

# Paliasanines A–E, 3,4-Methylenedioxyquinoline Alkaloids Fused with a Phenyl-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane Unit from *Melochia umbellata* var. *deglabrata*

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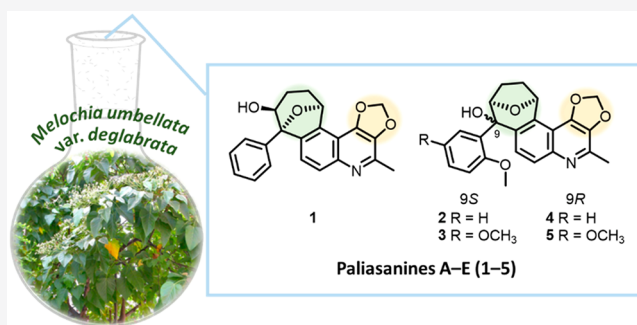


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**ABSTRACT:** Five new quinoline alkaloids, paliasanines A–E (1–5), and 17 known compounds (6–22) were isolated from a methanol extract of *Melochia umbellata* var. *deglabrata* leaves. Their chemical structures were elucidated by analysis of HRMS and 1D and 2D NMR spectroscopic data. Compounds 1–5 are the first naturally occurring 3,4-methylenedioxyquinolines incorporating an oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane unit. Compounds 6 and 7 displayed selective cytotoxicity ( $IC_{50}$  5.9–8.4  $\mu$ M) against A549 and MCF-7 cell lines, while compounds 1–5 were not active. Compounds 1–3 did not exhibit an anti-HIV effect in MT4 cells, although the related quinolone derivative waltherione A exhibited significant activity. These preliminary results indicate that the 3-methoxy-4-quinolone skeleton might be preferred for both antiproliferative and anti-HIV activities.



The genus *Melochia* (Malvaceae) contains 57 species,<sup>1</sup> widely distributed in tropical and subtropical areas worldwide as perennial herbs, shrubs, or small trees.<sup>2</sup> *M. umbellata* (Houtt.) Stapf var. *deglabrata* Koord. & Valetton, found in South Sulawesi, Indonesia,<sup>3,4</sup> is known traditionally as “Paliasa”. A decoction of the leaves has been used for the treatment of fever, hepatitis, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes, hypertension, and cancer.<sup>3–5</sup>

Phytochemical investigations of several related species, including *M. chamaedrys*,<sup>6,7</sup> *M. corchorifolia*,<sup>8–14</sup> *M. odorata*,<sup>15,16</sup> *M. pyramidata*,<sup>17–19</sup> and *M. tomentosa*,<sup>20–26</sup> led to the isolation of cyclopeptides,<sup>6,8,11,14,15,18,24</sup> isatins,<sup>19,20</sup> pyridines/pyridones,<sup>9,14</sup> and quinolinone/quinolone alkaloids,<sup>6,7,12,13,15,23</sup> as well as other constituents<sup>6,8,9,22,25</sup> with diverse biological activities, such as anti-HIV,<sup>16</sup> antimicrobial,<sup>7</sup> antifungal,<sup>8,15</sup> cytotoxic,<sup>4</sup> and nematocidal effects.<sup>27</sup> For *M. umbellata*, only a few compounds, including kaemferol-3-galactoside from the leaves<sup>28</sup> and waltherione C, cleomiscosin,<sup>4</sup> and stigmasteryl glycoside<sup>29</sup> from the heartwood and root wood, have been reported. As a continuation of our phytochemical investigation of Indonesian medicinal plants,<sup>30</sup> reported are the isolation, structure elucidation, and biological evaluation of five new compounds (1–5) together with 17 known compounds (6–22) from *M. umbellata* var. *deglabrata*.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A MeOH extract of *M. umbellata* var. *deglabrata* was partitioned and purified using normal- and reversed-phase

silica gel chromatographic systems, to afford five new quinoline alkaloids, paliasanines A–E (1–5), and 17 known compounds, including four quinolone alkaloids<sup>31–35</sup> [waltherione A (6), 5'-methoxywaltherione A (7), antidesmone (8), and waltherione F (9)], three cyclopeptides<sup>36,37</sup> [frangufoline (10), sanjoine-nine (11), and lotusanine A (12)], six ionones<sup>38–43</sup> [blumenol A (13), (3*S*,5*R*,6*S*,7*E*)-3,5,6-trihydroxy-7-megastigmen-9-one (14), (–)-dehydrovomifoliol (15), (9*S*)-9-hydroxy-4-megastigmen-3-one (16), (3*R*,6*R*,7*E*)-3-hydroxy-4,7-megastigmadien-9-one (17), and (–)-3-hydroxy- $\beta$ -ionone (18)], a monoterpene lactone<sup>44</sup> [(–)-loliolide (19)], and three lignans<sup>45,46</sup> [(+)-eudesmine (20), (+)-magnolin (21), and (+)-yangambin (22)], as summarized in Figure 1.

Compound 1 was isolated as a pale yellow, amorphous powder with a molecular formula of  $C_{22}H_{20}NO_4$  owing to a protonated molecular ion at  $m/z$  362.1375 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 362.1392), as determined by HRMS. Fourteen indices of hydrogen deficiency were calculated. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data (Table 1) indicated a methyl group at  $\delta_H$  2.68 (3H, s), two methylene protons at  $\delta_H$  0.68 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, m),

