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## NEW ANTIBACTERIAL POLYACETYLENES FROM SUNFLOWER (*HELIANTHUS ANNUUS* L.) SEEDLINGS

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**Abstract** — Three new C<sub>15</sub> polyacetylenes **1**, **2**, and **3**, together with two known C<sub>15</sub> polyacetylenes **4** and **5** were isolated from the seedlings of sunflower *Helianthus annuus* L. cv. Russia, and their structures were elucidated by spectroscopic data and chemical means. Compounds **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5** exhibited antimicrobial activity against *Staphyrococcus aureus* and especially compound **1** showed strong activity.

### INTRODUCTION

Polyacetylenes have been found in many families of higher plants, such as Asteraceae, Araliaceae, and Umbelliferae.<sup>1-3</sup> It has been reported antibacterial,<sup>4,5</sup> antifungal,<sup>5,6</sup> and allelopathic activities.<sup>7-9</sup> In our previous research, C<sub>17</sub> polyacetylenes from *Hedera rhombea* exhibited antimicrobial activity against the *Micrococcus luteus*.<sup>4</sup> We had been isolated C<sub>15</sub> polyacetylenes, 8-(β-D-glucopyranosyloxy)-3-hydroxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne termed “helian”, (Z)-3,8-dihydroxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**4**), and (Z)-8-acetoxy-3-hydroxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**5**) and reported for its plant growth activity on rice and cress seedlings.<sup>10,11</sup> However, to the best of our knowledge, effects on antimicrobial activity of C<sub>15</sub> polyacetylenes have not been studied. In this paper, we describe the isolation and structure elucidation of new antibacterial polyacetylenes **1**~**3** from *H. annuus*, and the assessment of the antibacterial properties of C<sub>15</sub> polyacetylenes.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The MeOH extract of the seedlings of *H. annuus* L. cv. Russia was partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O. The EtOAc-soluble portion was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, C<sub>18</sub> Sep-Pak cartridges,



**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Data of compounds **1-3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3^a$ 

position	1	2	3
1	46.7, $\text{CH}_2$	9.3, $\text{CH}_3$	119.8, $\text{CH}_2$
2	54.0, CH	30.7, $\text{CH}_2$	131.8, CH
3	183.0, C=O	64.1, CH	64.4, CH
4	72.7, qC	83.4, qC	75.1, qC
5	76.5, qC	85.7, qC	70.7, qC
6	68.1, qC	69.9, qC	69.2, qC
7	84.5, qC	79.5, qC	76.6, qC
8	59.8, CH	17.7, $\text{CH}_2$	60.0, CH
9	123.0, CH	122.1, CH	124.0, CH
10	137.0, CH	132.9, CH	136.0, CH
11	27.3, $\text{CH}_2$	27.1, $\text{CH}_2$	27.2, $\text{CH}_2$
12	28.2, $\text{CH}_2$	28.7, $\text{CH}_2$	28.2, $\text{CH}_2$
13	31.7, $\text{CH}_2$	33.7, $\text{CH}_2$	33.1, $\text{CH}_2$
14	138.1, CH	139.0, CH	138.2, CH
15	115.1, $\text{CH}_2$	114.3, $\text{CH}_2$	115.0, $\text{CH}_2$
3-OAc	20.8, $\text{CH}_3$		20.8, $\text{CH}_3$
	169.3, qC		169.4, qC
8-OAc			20.9, $\text{CH}_3$
			169.4, qC

<sup>a</sup> $\delta_{\text{C}}$  in ppm.

