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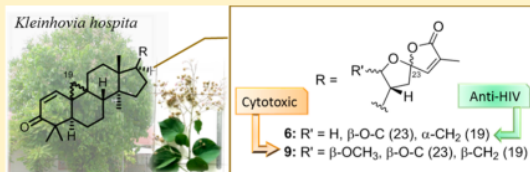
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ABSTRACT: A novel cycloartane triterpenoid alkaloid, kleinhospitine E (1), six new cycloartane triterpenoids (2–7), three known cycloartane triterpenoids (8–10), and taraxerone (11) were isolated from a methanol extract of *Kleinhovia hospita*. Their structures were elucidated by 1D- and 2D-NMR spectroscopy as well as HRMS analysis. The absolute configurations of all isolated compounds were determined from their ECD spectra by comparison with theoretical values. Kleinhospitine E (1) is the first cycloartane alkaloid possessing an unusual γ -lactam with an oxopropylidene side chain. Compounds 2, 3, and 6 were assigned as cycloartane triterpenoids with a $9\alpha,10\alpha$ -cyclopropyl ring, which is found rarely among naturally occurring compounds, while 4 and 5 were established as isomers of compound 3 containing a 21,23-diacetal side chain. Biological evaluation revealed that compounds 4 and 9 exhibited more potent antiproliferative activities against a multidrug-resistant tumor cell line compared with its parent chemosensitive cell line. Furthermore, compound 6 exhibited submicromolar anti-HIV activity.

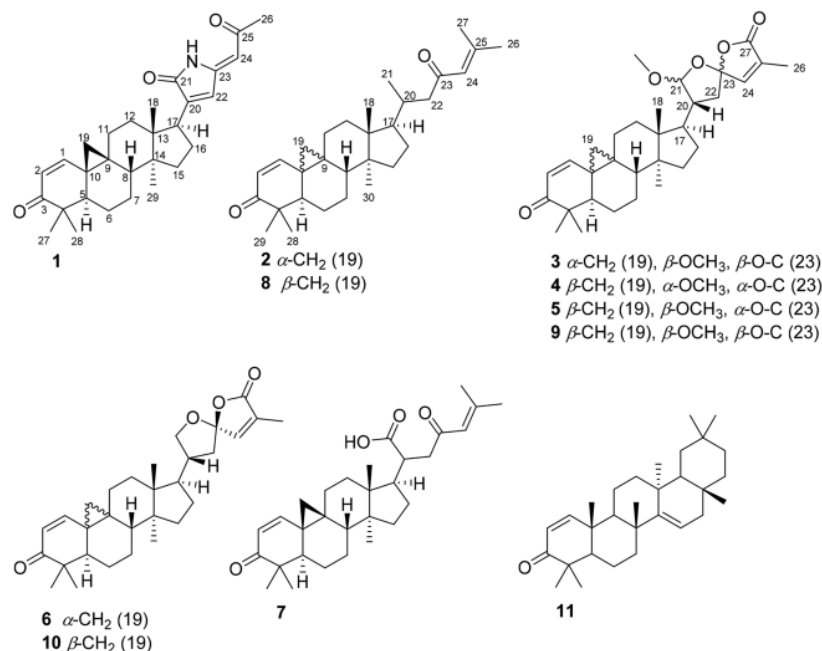


The Indonesian plant *Kleinhovia hospita* L. (Malvaceae) is locally called “tahongai” (Kalimantan Timur), “timoho” (Java), and “paliasa” (Makassar, South Sulawesi), although two additional plant species, *Melochia umbellata* var. *degrabrata* and *M. umbellata* var. *visenia*, are also known as “paliasa”.¹ In Indonesia, some tribes have used the leaves of the plant for the treatment of various diseases, such as hepatitis, liver cancer (Makassar and Bugis, South Sulawesi), gastritis (Moronene, Southeast Sulawesi), hypertension (Wawoni, Southeast Sulawesi), and high cholesterol levels (Lombok, North Lombok). In Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, the cambium of this plant has been used to treat pneumonia, while the leaves and bark are used to kill ectoparasites, such as lice.² Preliminary screening of the cytotoxic activity of some selected medicinal plants collected from South Sulawesi, Indonesia, showed that a crude methanol extract of *K. hospita* displayed potent cytotoxic activity against the A549, MDA-MB-231, MCF-7, KB, and KB-VIN cell lines with an IC_{50} value of $<20 \mu\text{g/mL}$. Despite the biological activities mentioned above, not many detailed phytochemical studies have been reported so far on *K. hospita*. To date, cycloartane triterpenoids, the alkaloids kleinhospitines A–D, and several

flavonoids as well as coumarins were isolated from the stem bark³ and leaves.^{4–7} Cycloartane triterpenoids are found widely in plants and algae and are associated with the biosynthesis of steroidal compounds.⁸ They exhibit numerous biological activities, including having cytotoxic,^{9–22} antimicrobial,^{23,24} anti-HIV,²⁵ antituberculosis,²⁶ hepatoprotective,^{5,6} and antifeedant effects.¹⁹ In most cases, the cyclopropyl moiety on the skeleton has a β -orientation, produced biosynthetically through the chair-boat-chair-boat conformation of 1,3-oxidosqualene. However, cycloartanes with an α -cyclopropyl ring are rare in Nature; examples include kleinhospitines C and D found in *K. hospita* as a mixture of C-23 epimers,⁶ as well as four compounds from *Neoboutonia melleri*.²² As part of our continuing phytochemical research on tropical rainforest plants,^{27–31} herein are reported the isolation and structure elucidation of a novel cycloartane triterpenoid alkaloid (1) and cycloartane triterpenoids with both α - and β -cyclopropyl rings (2–10) from Indonesian *K. hospita*. All isolated compounds were evaluated for antiproliferative effects

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against five human tumor cell lines, including a multidrug-resistant (MDR) subline.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A crude methanol extract of *K. hospita* was suspended in MeOH–H₂O (9:1) and partitioned with *n*-hexane. The MeOH–H₂O layer was evaporated and further partitioned between H₂O and EtOAc. The *n*-hexane and EtOAc layers were separately fractionated by a combination of various chromatographic techniques to provide seven new (1–7) and four known compounds, with the latter identified as cycloartan-1,24-diene-3,23-dione (8), (21S,23R)-21/23,23/27-diepoxy-21-methoxycycloartan-1,24-diene-3,27-dione (9), (23R)-21,23:23,27-diepoxy-cycloartan-1,24-diene-3,27-dione (10), and taraxerone (11),⁷ by comparison with their previously reported spectroscopic data.

