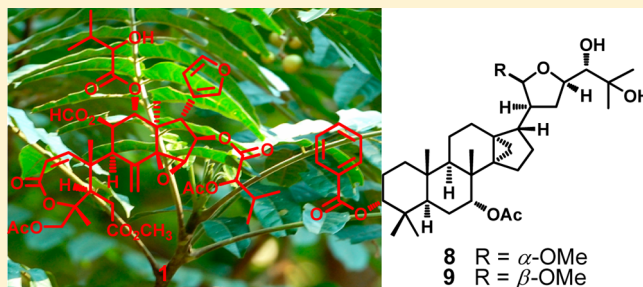


Limonoids and Triterpenoids from *Dysoxylum mollissimum* var. *glaberrimum*Mei-Ling Han,<sup>†</sup> Jin-Xin Zhao,<sup>†</sup> Hong-Chun Liu, Gang Ni, Jian Ding, Sheng-Ping Yang,\* and Jian-Min Yue\*

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**ABSTRACT:** Seven new limonoids, dysomollides A–G (1–7), and two new cycloapotirucallane-type triterpenoids, dysomollins A and B (8 and 9), together with three known compounds, dysoxylum A (10) and toonapubesins A (11) and B (12), were isolated from the twigs of *Dysoxylum mollissimum* var. *glaberrimum*. The structures of 1–9 were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic methods. Compound 10 showed inhibitory activity against A549 cells with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 2.1  $\mu$ M, and compound 11 exhibited activity against P388 cells with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 6.7  $\mu$ M.



The plant genus *Dysoxylum* (family Meliaceae) comprises about 75 species in the tropical and subtropical zones globally, of which about 15 species and varieties grow in mainland China.<sup>1</sup> Previous phytochemical investigations on this plant genus have led to the isolation of a series of structurally diverse compounds, including triterpenoids,<sup>2–5</sup> limonoids,<sup>6–8</sup> diterpenoids,<sup>9</sup> sesquiterpenoids,<sup>10–12</sup> and alkaloids,<sup>13,14</sup> and some of them have been found to exhibit significant bioactivities, such as cytotoxic, antiviral, and insect antifeedant activities. The plant *Dysoxylum mollissimum* var. *glaberrimum* P. Y. Chen, which is a tall tree, is distributed in the southern areas of China,<sup>1</sup> and its chemical components have not been reported hitherto. The present investigation on this plant has led to the isolation of seven new limonoids, dysomollides A–H (1–7), and two new cycloapotirucallane-type triterpenoids, dysomollins A and B (8 and 9), along with three known compounds, dysoxylum A<sup>8a</sup> and toonapubesins A and B.<sup>15</sup> Presented herein are the isolation and structural elucidation of these compounds and their inhibitory activity against three tumor cell lines.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

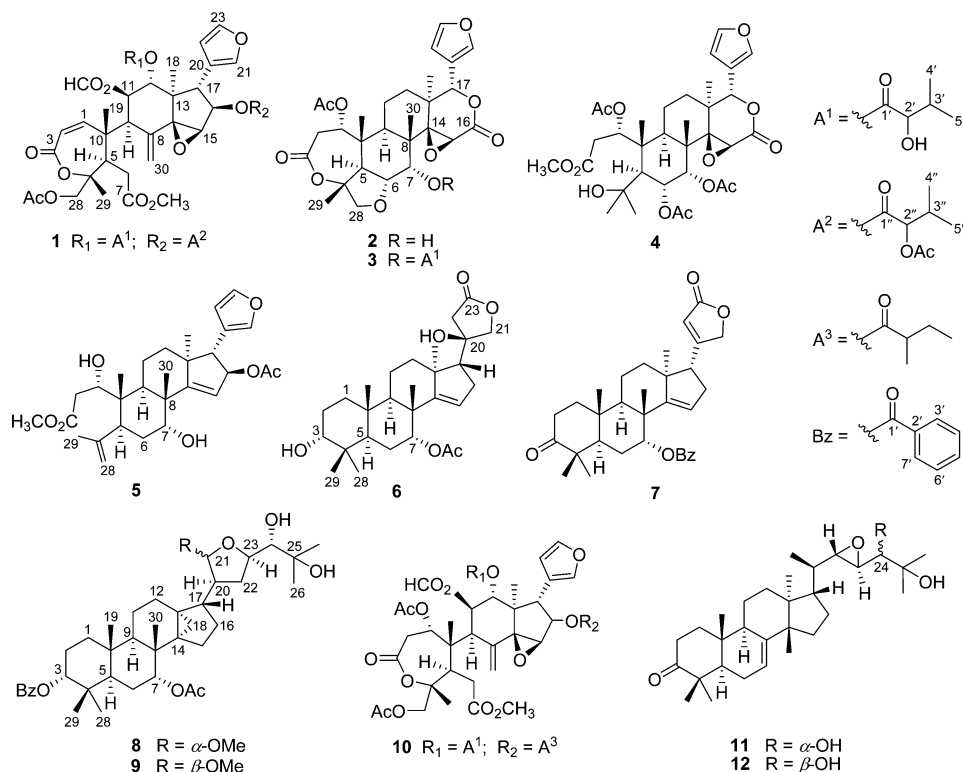
The (+) HREISMS of 1 showed a molecular ion [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> at *m/z* 853.3267 (calcd 853.3259) corresponding to a molecular formula of C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>17</sub> with 16 indices of hydrogen deficiency. The IR absorptions at 3437 and 1741 cm<sup>−1</sup> indicated the presence of hydroxy and ester carbonyl groups, respectively. Except for the readily distinguishable resonances of two acetyls ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.06 and 2.10, each 3H, s) and a methoxy group ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.70, 3H, s), the <sup>1</sup>H NMR data (Table 1) also indicated the presence of three tertiary methyls ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.01, 1.06, and 1.32, each 3H, s), four secondary methyls ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.71, 0.87, 0.88, and 0.89, each 3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), and a  $\beta$ -substituted furan ring ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.33, 7.26, and

