

# Muurolane-type sesquiterpenes from marine sponge *Dysidea cinerea*

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Seven new muurolane-type sesquiterpenes, (4*R*,5*R*)-muurol-1(6),10(14)-diene-4,5-diol (**1**), (4*R*,5*R*)-muurol-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol (**2**), (4*R*,5*R*,10*R*)-10-methoxymuurol-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol (**3**), (4*S*)-4-hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurol-5-ene-1,10-dione (**4**), (4*R*)-4-hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurol-5-ene-1,10-dione (**5**), (6*S*,10*S*)-6,10-dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurol-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid (**6**), and (6*R*,10*S*)-6,10-dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurol-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid (**7**) were isolated from the marine sponge *Dysidea cinerea*. Their structures were determined by the combination of spectroscopic and chemical methods, including 1D-NMR, 2D-NMR, and CD spectra as well as by comparing the NMR data with those reported in the literature. Copyright © 2013 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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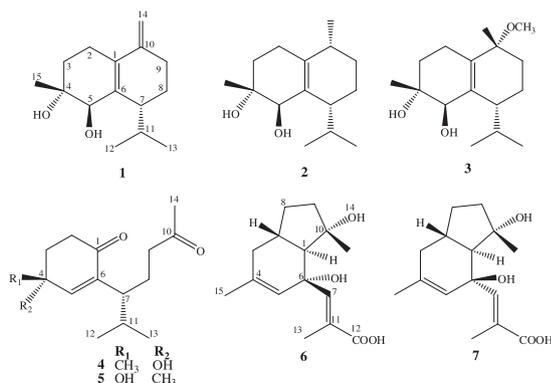
## Introduction

The marine sponge *Dysidea cinerea* Keller (Dysideidae) is distributed in Red Sea, Western India, and Zanzibar. Marine sponges had a prolific source of anti-HIV proteins, and study on chemical components of the sponge *D. cinerea* has led to the isolation of avarol and avarone derivatives.<sup>[1,2]</sup> Several biological activities such as cytotoxic activity<sup>[2]</sup> and inhibitory activity against HIV type 1 reverse transcriptase<sup>[3]</sup> also have been reported. In the course of study on chemical constituents from marine sponge *D. cinerea*, seven new compounds were isolated (Fig. 1).

## Results and Discussion

Compound **1** was isolated as colorless oil, and its molecular formula was determined to be C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by HR-ESI-MS at *m/z*

235.1699 [M–H]<sup>–</sup> (Calcd. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 235.1704). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** showed the following signals: two olefinic protons at δ<sub>H</sub> 4.72 and 4.91, one oxymethine proton at δ<sub>H</sub> 3.85, one tertiary methyl group at δ<sub>H</sub> 1.18, and two secondary methyls at δ<sub>H</sub> 0.78 and 0.97 (Table 1). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR and DEPT spectra of **1** revealed 15 carbon signals including four quaternary (δ<sub>C</sub> 72.6, 132.0, 139.3, and 146.2), three methine (δ<sub>C</sub> 29.8, 42.5, and 74.6), five methylene (δ<sub>C</sub> 24.0, 24.7, 31.6, 32.3, and 108.0), and three methyl carbons (δ<sub>C</sub> 18.2, 21.8, and 24.4). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **1** were very similar to those of muurolane-type sesquiterpenes previously isolated from *Illicium tsangii*.<sup>[4]</sup> The long-range correlations between H-15 (δ<sub>H</sub> 1.18) and C-3 (δ<sub>C</sub> 32.3), C-4 (δ<sub>C</sub> 72.6), and C-5 (δ<sub>C</sub> 74.6); between H-12 (δ<sub>H</sub> 0.78) and C-7 (δ<sub>C</sub> 42.5), C-11 (δ<sub>C</sub> 29.8), and C-13 (δ<sub>C</sub> 21.8); between H-13 (δ<sub>H</sub> 0.97) and C-7 (δ<sub>C</sub> 42.5), C-11 (δ<sub>C</sub> 29.8), and C-12 (δ<sub>C</sub> 18.2) in the HMBC spectrum (Fig. 2) suggested that the methyl and isopropyl