comparing with those of (*Z*)-8-acetoxy-1-methoxy-3-oxoheptadeca-9-ene-4,6-diyne.<sup>14</sup> This finding was further supported by vicinal coupling constants of  $J_{1a,2} = 2.3$  Hz and  $J_{1b,2} = 4.3$  Hz. The chemical shift of H-2 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.54), which was at lower field by nearly 1 ppm compared to the value of typical epoxide protons, suggesting that the carbonyl carbon should be connected to C-2. This linkage was further confirmed by an HMBC correlation between H-1a ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.11) and C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  183.0). The higher-field shifted ketone carbonyl carbon (C-3) suggested that it was conjugated to a triple bond. This was also supported by chemical shift to lower frequency of the carbonyl peak ( $1654\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in the IR spectrum.<sup>14</sup> An HMBC correlation of H-8 to OAc ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.3) revealed the location of the acetoxy group at C-8. On the other hand, HMBC correlations of H-8 to C-4, C-5, C-6, and C-7 and H-9 to C-7 confirmed that the acetoxy-bearing carbon (C-8) was connected to an acetylenic carbon (C-7). Consequently, compound **1** was determined to be (*Z*)-8-acetoxy-1,2-epoxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne.

**Table 2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Data of compounds **1-3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3^a$ 

position	1	2	3
1a	3.11, dd (5.8, 2.3) <sup>b</sup>	1.02, m	5.54, d (16.9)
1b	3.07, dd (5.8, 4.3)		5.34, d (11.1)
2	3.54, dd (4.3, 2.3)	1.75, m	5.85, ddd (16.9, 11.1, 5.9)
3		4.38, t (6.1)	5.90, d (5.9)
8	6.16, dd (8.6, 2.3)	3.15, m	6.11, d (8.8)
9	5.50, dd (10.5, 8.6)	5.39, dt (10.5, 8.8)	5.49, dd (10.6, 8.8)
10	5.72, ddt (10.5, 7.2, 2.5)	5.72, dt (10.5, 8.8)	5.66, dt (10.6, 7.6)
11	2.17, m	2.05, m	2.16, m
12	1.49, m	1.39, m	1.49, m
13	2.07, m	2.05, m	2.06, m
14	5.79, ddt (17.1, 10.2, 6.6)	5.81, ddt (17.1, 10.2, 6.9)	5.78 ddt (17.1, 10.3, 6.8)
15a	5.02, ddt (17.1, 1.7, 0.9)	4.99, ddt (17.1, 2.0, 1.6)	5.02, ddt (17.1, 1.8, 1.6)
15b	4.98, ddt (10.2, 1.7, 0.5)	4.94, ddt (10.2, 2.0, 1.0)	4.97, ddt (10.3, 1.8, 1.2)
3-OAc			2.10, s
8-OAc	2.10, s		2.08, s

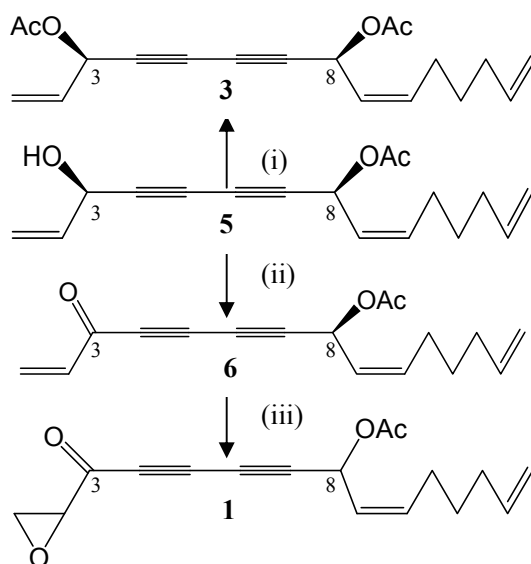
<sup>a</sup> $\delta_{\text{H}}$  in ppm, <sup>b</sup> $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  coupling constants ( $J$  in Hz) in parentheses.