7.40, each 1H, s). All 42 carbons in the molecular formula were resolved as individual carbon resonances (Table 1) in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum and classified with the aid of DEPT and HSQC experiments as 10 methyls (one methoxy), two sp<sup>3</sup> methylenes (one oxygenated), 11 sp<sup>3</sup> methines (six oxygenated), four quaternary carbons (two oxygenated), seven ester carbonyls, and four double bonds (one exocyclic). The aforementioned data indicated that 1 is a ring B-*seco* limonoid bearing a typical  $\Delta^{8(30)}$  double bond.<sup>8a</sup>

Comparison of the NMR data of 1 with those of dysoxylum B<sup>8a</sup> revealed that they are structural congeners, with the differences being the absence of an acetoxy group at C-1 and the concomitant presence of a  $\Delta^1$  double bond in 1. This deduction was confirmed by the key HMBC correlation (Figure 1A) from H-1 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.02, d, *J* = 13.0 Hz) to C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  168.9). The presence of an exocyclic  $\Delta^{8(30)}$  double bond was verified by the HMBC correlations of H<sub>2</sub>-30/C-8, C-9, and C-14. The chemical shifts of C-14 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  71.4) and C-15 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  61.1) suggested the presence of an 14,15-epoxy group, which was confirmed by the multiple HMBC correlations of H-15/C-16 and C-17, H<sub>3</sub>-18/C-14, and H<sub>2</sub>-30/C-14. The HMBC correlations of H<sub>3</sub>-19/C-1 and H-1/C-3 and C-5, as well as a <sup>4</sup>*J* HMBC correlation of Me-29/C-3 provided evidence of an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated lactone formed between C-3 and C-4. The ROESY correlations of H-9/H-5, H-9/H-11, H<sub>3</sub>-18/H-11, H<sub>3</sub>-18/H-16, H-16/H-15, and H-12/H-17 (Figure 1B), as well as the very similar NMR patterns to those of dysoxylum B,<sup>8a</sup> suggested that they share the same relative configurations in the limonoid core. The structure of 1, named dysomollide A, was thus assigned as depicted.

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Chart 1



Compound **2** gave the molecular formula  $C_{28}H_{34}O_{10}$  as determined by the (–) HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  575.2129  $[M + HCO_2]^-$  (calcd 575.2129) and from the  $^{13}C$  NMR data. The  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data (Table 1) of dysomollide B (**2**) showed high similarities to those of dysoxylin<sup>6</sup> except for the major changes of the chemical shifts around C-1 and C-2. The proton and carbon signals for a methylene ( $\delta_H$  3.19, 3.12;  $\delta_C$  36.1), an oxygenated methine ( $\delta_H$  4.84;  $\delta_C$  71.6), and an acetyl group ( $\delta_H$  2.07;  $\delta_C$  20.9, 169.6) were observed in **2** instead of those of the  $\Delta^1$  double bond in dysoxylin.<sup>6</sup> The presence of an acetoxy group at C-1 was confirmed by the HMBC correlations (Figure 2A) from H-1 ( $\delta_H$  4.84) to C-2 ( $\delta_C$  36.1), C-3 ( $\delta_C$  168.8), and the carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_C$  169.6) of the acetyl group. The AcO-1 group was established as being  $\alpha$ -oriented on the basis of the key ROESY correlations (Figure 2B) of H-1/H-2 $\beta$  and H<sub>3</sub>-19. The structure of **2** (dysomollide B) was thus assigned as depicted and further verified by a comprehensive analysis of the 2D NMR data including the HSQC, HMBC, and ROESY spectra.

Compound **3** was found to possess a molecular formula of  $C_{33}H_{42}O_{12}$  based on the (+) HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  653.2575  $[M + Na]^+$  (calcd 653.2574) and the  $^{13}C$  NMR data. Comparison of its NMR data (Table 1) with those of **2** revealed that **3** possesses an additional 2-hydroxy-3-methylbutyryl group, which was confirmed by the related HMBC correlations (Figure S27, Supporting Information) within this moiety. The H-7 resonance ( $\delta_H$  5.03) of **3** was deshielded (ca.  $\Delta\delta$  1.46) when compared with **2**, indicating that the 2-hydroxy-3-methylbutyryloxy group is located at C-7, which was verified by the key HMBC correlation of H-7/C-1'. The structure of **3** (dysomollide C) was thus assigned as shown.

Compound **4** gave the molecular formula  $C_{33}H_{44}O_{13}$ , as determined by the  $^{13}C$  NMR data and the (+) HRESIMS ion peak at  $m/z$  671.2674  $[M + Na]^+$  (calcd 671.2680).

Comprehensive analysis of the  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR data (Table 2) of **4** suggested that it is an isomer of odoraleide,<sup>16</sup> with the difference being that an OAc-6 group in **4** replaced the OAc-11 of the latter. This assignment was corroborated by analysis of the HMBC spectrum (Figure S35, Supporting Information), in which the correlations from H-6 ( $\delta_H$  5.13) to C-5 ( $\delta_C$  48.0), C-7 ( $\delta_C$  72.0), and the carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_C$  172.0) of the acetyl group were observed. The OAc-6 group was then assigned in an  $\alpha$ -configuration from the ROESY cross-peaks of H-6 with H-7, H<sub>3</sub>-19, and H<sub>3</sub>-30. Thus, the structure of **4** (dysomollide D) was elucidated unequivocally as shown.