**Figure 1.** Structures of muurolane-type sesquiterpenes **1–7**.

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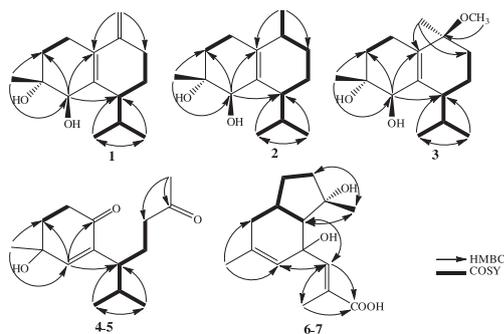
**Table 1.** The NMR spectral data of compounds **1**–**3** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD

Pos.	1		2		3	
	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)
1	132.0	—	138.8	—	136.4	—
2	24.7	2.11 (m) 2.41 (m)	27.8	1.92 (m) 2.20 (m)	24.4	2.12 (m)
3	32.3	1.57 (m) 1.71 (m)	34.2	1.53 (m) 1.62 (m)	33.1	1.56 (m, $\alpha$ ) 1.65 (m, $\beta$ )
4	72.6	—	73.3	—	72.7	—
5	74.6	3.85 (s)	75.3	3.90 (s)	74.4	3.85 (s)
6	139.3	—	132.9	—	138.3	—
7	42.5	2.42 (m)	40.1	2.35 (m)	40.5	2.31 (m)
8	24.0	1.54 (m) 1.67 (m)	21.2	1.37 (m) 1.64 (m)	20.1	1.72 (m, $\alpha$ ) 1.55 (m, $\beta$ )
9	31.6	2.18 (m) 2.41 (m)	31.7	1.15 (m) 1.72 (m)	31.7	2.06 (m, $\alpha$ ) 1.28 (m, $\beta$ )
10	146.2	—	35.3	1.97 (m)	77.5	—
11	29.8	2.19 (m)	29.2	2.25 (m)	29.8	2.25 (m)
12	18.2	0.78 (d, 6.8)	17.2	0.74 (d, 6.8)	18.5	0.85 (d, 6.8)
13	21.8	0.97 (d, 6.8)	21.6	0.94 (d, 6.8)	22.0	0.99 (d, 6.8)
14	108.0	4.72 (s) 4.91 (s)	20.2	0.97 (d, 6.8)	25.7	1.22 (s)
15	24.4	1.18 (s)	22.4	1.14 (s)	23.7	1.16 (s)
10-OMe					50.32	3.11 (s)

<sup>a</sup>100 MHz.<sup>b</sup>400 MHz.

Assignments were performed by HMQC, HMBC, COSY, and ROESY experiments.

