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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

J	Coupling constant
δ	Chemical shift
$\delta_{ m H}$	Chemical shift of proton
$\delta_{ m C}$	Chemical shift of carbon
S	Singlet (for NMR spectra)
d	Doublet (for NMR spectra)
dd	Doublet of doublet (for NMR spectra)
t	Triplet (for NMR spectra)
m	Multiplet (for NMR spectra)
q	Quartet (for NMR spectra)
brs	Broad singlet (for NMR spectra)
qC	Quaternary carbon
calcd.	Calculated
¹ H NMR	Proton nuclear magnetic resonance
¹³ C NMR	Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance
2D NMR	Two dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance
¹ H- ¹ H COSY	Homonuclear (proton-proton) correlation spectroscopy
NOESY	Nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy
HSQC	Heteronuclear single quantum coherence
HMBC	Heteronuclear multiple bond correlation
ORTEP	Oak ridge thermal ellipsoid plot
HRESIMS	Hight resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry
CC	Column chromatography
IC ₅₀	Half maximal inhibitory concentration

CDCl ₃	Deuterated chloroform
МеОН	Methanol
EtOH	Ethanol
CH ₂ Cl ₂	Dichloromethane
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
KBr	Potassium bromide
SiO ₂	Silicon dioxide
g	Gram (s)
mg	Milligram (s)
mL	Milliliter (s)
μg	Microgram (s)
μL	Microliter (s)
L	Liter (s)
h	Hour
nm	Nanometer
Hz	Hertz
MHz	Megahertz
cm ⁻¹	Reciprocal centimeter (unit of wave number)
ppm	part per million
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
MS	Mass spectrometry
IR	Infared
UV	Ultraviolet
m.p.	Melting point
α	Alpha
β	Beta

Δ	Delta	
m/z	Mass to charge ratio	
$[M+H]^+$	Protonated molecule	
$[M+Na]^+$	Pseudomolecular ion	
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	Specific rotation at 20 °C and sodium D line (589 nm)	
λ_{max}	Wavelength of maximum absorption	
С	Concentration	
3	Molar extinction coefficient	
Å	Angstrom	
°C	Degree celcius	
deg.	Degree	
sp.	Species	

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Drug discovery from natural sources

For thousands of years, natural products have played an important role throughout the world in treating and preventing human diseases. Natural product medicines have come from various source materials including terrestrial plants, terrestrial microorganisms, marine organisms, and terrestrial vertebrates and invertebrates [1]. The importance of natural products in modern medicine has been discussed in recent reviews and reports. The value of natural products in this regard can be assessed using 3 criteria: (1) the rate of introduction of new chemical entities of wide structural diversity, including serving as templates for semi-synthetic and total synthetic modification, (2) the number of diseases treated or prevented by these substances, and (3) their frequency of use in the treatment of disease [2].

An analysis of the origin of the drugs developed between 1981 and 2002 showed that natural products or natural product derived drugs comprised 28% of all new chemical entities (NCEs) launched onto the market [2]. In addition, 24% of these NCEs were synthetic or natural mimic compounds, based on the study of pharmacophores related to natural products [1]. This combined percentage (52% of all NCEs) suggests that natural products are important sources for new drugs and are also good lead compounds suitable for further modification during drug development. The large proportion of natural products in drug discovery has stemmed from the diverse structures and the intricate carbon skeletons of natural products. Since secondary metabolites from natural sources have been elaborated within living systems, they are often perceived as showing more "drug-likeness and biological friendliness than totally synthetic molecules" [3], making them good candidates for further drug development [4, 5].

Scrutiny of medical indications by source of compounds has demonstrated that natural products and related drugs are used to treat 87% of all categorized human diseases (48/55), including as antibacterial, anticancer, anticoagulant, antiparasitic, and immunosuppressant agents, among others. There was no introduction of any natural products or related drugs for 7 drug categories (anesthetic, antianginal, antihistamine, anxiolytic, chelator and antidote, diuretic, and hypnotic) during 1981 to 2002. In the case of antibacterial agents, natural products have made significant contributions as either direct treatments or templates for synthetic modification. Of the 90 drugs of that type that became commercially available in the United States or were approved worldwide from 1982 to 2002, ~79% can be traced to a natural product origin [2].

Frequency of use of natural products in the treatment and/or prevention of disease can be measured by the number and/or economic value of prescriptions, from which the extent of preference and/or effectiveness of drugs can be estimated indirectly. According to a study by Grifo and colleagues, [6] 84 of a representative 150 prescription drugs in the United States fell into the category of natural products and related drugs. They were prescribed predominantly as antiallergy/pulmonary/respiratory agents, analgesics, cardiovascular drugs, and for infectious diseases. Another study found that natural products or related substances accounted for 40%, 24%, and 26%, respectively, of the top 35 worldwide ethical drug sales from 2000, 2001, and 2002 [7]. Of these natural product-based drugs, paclitaxel (ranked at 25 in 2000), a plant-derived anticancer drug, had sales of \$1.6 billion in 2000. The sales of 2 categories of plant-derived cancer chemotherapeutic agents were responsible for approximately one third of the total anticancer drug sales worldwide, or just under \$3 billion dollars in 2002; namely, the taxanes, paclitaxel and docetaxel, and the camptothecin derivatives, irinotecan and topotecan [8, 9].

1.1.1 Drug discovery from terrestrial plants

Terrestrial plants, especially higher plants, have a long history of use in the treatment of human diseases. Several well-known species, including licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*), myrrh (*Commiphora* species), and poppy capsule latex (*Papaver somniferum*), were referred to by the first known written record on clay tablets from Mesopotamia in 2600 BC, and these plants are still in use today for the treatment of various diseases as ingredients of official drugs or herbal preparations used in systems of traditional medicine [1]. Furthermore, morphine, codeine, noscapine (narcotine), and papaverine isolated from *P. somniferum* were developed as single chemical drugs and are still clinically used. Hemisuccinate carbenoxolone sodium, a semi-synthetic derivative of glycyrrhetic acid found in licorice, is prescribed for the treatment of gastric and duodenal ulcers in various countries [10].

Historical experiences with plants as therapeutic tools have helped to introduce single chemical entities in modern medicine. Plants, especially those with ethnopharmacological uses, have been the primary sources of medicines for early drug discovery. In fact, a recent analysis by Fabricant and Farnsworth showed that the uses of 80% of 122 plant derived drugs were related to their original ethnopharmacological purposes [11]. Current drug discovery from terrestrial plants has mainly relied on bioactivity-guided isolation methods, which, for example, have led to discoveries of the important anticancer agents, paclitaxel from *Taxus brevifolia* and camptothecin from *Camptotheca acuminate* [12].

1.1.2 Examples of plant-derived compounds currently in clinical

trials

From terrestrial plant-derived secondary metabolites, several new chemical entities (Figure 1.1) are undergoing clinical trials including four that are derivatives of known anticancer drugs (camptothecin, paclitaxel, epipodophyllotoxin and vinblastine) [13]. In addition, combretastatin A4, isolated from the South African medicinal tree, Combretum caffrum (Combretaceae), was derivatized to combretastatin A4 phosphate and AVE-8062 [14, 15]. These analogs bind to tubulin leading to morphological changes and then disrupt tumor vasculature, and are in phase II trials [16, 17]. Homoharringtonine, a cephalotaxus alkaloid from the tree, Cephalotaxus harringtonia found in mainland China [18], is an inhibitor of protein synthesis and is reported to have activity against hematologic malignancies [19]. Ingenol 3-O-angelate, an analog of the polyhydroxy diterpenoid, ingenol, which was originally obtained from Euphorbiapeplus (known as "petty spurge" in England or "radium weed" in Australia), is a potential topical chemotherapeutic agent for skin cancer and exhibits its action through activation of protein kinase C [20, 21]. Phenoxodiol, a synthetic analog of daidzein, a well known isoflavone from soybean (Glycine max), is being developed as a therapy for cervical, ovarian, prostate, renal, and vaginal cancers, and induces apoptosis through inhibition of anti-apoptotic proteins including XIAP and FLIP [22]. Phenoxodiol is currently undergoing clinical studies in the United States and Australia [23]. Protopanaxadiol, a derivative of a triterpene aglycone of several saponins from ginseng (*Panax ginseng*), exhibits its apoptotic effects on cancer cells through various signaling pathways, and is also reported to be cytotoxic against multidrug resistant tumors [24, 25]. Triptolide, a diterpene triepoxide, was isolated from *Tripterygium wilfordii*, and has been used for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases in the People 's Republic of China [26]. PG490 – 88 (PG490 – 88, 14-succinyl triptolide sodium salt), a semi-synthetic analog of triptolide, exerts antiproliferative and proapoptotic activities on primary human prostatic epithelial cells as well as tumor regression of colon and lung xenografts [27].





 $R = OPO_3Na_2$ Combretastatin A4 phosphate





Figure 1.1 Plant-derived drug candidates



Figure 1.1 Plant-derived drug candidates (continued)

1.2 Mangrove plants, a potential source of bioactive metabolites

Mangroves are salt tolerant forest ecosystems found mainly in the tropical and subtropical intertidal regions of the world largely confined to the region between 30° north and south of the equator [28]. Approximately, 25% of the world's coastline is dominated by mangroves distributed in 112 countries and territories encompassing an area of 181,000 sq km worldwide [29]. These mangroves are among the most productive habitats which proliferate luxuriantly in the coastal areas and river estuaries and back water areas as a muddy substratum of varying depth and consistency is necessary for their growth. They occupy low laying areas where regular tidal inundation takes place. In total, there are 84 mangrove plant species in the world, out of which 70 species are true mangroves and 14 species are semi-mangroves [30]. Mangrove plants are usually categorized into two groups, true mangrove and semimangrove plants. The true mangrove plants are restricted to the typical intertidal mangrove habitats whereas semi-mangrove plants grow on the landward fringe mangrove habitat or in terrestrial marginal zones subjected to irregular high tides. On the other hand, there is a third group called mangrove associated plants which are salt tolerant terrestrial plants occasionally found in landward edge of mangrove habitat and are irregularly flushed by high tides [30].

Several mangrove species are used in traditional medicine or have found application as insecticides and pesticides and have recently attracted attention for pharmaceutical and other industries. These plants represent a great resource for detection of unique secondary metabolites which can supply information about the wide range of phytochemicals in nature and give knowledge about biological activities of plant compounds as antimicrobial, anticancer, antioxidant and other agents [28, 31-33]. This information might also lead to development of new medicinally useful constituents as therapeutics against certain diseases. However, the scientific information about the biological effects of mangrove plants and active substances is scarce and poorly documented. The present review contributes to increase the knowledge about chemical composition and biological activities of medicinal mangrove plants and their uses in pharmaceutical industry and traditional health care system as well.

1.2.1 Traditional uses of mangroves

Traditionally, the mangroves have been exploited for construction of dwellings, furniture, rafts, boats, fences, fishing gear, paddles, and production of tannins for dying and leather production [28]. The mangrove wood with high content of tannin is used as timber for its durability. Stems of Avicennia marina, Bruguiera cylindrica, Bruguiera parviflora, Xylocarpus granatum, and Sonneratia apetala are used for construction of houses. The pneumatophores are used to make bottle stoppers and floats. Grasses and palm leaves are used to make door mats, and mats for sails, to thatch walls and roofs [34, 35]. *Rhizophora mangle* has uses in textile industry [28]. Due to high calorific values, mangrove twigs are used for making charcoal and firewood. One ton of mangrove firewood is equivalent to 5 tons of Indian coal, and it burns producing high heat without generating smoke. Some of the mangrove plant parts are used for food purposes. Fruits of Bruguiera gymnorhiza, Phoenix paludosa, Sonneratia alba, Sonneratia caseolaris, and Terminalia catappa are used as vegetables [28, 35]. The mangrove leaves are useful contributors to the nutrient system of the mangrove environment. It is known that mangrove leaves contain sufficient amounts of minerals, vitamins and amino acids, which are essential for the growth and nourishment of marine organisms and livestock [28, 31]. The indirect use in the form of important ecological functions such as control of coastal erosion, protection of coastal land, stabilization of sediments etc. and the economic importance of mangrove plants and mangrove forests for prawn fisheries, crabs, shrimp, oysters, lobsters and fish cultivation etc.