Compound **5** gave the molecular formula  $C_{29}H_{40}O_7$  as deduced from the  $^{13}C$  NMR data and the (+) HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  523.2678  $[M + Na]^+$  (calcd 523.2672). Its IR absorptions at 3512, 3460, 1741, and 1724  $cm^{-1}$  indicated the presence of hydroxy and ester carbonyl groups. The  $^1H$  NMR data (Table 2) of **5** revealed the presence of four tertiary methyls ( $\delta_H$  0.90, 0.99, 1.22, and 1.82, each 3H, s), an acetyl ( $\delta_H$  1.98, 3H, s), a methoxy group ( $\delta_H$  3.59, 3H, s), and a typical  $\beta$ -furan ring ( $\delta_H$  6.40, 7.41, and 7.46, each 1H, s). Its  $^{13}C$  NMR data (Table 2), with the aid of a DEPT experiment, displayed 29 carbon signals including six methyls, four  $sp^3$  methylenes, six  $sp^3$  methines (three oxygenated), three  $sp^3$  quaternary carbons, four double bonds (one terminal), and two ester carbonyls. The aforementioned analysis suggested that **5** is a ring A-*seco* limonoid.<sup>17</sup>

Four structural fragments in **5** drawn in bold bonds (Figure 3A) in the limonoid core were established by analysis of its HSQC and  $^1H$ – $^1H$  COSY spectra, which were connected with the quaternary carbons, oxygen atoms, and the other structural pieces by analysis of the HMBC spectrum (Figure 3A). In the HMBC spectrum, a methoxycarbonyl group was identified and located at C-2 by the correlations from OCH<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_H$  3.59) and H<sub>2</sub>-2 to the carbonyl carbon C-3 ( $\delta_C$  174.2). Also a  $\Delta^{4(28)}$

Table 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) Data of 1–3

position	1 <sup>a</sup>		2 <sup>b</sup>		3 <sup>b</sup>	
	δ <sub>C</sub>	δ <sub>H</sub>	δ <sub>C</sub>	δ <sub>H</sub>	δ <sub>C</sub>	δ <sub>H</sub>
1	150.4	7.02 (d, 13.0)	71.6	4.84 (d, 6.5)	71.4	4.87 (d, 6.7)
2	124.0	6.27 (d, 13.0)	36.1	α 3.19 (dd, 14.6, 6.5) β 3.12 (d, 14.6)	36.2	α 3.21 (dd, 14.9, 6.7) β 3.15 (d, 14.9)
3	168.9		168.8		168.5	
4	86.8		83.1		82.6	
5	52.1	3.50 (m)	46.4	2.97 (d, 12.1)	47.6	2.83 (d, 12.4)
6	35.7	2.53 (2H, m)	77.9	4.12 (dd, 12.1, 2.5)	76.3	4.21 (dd, 12.4, 2.3)
7	175.9		70.0	3.57 (br s)	72.6	5.03 (d, 2.3)
8	136.3		43.8		43.7	
9	54.7	3.23 (d, 7.0)	34.3	2.83 (m)	35.4	2.84 (m)
10	47.8		42.9		42.9	
11	71.2	5.76 (dd, 11.0, 7.0)	14.3	α 1.42 (m) β 1.64 (m)	14.4	α 1.47 (m) β 1.72 (m)
12	75.7	6.05 (d, 11.0)	26.1	α 1.64 (m) β 1.44 (m)	25.4	α 1.65 (m) β 1.49 (m)
13	46.7		38.3		39.0	
14	71.4		69.5		69.4	
15	61.1	4.21 (s)	57.7	3.91 (s)	56.7	3.76 (s)
16	80.1	5.46 (d, 9.0)	167.6		167.2	
17	44.2	3.08 (d, 9.0)	78.2	5.56 (s)	78.0	5.56 (s)
18	15.8	1.06 (3H, s)	17.3	1.19 (3H, s)	16.8	1.18 (3H, s)
19	24.9	1.01 (3H, s)	15.6	1.17 (3H, s)	15.5	1.23 (3H, s)
20	121.2		120.5		120.1	
21	144.8	7.40 (s)	141.1	7.39 (s)	141.2	7.38 (s)
22	112.8	6.33 (s)	109.9	6.31 (d, 0.8)	109.8	6.29 (s)
23	143.6	7.26 (s)	143.0	7.40 (s)	141.2	7.40 (s)
28	64.9	4.22 (d, 12.1) 5.04 (d, 12.1)	81.8	α 4.05 (d, 8.5) β 3.89 (d, 8.5)	81.7	α 3.88 (d, 8.5) β 3.81 (d, 8.5)
29	25.2	1.32 (3H, s)	22.3	1.72 (3H, s)	22.3	1.71 (3H, s)
30	124.8	5.53 (s) 5.56 (s)	18.0	1.05 (3H, s)	18.9	1.18 (3H, s)
1'	175.5				173.4	
2'	76.5	3.40 (d, 2.2)			76.8	4.08 (dd, 5.1, 3.1)
3'	32.8	1.71 (m)			31.5	2.13 (m)
4'	16.4	0.71 (3H, d, 6.8)			16.6	0.99 (3H, d, 6.8)
5'	20.2	0.88 (3H, d, 6.8)			18.9	1.07 (3H, d, 6.8)
1''	171.3					
2''	78.8	4.70 (d, 4.7)				
3''	31.8	2.15 (m)				
4''	18.1	0.87 (3H, d, 6.8)				
5''	19.1	0.89 (3H, d, 6.8)				
OAc-1			169.6 20.9		169.2 20.6	
OAc-28	172.9 20.9			2.07 (3H, s)		2.06 (3H, s)
OAc-2''	172.7 21.0	2.10 (3H, s)				
HCO <sub>2</sub> -11	162.9	2.06 (3H, s)				
OMe-7	53.3	8.09 (s)				
		3.70 (3H, s)				

