

Penidioxolanes A and B, 1,3-Dioxolane Containing Azaphilone Derivatives from Marine-derived *Penicillium* sp. KCB12C078

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Abstract – Two new azaphilone derivatives containing 1,3-dioxolane moiety, penidioxolanes A (**1**) and B (**2**), were isolated from marine-derived fungus *Penicillium* sp. KCB12C078, together with four known compounds (**3-6**) by chemical investigation. Compounds **1-6** were isolated by combination of silica gel, ODS column chromatography and preparative HPLC. Their structures were determined by analysis of spectroscopic data including 1D-, 2D-NMR, and MS techniques. The isolates were evaluated against cancer cell growth inhibition effects and antimicrobial activity.

Keywords – azaphilone derivatives, 1,3-Dioxolane, Marine-derived fungus, *Penicillium*

Introduction

To date more than one million natural products have been discovered from various living organisms including plants, animals and microbes.¹ Among them, emerging source of new bioactive substance has been developed from the many recent studies of microbial diversity in the marine environment.² Marine microorganisms have recently proven to be an important sources of chemically interesting and biologically active secondary metabolites for the development of novel pharmaceutical agents.³ Therefore, these rich marine habitat provides a magnificent opportunity to discover newer compounds such as antibiotics, enzymes, vitamins, drugs and other valuable compounds of commercial importance.⁴ Among these various bioactive compounds, azaphilone family has been isolated from fungi belonging to 23 genera from 13 families, such as, *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Chaetomium*, *Talaromyces*, *Pestalotiopsis*,

Phomopsis, *Emericella*, and *Epicoccum*, as well as *Monascus* and *Hypoxyton* sp.. Several azaphilones are unique to one species and constitute taxonomically important marker metabolites.^{5,6} Azaphilone family are structurally diverse pigments, mostly secondary metabolites of fungal origin, and are highly oxygenated bicyclic rings showing various biological activities, including antimicrobial, antifungal, antiviral, antioxidant, cytotoxic, nematocidal and anti-inflammatory activities.⁷⁻¹³

As part of our efforts to search for novel bioactive secondary metabolites from marine-derived fungi, *Penicillium* sp. KCB12C078 was isolated from marine sediment in the Korea western sea region, Anmyeon Island, and chemical investigation of fungus led to the isolation of two new azaphilone derivatives, penidioxolanes A (**1**) and B (**2**), and four known azaphilones (**3-6**). In this study, we describe the fermentation, isolation, and structural determination of these compounds, and their biological activity.

Experimental

General experimental procedures and materials – UV/vis spectra were obtained on an ultropec 3100 pro spectrophotometer (Amersham, USA). Optical rotation data were recorded using a P-1020 polarimeter (Jasco, Japan). NMR experiments were operated on a Bruker

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Biospin Avance II 900 MHz NMR spectrometer (Bruker, Germany) in DMSO- d_6 as an internal standard ($\delta_{H/C}$ 2.49/39.5). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Synapt G2 mass spectrometer (Waters, USA). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (0.063 to 0.2 mm; Merck KGaA, USA) and reversed phase silica gel (0.075 mm; Cosmosil, Japan). Preparative HPLC was performed using a preparative Grom™ Sil 120 ODS 5 column (20 × 250 mm; Grom, Germany), Cosmosil cholest column (10 × 250 mm; Cosmosil, Japan) and Cosmosil 5PYE column (4.6 × 150 mm; Cosmosil, Japan) equipped with a Waters 515 pump and Waters 2996 photodiode detector (Waters, USA).

Strain isolation and identification – The samples were collected from sediment in the Anmyeon Island of South Korea in November 2011. Collected sample was diluted with distilled artificial sea water, and spread over the surface of PDA medium (containing 50% artificial sea water) adjusted to pH 7.4. Serial transfers of one of the resulting colonies provided a pure strain (KCM12C078). The fungal strain was identified based on the sequences of the LSU rRNA gene D1/D2 domains and ITS (internal transcribed spacer) region as *Penicillium* sp. KCB12C078. This strain has been deposited as KCTC18283P at the Korean Collection for Type Culture (KCTC), located within the Biological Resources Center (BRC) in the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB), Korea.

