## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

# Identification of potential cytotoxic inhibitors from Physalis minima

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#### Abstract

A phytochemical investigation of *Physalis minima* led to the isolation of six withanolides, including withanolide E (1), withaperuvin C (2),  $4\beta$ -hydroxywithanolide E (3), 28-hydroxywithaperuvin C (4), physaperuvin G (5), and 4-deoxywithaperuvin (6). Their chemical structures were elucidated by 1D-NMR and 2D-NMR data, as well as comparison with the data reported in the literature. All isolated compounds were evaluated for their cytotoxic activity against HepG2, SK-LU-1, and MCF7 cancer cell lines. As the obtained results, compounds 1 and 3 displayed the strongest cytotoxicity against HepG2, SK-LU-1, and MCF7 cell lines with IC<sub>50</sub> value ranging from 0.051  $\pm$  0.004 to 0.86  $\pm$  0.09  $\mu$ g/mL.

**Keywords**: Physalis minima, withanolide, anti-cancer, cytotoxic activity.

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### **General experimental procedures**

The NMR spectra were measured on Bruker AM500 MHz spectrometers with TMS as an internal standard. Column chromatography (CC) was performed on silica gel (Kiesel gel 60, 70-230 mesh and 230-400 mesh, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), YMC\*GEL (ODS-A, 12 nm S-150 μm, YMC Co., Ltd.) and Sephadex LH-20 (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) resins. TLC used pre-coated silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (1.05554.0001, Merck) and RP-18 F<sub>254S</sub> plated (1.15685.0001, Merck), and compounds were visualized by spraying aqueous 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> by heating. Solvents and standard were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

#### Cell lines and cell culture

The SK-LU-1 (human lung carcinoma), HepG2 (human hepatocellular carcinoma), and MCF7 (human breast carcinoma) cell lines were a generous gift from Dr. J. M. Pezzuto, University of Long Island, USA and Dr. Jeanette Maier, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy.

The cells were cultured as a monolayer in Dulbeco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) containing 2 mM L-glutamine, 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 4.5 g/L glucose, 10 mM HEPES, 1.0 mM sodium pyruvate, and 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS). The MCF7 medium was further added with 0.01 mg/mL bovine insulin while LNCaP medium was supplemented with 10 nM of testosterone. The cells were subcultured after 3-5 days with the ratio of 1:3 and incubated at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and 100% humidified.

#### **Cytotoxicity assay**

Cytotoxic assays were performed according to a method developed by Monks et al, which is being used at the National Institute of Health (USA) as a standard method for the evaluation of the cytotoxic potential of compounds or extracts using a panel of human cancer cell lines (Monks et al. 1991). Cell lines were grown in 96-well microtiter plates with each well containing 190  $\mu$ l medium. After 24 hrs, 10  $\mu$ l of the test samples dissolved in 10% DMSO were added to the wells. The cells were then cultured for additional 48 hrs, fixed with trichloroacetic acid, and stained with sulforhodamine B, followed by the determination of the optical densities at 515 nm using an EL× 800 Microplate Reader (Bio-Tek Instruments) (Shoemaker et al. 2002). The inhibitory rate of cell growth (IR) of cells was calculated by the following equation IR = 100% - [(ODt - OD0) / (ODc - OD0)] x 100, where: ODt : average OD value at day 3; OD0: average OD value at time-zero; ODc: average OD value of the blank DMSO control sample.

The cytotoxicities were calculated and expressed as Inhibition concentration at 50 % (IC<sub>50</sub> values). The IC<sub>50</sub> values of promising agents will be determined by testing a series of sample final concentrations at 100, 20, 4, 0.8, 0.16, and 0.032  $\mu$ g/mL. Experiments were carried out in triplicate

for accuracy of data. The TableCurve 2Dv4 software was used for data analysis and for  $IC_{50}$  calculation. The  $IC_{50}$  values should be in small deviation throughout the experiments.

#### **Biological materials**

The aerial parts of *Physalis minima* L. were collected at Huong Hoa commune, Nam Dong district, Thua Thien Hue province, Vietnam (16°09′40″N 107°41′59″E) in September 2018, and were identified by Ms. Nguyen Quynh Nga (National Institute of Medicinal Materials, Vietnam). The voucher specimen (MISR2018-18) has been deposited at the herbarium of Mientrung Institute for Scientific Research, VAST, Vietnam. The aerial parts of *P. minima* (28.5 kg, fresh) were dried in an air-circulating oven at 40°C for 7 days, then ground into dried powder (2.6 kg) and subjected to solvent extraction.