The molecular formula of **2** was assigned as  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$  by the HREIMS [ $m/z$  215.1396 ( $\text{M}-\text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup>,  $\Delta$ -4.0 mmu] and the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data (Table 1) aided by the HMQC and HMBC of **2**, signals due to four olefinic carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  139.0 (C-14), 132.9 (C-10), 122.1 (C-9), and 114.3 (C-15), four acetylene quaternary carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  85.7 (C-5), 83.4 (C-4), 79.5 (C-7), and 69.9 (C-6), an oxymethine carbon at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  64.1 (C-3), five methylene carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  33.7 (C-13), 30.7 (C-2), 28.7 (C-12), 27.1 (C-11), and 17.7 (C-8), and a methyl carbon at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  9.3 (C-1) were observed. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2) showed signals for three olefinic protons, two terminal olefinic protons, two oxygen-bearing protons, four methylene protons, and a methyl proton. The partial structures of C-1–C-3 and C-8–C-15 could be deduced from consideration of the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of **2**. On the basis of this spectroscopic evidence, the structure of **2** was elucidated to be (*Z*)-3-hydroxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**2**).

The molecular formula of **3** was assigned as  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$  by the HRESIMS [ $m/z$  337.1431 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup>,  $\Delta$ +1.5 mmu] and the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data (Tables 1 and 2) of **3** were partially similar to those of (*Z*)-8-acetoxy-3-hydroxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**5**).<sup>12,13</sup> However, two signals of acetoxy carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.4, 20.8 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  169.4, 20.9 were observed in **3**. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 1) of **3** showed 19 carbon signals including four quaternary carbon signals ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  76.6, 75.1, 70.7, and 69.2). Additionally, the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2) exhibited two acetoxy-bearing carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  60.0 and 64.4. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** showed characteristic signals for two protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.11 and 5.90 attached to

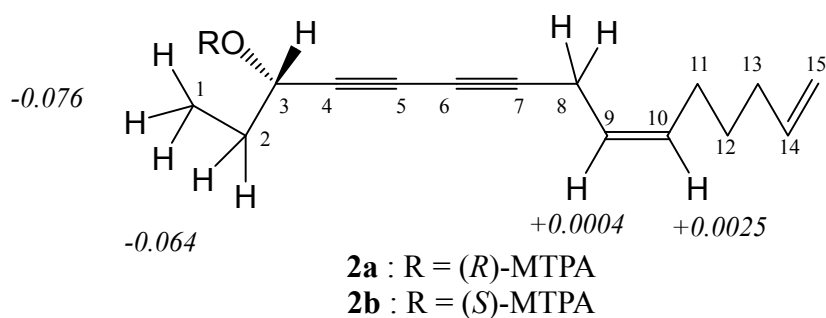
an acetoxy-bearing carbon and two acetoxy groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.10 and 2.08. To establish the structure of **3**, compound **5** was acetylated by acetic anhydride in pyridine to give compound **3** (quant.). The  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data of the synthetic product **3** were identical with those of natural compound **3**.

The structure of **1** was further confirmed by the synthesis of **1** from **5** by two steps as follows. First, compound **5** was oxidized by active  $\text{MnO}_2$  in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to afford (*Z*)-8-acetoxy-3-oxopentadeca-1,9,14-triene-4,6-diyne (**6**) (87%). The structure of compound **6** was elucidated by spectroscopic data. Compound **6** was epoxidized by 3%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in acetone containing 1%  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  to give compound **1** (48%). Although synthetic compound **1** was a mixture of diastereomers, it was difficult to separate each isomer. Since the spectroscopic data of synthetic compound **1** was very similar to that of natural compound **1**, the gross structure of **1** was also confirmed by the derivatization of **1** from **5**.



**Scheme 1.** Derivatizations of **1** and **3** from **5**: (i)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , Pyr, rt, 60 min, quant.  
(ii)  $\text{MnO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 60 min, 87%. (iii) 3 % $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , 1% $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , acetone, 0 °C, 60 min, 48%.