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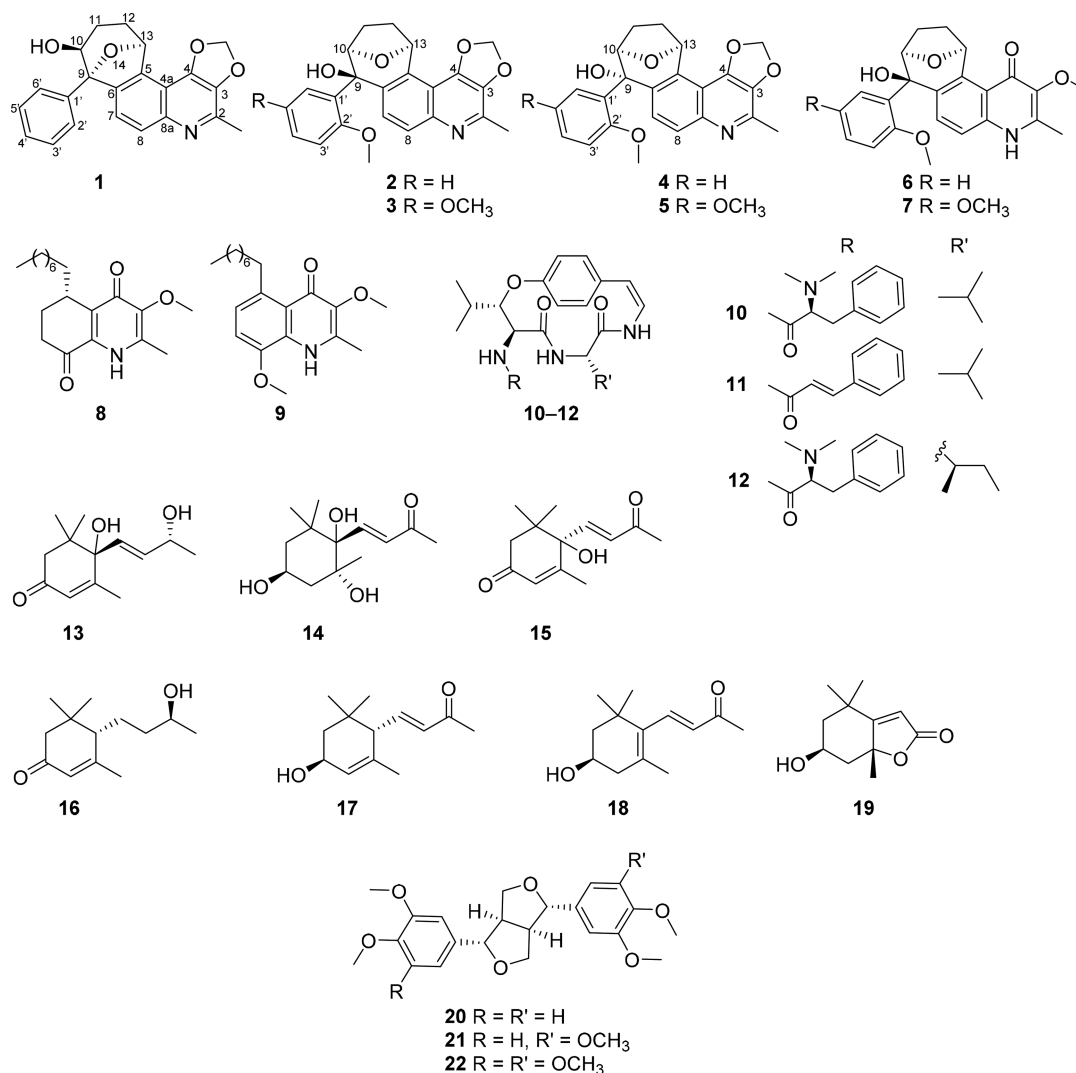


Figure 1. Structures of compounds 1–22.

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Data of Compounds 1–5

position	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ (J in Hz)				
	1 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>	5 <sup>c</sup>
7	7.45 d (8.6)	7.59 d (8.9)	7.59 d (8.9)	7.12 d (8.7)	7.14 d (9.2)
8	7.93 d (8.6)	7.86 d (8.9)	7.86 d (8.9)	7.60 d (8.7)	7.61 d (9.2)
10	4.42 m	4.77 dd (2.1, 7.9)	4.76 dd (2.1, 7.9)	4.49 brs	4.47 brs
11a	0.68 m	2.07 m	2.07 m	1.5–1.71 m	1.67 m (2H)
11b	1.99 m	2.49 m	2.49 m		
12a	1.76 dd (5.8, 13.4)	1.98 t (10.3)	1.97 t (9.8)	1.86 m	1.83 m
12b	2.21 m	2.22 m	2.22 m	2.09 m	2.09 m
13	5.78 d (2.8)	5.92 d (6.2)	5.91 d (6.2)	5.82 d (6.9)	5.82 d (6.8)
2'	7.76 d (7.6)				
3'	7.45 t (6.7)	6.99 d (8.3)	6.90 d (8.9)	6.93 overlap	6.87 d (8.7)
4'	7.39 t (7.4)	7.24 ddd (8.3, 7.4, 1.4)	6.74 dd (3.1, 8.9)	7.26 ddd (8.5, 7.1, 1.4)	6.83 dd (2.8, 8.7)
5'	7.45 t (6.7)	6.76 ddd (7.7, 7.4, 1.4)		6.93 overlap	
6'	7.76 d (7.6)	6.39 dd (7.7, 1.4)	5.99 d (3.1)		
CH <sub>3</sub> -2	2.68 s	2.66 s	2.66 s	2.51 s	2.51 s
OMe-2'		4.03 s	3.98 s	3.34 s	3.27 brs
OMe-5'			3.53 s		3.66 s
OCH <sub>2</sub> O	6.26 d (18.2)	6.23 d (18.4)	6.24 d (18.4)	6.29 d (16.3)	6.28 d (14.2)
OH	1.59 d (5.5)	5.11 s	5.15 s	5.51s	5.44 brs

<sup>a</sup>CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 600 MHz. <sup>b</sup>DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz at 60 °C. <sup>c</sup>DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz at 80 °C.