Compound 1 was isolated as a pale yellow, amorphous powder and exhibited a positive HRMS protonated molecular ion peak at m/z 448.2854 [M + H]⁺ (calcd 448.2852), consistent with the molecular formula C₂₉H₃₈NO₃. This compound also showed a positive response to Dragendorff reagent for an alkaloid. The ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 1) displayed five methyl signals at δ_H 0.83 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, s), 1.01 (3H, s), 1.09 (3H, s), and 2.28 (3H, s). A cyclopropyl ring was characterized by a proton signal at δ_H 0.68 (1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz) and 1.32 (1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz) conjugated with an α,β -unsaturated ketone at δ_H 6.79 (1H, d, J = 10.1 Hz) and 5.97 (1H, d, J = 10.1 Hz). Two additional olefinic protons that were observed at δ_H 6.64 (1H, s) and 5.65 (1H, s) were most likely due to double bonds in the side chain. In addition, a proton signal at δ_H 9.58 (1H, s) was assigned to a NH group. The ¹³C NMR (Table 2) and DEPT spectra identified 29 signals, classified as five methyls, seven methylenes, seven methines, seven quaternary carbons, and three carbonyls. The presence of two α,β -unsaturated ketone groups was based on carbon signals observed at δ_C 205.2 and 199.2, while a keto-carbonyl

conjugated with a NH group was postulated from the signal at δ_C 172.5. The complete assignments of the overall structure were based on the HMBC data obtained (Figure 1). The correlations of H₃-27/H₃-28 with C-4, H-1/H₃-27 with C-3, H-2 with C-4/C-10, and H-5 with C-10/C-28 revealed the structure of the A ring, while those of H₂-19 with C-1/C-5/C-8, H-1 with C-9, H₂-6 with C-10, and H₂-7 with C-9 indicated the structures of the 9,19-cyclopropyl and B rings. Similarly, the structures of rings C and D were developed through a combination of H¹³C, ¹H–¹H COSY, and HMBC correlations, such as H₃-18 with C-12/C-13/C-14/C-17 and H₃-29 with C-8/C-13/C-14/C-15, as shown in Figure 1. The key correlations of δ_H 9.58 (NH) with δ_C 144.3 (C-20), 133.1 (C-22) and 147.9 (C-23), as well as δ_H 6.64 (H-22) with δ_C 52.5 (CO-21) and 144.3 (C-20), indicated the presence of a side chain containing a 1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one substructure. In addition, the correlations between the proton signal at δ_H 5.65 (H-24) and δ_C 133.1 (C-22), 147.9 (C-23), and 199.2 (CO-17) indicated a 2-oxopropylidene group to be linked to C-23. The relative configuration of 1 was established from the NOESY data (Figure 2). Key correlations between H₂-19 and H₃-27/H-8/H₃-18 suggested β -orientations for these four groups. The correlations of H-5 with H₃-28/H₃-29 and of H-12 with H-17 revealed α -orientations of the protons involved. The absolute configuration of 1 was determined by the electronic circular dichroism (ECD) according to the reported theory of the related cycloartanes^{6,7} (Figure 3). In the 200–400 nm region, which is attributed to the configuration of the cyclopropane and ring A, the spectrum of 1 showed a first negative Cotton effect at 340 nm, consistent with configurations of (9S,10S). Accordingly, the structure of compound 1 (kleinhospitine E) was determined as (9S,10S)-21,23-lactamcycloartan-1,24-diene-3,25-dione. The unusual side chain present, 1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one, has been found in Nature previously and occurred in a 3,4-seco triterpenoid without a cyclopropyl ring from the bark of

Table 1. ¹H NMR Data of Compounds 1–7 (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