The absolute configuration of **2** was determined by modified Mosher's method<sup>15</sup> as follows. Compound **2** was treated with (*S*)- and (*R*)- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl-phenylacetyl chloride (MTPA-Cl) in pyridine- $d_5$  to give the (*R*)-MTPA ester derivative (**2a**) and (*S*)-MTPA ester derivative (**2b**) of **2**. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the (*S*)-MTPA ester (**2b**), proton signals assigned to H-1 and H-2 were observed at higher field than those of the (*R*)-MTPA ester (**2a**), while signals due to H-8, H-9, and H-10 in **2a** were shifted to a higher field than those in **2b**. Therefore, the absolute configuration at C-3 was concluded to be 3*S* (Figure 2).



**Figure 2.**  $\Delta\delta$  Values [ $\Delta\delta(\text{in ppm})=\delta_S-\delta_R$ ] obtained for the (*S*)- and (*R*)-MTPA esters (**2b** and **2a**, respectively) of **2**

The antibacterial activities of polyacetylenes against gram positive bacteria have been reported.<sup>4,5</sup> Therefore, new, known, and synthetic compounds **1-6** were tested antimicrobial activities against a gram positive bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* by plate diffusion assay (Table 3). Compounds **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5** inhibited its growth, especially compound **1**, possessed an epoxide ring, showed strongest activity. Additionally, the structures have some hydroxy groups exhibited activities. These results suggested that the key sites for activity of a series of polyacetylenes from *H. annuus* are a free hydroxy group at C-3 and an epoxide ring.

**Table 3.** Antimicrobial activities of **1-6** against *Staphylococcus aureus*<sup>a</sup>

Concentrations	Diameter of inhibition zone (mm) <sup>b</sup>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
50 $\mu\text{g}$	13	9	- <sup>c</sup>	-	10	-
100 $\mu\text{g}$	13	10	-	10	12	-

<sup>a</sup> inhibition zone (31 mm) of ampicillin (13  $\mu\text{g}$ ) as a positive control, <sup>b</sup> a paper disc (i. d. 8 mm),

<sup>c</sup> no inhibition zone

## EXPERIMENTAL

### General Procedures.

Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO DIP-370 polarimeter. UV spectra were recorded on a HITACHI U-2000A spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-300 spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured and recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The resonances of CDCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.26 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.0 were used as internal references for the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, respectively. HRESIMS and HREIMS were recorded on Waters Xevo Q-ToF, Waters Synapt G2 mass spectrometer, and JEOL JMS-T100LC.

### Plant material.

Seeds of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L. cv. Russia) were spread evenly on moist vermiculite in trays and incubated at 25 °C in the dark for 7~10 days. Some of the seedlings (hypocotyls length, ca. 12 cm) were harvested, collected, and frozen at -30 °C until use. The other were illuminated by blue light ( $\lambda_{\max}$  445 nm,  $1.90 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ) for 1 h. The blue light-illuminated seedlings were also harvested, collected and frozen at -30 °C until use.

### Extraction and Isolation of Compounds 1, 2, and 5.

The seedlings illuminated and not (2.3 kg) by blue light were homogenized in MeOH (1.5 L). The homogenate was filtered and allowed to dry *in vacuo* at 40 °C. The MeOH extracts were partitioned between EtOAc (100 mL×3) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). The EtOAc-soluble portion (2.14 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography ( $\phi$ 2.4×35 cm) eluting with *n*-hexane/acetone (20:1 to 0:1) and then CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (1:1 to 0:1) to separate into 28 fractions (EA-1~EA-28). Fraction EA-13 (18.2 mg) eluted with *n*-hexane/acetone (5:1) was applied to a C<sub>18</sub> Sep-Pak cartridge (Waters, MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 3:2 to 1:0) to afford 10 fractions (EA13-1~ EA13-10). Fraction EA-13-2 (6.2 mg) eluted with MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (3:2) was separated by reversed-phase HPLC [TSK-gel ODS-120A, TOSOH,  $\phi$ 7.8 mm×30 cm, flow rate 2.0 mL/min, MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (3:7 to 1:0)] to give **1** (0.5 mg,  $t_R$  35.1 min) and **5** (0.3 mg,  $t_R$  36.9 min), respectively. Fraction EA-8 (9.2 mg) eluted with *n*-hexane/acetone, 10:1 was applied to a C<sub>18</sub> Sep-Pak cartridge eluted with MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (3:2 to 1:0) to give **2** (1.1 mg, EA8-4) eluted with MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1).