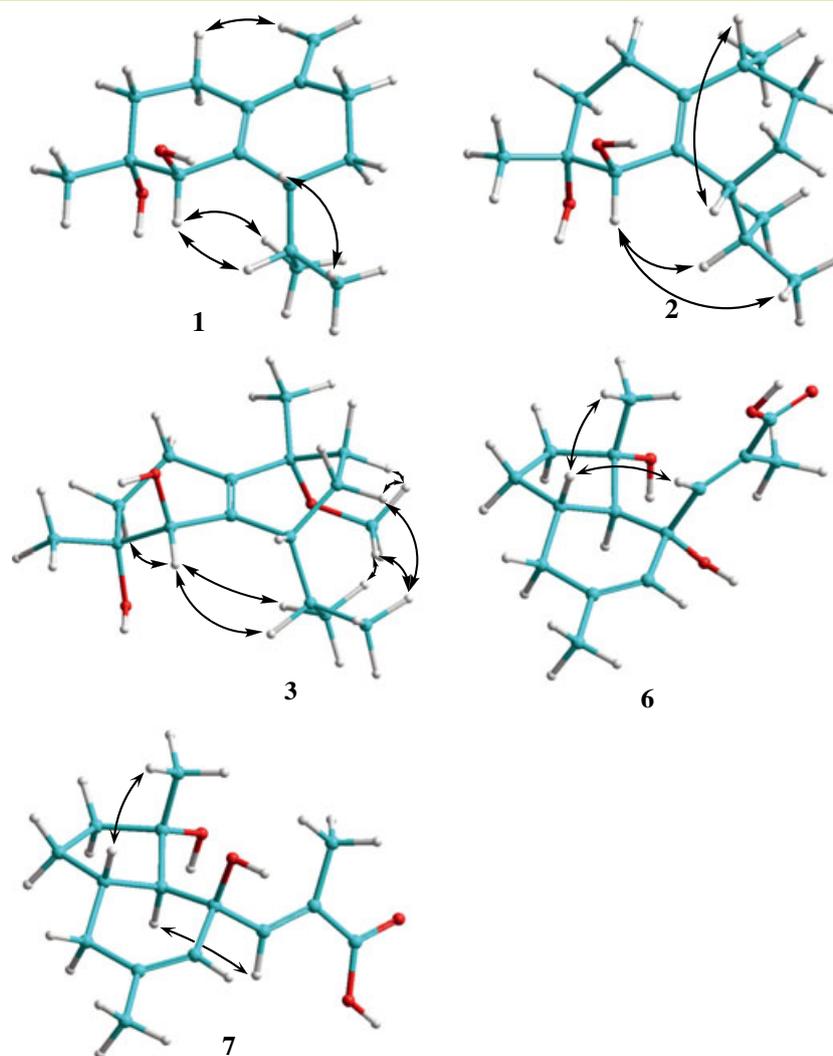
groups were at C-4 and C-7, respectively. A double bond at C-10/C-14 was confirmed by the HMBC correlations between H-14 ( $\delta_H$  4.72 and 4.91) and C-1 ( $\delta_C$  132.0), C-9 ( $\delta_C$  31.6), and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  146.2). The HMBC correlations from H-5 ( $\delta_H$  3.85) to C-3 ( $\delta_C$  32.3), C-4 ( $\delta_C$  72.6), C-6 ( $\delta_C$  139.3), C-7 ( $\delta_C$  42.5), and C-1 ( $\delta_C$  132.0) indicated the presence of one hydroxyl group at C-5. The constitution of **1** was further confirmed by the COSY correlations between H-2 ( $\delta_H$  2.11 and 2.41)/H-3 ( $\delta_H$  1.57 and 1.71), between H-12 ( $\delta_H$  0.78)/H-11 ( $\delta_H$  0.2.19)/H-7 ( $\delta_H$  2.42)/H-8 ( $\delta_H$  1.54 and 1.67)/H-9 ( $\delta_H$  2.18 and 2.41) (Fig. 2). The absolute configuration of **1** was determined by CD spectroscopy combined with the ROESY experiment.<sup>[5]</sup> The ROESY correlation between H-5 ( $\delta_H$  3.85) and H-11 ( $\delta_H$  2.19) as well as the absence of the ROESY correlations between H-5 and H-7 ( $\delta_H$  2.42) and H-15 ( $\delta_H$  1.18) were observed (Fig. 3). In

**Figure 2.** Key HMBC and COSY correlations of muurolane-type sesquiterpenes **1**–**7**.

addition, the CD spectra of the 4-*p*-bromo benzoyl ester (**1a**) showed the positive and negative Cotton effects at 232 and 253 nm (Fig. 4), respectively, which indicated the configuration at C-5 of **1** to be *R* by the comparison with oxhyphyllenioidol B.<sup>[5]</sup> These confirmed both the configurations at C-4 and C-7 to be *R*. Based on the previously mentioned evidence, compound **1** was elucidated as (4*R*,5*R*)-muurol-1(6),10(14)-diene-4,5-diol.

Compound **2** was also isolated as colorless oil, and its molecular weight was determined to be C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by HR-ESI-MS at *m/z* 273.1625 [M + Cl]<sup>−</sup> (Calcd. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl for 273.1627). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra revealed that **2** were an analogue of compound **1** except for the disappearance of a double bond at C-10/C-14 and the addition of one methyl group (Table 1). The position of the new methyl group was confirmed by the HMBC correlations between H-14 ( $\delta_H$  0.97) and C-1 ( $\delta_C$  138.8), C-9 ( $\delta_C$  31.7), and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  35.3) (Fig. 2). Compound **2** was supposed to have the same configuration at C-7 as its biogenetic derivative, compound **1**. In addition, the ROESY correlation between H-5 ( $\delta_H$  3.90) and H-11 ( $\delta_H$  2.25) and the absence of the ROESY correlation between H-5 and H-7 ( $\delta_H$  2.35) and H-15 ( $\delta_H$  1.14) indicated both the configurations at C-4 and C-7 to be *R* (Fig. 3). Thus, the structure of **2** was elucidated as (4*R*,5*R*)-muurol-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol.