position	δ_{H} (J in Hz)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	6.79 d (10.1)	6.37 d (10.1)	6.37 d (10.1)	6.80 d (10.1)	6.79 d (10.1)	6.35 d (10.1)	6.73 d (10.1)
2	5.97 d (10.1)	5.89 d (10.1)	5.89 d (10.1)	5.97 d (10.1)	5.96 d (10.1)	5.99 d (10.1)	5.93 d (10.1)
5	2.11 dd (4.1, 12.8)	2.24 m	2.25 dd (12.8, 7.8)	2.10 m	2.15 s (3.7, 12.8)	2.25 t (8.9)	2.13 m
6a	1.11 m	1.25 m	1.24 overlap	1.11 m	1.11 m	1.24 m	1.01 m
6b	1.56 m	1.37 overlap	1.37 overlap	1.58 m	1.59 m	1.58 m	1.54 overlap
7a	1.58 overlap	1.30 overlap	1.25 m overlap	1.21 m	1.22 m	1.38 m	1.24 m
7b		1.74 overlap	1.74 m	1.58 m	1.56 m	1.69 m	1.57 m
8	2.09 t (8.0)	1.99 m	2.06 dd (15.8, 7.8)	2.05 m	1.97 m	2.03 t (7.8)	2.05 t (8.5)
11a	1.61 m	1.23 overlap	1.69 m	1.67 m	1.64 m	1.68 m	1.64 m
11b	1.06 m	2.10 m	2.14 m	1.85 m	1.99 m	2.12 m	1.84 m
12a	1.25 m	1.42 m	1.22 m	1.21 m	1.48 m	1.19 m	1.22 m
12b	1.84 m	1.61 m	1.68 m overlap	1.69 m	1.76 m	1.65 m	1.54 m
15a	1.42 m	1.21 m	1.26 m	1.36 m	1.32 m	1.28 m	1.31 m
15b	1.54 m	1.37 m	1.39 m			1.43 m	
16	1.83 m	1.31 overlap	1.84 m	1.36 m	1.62 m	1.41 m	1.62 m
	1.98 m	1.88 overlap		1.67 m	1.92 m	1.89 m	1.94 m
17	3.17 t (9.4)	1.58 m	1.87 m	2.15 m	2.26 dd (8.7, 20.2)	1.81 m	2.11 m
18	0.83 s	0.95 s	0.99 s	1.02 s	1.03 s	0.94 s	1.13 s
19a	0.68 d (5.0)	0.79 d (5.0)	0.79 d (5.0)	0.71 d (5.0)	0.77 d (5.0)	0.78 d (5.0)	0.71 d (4.9)
19b	1.32 d (5.0)	1.38 d (5.0)	1.39 d (5.0)	1.35 d (5.0)	1.31 d (5.0)	1.38 d (5.0)	1.31 d (4.9)
20		2.02 m	2.67 m	2.48–2.57 brd	2.38 m	2.74 m	2.79 m
21		0.90 d (5.9)	4.88 d (5.0)	5.03 d (4.6)	5.08 d (2.3)	a. 3.59 t (8.9) b. 4.32 t (8.0)	
22	6.64 s	a. 2.09 m b. 2.51 d (12.4)	a. 2.03 m b. 2.25 dd (6.4, 12.8)	a. 2.03 m b. 2.11 m	a. 1.97 m b. 2.47 dd (9.2, 13.7)	a. 1.82 m b. 2.18 m	a. 2.67 d (14.2) b. 2.78 t (10.5)
24	5.65 s	6.06 s	6.66 d (1.4)	6.69 d (1.4)	6.72 d (1.4)	6.69 s	6.05 s
26	2.28 s	1.88 s	1.94 d (1.4)	1.94 d (1.4)	1.93 d (1.4)	1.93 s	1.89 s
27	0.96 s	2.15 s					2.14 s
28	1.09 s	1.06 s	1.06 s	1.09 s	1.11 s	1.06 s	1.09 s
29	1.01 s	1.07 s	1.07 s	0.97 s	0.963 s	1.07 s	0.95 s
30		0.88 s	0.89 s	0.89 s	0.955 s	0.89 s	0.88 s
	NH: 9.58 s		MeO: 3.38 s	MeO: 3.34 s	MeO: 3.40 s		

Entandrophragma congolense (Meliaceae)³² as well as a spiro γ -lactone unit in kleinhospitines A–D from *K. hospita*.⁶

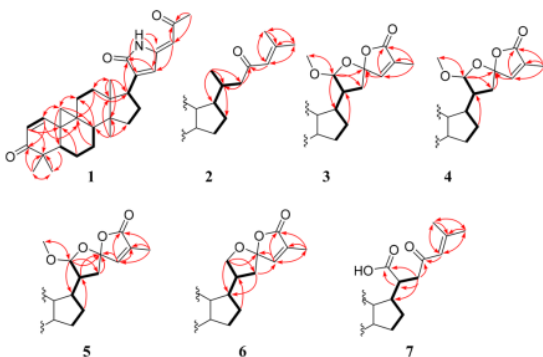
Compound 2 was isolated as a white, amorphous powder. Its molecular formula, C₃₁H₄₅O₅, was deduced from HRMS analysis that showed a protonated molecular ion peak at m/z 437.3397 [M + H]⁺ (calcd 437.3420). The ¹H NMR spectrum (Table 1) displayed seven methyl signals at δ_{H} 2.15 (3H, s), 1.88 (3H, s), 1.07 (3H, s), 1.06 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), and 0.88 (3H, s). Two AB doublets at δ_{H} 0.79 and 1.38 (each 1H, both $J = 5.0$ Hz) suggested the presence of cyclopropyl protons at H-19 α and H-19 β . The ¹³C NMR spectrum (Table 2) displayed signals for 30 carbons, including seven methyls, eight methylenes, seven methines, and six quaternary carbons as well as two carbonyls as established by DEPT analysis. These data suggested that 2 has a cycloartane skeleton. Two α,β -unsaturated ketones were indicated by three olefinic protons at δ_{H} 6.37 (1H, d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 5.89 (1H, d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), and 6.06 (1H, s), two carbonyl carbons at δ_{C} 205.1 and 201.4, and four olefinic carbons at δ_{C} 156.7, 154.9, 124.4, and 124.3. The presence of a linear side chain with oxygen at C-23 was assigned from the HMBC correlations of H-20 with C-16, H₃-21 with C-17/C-20/C-22, H₂-22 with C-20/C-21/C-23, H-24 with C-23/C-26/C-27, and H₃-26/H₃-27 with C-24/C-25 (Figure 1). While the spectroscopic data of 2 and cycloartan-1,24-dien-16,23-dione (8)⁵ were similar, the differences in the ¹³C NMR signals of C-

1, C-5, C-8, C-9, and C-10 suggested that compound 2 is an isomer of 8. Furthermore, analysis of the NOESY spectrum of 2 demonstrated several key correlations: H₂-19 with H-5/H₃-30, H₃-28 with H-5, H₃-18 with H-8, and H-17 with H₃-30/H₃-21. These data suggested strongly that H₂-19, H₃-28, H-5, H-17, H-21, and H₃-30 have α -orientations, while H-8, H₂-29, and H₃-18 have β -configurations (Figure 2). The different optical rotations, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -116.2$ (MeOH, c 0.01) and -22.6 (MeOH, c 0.35), for 2 and 8, respectively, also supported the conclusion that compounds 2 and 8 are stereoisomers. This was also supported by the ECD spectrum of 2. According to the above-mentioned theory,^{6,7} an opposite Cotton effect of 2 with that of 8 in the 310–400 nm region indicated a difference of absolute configuration for the cyclopropane ring. The similar negative Cotton effects at around 270 nm, attributed to the side chain with an α,β -unsaturated ketone, suggested the configuration at C-20 could be the same for both compounds 2 and 8. In addition, the positive Cotton effect of 2 at around 325 nm was identical to those of kleinhospitines C and D in having an α -cyclopropyl ring. Based on the above observations, compound 2 was determined as (9*R*,10*R*)-cycloartan-1,24-diene-3,23-dione.