Fermentation – Spores of fungus were inoculated into 150 mL seed culture medium (PDB containing 50% artificial sea water) in a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask. After incubation at 28 °C on a rotary shaker (130 rpm) for 3 days, the seed cultures were transferred to 1000 mL Erlenmeyer flask with one baffle containing each 300 mL of same medium (20 L) and were incubated at 28 °C on a rotary shaker (130 rpm) for 7 days.

Extraction and isolation – The culture was separated into broth and mycelia after centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 25 min. The broth was partitioned with EtOAc three times and evaporated to remove EtOAc. The mycelium was extracted five times with equal volume of acetone for 2 h. The aqueous acetone layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. To the extracts was added H₂O and then partitioned with equal volume of EtOAc three times. The aqueous EtOAc layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and added by 80% MeOH. The aqueous mixture was washed with equal volume of hexane. The 80% MeOH layer was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. Combined extracts (3.5 g) was separated by silica

gel C.C. and eluted with a gradient of CHCl₃/MeOH (50:1 to 0:100, 1 L), resulting in 9 fractions. CHCl₃/MeOH (40:1) fraction was separated by vacuum liquid column chromatography (RP-18 C.C.) and eluted with a gradient of MeOH/H₂O (20:80 to 100:0, 500 mL) to yielded 11 fractions. MeOH/H₂O (80:20) fraction was purified by HPLC with an ODS column (10 × 250 mm, flow rate: 2 mL/min) eluted with MeCN/H₂O (80:20) and cholest column (10 × 250 mm, flow rate: 2 mL/min) eluted with MeCN/H₂O (70:30) to yield penidioxolane A (**1**, 1.3 mg). Moreover 5PYE column (4.6 × 150 mm, flow rate: 0.7 mL/min) eluted with MeCN/H₂O (53:47) to yield penidioxolane B (**2**, 0.9 mg), together with compounds **3** (406.0 mg), **4** (0.6 mg), **5** (508.2 mg), and **6** (0.8 mg).

Penidioxolane A (1) – Yellow powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +15 (c 0.025, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 351 (4.04); HRESIMS: m/z 439.1889 [M–H][–] (calcd. for C₂₃H₃₂³⁵ClO₆; m/z 439.1887)

Penidioxolane B (2) – Yellow powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –31 (c 0.05, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ϵ) 342 (3.91); HRESIMS: m/z 505.1965 [M+Na]⁺ (calcd. for C₂₅H₃₅³⁵ClO₇Na; m/z 505.1969)

Isochromophilone IX (3) – Red powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +430 (c 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 235, 367; ESI-MS: m/z 446 [M+H]⁺, C₂₅H₃₂ClNO₆; ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) 8.17 (1H, s, H-1), 7.16 (1H, d, H-10), 6.97 (1H, s, H-4), 6.57 (1H, d, H-9), 5.85 (1H, d, H-12), 4.13 (2H, m, H-2'), 2.51 (2H, t, H-4'), 2.25 (2H, m, H-3'), 2.06 (3H, s, 1'-Me), 1.89 (3H, s, 11-Me), 1.43 (3H, s, 7-Me), 1.38 (2H, m, H-14), 1.37 (1H, m, H-13), 0.98 (3H, d, 13-Me), 0.85 (3H, t, 14-Me); ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) 192.9 (C-8), 182.1 (C-6), 174.1 (C-5'), 169.1 (C-1'), 148.6 (C-3), 146.7 (C-12), 144.6 (C-10), 144.0 (C-4a), 142.7 (C-1), 132.5 (C-11), 115.9 (C-8a), 113.9 (C-9), 109.4 (C-4), 99.0 (C-5), 84.8 (C-7), 53.0 (C-2'), 34.2 (C-13), 29.5 (C-14, C-4'), 25.1 (C-3'), 23.0 (7-Me), 20.1 (1'-Me), 20.0 (13-Me), 12.3 (11-Me), 11.8 (14-Me)