### Extraction and Isolation of Compounds 3 and 4.

The seedlings (1.0 kg) were freeze-dried for five days before extract. The homogenate was filtered and allowed to dry *in vacuo* at 40 °C. The MeOH extracts were partitioned between EtOAc (100 mL×3) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). The EtOAc-soluble portion (1.32 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography ( $\phi$ 1.0×35 cm) eluting with *n*-hexane/acetone (20:1 to 0:1) and then CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH (1:1 to 0:1) to separate into 19 fractions (EAI-1~EAI-19). Fraction EAI-7 (20.9 mg) eluted with *n*-hexane/acetone, 10:1 was separated by reversed-phase HPLC [TSK-gel ODS-120A, Tosoh, Japan,  $\phi$ 7.8 mm×30.0 cm, flow rate 2.0 mL/min, MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:3 to 1:0)] to give **3** (0.7 mg,  $t_R$  40.6 min). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of EAI-15 eluted with *n*-hexane/acetone (3:1) was identical to (*Z*)-3,8-diacetoxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**3**, 10.9 mg).

**(Z)-8-Acetoxy-1,2-epoxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (1)**: Pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} +68$  (*c* 0.25, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2921, 2362, 1745, 1654, 1637, and 1227 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log $\epsilon$ ) 254 (4.2), 270 (4.2), and 286 (4.1) nm; <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); ESIMS (positive ion) *m/z* 287(M+H)<sup>+</sup>;

HRESIMS (positive ion)  $m/z$  287.1287 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, (calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 287.1283).

**(Z)-3-Hydroxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (2)**: Colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  -20 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3412, 2925, 2344, and 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log $\epsilon$ ) 213 (4.0), 253 (3.5), 267 (3.5), and 283 (3.5) nm; <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); EIMS  $m/z$  215 (M-H)<sup>+</sup>; HREIMS  $m/z$  215.1396 (M-H)<sup>+</sup>, (calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O, 215.1436).

**(Z)-3,8-Diacetoxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (3)**: Pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  +81 (*c* 0.21, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2929, 2259, 1747, 1640, and 1221 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log $\epsilon$ ) 234 (4.1), 246 (4.1), and 260 (4.0) nm; <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); ESIMS  $m/z$  337(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>; HRESIMS (positive ion)  $m/z$  337.1431 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, (calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 337.1416).

### Oxidation of 5.

Active MnO<sub>2</sub> (33.0 mg, 3.8×10<sup>-1</sup> mmol) was added to a solution of compound **5** (5.2 mg, 1.91×10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 60 min. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the residue was washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* to give (Z)-8-acetoxy-3-oxopentadeca-1,9,14-triene-4,6-diyne (**6**, 4.5 mg, 87%): Pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_H$  6.56 (1H, d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, H-1a), 6.41 (1H, d, *J* = 17.5 and 10.3 Hz, H-2), 6.24 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, H-1b), 6.17 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H-8), 5.79 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, and 6.6 Hz, H-14), 5.72 (1H, dtd, *J* = 10.4, 7.7, and 2.7 Hz, H-10), 5.51 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.3, 8.9, and 1.6 Hz, H-9), 5.02 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 2.0, and 1.6 Hz, H-15a), 4.98 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.2, 2.0, and 1.3 Hz, H-15b), 2.18 (2H, m, H-11), 2.10 (3H, s, OAc), 2.07 (2H, m, H-13), and 1.50 (2H, m, H-12); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_C$  177.3 (C-3), 169.4 (OAc), 138.1 (C-14), 137.6 (C-2), 136.8 (C-10), 134.7 (C-1), 123.3 (C-9), 115.1 (C-15), 83.3 (C-7), 75.2 (C-5), 74.0 (C-4), 68.3 (C-6), 59.9 (C-8), 33.1 (C-13), 28.2 (C-12), 27.3 (C-11), and 20.8 (OAc); HMBC correlations: (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, H/C) 1a/2, 1a/3, 1b/2, 1b/3, 2/1, 2/3, 2/4, 8/5, 8/6, 8/7, 8/9, 8/10, 8/CH<sub>3</sub>CO, 9/11, 10/8, 11/9, 11/10, 11/12, 11/13, 12/10, 12/11, 12/13, 13/12, 13/14, 13/15, 14/12, 14/13, 15a/13, 15b/13, and CH<sub>3</sub>CO/CH<sub>3</sub>CO.