The molecular weight of **3** was determined to be C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by HR-ESI-MS at *m/z* 267.1948 [M − H]<sup>−</sup> (Calcd C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for 267.1966). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **3** were very similar to those of compound **2** except for the addition of a methoxy group at C-10. The HMBC correlations between H-14 ( $\delta_H$  1.22) and C-1 ( $\delta_C$  136.4), C-9 ( $\delta_C$  31.7), and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  77.5); between 10-OMe ( $\delta_H$  3.11) and C-10 ( $\delta_C$  77.5) were observed (Fig. 2), suggesting



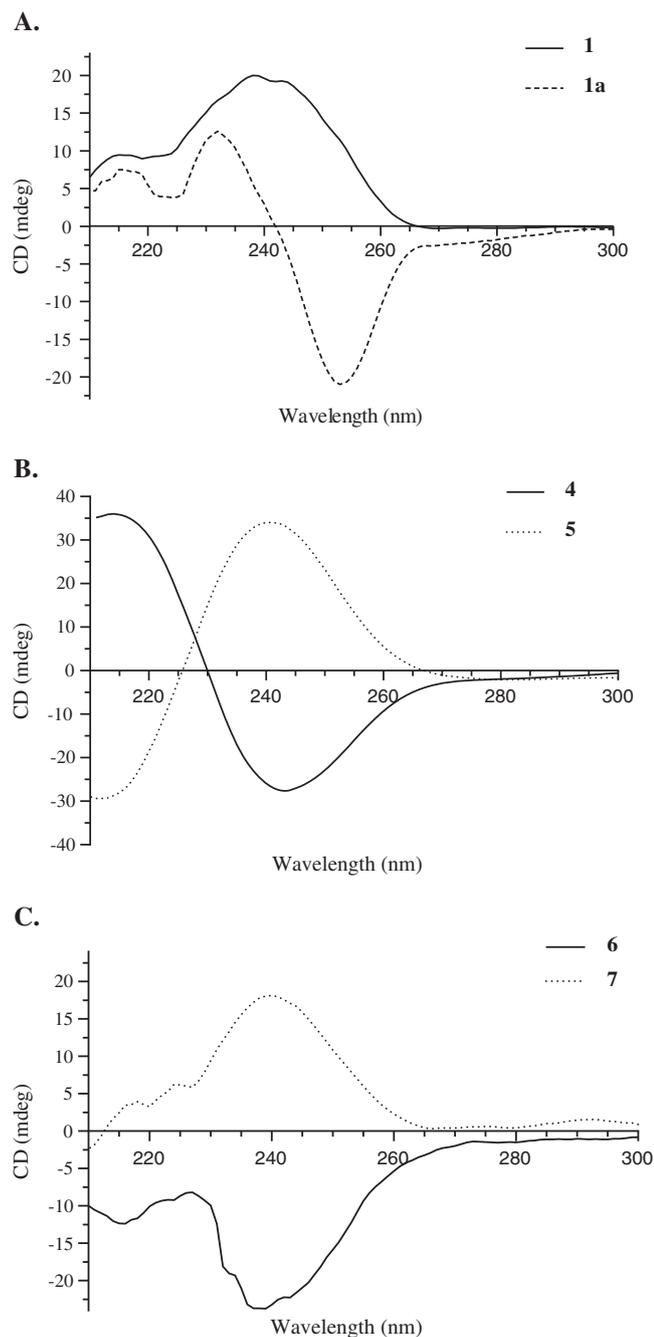
**Figure 3.** Major ROESY correlations for muurolane-type sesquiterpenes **1–3**, **6**, and **7**.

that both methyl and methoxy groups at C-10. The COSY correlations were shown in Fig. 2. The ROESY correlations between H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.85) and H-11 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.25), H-12 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.85), and H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.99); between 10-OMe ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.11) and H-11 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.25), H-12 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.85), and H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.99) confirmed that position of hydroxyl at C-5 and methoxy at C-10 were at  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  configurations, respectively. The detail ROESY correlation was also shown in Fig. 3. Consequently, compound **3** was defined as (4*R*,5*R*,10*R*)-10-methoxymuurool-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol.