1.76 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.8, 13.4$  Hz), and 2.21 (1H, m), and two methine protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.42 (1H, m) and 5.78 (1H, d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz). The proton signals between  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.39 and 7.93 indicated seven aromatic protons. The proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.26 (2H, d,  $J = 18.2$  Hz) and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.59 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz) were characterized as methylenedioxy and hydroxy groups, respectively. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (Table 2) and HMBC spectroscopic data included 22

**Table 2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Data of Compounds 1–5

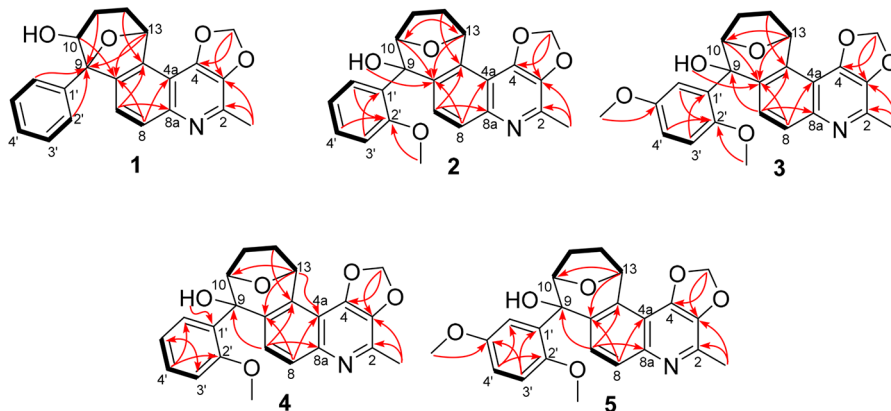
position	1 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>	5 <sup>c</sup>
2	144.1	143.5	143.4	142.6	142.6
3	140.3	140.3	140.2	140.3	140.3
4	147.5	148.5	148.4	148.6	148.6
4a	109.6	110.92	110.8	111.2	111.2
5	135.6	134.2	134.2	132.9	133.1
6	138.7	133.0	132.7	135.6	135.2
7	122.9	128.7	128.5	129.4	129.3
8	128.5	128.3	128.3	127.1	127.2
8a	145.8	145.5	145.5	144.9	145.0
9	88.7	78.0	77.9	75.6	75.6
10	68.6	80.7	80.6	83.9	83.9
11	27.5	22.6	22.6	24.2	24.2
12	27.2	33.9	33.8	32.0	32.0
13	78.5	75.1	75.0	74.2	74.2
1'	139.0	133.9	135.2	131.3	132.7
2'	127.6	156.3	150.4	157.4	151.6
3'	128.6	110.97	111.4	112.8	113.8
4'	128.4	128.8	112.0	129.4	114.1
5'	128.6	120.9	153.2	120.9	153.7
6'	127.6	131.8	118.9	130.2	116.6
CH <sub>3</sub> -2	19.4	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.3
OCH <sub>2</sub> O	102.7	102.2	102.2	102.9	102.9
OMe-2'		55.6	55.8	55.8	56.4
OMe-5'			55.4		56.0

<sup>a</sup>CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 150 MHz. <sup>b</sup>DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> on 100 MHz at 60 °C. <sup>c</sup>DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz at 80 °C.

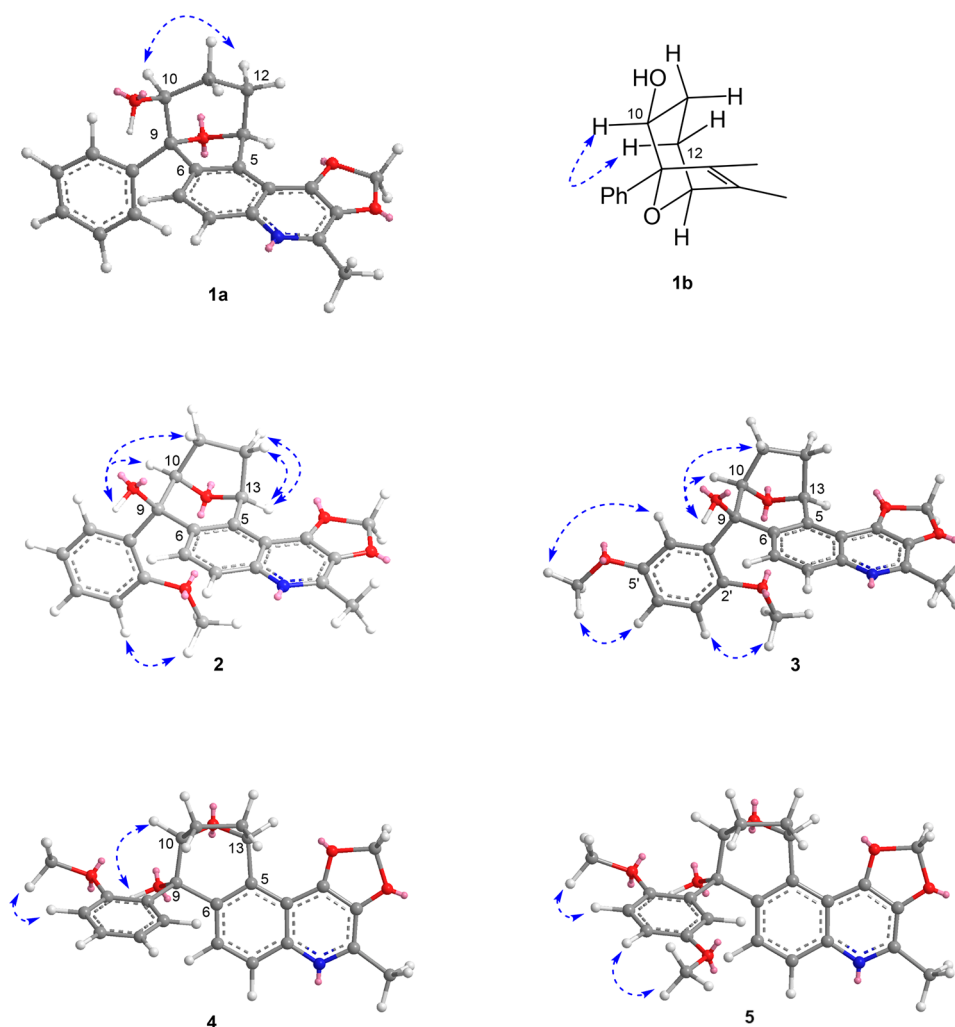
distinct carbon signals due to a methyl group ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  19.4), two methylene carbons ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  27.5 and 27.2), a methylenedioxy carbon ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  102.7), two oxygenated methine carbons ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  68.6 and 78.5), and an oxygenated tertiary carbon ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  88.7), as well as 15 aromatic carbons [ $\delta_{\text{C}}$  109.6–147.5 (overlapped carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  127.6 and 128.6)]. The 2D structure of **1** was defined from an analysis of the 1D and 2D NMR data (Figure 2). A quinoline system with a methyl group attached at C-2 was