Apart from the above uses, mangrove plants are known to possess medicinal values and have been used traditionally for ailment of various diseases by local inhabitants (Table 1.1). The rural people fully or partially depend upon the plants surrounded by them for curing various diseases. Some of these examples include treatment of headache and various type of inflammation including jelly fish sting dermatitis by extracts of *Ipomoea pescaprae*, Cigarettes prepared from the chopped stem bark of I. *pescaprae* are smoked to relieve the pain of sinusitis and in Indo-china, the leaves and young shoots are crushed, mixed with alcohol, and applied in the back in cases of lumbago and are also used to relieve rheumatic pains and in baths to treat scabies [28]. The fruit of *Xylocarpus moluccensis* is used in folk medicine in East Africa. The fruits are used as aphrodisiacs and the young fruits tasted bitter [30]. In recent, much is studied about the terrestrial medicinal plants but a little report is available regarding mangroves and mangrove associated plants.

activities			
Botanical name	Plant parts and their ethnomedicinal uses	Bioactivity test	Reference
Acanthus ilicifolius	Leaves, bark, total plant-Blood purifier, diuretic, diabetes, leprosy, paralysis, skin disease, snake bite, hepatitis, stomach pain, rheumatism	Anti- inflammatory, antiviral, analgesic, anticancer	[28, 31, 35-40]
Acrostichum aureum	Leaves-boils, wound	Biotoxicity on fingerlings of fish	[28,36]
Aegiceras corniculatum	Leaves-boil-earache; flowershoney, seeds and barks-cure for asthma, diabetes,	Antiviral, toxicity to fish	[28, 36, 41]
	rheumatism		

Table 1.1 Some of the mangrove plants, their ethnomedicinal uses and biological activities

Table 1.1 Some of the mangrove plants, their ethnomedicinal uses and biological activities (continued)

Botanical name	Plant parts and their	Bioactivity test	Reference
	ethnomedicinal uses		
Amoora cuculata	Bark, seeds-dysentry	Cytotoxicity,	[28, 42]
		antibacterial	
		activity	
Avicennia officinalis	Seed, root, bark-cure	Antiviral,	[28, 35-36, 41,
	for boils, small pox,	Biotoxicity	43-44]
	leprosy, diuretic	on fingerlings of	
		fish, diuretic,	
		leprosy	
Avicennia marina	Leaves-cure for Ulcers	Antimicrobial	F26 40 45 401
		activity,	[36, 40, 45-48]
	1 march	antitumor	
Bruguiera gymnorrhiza	Bark-astringent;	Growth hormone	[36, 44, 49]
	malaria; fruit-	tests on plants	
	astringent, treatment of		
	eye disease, Fish posion		
Bruguiera parviflora	Bark-constipation,	Antitumor	[36]
	antitumor agent		
Bruguiera sexangula	Bark-anticancer; root		[26 42 49]
ศนย	and leavesin burns	ากร	[30, 43, 48]
Cerbera manghas	Bark-purgative; fruit-		[29]
ลหาลงข	narcotic,	ทยาลัย	[28]
~ M 161 M 1	poisonous; seeds-	10 1610	
	illuminant, treatment		
	for rheumatism		
Ceriops decandra	Root, Bark-cure for	Antiviral,	[28, 41, 50]
	ulcers, hepatitis, stop	antiulcer,	
	hemorrhage	antibacterial	
Cynometra iripa	Seed-oil-skin disease	-	[28]

Botanical name	Plant parts and their	Bioactivity test	Reference
	ethnomedicinal uses		
Derris trifoliate	Total plant, bark-	Toxicity to fish	[28]
	stimulant,	Toxicity to fish	[20]
	antiseptic, fish		
	poisoning,		
	rheumatism, laxative,		
	pesticide, spasmodic		
	and counter irritant		
Excoecaria agallocha	Leaves-epilepsy, ulcers;	Antiviral,	[51-54]
	roothand and feet	antioxidant,	
	swelling, leprosy,	antimicrobial,	
	toothache, uterotonic,	antifilarial,	
	purgative, conjunctivitis	anti-HIV	
	, dermatitis, fish poison		
Heritiera fomes	Bark-healing wound	-	[28, 31, 35, 49]
0	and cuts; seeds-edible		
Heritiera littoralis	Seeds-diarrhea,	Antifungal,	[36]
	dysentery, fish toxicant	antifeedant	
Hibiscus tiliaceus	Leaves-for treating	-	[55]
ศาเย	fever, to soothe coughs,	ากร	
1,00	dysentery and ear	1110	
ลหาลงข	infections	ทยาลัย	
Kandelia candel	Bark-diabetes		[45]
Lumnitzera racemosa	Stem-itches and herpes,	Antiviral	[26 41 44 45
	asthma, diabetes, snake		[30, 41, 44-43,
	bite		40]

 Table 1.1 Some of the mangrove plants, their ethnomedicinal uses and biological activities (continued)

Botanical name	Plant parts and their	Bioactivity test	Reference
	ethnomedicinal uses		
Phoenix paludosa	Leaves, root-stomach	-	[31, 35]
	disorder, cardiac		
	trouble, rheumatism		
Rhizophora apiculata	Bark-diarrhea, nausea,	Antiviral,	[44, 52]
	vomiting, typhoid,	larvicidal,	
	hepatitis, antiseptic,	antifungal,	
	insecticide	antifeedant,	
		antimicrobial,	
	11824	anti-HIV,	
	/ Aster A	antioxidant	
Rhizophora mucronata	Bark-diabetes,	Antiviral, anti-	[[]
	hemorrhage,	HIV,	[56]
	hepatitis, ulcer	growth hormone	
		tests on plants	
Salicornia brachiata	Treat hepatitis	Antiviral activity	[28]
Sonneratia alba	Hemorrhages, piles	Toxicity against	[45]
		mosquito larvae	
Thespesia populnea	All parts-skin diseases,	Antibacterial,	[57]
ศาเย	dysentery, mirgraine,	antifertility,	
10.00	urethritis, gonorohoea,	cytotoxic	
ลหาลงข	heart disease	ทยาลัย	
Xylocarpus granatum	Bark-astringent,	Antifungal, insect	[36]
	dysentery,	antifeedant,	
	diarrhea, febrifuge,	antibacterial	
	malaria, cholera		
Xylocarpus mekongensis	Bark-astringent,	Antifeedant	[36]
	dysentery,		
	fever, malaria		

 Table 1.1 Some of the mangrove plants, their ethnomedicinal uses and biological activities (continued)

1.2.2 Bioactivity of mangrove plants

The development of pharmaceuticals begins with the identification of active principles, detailed biological assays and dosage formulations, followed by clinical studies to establish safety, efficacy and pharmacokinetic profile of the new drug. The same follows for mangrove plant therapeutic agents. The mangrove plants possess a number of biological activities such as antibacterial, antioxidant, anticancer, cytotoxic, antiproliferative, insecticidal, antimalarial, antifungal, antifeedant, antidiarrheal, central nervous system depressant, antimitotic, antileukemic and antiplasmodial activities (Table 1.1). Informations of the biological activities of the mangrove plants have been provided by a number of review and research articles [28, 30, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44].

1.2.3 Metabolites and novel chemicals from mangroves

Traditionally used medicinal mangrove plants have recently attracted the attention of the pharmaceutical and scientific communities. This has involved the isolation and identification of secondary metabolites produced by plants and their use as active principles in medicinal preparations [58]. Many of the mangrove plant secondary metabolites are constitutive, existing in healthy plants in their biologically active forms, but others occur as inactive precursors and are activated in response to tissue damage or pathogen attack [59]. Metabolites, with some novel chemical structures and which belong to a diversity of chemical classes have been characterized from mangroves and mangal associates. According to a review, about 349 metabolites have been isolated from mangrove species out of which 200 metabolites are reported exclusively from true mangrove plants [30]. Aliphatic alcohols and acids, alkaloids, carotenoids, amino acids, hydrocarbons, lipids, pheromones, phorbol esters, phenolics and related compounds, steroids, triterpenes, tannins, other terpenes and related compounds are some of the important chemical classes. Chemicals such as amino acids, carbohydrates and proteins are the products of primary metabolism and are vital for the maintenance of life processes, while others likephenolics, steroids, alkaloids, terpenoids are the products of secondary metabolism and have toxicological, pharmacological and ecological importance [31].

In 1913, for the first time Bournot characterized lapachol from the wood of the Indian and West African *Avicennia lomentosa*. Then in 1959, Rao and Bose isolated a triterpene named genin-A from the bark of the Indian *Aegiceras corniculatum*. In 1965, Taylor obtained a limonoid named gedunin from the timber of African *X. granatum*. Recently, the antifungal property of gedunin was found by Sundarasiva Rao and his coworkers. Similarly, the anti-allergic activity of gedunin has also been reported [30].

From 1970 to 2000, Australian, Indian and Japanese scientists investigated novel compounds from some mangrove plants like *Acanthus ilicifolius*, *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza*, *Heritiera littoralis* and *Excoecaria agallocha* [30, 60-61], the details of which are discussed subsequently. All parts of the plant *Pongamia pinnata*, a mangrove associate, are used as a crude drug for the treatment of tumors, piles, skin diseases, wounds and ulcers. It is a rich source of flavonoids and related compounds [28, 44]. *Sesuvium portulacastrum*, a salt marsh halophyte, is a rich source of amino acids. The fruit of *Sonneratia acida* is used as poultice in swelling and sprains [28].

Researchers have isolated a variety of other mangrove compounds including taraxerol, careaborin and taraxeryl *cis-p*-hydroxycinnamate from leaves of Rhizophora apiculata [44, 48]; 2-nitro-4-(2'-nitroethenyl phenol) from leaves of S. acida; alkanes (46.7-97.9% wax) and triterpenoids (53.3% wax) from leaves of Rhizophora species; and iridoid glycosides from leaves of Avicennia officinalis and A. germinans [41, 44]. Metabolites belong to diterpenoids such as seven labdanes, viz. rhizophorin-A, ent-(13S)-2,3-seco-14-labden-2,8-olide-3-oic acid, ribenone, ent-16hydroxy-3-oxo-13-epi-manoyl oxide, ent-15-hydroxy-labda-8,13E-dien-3-one, ent-3a,15 dihydroxylabda-8,13E-diene, excoecarin A, and an *ent*-beyerane, rhizophorin-B were identified from the roots of the Indian A. officinalis. A number of compounds such as a flavonone, a monoterpene, a sterol glucoside, two phenolic acids, three alkaloids, five protolimonoids, and 83 limonoids, have been reported from the stem bark, timber, fruits, and seeds of X. moluccensis and X. granatum. Three limonoids of the gedunin group, gedunin, 7-oxogedunin and 1a-hydroxy-1,2-dihydrogedunin, were isolated from the genus *Xylocarpus.* Gymnorrhizol, a potent proteintyrosinephosphatase 1B inhibitor, was identified from the stems and leaves of

B. gymnorrhiza. Fifteen naphthoquinones were reported from *A. marina*, *A. alba* and *A. officinalis*. They possess strong antiproliferative activity against L-929 mouse fibroblast. Xylogranatins F, G and R, limonoids identified from the seeds of *X. granatum*, exhibited marked antifeedant activity against the third instar larvae of *Mythimna separata* (Walker), a pest to wheat in the north of China [30].

1.2.4 Drug discovery and potential application of mangrove plants

Research in drug discovery from plant species involves a multifaceted approach combining botanical, phytochemical, biological and molecular techniques. Medicinal drug discovery continues to provide new and important leads against various pharmacological targets including microbial infections, cancer, HIV etc. The first major step in the development of a phytomedicine is to prepare a therapeutically valuable extracts. Then, the extracts are fractionated by sequential solvent extraction and column chromatography techniques to obtain an active fraction. The active fractions are then tested for their bioactivity and the structure elucidation of the compounds showing promising results are done by liquid chromatography and mass spectroscopy (LCMS), nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) techniques etc. The isolated compounds are tested using animal models to find out their efficacy and then these novel compounds are subjected to clinical trials (Phase 1, 2, and 3) using human models leading to the development of a new drug [62].

Mangroves are biochemically unique, producing a wide array of novel natural products. They are the rich source of phytochemicals and possess various biological activities which lead to discovery of herbal drugs and semi-synthetic drugs. Many of the compounds isolated from mangrove plants show pharmacological activities and are helpful for the invention and discovery of drugs, primarily for deadly diseases like cancer, acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS), arthritis, etc., while other compounds have been developed as analgesics or to treat inflammation, etc. Many of the bioactive compounds with novel chemical structures are isolated from mangrove plants; however, a few of them with novel isolated compounds have been tested for drug discovery with clinical trials. *Rhizophora mangla* has clinical use in the control of diabetes [28]. Many clinical trials have been carried out on *E. agallocha* plant extracts and some of its isolated compounds showed

potent as anti-HIV, anticancer and antiviral agents [53]. Some of the mangrove species such as *B. sexangula*, *A. Africana* etc. have been tested for curing cancer and tumors [37].

Mangroves with unique biochemicals like polyphenols, flavonoids and tannins have potential commercial applications. For example, mangrove extracts kill larvae of the mosquitos viz. *Anopheles stephensi*, *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*, *Aedes aegypti*, and *Culex quinquefasciatus*. A pyrethrin-like compound in stilt roots of *R. apiculata* shows strong mosquito larvicidal activity. Smoke from burned extracts repels and kills both *A. aegypti* and *C. quinquefasciatus* and extracts can also be applied directly on human skin to repel adult *A. aegypti*. Phenols and flavonoids in mangrove leaves serve as UV-screening compounds. Hence, mangroves tolerate solar-UV radiation and create a UV-free, under-canopy environment [53].