Isochromophilone VI (4) – Red powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +217 (c 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{max} 235, 345, 370; ESI-MS: m/z 434 [M+H]⁺, C₂₃H₂₈ClNO₅; ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) 8.09 (1H, s, H-1), 7.10 (1H, d, H-10), 6.95 (1H, s, H-4), 6.52 (1H, d, H-9), 5.83 (1H, d, H-12), 4.21 (2H, t, H-2'), 3.36 (2H, t, H-3'), 2.51 (2H, t, H-4'), 2.33 (1H, m, H-13), 2.06 (3H, s, 1'-Me), 1.85 (3H, s, 11-Me), 1.40 (3H, s, 7-Me), 1.31 (2H, m, H-14), 0.98 (3H, d, 13-Me), 0.84 (3H, t, 14-Me); ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) 193.9 (C-8), 184.2 (C-6), 170.4 (C-1'), 149.0 (C-4a), 148.3 (C-12), 145.5 (C-3, C-10), 142.3 (C-1), 131.7 (C-11), 114.9 (C-9), 114.7 (C-8a), 111.9 (C-5), 101.6 (C-4), 84.8 (C-7), , 60.7 (C-3'), 55.7 (C-2'), 35.0 (C-13),

30.0 (C-14), 23.3 (7-Me), 20.3 (1'-Me), 20.2 (13-Me), 12.3 (11-Me), 12.0 (14-Me)

Sclerotiorin (5) – Yellow powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23} +133$ (*c* 0.10, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} 284, 361; ESI-MS: *m/z* 413 $[M+Na]^+$, $C_{21}H_{25}ClO_5$; 1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) 8.34 (1H, s, H-1), 7.07 (1H, d, H-10), 6.95 (1H, s, H-4), 6.56 (1H, d, H-9), 5.78 (1H, d, H-12), 2.51 (1H, m, H-13), 2.11 (3H, s, 1'-Me), 1.83 (3H, s, 11-Me), 1.49 (3H, s, 7-Me), 1.39 (2H, m, H-14), 0.97 (3H, d, 13-Me), 0.82 (3H, t, 14-Me); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) 191.1 (C-8), 184.9 (C-6), 169.5 (C-1'), 158.3 (C-3), 154.4 (C-1), 147.7 (C-12), 141.7 (C-10), 139.3 (C-4a), 132.2 (C-11), 116.8 (C-9), 113.8 (C-5), 108.5 (C-8a), 106.4 (C-4), 84.7 (C-7), 34.4 (C-13), 29.4 (C-14), 22.1 (7-Me), 20.0 (13-Me), 19.8 (1'-Me), 12.1 (11-Me), 11.8 (14-Me)

Chloroisotiorin (6) – Yellow powder; $[\alpha]_D^{23} +15$ (*c* 0.46, MeOH); UV (MeOH) λ_{\max} 209, 303, 357; ESI-MS: *m/z* 415 $[M+H]^+$, $C_{23}H_{23}ClO_5$; 1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 900 MHz) 8.74 (1H, s, H-1), 7.18 (1H, d, H-10), 6.91 (1H, s, H-4), 6.57 (1H, d, H-9), 5.84 (1H, d, H-12), 2.59 (1H, m, H-13), 2.49 (3H, s, 3'-Me), 2.11 (3H, s, 1'-Me), 1.84 (3H, s, 11-Me), 1.84 (3H, s, 7-Me), 1.39 (2H, m, H-14), 0.99 (3H, d, 13-Me), 0.84 (3H, t, 14-Me); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 225 MHz) 194.3 (C-3'), 183.3 (C-6), 168.6 (C-1'), 162.9 (C-8), 158.4 (C-3), 152.3 (C-1), 148.3 (C-12), 142.7 (C-10), 140.5 (C-4a), 132.8 (C-11), 124.0 (C-2'), 117.4 (C-9), 110.2 (C-8a), 107.6 (C-5), 106.3 (C-4), 87.6