Compound **4** was obtained as colorless oil, and it was determined to be  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$  by HR-ESI-MS at  $m/z$  287.1417 [ $\text{M} + \text{Cl}$ ] $^-$  (Calcd  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$  for 287.1419). One olefinic proton at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.44, two tertiary methyl protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.38 and 2.05, and two secondary methyl groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.76 and 0.88 were observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2). Two carbonyls at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  200.9 and 211.8, two olefinic at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  139.9 and 153.0, and one oxygenated carbons at  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  69.3 were shown in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum. Although the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **4** were very similar to those of 1,10-*seco*-4 $\xi$ -hydroxy-muurool-5-ene-1,10-dione, the stereochemistry centers of the reference compound have not been fully determined yet. The HMBC correlations between H-15 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.38) and C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  38.0), C-4 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  69.3), and C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  153.0); between H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.44) and C-1 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  200.9), C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  38.0), C-4 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  69.3), C-6

( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  139.9), and C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  45.1) were observed (Fig. 2). These suggested that the presence of a methyl group at C-4 and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl moiety in compound **4**. Furthermore, the long-range correlations from H-12 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.88) and H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  0.76) to C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  45.1) and C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  32.7); from H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.05) to C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  42.4) and C-10 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  211.8) suggested that the isopropyl and acetyl groups were at C-7 and C-9, respectively. In addition, the COSY correlations of H-2/H-3, H-7/H-8, H-8/H-9, H-7/H-11, H-11/H-12, H-11/H-13 gave important clues to the constitution of **4** (Fig. 2). The configuration at C-4 of cyclohexenone was determined by measuring CD spectrum based on the octant rule for the  $n_{\text{OH}}\pi_{\text{CO}}$  transition.<sup>[6]</sup> The positive and negative Cotton effects at 213 and 243 nm, respectively (Fig. 4), suggested the configuration at C-4 of cyclohexenone **4** to be *S*, similar to those of abieseconordine A (positive and negative effects at 210 and 239 nm, respectively).<sup>[7]</sup> From the evidence described previously, the structure of compound **4** was elucidated as (4*S*)-4-hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurool-5-ene-1,10-dione.

Compound **5** was also obtained as colorless oil. HRESIMS experiments resulted as the same molecular formula as that of **4** (Experimental Section). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **5** were almost the same as those of **4**, suggesting the possibilities of different configuration at the chiral carbon C-4 (Table 2). In line



**Figure 4.** Circular dichroism spectra of muurolane-type sesquiterpenes. A. Compounds **1** and **1a**; B. Compounds **4** and **5**; and C. Compounds **6** and **7**.

with this,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , HSQC, HMBC, and COSY spectral analyses also confirmed that **5** had the same constitution as **4**. The CD spectra of **4** and **5** were opposite at the wavelength from 205 to 300 nm, indicating the absolute configuration at C-4 of cyclohexenone in **5** to be *R*. Taken together, the structure of **5** was defined as (4*R*)-4-hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurol-5-ene-1,10-dione.

Compound **6** was isolated as colorless oil, and its molecular formula was determined to be  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$  by HR-ESI-MS at  $m/z$  265.1455 [ $\text{M}-\text{H}$ ] $^-$  (Calcd  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$  for 265.1445). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6** showed two olefinic protons at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.25 and 7.29, three tertiary methyl group at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.00, 1.70, and 1.86 (Table 2). The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and DEPT spectra of **6** revealed 15 carbon signals including