Compound 3 was isolated as a white, amorphous powder, and its HRMS showed a protonated molecular ion at m/z 495.3101 [M + H]⁺ (calcd 495.3110), corresponding to the molecular formula C₃₁H₄₃O₅. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR Data of Compounds 1–7 (100 MHz, CDCl_3)

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	153.5	156.7	156.5	153.5	153.5	156.3	153.6
2	126.9	124.4	124.5	126.8	126.9	124.5	126.8
3	205.2	205.1	205.0	205.2	205.2	204.9	205.2
4	45.8	45.0	45.7	45.9	45.9	45.0	45.9
5	43.7	40.3	40.3	43.8	44.2	40.5	43.9
6	18.9	20.2	20.4	19.05	19.4	20.3	19.2
7	22.7	23.2	23.2	22.7	23.3	23.1	22.9
8	42.7	40.3	40.3	42.4	43.7	40.3	42.8
9	24.9	33.2	33.1	25.1	24.5	32.9	24.8
10	30.2	27.1	27.1	30.1	29.9	27.0	29.9
11	27.7	29.5	29.3	27.89	27.6	29.2	27.6
12	30.0	32.0	30.0	30.9	31.6	31.0	29.2
13	47.9	45.6	45.0	45.4	45.5	45.6	45.2
14	49.6	49.3	48.7	48.9	49.2	48.5	49.2
15	34.4	32.9	32.7	34.4	34.2	33.2	33.7
16	25.8	28.1	26.9	26.9	27.4	27.1	27.2
17	43.1	51.1	48.8	44.1	46.8	49.9	48.2
18	18.6	14.5	15.4	18.2	17.8	15.9	16.1
19	27.7	29.7	29.6	27.96	29.2	29.5	28.4
20	144.3	33.3	45.6	44.6	46.7	40.2	42.5
21	172.5	19.7	111.9	106.2	110.2	74.3	179.9
22	133.1	51.7	42.0	38.9	37.9	42.4	46.6
23	147.9	201.4	110.6	110.9	111.7	111.8	198.9
24	103.0	124.3	144.0	146.2	146.1	144.4	123.1
25	199.2	154.9	133.8	132.4	132.0	133.5	156.9
26	31.1	27.7	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.6	27.8
27	21.4	20.7	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.4	20.9
28	19.1	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4
29	18.4	20.4	20.4	19.13	19.1	20.4	19.1
30		17.1	17.2	18.4	18.6	17.1	18.4
		MeO	56.2	55.0	56.1		

Figure 1. ^1H – ^1H COSY (bold lines) and key HMBC (arrows) correlations of compounds 1–7.

(Tables 1 and 2) for positions 1 to 19 of 3 were very close to those of 2, which suggested strongly a cycloartane skeleton with an α,β -unsaturated ketone in ring A. The HMQC, COSY, and HMBC spectra of 2 and 3 also agreed well; thus, the two compounds could be proposed as having the same skeleton and differing only in their side-chain structures. With signals for an olefin at δ_{H} 6.66 (1H, d, $J = 1.4$ Hz) and δ_{C} 144.0, a carbonyl at δ_{C} 171.2, two acetal carbons at δ_{C} 110.6 and 111.9, a methoxy at δ_{H} 3.38, and a methyl at δ_{H} 1.94 (3H, d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), compound 3 was assigned with a spiro α,β -unsaturated γ -

lactone containing methyl and methoxy groups at C-25 and C-21, respectively; this conclusion was supported by appropriate HMBC correlations (Figure 1). The same side chain is also found in the known cycloartane 9,⁵ and all spectroscopic data for the spiro lactone moieties in 3 and 9 were found to be almost identical (Table 2). The differences in the C-1, C-5, C-8, C-9, and C-10 carbon signals suggested that 3 and 9 have different orientations of the 9,10-cyclopropyl ring. In 3, the NOESY correlations of H₂-19 with H-5/12-30, H₃-28 with H-5, and H-17 with H₃-30/H-21 implied that these protons are α -oriented, while the correlations of H₃-18 with H-8/H-20 indicated β -orientations (Figure 2). The different specific rotations, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +158.6$ (CHCl_3 , c 0.16) for 3 and -4.1 (CHCl_3 , c 0.16) for 9, also indicated that the two compounds are diastereoisomers. The absolute configuration of 3 was confirmed by the ECD spectrum, which showed a positive first Cotton effect at around 325 nm as typical of an α -cyclopropyl ring.^{6,7} Based on the total evidence obtained, the structure of 3 was proposed as (9R,10R,21S,23R)-21/23,23/27-diepoxy-21-methoxycycloartan-1,24-diene-3,27-dione.

Compounds 4 and 5 were isolated as white, amorphous powders, and both gave the same molecular formula, $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_5$, based on positive HRMS protonated molecular ion peaks at m/z 495.3101 and 495.3114 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd 495.3110), respectively. The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of the two compounds indicated a cycloartane skeleton (Tables 1 and 2). The ^{13}C NMR data for C-1, C-5, C-8, and C-9, as well as C-10 in 4 and 5 were different from those of 3,