#### **Extraction and isolation**

The dried and powdered aerial parts of *P. minima* (2.6 kg) were extracted three times (each 5 L) with MeOH by sonication for 2 h. The MeOH extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a residue (PM, 150.0 g). This residue was suspended in water (1.5 L) and successively partitioned with *n*-hexane (3 × 2 L), dichloromethane (3 × 2 L), and ethyl acetate (3 × 2 L) to give: *n*-hexane (PMH, 31.0 g), dichloromethane (PMD, 15.0 g), ethyl acetate (PME, 8.0 g) and a water layer after removal of the solvents. The PMD fraction was subjected to a silica gel CC and eluted with dichloromethane/methanol (20/1, v/v) to yield three sub-fractions (PMD1-PMD3). The sub-fraction PMD2 was further purified by an RP-18 CC using solvent methanol/water (2/1, v/v) to afford compound 1 (40 mg). The sub-fraction PMD3 was further separated by a silica gel CC using solvent dichloromethane/methanol, (20/1, v/v) and an RP-18 CC using solvent acetone/water (1/2, v/v) to yield compounds 2 (20 mg) and 3 (50 mg). The PME fraction was subjected to a silica gel CC and eluted with dichloromethane/methanol (20/1, v/v) to yield five sub-fractions (PME1-PME5). The sub-fraction PME3 was purified by a silica gel CC and eluted with dichloromethane/methanol (20/1, v/v) to obtained compound 5 (6 mg). The fraction PME5 was further separated by silica gel CC using solvent dichloromethane/methanol (12/1, v/v) to give compounds 4 (15 mg) and 6 (8 mg).

#### Spectroscopic data

Withanolide E (1): White amorphous powder;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.01 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 10.0 Hz, H-2), 6.98 (1H, ddd, J = 2.5, 6.0, 10.0 Hz, H-3), 1.94 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-4), 2.97 (1H, dt, J = 2.5, 18.5 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-4), 3.24 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-6), 1.84 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-7), 1.94 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-7), 1.95 (1H, m, H-8), 1.83 (1H, m, H-9), 1.65 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-11), 2.00 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-11), 1.55 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-12), 1.70 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-12), 1.30 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-15), 2.28 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-15), 1.58 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 14.0 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>-16), 2.58 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-16), 1.11 (3H, s, H-18), 1.25 (3H, s, H-19), 1.39 (3H, s, H-21), 4.86 (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-22), 2.53 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-23), 2.66 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 18.5 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-23), 1.87 (3H, s, H-27), 1.98 (3H,

s, H-28);  $^{13}$ C-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_C$  205.4 (C-1), 129.9 (C-2), 146.7 (C-3), 33.7 (C-4), 63.3 (C-5), 65.1 (C-6), 27.5 (C-7), 35.2 (C-8), 38.4 (C-9), 49.8 (C-10), 24.3 (C-11), 33.3 (C-12), 55.6 (C-10), 24.3 (C-10), 24 13), 84.0 (C-14), 31.5 (C-15), 37.4 (C-16), 88.7 (C-17), 21.0 (C-18), 15.1 (C-19), 79.8 (C-20), 19.4 (C-21), 82.9 (C-22), 35.7 (C-23), 153.4 (C-24), 122.0 (C-25), 169.1 (C-26), 12.3 (C-27), 20.5 (C-28). Withaperuvin C (2): White amorphous powder; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_H$  6.00 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H-2), 7.09 (1H, dd, J = 6.0, 10.0 Hz, H-3), 6.23 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, H-4), 4.60 (1H, t, J = 3.0 Hz, H-6), 1.64 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-7), 1.95 (1H, dt, J = 3.0, 14.0 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-7), 2.47 (1H, m, H-8), 1.80 (1H, m, H-9), 1.67 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -11), 1.72 (1H, dd, J = 4.5, 12.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -11), 1.37 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -12), 2.22 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 12.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -12), 1.54 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -15), 1.82 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -15), 1.59 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -16), 2.57 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-16), 1.21 (3H, s, H-18), 1.49 (3H, s, H-19), 1.39 (3H, s, H-21), 4.83 (1H, m, H-22), 1.54 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -23), 1.68 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 18.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -24), 1.85 (3H, s, H-27), 1.99 (3H, s, H-28); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_C$  208.2 (C-1), 126.7 (C-2), 142.9 (C-3), 118.4 (C-4), 160.4 (C-5), 75.0 (C-6), 37.6 (C-7), 35.8 (C-8), 44.2 (C-9), 55.7 (C-10), 22.6 (C-11), 31.5 (C-12), 55.6 (C-13), 84.7 (C-14), 33.4 (C-15), 37.5 (C-16), 88.5 (C-17), 21.2 (C-18), 18.7 (C-19), 79.8 (C-20), 19.4 (C-21), 82.8 (C-22), 35.7 (C-23), 153.4 (C-24), 121.9 (C-25), 169.0 (C-26), 12.3 (C-27), 20.6 (C-28). **4β-Hydroxywithanolide E** (3): White amorphous powder;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.20 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, H-2), 7.07 (1H, dd, J = 6.5, 10.0 Hz, H-3), 3.68 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-4), 3.24(1H, brs, H-6), 1.90 (1H, t-like, J = 12.0 Hz,  $H_a$ -7), 2.01 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -7), 1.83 (1H, m, H-8), 1.52 (1H, m, H-9), 1.57 (2H, m, H-11), 1.55 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -12), 1.72 (1H, td, J = 8.5, 12.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -12), 1.28 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -15), 2.23 (1H, td, J = 6.0, 12.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -15), 1.58 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -16), 2.56 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -16), 1.09  $H_a$ -23), 2.65 (1H, dd, J = 3.0, 8.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -23), 1.86 (3H, s, H-27), 1.98 (3H, s, H-28); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_C$  204.2 (C-1), 133.4 (C-2), 145.0 (C-3), 71.1 (C-4), 64.8 (C-5), 62.0 (C-6), 27.2 (C-7), 35.3 (C-8), 38.4 (C-9), 49.9 (C-10), 22.2 (C-11), 33.2 (C-12), 55.5 (C-13), 83.8 (C-14), 31.0 (C-15), 37.4 (C-16), 88.6 (C-17), 20.7 (C-18), 16.6 (C-19), 79.8 (C-20), 19.4 (C-21), 82.8 (C-22), 35.6 (C-23), 153.4 (C-24), 121.9 (C-25), 169.1 (C-26), 12.31 (C-27), 20.5 (C-28). **28-Hydroxywithaperuvin** C (4): White amorphous powder; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_H$ J = 3.0, H-6), 1.95 (1H, dt, J = 3.0, 13.5, H<sub>a</sub>-7), 2.59 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-7), 2.50 (1H, td, J = 3.0, 16.5, H-8), 1.81 (1H, m, H-9), 1.67 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-11), 1.72 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-11), 1.45 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-12), 2.20 (1H, m, H<sub>b</sub>-12), 1.55 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 12.5,  $H_a$ -15), 1.85 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -15), 1.63 (2H, m, H-16), 1.23 (3H, s, H-18),