one carboxylic carbonyl ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  176.2), four olefinic ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  118.2, 129.6, 138.5, and 155.1), two oxygenated ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  78.7 and 87.4), and three methyl ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  10.4, 20.3, and 25.5) carbons. The HMBC correlations between H-15 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.70) and C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  40.5), C-4 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  138.5), and C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  118.2); between H-5 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  5.25) and C-1 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  57.8), C-3 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  40.5), C-4 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  138.5), C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  87.4), and C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  155.1); between H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.00) and C-1 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  57.8), C-9 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  42.7), and C-10 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  78.7) were observed (Fig. 2). These suggested the presence of two methyl groups at C-4 and C-10 and one double bond at C-4/C-5. The HMBC correlations between H-13 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.86) and C-7 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  155.1), C-11 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  129.6), and C-12 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  176.2); between H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.29) and C-1 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  57.8), C-5 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  118.2), C-6 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  87.4), C-12 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  176.2), and C-13 ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$  10.4) suggested that both methyl and carboxylic groups were at C-11, and this branch was at C-6 (Fig. 2). Moreover, the constitution of **6** could be determined using the COSY correlations between H-1/H-2, H-2/H-3, H-2/H-8, and H-8/H-9. Compound **6** has a novel structure isolated from nature for the first time, and it seems to be resulted from the broken bond between C-7 and C-8 and the formation of new bond between C-2 and C-8. The absolute configuration of C-6 was deduced to be *S* by measuring CD spectrum (a negative effect at 239 nm), similar to those of (1'*S*,6'*R*)-8'-hydroxyabscisic acid  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (positive and negative effects at 233 and 266 nm).<sup>[8]</sup> The ROESY correlations between H-2 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.48) and H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.29) and H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.00) suggested that these groups are on the same side (Fig. 3). Furthermore, the coupling constant of two proton H-1 and H-2 ( $J_{\text{H}-1/\text{H}-2} = 12.8$  Hz) confirmed the opposite position of these two protons. Based on the previously mentioned evidence, compound **6** was elucidated as (6*S*,10*S*)-6,10-dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurol-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid.

Compound **7** was also obtained as colorless oil. HRESIMS experiments resulted in the same molecular formula as that of **6**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of **7** were almost the same as those of **6**. In line with this,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , HSQC, HMBC, and COSY spectral analyses showed that **7** had the same constitution as **6**. The CD spectra of **6** and **7** were opposite at the wavelength from 205 to 300 nm (Fig. 4), suggesting that the absolute configuration at C-6 of **7** was *R*. Moreover, ROESY correlation between H-1 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.58) and H-7 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.27) was observed, confirming protons H-1 and H-7 on the same side. Moreover, the coupling constant of two proton H-1 and H-2,  $J_{1-2} = 12.8$  Hz, suggesting two these protons on the different side. In addition, the ROESY correlation between H-2 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.92) and H-14 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.22) suggested the methyl group at C-10 to be  $\beta$ . Consequently, compound **7** was elucidated as (6*R*,10*S*)-6,10-dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurol-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid.

## Experimental

### General experimental procedures

All NMR spectra were recorded on an Agilent 400-MR spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) operated at 400 and 100 MHz for hydrogen and carbon, respectively. NMR measurements, including  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , HSQC, HMBC, ROESY, and COSY experiments, were carried out using 5-mm probe tubes at temperature of 39.0°C in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  solutions, with TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) from TMS. Signals are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), coupling constants (Hz), and assignment. The pulse conditions were as follows: for the  $^1\text{H}$  spectrum, spectrometer frequency = 399.88 MHz, acquisition time (AQ) = 2.1837 s, relaxation delay (RD) = 4 s,