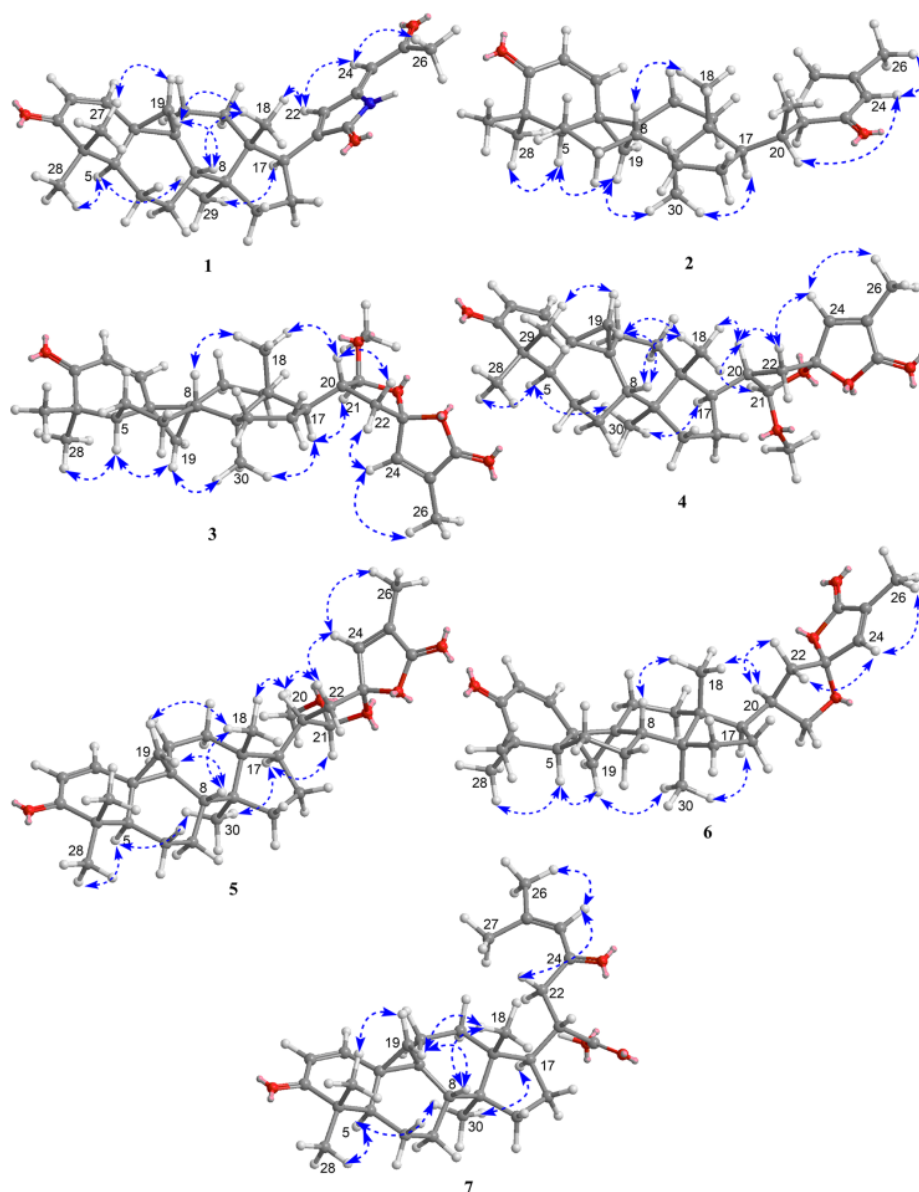


Figure 2. Key NOESY correlations (dotted arrows) of compounds 1–7.

most likely due to a different configuration at the cyclopropyl ring. In addition, differences were also observed at C-17, C-22, and C-24. In the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 4, a slightly high-field shifted C-21 signal suggested an α -orientation for the attached methoxy group. Moreover, an essential correlation between H-21 and H-20 appeared only in the NOESY spectrum of 4, confirming a β -orientation for both protons and an α -orientation for the methoxy group on C-21 (Figure 2). Furthermore, the key correlations of H-22 β with H-24 and H-20 indicated that the oxygen at C-23 in the lactone ring is oriented to the α -position in both 4 and 5, compared with its β -orientation in 3. Compounds 4 and 5 had opposite specific

rotations, $[\alpha]_D^{25} +77.4$ (CHCl_3 , c 0.16) and -26.6 (CHCl_3 , c 0.16), respectively. The ECD spectrum of both 4 and 5 showed first negative Cotton effects around 340 nm, confirming the ring A and β -cyclopropyl ring. Subsequently, in the 200–250 nm range, positive Cotton effects around 220 and 235 nm for 4 and 5, respectively, suggested a 23S configuration for both compounds.^{6,7} Based on the available evidence, the structures of 4 and 5 were elucidated as (9S,10S,21R,23S)-21/23,23/27-diepoxy-21-methoxycycloartan-1,24-diene-3,27-dione and (9S,10S,21S,23S)-21/23,23/27-diepoxy-21-methoxycycloartan-1,24-diene-3,27-dione, respectively.

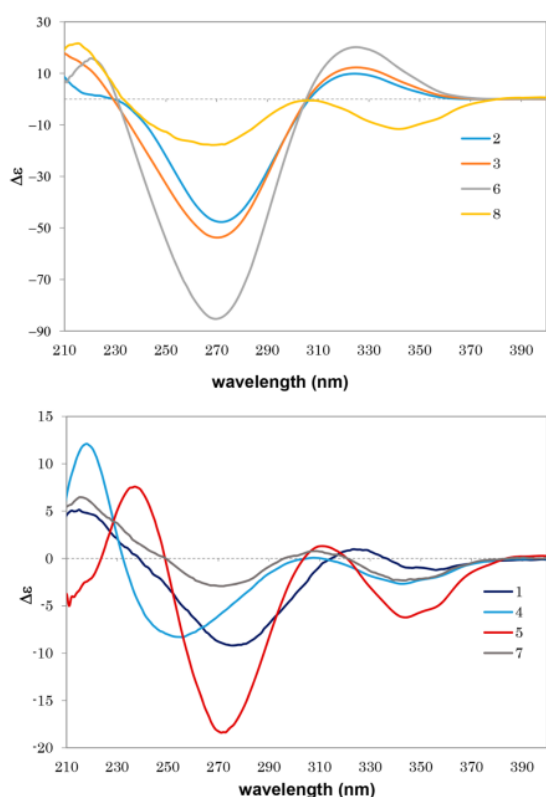


Figure 3. Experimental ECD spectra of compounds 1–8 in MeOH.