1.3 Limonoids

Limonoids are of moderate polarity, insoluble in water and hexane but soluble in hydrocarbons, alcohol and ketone; they are mostly bitter in taste and account for the scent of fresh peels of citrus fruits. Limonoids are present in neutral (noncarboxylated/aglycone) as well as acidic (carboxylated/glucoside) forms, the former are insoluble and bitter while latter are soluble and tasteless. Chemically they are highly oxygenated triterpenes, classed as tetranorterpenoids. They present, perhaps the most extreme examples of oxidation of triterpenes in nature [63].

Although hundreds of limonoids have been isolated from various plants but, their occurrence in the plant kingdom is confined to only plant families of order Rutales and that too more abundantly in Meliaceae and Rutaceae, and less frequently in Cneoraceae and *Harrisonia* sp. of Simaroubaceae. The limonoids occurring in Meliaceae are also known as meliacins. Out of over 300 limonoids known today, about one-third is accounted by neem (*Azadirachta indica*) and Chinaberry (*Melia azedarach*) alone [63].

Citrus fruits and its closely related genera contain about 36 limonoid aglycones and 17 limonoid glucosides. Citrus limonoids and their glucosides, the water-soluble triterpenoid compounds that occur naturally in citrus fruit and citrus juice in amounts comparable to vitamin C, can be reclaimed from citrus processing and citrus seeds as by-products in large quantities. Limonin glucoside is the most abundant of the limonoid glucosides in citrus. *Azadirachta indica* (Neem tree) a species of meliaceae family is a storehouse of limonoids containing more than hundred different limonoids and their derivatives in its different plant parts. Other important sources of limonoids in meliaceae family are *Cedrela* sp., *Khaya* sp., *Melia azedarach*, *Sandoricum koetjape*, *Swietenia mahogany*, *Trichilia* sp. and. *Xylocarpus granatum* [63].



Limonin

Figure 1.2 Citrus limonoid (limonin)

1.3.1 Chemistry and biosynthesis of limonoids

Limonoids, which have been found only plants of the order Rutales, are triterpene derivatives from a precursor with a 4,4,8-trimetyl-17-furanylsteroid skeleton. All naturally occurring limonoids contain a furan ring attached to the D-ring, at C-17, as well as oxygen containing function group at C-3, C-4, C-16 and C-17 [64].

The biosynthesis of limonoids shows that limonoids are synthesized via terpenoid biosynthetic pathway, starting with cyclization of squalene (Figure 1.3), which result into a tetracyclic ion, euphane and tirullane (Figure 1.4), two chemically corresponding compounds may be the ultimate biogenetic precursors. Oxidative degradation at the C-17 side chain of either of these nucleus result in loss of four carbon atoms and formation of β -substitued furan, further oxidation and skeletal rearrangements in one or more of the four rings, which are designated as A, B, C and D (Figure 1.2), give rise to different groups of limonoids as shown in Figure 1.5. However, the oxidations are either epoxidations of double or Baeyer Villiger attacks

on ketones and all of the type to be expected from a biological peracid equivalent, presumably a peroxidase [65].



Figure 1.3 Squalene epoxide leading to different intermediate triterpene cations



Euphane

Tirucallane

Figure 1.4 Proposed precursors of limonoids



Figure 1.5 Example of limonoids showing different degree of oxidation and skeleton arrangement





Highly cleaved limonoid

Highly modified limonoid



Ring A-seco limonoid









Ring-D-lactone-limonoid

Ring-C-seco limonoid

Figure 1.5 Example of limonoids showing different degree of oxidation and skeleton arrangement (continued)




Gamma-lactone side chain limonoid

Mexicanolide





Phragmalin

Trijugin-type-limonoid

Figure 1.5 Example of limonoids showing different degree of oxidation and skeleton arrangement (continued)





Scheme 1.1 Biosynthetic pathway leading to the formation of a simple limonoid [66]



Scheme 1.2 Major biosynthetic routes of limonoids [66]



Scheme 1.3 Proposal biosynthethic pathway to 8,9,30-phragmalin ortho esters from mexicarnolide [67]



1.3.2 Pharmacolgical activities of limonoids

Anti-cancer Activity. Many experimental evidences have revealed that limonoids present in citrus fruits and their juice have cancer chemopreventive property, have been shown to inhibit the growth of estrogen receptor- negative and positive human breast cancer cells in culture, and have been found to target and stop neuroblastoma cells [68]. Hesperidin, other flavonoids, limonin, 17β -Dglucopyranoside, and other limonoid glucosides are potential chemopreventive agents in orange juice that could account for the decreased colon tumor-genesis associated with feeding orange juice. Significant cytotoxic activity has also been exhibited by limonoids isolated from *Melia azedarach* [69], *Melia toosendan* and azadirachtin A [70].

The citrus limonoids, obacunone, limonin, nomilin and their glucosides, and some aglycones inhibit chemically induced carcinogenesis and a series of human cancer cell lines, with remarkable cytotoxicity against lung, colon, oral and skin cancer in animal test system and human breast cancer cells. Obacunone was found to enhance the cytotoxicity of vincristine against L1210 cells by approximately 10-fold. Further, it was found that the cytotoxicity of other microtubule inhibitors such as vinblastine and taxol in drugsensitive KB-3-1 cells as well as in multidrug-resistant KB-V1 cells was enhanced greatly in the presence of obacunone [71]. Pure limonin glucoside and limonin, its water insoluble relative lacking glucose, have been found to possess significant anti-tumor properties in animal tests and with human cells [72]. All these studies have reported the lack of toxicity of the limonoids in mammals and also have presented their modifying effect on the development of aberrant crypt foci, as well as ability of these compounds to induce specific carcinogen-metabolizing enzymes, glutathione Stransferace and quinine reductase in the liver and mucosa of the small intestine to detoxify chemical carcinogenesis. Studies show that the activity of phase II enzyme glutathione-Stransferase in the liver of the rats, fed diets containing limonin and nomilin, increased significantly in dose dependent manner. While simultaneously the limonoids, nomilin and limonin, were found to have no significant affect on the phase I enzyme Cytochrome P450. A dose dependent increase in small intestinal GST activity was also observed in nomilin fed animals, whereas some citrus limonoids were able to inhibit the development of 7,12dimethylbenz[*a*]anthracene-induced oral tumors. The data from these studies have suggested that certain rings in the limonoid nucleus may be critical to antineoplastic activity. Nutritional research on health benefits of chemicals present in plant foods advocate that citrus limonoids possess substantial anticancer activity and they are also free of any toxic effects in animal models [68].

Anti-malarial Activity. Gedunin, nimbin, nimbolide and many more limonoids isolated from *Azadirachta indica*, *Cedrela odorata*, *Guarea mltiflora* and *Khaya grandifoliola* have been identified for their *in-vitro* antimalarial activity on *Plasmodium falciparum* [73]. Gedunin was found to be most effective, against *P*. *falciperum*, out of several limonoids isolated from *Khaya grandifoliola* and it also exhibited additive effect in combination with chloroquine [74]. Furthermore, novel antimalarial limonoids were isolated following a veterinary and self-medicative behavioral survey of wild chimpanzees in Uganda, from leaves of *Trichilia rubescens* [75].

Anti-microbial Activity. Germano *et al.*, 2005 have recently reported the presence of limonoids in Trichilia *emetica*, which can be considered responsible for activity against many clinically, isolated bacterial strains. Limonoids obtained from some *Khaya* species, showed good antibacterial and antifungal activity [76]. In another study limonoids from several plants belonging to meliaceae as well as rutaceae family were reported to have significant antifungal activity [77].

Anti-HIV Activity. Limonin and nomilin have shown to inhibit the replication of HIV-1 in a number of cellular systems. A novel limonoid isolated from *Clausena excavate* have also shown HIV-1 inhibitory activity [78].

1.4 Plants belonging to the genus Xylocarpus

The genus *Xylocarpus* belongs to the order Geraniales of the family Meliaceae [79]. The family meliaceae comprises of the 50 genera including *Xylocarpus* and 1400 other species distributed all over the world [80]. Plants in the genus *Xylocarpus* are distributed in the coastal regions of India, Ceylon, Burma and Malaya [81]. It was reported that the genus of mangrove *Xylocarpus* has six species, *X. gangeticus, X. granatum, X. mekongensis, X. minor, X. moluccensis*, and *X.* *parvifolius*. However, *X. gangeticus*, *X. mekongensis* and *X. moluccensis* may be the same species, though they were given three different names. The taxonomy and nomenclature of these species still need to be clarified in the future. In addition, the genus *Xylocarpus* is reported to contain a special class of bitter substances termed as "Limonoids".

Genus *Xylocarpus* is reported to have compounds belonging to some of the above-mentioned groups of limonoids from its different species. The classes of limonoids which have been isolated from this genus are as follows:

Gedunin group (Ring D opened)Andirobin group (ring B and D opened)Mexicanolide group (modified ring B opened and recyclised)Phragmalin group (modified, ring B opened and recyclised)Obacunol group (Rings A and D opened)

1.4.1 Medicinal uses of genus Xylocarpus

All the species of *Xylocarpus* have similar medicinal uses. All parts are used as astringent [79], but the bark and root are more widely used. The bark is also used in dysentery, diarrhoea, and other abdominal troubles and febrifuge [81]. Seed ash is mixed with sulphur and coconut oil and applied as ointment for itch [81]. The root is used to treat cholera, from Burma to Phillipines. Traditionally, the bark pressings of *X. granatum* are used in the treatment of cholera, fever and malaria and that of *X. moluccensis* is used in cholera and fever [31]. The fruits of *X. moluccensis* are also used as an aphrodisiac [31]. The kernels are used in tonics and in relieving colic. The seeds or peels of the fruits are utilized to poultice swellings of the breast and in elephantiasis.

Various biological activities of the extracts and compounds from the genus *Xylocarpus* have been reported. Antidiarrhoeal activity of methanol extract of the barks of *X. moluccensis* in castor oil and magnesium sulphate have been studied in 2005 [82], and antibacterial activity of the extract of *X. granatum* has also been reported in the same year by Choudhary and coworkers [83]. The extract is reported to inhibit the growth of six virulent strains of bacteria pathogenic to fish including

Edwradsiella tarda, *Vibrio alginolyticus*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Acromonas hydrophila*. Gedunin, a limonoid from *X. granatum* showed significant *in vitro* antimalarial activity but poor *in vivo* activity. Another compound from *X. granatum*, *N*-Methylflindersine displayed antifeedant, insect repellant, antimicrobial, antiyeast and antifungal activities. Xyloccensins Q-V from *X. granatum* have also been reported to have antifeedant activity [84].

1.4.2 General characteristics of Xylocarpus moluccensis Roem.

Taxonomy of *Xylocarpus moluccensis* Roem. is categorized as Kingdom : Plantae Division : Tracheophyta Class : Magnoliopsida Order : Rutales Family : Meliaceae Genus : *Xylocarpus* Species : *Xylocarpus moluccensis* Roem.

Medium-sized crooked much-branched evergreen tree up to 10 m. tall (taller elsewhere); bark smooth and yellowish, or brown and green and flaking; surface roots laterally compressed and forming a spreading network of ribbon-like pneumatophores with the upper edges protruding above the mud and suggesting a mass of snakes. Leaves paripinnate, drying orange-brown; petiole and rhachis up to 8.5 cm. long, glabrous; leaflets up to $12 \times 5 \text{ cm}$., usually much smaller, opposite, 1-2 (3)-jugate, elliptic, oblong-elliptic or obovate-elliptic, apex usually rounded, rarely obtuse or emarginate, base narrowly or broadly cuneate, glabrous, coriaceous, venation prominent on both sides; petiolules 2–5 mm. long. Flowers whitish or pale pink, in lax racemes of (2) 3-flowered cymes; peduncle plus rhachis 4–7 cm. long; bracts minute, usually caducous. Calyx about 3 mm. long, glabrous, lobed to the middle, lobes rounded. Petals 5– $6.5 \times 2.5 \text{ mm}$., glabrous. Staminal tube 4–5 mm. long, glabrous. Ovary less than 1 mm. in diam.; style 1.5 mm. long; disk fused to the lower half of the ovary. Fruit large, up to 20 cm. in diam., obscurely 4-sulcate. Seeds 4–8 cm. long. The picture of *X. moluccensis* is shown in Figure 1.6. [85]



Figure 1.6 The picture of X. moluccensis

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1.4.3 Previous study of limonoids of Xylocarpus moluccensis Roem.

In 1983, Taylor and coworkers reported three new limonoids, xyloccensins G-I, isolated from the timber of the *X. moluccensis* [86].