1.49 (3H, s, H-19), 1.41 (3H, s, H-21), 4.83 (1H, d, J = 3.5, H-22), 2.41 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-23), 3.09 (1H,

dd, J = 2.5, 18.0, H<sub>b</sub>-23), 1.87 (3H, s, H-27), 4.19 (1H, d, J = 14.0, H<sub>a</sub>-28), 4.40 (1H, d, J = 14.0, H<sub>b</sub>-

28):  $^{13}$ C-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_{\rm C}$  208.2 (C-1), 126.7 (C-2), 142.9 (C-3), 118.4 (C-4), 160.5

(C-5), 75.0 (C-6), 37.6 (C-7), 35.8 (C-8), 44.3 (C-9), 55.7 (C-10), 22.6 (C-11), 31.4 (C-12), 55.8 (C-11), 31.4 (C-12), 35.8 (C-11), 31.4 (C-112), 31.4 (C-112 13), 84.8 (C-14), 33.4 (C-15), 37.5 (C-16), 88.6 (C-17), 21.1 (C-18), 18.7 (C-19), 79.9 (C-20), 19.5 (C-21), 83.9 (C-22), 30.5 (C-23), 154.9 (C-24), 122.3 (C-25), 169.1 (C-26), 11.8 (C-27), 61.6 (C-28). **Physaperuvin G** (5): White amorphous powder;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.78 (1H, dd, J $= 2.5, 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{H}-2), 6.66 (1\text{H}, \text{dq}, J = 2.0, 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{H}-3), 2.06 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 5.0, 20.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{H}_a-4), 3.27$ (1H, dt, J = 2.5, 20.0 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-4), 3.60 (1H, t, J = 2.5 Hz, H-6), 1.49 (1H, br d, J = 10.0 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>-7), 2.12 (1H, dd, J = 3.0, 13.5 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-7), 3.55 (1H, m, H-8), 2.25 (1H, td, J = 4.5, 12.5 Hz, H-9), 1.52  $(1H, m, H_a-11), 2.31 (1H, m, H_b-11), 1.31 (1H, m, H_a-12), 2.40 (1H, td, J = 4.5, 12.0 Hz, H_b-12),$ 1.58 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -15), 1.78 (1H, dt, J = 8.5, 13.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -15), 1.57 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -16), 2.60 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -16), 1.17 (3H, s, H-18), 1.34 (3H, s, H-19), 1.40 (3H, s, H-21), 4.90 (1H, dd, J = 3.0, 13.0 Hz, H-22), 2.53 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -23), 2.67 (1H, dd, J = 3.0, 18.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -23), 1.88 (1H, s, H-27), 1.98 (1H, s, H-28); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_C$  207.5 (C-1), 129.1 (C-2), 143.8 (C-3), 36.7 (C-4), 78.2 (C-5), 75.6 (C-6), 29.9 (C-7), 35.0 (C-8), 35.2 (C-9), 53.4 (C-10), 23.8 (C-11), 32.3 (C-12), 56.0 (C-13), 85.0 (C-14), 33.3 (C-15), 37.4 (C-16), 89.0 (C-17), 21.6 (C-18), 16.1 (C-19), 79.8 (C-20), 19.6 (C-21), 83.2 (C-22), 35.8 (C-23), 153.3 (C-24), 122.0 (C-25), 169.1 (C-26), 12.3 (C-27), 20.5 (C-28); **4-Deoxywithaperuvin** (6): White amorphous powder;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.94 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 10.0 Hz, H-2), 6.88 (1H, m, H-3), 2.50 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 20.5 Hz,  $H_a$ -4), 2.90 (1H, dt, J = 4.0) 2.5, 20.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -4), 3.85 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 12.0 Hz, H-6), 1.64 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -7), 1.83 (1H, m,  $H_b$ -7), 2.01 (1H, td, J = 4.0, 12.0 Hz, H-8), 2.09 (1H, td, J = 5.0, 12.0 Hz, H-9), 0.94 (1H, m, H<sub>a</sub>-11), 1.49 $(1H, dd, J = 5.0, 13.5 Hz, H_b-11), 1.28 (1H, m, H_a-12), 2.21 (1H, td, J = 5.0, 12.0 Hz, H_b-12), 1.55$ (1H, m,  $H_a$ -15), 1.78 (1H, dt, J = 8.5, 13.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -15), 1.58 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -16), 2.58 (1H, dt, J = 3.0, 11.5 Hz,  $H_b$ -16), 1.09 (3H, s, H-18), 1.17 (3H, s, H-19), 1.39 (3H, s, H-21), 4.79 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 13.0 Hz, H-22), 2.54 (1H, m,  $H_a$ -23), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 3.0, 14.0 Hz,  $H_b$ -23), 1.83 (3H, s, H-27), 1.96 (3H, s, H-28);  ${}^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  205.3 (C-1), 127.9 (C-2), 147.0 (C-3), 31.5 (C-4), 79.6 (C-5), 73.3 (C-6), 32.9 (C-7), 38.8 (C-8), 39.1 (C-9), 56.2 (C-10), 24.1 (C-11), 31.4 (C-12), 55.9 (C-13), 84.1 (C-14), 33.1 (C-15), 37.5 (C-16), 88.6 (C-17), 21.2 (C-18), 9.3 (C-19), 79.8 (C-20), 19.4 (C-21), 82.8 (C-22), 35.7 (C-23), 153.4 (C-24), 121.9 (C-25), 169.0 (C-26), 12.3 (C-27), 20.5 (C-28);