(C-7), 34.9 (C-13), 30.1 (3'-Me), 30.0 (C-14), 26.0 (7-Me), 20.5 (13-Me), 12.7 (11-Me), 12.3 (14-Me)

Cytotoxicity assay – The cytotoxicity was determined using EZ-CyTox cell viability assay kit (Daeil Lab. Service, Seoul, Korea) against B16F10 (melanoma), HeLa (cervical cancer), Hep-3B (hepatoma) and MDA-MB-231 (breast cancer). All cell lines were cultured in media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100 U/mL penicillin and 100 μ g/mL streptomycin at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂ incubator. The tested four cancer cell lines were seeded in 96-well plates at a density of 5×10^4 /mL for 24 h, and compounds were added at various concentrations. After 24 h, cells were treated with 10 μ L of WST solution and the plates were incubated at 37 °C for 2 h. The absorbance at 450 nm was recorded with a microplate reader (Versa Max™, Molecular Devices, USA).

Antimicrobial assay – The antimicrobial activity against seven species of microorganisms was measured by the paper disk method. Nutrient broth agar (Difco) was used as the medium for growing *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida albicans*, and *Aspergillus fumigates*. Each sample was applied to a paper disk (6 mm) at a dose of 50 μ g/disk, and the paper disk was then air-dried. The impregnated paper disk was placed on the surface of an agar plate seeded with one of the microbial strains. The growth inhibition zone was measured after 48 h of incubation at 30 °C.

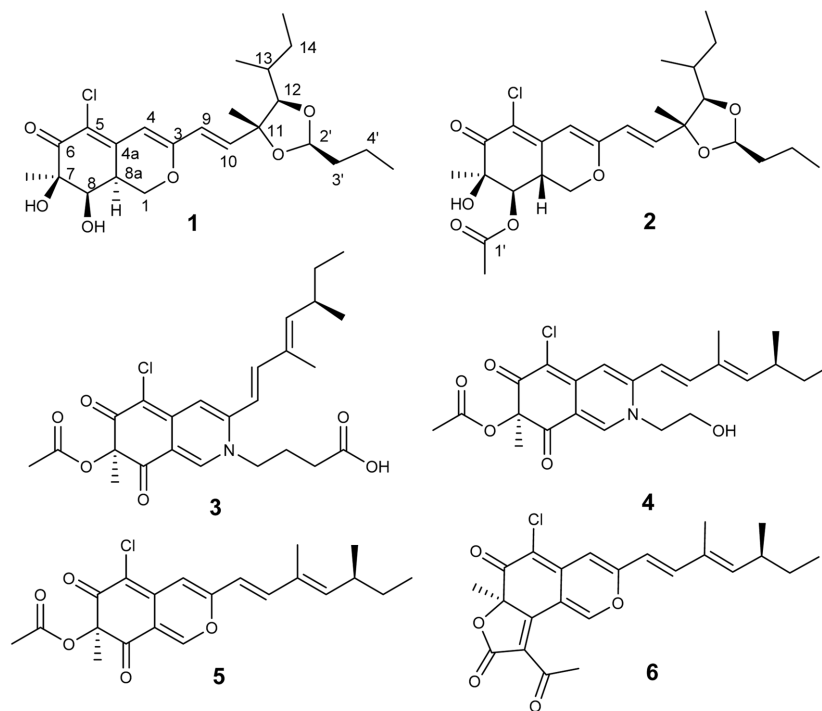


Fig. 1. Structures of isolated compounds 1 - 6.