<sup>a</sup>Spectra were recorded in methanol-d<sub>4</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

double bond was established by the mutual correlations of H<sub>3</sub>-29/C-4, C-5, and C-28 and of H<sub>2</sub>-28/C-4 and C-5, which is indicative of a ring A-*seco* limonoid for 5.<sup>17</sup> The presence of a Δ<sup>14</sup> double bond was assigned by the HMBC correlations from H-15 (δ<sub>H</sub> 5.49), H-16 (δ<sub>H</sub> 4.97), H<sub>3</sub>-18, and H<sub>3</sub>-30 to C-14 (δ<sub>C</sub> 162.4) and from H-16 to C-15 (δ<sub>C</sub> 126.1). An acetoxy group was placed at C-16 by the key HMBC correlation from H-16 to its carbonyl carbon (δ<sub>C</sub> 172.9). The β-furan ring was attached

to C-17 by the HMBC correlations from H-17 to C-20 and C-21. The chemical shifts of CH-1 (δ<sub>H</sub> 5.45, δ<sub>C</sub> 79.2) and CH-7 (δ<sub>H</sub> 3.93, δ<sub>C</sub> 73.6) indicated these to be oxygenated methines both bearing a hydroxy group.

In the ROESY spectrum (Figure 3B), the correlation networks of H<sub>3</sub>-19/H-6β, H-6β/H<sub>3</sub>-30, H<sub>3</sub>-30/H-12β, H<sub>3</sub>-30/H-7, and H-12β/H-17 indicated that H<sub>3</sub>-19, H<sub>3</sub>-30, H-7, and H-17 are spatially close, and these were randomly proposed in a β-

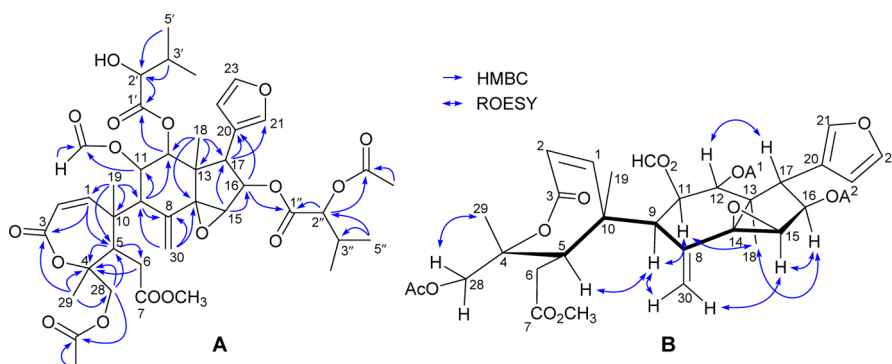


Figure 1. Selected HMBC (A) and ROESY (B) correlations of 1.

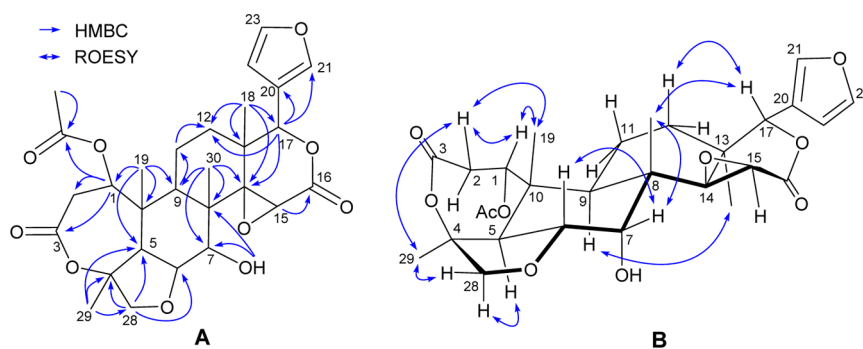


Figure 2. Selected HMBC (A) and ROESY (B) correlations of 2.

configuration. Next, the ROESY cross-peaks of H-5/H-9 and H-21/H-16 indicated that H-5, H-9, and H-16 are  $\alpha$ -oriented. The ROESY correlations of H<sub>3</sub>-19/H-1 and H-2 $\beta$  suggested that the H-1, H-2 $\beta$ , and CH<sub>3</sub>-19 are cofacial and  $\beta$ -oriented, which was consistent with the ROESY correlation of H-1/H-11 $\beta$ . The structure of 5 (dysomollide E) was thus established as depicted.