Table S1. Cytotoxic activity of compounds 1-6

Compounds	IC <sub>50</sub> (μg/mL)		
	HepG2	SK-LU-1	MCF7
1	$0.051 \pm 0.004$	$0.056 \pm 0.003$	$0.059 \pm 0.006$
2	$19.50 \pm 1.75$	$14.65 \pm 0.82$	$11.74 \pm 1.01$
3	$0.80 \pm 0.05$	$0.86 \pm 0.09$	$0.83 \pm 0.13$
4	>100	>100	>100
5	>100	>100	>100
6	$64.44 \pm 3.93$	$56.22 \pm 6.22$	$65.33 \pm 4.06$
Ellipticine	$0.38 \pm 0.02$	$0.46 \pm 0.05$	0.41±0.03

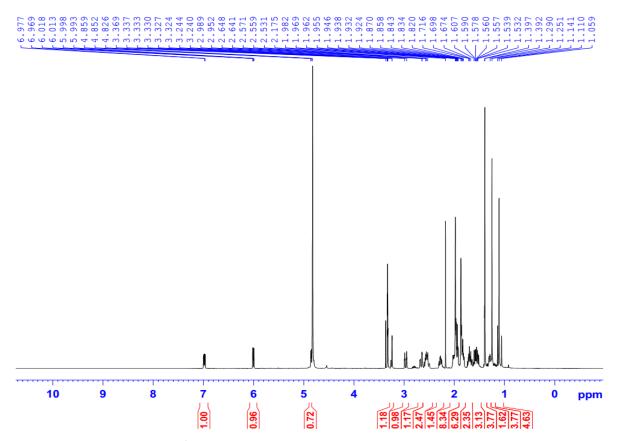


Figure S1.  $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz) of compound (1)

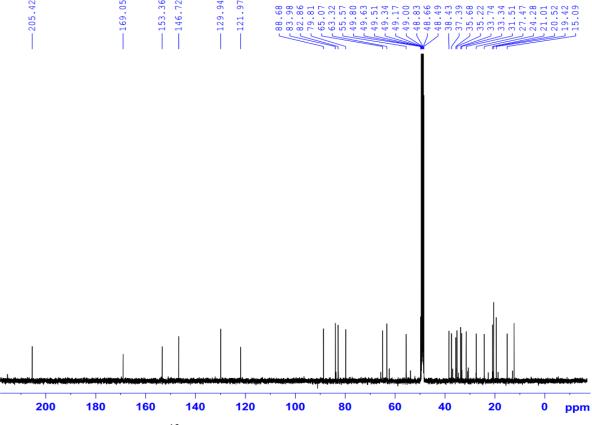


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>, 125 MHz) of compound (1)

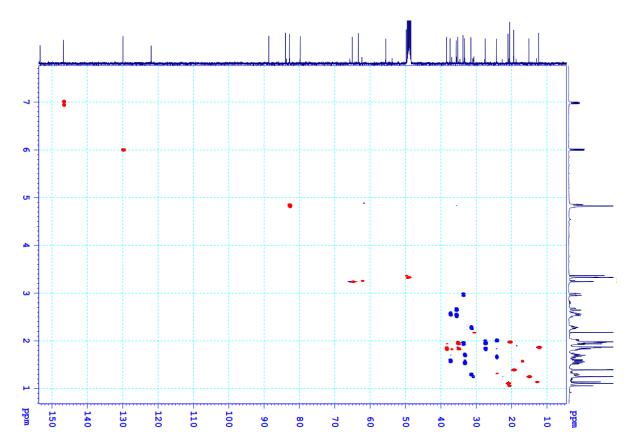


Figure S3. HSQC spectrum of compound (1)