Compound **6** was isolated as a white, amorphous powder and exhibited a positive HRMS protonated molecular ion peak at m/z 465.2996 $[M + H]^+$ (calcd 465.3005), consistent with the molecular formula $C_{30}H_{41}O_4$. Its 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were close to those of the known cycloartane triterpenoid (9*S*,10*S*,23*R*)-21,23:23,27-diepoxy-1,24-diene-3,27-dione (**10**),⁷ except for the signals around the cyclopropyl ring

(Tables 1 and 2). These discrepancies indicated different orientations of the C-9,10-cyclopropane ring. The NOESY correlations of H_2 -19 with H_3 -5/ H_3 -30, H_3 -5 with H_3 -28, H_3 -30 with H_3 -17, and H_3 -18 with H_3 -8/ H_3 -20 for **6** suggested an α -oriented cyclopropane unit, while compound **10** contains a β -oriented cyclopropane (Figure 2). The two stereoisomers showed different optical rotations, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -205.9 ($CHCl_3$, c 0.13) for **6** and -92.4 ($CHCl_3$, c 0.16) for **10**, respectively. Therefore, the structure of **6** was assigned as (9*R*,10*R*,23*R*)-21,23:23,27-diepoxy-1,24-diene-3,27-dione.

Compound **7** was isolated as a white, amorphous powder. Its molecular formula was determined as $C_{30}H_{43}O_4$ based on the HRMS protonated molecular ion peak at m/z 467.3170 $[M + H]^+$ (calcd 467.3161). An analysis of all NMR spectroscopic data obtained, including the 1H , ^{13}C , COSY, HMBC, and NOESY spectra, indicated that this compound has a cycloartane skeleton with a β -oriented cyclopropane ring. The presence of signals for two methyl groups (δ_H 1.89/ δ_C 27.8 and δ_H 2.14/ δ_C 20.9), an olefin (δ_H 6.05/ δ_C 123.1 and δ_C 156.9), and a carbonyl (δ_C 198.9) indicated a 3,3-dimethylacryl unit in the side chain at C-17, as also found in **2** and **8** and confirmed by consistent HMBC correlations (Figure 1). However, a low-field carbon signal at δ_C 179.9 suggested the presence of a carboxylic acid group attached to C-20 in the side chain of **7** rather than the methyl group present in **2** and **8**. From all the data obtained, including COSY, HMBC, and NOESY spectra (Figures 1 and 2), the structure of the side chain was fully determined as 6-methyl-4-oxohept-5-enoic acid, attached at its C-20 position to the cycloartane skeleton. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR signal patterns of C-20 to C-27 were very close to those of tirucallane triterpenes with the same side chain.^{32–34} Although the configuration at C-20 was not clear, the structure of **7** was concluded to be cycloartane-1,24-diene-3,23-dione-21-oic acid.

Compounds **1–11** were evaluated for antiproliferative activity against five human tumor cell lines, A549, MDA-MB-231, MCF-7, KB, and a KB-subline, KB-VIN, showing the MDR phenotype with overexpression of P-glycoprotein (P-gp) (Table 3). Most compounds exhibited IC_{50} values greater than 10 μM against all tested cell lines. However, all compounds evaluated were either equipotent or more potent against the

Table 3. Antiproliferative Data of Isolated Compounds

compound	cell line ^a (IC_{50} μM) ^b				
	A549	MDA-MB-231	MCF-7	KB	KB-VIN
1	9.4 \pm 0.4	10	>10	8.0 \pm 0.5	6.9 \pm 0.3
2	>10	>10	>10	>10	8.4 \pm 0.1
3	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
4	9.1 \pm 0.5	>10	>10	>10	5.7 \pm 0.1
5	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
6	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
7	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
8	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
9	8.9 \pm 0.2	>10	10	>10	6.1 \pm 0.5
10	8.2 \pm 0.2	>10	>10	>10	>10
11	>10	>10	>10	>10	>10
PXL (nM) ^c	6.3 \pm 0.3	8.1 \pm 0.2	11.2 \pm 0.3	6.8 \pm 0.3	2786 \pm 6.2

^aA549 (lung carcinoma), MDA-MB-231 (triple-negative breast cancer), MCF-7 (estrogen receptor-positive and HER2-negative breast cancer), KB, KB-VIN (P-gp-overexpressing MDR subline of KB). ^bAntiproliferative activity expressed as IC_{50} values for each cell line, the concentration of compound that caused 50% reduction relative to untreated cells determined by the SRB assay. ^cThe IC_{50} data of paclitaxel (PXL) are expressed in nM.

MDR versus the non-MDR tumor cell line. The orientation of the cyclopropyl ring affected the resultant activity since compound **9**, with a β -cyclopropyl unit, demonstrated more potent antiproliferative activity against the MDR subline than **3**, with an α -cyclopropyl ring. When the configuration of the spiro carbon at C-23 was reversed (cf. **9** versus **5**), the KB-VIN potency dropped significantly. However, when the orientation of the methoxy group on C-21 changed from β in **5** to α in **4**, the KB-VIN potency increased. Compounds **6** and **10** without a methoxy group on C-21 were among the less potent compounds. In turn, compound **1**, with a γ -lactam ring in the side chain, was among the most potent compounds, with antiproliferative IC₅₀ values of 6.9 to 10 μ M, but it was essentially equipotent against the KB and KB-VIN cancer cell lines. Based on these results, the configuration of the cyclopropyl ring and the type of side chain substitution, including the orientation of the methoxy group and spiro carbon, could be seen to influence the antiproliferative activities of the cycloartane triterpenoids isolated.

All new compounds except **7** were also tested for anti-HIV activity in MT4 cells, with azidothymidine (AZT) as a control. Compound **3** demonstrated some activity, with an IC₅₀ value of 2.4 μ M (SI = 5.3), while **6** showed submicromolar inhibitory activity, with an IC₅₀ value of 0.8 μ M (SI = 5.8) (Table 4). Although based on the limited assay results available at present, an α -oriented cyclopropane and spiro-furan ring system are likely important for such antiviral activity.

