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

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Abstract — Three new C₁₅ polyacetylenes **1**, **2**, and **3**, together with two known C₁₅ 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.¹⁻³ It has been reported antibacterial,^{4,5} antifungal,^{5,6} and allelopathic activities.⁷⁻⁹ In our previous research, C₁₇ polyacetylenes from *Hedera rhombea* exhibited antimicrobial activity against the *Micrococcus luteus*.⁴ We had been isolated C₁₅ 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.^{10,11} However, to the best of our knowledge, effects on antimicrobial activity of C₁₅ 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 C₁₅ polyacetylenes.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The MeOH extract of the seedlings of *H. annuus* L. cv. Russia was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The EtOAc-soluble portion was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, C₁₈ Sep-Pak cartridges,

and reversed-phase HPLC to yield three new C₁₅ polyacetylenes **1** ($2.1 \times 10^{-5}\%$), **2** ($1.4 \times 10^{-4}\%$), and **3** ($6.5 \times 10^{-5}\%$), together with two known C₁₅ polyacetylenes, (*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**). Compounds **4** and **5** had been previously isolated from *Grangea maderaspatana*.^{12,13}

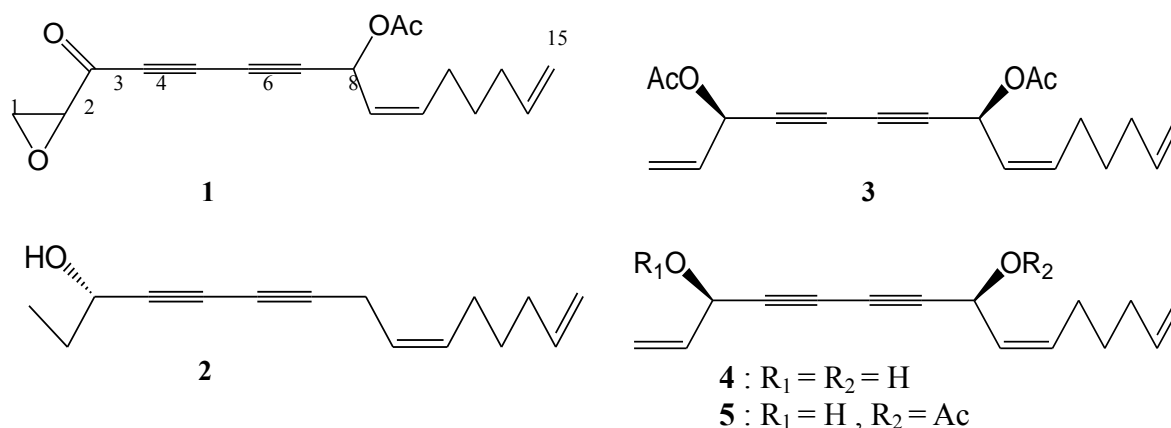


Figure 1. Chemical structures of **1**~**5**

(*Z*)-8-Acetoxy-1,2-epoxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (**1**), a pale yellow oil, $[\alpha]_D^{28} +68^\circ$ (c 0.25, CH₂Cl₂) was assigned a molecular formula of C₁₇H₁₈O₄ by HREISMS [m/z 287.1287 (M+H)⁺, $\Delta+0.4$ mmu]. The UV absorptions (254, 270, and 286 nm) were in good agreement with published data of diacetylene, suggesting the presence of a conjugated diyne.¹⁴ The IR spectrum (2362, 1745, 1654, and 1637 cm⁻¹) showed the presences of acetylene, ester carbonyl, ketone carbonyl, and olefin, respectively. The ¹³C NMR data (Table 1) aided by the HMQC spectrum of **1** exhibited the signals due to a ketone carbonyl carbon at δ_C 183.0 (C-3), an acetoxy carbon at δ_C 169.3 and 20.8, four olefinic carbons at δ_C 138.1 (C-14), 137.0 (C-10), 123.0 (C-9), and 115.1 (C-15), four acetylene quaternary carbons at δ_C 84.5 (C-7), 76.5 (C-5), 72.7 (C-4), and 68.1 (C-6), an acetoxy-bearing carbon at δ_C 59.8 (C-8), a lower-field shifted methine carbon at δ_C 54.0 (C-2) and methylene carbon at δ_C 46.7 (C-1), and three methylene carbons at δ_C 31.7 (C-13), 28.2 (C-12), and 27.3 (C-11).