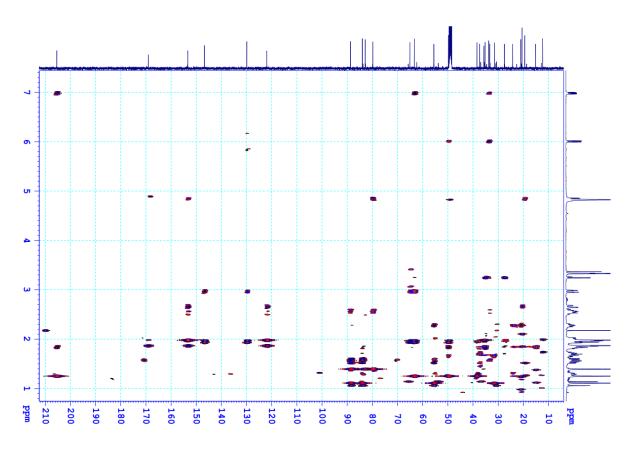


Figure S4. HMBC spectrum of compound (1)

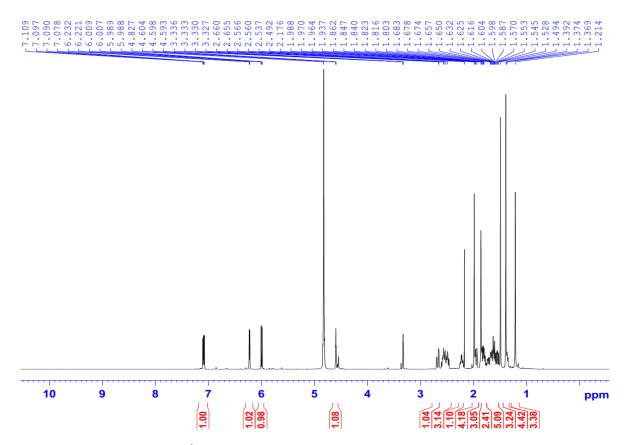


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz) of compound (2)

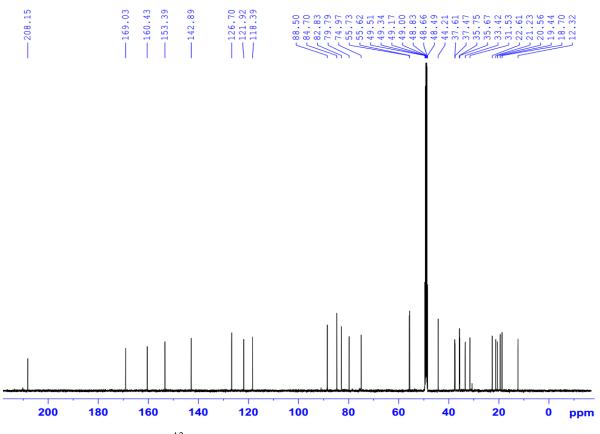


Figure S6.  $^{13}$ C-NMR spectrum (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz) of compound (2)

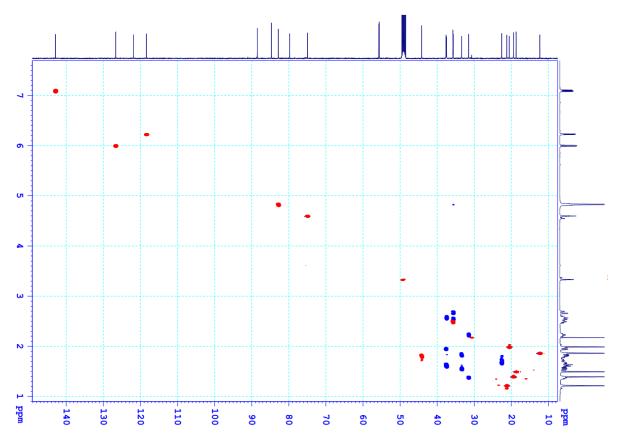


Figure S7. HSQC spectrum of compound (2)

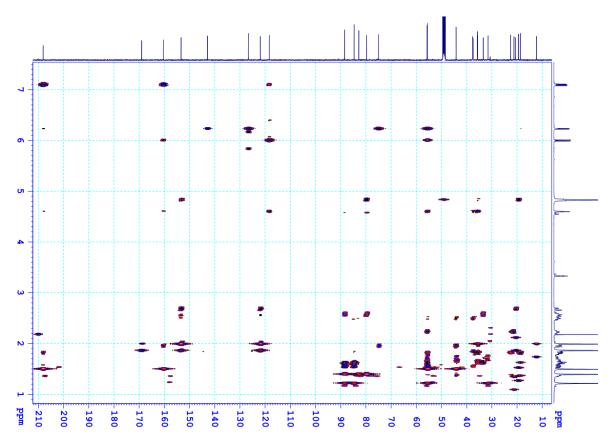


Figure S8. HMBC spectrum of compound (2)

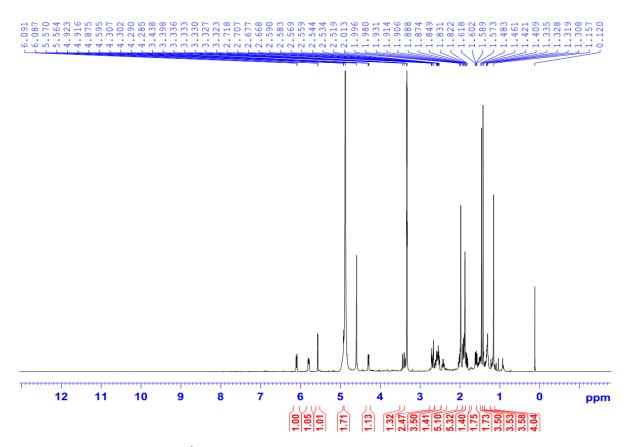


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz) of compound (3)