defined from the HMBC correlations of the methyl protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.68 with the carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  144.1 (C-2) and 140.3 (C-3),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.45 (H-7) with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  145.8 (C-8a) and 135.6 (C-5), and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.93 (H-8) with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  109.6 (C-4a) and 138.7 (C-6). A seven-membered ring with an ether linkage between C-9 and C-13 (an 8-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane) was indicated by  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlations of H-10/H<sub>2</sub>-11/H<sub>2</sub>-12/H-13 (Figure 2, bold lines) and a HMBC correlation between  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.78 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, H-13) and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  88.7 (C-9). The fusion of the seven-membered ring to C-5 and C-6 of the quinoline was suggested by the HMBC correlations of H<sub>2</sub>-12 with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  135.6 (C-5) and of H-10/H-13 with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  138.7 (C-6). The methylenedioxy moiety was assigned at C-3 and C-4 owing to a cross-correlation of  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.26 with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  140.3 (C-3) and 147.5 (C-4).  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY correlations indicated connectivity of the H-2'–H-6' vicinal protons in a monosubstituted phenyl ring, and the HMBC correlations of H-2' and H-6' with  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  88.7 (C-9) suggested that it was linked to C-9 of the tricyclic skeleton. The relative configuration of **1** was deduced from the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and NOESY data (Figure 3). In the most stable chair conformation of the six-membered ring containing C-9–C-13 and O-14, the fused quinoline ring is in a 1,3-diaxial arrangement, while the hydrogen at C-13 and phenyl at C-9 are in equatorial positions (Figure 3, 1a and 1b). In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.78) appeared as a doublet with  $J = 2.8$  Hz, consistent with an equatorial orientation. The axial position of H-10 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.42) was supported by a NOESY correlation of H-10 with H-12<sub>ax</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.21). The correlations of H-11<sub>eq</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.99) with H-12<sub>ax</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.21) and H-12<sub>eq</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.76) and of H-12<sub>eq</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.21) with H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.78), H-11<sub>ax</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.68), and H-11<sub>eq</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.99) were also consistent with the assigned structure. The relatively high shift of H-11<sub>ax</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.68) is likely due to the anisotropic effect of the quinoline  $\pi$ -system. The structure of paliasanine A (**1**) was defined as 10-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-9-phenyl-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octa[*f*]quinoline. The (10*S*,13*R*) absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the experimental and calculated ECD spectra (Figure 4).

Compound **1** is the first characterized natural product with a phenyl oxabicyclo-octane unit fused at C-5 and C-6 of a 3,4-methylenedioxyquinoline. Only six related 3-alkoxy-4-quinolones have been found as secondary metabolites, waltheriones A–E and helicterone A, in three *Waltheria* species,<sup>32,33,47–50</sup> three *Melochia* species,<sup>4,6,15</sup> *Triumfetta grandidens*,<sup>31</sup> and *Helicteres angustifolia*.<sup>51</sup> The absolute configurations of these



**Figure 2.**  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY (bold lines) and selected key HMBC (arrows) correlations of compounds 1–5.



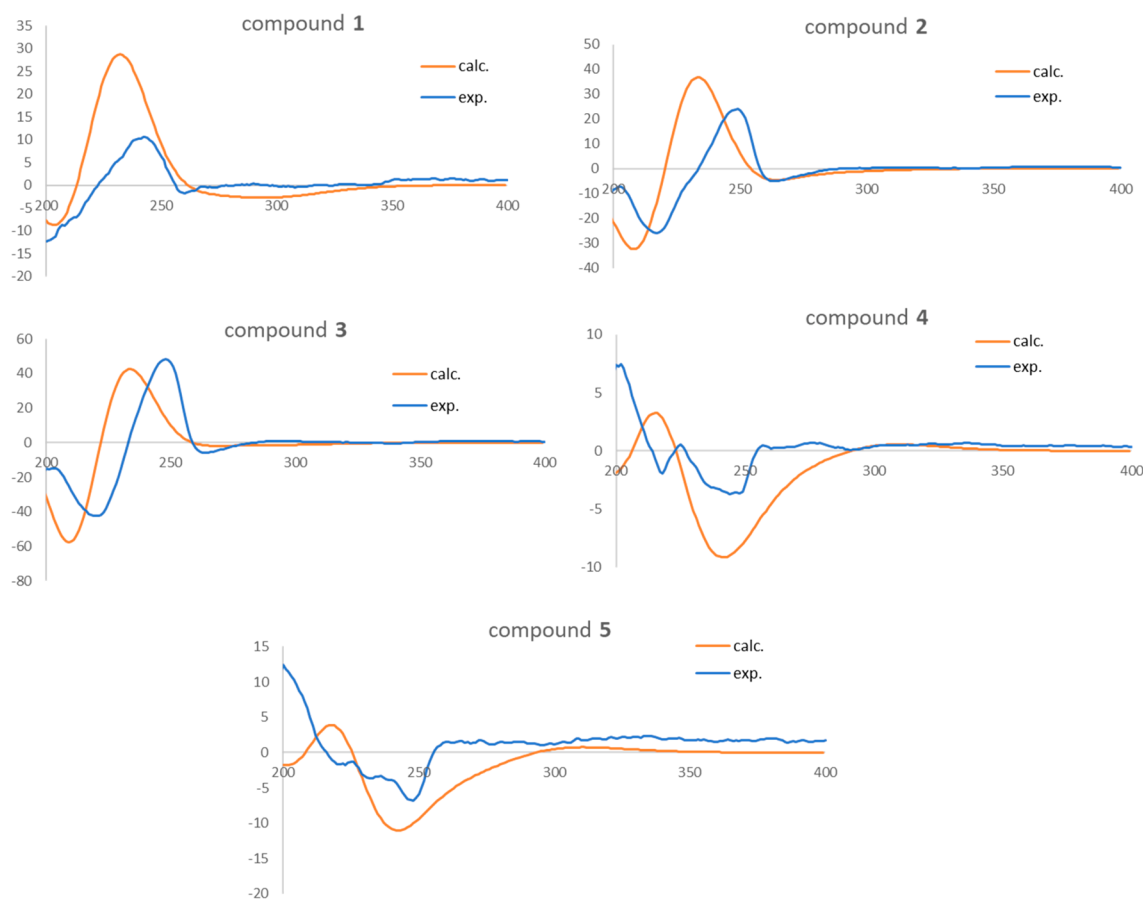
**Figure 3.** Key NOESY correlations (dotted arrows) of compounds 1–5.