**Table 2.** The NMR spectral data of compounds **4–7** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD

Pos.	4		5		6		7	
	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	$\delta_C^a$	$\delta_H^b$ (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)
1	200.9	—	200.9	—	57.8	1.97 (d, 12.8)	56.6	1.58 (d, 12.8)
2	36.2	2.42 (ddd, 5.6, 9.2, 16.0) 2.55 (ddd, 5.6, 5.6, 16.0)	36.3	2.44 (ddd, 5.6, 9.2, 16.0) 2.55 (ddd, 5.6, 5.6, 16.0)	42.2	2.48 (m)	43.0	2.92 (m)
3	38.0	2.04 (m)	38.0	2.05 (m)	40.5	1.77 (d, 17.6) 2.58 (d, 17.6)	40.1	1.77 (d, 18.0) 2.58 (d, 18.0)
4	69.3	—	69.4	—	138.5	—	138.8	—
5	153.0	6.44 (s)	152.5	6.43 (s)	118.2	5.25 (s)	118.4	5.24 (s)
6	139.9	—	140.0	—	87.4	—	87.7	—
7	45.1	2.26 (m)	44.0	2.34 (m)	155.1	7.29 (s)	153.5	7.27 (d, 1.2)
8	25.9	1.58 (m) 1.88 (m)	25.7	1.54 (m) 1.87 (m)	26.5	1.38 (m) 1.91 (m)	27.0	1.17 (m) 1.98 (m)
9	42.4	2.25 (m)	42.3	2.28 (m)	42.7	1.72* 1.80*	43.5	1.74* 1.89*
10	211.8	—	211.9	—	78.7	—	78.9	—
11	32.7	1.68 (m)	33.0	1.64 (m)	129.6	—	130.3	—
12	20.8	0.88 (d, 6.8)	20.6	0.85 (d, 6.8)	176.2	—	176.3	—
13	21.2	0.76 (d, 6.8)	21.0	0.75 (d, 6.8)	10.4	1.86 (s)	10.5	1.86 (d, 1.2)
14	29.9	2.05 (s)	29.9	2.06 (s)	25.5	1.00 (s)	28.8	1.22 (s)
15	27.4	1.38 (s)	27.5	1.40 (s)	20.3	1.70 (s)	20.7	1.75 (s)

<sup>a</sup>100 MHz.<sup>b</sup>400 MHz.

\* Overlapped signal.

Assignments were performed by HMQC, HMBC, COSY, and ROESY experiments.

pulse 90° width = 5.2  $\mu$ s, spectral width (SW) = 7503 Hz, and digital resolution = 0.4580 Hz; for the <sup>13</sup>C spectrum, spectrometer frequency = 100.56 MHz, AQ = 1.3107 s, RD = 1 s, pulse 90° width = 3.2  $\mu$ s, SW = 31407 Hz, and digital resolution = 0.96 Hz; for the COSY spectrum, AQ = 0.15 s, RD = 1.0 s, SW = 4499.6 Hz, number of points (NP) = 1280, and number of increments (NI) = 132; for the ROESY spectrum, AQ = 0.216 s, RD = 1.5 s, SW = 4749 Hz, NP = 1024, NI = 512, and mixing time 0.5 s; for the HSQC spectrum, observation frequency = 399.88 MHz, a delay for optimized one-bond coupling constant = 140 Hz, AQ = 0.1501 s, RD = 1.0 s, SW = 4501 (<sup>1</sup>H) and 15087 (<sup>13</sup>C) Hz, NP = 1024, NI = 256; for the HMBC spectrum, observation frequency = 399.88 MHz, an evolution delay for long range coupling = 8 Hz, AQ = 0.501 s, RD = 1.0 s, SW = 6410 (<sup>1</sup>H) and 24132 (<sup>13</sup>C) Hz, NP = 2048, NI = 256. Data processing was carried out with MestReNova v6.0.2 program. The HR-ESI-mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent 6550 iFunnel Q-TOF LC/MS system. The ESI-MS was obtained on an Agilent 1200 SERIES LC-MSD Trap spectrometer. Optical rotations were determined on a Jasco DIP-370 automatic polarimeter. Circular dichroism spectra were determined on a Chirascan™ CD spectrometer. Preparative HPLC was carried out using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system. Column chromatography was performed using a silica-gel (Kieselgel 60, 70–230 mesh and 230–400 mesh, Merck) or YMC RP-18 resins (30–50  $\mu$ m, Fujisilica Chemical Ltd.), thin layer chromatography using a pre-coated silica-gel 60 F254 (0.25 mm, Merck) and RP-18 F254S plates (0.25 mm, Merck).

### Plant material

The sponge *D. cinerea* was collected in Lang Co beach, Thua Thien Hue, Vietnam during August 2011 and identified by the

author, Dr Do Cong Thung. A voucher specimen (DC1108) was deposited at the Herbarium of Institute of Marine Biochemistry, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, 18 Hoang Quoc Viet, Cau Giay, Hanoi, Vietnam.