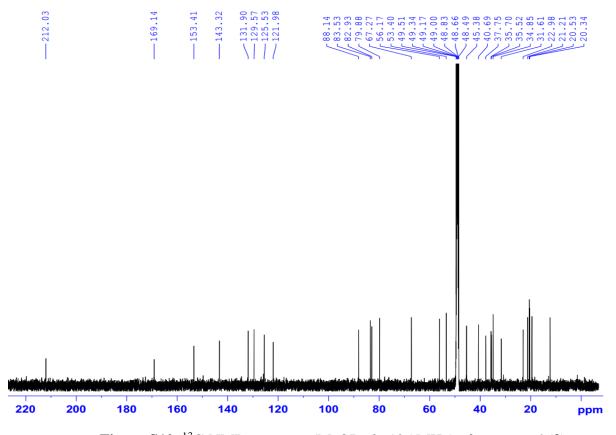


Figure S10.  $^{13}$ C-NMR spectrum (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz) of compound (3)

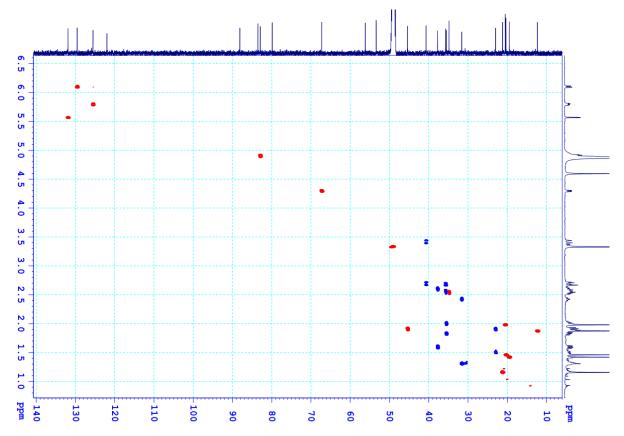


Figure S11. HSQC spectrum of compound (3)

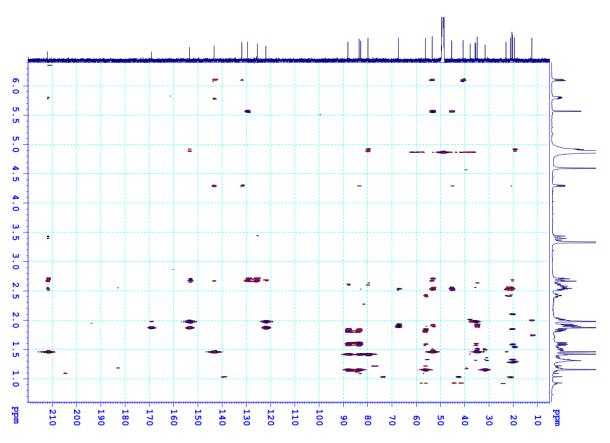


Figure S12. HMBC spectrum of compound (3)

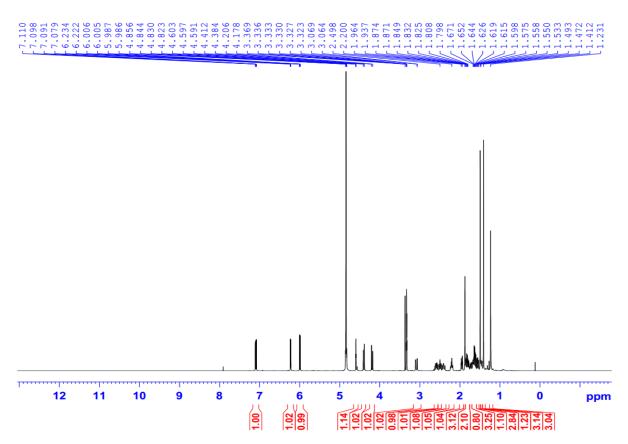


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz) of compound (4)

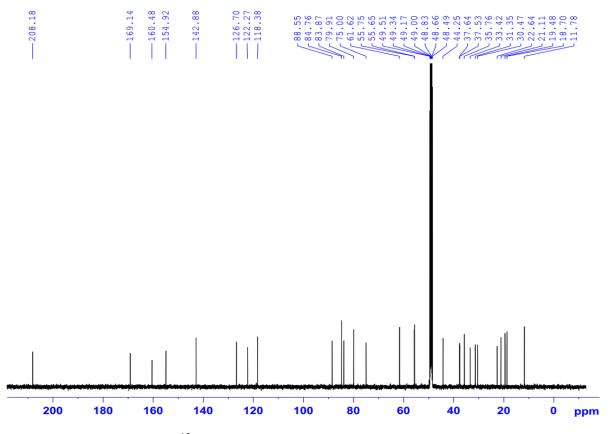


Figure S14.  $^{13}$ C-NMR spectrum (MeOD- $d_4$ , 125 MHz) of compound (4)