The ¹H NMR data (Table 2) showed signals for a proton attached to an acetoxy-bearing carbon at δ_H 6.16 (H-8), three olefinic protons at δ_H 5.79 (H-14), 5.72 (H-10), and 5.50 (H-9), two terminal olefinic protons at δ_H 5.02 (H-15a) and 4.98 (H-15b), three oxygen-bearing protons at δ_H 3.54 (H-2), 3.11 (H-1a), and 3.07 (H-1b), an acetoxy group at δ_H 2.10, and a methylene sequence at δ_H 2.17 (H-11), 2.07 (H-13), and 1.49 (H-12). The *Z*-geometry of the double bond (C-9, 10) was deduced on the basis of the ¹H-¹H coupling constant ($J_{9,10}=10.5$ Hz). The chemical shifts of the oxymethine proton (δ_H 3.54), oxymethylene proton (δ_H 3.11 and 3.07), and carbons (δ_C 54.0 and 46.7) indicated the presence of a terminal epoxide

Table 1. ^{13}C NMR Data of compounds **1-3** in CDCl_3^{a}

position	1	2	3
1	46.7, CH_2	9.3, CH_3	119.8, CH_2
2	54.0, CH	30.7, 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, 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, CH_2	27.1, CH_2	27.2, CH_2
12	28.2, CH_2	28.7, CH_2	28.2, CH_2
13	31.7, CH_2	33.7, CH_2	33.1, CH_2
14	138.1, CH	139.0, CH	138.2, CH
15	115.1, CH_2	114.3, CH_2	115.0, CH_2
3-OAc	20.8, CH_3		20.8, CH_3
	169.3, qC		169.4, qC
8-OAc			20.9, CH_3
			169.4, qC

^a δ_{C} in ppm.

comparing with those of (*Z*)-8-acetoxy-1-methoxy-3-oxoheptadeca-9-ene-4,6-diyne.¹⁴ This finding was further supported by vicinal coupling constants of $J_{1\text{a},2} = 2.3$ Hz and $J_{1\text{b},2} = 4.3$ Hz. The chemical shift of H-2 (δ_{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 (δ_{H} 3.11) and C-3 (δ_{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 cm^{-1}) in the IR spectrum.¹⁴ An HMBC correlation of H-8 to OAc (δ_{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. ^1H NMR Data of compounds **1-3** in CDCl_3^a

position	1	2	3
1a	3.11, dd (5.8, 2.3) ^b	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

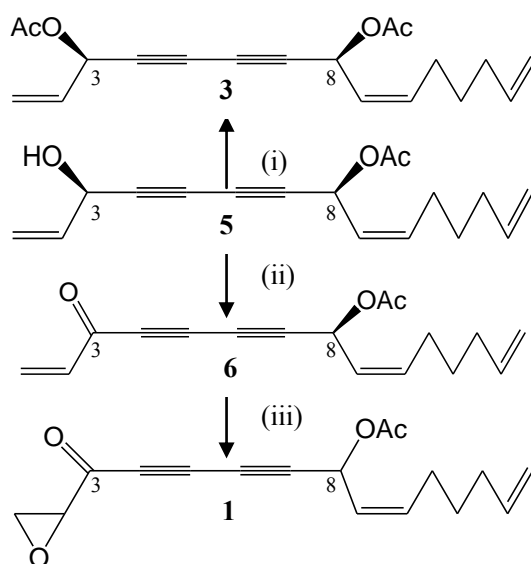
^a δ_{H} in ppm, ^b ^1H - ^1H coupling constants (J in Hz) in parentheses.