Figure 1.7 Structures of xyloccensins G-I

In 2009, Li and coworkers isolated seven new phragmalins, named moluccensins A-G, from the seeds of an Indian mangrove, *X. moluccensis* [87].



Figure 1.8 Structures of moluccensins A-G

In 2010, Pudhom and coworkers reported three new phragmalin limonoids, moluccensins H-J, obtained from seed kernels of the cedar mangrove, X. *Moluccensis*. Moluccensin I displayed weak antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus hominis* and *Enterococcus faecalis* [88].



Figure 1.9 Structures of moluccensins H-J

In 2010, Wu and coworkers found six new phragmalins, moluccensins H-M, two new andirobin-type limonoids, moluccensins N and O, and two new tirucallane derivatives, moluccensins P and Q, from seeds of an Indian mangrove, *X*. *Moluccensis*. Moluccensins H and I showed moderate insecticidal activity against the fifth instar larvae of *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro) at a concentration of 100 mg/L [89].



Moluccensin H $R^1 = A R^2 = H R^3 = B$ Moluccensin I $R^1 = B R^2 = H R^3 = A$

Moluccensin K $R^1 = A$ $R^2 = B$ $R^3 = H$ Moluccensin L $R^1 = B$ $R^2 = H$ $R^3 = B$

Figure 1.10 Structures of moluccensins H-Q



Figure 1.10 Structures of moluccensins H-Q (continued)

In 2010 Zhang and coworkers reported two new mexicanolides, named xylomexicanolides A and B, isolated from the seeds of an Indian mangrove, *X. moluccensis*, together with four known limonoids, Khayasin, angolensic acid methyl ester, Khayasin T, and 2'S-methylbutanoylproceranolide. Khayasin was found to exhibit marked insecticidal activity against the fifth instar larvae of *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro) at a concentration of 10 mg/L [90].



Figure 1.11 Structures of xylomexicanolides A-B and khayasin

According to the study on limonoid constituents of *X. moluccensis* collected from various areas, it was found that the ecological system in each area has much effect on structures of limonoids found in this plant. This prompted us to investigate limonoids of the seed kernels of *X. moluccensis* collected from a mangrove area in Phuket province. It is because there are very few reports of limonoids from Thai *Xylocarpus* sp., particularly *X. moluccensis* in southern area. Moreover, biological activity of isolated limonoids would be evaluated.

- 1. To extract, isolate and purify limonoid constituents of the seed kernels of *X*. *moluccensis* collected from Phuket province.
- 2. To identify the structures of the isolated limonoids by spectroscopic techniques.
- 3. To study biological activity of pure compounds such as anti-inflammatory, antibacterial and anticancer activities.

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CHAPTER II

EXPERIMENTS

2.1 General experimental Procedures

2.1.1 Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer (FT-IR)

The FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 1760X Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer. Each solid sample was formally examined by incorporating sample with potassium bromide (KBr) to form a pellet.

2.1.2 Mass spectrometer (MS)

HRESIMS spectra were obtained with a Bruker micrOTOF

2.1.3 Nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer

The NMR spectra were recorded in chloroform-*d* (CDCl₃) using a Bruker AV400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H NMR and at 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR using TMS (tetramethylsilane) as internal standard.

2.1.4 Optical rotation

Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 341 polarimeter at 589 nm.

2.1.5 Single-crystal X-ray crystallography

A colorless crystal of compounds **4** and **9** were obtained in EtOAc-nhexane. Crystals data were obtained on a Bruker APEX II system diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and operating in the ω scan mode. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97) and refined using full-matrix least-squares difference Fourier techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and all hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined as riding atoms with the relative isotropic parameters. Crystallographic data for compounds **4** and **9** have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre with the deposition number CCDC 743509. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [fax: +44(0)-1233-336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

2.1.6 Ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer (UV-Vis)

UV data were recorded on a CARY 50 Probe UV-visble spectrophotometer.

2.1.7 Melting point

Melting points were recorded on a Fisher-Johns melting point apparatus.

2.2 Chemicals

All commercial grade solvents used for extraction and isolation were distilled prior to use. Deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) was utilized as a solvent for NMR experiments.

Merck's silica gel 60 No. 7734 and No.9385 were used as adsorbents for open column chromatography.

Merck's Thin layer chromatography (TLC) aluminum and glass sheets, silica gel 60 F_{254} precoated 25 sheets, 20×20 layer thickness 0.2 mm were used for TLC analysis. Detection was visualized under ultraviolet light at wavelengths of 254 and 356 nm and dipped with (NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄ solution in 5% H₂SO₄/EtOH.

2.3 Plant material

Fruits of *X. moluccensis* were collected from Phuket Province, Thailand, in December 2009. Plant materials were identified by Royal Forest Department, Bangkok, Thailand.

2.4 Extraction and Isolation

Air-dried powdered seed kernels of *X. moluccensis* (3 kg) were extracted with MeOH ($5L \times 2$ each for three days). The extract was concentrated under

reduced pressure, followed by suspension in water and extraction with EtOAc. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield EtOAc crude extract (235g). The extraction procedure is depicted in Scheme 2.1.



Scheme 2.1 The extraction procedure of *X. moluccensis* seed kernels.

The resulting EtOAc crude extract was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluted with a gradient of acetone-n-hexane (10-100%) to yield 12 fractions (A-L). Fraction G (2.8 g) was then applied to a silica gel column and eluted with a gradient of acetone-n-hexane (20-50%) to afford 12 subfractions (G1-G12). Subfraction (G4) was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (acetone-n-hexane, 20%) and recrystallized from EtOAc-n-hexane (1:1) to afford compound **4**, 15 mg. Subfraction G8 (800 mg) was then subjected to silica gel column eluted with a gradient of acetone-CH₂Cl₂ (20-70%) to yield compound **8** (20 mg), compound **5** (40 mg) and additional five fractions, G8.1-G8.5. Fraction G8.3 (148 mg) was separated on a silica gel column using a 1:99 mixture of MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent to furnish compound **2** (17.2 mg) and compound **9** (5.3 mg). The isolation of Fraction G is described in Scheme 2.2.

As shown in Scheme 2.3, Fraction H (57 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography eluted with a gradient of MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ (2.5-5%) to afford

13 subfractions, H1-H13. Subfraction H2 (10 g) was rechromatographed on a silica gel column, eluted with a gradient of MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ (1-5%), to obtain nine fractions (H2.1-H2.9). Fraction H2.3 (345 mg) was then subjected to silica gel column chromatography using the same solvent system (MeOH-CH₂Cl₂, 1-5%) to yield compound **1** (18.8 mg) and compound **3** (35 mg), while Fraction H2.5 (547 mg) gave compound **10** (5.7 mg) after purification on a silica gel column utilizing acetone-nhexane (1:9) as an eluent. Fraction H2.8 (40 mg) was rechromatographed on a silica gel column, eluted with a 1:9 mixture of acetone-CH₂Cl₂ to afford compound **11** (7.6 mg). Subsequently, Fraction H8 (850 mg) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography eluted with acetone-nhexane (1:9) to give compound **6** (12.7 mg) and compound **7** (4.8 mg).





Scheme 2.2 The isolation from fraction G of EtOAc extract of *X.moluccensis* seed kernels.



Scheme 2.3 The isolation from fraction H of EtOAc extract of *X.moluccensis* seed kernels.

2.5 Evaluation of biological activity

2.5.1 Nitric oxide inhibitory assay

Macrophage cell line RAW264.7 (ATCC TIB-71) were pretreated with compounds or vehicle control (DMSO) for 1 h before addition of lipopolysaccharide from *Escherichia coli* (100 ng/mL) and recombinant interferon gamma (10 ng/mL) to stimulate marophage. Cells were incubated further for 24 h and the culture supernants were collected. To determine the amount of nitric oxide produced, Griess reaction assay was performed. Percent of inhibition of nitric oxide production was calculated using data obtained from Griess reaction.

2.5.2 Toxicity assay

RAW264.7 cells were treated with various concentrations of tested compounds or vehicle control (DMSO) for 20 h. MTT were added to each well and cells were further incubated for another 4 h. Isopropanol was added to dissolve formazan crystal and the absorbance was measured at 540 nm. Cells incubated with DMSO were used as positive control.

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CHAPTER III

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Isolated compounds from the seed kernels of X. moluccensis Roem.

In the present study, two new phragmalin-type limonoids, xylomoluccensin B (10) and xylomoluccesin C (11), and a new andirobin-type limonoid, xylomoluccensin A (9), were isolated from the EtOAc extract of the seed kernels of *X.moluccensis*, along with eight known compounds. Known limonoids were determined to be mexicanolide (1), 3β -deacetylfissinolide (2), 2-hydroxyfissinolide (3), 7-deacetylgedunin (4), 7-oxo-7-deacetoxygedunin (5), moluccensin H (6), moluccensin I (7) and xyloccensin E (8) by analysis of NMR spectroscopic data and by comparison of their data with those reported in literature. In the case of novel compounds (9-11), their structures were established on the basis of spectroscopic methods, particularly NMR and MS, as well as single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The structures of isolated compounds are shown in Figure 3.1.



Figure 3.1 The chemical structures of isolated compounds from X. moluccensis



Figure 3.1 The chemical structures of isolated compounds from *X. moluccensis* (continued)

3.2 Structure elucidation of isolated compounds

3.2.1 Structure elucidation of compound 1



Figure 3.2 Compound 1

Molecular formula	$C_{27}H_{32}O_7$
Appearance	White amorphous solid
m.p.	210-212 °C
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	-62 (<i>c</i> 0.1, MeOH)
UV (MeOH) λ _{max} (logε)	285 nm (2.71)
IR (KBr)	3443, 3143, 2969, 1734, 1704,
	1465, 1382, 1304, 1247, 1182,
	1130 and 1021 cm^{-1}
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.1

Compound **1** was isolated as a white amorphous solid, with molecular formula $C_{27}H_{32}O_7$, indicating 12 degrees of unsaturation. The ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 3.1) displayed typical signals for a β -substituted furanyl ring (δ_H 6.49, 7.40 and 7.57), four tertiary methyls (δ_H 0.87, 0.99, 1.00 and 1.24), and one methoxy group (δ_H 3.72). In the ¹³C NMR spectrum, 27 nonequivalent carbon resonances were observed, indicating four carbonyl carbons (δ_C 168.9, 173.6 211.0 and 212.9), six olefinic carbons (δ_C 109.9, 120.4, 125.3, 133.9, 141.6 and 142.8) and five methyl carbons (δ_C 17.4, 17.9, 18.0, 21.9 and 52.2). The remaining carbons were assigned to five methylenes, four methines, and three quaternary carbons, based on the results of an HSQC experiment. These NMR data indicated that seven of the 12 units of unsaturation come from three carbon-carbon double bonds and four carbonyls. Therefore, the remaining five degrees required **1** to comprise a tetracyclic core. The data from decouplings and the subsequent 2D NMR studies (HMBC and HSQC) suggested that **1** was a mexicanolide-type limonoid.

Analysis of the 2D NMR spectra, especially the HMBC data, confirmed **1** being a mexicanolide-type limonoid and allowed the assignment of most of the function groups. In the HMBC spectrum (Figure 3.3), the key correlations between OMe/C-7, H₂-6/C-7 and H-5/C-6 enabled the methoxy group to be placed at C-7 and a typical C-6–C-7 appendage of a mexicanolide-type limonoid to be linked at C-5. The HMBC correlations from H₃-28, H₃-29, H-5 and H₂ to C-3 supported the location of a ketone group at C-3, and observed correlations from H-2 and H₃-19 to C-1 indicated the presence of an additional ketone group at C-1. The presence of $\Delta^{8,14}$ double bond was indicated by the HMBC correlations from H₂-30 to C-2, C-8, C-9 and C-14, as well as from methylene proton, H₂-15 to C-14 and C-16. Thus, the structure of compound **1** was elucidated as shown and assigned as mexicanolide. This could also be confirmed by comparison of ¹³C NMR data of **1** with those reported of mexicanolide as shown in Table 3.1 [91].



