A Series of Acetylenic Compounds and a Novel Pyridinium Alkaloid from the Stony Coral Montipora sp.

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Our studies on marine organisms for the investigation of cytotoxic agents have resulted in the isolation of a series of interesting acetylenic compounds from the methanolic extract of the stony coral *Montipora* sp. In our continuing study on the cytotoxic metabolites from the same coral, a series of acetylenic compounds and a novel pyridinium alkaloid have been isolated. The structures were elucidated based on the analysis of 1 H, 13 C NMR, and MS data. The nature of the isolated acetylenes was diverse comprising of montiporic acids and ester, α, β -unsaturated ketones, β -hydroxy ketones, cyclohexenone, and alcohols. However, all of them were saturated or unsaturated analogues of diacetylenes. Some of the acetylene compounds showed moderate to marginal cytotoxicity against a small panel of human solid tumor cell lines (A549, SK-OV-3, SK-MEL-2, XF498, and HCT15). One of the major analogues displayed inhibition on cell cycle and induced apoptosis in HCT cell.

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A New Spirobenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids from Corydalis ochotensis

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Previous studies on the chemical constituents of Corydalis ochotensis mainly dealt with the isolation of isoquinoline alkaloids such as ochotensine, yenhusomine, corytenchin and adlumidine. And raddeanamine, aobamine, protopine and dihydrosanguinarine were isolation from C. ochotensis var. raddeana. For the isolation of isoquinoline alkaloids, n-butanol and chloroform soluble fractions were examined. Investigation on the two fractions afforded a new spirobenzylisoquinoline alkaloid, 8-O-acetylcorysolidine along with two known spirobenzylisoquinoline alkaloids.

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A New Dicaffeoyl Quinic Acid of Ligularia fischeri var. spiciformis

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The plant Ligularia fischeri var. spiciformis (Compositae) is a candidate for the available functional food. We have reported the isolation of a new eremophilanolide named 6-oxoeremophilenolide and cytotoxic intermedeol from this plant. As this plant was known to have antidiabetic ability in