Compound 6 was assigned the molecular formula C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>6</sub> according to the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data and a (−) HRESIMS ion at  $m/z$  519.2961 [M + HCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>−</sup> (calcd 519.2958). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data (Table 2) of 6 showed many similarities to those of lenticellatumin,<sup>18</sup> suggesting their structures to be closely related, with the only difference being a hydroxy group attached at C-3 ( $\delta_C$  75.9) in 6 replacing the C-3 keto group of the latter. This was confirmed by the HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-1, H<sub>3</sub>-28, and H<sub>3</sub>-29 to C-3 (Figure S54, Supporting Information). The small coupling constant of H-3 (dd,  $J$  = 2.7, 2.7 Hz) indicated that it is equatorially bonded toward the  $\beta$ -orientation (Figure S3, Supporting Information). The only acetoxy group ( $\delta_H$  1.98, 3H, s;  $\delta_C$  170.4, 21.4) was confirmed to be located at C-7 by the HMBC correlation from H-7 ( $\delta_H$  5.18) to the carbonyl carbon of the acetyl group. The other stereocenters of 6 were established as being identical with those of lenticellatumin from the NMR data and ROESY spectrum (Figure S55, Supporting Information). Thus, the structure of 6 (dysomollide F) was elucidated as shown.

Compound 7 gave the molecular formula C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub> on the basis of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data and the (−) HRESIMS ion peak at  $m/z$  561.2838 [M + HCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>−</sup> (calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 561.2852). Initial analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of 7 (Table 3) revealed that it possesses the same tetranortriterpenoid skeleton as that of 6. Further comparison of its NMR data with those of meliatoosenin B<sup>19</sup> indicated that they are structural analogues except for the presence of one more

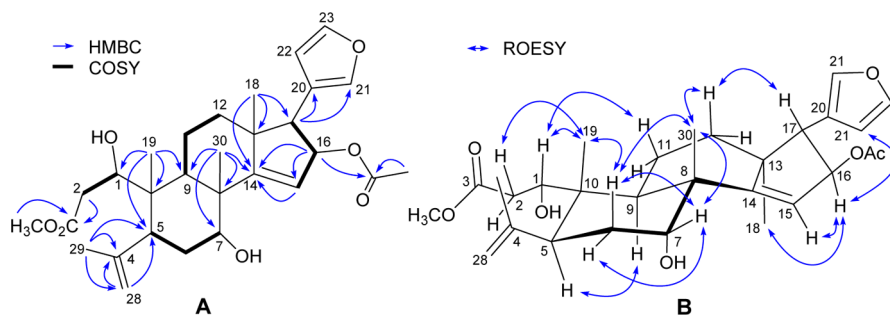
trisubstituted double bond ( $\delta_H$  5.79, d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz;  $\delta_C$  117.0, 169.7) and an additional benzoyl group in 7. The trisubstituted  $\Delta^{20(22)}$  double bond was located by the chemical shifts of C-20 ( $\delta_C$  169.7) and C-22 ( $\delta_C$  117.0) and the HMBC correlations from H<sub>2</sub>-21 to C-22 and C-23 and from H-17 to C-20 and C-21 (Figure S63, Supporting Information). The H-7 ( $\delta_H$  5.53) signal was deshielded as compared with that of meliatoosenin B, indicating that the benzoyloxy group could be placed at C-7, which was confirmed by the key HMBC correlations from H-7 and H-3' (or H-7') ( $\delta_H$  7.95) to C-1' ( $\delta_C$  165.5). The relative configurations of the tetracyclic core were assigned from the ROESY spectrum (Figure S64, Supporting Information) to be the same as those of meliatoosenin B. The structure of 7 (dysomollide G) was thus elucidated as shown.

Compound 8 was assigned a molecular formula of C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>8</sub> as determined by the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data and the (+) HRESIMS ion peak at  $m/z$  689.4034 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 689.4029). Analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data (Table 3) of 8 revealed this molecule to have an apotirucallane scaffold, and its structure proved to be very similar to that of 3 $\alpha$ -(3-methyl-2-butenoyloxy)-21,23 $\beta$ -epoxy-21 $\alpha$ -methoxyapotirucallane-7 $\alpha$ ,24 $\alpha$ ,25-triol.<sup>20</sup> The major structural differences between these compounds were found to be the substitutions at C-3 and C-7. A benzoyloxy group was located at C-3 by the HMBC correlation from H-3 ( $\delta_H$  4.86) to C-1' ( $\delta_C$  165.6), and an acetoxy group was located at C-7 by the HMBC correlations from H-7 ( $\delta_H$  5.03) to its acetyl carbonyl carbon ( $\delta_C$  169.9) (Figure S72, Supporting Information). The ROESY spectrum verified that the relative configuration of 8 is consistent with that of 3 $\alpha$ -(3-methyl-2-butenoyloxy)-21,23 $\beta$ -epoxy-21 $\alpha$ -methoxyapotirucallane-7 $\alpha$ ,24 $\alpha$ ,25-triol.<sup>20</sup> The structure of compound 8 was thus assigned as shown, and this compound has been named dysomollin A.