Figure 3.3 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 1

	Mexicanolide	Compound 1	
Positions	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1	212.7		212.9
2	58.0	3.24 (m, 1H)	58.0
3	210.9		211.0
4	49.4		49.4
5*	50.5	2.75 (m, 1H)	40.2
6	32.3	2.49 (m, 2H)	32.3
7	173.5		173.6
8*	133.8		125.3
9*	40.2	2.10 (m, 1H)	50.5
10	54. <mark>3</mark>		54.3
11	18. <mark>6</mark>	1.87 (m, 2H)	18.6
12	28.8	1.86 (m, 1H)	28.8
		1.33 (m, 1H)	
13	37 <mark>.8</mark>		38.0
14*	125.3		133.9
15	32.9	3.53 (d, <i>J</i> = 21.2 Hz, 1H)	33.0
		3.48(d, J= 21.1 Hz, 1H)	
16	169.7		169.8
17	80.6	5.26 (s, 1H)	80.7
18	17.8	1.00 (s, 3H)	17.4
19	17.8	1.24 (s, 3H)	17.9
20	120.7		120.4
21	142.7	7.57 (s, 1H)	141.6
22	109.8	6.49 (s, 1H)	109.9
23	141.5	7.40 (s, 1H)	142.8
28	21.9	0.99 (s, 3H)	21.9
29	17.4	0.87 (s, 3H)	18.0
30	36.4	3.20 (m, 1H)	36.5
		2.30 (m, 1H)	
3-OH			
7-OMe	52.1	3.72 (s, 3H)	52.2

 Table 3.1 The NMR data of compound 1 and mexicanolide

*revised data based on HMBC correlations

3.2.2 Structure elucidation of compound 2



Figure 3.4 Compound 2

$C_{27}H_{34}O_{7}$
White amorphous solid
238-242 °C
-53 (c 0.1, MeOH)
283 nm (2.39)
3456, 3134, 2943, 2878, 1726,
1460, 1378, 1252 and 1169 cm^{-1}
See Table 3.2

Compound 2, obtained as a white amorphous solid, displayed a molecular formula of $C_{27}H_{34}O_7$. The IR absorptions at 3456 and 1726 cm⁻¹ were indicative of the presence of hydroxyl and carbonyl groups, respectively. The NMR data of 2 (Table 3.2) also displayed characteristic signals associated with a mexicanolide limonoid, including a β -furanyl ring [δ_H 6.48 s, 7.37 s, 7.55 s; δ_C 110.0 CH, 120.7 qC, 141.7 CH, 142.6 CH], a methoxycarbonyl group [δ_H 3.68 s; δ_C 52.0 CH₃, 174.3 qC], and four tertiary methyls [δ_H 0.71 s, 0.79, s, 1.01 s, 1.11 s; δ_C 20.1, 23.8, 17.5, 16.9]. Moreover, the NMR data of 2 was closely related to those of 1, with the only difference being the presence of a hydroxyl group at C-3 in 2 instead of the ketone group of 1. This was confirmed by ¹H-¹H COSY correlation of –CH-3–CH-2–CH₂-30– fragment and HMBC correlations of H-3/C-2, H-3/C-4, H₃-29/C-3 and H-3/C-28 as shown in Figure 3.5. Therefore, the structure of 2 was elucidated as 3β -deacetylfissinolide which has been reported by Kadota *et al* in 1990 [92]. Comparison

of ¹³C NMR data between both compounds (Table 3.2) also clarified that compound **2** is 3β -deacetylfissinolide.



Figure 3.5 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 2



	3β -deacetylfissinolide	Compound 2	
Positions	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1	220.0		220.1
2	50.1	3.04 (m, 1H)	50.1
3	77.2	5.00 (s, 1H)	77.1
4	39.3		39.3
5	39.3	3.23 (dd, <i>J</i> = 2.8, 10.4 Hz,1H)	39.2
6	33.5	2.35 (m, 2H)	33.5
7	174.3		174.3
8	128.2		128.2
9	51.7	1.96 (m, 1H)	51.7
10	53.6		53.6
11	18.7	1.76 (m, 2H)	18.7
12	<mark>28.5</mark>	1.78 (m, 1H)	28.5
		1.01 (m, 1H)	
13	37.8		37.8
14	131.2		131.1
15	33.0	4.07 (d, <i>J</i> = 21.2 Hz, 1H)	33.0
		3.46 (d, <i>J</i> = 21.2 Hz, 1H)	
16	171.7		171.7
17	80.2	5.58 (s, 1H)	80.2
18	17.5	1.01 (s, 3H)	17.5
19	16.9	1.11 (s, 3H)	16.9
20	120.7		120.7
21	141.7	7.55 (s, 1H)	141.7
22	110.0	6.48 (s, 1H)	110.0
23	142.6	─ 7.37 (s, 1H)	142.6
28	20.1	0.71 (s, 3H)	20.1
29	23.9	0.79 (s, 3H)	23.8
30	33.3	1.96 (m, 2H)	33.3
3-OH			
7-OMe	53.4	3.68 (s, 3H)	52.0

Table 3.2 The NMR data of compound **2** and 3β -deacetylfissinolide

3.2.3 Structure elucidation of compound 3



Figure 3.6 Compound 3

Molecular formula	$C_{29}H_{36}O_{9}$
Appearance	White amorphous solid
m.p.	196-198 °C
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	-74 (c 0.1, MeOH)
UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε)	296 nm (2.02)
IR (KBr)	3469, 3134, 2956, 1734, 1443,
	1373, 1226, 1056 and 1021 cm^{-1}
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.3

Compound **3**, a white, amorphous solid, showed a molecular formula $C_{29}H_{36}O_9$. An analysis of the NMR data of **3** (Table 3.3) revealed its structure to be closely related to that of **2**. The obvious difference was the appearance of the acetoxy signals (δ_H 2.14, 3H, s; δ_C 169.5 qC, 21.0 CH₃) and an additional oxygenated quaternary carbon at δ_C 77.9. Observed HMBC correlation between H-3 at δ_H 5.00 and carbonyl carbon of acetyl group at δ_C 169.5 gave evidence of acetoxy group being attached at C-3, whereas oxygenated quaternary carbon at δ_C 77.9, showing HMBC cross-peaks with H-3 and H-30, was assigned to be C-2 (Figure 3.7). Compound **3** was thus determined as 2-hydroxyfissinolide [91]. Also, it was confirmed by comparing the NMR data of **3** with those reported of 2-hydroxyfissinolide as shown in Table 3.3.



Figure 3.7 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 3



	2-hydroxyfissinolide	Compound 3	
Positions	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1	217.4		217.9
2	78.0		77.9
3	85.7	5.00 (s, 1H)	85.4
4	39.0		38.7
5*	52.2	3.05 (m, 1H)	40.6
6	33.3	2.31 (m, 1H)	33.0
		2.30 (m, 1H)	
7	174.0		173.9
8*	133.0		125.6
9*	40.9	1.97 (m, 1H)	51.9
10	52.2		51.8
11	18.8	1.95 (m, 1H)	18.5
		1.73 (m, 1H)	
12	<mark>29.2</mark>	1.71 (m, 1H)	28.9
		1.07 (m, 1H)	
13	38.3		38.0
14*	12 <mark>5.</mark> 7		132.8
15	33.5	3.79 (d, <i>J</i> = 20.8 Hz, 1H)	33.2
		3.43 (d, <i>J</i> = 19.6 Hz, 1H)	
16	169.9		169.8
17	80.6	5.61 (s, 1H)	80.4
18	18.1	1.01 (s, 3H)	17.7
19	16.8	1.18 (s, 3H)	16.6
20	120.5		120.4
21	141.8	7.49 (s, 1H)	141.5
22	109.8	6.40 (s, 1H)	109.7
23	141.8	7.43 (s, 1H)	142.7
28	22.7	0.63 (s, 3H)	22.5
29	19.9	0.70 (s, 3H)	19.6
30	44.2	3.18 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.4 Hz, 1H)	43.9
		1.71 (m, 1H)	
3-OAc	169.6		169.5
	21.2	2.14 (s, 3H)	21.0
2-OH			
7-OMe	52.2	3.65 (s, 3H)	52.0

Table 3.3 The NMR data of compound 3 and 2-hydroxyfissinolide

*revised data based on HMBC correlations

3.2.4 Structure elucidation of compound 4



Figure 3.8 Compound 4

Molecular formula	$C_{26}H_{32}O_{6}$
Appearance	Colorless prisms
m.p.	246-247 °C
$[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$	+72 (<i>c</i> 0.1, MeOH)
UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε)	341 nm (1.89)
IR (KBr)	3530, 3486, 3121, 2956, 2865,
	1734, 1656, 1465, 1391, 1260,
	1169, 1021 and 921 cm ⁻¹
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.4

Compoud **4** was isolated as colorless prisms. Its molecular formula was determined to be $C_{26}H_{32}O_6$. Its NMR data (Table 3.4) generally resembled those of gedunin [91], suggesting that **4** has a gedunin-type limonoid skeleton. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** showed the presence of five tertiary methyl groups (δ_H 1.00, 1.09, 1.14, 1.19 and 1.23), three oxymethine protons (δ_H 3.57, 3.90 and 5.60), and a β -substituted furan ring (δ_H 6.35, 7.40 and 7.41, 1H each). The ¹³C NMR and HSQC data indicated the presence of five methyls, three methylenes, ten methines, and eight quaternary carbons, of which two at δ_C 168.3 and 204.6 were assigned to an ester and a ketone carbonyl carbon, respectively. An oxygenated methine carbon at δ_C 70.0 was assigned to as C-7 due to its HMBC correlations with H-6, H₃-30 and H-5. The ¹³C NMR signals of C-1 (δ_C 157.8), C-2 (δ_C 125.7), and C-3 (δ_C 204.6) and the ¹H NMR signals of a pair of AB doublet at δ_H 5.84 and 7.10 (J = 10.5 Hz) suggested that the A-

ring of **4** possesses a 1-en-3-one system. The cross-peaks between H-15/C-14, H-15/C-16, H-17/C-13 and H-17/C-14 in the HMBC spectrum suggested the presence of a δ -lactone group with a 14,15-epoxide in the D-ring. From the above observations, compound **4** was determined to be 7-deacetylgedunin [93]. The structure and relative configuration of **4** were also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis as shown in Figure 3.10 and its crystal data are described in Table 3.5. Moreover, this is the first report for the complete assignment of NMR data and the crystal and molecular structure of 7-deacetylgedunin.



Figure 3.9 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 4



Figure 3.10 ORTEP diagram of compound 4

	7-deacetylgedunin	Compound 4	
Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1	7.11 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.2 Hz, 1H)	7.10 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.4 Hz, 1H)	157.8
2	5.85 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.2 Hz, 1H)	5.84 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.4 Hz, 1H)	125.7
3			204.6
4			44.2
5	2.49 (dd, <i>J</i> = 13.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H)	2.49 (m, 1H)	44.6
6	1.92 (m, 1H)	1.89 (m, 1H)	27.3
	1.83 (m, 1H)	1.69 (m, 1H)	
7	3.58 (s, 1H)	3.57 (s, 1H)	69.7
8			43.7
9	2.58 (m, 1H)	2.52 (m, 1H)	38.0
10			40.7
11	2.00 (m, 1H)	1.95 (m, 1H)	15.0
	1.81 (m, 1H)	1.80 (m, 1H)	
12	1.70 (m, 1H)	1.71 (m, 1H)	26.4
	1.57 (m, 1H)	1.54 (m, 1H)	
13			38.3
14			70.0
15	3.91 (s, 1H)	3.90 (s, 1H)	57.8
16			168.3
17	5.60 (s, 1H)	5.60 (s, 1H)	78.5
18	1.24 (s, 3H)	1.23 (s, 3H)	17.8
19	1.20 (s, 3H)	1.19 (s, 3H)	19.9
20			120.6
21	7.41 (m, 1H)	7.41 (s, 1H)	141.2
22	6.35 (m, 1H)	6.35 (s, 1H)	110.0
23	7.41 (m, 1H)	7.40 (s, 1H)	143.0
28	1.09 (s, 3H)	1.14 (s, 3H)	27.2
29	1.10 (s, 3H)	1.09 (s, 3H)	21.5
30	1.15 (s, 3H)	1.00 (s, 3H)	18.7
	101 111 0 010 01 11	1910 190	

Table 3.4 The NMR data of compound 4 and 7-deacetylged unin

Formula	$C_{26}H_{32}O_{6}$
Molecular weight	440.52
Crystal size (mm)	0.48 imes 0.40 imes 0.20
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	P212121
a (Å)	12.2642 (4)
b (Å)	12.8445 (5)
c (Å)	43.5584 (15)
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	6917.6 (4)
Z	12
D_{calc} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.269
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.09
F(000)	2832
Independent reflections/ Observed reflections [<i>I</i> > 46(<i>I</i>)], <i>R</i> _{int}	9382/ 6530, 0.059
<i>R</i> ₁	0.068
wR ₂ [I> 26(I)]	0.212

 Table 3.5 Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 4

3.2.5 Structure elucidation of compound 5



Figure 3.11 Compound 5

Molecular formula	$C_{26}H_{30}O_{6}$
Appearance	Colorless prisms
m.p.	251-253 °C
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	-47 (c 0.1, MeOH)
UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε)	296 nm (1.73)
IR (KBr)	3452, 3121, 2966, 1739, 1708,
	1665, 1456, 1391, 1347, 1286,
	1165, 1065 and 1034 cm^{-1}
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.6

Compound **5** was isolated as colorless prisms. Its molecular formula was determined to be $C_{26}H_{30}O_6$. It was revealed that the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (Table 3.6) of **5** were virtually identical to those of **4**, implying that both compounds are of the same basic structure. The absence of an oxygenated methine carbon, along with the appearance of the ketone resonance at δ_C 208.1, suggested that methine carbon has been replaced by a ketone group at C-7. This was confirmed by HMBC correlations from H-5, H-9, H₂-6 and H₃-30 to this carbonyl carbon as shown in Figure 3.12. Thus, compound **5** was determined as 7-oxo-deactoxygedunin [91].