### Epoxidation of 6.

To a solution of **6** (7.3 mg, 2.7×10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) in acetone (500  $\mu$ L) at 0 °C were added 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (225  $\mu$ L, 2.7×10<sup>-1</sup> mmol) and 1% Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> aq. (28.7  $\mu$ L, 2.7×10<sup>-3</sup> mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 60 min. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and then the EtOAc layer was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel TLC (*n*-hexane/acetone, 10:1) to give (Z)-8-acetoxy-1,2-epoxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**1**, 3.8 mg, 48%).

### Acetylation of **5**.

Acetic anhydride (0.5 mL) was added to a solution of compound **5** (5.6 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) in pyridine (0.6 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 60 min. After added toluene to remove pyridine it was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* to give (*Z*)-3,8-diacetoxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**3**, 6.5 mg, quant).

### Preparation of the (*R*)- and (*S*)-MTPA Ester Derivatives of **2**.

**(*R*)-MTPA ester of **2** (**2a**):** (*S*)-MTPA chloride (2  $\mu$ L) was added to a solution of compound **2** (0.4 mg) in pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> (0.6 mL). After standing the reaction mixture at room temperature for 1 day, the solution was evaporated to dryness under N<sub>2</sub> gas stream.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.9984 (3H, m, H-1), 1.3653 (2H, m, H-12), 1.8757 (2H, m, H-2), 2.0294 (4H, H-11 and H-13), 3.0189 (2H, m, H-8), 4.9272 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.2, 2.2, and 1.0 Hz, H-15b), 4.9851 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 2.2, and 1.6, H-15a), 5.3720 (1H, m, H-9), 5.4997 (1H, m, H-3), 5.5095 (1H, m, H-10), and 5.7954 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, and 6.8 Hz, H-14).

**(*S*)-MTPA ester of **2** (**2b**):** (*R*)-MTPA chloride (2  $\mu$ L) was added to a solution of compound **2** (0.4 mg) in pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> (0.6 mL). After standing the reaction mixture at room temperature for 1 day, the solution was evaporated to dryness under N<sub>2</sub> gas stream.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.9221 (3H, m, H-1), 1.3652 (2H, m, H-12), 1.8117 (2H, m, H-2), 2.0293 (4H, H-11 and H-13), 3.0223 (2H, m, H-8), 4.9270 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.0, 2.0, and 1.0 Hz, H-15b), 4.9850 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 2.0, and 1.5 Hz, H-15a), 5.3724 (1H, m, H-9), 5.5331 (1H, m, H-3), 5.5120 (1H, m, H-10), and 5.7955 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.0, and 6.7 Hz, H-14).

### Antimicrobial test.

Antimicrobial activity against gram positive-bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* KB210 was tested by plate diffusion assay using 8 mm paper disk. Compound solutions were prepared by dissolving each compound in acetone. Each adjusted solution was added in paper disk (10 and 20  $\mu$ L) and paper disk were drying. The paper disks were set on the agar plate suspended *S. aureus*. After cultivating microorganisms for 24 h, the strength of antimicrobial activity was estimated by measuring the diameter length of inhibition zone (mm).

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