Table 2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) Data of 4–6

position	4 <sup>a</sup>		5 <sup>a</sup>		6 <sup>b</sup>		position	4 <sup>a</sup>		5 <sup>a</sup>		6 <sup>b</sup>	
	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$
1	78.4	7.00 (br s)	79.2	5.45 (d, 10.3)	32.6	1.38 (2H, m)	17	79.9	5.62 (s)	63.0	2.63 (d, 8.6)	60.3	1.94 (m)
2	37.2	$\alpha$ 2.85 (d, 13.4) $\beta$ 2.42 (dd, 13.4, 9.9)	36.7	$\alpha$ 2.93 (d, 14.3) $\beta$ 2.36 (dd, 14.3, 10.5)	25.0	$\alpha$ 1.58 (m) $\beta$ 1.98 (m)	18	18.0	1.25 (3H, s)	23.6	0.90 (3H, s)	20.9	1.18 (3H, s)
3	174.1		174.2		75.9	3.42 (dd, 2.7, 2.7)	19	16.1	1.31 (3H, s)	16.0	0.99 (3H, s)	15.4	0.90 (3H, s)
4	74.1		148.1		36.9		20	121.9		124.3		79.3	
5	48.0	2.16 (d, 11.8)	44.7	2.67 (dd, 13.9, 2.7)	41.8	1.84 (dd, 13.0, 2.3)	21	142.8	7.51 (s)	142.1	7.46 (s)	78.4	4.25 (2H, s)
6	73.9	5.13 (dd, 11.8, 2.0)	32.8	$\alpha$ 1.60 (m) $\beta$ 2.27 <sup>a</sup>	23.2	1.68 (2H, m)	22	111.0	6.43 (s)	112.9	6.40 (s)	42.4	$\alpha$ 2.57 (d, 17.5) $\beta$ 2.67 (d, 17.5)
7	72.0	4.80 (d, 2.0)	73.6	3.93 (br s)	75.3	5.18 (dd, 2.6, 2.6)	23	144.5	7.52 (s)	144.4	7.41 (s)	175.5	
8	43.5		45.4		42.4		28	36.9	1.43 (3H, s)	116.8	a 4.98 <sup>c</sup> b 4.92 <sup>c</sup>	28.0	0.85 (3H, s)
9	36.9	2.63 (m)	34.9	2.23 <sup>d</sup>	42.6	2.07 (m)	29	28.1	1.19 (3H, s)	23.9	1.82 (3H, s)	21.9	0.83 (3H, s)
10	48.3		46.1		37.4		30	18.4	1.25 (3H, s)	28.0	1.22 (3H, s)	27.7	1.09 (3H, s)
11	18.3	$\alpha$ 2.08 (m) $\beta$ 1.93 (m)	19.8	$\alpha$ 1.77 (m) $\beta$ 1.88 (m)	16.3	$\alpha$ 1.78 (m) $\beta$ 1.53 (m)	OAc-1	171.7 21.3	1.96 (3H, s)				
12	27.4	$\alpha$ 1.50 (m) $\beta$ 1.75 (m)	35.0	$\alpha$ 1.65 (m) $\beta$ 1.78 (m)	34.6	$\alpha$ 1.96 (m) $\beta$ 1.52 (m)	OAc-6	172.0 21.0	2.00 (3H, s)				
13	39.6		49.7 <sup>c</sup>		47.8		OAc-7	172.0 21.1	2.15 (3H, s)			170.4 21.4	1.98 (3H, s)
14	71.0		162.4		158.9		OAc-16			172.9 21.5	1.98 (3H, s)		
15	57.1	3.59 (s)	126.1	5.49 (s)	117.7	5.28 (d, 2.1)	OMe-3	52.6	3.64 (3H, s)	52.9	3.59 (3H, s)		
16	169.6		79.7	4.97 <sup>e</sup>	31.6	$\alpha$ 2.34 (m) $\beta$ 2.12 (m)							

<sup>a</sup>Spectra were recorded in methanol- $d_4$ . <sup>b</sup>Spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . <sup>c</sup>Overlapping signals with the solvent peaks. <sup>d,e</sup>Overlapping signals.

Figure 3.  $^1\text{H}$ – $^1\text{H}$  COSY (A), key HMBC (A), and ROESY (B) correlations of 5.

Compound 9 shared the same molecular formula of  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_8$  with 8 as determined by the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data and the (+) HREISMS ion peak at  $m/z$  689.4027  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd 689.4029). Comparison of the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data (Table 3) of 9 with those of 8 revealed that they are C-21 stereoisomers. As a result, the chemical shifts of C-17 and C-22 of 9 were shifted upfield as compared with those of 8 due largely to the  $\gamma$ -gauche effects of  $\text{OCH}_3$ -21 $\beta$ .<sup>21,22</sup> Furthermore, the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of C-20 to C-23 of 9 matched well those of 3 $\alpha$ -(3-methyl-2-butenyloxy)-21,23 $\beta$ -epoxy-21 $\beta$ -methoxyapotirucallane-7 $\alpha$ ,24 $\alpha$ ,25-triol,<sup>19</sup> indicating that OMe-21 adopts a  $\beta$ -

configuration. The structure of 9 (dysomollin B) was therefore defined as shown.

Three known compounds, dysoxylum A (10)<sup>8a</sup> and toonapubesins A (11) and B (12),<sup>15</sup> were also isolated. Their structures were identified by NMR and MS analysis as well as by comparison with reported data.

The cytotoxic activities of the isolated compounds (1–12) against HL-60, P388, and A549 cells were tested by an MTT method<sup>23</sup> and the SRB protein staining method,<sup>24</sup> and doxorubicin<sup>25</sup> was used as a positive control. Compounds 10 and 11 displayed inhibitory activities against A549 and P388

Table 3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) Data of 7–9 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