Figure 3.12 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 5



	7-oxo-7-deacetoxygedunin	Compound 5	
Positions	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1	156.0	7.09 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.4 Hz, 1H)	155.9
2	126.3	5.93 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.4 Hz, 1H)	126.4
3	203.2		203.1
4	45.2		45.2
5	47.6	2. 19 (t, 1H)	47.6
6	36.7	2.93 (t, 1H)	36.7
		2.40 (dd, <i>J</i> = 2.4, 13.6 Hz, 1H)	
7	208.3		208.1
8	53.4		53.4
9	53.7	2.19 (t, 1H)	54.5
10	40.0		39.5
11	17.1	2.00 (m, 1H)	17.1
		1.79 (m, 1H)	
12	32.1	1.85 (m, 1H)	32.1
		1.46 (m, 1H)	
13	37.7		37.7
14	65 <mark>.</mark> 7		65.6
15	54.5	3.87 (s, 1H)	53.6
16	166.9		166.8
17	78.0	5.46 (s, 1H)	77.9
18	20.7	1.13 (s, 3H)	20.6
19	19.7	1.35 (s, 3H)	19.8
20	120.3		120.4
21	143.1	7.41 (s, 1H)	141.0
22	109.8	6.35 (s, 1H)	109.8
23	141.0	7.38 (s, 1H)	143.1
28	20.9	1.14 (s, 3H)	20.9
29	27.0	1.15 (s, 3H)	26.9
30	17.4	1.21 (s, 3H)	17.4
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Table 3.6 The NMR data of compound 5 and 7-oxo-7-deacetoxyged unin

3.2.6 Structure elucidation of compound 6



Figure 3.13 Compound 6

Molecular formula $C_{29}H_{32}O_{10}$ Appearance Colorless gum $\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{20}$ +140 (*c* 0.1, MeOH) UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 265 nm (4.16) 3434, 2952, 1730, 1600, 1469, IR (KBr) 1382, 1260, 1226 and 1165 cm⁻¹ See Table 3.7

¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃)

Compound 6 was isolated as a colorless gum, with molecular formula C₂₉H₃₂O₁₀, indicating 14 degrees of unsaturation. The IR absorptions at 3434, 1730, and 1600 cm⁻¹ implied hydroxy and ester groups. The ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 3.7) displayed resonances of a β -substituted furanyl ring ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.47, 7.44, and 7.50), an olefinic proton ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.02), three tertiary methyl ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.98, 1.01 and 1.24), an O-methyl ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.71), and an O-acetyl ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.97) group. In the $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR spectrum, 29 nonequivalent carbon resonances were observed, including four carbonyl carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.2, 169.4, 173.8 and 194.6), eight olefinic carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 109.8, 115.3, 119.9, 121.8, 141.1, 143.0, 152.2 and 169.4), and five methyl carbons ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 15.8, 16.1, 16.6, 20.5, 52.2). The remaining carbons were assigned to four methylenes, three methines, and five quaternary carbons, based on the results of an HSQC experiment. These NMR data indicated that eight of the 14 units of unsaturation come from four carbon-carbon double bonds and four carbonyls. Therefore, the remaining six degrees required $\mathbf{6}$ to

comprise a hexacyclic core. The data from decouplings and the subsequent 2D NMR studies (HMBC and HSQC) suggested that 6 was a phragmalin limonoid. Two protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.95 and 1.88 correlating in the HSQC spectrum to a methylene signal at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 41.8 were indicative of the H-29 protons of the characteristic 4,29,1-ring bridge of phragmalin limonoids. This was confirmed by the HMBC correlations (Figure 3.14a) observed from the H-29 protons to the tertiary carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 43.5 (C-5) and to the quaternary carbons at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 86.5 (C-1), 45.1 (C-4), and 48.3 (C-10). The HMBC correlations between C-7 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 173.8) and H₂-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.44 and 2.53) and the O-methyl protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.71 also confirmed the typical C-6-C-7 appendage of phragmalins. A proton singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.04 was assignable to H-17 by correlations with the furanyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 119.9 (C-20) and the C-18 methyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 15.8. A δ -lactone ring was corroborated by the HMBC cross-peaks from H-17 to both bridgehead carbons, C-13 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 36.4) and C-14 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 152.2), and the carbonyl carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.2. The vinylic proton at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.02 assigned to H-15 also exhibited significant HMBC correlation to C-13 and C-14 and the lactone carbonyl carbon ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 165.2). Further, this α,β -unsaturated δ -lactone was conjugated to the $\Delta^{8,9}$ double bond to form a conjugated diene lactone system, which was confirmed by the HMBC correlation of H-15/C-8 and Me-19/C-9. The $\Delta^{8,9}$ double bond was also conjugated to the C-30 ketone carbonyl carbon, responsible for the high field carbon signal at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 194.6. The above analyses, and other 1D and 2D NMR information, led us to suggest the gross structure of 6 (Figure 3.13) with a characteristic diene lactone-conjugated ketone moiety at C-30.

The relative configuration of **6** was elucidated by NOESY data (Figure 3.14c). Limonoids are stereochemically homogeneous compounds since they have a prototypical structure that either contains or is derived from a precursor with a 4,4,8-trimethyl-17-furanylsteroid skeleton. The orientation of H-17 had been found to be exclusively β in all known phragmalins. Thus, the cross-peaks in the NOESY spectrum from H-17 and H-5 to H-12 β and from H-5 to Me-28 indicated a β -orientation of these protons. NOESY correlations of Me-18 with H-12 α , 1-OH with Me-19, and H-3 with H-29 and 2-OH all suggested that Me-18, Me-19, H-3, H₂-29, 1-OH, and 2-OH were α -oriented. Thus, compound **6** was assigned as moluccensin H. [88]



Figure 3.14 Key HMBC (a), COSY (b) and NOESY (c) correlations of compound 6

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	Moluccesin H		Compound 6	
Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1		86.6		86.5
2		80.6		80.6
3	4.90 (s, 1H)	87.6	4.92 (s, 1H)	86.8
4		45.1		45.1
5	2.79 (m, 1H)	43.5	2.81 (m, 1H)	43.5
6	2.40 (m, 1H)	33.1	2.44 (m, 1H)	33.0
	2.52 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.6, 17.2 Hz, 1H)		2.53 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.6, 16.8 Hz, 1H)	
7		173.4		173.8
8		121.8		121.8
9		168.9		169.4
10		48.4		48.3
11	2.43 (m, 2H)	25.2	2.44 (m, 2H)	25.3
12	1.49 (m, 1H)	30.5	1.49 (m, 1H)	30.5
	1.67 (m, 1H)		1.69 (m, 1H)	
13		36.4		36.4
14		152.3		152.2
15	7.00 (s, 1H)	115.2	7.02 (s, 1H)	115.3
16		165.5		165.2
17	5.02 (s, 1H)	80.4	5.04 (s, 1H)	80.4
18	0.99 (s, 3H)	15.7	1.01 (s, 3H)	15.8
19	1.22 (s, 3H)	16.1	1.24 (s, 3H)	16.1
20		119.9		119.9
21	7.49 (s, 1H)	141.3	7.50 (s, 1H)	141.1
22	6.45 (s, 1H)	110.0	6.47 (s, 1H)	109.8
23	7.44 (s, 1H)	143.1	7.44 (s, 1H)	143.0
28	0.97 (s, 3H)	16.7	0.98 (s, 3H)	16.6
29	1.94 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.2 Hz, 1H)	41.7	1.95 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.8 Hz, 1H)	41.8
	1.87 (dd, <i>J</i> = 2.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H)		1.88 (dd, <i>J</i> = 2.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H)	
30		194.6		194.6
3-OAc		169.5		169.4
	1.96 (s, 3H)	20.6	1.97 (s, 3H)	20.5
1-OH	2.88 (s, 1H)		2.14 (s, 1H)	
2-OH	4.95 (s, 1H)		4.95 (s, 1H)	
7-OMe	3.70 (s, 3H)	52.2	3.71 (s, 3H)	52.2

 Table 3.7 The NMR data of compound 6 and moluccensin H

3.2.7 Structure elucidation of compound 7



Figure 3.15 Compound 7

Molecular formula	$C_{30}H_{36}O_{10}$		
Appearance	Light yellow gum		
$\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{20}$	-12.0 (c 0.1, MeOH)		
UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 215 nm (4.12)			
IR (KBr)	3478, 3143, 2939, 1743, 1504,		
	1456, 1373, 1282, 1230, 1160,		
	1113 and 1026 cm^{-1}		
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.8		

¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃)

Compound 7 was isolated as a light yellow gum with molecular formula C₃₀H₃₆O₁₀, implying 13 degrees of unsaturations. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Table 3.8), as well as the 2D NMR data, suggested that 7 is also a 30-ketophragmalin limonoid with the same basic skeleton as 6. The obvious difference was the absence of the olefinic proton at C-15 in 6 and the presence of only one double bond between C-8 and C-14, confirmed by the HMBC correlations of Me-18/C-14, H₂-15/C-8, and H_2 -11/C-8 (Figure 3.16a). Without the extended conjugative effect as in 6, the ketone carbonyl at C-30 of 7 was significantly shifted downfield to $\delta_{\rm C}$ 203.4. Furthermore, analysis of NMR data revealed the presence of a methoxy group ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.43 and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 55.2) at C-2 in place of the hydroxy group of 6, which was confirmed by HMBC cross-peak from the methoxy protons to C-2. The similar NOESY correlations between 7 (Figure 3.16c) and 6 indicated the same stereochemistry for the core skeleton of 7. Compound **7** was thus determined to be moluccensin I, which has been reported by our group in 2010 (Pudhom *et al.*, 2010)[88].



Figure 3.16 Key HMBC (a), COSY (b) and NOESY (c) correlations of compound 7

	Moluccesin I		Compound 7	
Positions	$\delta_{ m H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{ m H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1		84.7		84.7
2		92.2		92.2
3	4.92 (s, 1H)	82.8	4.94 (s, 1H)	82.8
4		40.1		40.2
5	2.37 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.0 Hz, 1H)	39.6	2.39 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.4 Hz, 1H)	39.6
6	2.25 (d, <i>J</i> = 12.0 Hz, 1H)	34.2	2.29 (d, <i>J</i> = 14.8 Hz, 1H)	34.3
	2.43 (m, 1H)		2.45 (m, 1H)	
7		172.9		172.9
8		133.9		133.9
9	2.46 (m, 1H)	46.9	2.47 (m, 1H)	46.9
10		55.4		55.4
11	1.43 (m, 1H)	18.7	1.44 (m, 2H)	18.8
	1.74 (m, 1H)			
12	1.41 (m, 1H)	31.4	1.41(m, 1H)	31.5
	1.49 (m, 1H)		1.53 (m, 1H)	
13		40.8		40.8
14		139.2		139.3
15	3.75 (m, <mark>2H</mark>)	33.0	3.77 (m, 2H)	33.0
16		169.9		169.8
17	5.17 (s, 1H)	80.2	5.19 (s, 1H)	80.2
18	1.00 (s, 3H)	17.1	1.02 (s, 3H)	17.1
19	1.03 (s, 3H)	15.1	1.05 (s, 3H)	15.1
20		120.4		120.5
21	7.45 (s, 1H)	141.2	7.46 (s, 1H)	141.2
22	6.40 (s, 1H)	110.0	6.42 (s, 1H)	110.1
23	7.40 (s, 1H)	143.0	7.41 (s, 1H)	142.9
28	0.96 (s, 3H)	19.7	0.98 (s, 3H)	19.7
29	1.72 (m, 1H)	43.7	1.75 (m, 1H)	43.8
	2.20 (d, <i>J</i> = 13.2 Hz, 1H)		2.22 (d, <i>J</i> = 13.2 Hz, 1H)	
30		203.5		203.4
1'		170.1		170.1
2'	2.15 (s, 3H)	20.5	2.17 (s, 3H)	20.6
1-OH	2.93 (brs,1H)		2.90 (brs, 1H)	
2-OMe	3.40 (s, 3H)	55.1	3.43 (s, 3H)	55.2
7-OMe	3.65 (s, 3H)	51.8	3.66 (s, 3H)	51.7

Table 3.8. The NMR data of compound 7 and moluccensin I

3.2.8 Structure elucidation of compound 8



Figure 3.17 Compound 8

Molecular formula	$C_{35}H_{42}O_{14}$	
Appearance	Colorless crystals	
m.p.	141.5-143.5 ° C	
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	-50.0 (<i>c</i> 0.1, CHCl ₃)	
UV (CHCl ₃) λ_{max} (log ε)	239 nm (2.70)	
IR (KBr)	3447, 3139, 2966, 1739, 1634,	
	1452, 1369, 1239 and 1086 cm^{-1}	
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.9	