six compounds have not been established. In addition, no other natural quinolines with 3,4-methylenedioxy substitution have been found, although quinolines with methylenedioxy at other positions have been reported. Examples include a 2,3-methylenedioxy-4,7-dimethoxyquinoline found in *Acronychia laurifolia*<sup>52</sup> and a 7,8-methylenedioxyquinoline alkaloid found in *Ptelea trifoliata*.<sup>53</sup>

Compound **2** was obtained as a white, amorphous powder. The molecular formula was assigned from the HRMS protonated molecular ion at  $m/z$  392.1479  $[M + H]^+$  (calcd 392.1498) as  $C_{23}H_{22}NO_5$ , which indicated 14 indices of hydrogen deficiency. Compounds **2** and **1** showed similar  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopic data, except for the signals around the phenyl ring as well as at C-9 and C-10 (Tables 1 and 2). Both compounds were assigned as 3,4-methylenedioxyquinolines fused with a phenyl-substituted oxabicyclo-octane ring. However, an *ortho*-methoxyphenyl group was attached at C-9 in **2** rather than the unsubstituted phenyl in **1**, as an additional methoxy group ( $\delta_H$  4.03) showing HMBC correlations with C-2' ( $\delta_C$  156.3) (Figure 2) and NOESY correlations with H-3' ( $\delta_H$  6.99) (Figure 3) were observed. The HMBC correlations of H-10 ( $\delta_H$  4.77, dd,  $J = 2.1, 7.9$  Hz) with C-13 ( $\delta_C$  75.1) and of H-13 ( $\delta_H$  5.92, d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz) with C-10 ( $\delta_C$  80.7) suggested an ether bridge connecting C-10 and C-13, in contrast to the linkage between C-9 and C-13 in **1**. The relative configurations

at C-9, C-10, and C-13 were established from NOESY data; a key correlation between OH at C-9 and H-11 $\beta$  indicated a  $\beta$ -oriented OH (Figure 3). From these data and ECD calculations (Figure 4), the structure of paliasanine B (**2**) was defined as (9*S*,10*R*,13*S*)-9-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-9-(2-methoxyphenyl)-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octa[*f*]-quinoline.

Compound **3** was purified as a white solid. The HRMS showed a protonated ion at  $m/z$  422.1607  $[M + H]^+$  (calcd 422.1604) corresponding to the molecular formula  $C_{24}H_{24}NO_6$ , which was 30 amu higher than that of **2**, suggesting an additional methoxy substituent. The  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopic data of **3** (Tables 1 and 2) were slightly different from those of **2**, particularly the proton and carbon signals of the phenyl ring. Two methoxy signals at  $\delta_H$  3.98/ $\delta_C$  55.8 and  $\delta_H$  3.53/ $\delta_C$  55.4 suggested a dimethoxyphenyl ring located at C-9. With no vicinal coupling between C-5' and C-6' and HMBC correlations between the methoxy protons and the two aromatic carbons at  $\delta_C$  150.4/153.2, the two methoxy moieties were assigned at C-2' and C-5'. This assignment was supported by NOESY correlations between the methoxy protons and H-3' and H-4'/C-6', respectively. The specific rotations,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -74.6$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $c$  0.12) for **2** and  $-72.7$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $c$  0.12) for **3** indicated the same absolute configurations at C-9, C-10, and C-13, which was also supported by ECD



**Figure 4.** Measured and calculated ECD of compounds 1–5.

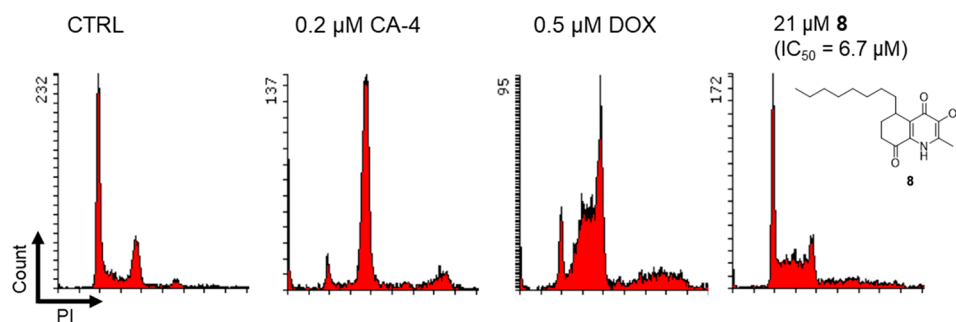
calculations (Figure 4). Accordingly, the structure of paliasanine C (3) was defined as (9*S*,10*R*,13*S*)-9-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-9-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octa[*f*]quinoline.

Compound 4 was isolated as a pale yellow solid. The molecular formula was established as  $C_{23}H_{22}NO_5$ , the same as that of 2, from the HRMS protonated ion at  $m/z$  392.1504 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 392.1498). The 1D and 2D NMR spectra of 4 were measured at 60 °C, because clear data were not obtained at room temperature (Figures S28a and S28b, Supporting Information). Although the H-6' signal did not appear clearly in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4, it was assumed to be a peak around 7.45 ppm, which correlated with C-4' (Figure 2). The presence of C-6' was assigned from HMBC correlations (Figure 2). Except for the chemical shifts of C-6, C-9, C-10, and C-1' (Table 2), the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 4 were similar to those of 2, indicating that 4 and 2 are isomers. Unlike 2, compound 4 did not show a NOESY correlation between OH and H-11β (Figure 3), which suggested that compound 4 has an OH-9α substituent. This assignment was further supported by ECD calculations, suggesting a (9*R*,10*R*,13*S*) absolute configuration (Figure 4). The structure of paliasanine D (4) was defined as (9*R*,10*R*,13*S*)-9-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-9-(2-methoxyphenyl)-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octa[*f*]quinoline.