		7		8		9				7		8		9	
position		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	position		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$
1		38.8	$\alpha$ 1.99 (m) <sup>a</sup>	34.4	$\alpha$ 1.28 (m)	34.5	$\alpha$ 1.28 (m)						b 0.41 (d, 5.4)		b 0.37 (d, 5.4)
			$\beta$ 1.60 (m)		$\beta$ 1.47 (m)		$\beta$ 1.47 (m)	19	15.0	1.12 (3H, s)		15.9	0.95 (3H, s)	15.9	0.96 (3H, s)
2		33.9	$\alpha$ 2.43 (m)	22.6	$\alpha$ 1.76 (m)	22.7	$\alpha$ 1.78 (m)	20	169.7			49.1	2.03 (m)	48.7	1.81 (m)
			$\beta$ 2.61 (m)		$\beta$ 1.98 (m)		$\beta$ 1.98 (m)	21	73.3	$\alpha$ 4.75 (dd, 17.1, 1.5)		109.1	4.85 (d, 3.8)	105.3	4.77 (d, 4.0)
3		216.3		78.8	4.86 (s)	78.9	4.88 (br s)			$\beta$ 4.64 (d, 17.1)					
4		46.9		36.7		36.7		22	117.0	5.79 (d, 1.5)		32.1	1.80 (2H, m)	30.8	1.85 (2H, m)
5		48.7	1.98 <sup>a</sup>	42.4	2.10 (dd, 11.8, 3.2)	42.4	2.10 (m)	23	173.8			77.0	4.23 (dd, 8.7, 5.3)	78.9	4.41 (td, 7.9, 2.0)
6		24.4	$\alpha$ 2.02 (m)	22.9	1.63 (2H, m)	23.0	1.66 (2H, m)	24				75.5	3.22 (d, 8.2)	76.6	3.15 (dd, 8.0, 2.0)
			$\beta$ 1.90 (m)					25				73.1		72.9	
7		75.0	5.53 (br s)	76.2	5.03 (br s)	76.3	5.05 (br s)	26				26.3	1.25 (3H, s)	26.3	1.26 (3H, s)
8		42.4		38.1		38.1		27				26.4	1.28 (3H, s)	26.4	1.26 (3H, s)
9		43.2	2.18 (m)	45.4	1.41 <sup>a</sup>	44.5	2.12 (m)	28	25.9	1.05 (3H, s)		27.9	0.82 (3H, s)	28.0	0.84 (3H, s)
10		37.1		37.2		37.2		29	21.1	0.94 (3H, s)		21.4	0.93 (3H, s)	21.5	0.94 (3H, s)
11		16.5	1.57 (2H, m)	16.6	1.29 (2H, m)	16.8	1.30 (2H, m)	30	27.5	1.26 (3H, s)		19.5	1.10 (3H, s)	19.6	0.96 (3H, s)
12		33.1	$\alpha$ 1.87 (m)	26.1	1.84 (2H, m)	25.8	$\alpha$ 1.65 (m)	1'	165.5			165.6		165.6	
			$\beta$ 1.63 (m)				$\beta$ 1.95 (m)	2'	130.2			130.9		131.0	
13		48.1		28.4		28.9		3'+7'	129.3	7.95 (d, 7.1)		129.3	8.05 (d, 7.3)	129.4	8.07 (d, 7.1)
14		157.9		36.5		37.2		4'+6'	128.5	7.43 (t, 7.7)		128.4	7.44 (t, 7.7)	128.4	7.45 (t, 7.7)
15		118.8	5.42 (s)	26.1	$\alpha$ 1.42 (m) <sup>a</sup>	26.4	$\alpha$ 1.43 (m)	5'	133.1	7.57 (t, 7.4)		132.8	7.57 (t, 7.4)	132.8	7.58 (t, 7.4)
					$\beta$ 1.77 (m)		$\beta$ 1.85 (m)	OAc-7				169.9		169.8	
16		33.0	2.29 (2H, m)	26.3	1.58 (2H, m)	27.6	1.59 (2H, m)					21.3	2.06 (3H, s)	21.3	2.09 (3H, s)
17		54.4	2.67 (t, 8.6)	48.3	1.96 (m)	45.5	1.39 (m)	OMe-21				55.7	3.33 (3H, s)	55.1	3.38 (3H, s)
18		20.4	0.89 (3H, s)	15.0	a 0.73 (d, 5.4)	14.8	a 0.66 (d, 5.4)								

<sup>a</sup>Overlapping signals.

cells with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of 2.1 and 6.7  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. The other compounds exhibited inhibition rates lower than 50% at 10  $\mu\text{M}$  against the three tested cell lines and were inactive. The positive control doxorubicin showed  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of 1.2, 0.058, and 0.20  $\mu\text{M}$  against A549, HL60, and P388 cells, respectively.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Procedures.** Optical rotations were run on a PerkinElmer 341 polarimeter. UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2550 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were made on a PerkinElmer 577 IR spectrometer with KBr disks. NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer. ESIMS and HRESIMS were obtained on an Esquire 3000 Plus (Bruker Daltonics) and a Waters-Micromass Q-TOF Ultima Global electrospray mass spectrometer, respectively. Semipreparative HPLC was performed on a Waters 1525 pump equipped with a Waters 2489 detector (210 nm) and a YMC-Pack ODS-A column (250  $\times$  10 mm, S-5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 12 nm). Silica gel (200–300 mesh) (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd., Qingdao, People's Republic of China),  $\text{C}_{18}$  reverse-phased silica gel (20–45  $\mu\text{M}$ , Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd.), MCI gel (CHP20P, 75–150  $\mu\text{m}$ , Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation), and Sephadex LH-20 gel (Amersham Biosciences) were used for column chromatography (CC). Precoated silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> plates (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd.) were used for TLC. All solvents used for CC were of analytical grade (Shanghai Chemical Reagents Company, Ltd.,

Shanghai, People's Republic of China), and those used for HPLC were of HPLC grade (J&K Scientific Ltd.).

**Plant Material.** The twigs of *Dysoxylum mollissimum* var. *glaberrimum* were collected in June 2008 from Xishuangbanna in Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, and were authenticated by Prof. Y.-K. Xu of Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). A voucher specimen (accession number Dymo-2008YN-1Y) has been deposited at the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, CAS.