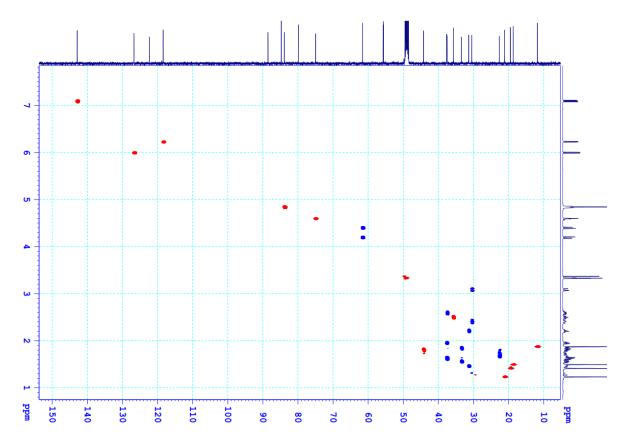


Figure S15. HSQC spectrum of compound (4)

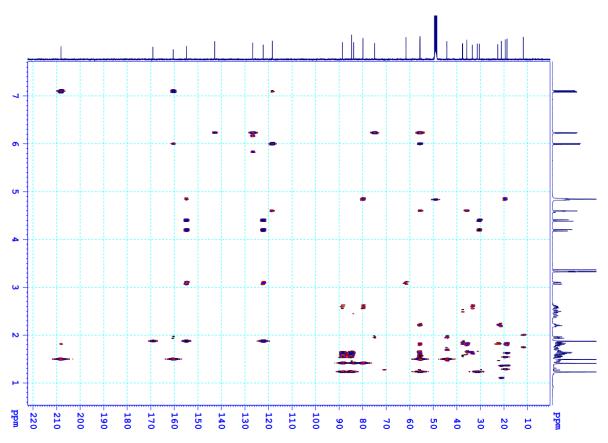
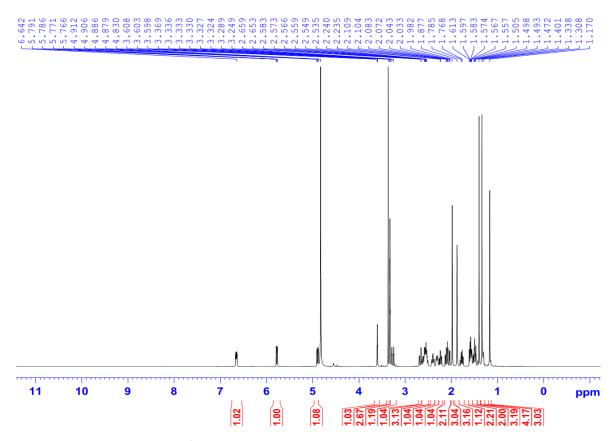


Figure S16. HMBC spectrum of compound (4)



**Figure S17.**  $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum (MeOD- $d_4$ , 500 MHz) of compound (5)

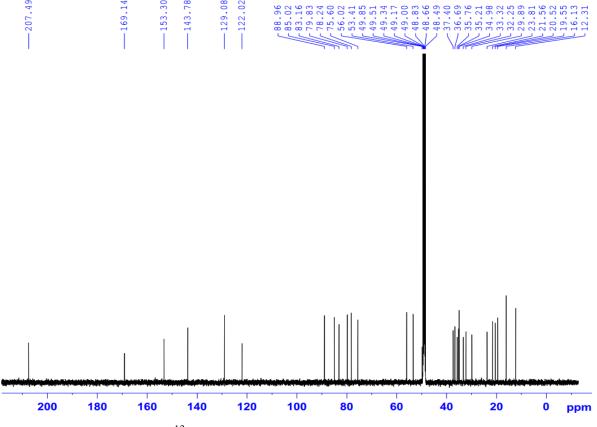


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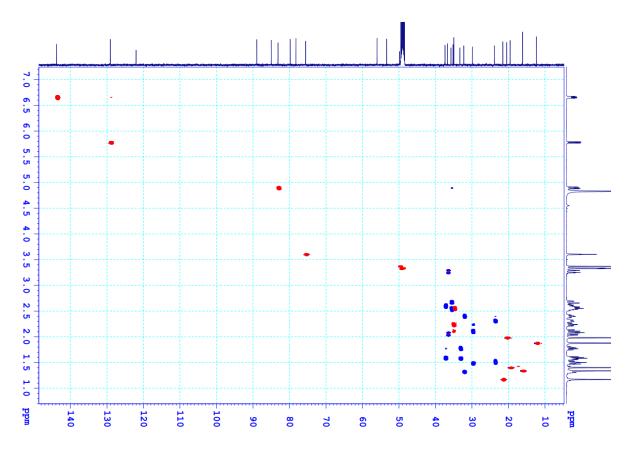