Table 1. ^1H (900 MHz) and ^{13}C (225 MHz) NMR data of **1** and **2** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

No.	1		2	
	δ_{H} (mult., J in Hz)	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (mult., J in Hz)	δ_{C}
1	4.01 (dd, 14.0, 10.8) 4.53 (dd, 10.8, 5.5)	68.7	3.80 (dd, 14.0, 11.0) 4.49 (dd, 11.0, 5.0)	67.8
3		160.3		161.2
4	6.14 (s)	103.2	6.19 (s)	102.3
4a		144.0		144.9
5		117.3		119.5
6		194.0		188.0
7		78.3		74.5
7- CH_3	1.22 (s)	23.6	1.19 (s)	20.0
8	3.91 (d, 3.0)	74.6	4.93 (d, 10.0)	73.3
8a	3.16 (ddd, 14.0, 5.5, 3.0)	37.4	3.26 (ddd, 14.0, 10.0, 5.0)	35.9
9	6.43 (d, 16.0)	123.9	6.49 (d, 15)	123.6
10	6.43 (d, 16.0)	140.6	6.43 (d, 15)	141.1
11		80.7		80.8
11- CH_3	1.23 (s)	21.0	1.22 (s)	21.4
12	3.40 (d, 10.0)	88.0	3.37 (d, 9.0)	88.3
13	1.55 (m)	34.4	1.61 (m)	34.2
13- CH_3	0.99 (d, 6.5)	16.7	0.99 (d, 6.0)	16.6
14	0.92 (m) 1.35 (m)	25.0	0.96 (m) 1.36 (m)	25.0
14- CH_3	0.84 (t, 7.0)	11.2	0.85 (t, 7.0)	11.1
1'				170.7
1'- CH_3			2.16 (s)	21.0
2'	4.94 (t, 5.5)	102.2	4.94 (t, 5.0)	102.3
3'	1.55 (m)	36.6	1.56 (m)	36.6
4'	1.39 (m)	17.3	1.39 (m)	17.3
4'- CH_3	0.91 (t, 7.0)	14.4	0.91 (t, 7.0)	14.4

Results and Discussion

Strain KCB12C078, producing compounds **1** - **6**, was isolated from a marine sediment sample collected at Anmyeon Island in Korea. Morphological, physiological, and phylogenetic properties classified the strain as the genus, *Penicillium*. The *Penicillium* sp. KCB12C078 was cultured in potato dextrose media (50% artificial sea water, 20 L) for 7 days at 28 °C on a rotary shaker (130 rpm). The EtOAc-soluble portion of the fungal extract was purified using silica gel chromatography and ODS flash column chromatography followed by reverse-phase HPLC to afford two novel fungal metabolites named penidioxolanes A (**1**, 1.3 mg) and B (**2**, 0.9 mg), together with compounds **3** (406.0 mg), **4** (0.6 mg), **5** (508.2 mg), and **6** (0.8 mg). Compounds **3**-**6** were identified to isochromophilone IX (**3**),¹⁴ isochromophilone VI (**4**),¹⁵ sclero-

tiorin (**5**),^{16,17} and chloroisotiorin (**6**),¹⁸ respectively, by comparing the spectroscopic data in the literature (Fig. 1).

Penidioxolane A (**1**) was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid with $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +15$ (c 0.025, MeOH). Compound **1** exhibited a cluster of molecular ion peaks at m/z 439 and 441 in a ratio of 3:1 in the ESIMS, indicating the presence of a chlorine atom in the molecule. The molecular formula of $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClO}_6$ was determined on the basis of HRESIMS data (m/z 439.1889 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$; calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}^{35}\text{ClO}_6$, 439.1887) in combination with ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data (Table 1). The ^1H , ^{13}C , and DEPT NMR data suggested the presence of 23 carbons, comprising five methyl carbons (δ_{C} 23.6, 21.0, 16.7, 14.4, and 11.2), four methylene carbons (δ_{C} 68.7, 36.6, 25.0, and 17.3), eight methine carbons (δ_{C} 140.6, 123.9, 103.2, 102.2, 88.0, 74.6, 37.4, and 34.4) and six quaternary carbons (δ_{C} 194.0, 160.3, 144.0, 117.3, 80.7, and 78.3). Interpretation