The molecular formula of **2** was assigned as $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ by the HREIMS [m/z 215.1396 ($\text{M}-\text{H}$)⁺, Δ -4.0 mmu] and the ^{13}C NMR data. In the ^{13}C NMR data (Table 1) aided by the HMQC and HMBC of **2**, signals due to four olefinic carbons at δ_{C} 139.0 (C-14), 132.9 (C-10), 122.1 (C-9), and 114.3 (C-15), four acetylene quaternary carbons at δ_{C} 85.7 (C-5), 83.4 (C-4), 79.5 (C-7), and 69.9 (C-6), an oxymethine carbon at δ_{C} 64.1 (C-3), five methylene carbons at δ_{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 δ_{C} 9.3 (C-1) were observed. The ^1H 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 ^1H - ^1H 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 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺, Δ +1.5 mmu] and the ^{13}C NMR data. The ^{13}C and ^1H 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**).^{12,13} However, two signals of acetoxy carbons at δ_{C} 169.4, 20.8 and δ_{C} 169.4, 20.9 were observed in **3**. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum (Table 1) of **3** showed 19 carbon signals including four quaternary carbon signals (δ_{C} 76.6, 75.1, 70.7, and 69.2). Additionally, the ^{13}C NMR spectrum (Table 2) exhibited two acetoxy-bearing carbons at δ_{C} 60.0 and 64.4. The ^1H NMR spectrum of **3** showed characteristic signals for two protons at δ_{H} 6.11 and 5.90 attached to

an acetoxy-bearing carbon and two acetoxy groups at δ_{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 ^1H 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 MnO_2 in anhydrous CH_2Cl_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% H_2O_2 in acetone containing 1% Na_2CO_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) Ac_2O , Pyr, rt, 60 min, quant. (ii) MnO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 60 min, 87%. (iii) 3% H_2O_2 , 1% Na_2CO_3 , acetone, 0 °C, 60 min, 48%.

The absolute configuration of **2** was determined by modified Mosher's method¹⁵ as follows. Compound **2** was treated with (*S*)- and (*R*)- α -methoxy- α -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 ^1H 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).

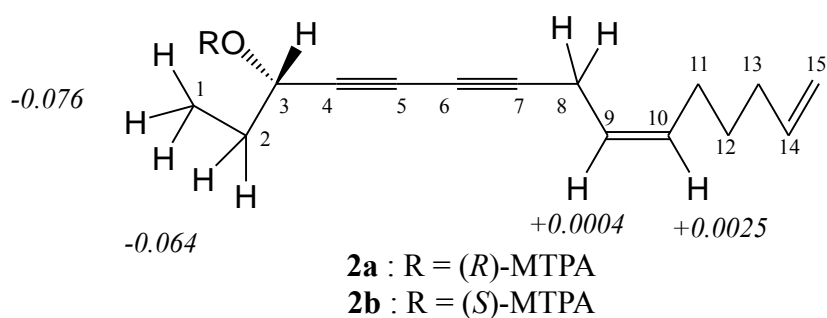


Figure 2. $\Delta\delta$ Values [$\Delta\delta(\text{in ppm}) = \delta_S - \delta_R$] obtained for the (*S*)- and (*R*)-MTPA esters (**2b** and **2a**, respectively) of **2**

The antibacterial activities of polyacetylenes against gram positive bacteria have been reported.^{4,5} 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*^a

Concentrations	Diameter of inhibition zone (mm) ^b					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
50 μg	13	9	- ^c	-	10	-
100 μg	13	10	-	10	12	-

^a inhibition zone (31 mm) of ampicillin (13 μg) as a positive control, ^b a paper disc (i. d. 8 mm),