Compound 5 was obtained as a white solid with the same molecular formula ( $C_{24}H_{24}NO_6$ ) as 3, according to a protonated ion at  $m/z$  422.1606 [ $M + H$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 422.1604) in the HRMS spectrum. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 5 were measured at 80 °C to provide clearer spectra (Figures S37a

and b, Supporting Information). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 5 were similar to those of 4, except for the chemical shifts of the phenyl carbons. Comparison of the 1D and 2D spectroscopic data of 5 to those of 3 and 4 suggested that compounds 5 and 3 are stereoisomers and compounds 5 and 4 have the same configurations at C-9, C-10, and C-13. The value of the specific rotation,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -13.4$  ( $CHCl_3$ ,  $c$  0.12), of 5 was close to that of 4,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -4.7$  ( $CHCl_3$ ,  $c$  0.12). The NOESY correlations (Figure 3) and ECD calculations (Figure 4) also supported the same absolute configurations. The structure of paliasanine E (5) was defined as (9*R*,10*R*,13*S*)-9-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-9-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-14-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octa[*f*]quinoline.

Compounds 1–14, 16, and 19 were evaluated for antiproliferative activity against five human tumor cell lines, A549 (lung cancer), MDA-MB-231 [triple-negative breast cancer: estrogen receptor (ER), progesterone receptor (PR), and HER2 negative], MCF-7 (ER positive and HER2 negative), KB (HeLa derivative), and KB-VIN (P-gp-over-expressing MDR KB-subline). Compounds 1–5, which are quinoline alkaloids with 3,4-methylenedioxy substitution, did not display cytotoxic effects against the evaluated cancer cell lines. However, compounds 6 and 7, which are quinolone alkaloids without a methylenedioxy moiety, demonstrated moderate and selective antiproliferative activities ( $IC_{50}$  5.9–8.4 μM) against MCF-7 and A549 cell lines. The methylenedioxy group and/or the difference between quinoline and quinolone systems could affect the activity toward both cell lines (2 vs 6 and 3 vs 7). The orientation of the OH did not significantly



**Figure 5.** Effect of compound **8** on cell cycle progression. MDA-MB-231 cells were treated for 24 h with the test compound. DMSO was used as a vehicle control (CTRL). Combretastatin A-4 (CA-4) or doxorubicin (DOX) was used as a positive control for induction of cell cycle arrest in the G2/M or S/G2 phase, respectively.

influence the activity (2 vs 4 and 3 vs 5). Among all compounds tested, antidesmone (**8**) demonstrated the most potent activity, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.4–8.4 μM against A549, MDA-MB-231, MCF, and KB-VIN. It also exhibited 2-fold greater activity against the MDR (KB-VIN, IC<sub>50</sub> = 8.6 μM) than the non-MDR (KB, IC<sub>50</sub> = 17.7 μM) tumor cell line (Table S1, Supporting Information). However, waltherione F (**9**), which has an OCH<sub>3</sub> substituent rather than the 8-oxo moiety found in **8**, showed greatly reduced potency. The impact of compound **8** on cell cycle progression in MDA-MB-231 cells was assessed by flow cytometry (Figure 5). Compared with the vehicle control, compound **8** induced S phase accumulation, suggesting it probably impacted S phase progression. However, the effect on cell cycle progression was not obvious compared with those of the known cell cycle inhibitors combretastatin A-4 (CA-4) and doxorubicin (DOX).

Compounds **1–3** were evaluated for anti-HIV activity in MT4 cells. However, these three tested compounds were not active, although the related analogue waltherione A (**6**) inhibited HIV P24 formation at 1.7 μM.<sup>16</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Procedures.** Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-2200 digital polarimeter in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECS400 and JNM-ECA600 NMR spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard, and chemical shifts are stated as δ values. HRMS data were measured on a JMS-700 (FAB) or JMS-T100TD (DART) mass spectrometer. UV spectra were recorded on a Tecan SPARK 10M in CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) except for compound **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. IR spectra were measured neat on a Shimadzu IRSprite. Preparative HPLC was performed on a GL Science recycling system using InertSustain C<sub>18</sub> (5 μm, 20 × 250 mm) and chiral ART Cellulose-SC (5 μm, 250 × 10.0 mm) columns. Analytical and preparative TLC were carried out on precoated silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates (0.25 or 1 mm thickness; Merck) and an NH<sub>2</sub> silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plate (0.5 mm; Wako). Column chromatography was conducted with silica gel 60 N (Spherical, 63–210 μm, neutral, Kanto Chemical). Analytical and reversed-phase preparative TLC were performed on silica gel 60 RP-18 F254S (0.25 mm, Merck).

**Plant Material.** *Melochia umbellata* var. *deglabrata* leaves were collected at Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, in January 2018 and identified by Djoko Santoso, Department of Pharmaceutical Biology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Universitas Gadjah Mada. A voucher specimen has been deposited in the Pharmacognosy-Phytochemistry Laboratory, Hasanuddin University (2018\_AR\_FFUH\_01).

**Extraction and Isolation.** Air-dried and powdered *M. umbellata* leaves (1.32 kg) were extracted with MeOH (×3, each 8.0 L) at room temperature for 48 h. After removing the solvent in vacuo, a MeOH extract residue (300 g) was obtained, which was partitioned with *n*-hexane (×10, each 250 mL) assisted by ultrasound irradiation for 15

min to give *n*-hexane-soluble (74.2 g) and -insoluble (226 g) fractions. The *n*-hexane-soluble fraction was partitioned between *n*-hexane and MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1) to yield *n*-hexane (52.8 g) and MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (21.3 g) extracts. The *n*-hexane-insoluble fraction was partitioned with EtOAc (×6, each 350 mL) aided by an ultrasonic irradiation for 15 min, to afford EtOAc-soluble (10.2 g) and -insoluble (216 g) fractions.

The MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O extract (21.3 g) was fractionated using normal-phase silica gel column chromatography (CC) eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (5:1, 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:5 v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH to give eight pooled fractions (A–H). Fraction F (701 mg) was subjected to reversed-phase MPLC, eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v) and acetone, to yield three subfractions (F1, F2, and F3). Subfraction F1 (510 mg) was further separated by normal-phase silica gel CC with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (3:1, 2:1, 1:1, 1:2, 1:5, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH to furnish 145 subfractions (each 20 mL). These fractions were combined according to the similarity of their TLC profiles into nine subfractions (F1-A–F1-I). Compound **1** (4.4 mg) was isolated from subfraction F1-B by reversed-phase preparative TLC eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1). Combined subfractions F1-C and F1-D (22.3 mg) were purified with semipreparative HPLC RP-18 eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2:1) to yield compounds **1** (2.1 mg), **3** (2.2 mg), **9** (1.4 mg), and **10** (5.8 mg). Subfraction F1-F (144 mg) was further separated by normal-phase silica gel CC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (9:1 and 8:1, v/v) and MeOH to give three subfractions [F1-F1 (compound **12**, 13.1 mg), F1-F2, and F1-F3]. Subfraction F1-F2 (116 mg) was purified by semipreparative RP-18 HPLC eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v), to yield compounds **8** (73.7 mg), **1** (4.2 mg), and **5** (1.8 mg). Subfraction F1-G (215 mg) was subjected to normal-phase silica gel CC eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (3:1, 2:1, v/v) and MeOH to provide five subfractions (F1-G1–F1-G5). Compounds **4** (9.1 mg) and **13** (4.2 mg) were isolated by semipreparative RP-18 HPLC from subfractions F1-G2 (13.1 mg) and F1-G3 (40.0 mg), respectively, with a mobile phase of CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2:1, v/v). Fraction E (708 mg) was fractionated by reversed-phase MPLC with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v) and acetone 100% v/v to afford four subfractions (E1–E4, each 300 mL). Repeated chromatography of subfraction E1 (371 mg) with normal-phase silica gel CC eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (4:1, 3:1, 2:1, v/v) and MeOH 100% v/v afforded seven subfractions (E1-A–E1-G). Subfraction E1-C (20.8 mg) was purified successively by semipreparative RP-18 HPLC, eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1:1, v/v), normal-phase preparative TLC, eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (50:1, v/v), and reversed-phase preparative TLC, eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2:1, v/v), to give compounds **15** (1.5 mg) and **16** (1.2 mg). Subsequently, MeOH was added separately to subfractions E1-D (96.7 mg) and E1-E (129 mg), to give compounds **2** (19.9 mg) and **3** (20.4 mg), respectively, as MeOH-insoluble solids. The MeOH-soluble portion of E1-E (102 mg) was further separated by normal-phase silica gel CC eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (25:1, 20:1, 15:1, 10:1, v/v) and MeOH to provide four subfractions (SM-1–SM-4). Repeated chromatography of SM-1 using normal-phase preparative TLC, eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (20:1, v/v), and

Table 3. Antiproliferative Data of Selected Isolated Compounds

compound	cell line (IC <sub>50</sub> μM) <sup>a</sup>				
	AS49	MDA-MB-231	MCF-7	KB	KB-VIN
6	6.6 ± 0.03	>10	8.0 ± 0.3	>10	>10
7	5.9 ± 0.2	>10	8.2 ± 0.7	>10	>10
8	8.4 ± 0.3	6.7 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.2	>10	8.6 ± 0.3
12	9.5 ± 0.4	>10	>10	>10	>10
1–5, 9–11, 13, 14, 16, 19	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
PXL (nM) <sup>b</sup>	6.5 ± 0.3	8.6 ± 0.3	13.5 ± 0.7	7.7 ± 0.2	2353 ± 47.6

<sup>a</sup>Antiproliferative activity stated as IC<sub>50</sub> values for each cell line, the concentration of compound that caused 50% reduction relative to untreated cells evaluated by the SRB assay, mean ± SD (*n* = 6). <sup>b</sup>The IC<sub>50</sub> of paclitaxel (PXL) is stated in nM.

semipreparative RP-18 HPLC, eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2:1, v/v), yielded compounds **9** (6.4 mg) and **21** (8.0 mg). In the same manner, compound **22** (2.3 mg) was isolated from subfraction E1-F via silica gel normal-phase CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (3:1, 2:1, v/v) and MeOH, and reversed-phase preparative TLC, eluting with CH<sub>3</sub>CN–MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1:1, v/v). Fraction D (1.05 g) was subjected to reversed-phase MPLC, eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v), MeOH, and acetone, to give six subfractions (D1–D6). Subfraction D1 (289 mg) was subjected to normal-phase silica gel CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (3:1, 2:1, v/v) and MeOH, to yield six subfractions (D1-A–D1-F). Repeated CC of subfraction D1-B with normal-phase silica gel eluting with the same solvent system, semipreparative RP-18 HPLC, eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1, v/v), and normal-phase preparative TLC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (2:1, v/v), gave a mixture of compounds **17** and **18** (3.2 mg). Subfraction D2 (272.8 mg) was separated by normal-phase silica gel CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (4:1, 3:1, 2:1 v/v) and MeOH, to provide six subfractions (D1-A–D1-F). Recrystallization of subfraction D1-D (107.9 mg) with MeOH afforded compound **11** (23.4 mg).

