature. The solution was filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain a residue that was partitioned between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  solution was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent removed to afford a dark brown oil (1.8 g). The organic extract was subjected to  $\text{SiO}_2$  column separation eluting with mixtures of increasing polarity from hexane to  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . Selected fractions were further separated using HPLC as follows. Fractions eluted with hexane- $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (97:3) afforded, after purification by HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane- $\text{EtOAc}$ , 99:1), compound **4** (2 mg, 0.003% dry wt). Fractions eluted with hexane- $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (93:7) were grouped in four fractions A, B, C, and D according to TLC analyses. Fraction A was further separated by HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane- $\text{EtOAc}$ , 97:3) to afford

compounds **2** (3 mg, 0.005% dry wt) and **5** (10 mg, 0.016% dry wt). Fraction B was further separated by HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane- $\text{EtOAc}$ , 97:3) to afford compounds **6** (9 mg, 0.015% dry wt), **7** (9 mg, 0.015% dry wt), and **8** (11 mg, 0.018% dry wt). Fraction C was further separated by HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane- $\text{EtOAc}$ , 96:4) to afford compound **1** (2 mg, 0.003% dry wt). Fraction D afforded compounds **9** (25 mg, 0.040% dry wt) and **10** (18 mg, 0.029% dry wt) upon HPLC separation (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane- $\text{EtOAc}$ , 95:5). A more polar fraction of the general chromatography eluted with hexane- $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (1:1) afforded, after purification by HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm;  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{MeOH}$ , 99:1) compound **11** (2 mg, 0.003% dry wt). Finally, fractions eluted with hexane- $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3:7) were further separated using HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm;  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{MeOH}$ , 98:2) to afford compound **3** (30 mg, 0.048% dry wt).

**Furospingin-5 (1):** colorless oil; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) 204 (11543) nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1718 (C=O), 1671 (C=C)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.34 (2H, dd,  $J = 1.7, 1.6$  Hz, H-1 and H-21), 7.21 (2H, dd,  $J = 1.6, 0.8$  Hz, H-4 and H-19), 6.27 (1H, br s, H-2)\*, 6.26 (1H, br s, H-20)\*, 5.40 (1H, br t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, H-15), 5.28 (1H, tq,  $J = 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, H-7), 3.10 (2H, br s, H-12), 3.04 (2H, br s, H-10), 2.47 (2H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H-5), 2.46 (2H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H-17), 2.29 (2H, td,  $J = 7.5, 7.0$  Hz, H-6), 2.23 (2H, td,  $J = 7.5, 6.9$  Hz, H-16), 1.69 (3H, d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, H-14), 1.60 (3H, d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, H-9);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz), see Table 1; EIMS (70 eV)  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 326 (1), 245 (2), 177 (11), 149 (29), 135 (48), 134 (38), 95 (16), 81 (100), 67 (5); HREIMS  $m/z$  326.1900, calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$  326.1882.

**Cyclofurospingin-2 (2):** colorless oil; [ $\alpha$ ] $^{25}_{\text{D}}$  -6.0 (c 0.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) 207 (18452) nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1720 (C=O), 1670 (C=C)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.33 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.7, 1.6$  Hz, H-1), 7.22 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-21), 7.20 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.6, 0.9$  Hz, H-4), 6.27 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.9$  Hz, H-2), 6.16 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, H-20), 5.18 (1H, tq,  $J = 7.1, 1.2$  Hz, H-7) 2.88 (1H, d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, H-10), 2.82 (1H, d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, H-10'), 2.69 (1H, d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, H-12), 2.65 (1H, d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, H-12'), 2.47 (2H, t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H-5), 2.39 (2H, t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, H-17), 2.27 (2H, td,  $J = 7.5, 7.1$  Hz, H-6), 1.89 (2H, m, H-15), 1.72 (2H, m, H-16), 1.55 (3H, br s, H-9), 1.32 (3H, s, H-14);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz), see Table 1; EIMS (70 eV)  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 326 (3), 136 (23), 135 (100), 134 (29), 81 (13); HREIMS  $m/z$  326.1885, calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$  326.1882.

**Demethylfurospingin-4 (3):** colorless oil; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ) 207 (13174) nm; IR (dry film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3100-2600 (OH), 1692 (C=O), 1649 (C=C);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.33 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.7, 1.6$  Hz, H-1), 7.20 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.6, 0.9$  Hz, H-4), 6.93 (1H, br t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, H-22), 6.27 (1H, dd,  $J = 1.9, 0.9$  Hz, H-2), 6.00 (1H, br t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-17), 5.17 (1H, tq,  $J = 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, H-7), 5.12 (1H, tq,  $J = 6.9, 1.1$  Hz, H-12), 2.53 (2H, td,  $J = 7.3, 7.3$  Hz, H-16), 2.50 (2H, t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, H-20), 2.45 (2H, br t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, H-5), 2.36 (2H, dt,  $J = 7.8, 7.0$  Hz, H-21), 2.24 (2H, td,  $J = 7.5, 7.0$  Hz, H-6), 2.08 (2H, td,  $J = 7.3, 6.9$  Hz, H-11), 2.07 (2H, t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-15), 1.99 (2H, br t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, H-10), 1.79 (3H, br s, H-24), 1.59 (6H, br s, H-9 and H-14);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz), see Table 1; EIMS (70 eV)  $m/z$  [ $\text{M}^+$ ] 414 (1),

399 (2), 315 (5), 217 (19), 203 (12), 201 (25), 135 (47), 95 (16), 93 (57), 81 (100), 67 (16); HREIMS  $m/z$  414.2421, calcd for  $C_{25}H_{34}O_5$  414.2406.

**Cyclization of Furospogin-2 (10) to ( $\pm$ )-Cyclofurospogin-2.** To furospogin-2 (10, 5 mg) in dioxane (0.4 mL) was added 60  $\mu$ L of an aqueous solution of  $HClO_4$  (0.5 M), and the resulting solution was maintained at 25 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with NaOH (0.1 M) and extracted with  $Et_2O$ . The organic layer was washed with  $H_2O$ , dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ , and the solvent evaporated to obtain an oil (3 mg). The crude reaction was purified on HPLC (LiChrosorb 10  $\mu$ , 10 mm  $\times$  25 cm; hexane– $EtOAc$ , 96:4) to afford the optically inactive ( $\pm$ )-cyclofurospogin-2 (2.1 mg, 31% yield).

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