Compound **8**, colorless crystals, had molecular formula $C_{35}H_{42}O_{14}$. The ¹H,¹³C and 2D NMR data (Table 3.9) of **8** indicated the presence of the following function groups; a carbomethoxy (δ_H 3.69 s, δ_C 52.1 CH₃, 172.1 qC), three oxygenated methines (δ_H 5.11 s, 6.31 s, 5.54 s; δ_C 81.1 CH, 69.3 CH, 78.6 CH), an orthoacetate (δ_H 1.67 s; δ_C 21.0 CH₃, 119.0 qC), two *sp*³ methines (δ_H 2.98 (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz), 2.06 m; δ_C 35.5, 43.2), ten *sp*³ methylenes (δ_H 2.47 m, 2.24 m, 2.06 m, 1.67 m, 1.54 m, 1.30 m, 3.29 m (d, *J*= 20.4 Hz), 2.70 m, 1.97 m, 1.67 m; δ_C 33.3, 25.4, 29.1, 26.5, 40.2), three methyls (δ_H 1.07 s, 1.14 s, 0.89 s; 19.6, 16.5, 14.6), three acetyls (δ_H 1.95 s, 2.15 s, 2.25 s; δ_C 21.5 CH₃, 168.5 qC; 21.7 CH₃, 170.3 qC; 21.3 CH₃, 170.0 qC). The NMR data of **8** were characteristic of a phragmalin type limonoid. The quaternary carbon at δ_C 119.0 (C-31) showing a strong HMBC correlation (Figure 3.18a) to H-32 suggested the presence of an orthoacetate group. In addition, the nature of oxygenated

carbons assigned for C-1 (δ_C 86.8), C-8 (δ_C 85.9) and C-9 (δ_C 85.3) was comparable to xyloccensin E. This suggested the position of the orthoacetate at C-1, C-8 and C-9. Three acetoxy groups were assigned to locate at C-2, C-3 and C-30 according to HMBC correlations of H-3 and H-30 to both acetyl carbonyls and its molecular formula. [94]



Figure 3.18 Key HMBC and COSY correlations of compound 8



	Xyloccensin E	Compound 8		
Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
1		86.8		86.8
2		85.2		85.2
3	5.10 (s, 1H)	81.1	5.11 (s, 1H)	81.1
4		46.2		46.2
5	2.96 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz, 1H)	35.5	2.98 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.6 Hz, 1H)	35.5
6	2.47 (m, 1H)	33.3	2.47 (m, 1H)	33.3
	2.24 (m, 1H)		2.24 (m, 1H)	
7		172.7		172.6
8		85.9		85.9
9		85.3		85.3
10		45.7		45.7
11	2.07 (m, 1H)	25.4	2.06 (m, 1H)	25.4
	1.66 (m, 1H)		1.67 (m, 1H)	
12	1.5 <mark>4 (m, 1H</mark>	29.1	1.54 (m, 1H)	29.1
	1.30 (m, 1H)		1.30 (m, 1H)	
13		34.3		34.4
14	2.06 (m, 1H)	43.1	2.06 (m, 1H)	43.2
15	3.28 (d, <i>J</i> = 20.3 Hz, 1H)	26.5	3.29 (d, <i>J</i> = 20.4 Hz, 1H)	26.5
	2.70 (m, 1H)		2.70 (m, 1H)	
16		170.4		170.4
17	5.54 (s, 1H)	78.6	5.54 (s, 1H)	78.6
18	1.06 (s, 3H)	19.9	1.07 (s, 1H)	19.6
19	1.14 (s, 3H)	16.5	1.14 (s, 1H)	16.5
20		121.1		121.1
21	7.51 (s, 1H)	140.8	7.52 (s, 1H)	140.7
22	6.44 (s, 3H)	109.7	6.45 (s, 1H)	109.7
23	7.40 (s, 1H)	143.0	7.41 (s, 1H)	143.0
28	0.89 (s, 3H)	14.6	0.89 (s, 1H)	14.6
29	1.98 (m, 1H)	40.2	1.97 (m, 1H)	40.2
	1.67 (m, 1H)		1.67 (m, 1H)	
30	6.30 (s, 1H)	69.3	6.31 (s, 1H)	69.3
31		119.0		119.0
32	1.66 (s, 3H)	21.0	1.67 (s, 3H)	21.0
2-OAc	2.25 (s, 3H)	21.1	2.25 (s, 3H)	21.1
		170.2		170.3
3-OAc	2.15 (s, 3H)	21.7	2.15 (s, 3H)	21.7
		170.2		170.3
30-OAc	1.94 (s, 3H)	21.6	1.95 (s, 3H)	21.5
		168.6		168.5
7-OMe	3.69 (s, 3H)	52.1	3.69 (s, 3H)	52.1

Table 3.9 The NMR data of compound 8 and Xyloccensin

3.2.9 Structure elucidation of compound 9



Figure 3.19 Compound 9

Molecular formula	$C_{27}H_{36}O_8$
Appearance	Colorless crystals
m.p.	145-147° C
$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$	-25.0 (c 0.1 MeOH)
UV (MeOH) λ _{max} (logε)	298 nm (2.01)
IR (KBr)	3491, 3347, 2960, 1730, 1700,
	1660, 1473, 1430, 1386, 1265,
	1191 and 1030 cm ⁻¹
HRESIMS m/z [M+Na] ⁺	511.2310 calcd 511.2308
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.10

Compound **9** was obtained as colorless crystals and the molecular formula was determined to be $C_{27}H_{36}O_8$ by HR-ESI-MS at m/z 511.2310 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for $C_{27}H_{36}O_8Na$ 511.2308), corresponding to 10 degrees of unsaturation. IR absorptions implied the presence of ester (1730 cm⁻¹), α,β -unsaturated ketone (1700 cm⁻¹) and hydroxyl (3491 cm⁻¹) functionalities. On the basis of ¹³C NMR (Table 3.10) and HSQC data, compound **9** contained six methyls (one methoxy), four methylenes, eight methines (five olefinic), six quaternary carbons (one olefinic) and three carbonyls (two esters and one ketone). These data indicated that six out of 10 degrees of unsaturation came from three carbon-carbon double bonds and three carbonyl groups, and the remaining degrees thus required **9** to possess a tetracyclic core. Analysis of 1D and 2D (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC) NMR spectra revealed the existence of a β -furanyl ring [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.35 (br, s), 7.37 (br, s), 7.38 (br s); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 109.9 CH, 120.9 qC, 140.7 CH, 142.8CH), a methoxycarbonyl group [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63 (s); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 52.1 CH₃, 174.4 qC), and an α , β -unsaturated ketone group [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.90 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 6.86 (d, J =10.8 Hz); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 125.4 CH, 153.8 CH, 203.8 qC). A proton singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.67 was assigned to be H-17 by HMBC correlations with the carbon signals of the furan ring (C-20, C-21 and C-22). A δ -lactone ring was corroborated by HMBC cross peaks from H-17 to both bridgehead carbons (C-13 and C-14) and the ester carbonyl at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 172.5 (C-16), from Me-18 to C-13, C-14 and C-17, and from H₂-15 to C-14 and C-16. The above NMR data suggested that compound 9 might be an adirobin-type limonoid closely related to methyl angolensate [91]. HMBC correlations between C-7 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 174.4) and H₂-6 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.48) and the methoxy protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.63 confirmed the characteristic C-6-C-7 appendage of andirobin limonoids. A tertiary methyl singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.57 was assigned to be Me-30 through the strong HMBC correlations with C-9, C-10 and C-14, indicating that an exomethylene of methyl angolensate was replaced by a tertiary methyl group for 9. Additionally, HMBC cross peaks from another tertiary methyl singlet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.41 (Me-19) to C-1, C-5, C-8 and C-10, clarified the connection between A-ring and B-ring through C-8-C-10 bond. The single-crystal Xray diffraction analysis of 9 (Figure 3.21) confirmed its planar structure and allowed the determination of its relative configuration. This compound was found to be new and thus named as xylomoluccensin A.



Figure 3.20 Key HMBC (a) and COSY (b) correlations of compound 9

Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	COSY	HMBC
1	6.86 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.8 Hz, 1H)	153.8	H-2	C-3, C-8
2	5.90 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.8 Hz, 1H)	125.4	H-1	C-4
3		203.8		
4		46.2		
5	2.65 (s, 1H)	44.1	H-6	
6	2.48 (m, 2H)	32.2	H-5	C-7
7		174.4		
8		43.7		
9		78.5		
10	1.88 (m, 1H)	49.7	H-11	
11	1.59 (m, 2H)	20.6	H-10, H-12a, H-12b	C-9
12	1.73 (dd, <i>J</i> = 4.4, 13.6 Hz,1H)	32.8	H-11	
	1.36 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 1H)			
13		38.0		
14		80.0		
15	3.30 (d, <i>J</i> = 18.4 Hz, 1H)	36.8		C-14, C-16
	2.56 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H)			
16		172.5		
17	5.67 (s <mark>,</mark> 1H)	81.9		C-13, C-14, C-16,
				C-20, C-21, C-22
18	1.13 (s, 3H)	20.3		C-12, C-13, C-14,
				C-17
19	1.41 (s, 3H)	19.4		C-1, C-5, C-8, C-10
20		120.9		
21	7.37 (s, 1H)	140.7		C-20, C-23
22	6.35 (s, 1H)	109.9		C-21, C-23
23	7.38 (s, 1H)	142.8		C-20, C-22
28	1.10 (s, 3H)	23.0		C-3, C-4, C-5, C-29
29	0.99 (s, 3H)	22.8		C-3, C-4, C-5, C-28
30	1.57 (s, 3H)	21.1		C-9, C-10, C-14
7-OMe	3.63 (s, 3H)	52.1		C-7
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Table 3.10 The NMR data of compound 9



Figure 3.21 ORTEP diagram of compound 9

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Formula	$C_{27}H_{36}O_8 \cdot H_2O$
Molecular weight	503.55
Crystal size (mm)	$0.48 \times 0.40 \times 0.20$
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	P212121
a (Å)	6.5514 (3)
b (Å)	17.1962 (10)
c (Å)	23.7727 (13)
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	2678.2 (2)
Z	4
D_{calc} (g/cm ⁻³)	1.269
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.089
F(000)	2832
Independent reflections/ Observed reflections [I> 46(I)], R _{int}	6624/2930, 0.0374
	0.0530
wR ₂ [I> 26(I)]	0.1423

 Table 3.11 Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 9

3.2.10 Structure elucidation of compound 10



Figure 3.22 Compound 10

Molecular formula $C_{29}H_{36}O_{10}$ Appearance White amorphous solid 188-190° C m.p. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ -49.0 (*c* 0.1, MeOH) UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 202 nm (2.18) IR (KBr) 3491, 2926, 2856,1730, 1466, 1430, 1378, 1230,1152, 1091 and 1097 cm⁻¹ HRESIMS m/z [M+Na]⁺ 567.2209 calcd. 567.2206 ¹H and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) See Table 3.12

Compound **10**, a white, amorphous solid, had the molecular formula $C_{29}H_{36}O_{10}$ as established by HR-ESI-MS at m/z 567.2209 [M + Na]⁺ (calcd for $C_{29}H_{36}O_{10}Na$ 567.2206), implying 12 degrees of unsaturation. Its ¹³C NMR data (Table 3.12) showed that six units of unsaturation came from three ester carbonyls and three carbon-carbon bonds. Therefore, the remaining degrees of unsaturation required **2** to be hexacylcic. A combined analysis of 1D and 2D (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC) NMR spectra revealed the presence of a β -furanyl ring [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.44 (br s), 7.41 (br s), 7.74 (br s); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 109.9 CH, 120.6 qC, 141.8 CH, 143.0 CH], a methoxycarbonyl group [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.71 s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 52.2 CH₃, 173.9 qC], an acetoxy group [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.13 s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 20.3 CH₃, 173.6 qC], a 1,29-oxygen bridge [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.57 (dd, J = 1.6, 9.6 Hz), 3.97

(d, J = 9.6 Hz); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 68.1], and three tertiary methyls [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.68 s, 1.09 s, 1.15 s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.7, 21.9, 14.1]. The aforementioned NMR data strongly suggested that **2** was a phragmalin-type limonoid and closely related to that of godavarin D [95]. The presence of a $\Delta^{8.30}$ double bond was confirmed by HMBC correlations of H-9/C-8, H-15/C-8, H-30/C-1, H-30/C-9 and H-30/C-14. Moreover, observed HMBC cross peak from H-3 [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.56 (s)] to carbonyl carbon ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 173.6) of acetyl group clarified the location of acetoxyl group at C-3, and the correlation from H-3 to C-2 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 74.9) also revealed the existence of C-2 hydroxyl in **2**. The relative configuration of **2** was established on the basis of NOE interactions. Significant NOE interaction (Figure 3.23c) from H-3 to H_{pro-R}-29 [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.57 (dd, J = 1.6, 9.6 Hz)] established 3 α -H and the corresponding 3 β -acetoxy group. Furthermore, interactions of H₃-18/H-14, H₃-18/H₃-19, H-9/H₃-19 and HO-2/H-3 indicated the α -orientation of Me-18, Me-19, H-14, H-9 and HO-2, whereas interactions of H-5/H₃-28 and H-5/H-17 suggested the β -orientation of H-5 and H-17. Thus, compound 10 was determined to be new and was named as xylomoluccensin B.