The EtOAc-soluble extract (10.2 g) was fractionated by normal-phase CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (5:1, 3:1, 1:1, 1:3, 1:5, 1:10, 1:25, 1:50, 1:100, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH, to give 11 fractions (FA–FK). Fraction FF (460 mg) was further subjected to reversed-phase MPLC, by elution with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v), MeOH, and acetone, to yield five subfractions (FF-1–FF-5). Repeated chromatography of subfraction FF-1 with normal-phase CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (3:1, 2:1, 1:1, v/v) and MeOH, afforded eight subfractions (FF-1A–FF-1H). Compounds **19** (8.8 mg) and **14** (2.9 mg) were isolated from subfraction FF-1C (26.1 mg) by reversed-phase preparative TLC, eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, v/v), and normal-phase preparative TLC, eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (15:1, v/v). Normal-phase preparative TLC of subfraction FF-1D eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone (15:1, v/v) yielded compounds **20** (1.7 mg), **21** (3.8 mg), **22** (2.4 mg), and **2** (3.5 mg). Fraction FI (198 mg) was fractionated by reversed-phase MPLC, eluting with MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 2:1, 4:1, v/v) and acetone, to give seven subfractions (FI-1–FI-7). Repeated chromatography of subfraction FI-1 (44.8 mg) with normal-phase CC, eluting with *n*-hexane–acetone (1:2, 1:4, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH, afforded six subfractions (FI-1A–FI-1F). Subfraction FI-1B (10.3 mg) was separated by NH<sub>2</sub> silica gel preparative TLC, eluting with CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (98:2, v/v), to afford three isolates (a, b, and c). Repeated chromatography of isolate b on semipreparative HPLC chiral ART eluting with *n*-hexane–isopropyl alcohol (15:1, v/v) for 70 min and then isopropyl alcohol (100%) yielded compounds **6** (1.8 mg) and **7** (3.6 mg).

**Palisanine A (1)**: pale yellow, amorphous powder; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>–165.6 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.21); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1) λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 249 (1.86), 342 (0.96) nm; IR ν<sub>max</sub> 3373, 2921, 2851, 1651, 1608, 1530, 1433, 1385, 1345, 1325, 1159, 1094, 1064, 1022, 983, 951, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (0.8 μg/mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) Δε<sub>242</sub> +7.47, Δε<sub>260</sub> – 1.22; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; HRMS *m/z* 362.1375 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, 362.1392).

**Palisanine B (2)**: white, amorphous powder; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>–74.6 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.12); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 247 (0.14), 343 (0.07) nm; IR

ν<sub>max</sub> 3516, 3000, 2945, 1640, 1607, 1582, 1563, 1520, 1486, 1466, 1336, 1289, 1240, 1190, 1159, 1146, 1107, 1057, 1024, 987, 910, 832 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (1.7 μg/mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) Δε<sub>217</sub> – 37.35, Δε<sub>249</sub> + 34.29, Δε<sub>263</sub> – 7.34; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; HRMS *m/z* 392.1479 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, 392.1498).

**Palisanine C (3)**: white, amorphous solid; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>–72.7 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.12); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1) λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 247 (1.24), 298 (0.87), 343 (0.72) nm; IR ν<sub>max</sub> 3508, 2935, 2843, 1640, 1609, 1496, 1445, 1425, 1389, 1335, 1220, 1187, 1159, 1110, 1047, 1022, 910 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (1.6 μg/mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) Δε<sub>220</sub> –53.27, Δε<sub>248</sub> +60.41, Δε<sub>264</sub> –7.43; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; HRMS *m/z* 422.1607 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 422.1604).

**Palisanine D (4)**: white, amorphous solid; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>–4.7 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.12); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1) λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 245 (1.13), 341 (0.36) nm; IR ν<sub>max</sub> 3408, 3356, 2925, 1720, 1637, 1522, 1490, 1459, 1425, 1379, 1339, 1279, 1243, 1162, 1070, 1053, 1022, 897, 829, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (2.4 μg/mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) Δε<sub>218</sub> –3.86, Δε<sub>225</sub> +1.17, Δε<sub>244</sub> –7.48; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz at 60 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz at 60 °C), see Tables 1 and 2; HRMS *m/z* 392.1504 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, 392.1498).

**Palisanine E (5)**: white, amorphous solid; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup>–13.4 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.12); UV (CH<sub>3</sub>CN–H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1) λ<sub>max</sub> (log ε) 298 (2.36), 342 (1.67) nm; IR ν<sub>max</sub> 3394, 2918, 2850, 1719, 1609, 1560, 1493, 1420, 1379, 1339, 1273, 1222, 1156, 1104, 1046, 1022, 977, 829 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ECD (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) Δε<sub>248</sub> –3.47; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz at 80 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz at 80 °C), see Tables 1 and 2; HRMS *m/z* 422.1606 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 422.1604).

**Calculated ECD Spectra.** Conformational analysis for each compound was performed in a preliminarily manner by CONFLEX8 with the MMFF94 force field. The conformers obtained were further optimized in CH<sub>3</sub>CN by a density functional theory (DFT) approach with the B3LYP functional and 6-31(d) basis set. Each ECD spectrum was calculated by the time-dependent DFT (TDDFT) method with the CAM-B3LYP functional and TZVP basis set. The calculation was completed by using the conformers within 2 kcal/mol predicted in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The solvent effect was introduced by the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM). The DFT optimization and TDDFT-ECD calculation were achieved using Gaussian09 (Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford, CT, USA). The calculated spectrum was displayed by GaussView 5.0.920 with the peak half-width at half-height being 0.333 eV. The Boltzmann-averaged spectrum at 298.15K was calculated using Excel 2016 (Microsoft Co., Redmond, WA, USA). The calculations were reoptimized according to a literature procedure.<sup>54</sup>

**Antiproliferative Activity Assay.** In vitro antiproliferative activity assays using several human tumor cell lines, including AS49, MDA-MB-231, MCF-7, KB, and KB VIN, were performed as previously described.<sup>55</sup>

**Flow Cytometry.** MDA-MB-231 cells were seeded in a 12-well plate 24 h prior to treatment with the test compounds. Compound **8** was used at 3-fold IC<sub>50</sub> concentration. After a 24 h treatment of each compound, harvested cells were fixed for 24 h in 70% EtOH at –20

°C. Fixed cells were stained with propidium iodide reagent containing RNase (BD Biosciences) and subjected to flow cytometry analysis (BD Biosciences, LSRFortessa).

**Multicycle Viral Replication in an MT4 Cellular Assay.** In vitro antiviral activity against HIV-1 was evaluated with acutely infected MT4 cells, as previously described.<sup>30</sup>

**Cytotoxicity Assay (MT4 Cells).** The cytotoxicity of isolated compounds against MT4 cells was evaluated by a CytoTox-Glo cytotoxicity assay (Promega), as previously described.<sup>30</sup>

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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