### Extraction and isolation

The freeze tissue of *D. cinerea* (1.0 kg) was cleaned to remove sodium chloride and then extracted with MeOH three times under reflux for 15 h to yield 60 g of a dark solid extract. This extract was suspended in water and successively partitioned with chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to obtain CHCl<sub>3</sub> (DC1, 20.0 g) and water (DC2, 40 g) layers after removal of the solvents *in vacuo*. The layer DC1 (20.0 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column and eluting with gradient elution of *n*-hexane – acetone (40:1 → 0:1, v/v) to obtain five sub-fractions, DC1A (3.2 g), DC1B (4.5 g), DC1C (3.3 g), DC1D (3.1 g), and DC1E (5.0 g). The sub-fraction DC1B (4.5 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with *n*-hexane – EtOAc (10:1, v/v) to give three smaller fractions, DC1B1 (1.0 g), DC1B2 (1.5 g), and DC1B3 (1.7 g). The fraction DC1B1 was chromatographed on an YMC RP-18 column eluting with MeOH – water (5:1, v/v) to give three fractions, DC1B1A (150 mg), DC1B1B (180 mg), and DC1B1C (200 mg). The fraction DC1B1A was chromatographed on HPLC using J'sphere ODS H-80 250 mm × 20 mm with solvent condition of 35% acetonitrile in water at a flow rate of 3 ml/min to yield **4** (9.0 mg), **5** (4.0 mg), and **6** (5.6 mg). The fraction DC1B1B was chromatographed on HPLC using J'sphere ODS H-80 250 mm × 20 mm with solvent condition of 45% acetonitrile in water at a flow rate of 3 ml/min to yield **1** (3.9 mg), **3** (3.2 mg), and **7** (4.9 mg). The fraction DC1B1C was chromatographed on HPLC using J'sphere ODS

H-80 250 mm × 20 mm with solvent condition of 55% acetonitrile in water at a flow rate of 3 ml/min to yield **2** (2.7 mg).

(4*R*,5*R*)-Muurool-1(6),10(14)-diene-4,5-diol (**1**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : +60.3 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH); CD spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $C_{15}H_{24}O_2$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 235.1699  $[M-H]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{23}O_2$  for 235.1704);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 1).

(4*R*,5*R*)-Muurool-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol (**2**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : +43.6 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH);  $C_{15}H_{26}O_2$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 237.1831  $[M-H]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{25}O_2$  for 237.1860);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 1).

(4*R*,5*R*,10*R*)-10-Methoxymuurool-1(6)-ene-4,5-diol (**3**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : -39.6 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH);  $C_{16}H_{28}O_3$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 267.1948  $[M-H]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{16}H_{27}O_3$  for 267.1966);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 1).

(4*S*)-4-Hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurool-5-ene-1,10-dione (**4**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : -113.5 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH); CD spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $C_{15}H_{24}O_3$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 287.1417  $[M+Cl]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{24}O_3Cl$  for 287.1419);  $^1H$ -NMR and  $^{13}C$ -NMR (Table 2).

(4*R*)-4-Hydroxy-1,10-*seco*-muurool-5-ene-1,10-dione (**5**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : +185.2 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH); CD spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $C_{15}H_{24}O_3$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 287.1416  $[M+Cl]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{24}O_3Cl$  for 287.1419); CD spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 2).

(6*S*,10*S*)-6,10-Dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurool-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid (**6**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : -94.5 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH); CD: ( $\Delta\epsilon_{239}$ , -23.22, MeOH);  $C_{28}H_{38}O_{13}$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 265.1455  $[M-H]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{21}O_4$  for 265.1445); CD spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 2).

(6*R*,10*S*)-6,10-Dihydroxy-7,8-*seco*-2,8-*cyclo*-muurool-4(5),7(11)-diene-12-oic acid (**7**): Colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ : +73.7 ( $c=0.1$ , MeOH); CD

spectrum (MeOH) (Fig. 4);  $C_{28}H_{38}O_{13}$ , HR-ESI-MS found  $m/z$ : 265.1448  $[M-H]^-$  (Calcd.  $C_{15}H_{21}O_4$  for 265.1445); CD spectrum (Fig. 4);  $^1H$  NMR and  $^{13}C$  NMR (Table 2).

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