Table 4. Anti-HIV Data of Compounds 1–6

compound	IC ₅₀ ^a (μ M) (MT4 cells)	CC ₅₀ ^b (μ M) (MT4 cells)	selectivity index (SI) ^c	status ^d
1	–	–	–	I
2	–	–	–	I
3	2.4 \pm 0.1	12.6 \pm 0.4	5.3	A
4	–	–	–	I
5	–	–	–	I
6	0.8 \pm 0.1	4.6 \pm 0.1	5.8	A
AZT ^e	0.014 \pm 0.01	>3.74	>267.1	A

^aIC₅₀ = 50% HIV inhibition concentration. ^bCC₅₀ = 50% antiproliferative concentration. ^cSelectivity index (SI) = CC₅₀/IC₅₀; – = no selective anti-HIV activity (SI < 5). ^dA = active; I = inactive. ^eAZT: azidothymidine.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Procedures. A JASCO P-2200 digital polarimeter was used for the determination of optical rotations. ECD spectra were detected on a JASCO J-820 spectrometer. NMR spectra were taken on JEOL JMN-ECA600 and JMN-ECS400 NMR spectrometers. Tetramethylsilane was used as an internal standard, and chemical shifts are stated as δ values. HRMS data were obtained on a JMS-SX102A (FAB) or JMS-T100TD (DART) mass spectrometer. Analytical and preparative TLC were conducted on RP-18F₂₅₄ plates and precoated silica gel 60F₂₅₄ (0.50 or 0.25 mm thickness; Merck). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 N (63–210 μ m, spherical, neutral, Kanto Chemical). Silica gel 60 RP-18 F254S (0.25 mm, Merck) was applied for reversed-phase and 60 F254 (1 mm) for normal-phase preparative TLC.

Plant Material. *Kleinhovia hospita* leaves were collected at Banyuanyara Village, Sanrobone Subdistrict, Takalar District, South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia, in May 2015, and identified by Joko Santoso, Department of Biology Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Gadjah Mada University. A voucher specimen has been deposited in

the Pharmacognosy-Phytochemistry Laboratory, Hasanuddin University (AR-FFUH-03).

Extraction and Isolation. Air-dried and powdered *K. hospita* leaves (300 g) were extracted three times with MeOH (2.5 L) at room temperature for 48 h. The extract was concentrated in vacuo to yield 30.3 g of a semisolid, from which 26 g was further partitioned between *n*-hexane and MeOH–H₂O (9:1) to afford an *n*-hexane extract (6.97 g) and a MeOH–H₂O layer. The MeOH–H₂O layer was evaporated and partitioned with EtOAc and H₂O to produce EtOAc (5.57 g) and water-soluble (11.59 g) extracts. The *n*-hexane extract (6.5 g) was subjected to medium-pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) on silica gel eluted with *n*-hexane–*n*-hexane–EtOAc (90:10, 70:30, 50:50, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH to afford 195 fractions of 50 mL each. Those fractions with similar TLC profiles were combined to give 10 fractions (FA–FJ). Fraction FB (750 mg) was subjected to column chromatography (CC) on silica gel eluted with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (20:1, v/v) to provide 22 subfractions of 50 mL each, which were combined into five subfractions (FB-1–FB-5) based on their similar TLC profiles. Subfraction FB-3 was separated further by CC on silica gel with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (90:1, v/v) to furnish 22 additional subfractions of 20 mL each. Subfractions with similar TLC profiles were combined to give three subfractions, FB-3A–FB-3C. Compound **11** (10.6 mg) was isolated from subfraction FB-3A by recrystallization from *n*-hexane. Fraction D (FD, 670 mg) was further separated by CC on silica gel using *n*-hexane–acetone (15:1 and 10:1, v/v) for elution, to yield 29 subfractions of 20 mL each, which were combined into four subfractions (FD-1–FD-4) based on the similarity of their TLC profiles. Subfraction FD-2 (14.5 mg) was further separated by preparative reversed-phase TLC with acetone–MeOH (1:1, v/v) to yield **8** (3.9 mg). Reversed-phase chromatography of subfraction FD-3 (169.4 mg) with CC on silica gel eluted with *n*-hexane–acetone (15:1, v/v) afforded 23 subfractions of 20 mL each. Subfractions with similar TLC profiles were combined to give four additional subfractions (FD-3A–FD-3D). Compounds **8** (2.4 mg) and **2** (2.4 mg) were isolated from subfraction FD-3C (55.7 mg) by preparative normal-phase TLC with *n*-hexane–acetone (15:1). Fraction FF (437.7 mg) was fractionated by MPLC with MeOH–H₂O (4:1, v/v), MeOH, and acetone, to afford 30 subfractions of 20 mL each. Combination based on their similar TLC profiles resulted in seven subfractions (FF-1–FF-7). Subfraction FF-3 was further separated by preparative normal-phase TLC with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (3:1, v/v) to yield five subfractions, FF-3A–FF-3E. Repeated chromatography with preparative normal-phase TLC of subfraction FF-3B (21.6 mg) using *n*-hexane–CHCl₃ (1:4, v/v) afforded **4** (5.7 mg) and **5** (4.5 mg). Subfraction G (320 mg) was separated using silica gel reversed-phase MPLC eluted with MeOH–H₂O (4:1, v/v), MeOH, and acetone to give 39 subfractions. Eight combined subfractions (FG-1–FG-8) were produced based on the similarity of their TLC profiles. Subfraction FG-2 (15.8 mg) was purified by preparative normal-phase TLC with the mobile phase *n*-hexane–EtOAc (3:1, v/v) to yield **3** (1.3 mg). Subfraction FG-3 (81.5 mg) was added to MeOH to yield soluble and insoluble portions of 19.2 mg and 60.9 mg, respectively. The insoluble MeOH portion was purified by preparative normal-phase TLC with the solvent system *n*-hexane–CHCl₃ (1:5, v/v) to yield **9** (11.4) and **10** (27.4 mg).