Figure 3.23 Key HMBC (a), COSY (b) and NOESY (c) correlations of compound 10

Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	COSY	HMBC
1		96.7		
2		74.9		
3	4.56 (s, 1H)	85.1		C-2, C-4, C-1'
4		36.8		
5	2.72 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.4 Hz, 1H)	35.3	H-6	C-7, C-10, C-29,
6	2.31 (m, 2H)	31.6	H-5	C-5, C-7
7		173.9		
8		138.5		
9	2.23 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.6, 12.4 Hz, 1H)	47.1	H-11	C-8
10		41.9		
11	1.73 (m, 1H)	19.1	H-9, H-12a,	
	1.66 (m, 1H)		H-12b	
12	1.61 (m, 1H)	34.2	H-11a, H1b	C-17
	1.45 (m, 1H)			
13		36.7		
14	2.30 (m, 1H)	44.7	H-15	C-13
15	2.88 (m, 2H)	30.0	H-14	C-8, C-13, C-14, C-16
16		169.8		
17	5.51 (s, 1H)	77.1		C-13, C-14, C-16,
				C-20, C-21, C-22
18	1.09 (s, 1H)	21.9		C-12, C-13, C-14,
				C-17
19	1.15 (s, 1H)	14.1		C-1, C-5, C-9, C-10
20		120.6		
21	7.74 (s, 1H)	141.8		C-20, C-22
22	6.44 (s, 1H)	109.9	H-23	C-20, C-21, C-23
23	7.41 (s, 1H)	143.0	H-22	C-20, C-21, C-22
28	0.68 (s, 1H)	14.7		C-3, C-4, C-5, C-29
29	3.97 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.6 Hz, 1H)	68.1		C-1, C-3, C-5
	3.57 (dd, <i>J</i> = 1.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H)			
30	5.09 (s, 1H)	124.0		C-1, C-9, C-14
3-OAc		173.6		
	2.13 (br, s, 1H)	20.3		C-1'
1-OH				
2-OH	5.30 (s, 1H)			
7-OMe	3.71 (s, 3H)	52.2		C-7

Table 3.12 The NMR data of compound $10\,$

3.2.11 Structure elucidation of compound 11



Figure 3.24 Compound 11

Molecular formula	$C_{33}H_{40}O_{11}$		
Appearance	White amorphous solid		
m.p.	107-109 ° C		
$\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{20}$	-9.0 (c 0.1, MeOH)		
UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε)	217 nm (1.35)		
IR (KBr)	3452, 3139, 2973, 1730, 1691,		
	1621, 1460, 1378, 1213, 1156,		
	and 1073 cm ⁻¹		
HRESIMS $m/z [M+H]^+$	613.2646 calcd. 613.2649		
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃)	See Table 3.13		

Compound **11** was obtained as a white, amorphous solid. The molecular formula $C_{33}H_{40}O_{11}$ was determined by HR-ESI-MS at m/z 613.2646 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for $C_{33}H_{41}O_{11}$ 613.2649), accounting for 14 degrees of unsaturation. The NMR data also displayed characteristic signals associated with a phragmalin limonoid, including a β -furanyl ring [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.43 (br s), 7.41 (br s), 7.43 (br s); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 109.6 CH, 120.1 qC, 141.7 CH, 143.7 CH], a methoxycarbonyl group [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.67 s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 52.0 CH₃, 176.5 qC], a 1,29-bridge [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.97 (d, J = 11.2 Hz), 2.22 (d, J = 11.2 Hz); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 41.6], and three tertiary methyls [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.85 s, 1.09 s, 1.19 s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.5, 17.8, 18.8]. Moreover, analysis of 1D and 2D NMR revealed the presence of an acetoxy [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.97

s; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 20.7 CH₃, 169.7 qC], and isobutyryl [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.56 (sep); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 17.8 CH₃, 18.9 CH₃, 33.9 CH, 176.5 qC] group. HMBC correlation from H-3 [$\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.08 (s)] to carbonyl carbon of acetyl group ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 169.7) confirmed its location at C-3, whereas the downfield chemical shift of C-1 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 90.3), similar to those in moluccensins A-E [87], suggested the location of isobutyryl group at this position. A $\Delta^{8.14}$ double bond was corroborated by HMBC cross peaks of H₂-15/C-8, H₂-15/C-14, H-9/C-8 and H-9/C-14, and a C-30 ketone group was indicated by those of H₂-15/C-30, H-3/C-30 and HO-2/C-30 (Figure 3.25a). The relative configuration of **11** was virtually identical to that of **10** on the basis of similar NOE interaction. Thus, compound **11** was determined to be new and was named as xylomoluccensin C.





Figure 3.25 Key HMBC (a), COSY (b) and NOESY (c) correlations of compound 11

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Positions	$\delta_{\rm H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$	COSY	HMBC
1		90.3		
2		80.2		
3	5.08 (s, 1H)	89.5		C-2, C-28, C-30, C-1"
4		43.4		
5	2.95 (m, 1H)	39.0	H-6	C-4, C-6, C-29
6	2.36 (m, 2H)	33.8	H-5	C-4, C-5, C-7
7		173.3		
8		130.7		
9	2.79 (s, 1H)	44.5	H-11a, H-11b	C-8, C-12, C-13, C-14
10		47.7		
11	1.75 (m, 1H)	19.7	H-9, H-12a,	
	1.62 (m, 1H)		H-12b	
	1.62 (m, 1H)			
12	1.69 (m, 1H)	30.3	H-11a, H-11b	C-9, C-14, C-17, C-18
	1.31 (m <mark>,</mark> 1H)			
13		38.9		
14		145.8		
15	3.90 (s, 2H)	36.2		C-8, C-13, C-14, C-16, C-30
16		168.9		
17	5.49 (s, 1H)	80.0		C-13, C-14, C-20, C-21, C-22
18	1.19 (s, 3H)	18.8		C-12, C-13, C-14, C-17
19	1.09 (s, 3H)	17.8		
20		120.1		
21	7.41 (s, 1H)	141.7		C-20, C-22, C-23
22	6.43 (s, 1H)	109.6	H-23	C-20, C-23
23	7.43 (s, 1H)	143.7	H-22	C-20, C-22
28	0.85 (s, 3H)	14.5		C-3, C-4, C-5, C-29
29	2.22 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.2 Hz, 1H)	41.6		C-1, C-4
	1.97 (m, 1H)			
30		198.1		
2-OH	4.47 (br, s, 1H)			C-2, C-3, C-30
3-OAc		169.7		
2"	1.97 (s, 1H)	20.7		C-1″
1-0-				
isobutylryl				
1'		176.5		
2'	2.56 (sep)	33.9		C-1', C-3', C-4'
3'	1.11 (d, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz, 3H)	18.9		C-2', C-4'
4'	1.10 (d, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz, 3H)	17.8		C-2', C-3'
7-OMe	3.67 (s, 3H)	52.0		C-7

Table 3.13 The NMR data of compound $11\,$

3.3 Anti-inflammatory activity of isolated compounds

NO production inhibitory effects of compounds **1-9** and **11** were evaluated at two doses of 5 and 10 μ g/mL (Figure 3.26). Only gedunin-type limonoids, **4** and **5**, exhibited potent anti-inflammatory activity, particularly 7-deacetylgedunin (**4**). Compounds **9** and **11** showed moderate inhibitory effect at 10 μ g/mL, while compounds **2** and **3** gave weak activity though at 10 μ g/mL, and compounds **1** and **6-8** did not display any detectable activity at both screening doses.

Compounds 4 and 5 were subsequently tested for their acute toxicity on unstimulated cell lines. As a result, despite compound 4 gave more potent activity than 5, it also showed higher toxicity (IC₅₀ = 7.3 μ g/mL for 4; 16.5 μ g/mL for 5) as shown in Figure 3.27 and 3.28. This result implied that reduced form of ketone function at C-7 in 4 might play an important role for both activities.



Figure 3.26 NO production inhibitory effects of compounds at 5 and 10 μ g/mL





Figure 3.27 Toxicity assay of compound 4

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concentration of compound 5 (µg/ml)



Figure 3.28 Toxicity assay of compound 5

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CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

Chemical examination of the seed kernels of *Xylocarpus moluccensis* Roem. collected from Phuket province led to the isolation of a new andirobin, xylomoluccensin A (9), and two new phragmalin-type limonoids, xylomoluccensins B (10) and C (11), together with eight known limonoids namely mexicarnolide (1), 3β deacetylfissinolide (2), 2-hydroxyfissinolide (3), 7-deacetylgedunin (4), 7-oxo-7deacetoxygedunin (5), moluccensin H (6), moluccensin I (7) and xyloccensin E (8) as shown below. The structures of novel compounds were elucidated by analysis of spectroscopic data, as well as single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, while those of known compounds were determined on the basis of 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopic data and by comparing with those previously reported in literature.





Furthermore, all isolated compounds, except for compound **10**, were evaluated for their anti-inflammatory activity using the model of inhibitory activity against nitric oxide production from activated macrophages. Only gedunin-type limonoids, 7-deacetylgedunin (**4**) and 7-oxo-7-deacetoxygedunin (**5**) exhibited significant NO production inhibitory activity at a concentration of 10 μ g/mL, particularly 7-deacetylgedunin (**7**), suggesting that these compounds have potent anti-inflammatory activity. However, when compounds **4** and **5** were subsequently tested for their acute toxicity on unstimulated cell lines, compound **4** showed higher toxicity (IC₅₀ = 7.3 μ g/mL for **4**; 16.5 μ g/mL for **5**), despite it gave more potent activity than **5**, This result implied that reduced form of ketone function at C-7 in **4** might play an important role for both activities.

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APPENDIX

ศูนย์วิทยทรัพยากร จุฬาลงกรณ์มหาวิทยาลัย



Figure S-1¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 1 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-2¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 1 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-3 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 1 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-4 HSQC spectrum of compound 1 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-5 HMBC spectrum of compound 1 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-6 IR spectrum of compound 1 (KBr)



Figure S-7¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 2 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-8¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 2 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-9¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 2 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-10 HSQC spectrum of compound 2 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-11 HMBC spectrum of compound 2 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-12 IR spectrum of compound 2 (KBr)



Figure S-13 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **3** (CDCl₃)



Figure S-14¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-15 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-16 HSQC spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-17 HMBC spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-18 IR spectrum of compound 3 (KBr)



Figure S-19¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 4 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-20¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 4 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-21 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 4 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-22 HSQC spectrum of compound 4 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-23 HMBC spectrum of compound 4 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-24 IR spectrum of compound 4 (KBr)



Figure S-25 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-26¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-27 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-28 HSQC spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-29 HMBC spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-30 IR spectrum of compound 5 (KBr)



Figure S-31 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 6 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-32 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 6 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-33 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound **6** (CDCl₃)



Figure S-34 HSQC spectrum of compound 6 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-35 HMBC spectrum of compound 6 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-36 IR spectrum of compound 6 (KBr)



Figure S-37 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 7 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-38 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 7 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-39 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 7 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-40 HSQC spectrum of compound 7 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-41 HMBC spectrum of compound 7 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-42 IR spectrum of compound 7 (KBr)



Figure S-43 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-44 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-45 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-46 HSQC spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-47 HMBC spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-48 IR spectrum of compound 8 (KBr)



Figure S-49 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 9 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-50¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 9 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-51 ¹H-¹HCOSY spectrum of compound 9 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-52 HSQC spectrum of compound 9 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-53 HMBC spectrum of compound 9 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-54 IR spectrum of compound 9 (KBr)

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Figure S-55 HRESIMS Mass spectrum of compound 9



Figure S-56 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-57 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-58 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-59 HSQC spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-60 HMBC spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-61 NOESY spectrum of compound 10 (CDCl₃)


Figure S-62 IR spectrum of compound 10 (KBr)



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Figure S-63 HRESIMS Mass spectrum of compound 10



Figure S-64 ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-65 ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of compound **11** (CDCl₃)



Figure S-66 ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-67 HSQC spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-68 HMBC spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-69 NOESY spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl₃)



Figure S-70 IR spectrum of compound 11 (KBr)



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Figure S-71 HRESIMS Mass spectrum of compound 11

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