**Extraction and Isolation.** The air-dried, powdered twigs of *D. mollissimum* (6 kg) were percolated with 95% ethanol (25 L) five times. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the EtOH extract (280 g) was partitioned between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and EtOAc to give an EtOAc-soluble fraction (130 g), which was fractionated via a column of MCI gel eluted with mixtures of MeOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4:6 to 9:1) to obtain six fractions (A–F). Fraction B was subjected to passage over a silica gel column eluted with petroleum ether/acetone mixtures (50:1 to 1:3) to yield 17 fractions (B1–B17). Fraction B13 was separated over a column of RP-18 silica gel ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 11:10 to 3:1) to give five subfractions (B13a–B13f). Fraction B13b was purified by semipreparative HPLC (3.0 mL/min, 55%  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  isocratic elution) to yield compounds **4** (30 mg, 0.00050% dry wt) and **5** (10 mg, 0.00017% dry wt). Fraction B14 was separated over a column of RP-18 silica gel ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1:1 to 3:1), and each of the major components was purified by semipreparative HPLC ( $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1:1 to 3:1) to furnish **1** (4 mg, 0.000067% dry wt), **2** (23 mg,

0.00038% dry wt), **3** (12 mg, 0.00020% dry wt), **7** (3 mg, 0.000050% dry wt), and **10** (25 mg, 0.00042% dry wt). Fraction C was chromatographed on a column of silica gel (ether/acetone, 50:1 to 1:3, v/v) to give five major subfractions, with each of these purified by semipreparative HPLC to yield compounds **7** (3 mg, 0.000050% dry wt), **8** (15 mg, 0.00025% dry wt), **9** (12 mg, 0.00020% dry wt), **11** (3 mg, 0.000050% dry wt), and **12** (5 mg, 0.000083% dry wt).

**Dysomollide A (1):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +103$  (c 0.17, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 207 (3.99) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3437, 2966, 2935, 1741, 1637, 1466, 1375, 1234, 1132, 1034, 604, 557  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 1; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  831.4  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  875.7  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  853.3267  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{54}\text{O}_{17}\text{Na}$ , 853.3259).

**Dysomollide B (2):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +23$  (c 0.50, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 200 (4.05), 215 (3.68) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3456, 2952, 2893, 1738, 1466, 1398, 1375, 1279, 1227, 1200, 1165, 1024, 876, 820, 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 1; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  531.2  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 1083.4  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  529.6  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^-$ ; (−) HRESIMS  $m/z$  575.2129  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_{12}$ , 575.2129).

**Dysomollide C (3):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +8$  (c 0.25, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 206 (3.99) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3440, 2962, 1738, 1631, 1466, 1396, 1373, 1230, 1200, 1124, 1061, 1026, 876, 820, 604, 480  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 1; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  631.3  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 653.3  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 1283.5  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  675.8  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  653.2575  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{12}\text{Na}$ , 653.2574).

**Dysomollide D (4):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{22} +19$  (c 0.11, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 206 (4.09) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3502, 2958, 1745, 1437, 1367, 1232, 1174, 1026, 876, 604  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 2; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  671.3  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 1319.5  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  693.7  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  671.2674  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_{13}\text{Na}$ , 671.2680).

**Dysomollide E (5):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -18$  (c 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 214 (4.07) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3512, 3460, 2952, 2881, 1741, 1724, 1633, 1441, 1385, 1300, 1232, 1026, 876, 604, 471  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 2; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  523.7  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 1023.9  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  545.8  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  523.2678  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ , 523.2672).

**Dysomollide F (6):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +5$  (c 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 203 (2.97) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3429, 2922, 2852, 2131, 1770, 1728, 1633, 1379, 1254, 1165, 1032, 561  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 2; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  497.3  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 971.5  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  519.6  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (−) HRESIMS  $m/z$  519.2961  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_8$ , 519.2958).

**Dysomollide G (7):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +20$  (c 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 219 (4.24), 270 (3.01) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3433, 2920, 2850, 1782, 1751, 1707, 1628, 1464, 1275, 1113, 1028, 715, 565  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  517.3  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 1033.7  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 1055.7  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) HRESIMS  $m/z$  561.2838  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_7$ , 561.2852).

**Dysomollin A (8):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -93$  (c 0.35, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 228 (4.15), 273 (3.62) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3450, 2949, 2873, 1718, 1637, 1452, 1375, 1300, 1275, 1252, 1117, 1028, 889, 714  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  689.4  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ , 1355.7  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (−) ESIMS  $m/z$  711.7  $[\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2]^-$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  689.4034  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ , 689.4029).

**Dysomollin B (9):** white powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -36$  (c 0.35, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 230 (4.11) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  3444, 2949, 2873, 1734, 1718, 1633, 1452, 1375, 1275, 1252, 1174, 1117, 1028, 712  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data, see Table 3; (+) EISMS  $m/z$  689.4  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ; (+) HRESIMS  $m/z$  689.4027  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  (calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ , 689.4029).

**Cytotoxicity Assays.** Compounds **1–12** were evaluated for cytotoxicity against three tumor cell lines, with the MTT method<sup>23</sup> used for HL-60 (human promyelocytic leukemia) and P-388 (murine leukemia) cells and the SRB protein staining method<sup>24</sup> used for A-549 (human lung adenocarcinoma) cells, according to reported protocols

in triplicate independent experiments. Doxorubicin<sup>25</sup> was used as a positive control.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### Supporting Information

Key HMBC and ROESY correlations of compounds **2**, **4**, **6**, **7**, and **8** and IR, ESIMS, HRESIMS, and 1D and 2D NMR spectra of compounds **1–9**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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