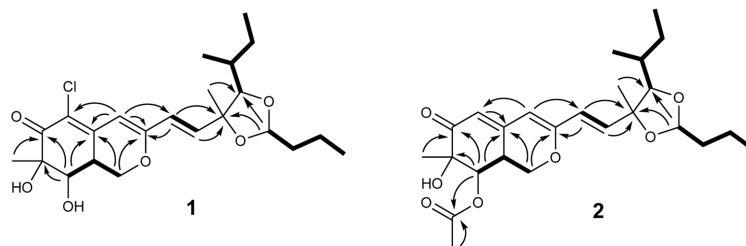


Fig. 2. Key COSY and HMBC correlations for **1** and **2**.

of the 2D-NMR data including COSY, HMQC, and HMBC spectra led to the construction of planar structure of **1**. ^1H - ^1H spin systems of H-1/H-8a/H-8, H-12/13- CH_3 /H-13/H-14/14- CH_3 , and H-2'/H-3'/H-4'/4'- CH_3 was deduced from COSY data. From these spin system, key HMBC correlation enabled the construction of three partial structures of compound **1**. The location of isolated methyl group (7- CH_3) was confirmed by HMBC correlations of C-6 (δ 194.0), C-7 (δ 78.3), and C-8 (δ 74.6) with methyl protons at δ 1.22 (3H, s). Taking the COSY correlation mentioned above into consideration, there exists a bond connection of C-6/C-7/C-8/C-8a/C-1, and C-1 methylene is attached with an oxygen from its chemical shifts ($\delta_{\text{C/H}}$ 68.7/4.01 and 4.53). HMBC correlations of H-1/C-3/C-4a, H-8a/C-4a/C-5, H-4/C-3/C-5/C-8a, and weak correlation of 7- CH_3 /C-5 revealed the presence of a tetrahydrobenzopyrane unit. The side chain part of **1** included three separated spin systems. The first one consisted of two olefinic methines (C-9 and C-10) and the coupling constant ($J_{9,10} = 16.0$ Hz) indicated the *E*-olefin. The second one consisted of two methyl groups (13- CH_3 and 14- CH_3), methylene group (C-14) and two methine groups (C-10 and C-11). The third one consisted of one methyl group (4'- CH_3), two methylene groups (C-3' and C-4') and one methine group (C-2'). An isolated methyl group (11- CH_3) showed the HMBC correlations with not only a quaternary carbon (C-11) but also C-10 and C-12. Other ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC correlations of H-10/C-9, C-11, and C-12, 13- CH_3 /C-12 and C-14, 15- CH_3 /C-13 and C-14 established a 3,5-dimethylhept-1-ene-3,4-diol unit. ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC correlation of H-9 and H-10/C-3 showed that the side chain was attached at the C-3 position. Through long range HMBC correlation of H-12/C-2' and H-2'/C-12, butane unit was connected with azaphilone unit (Fig. 2). The relative stereochemistry of the tetrahydrobenzopyranone part was determined by analysis of coupling constants and NOESY spectrum. The coupling constants of H-8a were $J_{8a,8} = 3.0$ Hz, $J_{8a,1\alpha(4.53)} = 5.5$ Hz, and $J_{8a,1\beta(4.01)} = 14.0$ Hz, indicating that H-8 is in the equatorial disposition; NOE correlation of H-8a with 7- CH_3 suggested