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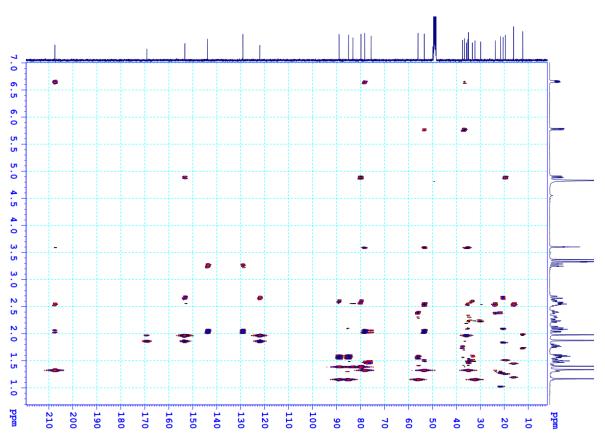
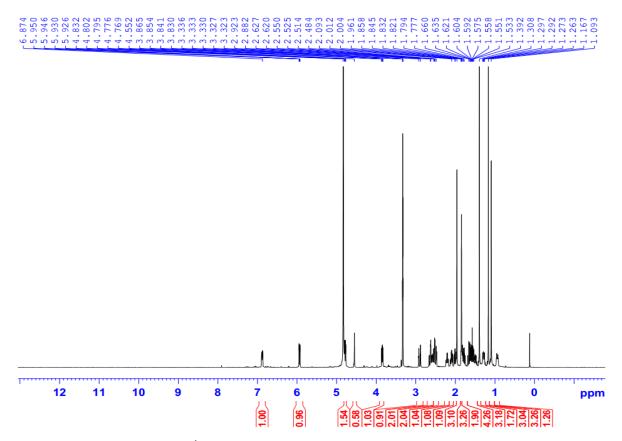


Figure S20. HMBC spectrum of compound (5)



**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (MeOD-*d*<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz) of compound (**6**)

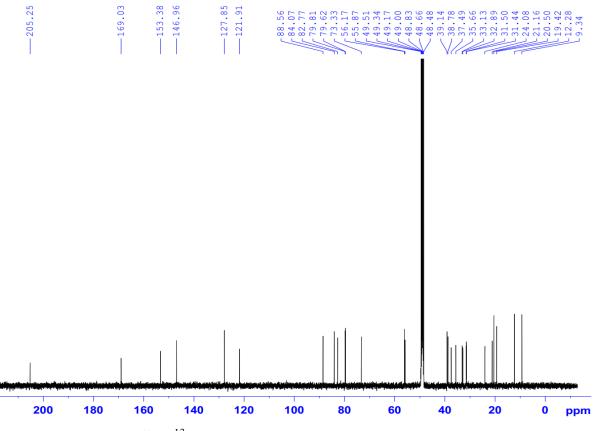


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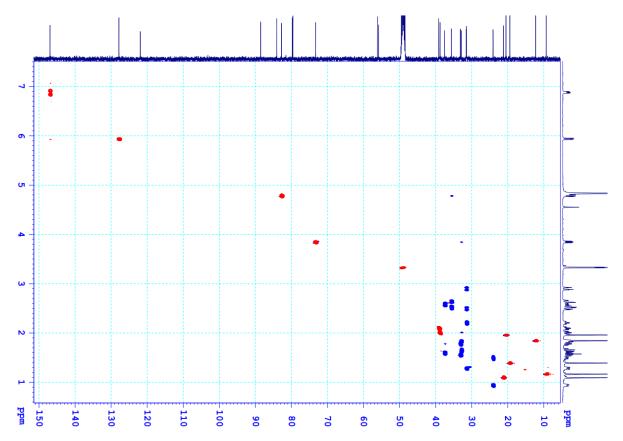


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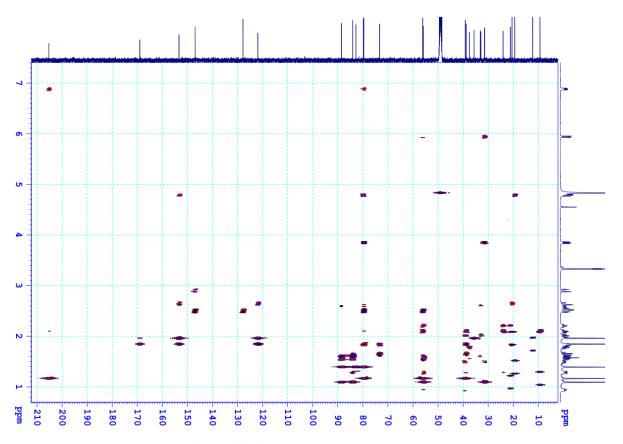


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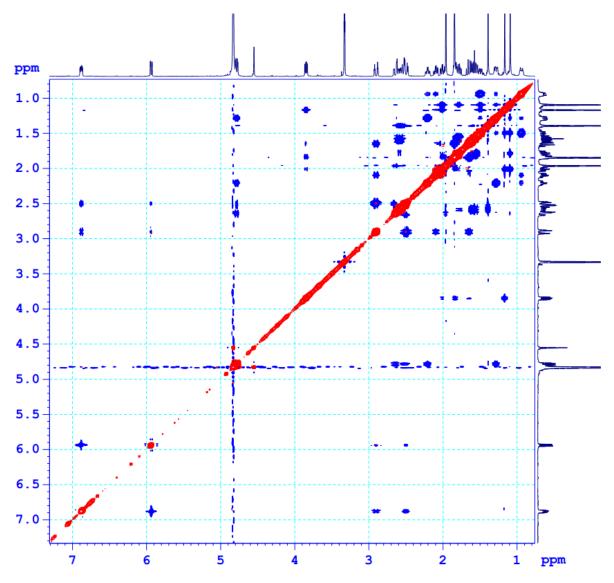


Figure S25. NOESY spectrum of compound (6)

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