Compounds **1**, **6**, and **7** were isolated from an EtOAc extract of *K. hospita*. The EtOAc extract (4.60 g) was fractionated by MPLC on normal-phase silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (5:1, 1:1, 1:5, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH, to afford 52 fractions of 20 mL each. They were combined into nine fractions (FE-1–FE-9) based on the similarity of their TLC profiles. Repeated chromatography of subfraction FE-4 (890.7 mg) with silica gel reversed-phase MPLC eluted with MeOH–H₂O (4:1, v/v), MeOH, and acetone yielded 48 subfractions, which were combined into eight subfractions (FE-4A–FE-4H) based on the similarity of their TLC profiles. Subfraction FE-4B (448.5 mg) was subjected to CC on normal-phase silica gel with the mobile phases *n*-hexane–EtOAc (2:1, 1:1, v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH to afford 62 subfractions, which were combined into eight subfractions (FE-4B-1–FE-4B-8) based on their TLC profiles.

Subfraction FE-4B-2 (13.1 mg) was purified by preparative normal-phase TLC with the solvent system *n*-hexane–CHCl₃ (1:10, v/v) to yield **10** (1.5 mg) and **6** (3.9 mg). Subfraction FE-4B-3 (37.7 mg) was further separated by semipreparative HPLC RP-18 chromatography, eluting with MeOH–H₂O (4:1, v/v), to afford five subfractions (FE-4B-3A–FE-4B-3E). Subfraction FE-4B-3B (4.7 mg) was subjected to preparative normal-phase TLC eluting with *n*-hexane–CHCl₃ (1:20, v/v) to afford **1** (4.1 mg). The same solvent system and repeated preparative normal-phase TLC of subfractions FE-4B-3C and FE-4B-3D afforded **3** (2.2 mg) and **6** (3.0 mg), respectively. Subfraction FE-4B-5 (62.6 mg) was separated further by column chromatography on normal-phase silica gel with *n*-hexane–EtOAc (2:1, 1:2 v/v), EtOAc, and MeOH, to afford six subfractions (FE-4B-5A–FE-4B-5F). Compound **7** (5.1 mg) was isolated from subfraction FE-4B-5C by semipreparative HPLC RP-18 with CH₃CN–MeOH–H₂O (1:6:0.5).

Compound 1: pale yellow, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +88.6$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.10); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 448.2 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 448.2854 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₂₉H₃₈NO₃, 448.2852).

Compound 2: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -116.2$ (MeOH, *c* 0.01); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 437.4 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 437.3397 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₀H₄₂O₂, 437.3420).

Compound 3: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +158.6$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.16); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 495.3 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 495.3101 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₁H₄₃O₃, 495.3110).

Compound 4: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +77.4$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.16); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 495.2 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 495.3101 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₁H₄₃O₃, 495.3110).

Compound 5: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -26.6$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.16); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 495.2 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 495.3114 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₁H₄₃O₃, 495.3110).

Compound 6: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -205.9$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.13); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 465.3 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 465.2996 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₀H₄₁O₄, 465.3005).

Compound 7: white, amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -13.9$ (CHCl₃, *c* 0.25); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz), see Tables 1 and 2; MS *m/z* 467.3 [M + H]⁺; HRMS *m/z* 467.3170 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₀H₄₁O₄, 467.3161).

Antiproliferative Activity Assay. The antiproliferative activity assay using five human tumor cell lines, namely, A549 (lung carcinoma), MDA-MB-231 (estrogen receptor-negative, progesterone receptor-negative, HER2-negative breast cancer), MCF-7 (estrogen receptor-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer), KB (originally isolated from epidermoid carcinoma of the nasopharynx), and KB-VIN (vincristine (VIN)-resistant KB subline showing MDR phenotype by overexpressing P-gp), was performed as described previously.²⁷ We confirmed that the KB and KB-VIN cell lines were identical to AV-3 (ATCC number, CCL-21) as a HeLa (cervix carcinoma) contaminant by short tandem repeat profiling. All cell lines were obtained from the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (UNC-CH) or from ATCC, except KB-VIN, which was obtained from Professor Y.-C. Cheng (Yale University). Briefly, 4000–12,000 freshly trypsinized cells were seeded in 96-well microtiter plates with each test compound and prepared in DMSO. After 72 h of culture, the treated cells were fixed in 10% trichloroacetic acid followed by staining with 0.04% sulforhodamine B. The highest concentration of vehicle (DMSO) used in our assay was 0.1% v/v, which showed no effect on cell growth. Paclitaxel (Sigma-Aldrich, purity >95%) was used as a reference compound. The mean IC₅₀ is the concentration of compound that inhibited cell growth by 50% compared with a vehicle control under the experimental conditions used and is the average from at least three independent experiments with duplicate samples (*n* = 6). All values listed in Table 3 were calculated by Excel (Microsoft).

Multicycle Viral Replication in a MT4 Cellular Assay.³⁴ MT4 cells (1 × 10⁵ cells/mL) in 96-well plates were infected by HIV-1 NL4-3 Nanoluc-sec at a dose of 50 TCID₅₀/well in the presence of each test compound at various concentrations. On day 3 post-infection, supernatants were collected and assayed for luciferase activity using the Nano-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega). The antiviral potency is defined as the compound concentration that reduces the luciferase activity by 50% (EC₅₀).

Cytotoxicity Assay (MT4 Cells).³⁵ The cytotoxicity of the compound against MT4 cells was assessed by a CytoTox-Glo cytotoxicity assay (Promega). MT4 cells were cultured for 3 days in the presence of various concentrations of each test compound, and the 50% cytotoxic concentration (CC₅₀) causing a 50% reduction of cell viability was determined by following the manufacturer's protocol.

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1D- and 2D-NMR spectra for **1–7** and 1D-NMR spectra for **8–11** (PDF)

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