^c 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. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured and recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer in CDCl₃. The resonances of CDCl₃ at δ_{H} 7.26 and δ_{C} 77.0 were used as internal references for the ¹H and ¹³C 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 (λ_{\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 H₂O (100 mL). The EtOAc-soluble portion (2.14 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (ϕ 2.4×35 cm) eluting with *n*-hexane/acetone (20:1 to 0:1) and then CHCl₃/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 C₁₈ Sep-Pak cartridge (Waters, MeOH/H₂O, 3:2 to 1:0) to afford 10 fractions (EA13-1~ EA13-10). Fraction EA-13-2 (6.2 mg) eluted with MeOH/H₂O (3:2) was separated by reversed-phase HPLC [TSK-gel ODS-120A, TOSOH, ϕ 7.8 mm×30 cm, flow rate 2.0 mL/min, MeCN/H₂O (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 C₁₈ Sep-Pak cartridge eluted with MeOH/H₂O (3:2 to 1:0) to give **2** (1.1 mg, EA8-4) eluted with MeOH/H₂O (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 H₂O (100 mL). The EtOAc-soluble portion (1.32 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (ϕ 1.0×35 cm) eluting with *n*-hexane/acetone (20:1 to 0:1) and then CHCl₃: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, ϕ 7.8 mm×30.0 cm, flow rate 2.0 mL/min, MeCN/H₂O (2:3 to 1:0)] to give **3** (0.7 mg, t_R 40.6 min). The ¹H and ¹³C 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, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film) ν_{\max} 2921, 2362, 1745, 1654, 1637, and 1227 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 254 (4.2), 270 (4.2), and 286 (4.1) nm; ¹³C and ¹H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); ESIMS (positive ion) *m/z* 287(M+H)⁺;

HRESIMS (positive ion) m/z 287.1287 (M+H)⁺, (calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₄, 287.1283).

(Z)-3-Hydroxy-9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (2): Colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ -20 (*c* 0.05, MeOH); IR (film) ν_{\max} 3412, 2925, 2344, and 1637 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 213 (4.0), 253 (3.5), 267 (3.5), and 283 (3.5) nm; ¹³C and ¹H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); EIMS m/z 215 (M-H)⁺; HREIMS m/z 215.1396 (M-H)⁺, (calcd for C₁₅H₁₉O, 215.1436).

(Z)-3,8-Diacetoxy-1,9,14-pentadecatriene-4,6-diyne (3): Pale yellow oil; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +81 (*c* 0.21, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film) ν_{\max} 2929, 2259, 1747, 1640, and 1221 cm⁻¹; UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} (log ϵ) 234 (4.1), 246 (4.1), and 260 (4.0) nm; ¹³C and ¹H NMR (Tables 1 and 2); ESIMS m/z 337(M+Na)⁺; HRESIMS (positive ion) m/z 337.1431 (M+Na)⁺, (calcd for C₁₉H₂₂O₄Na, 337.1416).

Oxidation of 5.

Active MnO₂ (33.0 mg, 3.8×10⁻¹ mmol) was added to a solution of compound **5** (5.2 mg, 1.91×10⁻² mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (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 CHCl₃. 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; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_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); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_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: (CDCl₃, 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/CH₃CO, 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 CH₃CO/CH₃CO.

Epoxidation of 6.

To a solution of **6** (7.3 mg, 2.7×10⁻² mmol) in acetone (500 μ L) at 0 °C were added 3% H₂O₂ (225 μ L, 2.7×10⁻¹ mmol) and 1% Na₂CO₃ aq. (28.7 μ L, 2.7×10⁻³ mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 60 min. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL) and then the EtOAc layer was dried with MgSO₄, 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, 2.0×10^{-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 μ L) was added to a solution of compound **2** (0.4 mg) in pyridine-*d*₅ (0.6 mL). After standing the reaction mixture at room temperature for 1 day, the solution was evaporated to dryness under N₂ gas stream.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 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 μ L) was added to a solution of compound **2** (0.4 mg) in pyridine-*d*₅ (0.6 mL). After standing the reaction mixture at room temperature for 1 day, the solution was evaporated to dryness under N₂ gas stream.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 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 μ 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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