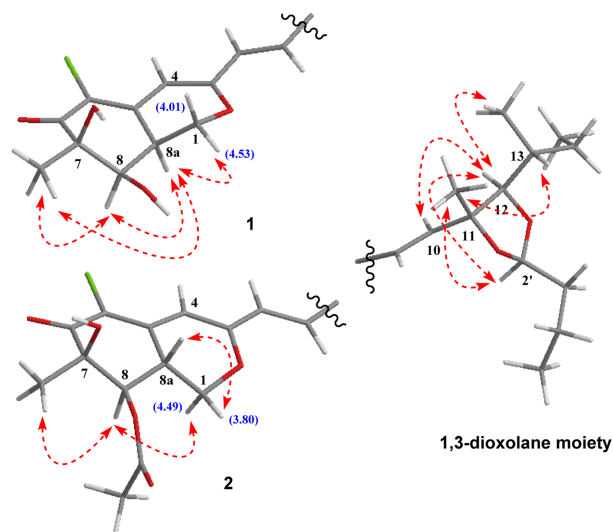


Fig. 3. NOESY correlations for **1** and **2**.

that these protons are in the same face of the bicyclic ring. Therefore, the relative configuration of tetrahydrobenzopyranone part was proposed as $7R^*$, $8R^*$, and $8aS^*$. The relative configuration of the 1,3-dioxolane part of **1** was separately determined by the NOESY spectrum (Fig. 3).^{19,20} In the NOESY spectrum, H-12 showed a correlation with H-2' and 11- CH_3 correlation with H-2', whereas no correlation between 11- CH_3 and H-12. This implied that H-12 and 11- CH_3 were located on the opposite face each other. However, the configuration at C-13 of the side chain remains unclear. Therefore, relative stereochemistry of the 1,3-dioxolane part of **1** was proposed as $11R^*$ and $12R^*$ configuration.

Penidioxolane **B** (**2**) was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid with $[\alpha]_D^{23} -31$ (*c* 0.05, MeOH). The molecular formula was determined to be $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{35}\text{ClO}_7$ on the basis of $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ion signal at m/z 505.1965 (calcd. 505.1969) of HRESIMS spectrum. A 3:1 isotopic peak ratio for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ : [\text{M}+\text{Na}+2]^+$ was observed, which also indicates the presence of a chlorine atom in the molecule. The number of carbons was in accordance with 25 individual signals obtained in the ^{13}C -NMR and DEPT NMR

spectra. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **2** showed almost identical signals as **1** except for an acetyl group connected to C-8 instead of a hydroxyl group. HMBC correlations of H-8/C-1' (carbonyl carbon) and 1'-CH₃/C-1' afforded an acetoxyl group should be attached at C-8. The quaternary carbons C-5 and C-7 should be also attached by a chloride and hydroxyl group, respectively, due to their ^{13}C chemical shifts. The relative stereochemistry of the tetrahydrobenzopyranone part was determined from the *J*-values and the NOESY spectrum. The coupling constants of H-8a were $J_{8a, 8} = 10.0$ Hz, $J_{8a, 1\alpha(4.49)} = 5.0$ Hz, and $J_{8a, 1\beta(3.80)} = 14.0$ Hz, indicating that H-8 is in the axial disposition. Observed NOE signals between H-8 and each 7-CH₃, and H-1 α , between H-1 β and H-8a indicated that **2** had 7*R**, 8*R**, and 8a*R** configuration. The relative configuration of the 1,3-dioxolane part of **2** was proposed to be identical to that of **1** as they possessed similar NMR signals.

Azaphilones are one of the largest groups a fungal secondary metabolites and more than 300 azaphilone derivatives have been discovered from a variety of fungi.⁶ To our knowledge, 1,3-dioxolane moiety containing azaphilone type compound have been only reported as penicilazaphilone A isolated from *Penicillium sclerotiorum*.²¹

Biological Activities – Compounds **1** - **6** were tested for their cell growth inhibitory activity against four tumor cell lines, B16F10 (melanoma), HeLa (cervical cancer), Hep-3B (hepatoma), and MDA-MB-231 (breast cancer). From this assay revealed that compounds were inactive against those cells at 100 μM level. Furthermore, new compounds **1** and **2** did not show any antimicrobial activity against *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Vibrio costicola*, *Candida albicans*, and *Aspergillus fumigates* at 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{disk}$. Further studies regarding biological activities are currently under way.

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